**4North Macedonia**

**Scene 9**

**A conversation with the manager**

Props: a desk with a computer, some files and papers, two chairs

Actors: Peter, the manager, secretary – Miss Young (Sara Young)

**Miss Young:** Mr. Davis will see you now.

**Peter**: Thank you Sara.

Entering the office

**Peter**: Good morning sir.

**Mr. Davis**: Morning Peter. Have a seat.

**Peter**: Good news, I hope.

**Mr. Davis**: Not so good I'm afraid. You are aware of the situation, I am sure you’ve heard the rumours. The economic crisis has taken its toll on us as well. We have to make some cuts. Many I’m afraid.

**Peter**: I see.

**Mr. Davis**: You are on the list amongst 30 other people. It’s drastic but it has to be done.

**Peter**: I am very disappointed. I’ve worked here for 5 years.

**Mr. Davis**: I am very sorry. There is nothing I can do.

**Peter**: OK. Goodbye and good luck.

**Scene 10**

**A conversation with the girlfriend**

Props: two chairs and a table

Actors: Peter and Laura

**Peter**: Hi Laura. I’m afraid I have some bad news.

**Laura**: What happened?

**Peter**: I was fired.

**Laura**: Oh no. What are we going to do now? Am I going to be the only one working. I can’t handle that.

**Peter**: It will be ok. Don’t worry. I am already looking for another job. I’ve been to a couple of interviews already.

**Laura**: No it wont be ok. This is terrible.

**Peter**: Wait a minute. You should be telling me that. I feel bad enough.

**Laura**: You are so irresponsible. And you should feel bad. You never really worked that hard.

**Peter**: I don’t know how I never saw this before. Laura I think we are not good for each other.

**Laura**: I agree.

**Scene 11**

**The phone call**

Props: An armchair and a phone

Actors: Peter and the voice behind

**The voice:** After months of being without a job and alone Peter met a friend who told him not to expect good things happening on their own. Good things start within us, positivity is a choice and it attracts positivity back. He started working on himself, reading, exercising and taking long walks with his dog. One day the phone rang.

**Peter**: Hello?

**The new employer**: Hello, is this Mr. Parker?

**Peter**: Yes it is.

**The new employer:** James Johnson speaking, from Barneys .A couple of months ago we received your CV and we liked it very much. You were second in line to get the job. Our first candidate who started working here is moving out of state so we were wondering if you are still interested in the job.

**Peter**: Wow. Of course I am. Thank you.

**The new employer:** Excellent! The interview is just a formality but I am looking forward to it. Shall we say Monday at 8?

**Peter**: Perfect, see you on Monday. Thank you again.

**The voice:** Years have passed since that phone call. Little feet and giggles can be heard around his house every day. He married a lovely girl and became a wonderful father. Every now and then he thinks of the years before, the hardships and mistakes...but then he realises that all the fortunes he has today wouldn’t have been here if all those troubles hadn’t fallen upon his shoulders. Everything happens for a reason, he thinks to himself. Those bricks falling your way can become a wall, but also a bridge, the choice is ours to make.