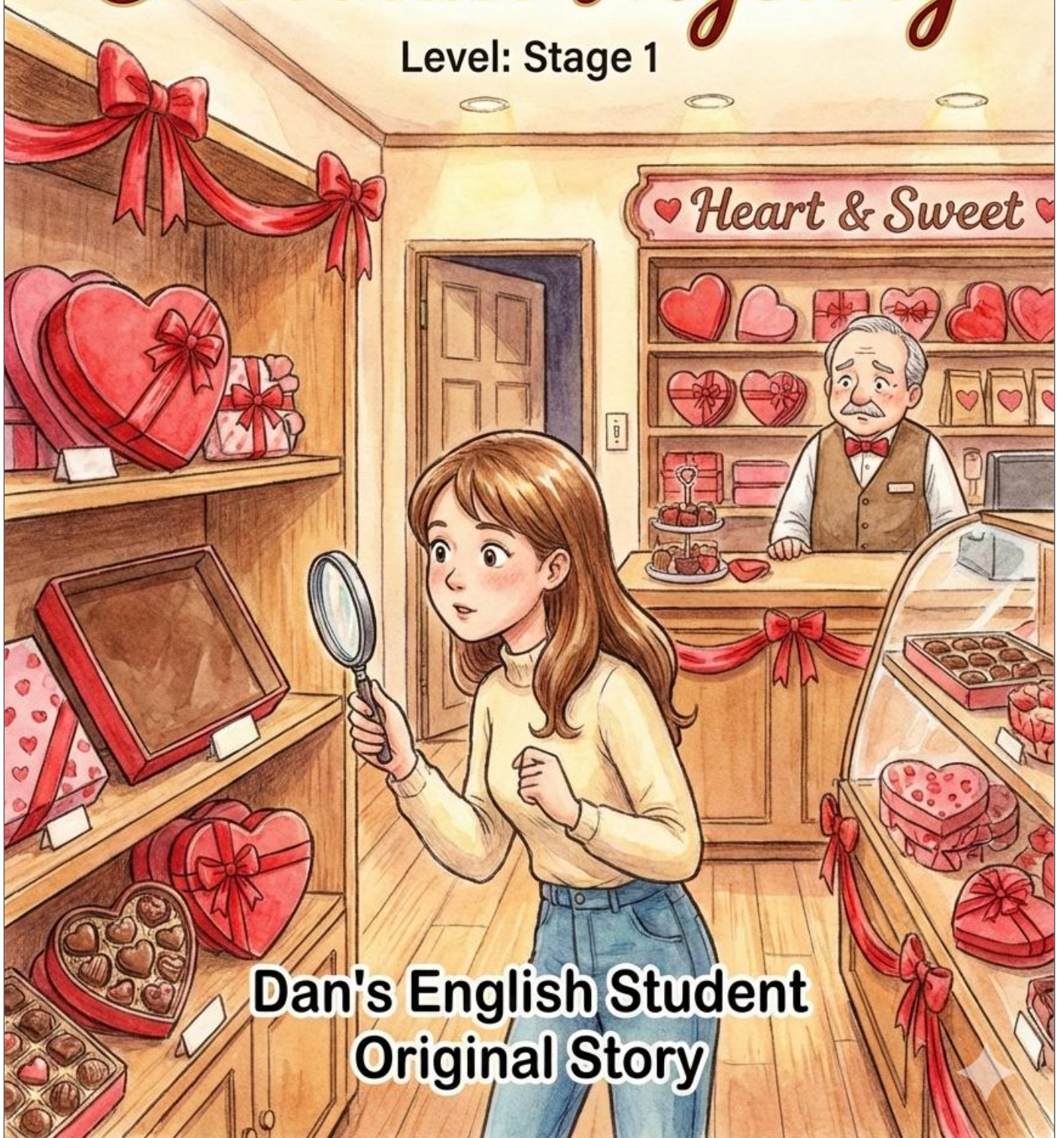


# The Valentine Chocolate Mystery

Level: Stage 1



**Dan's English Student  
Original Story**

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## Chapter 1: A New Job

Anna was a young woman.

She was twenty-eight years old.

She worked at a chocolate shop called **“Heart & Sweet.”**

The shop was small,  
but very popular in town.

Anna liked her job.

She liked chocolate.

She liked talking to customers.

She liked busy days.

And now,  
Valentine’s Day was coming.

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## Chapter 2: Valentine Preparations

The shop was full of chocolate.

Heart-shaped chocolate.

Chocolate boxes with red ribbons.

Small chocolate gifts.

Anna helped her boss, Mr. Brown.

“Valentine’s Day is our most important day,” he said.

“I know,” Anna said with a smile.

She worked carefully.

She wanted everything to be perfect.

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## Chapter 3: Something Is Missing

One morning, Anna opened the shop.

She looked around.

Then she stopped.

“Huh?” she said.

One box was missing.

It was a big chocolate box.

The most expensive one.

“That’s strange,” Anna thought.

She checked again.

But it was gone.

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## Chapter 4: A Small Mystery

Mr. Brown came out from the back room.

“Good morning,” he said.

“Good morning,” Anna said.

“Mr. Brown... one chocolate box is missing.”

Mr. Brown looked surprised.

“Are you sure?”

“Yes,” Anna said.

“I remember it.”

Mr. Brown looked worried.

“This is a problem,” he said.

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## Chapter 5: No Sign of a Thief

They checked the door.

It was locked.

They checked the window.

It was closed.

“No one broke in,” Mr. Brown said.

Anna felt confused.

“How did it disappear?” she thought.

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## Chapter 6: Valentine Gets Closer

The next day,  
another chocolate box was missing.

Anna felt nervous.

“This is not a mistake,” she thought.

“This is a mystery.”

Mr. Brown sighed.

“If this continues,  
we will have trouble on Valentine’s Day.”

Anna decided something.

“I will find the answer,” she said.

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## Chapter 7: Watching Carefully

From that day,  
Anna watched everything carefully.

She watched customers.  
She watched workers.  
She watched the shelves.

She noticed small things.

A sound.  
A shadow.  
A door opening.

But she found nothing.

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## **Chapter 8: A Strange Sound**

One evening,  
Anna stayed late.

She was cleaning the shop.

Suddenly,  
she heard a sound.

Tap. Tap.

It came from the back room.

Anna felt scared,  
but she walked slowly.

“Hello?” she said.

No answer.

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## **Chapter 9: The Back Room**

The back room was dark.

Anna turned on the light.

Everything looked normal.

Then she saw it.

A small door.

She had never noticed it before.

“What is this?” she thought.

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## **Chapter 10: The Hidden Room**

Anna opened the small door.

Inside was a tiny room.

Boxes were inside.

Chocolate boxes.

“The missing chocolate!” she said softly.

Her heart beat fast.

“Who put this here?”

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## **Chapter 11: The Truth Appears**

Just then,  
someone came in.

“Anna?”

It was Mr. Brown.

“You found it,” he said.

Anna turned to him.

“You knew?” she asked.

Mr. Brown smiled gently.

“Yes,” he said.

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## **Chapter 12: A Valentine Secret**

Mr. Brown explained.

“I wanted to surprise my wife,” he said.

“She loves chocolate.”

“I planned a special Valentine gift.”

Anna looked surprised.

“So you hid the chocolate?”

“Yes,” he said.

“But I forgot to tell you.”

Anna laughed with relief.

“I was so worried,” she said.

“I’m sorry,” Mr. Brown said.

“It was a secret.”

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## **Chapter 13: No Thief After All**

Anna felt happy.

“There was no thief,” she said.

“No mystery now,” Mr. Brown said.

But Anna smiled.

“It was a fun mystery,” she said.

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## **Chapter 14: Valentine’s Day Arrives**

Valentine's Day finally came.

The shop was very busy.

Customers came one after another.

Anna worked with energy.

She felt proud.

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## **Chapter 15: Happy Customers**

People smiled.

"This chocolate is perfect."

"Thank you!"

"My family will love this."

Anna felt warm inside.

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## **Chapter 16: A Special Moment**

In the evening,

Mr. Brown closed the shop early.

"Thank you, Anna," he said.

"You did a great job."

Anna smiled.

"I enjoy working here," she said.

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## **Chapter 17: A Sweet Ending**

That night,

Anna walked home.

The town lights were beautiful.

She thought about the mystery.

She thought about chocolate.

“This Valentine was special,” she thought.

She smiled.

Love was everywhere.

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## Chapter 18: Happy Valentine

The next morning,  
Anna returned to the shop.

Everything was in place.

No missing chocolate.

Only sweet smells and happy feelings.

**Happy Valentine's Day.**

**The End**   