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Language focus: Phrasal verbs

Mary narrator

I now know that my uncle is involved in smuggling. I also **suspect** that he has murdered a man. But if I tell, my aunt will suffer, so I can't do anything. Today, I am alone cleaning the kitchen. But the quiet does not last ...

Mary

Who can that be?

Mary narrator

When I go in the bar, there's a man with a glass of beer. He looks familiar.

Mary

What do you think you're doing? You can't help yourself to drink!

Jem

Are you the barmaid? **Fill up** my glass.

Mary

Fill it up yourself. I'll tell Mr Merlyn you are here.

Jem

Don't **bother** - he won't want to see me.

Mary

Well, I can't stand here waiting. **Pay up** and you can go.

Jem

Do you order Joss around like that?

Mary

He's my uncle. Patience was my mother's sister. Now, I have work to do... uncle!

Joss

Who the hell are you talking to? I told you to keep your mouth shut! Oh, it's you, Jem. What do you want? You can **get on with** your work, Mary.

Mary narrator

So that was Jem, my uncle's brother. He's got the same dark eyes and hair, but drink has not ruined his face – it's younger and more handsome.

Jem

Excuse me. I didn't expect to see a girl like you at Jamaica Inn.

Mary

My mother died, so I came here. I'm glad she isn't alive to see how my aunt lives now. I try to help her in the house. What do you do?

Jem

I steal horses.

Mary

Oh! Aren't you afraid of being caught?

Jem

Not really. Listen, I'm being serious now. Jamaica Inn is no place for you with its ugly business. I can help you go to Bodmin.

Mary

I don't need help. I can **look after** myself.

Jem

Well...I'm going now. But remember – I live in Trewartha if you ever need me

Mary narrator

How can I trust him? He's a thief - and he's Joss's brother. The loneliness of my situation grips me again.

The men have returned. From my window, I can see them lifting heavy objects onto the wagons. These men are **desperate** and dangerous. And Jem? Did he come to warn his brother that they were coming?

Mary narrator

This morning, I'm doing the washing. My uncle is away, so I can almost feel the happiness I used to feel when I worked on the farm.

Patience

Mary!

Mary

What is it?

Patience

Mr Bassat is here - the **magistrate**, with another man. What are we going to do? He's never been before: he must know something!

Patience

What am I going to say?

Mary narrator

This is my chance to tell an officer about Joss - but look at my aunt. She is trembling and terrified...

Mary

Just say Joss is away.

Patience

Mary, you won't tell Mr Bassat about the wagons, will you? If anything happens to Joss, I'll kill myself.

Mr Bassat

You took your time. Where's the landlord?

Mary

He's not here.

Mr Bassat

When will he be back?

Patience

He went out after breakfast. I don't know when he's **getting back**.

Mr Bassat

Damn! Listen to me – Your husband is giving this whole area - my land - a bad **reputation**.

Patience

I don't know what you mean. We live a quiet life here - my niece will tell you.

Mr Bassat

I'm not a fool. We'll look around now we are here.

Mary narrator

Mr Bassat is having a good look around the inn. He knows there is something hidden here.

Mr Bassat

This place is a **disgrace!** Call yourself an inn! There isn't one clean room.

Patience

Mary... Mary... the room by the bar!

Mary narrator

We come to the locked room.

Mary

I'm afraid this room is locked.

Mr Bassat

Why?

Mary

I don't know.

Mr Bassat

Have you ever heard wheels and horses at night?

Mary

No, never.

Mr Bassat

Where is the key to the room?

Mary

My uncle has it.

Mr Bassat

Well, we'll have to **break down** the door, then.

Mary narrator

I'm afraid. I hate lying to save my uncle and part of me will be glad if they find **evidence** of his crimes. I remember the rope. But the fear of what might lie behind the door is clear in my aunt's eyes. For her, it would be the end...

In the next episode, I meet a man who I can talk to and tell him about the awful things I have seen – but can he be trusted?

Vocabulary

suspect

a person who the police or other people believe to be responsible for a crime

bother

(here) make an effort to do something

desperate

ready to do something dangerous or violent to escape from a very bad situation

magistrate

a person who decides in a law court if someone is guilty of a minor crime

damn!

a swear word that expresses anger

reputation

opinion people have about a person or place

disgrace

(here) in very bad condition

evidence

objects or information that prove that something is true