

48. Nancy Johnson



Last Friday Nancy Johnson and her husband, Phillip, took the day off to drive to Denver, Colorado. They drove across almost all of Nebraska and half of Colorado. It took them nine hours. They spent Friday night at the Marriot Hotel. The next morning, they drove up to Aspen, along endless, winding roads. They had lunch there and then Nancy took the car and drove to the house George Clooney had bought. When she got there, she

saw a man with a shovel clearing a path to the front door through the snow. The man didn't notice that Nancy had arrived. As she walked up to the man, along the path he had cleared, she asked him if Mr. Clooney was in. Apparently she scared him because he was so busy clearing the snow that he hadn't heard her come up to him from behind. When he turned around, he smiled and said "yes". Nancy stood frozen. It was George Clooney himself. She had thought the man was a gardener or someone similar. All she could manage to say was her name. Apparently, Mr. Clooney was used to this and he smiled and invited her into the house to have a coffee. When Nancy went into the house, she immediately realized that no one had lived there for a long time. It was cold, dirty and empty. They went into the kitchen where Mr. Clooney had an electric heater on. He poured her a coffee and one for himself and then they sat down at an old wooden table. One of the table legs was shorter than the other three and the table kept moving whenever either one of them leaned on it. However, Nancy didn't even realize it. She was thinking about her hair and her clothes. Mr. Clooney was wearing a pair of old blue jeans and a flannel shirt. He didn't seem to care about anything.

El viernes pasado, N y su esposo, P, tomaron el día libre para conducir a D, CO. Ellos condujeron a través de N y la mitad de CO. Ellos tardaron 9 horas. Ellos pasaron la noche del viernes en el Hotel M. La siguiente mañana, condujeron a Aspen, por las infinitas y curvas carreteras. Ellos comieron allí y luego N tomó el coche y condujo a la casa que GC había comprado. Cuando ella llegó allí, vio a un hombre con una pala limpiando el camino a la puerta principal de la casa de la nieve. El hombre no se dio cuenta de que N había llegado.

Al parecer ella le asustó porque él estaba muy ocupado limpiando la nieve que no la había oído venir por detrás. Cuando él se dio la vuelta, él sonrió y dijo Sí. N se quedó paralizada (congelada). Era el mismo GC. Ella había pensado que el hombre era un jardinero o alguien similar. Todo lo que ella pudo decir era su nombre. Aparentemente, el señor C estaba acostumbrado a esto y él sonrió y la invitó a pasar a la casa a tomar un café. Cuando N entró en la casa se dio cuenta de inmediato de que nadie había vivido allí por mucho tiempo. Hacía frío, estaba oscura y vacía. Ellos fueron a la cocina donde el señor C tenía un calentador eléctrico encendido. Él le sirvió un café y otro para él y se sentaron en una vieja mesa de madera. Una de las patas de la mesa era más corta que las otras 3 y la mesa se movía cuando uno de ellos se apoyaba. Sin embargo, N ni siquiera se dio cuenta. Ella estaba pensando en su pelo y su ropa. El señor C llevaba unos vaqueros viejos y una camisa de franela. No parecía importarle nada.

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1. What day did Nancy and Phillip take off last week?
2. What did they take Friday off to do?
3. Which two states did they drive across?
4. How long did it take them to drive to Denver?
5. What hotel did they stay at on Friday night?
6. Where did they drive the next morning?
7. What can you say about the roads to Aspen?
8. Where did they have lunch?
9. Who took the car after lunch?
10. Where did she drive?
11. Did she see a man or a woman when she got there?
12. What was the man holding?
13. What was he doing?
14. Did he see her arrive?
15. What did Nancy ask the man?
16. Why did she scare him?
17. What did he do when he turned around to Nancy?
18. Who was the man?
19. What did Nancy do when she realized who it was?
20. Who had she thought the man was?
21. What was the only thing Nancy could manage to say?
22. Was George Clooney used to this kind of reaction or did he think Nancy was a little strange?
23. What did he invite her to do?
24. What did Nancy realize when she entered the house?
25. What was the house like?
26. What part of the house did they go to?
27. Why was the kitchen warm?
28. How many coffees did George Clooney pour?
29. Where did they sit down?
30. What was the problem with the table?
31. Why didn't Nancy notice the problem?
32. What was George Clooney wearing?