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## Chapter 1: The Boy from the Forest

It all began quietly.

Lena walked calmly into the old train station. She had taken this journey many times before, but today felt different. The air was strangely cold, and the station was almost empty. She checked the schedule — her train to Ashgrove was delayed.

She sighed. “Not again,” she whispered softly.

A Mysterious Stranger

As she sat on a wooden bench, an old man approached her slowly.

He wore a dark coat and carried a silver pocket watch.

“Excuse me,” he said politely, “Do you believe time can change things?”

Lena raised an eyebrow. “I believe time changes everything.”

The man smiled mysteriously.

“Then maybe this delay is not a problem — but a door.”

Before she could answer, he disappeared suddenly into the mist that was quietly creeping into the station.

A Strange Train Arrives

Twenty minutes later, a loud whistle broke the silence.

A train — larger and older than any she had seen — pulled into the platform.

It wasn't the train to Ashgrove.

A conductor leaned out and said cheerfully, "Welcome aboard the Midnight Express!"

Lena hesitated, then stepped on. Curiously, she walked down the aisle. The passengers all looked like they were from different times — one wore a Victorian dress, another read a newspaper from the 1950s.

A woman offered her tea gracefully and said, "This train runs on memories and chances."  
The Journey That Wasn't in the Schedule

Lena didn't know where the train was going, but she stayed. She listened to stories, learned lessons, and thought deeply about her own choices. Hours passed — or maybe years.

When she finally stepped off the train, she was back in the same station. But something had changed.

She felt completely different.

The Train Was Never Late

Lena looked around. The modern train to Ashgrove had just arrived.

She smiled knowingly, whispered “Thank you,” and stepped onto the right train — the one she had missed before, but now knew she was ready for.

## Grammar Focus:

### Adverbs

Here are some adverbs from the story:

- calmly
- softly
- politely
- mysteriously
- suddenly
- cheerfully
- curiously
- gracefully
- quietly
- completely
- knowingly

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