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Capitolo 1. La cena

“Allora va bene? Domani sera a cena a casa mia?”

Giulio è al telefono con Riccardo, un suo vecchio amico.

“Adesso chiamo anche Mattia, a domani”.

Giulio saluta Riccardo e cerca il numero di Mattia. “E se ha cambiato numero?” pensa Giulio “Speriamo bene…”

Il telefono squilla tre volte, poi Mattia risponde: “Pronto?”

“Ciao vecchio, indovina chi sono!” dice Giulio con una mano sulla bocca.

“Giulio! Sei tu?! Quanto tempo!” esclama subito Mattia.

“Ma come…” dice Giulio.


“Sì, sono tornato qualche giorno fa e resto qui per le vacanze di Natale” spiega Giulio.

“Sentire, domani sera facciamo una cena a casa mia, non prendere impegni”.

“Facciamo?” chiede Mattia.

“Io… io…” dice Giulio “ecco… questa estate io e Sara ci sposiamo!”


I tre brindano alla notizia. E poi, per festeggiare con i suoi amici, Giulio propone una gita in montagna, come facevano da ragazzi: “Un’ultima avventura tutti insieme prima del matrimonio” dice “sarà divertente!”
Chapter 1. The Dinner

“OK, then. Dinner at my place tomorrow evening?”

Giulio is on the phone to his old friend, Riccardo.

“Now I’ll call Mattia. See you tomorrow.”

Giulio rings off and looks for Mattia’s number. “I hope it’s not changed,” he thinks. “Fingers crossed.”

The phone rings just three times and then Mattia’s voice answers, “Pronto?”

“Hi there, old pal! Guess who?” answers Giulio with his hand over his mouth.

“Giulio! Is that you?! What a long time it’s been!” exclaims Mattia, without hesitation.

“But how….?“ begins Giulio.

“Come on, don’t mess about, where are you? Here in Italy?” asks Mattia.

“Yes, I came back a few days ago and I’m staying for the Christmas holidays,” explains Giulio. “Listen, tomorrow we’re having dinner at my place. Don’t make any other plans.”

“We?” queries Mattia.

“Yes, Riccardo, me and you. No excuses, tomorrow evening, dinner at my place. I’ve got it all planned. Bye.”

The two friends say goodbye and Giulio looks around his kitchen. He needs to go shopping, do some cooking, and prepare everything. He wants it to be a perfect evening – he hasn’t seen his friends since he went to live in London.

Next day, the dinner goes well. Giulio has even made a cake. As he slices it, he says: “I’ve got an announcement to make, actually two announcements.”

Mattia and Riccardo look at him expectantly.

“Um….” begins Giulio, “Well...this summer, Sara and I are getting married!”

“That’s great!” says Riccardo. “Oh, poor us!” laughs Mattia.

The three drink a toast to the news. Then, to celebrate, Giulio suggests a trip to the mountains, something they used to do when they were younger. “A final adventure, all together, before the wedding,” he says. “It’ll be fun!”