I hope I won’t run into Rocky today!

Yeah, right... If I go down this way, it will happen for sure...

Mashan has already started stealing... I’ll have to find another way to school...

Maybe I could try this way, over the fence...

Good... They are not here yet, and I hope they won’t come at all...

Well, well... look who’s sneaking through the back alleys!

The kid’s getting cheeky! He was going to avoid us! I wanted to forgive him today, but I’ve changed my mind!

And he was going to pass by without saying “Hello”...

Give me the cash! I don’t have it...

Life in town was running its course. The afternoon school shift was getting closer, and that was definitely not Luka Boskovic’s favourite time of the day.
You don't have it? What do you mean you don't have it?

Well... I just don't...

My mom didn't give me any money for lunch... She made me sandwiches instead...

How 'bout I searched you anyway?

Give it here!

No! Stop! Leave me alone!!

If this happens again tomorrow, you will pay. Do you understand?

Yes... I do...

These sandwiches aren't bad at all. You want one?

I need money... What am I supposed to do with sandwiches?

What do you mean? You eat them!

Wait! What will I have for lunch?

You loser!

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You stay hungry today!

And don't forget what I told you, otherwise hunger'll be the least of your worries!

I won't forget... But I also don't think it's going to be as you imagined...
This has to stop! But, how? What should I do?

Luka! Luka!

What happened to you? Rocky again?!

Yeah, who else?

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Yeah, who else?
It’s great that you came up with that, Peđa. Teacher Veselin used to be my class teacher and he always knew how to solve problems.

I’m a smart guy, what can I do.

Got to go or I’ll be late for school.

I’ll risk detention, just to get rid of Rocky.

Hm... If we go meet the teacher, we’ll miss the first class.

Well, if you are going to take a risk, I will too...

What are you two doing here? Why aren’t you in classes?

Teacher Veselin! Do you have a minute?

Teacher, we have something very important to talk to you about.

Hm... Well, if it is something serious, it would be best if we talked in my office...

Can you give me a hint what is this about?

Darko, you’re in charge. I have to talk to these two young gentlemen.

It’s about Rocky... You’re his class teacher...

Teacher, we have something very important to talk to you about.

Don’t worry, teacher... Everything is under control...

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You mean Nikola Popović. That’s Rocky’s real name.

I am afraid nobody in the school knows his real name. Everyone knows him as Rocky, the tough guy!

In the next ten minutes, Luka and Peđa told him what happened today.

And he was a very good boy until two years ago... Always stronger than others, but always calm, he wouldn’t hurt a fly... He was also an excellent student!

So, what happened?

I knew he was a trouble-maker, but I didn’t know it went this far... Stealing and beating others are very serious things. Something has to be done.
God knows... His parents got divorced and now he lives with his father... It seems the time has come to find out what's going on in their house...

Okay, teacher...

We'll meet after the fifth class...
I'll wait for you by my car, than we are going to pay Rocky a visit...

And don't be late like you were for the first class!

Don't worry, teacher... We will be on time like a Swiss watch...

Okay, teacher...

Don't worry, teacher... We are going to pay Rocky a visit...

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Okay, teacher...

We'll meet after the fifth class...
I'll wait for you by my car, than we are going to pay Rocky a visit...

And don't be late like you were for the first class!

Don't worry, teacher... We will be on time like a Swiss watch...

After the fifth class...

You're here... Hop into the back seat...

We'll be there soon... As soon as we leave this part of town with new buildings and enter the streets with old houses...

This is his house!

The gate is open...

That should mean that anyone is welcome!

What?! This is all you've brought me?! I can't even get my throat wet with this!

!?

How am I supposed to face the guys at the pub? How am I going to look them in the eyes? Shame and disgrace will eat me alive!

I'll do better tomorrow... I'll bring you more money! I promise!

I need today, not tomorrow!

Like you won't need it tomorrow?

What did you just say, you little jerk?

Tomorrow?
I’ll show you...

Who the hell are you?!

Wait, sir! There is no need for such violence!

I am Nikola’s class teacher!

Than you are the boss in your class, but in this house I am the boss! And I will do what I want! Get out of here!

I’m sorry, but no! Moreover, I told the boys to call the police. They’ll help you with your intoxicated state!

You called the police to my house?! How dare you?! But it doesn’t matter anyway... I’ll get you for this!

I’ll get you for this!

I’ll get you for this!

It’s your own fault for messing with the wrong guy!

Yeah... How could you know that teacher Veselin is also an instructor at the judo club „Youth“...

Teacher... What about me? What will happen to me now?

Yeah, we are going to place you in a home or shelter until your mother comes for you! I have already called her and she will come tomorrow morning!

Ouch... My back!
Okay, but don’t take me to a shelter... I’ll sleep here and I won’t cause trouble... I swear!

I don’t know, Nikola. The house looks good from the outside, but inside...

Just like I thought... Total chaos... it’s good that you didn’t catch some infection! We won’t risk another day.

But, there is no need for him to go to a shelter...

Do you have a better idea, Luka?

I just talked to my parents and they agreed that Nikola can sleep at our house until his mom comes to pick him up!

Well, I guess that’s okay... What do you think, Nikola?

I think... That’s the best option for me... I’ll try not to disturb anyone....

After a while...

Peda and I are leaving... See you tomorrow when Nikola’s mother arrives!

I hope I won’t bother you so much and...

Bother us?! Nonsense! Feel at home in our house! I’ve prepared a good movie for us to watch!

Welcome, Nikola!

So Rocky watched the movie with the younger members of the Bošković family...

Then Luka and Rocky played games, while Vanja helped her mom prepare the dinner.

I know you could play all night, but I’m sorry... Dinner is on the table!
She had to leave because father insulted and beat her. She moved back with her parents in Herceg Novi. Father was always threatening to kill her...

You know, Luka, you surprised me! I was beating you up, taking your money and who knows what else, and you offered me a home!

You know, Nikola, despite all that you did to me, I felt you are not so bad... You are not a bully... I saw that in your eyes...

You know, all of us were born with talents for mathematics, sports, music or writing... And nobody is born a bully! Adults and some situations make children bullies...

I'm glad I've met you and your family... Everything is calm and in harmony in your house. And it seems to me that we could become good friends!

Well, that's why we have e-mail, Skype and other useful stuff. We also have holidays, and you will live in Herceg Novi. Expect me for summer break!

And adults create those situations...

That's the most pleasant threat that I've got from you, Rocky... Sorry... Nikola, good night...

Good night, Luka...

The End