

# HOW CLUMSY I AM!

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## **Setting:**

Türkiye, Bursa, starts from autumn and continues throughout the year, 2022

## **Characters:**

MAY: 25, middle-heighted, brave, sometimes angry, thoughtful, friendly, earns money by knitting.

AMY: 22, smart, planmaker, short, wears glasses, medical student.

ANN: 25, tall, silly, coward, clumsy, waitress in a little coffee shop, keen on music, roommates with May and Amy.

WOODY: 22, medical student, Amy's school friend.

## **SCENE 1**

*(They live in a tiny and well-furnished flat. Everyone has their own small room. The living room has two windows, and it receives sunlight well. There is a flowered carpet on the floor, a couch and two armchairs coloured light blue. It's 6 PM. AMY is lying on the couch and looking at her phone. ANN is in her room, listening to music loudly. MAY enters the living room in a rush.)*

MAY: Have you done the ironing?

AMY: *(Shouting because of the music)* Sorry, I can not hear you!

MAY: *(Shouting)* Have you done the ironing?

AMY: What...

MAY: *(Shouts angrily)* Ann!..

*(MAY bursts into ANN's room and sees her dancing.)*

MAY: *(angrily)* What are you doing? We can't even hear our voices!

ANN: *(Turns off the music and surprised)* I didn't hear you come. When did you come?

MAY: *(still angry)* Of course you didn't. *(realises)* Why aren't you at work?

ANN: They closed the shop early today.

*(MAY sighs and goes back to the living room)*

MAY: Have you done the ironing?

AMY: No, I haven't.

MAY: *(both angry and surprised)* So! What are you waiting for? Even dinner is not ready yet.

AMY: But, It was a tiring day. I've just come home from school and I want to rest for a moment.

MAY: You rest later. Come on! Otherwise we are going to starve.

AMY: *(Not willingly)* Okay. I'll do ironing. But when I am done I'll go and rest. You and Ann cook.

MAY: Okay, at least It's something. But, you'll wash the dishes.

AMY: *(sighs)* Okay!

MAY: *(calls Ann)* Ann! Come here. We're going to cook. I need your help.

ANN: *(shouts)* Coming!

## **SCENE 2**

*(Their kitchen is small and it has light brown cupboards. On the left, there is a square table for four. ANN and MAY are in the kitchen. MAY is cooking the meal, and ANN is making the salad, cutting the onions. Suddenly a scream is heard from inside. AMY appears at the kitchen door, holding a white shirt burned. )*

MAY: *(Surprised and afraid)* What happened? Is it my shirt!

AMY: *(smiles with fear)* Well... It was.

*(ANN giggles, MAY looks at ANN angrily.)*

AMY: *(worries)* It happened so fast. I didn't do it on purpose. It was an accident.

MAY: *(angrily)* I asked you to do just one thing and you couldn't even do this.  
*(Sadly)* Also, I've just bought it. And I really liked it.

AMY: I'll buy a new one for you.

*(This time ANN screams. And both AMY and MAY look at ANN.)*

MAY: *(panically)* Is that blood?

*(MAY passes out.)*

### **SCENE 3**

*(They are in the living room. MAY is lying on the couch. AMY is bandaging ANN's finger.)*

AMY: *(mockingly)* How can you still work in a cafe, when you can't even cut an onion?

ANN: *(sadly)* I'm not working anyway.

AMY: *(surprised)* What?! What do you mean?

ANN: Shush! Don't let May hear this. She'll be so upset.

*(MAY wakes up and smells the air.)*

MAY: Do you smell it? It's like something has burned.

ANN: *(Laughs)* It's your shirt, May.

*(ANN's phone rings, and she declines it.)*

AMY: Who was it, why don't you answer the phone?

ANN: Nothing! Not important.

*(ANN gets out of the room in haste. MAY's phone rings)*

MAY: *(surprised)* Ann! Your boss is calling. Is everything alright?

*(ANN doesn't answer.)*

MAY: Ann?

*(MAY answers the phone. Her face changes into surprise and anger while listening to what he says. MAY hangs up the phone without saying anything.)*

MAY: *(shouts angrily)* Ann! Come back here!

*(MAY goes to ANN's room and AMY goes after MAY.)*

MAY: Didn't you say that they closed the shop early today? Was it just for you? Or maybe they fired you. But I guess you already knew it. Because if I turn the cafe upside down I would be aware of what I've done.

ANN: *(panically)* I didn't turn the cafe upside down. It was just a few cups that I broke.

MAY: Oh! Was it? That's not what he said. He said there isn't any plate or cup left. And of course he wants us to pay for them. Also, guess what? You are fired.

ANN: Do you still smell it?

MAY: *(Gets angry)* Don't change the subject! *(realises)* Oh, no! Chicken!

*(EVERYONE runs to the kitchen. Kitchen is smoky because of the burned chicken. AMY opens the window. MAY turns off the oven.)*

#### **SCENE 4**

*(In a park, there are lined trees and benches throughout the path. Everywhere is orange and yellow and their shades. Path is covered with leaves. It's 9 PM. MAY, AMY and ANN are sitting on one of the benches.)*

ANN: Mmm, that chicken was so delicious.

AMY: *(smiles)* Finally! We are full now. I thought that we couldn't eat anything today.

*(MAY laughs.)*

AMY: *(surprised)* Why are you laughing? Everything went wrong today.

MAY: *(still laughing)* Yes, you burned my shirt. You looked so ridiculous and scared at that time, Amy.

ANN: Yes, I laughed so much and cut my finger.

AMY: *(giggles)* And May passed out. I can't believe you are still afraid of blood.

MAY: And I don't believe that you still can't iron. *(laughs)* We shouldn't miss the biggest event of today. Ann, how did everything happen? Did you juggle the cups?

ANN: *(laughs)* No, I was listening to music and dancing, then I lost my balance and banged to the shelf which carries the clean dishes. As you can guess, everything fell down and was broken.

MAY: So, you were dancing in a cafe!

AMY: Didn't your boss see them? How did you run?

ANN: No, everyone heard the noise and I escaped from the backdoor. I guess my boss saw everything through the camera records.

MAY: *(desperately)* Okay, but we need to pay them. Otherwise, we will have to sell our only property. Our house. We bought this house with so many difficulties. How can we find that much money?

AMY: We can help you with knitting so you can take orders faster.

MAY: Oh! I don't know. Do you know how to knit? And you need to study, Amy. You don't have that much free time.

ANN: Yes, but now I have. I don't have a job right now. Also, my mom taught me how to knit. At least the basic things. I can help you.

## **SCENE 5**

*(A few months later. MAY and ANN are trying to complete orders on time. ANN has improved her knitting skill in a few months. They work so hard to collect to pay for ANN's debt. They almost have enough money. Only a small amount left. Meanwhile, AMY is studying for her classes because this year is her final year in medical school. MAY is sitting in her room and knitting. AMY is at school. ANN goes into the house and MAY hears the sound of the door closed.)*

MAY: Ann! Is it you?

ANN: Yes!

*(ANN comes to her room and starts to knit with MAY.)*

MAY: *(hopefully)* I allocated some money for food and necessary expenditures. And with this order, finally we will have enough money to pay your debt. Also we should find a new job for you.

ANN: Maybe we don't need to. After having paid the debt, my boss might hire me again. *(smiles)* And I won't dance in the cafe again.

MAY: I don't know, Ann. He was so angry on the phone. Whatever, have you taken the trash out?

ANN: Yes, as you said, I have taken the two grey bags next to the door out. But, one of them was heavier than it should be. *(proudly)* Still I carried both.

MAY: *(worriedly)* What did you say? Black or grey?

ANN: I said grey ones, as you told me to do.



MAY: *(shouts)* No! I told you to take the black bags out. They were trash.

ANN: So, what was inside them?

MAY: One of them has what we knit and the other one has Amy's lecture notes and books. *(desperately)* Why didn't you listen to me carefully? Go, now! And look for them if they are still there. Be quick!

*(ANN goes to the trash bin. A few minutes later ANN comes back sadly. And starts to cry.)*

ANN: I've ruined everything. Everything began because of me and I ruined everything again. They are both gone. We worked so hard to knit them. And Amy's notes would help her in her exams but I prevented her. What if she fails because of me!

*(AMY comes home from school while ANN is crying.)*

AMY: What's going on here? Why are you crying, Ann?

MAY: Ann binned what we knit by mistake.

AMY: Oh, no! You have worked so much for them.

MAY: Also, your lecture notes were with them.

AMY: What!?! *(angrily)* Why did you do that!?

MAY: I was going to vacuum your room and I put them in front of the door for a moment. Ann thought they were trash.

*(AMY starts to cry.)*

AMY: What am I going to do without my notes and books? I've studied so much to take those notes. Also, those books were so expensive. I need them to pass the exam and graduate from university. I wanted to graduate this year.

*(MAY comes close to AMY, and puts her hand on AMY's back.)*

MAY: Don't worry, Amy. You already studied your lessons by taking notes. Just the books can be a problem, I guess. Can't you take them from one of your friends? Or you can take pictures of them.

AMY: They had so many pages. I can't take pictures of all of them.

MAY: We will find a way. But our orders are more important now. Their deadline is tomorrow.

AMY: Don't we have any chance to postpone it? We say there was a small problem but we will deliver it as soon as possible.

MAY: No, we can't. This is a matter of trust. No one gives a job to someone who can't do their job on time.

AMY: Okay, then we don't have any other options. Yes, you're right. We need to finish them tonight. We won't sleep then!

ANN: Yes, we won't give up.

MAY: How will we do? Didn't you hear me? The deadline is tomorrow.

AMY: As I said, we won't sleep tonight until we complete them. I'll help you too.  
*(Looks for ANN)* Ann, order three pizzas. So we don't waste our time with cooking. We are starting now!

ANN: Consider it done.

AMY: *(looks at MAY)* May, do we have enough yarn?

MAY: Just a few yarns are needed.

AMY: Okay, tell me and I'll go and buy.

MAY: I'll send you a message of the yarns you should buy.

AMY: Okay, I'm on my way.

*(AMY takes her coat and goes out. Meanwhile, ANN is ordering the pizzas. MAY continues to knit.)*

## **SCENE 6**

*(It's 2 AM. MAY, AMY and ANN are still knitting in the living room. All of them feel sleepy. And ANN yawns. )*

MAY: Ann, can you make coffee for us?

AMY: *(giggles)* I don't think that Ann is the right choice. She can cut her finger even when she is making coffee!

MAY: *(laughs)* Yes, you're right. Then you make coffee.

AMY: Okay.

*(AMY leaves the room. Five minutes later, AMY comes back with the coffee in her hands. AMY gives them to ANN and MAY. And AMY goes back to the*

*kitchen to get her own coffee. But ANN and MAY have tasted their coffee and they spit it out.)*

MAY: Amy, What did you add into this coffee? It's so salty!

ANN: Yes, If I made the coffee, it would be better.

*(AMY comes into the living room.)*

AMY: How can it be possible? I'm sure that I've added sugar, not salt. I think you can't taste the coffee because you're sleepless.

ANN: You taste then!

*(AMY drinks a little from coffee and spits it out, too.)*

AMY: I can't believe that I added salt instead of sugar. Let me make it again.

*(AMY goes back to the kitchen and a few minutes later she brings the coffee.)*

MAY: *(smiles)* I hope you didn't add spices this time.

AMY: No, this time I've checked whether it is sugar or not. You can drink it without any hesitation.

ANN: Now, we have only one thing missing: *(shouts happily)* MUSIC!

MAY: Don't start again, Ann. Let us just knit everything calmly.

ANN: Come on, May. It will help us to be more awake.

AMY: Yes, a little music doesn't hurt anyone.

*(ANN turns on an energetic song and starts dancing with AMY. A few moments later, MAY joins them. They have fun.)*

## **SCENE 7**

*(It's 4 AM. Everyone is still knitting. They are so tired and want to sleep as soon as possible. Most of the work is done. In a moment MAY stops knitting and starts to think, staring at the white wall. AMY notices her and asks. )*

AMY: May, what are you thinking?

*(MAY keeps staring at the wall and answers.)*

MAY: Do you remember how we met, Ann?

*(ANN surprises and tries to remember.)*

ANN: Hmm... Was it at the park? When we are in secondary school.

MAY: No. We met before that. Once, your mom and you had come to our house. We met at that time. But we didn't want to talk with each other, at first.

ANN: Yes. I remember. *(Laughs)* But you were so stubborn. You hadn't shared your toys with me. Then your mother sent us to the market to buy some bread. We went to the market and we couldn't come back to the house. We got lost.

MAY: It was because of you. You insisted that we should have turned left. And you went back and I went with you in case you got lost. And we both got lost.

AMY: How did you return to the house?

ANN: Our mothers worried about us when we didn't come back. They went out to look for us. Guess where they found us?

AMY: Where?

MAY: In the back street of the house. If Ann had listened to me, we would have been at home in time. And our mothers wouldn't have been mad at us.

ANN: Then, you came to the house. I don't know if you remember but you were the one who reconciled us. You were neighbors with May at that time. You had come to play with her.

AMY: I don't remember. *(proudly)* But I believe you, because I am always the one who is the smartest.

MAY: *(carelessly)* Yeah yeah, you are the smartest. Anyway, let's get back to work.

AMY: I am hungry!

MAY: At this time of the night!?

ANN: Don't say that, May. I am hungry, too.

MAY: *(sighs)* Okay, there must be a few slices of pizza in the fridge.

*(As soon as AMY hears MAY, AMY runs to the kitchen. ANN goes back to AMY thinking that AMY won't leave any pizza for her. MAY understands the situation and shouts behind them.)*

MAY: Hey! Leave some for me!

*(They eat pizza while speaking about the old days. And they get back to knitting. They knit all night long. In the end, they fall asleep in the living room.)*

## **SCENE 8**

*(It is 9 AM. They have been sleeping for only two hours. The doorbell rings. And it wakes everyone up. AMY is shocked when she notices what time it is.)*

AMY: Oh my god! I'm late for class! My class is at 9.30. And I've just woken up. I'll miss the bus. Someone get the door! I'm getting ready.

MAY: I'll get the door.

*(MAY opens the door and sees AMY's friend, WOODY, and greets him sleepily)*

MAY: Hey! Woody, good morning! Do you want to come in?

WOODY: Morning! No, thanks. I was passing by here and I just wondered if Amy hasn't left home yet I can pick her up. Is she here?

MAY: Yes, that would be good. If you didn't come she would probably be late.

*(AMY asks loudly from her room.)*

AMY: Who is it?

MAY: It's Woody. He came to pick you up.

*(AMY comes to the door in a rush.)*

AMY: Hi, Woody! Thanks for coming. Let's go. The class will start soon. Bye, May.  
Bye, Ann.

*(AMY and WOODY leave.)*

## **SCENE 9**

*(It is 8 PM. AMY and ANN are sitting and waiting worriedly in the living room for MAY because she is late. ANN looks at her phone.)*

ANN: She is so late. Also she is not answering my calls. I haven't seen her since this morning. I hope she is okay.

AMY: I think you need to call her again.

ANN: Okay, I'm calling.

*(At that moment, the door opens and MAY enters the house excitedly.)*

ANN: Where were you? We are so worried about you. Why didn't you answer my calls?

MAY: Oh! Did you call me? I didn't hear that, my phone must be on silent. I've got some news, guys!

*(MAY takes her coat off quickly and sits on the couch.)*

MAY: *(excitedly)* I'm promoted! I found a new job. Actually, they found me. I was delivering the orders that we knit last night and there was a man who controls every part of the order. He appreciated it. Then, he offered me a job



with a regular salary. I won't earn money per order anymore. I will have a regular salary.

AMY: That's so good, May. Congratulations!

ANN: I'm so happy, May.

MAY: Thanks! But that's not all. I have other news for you, Ann! I found a job for you too. Actually your ex-boss hired you again.

ANN: Oh my god! I can't believe it. How did it happen? I didn't think that he would ever hire me again.

MAY: I went to the cafe to pay your debt. Then he told me that no one whom he hired after you could keep their job. Can you imagine? He hired 6 different people after you and he wasn't satisfied with them. He said " I was happy with Ann's work until she broke everything at the cafe. And naturally, I was mad at her."

AMY: Okay, since everything is back to normal we can have dinner.

MAY: Did you speak with Woody about your lecture notes, Amy?

AMY: Yeah, we solved it. We'll study together at the library before the exams. I already know most of the topics, but I just need to look at them briefly to remember.

MAY: Okay, let's have dinner.

## **SCENE 10**

*(Throughout the next four months, ANN and MAY work at their jobs. And AMY studies so hard for the exams to graduate from university and become a doctor.*

*Then she passes the exams and AMY graduates from university with a high degree. AMY gets some job offers, one of which is in Istanbul. And she accepts the offer that she gets from Istanbul. A few weeks passed, and the day of moving to Istanbul for AMY has come. MAY and ANN are sad because they have been living together for six years. MAY and ANN are sitting on the couch. AMY enters the room carrying two bags in her hands.)*

AMY: *(sighs)* Okay, it's time to go.

ANN: So, you're determined to go!

AMY: I should go! I mean, of course I don't want to leave you. And I'm so sorry about it. But I have to. This is for my future. Also, we are not saying goodbye forever. We'll see each other every holiday.

MAY: Yes, but we'll miss you!

AMY: I'll miss you too!

*(AMY takes two wrapped gifts from her bag.)*

AMY: *(smiles)* Let me give these gifts to you before I forget.

*(MAY and ANN surprise. MAY opens the gift and sees a white shirt which has a flower embroidery on the collar of the shirt.)*

MAY: This is such a beautiful shirt!

AMY: I owe you a shirt since I burned your favourite one.

MAY: Thank you! I loved it.

*(ANN opens the gift. A headphone comes out from the bag.)*

ANN: A headphone!

AMY: I thought in that way no one has to bear your loud music.

ANN: *(smiles)* You're rude but thanks!

*(At that moment, the sound of a horn is heard from outside.)*

AMY: It must be Woody. I asked him to take me to the bus terminal. Also he is going to be in Istanbul in 2 months. He found a job there too. Not in the same hospital but the same district.

MAY: That's good. You'll not be alone.

ANN: *(opens her arms.)* Come here! Don't keep him waiting so much.

*(ANN and AMY hug each other. Then MAY joins them too. AMY picks up the bags and moves to the door. Before AMY gets out of the house she turns back and looks at MAY and ANN.)*

AMY: I love you so much! Bye!

ANN and MAY: Bye!

*(AMY gets out of the house and gets into the car. The car leaves. Meanwhile ANN and MAY are watching them from the window. ANN notices that MAY is so sad.)*

ANN: Don't be sad that much! She'll come back soon.

MAY: How do you know?

*(ANN points the phone on the table.)*

ANN: Because she forgot to take her phone!

**THE END**