

Chapter 4 The secret plan

Thursday : 8.00 a.m. (eight o'clock) :

Luigi's Coffee Shop : London

Sato arrives at Luigi's at exactly 8 o'clock. Gil, Nic and some other friends are sitting at a table.

"What's going on?" asks Sato.

"Where's Jodie?" he adds.

"I have something to tell you all," replies Gil. "Jodie has got a young brother called David. He's in hospital and he is very ill. He might die."

Everyone looks shocked. "David needs to go to America for a very expensive operation."

"How can we help?" asks Sato. "How can we get money to help David?"

"I can swim," says Nic.

Everyone looks at Nic. "So what? I can swim, too," says Sato.



What's going on?: What's happening?
ill: sick, not well

might die: there is a possibility that he will die

operation: a medical operation to cure an illness or disease

so what?: what is so good about that?

"In Russia I was a junior champion. I can swim . . . then people pay me . . . and I give the money to David," Nic replies.

"A sponsored swim? Great idea, Nic," says Gil.

"How about a disco?" asks Ulli.

"And a Fun Run in Hyde Park?" says Kim. "Sato, you can help me. You like running. We'll do it this Saturday."

"This Saturday!" says Gil. "There's not much time, but we can do it. I'll speak to my Dad in America. Sato, can you speak to your parents?"

Luigi brings some expresso coffees to the table and says "And I will give everyone free drinks after the Fun Run."

"Great. Let's get going. We haven't got much time. We'll meet again tomorrow – same time, same place. And we'll call our plan . . . what?"

"How about 'The Espresso Project'?" says Luigi.

"Okay. 'The Espresso Project'" says Gil.

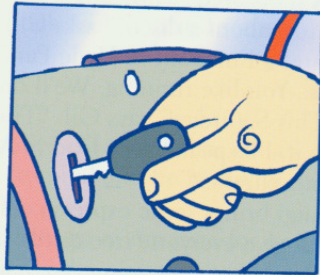
"And . . . don't tell Jodie."

sponsored swim: you swim and get money for charity

Fun Run: sponsored run
free: for no money



Jed Masters drives into Mel's car park and parks his car.



He gets out of the car, locks the door and goes into Mel's.



"Hi! Jed," calls the waitress. "Hi! Kate. It's hot today," replies Jed. He sits down and he turns off his mobile phone.



"Take a look at this photo, Kate. What do you think?" says Jed. He takes a photo out of his pocket.



"Wow!" exclaims Kate. "Who is she?" "Her name's Jodie. She's Gil's new girlfriend," replies Jed.



In the kitchen the cook knows what Jed wants to eat. He breaks two eggs into a saucepan. Then he cuts up a tomato.



Kate pours Jed some coffee. Jed starts to read a newspaper. Somewhere a phone rings. Kate answers it and says "Mel's Diner . . . Yes, he's here. Just a minute."



Kate calls out "Hey! Jed. The phone – for you. It's that son of yours." "Gil?" says Jed. "What does he want?" "I don't know," says Kate. "I'm a waitress. Remember? You're the detective, Jed," she adds.