Step 9 – "Feeling tired? Take a deep breath—Mont Blanc isn't climbed in a day!" SUSIE. HUNTER. ADVENTURE!

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A New Beginning

"Hello, teacher!" Susie greeted Tanya, bouncing on
 her feet like an excited kid.

The air outside was crisp and fresh, the kind of New Year's Eve air that made everything feel possible.

Tanya, the young lawyer and Matrix Kids Cards Museum mentor, grinned.

— "Well, well, look at you, Susie! Someone's got New Year energy."

Susie laughed. "That's because I just know this year is going to be different."

Tanya's eyes twinkled. "Different how?"

Susie hesitated.

- "I... don't know yet. But I can feel it."

Tanya nodded. "Good. That's the first step to confidence believing something good is coming, even when you can't see it yet."

Then, she pulled a green folder from her bag with a dramatic flourish.

"Eggshell Early Childhood Education Program Confident Egg."

Susie's eyes widened.

📌 Instructor: Teacher M

* Topics: Self-praise, Vision Board Creation, The Three-Step Confidence Process

— "This sounds amazing!" Susie grinned. "Let's start this Saturday!"

— "Absolutely! But first—your mission, should you choose to accept it!" Tanya handed her a small envelope and a USB drive.

— "Songs. A movie. Watch, listen, and tell me how it makes you feel."

Susie gave a dramatic salute. "Mission accepted!"

A Hidden Message

That night, after her shift at the store, Susie locked up, humming under her breath. The quiet hum of the streetlights flickered overhead, and for the first time in a long time, she felt something light inside her—a kind of anticipation she hadn't realized she was missing.

She paused before stepping outside.

Then, almost without thinking, she pulled out her phone and called home.

- "I love you, Mom and Dad!"

Their voices wrapped around her like a warm blanket. At home, she opened the envelope. Inside was a beautifully decorated card with Mr. Eggshell's silly little smile.

The Message Inside:

"Susie is one super brave mom! She has the wisdom and courage to overcome any challenge. She is talented, full of potential, and is following the path meant for her. Susie is confident, courageous, and living her best life with Paul, Hunter, and Little Golden Egg. Susie dares to chase her dreams! Wake up, Little Susie! You can do it!"

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She flipped the card over and saw a handwritten note:
"No crying! Read this aloud every morning and every night!"

Susie let out a laugh, even as she wiped at the corners of her eyes.

— "Bossy little card," she muttered, shaking her head.
But she smiled. If a piece of paper believed in her
this much... maybe she should too.

The Big Day: First Class with Teacher M

Saturday arrived in a blink.

Susie was ready.

— "You look like a walking sunshine!" Teacher M greeted her through the screen.

She wore an elegant red-orange sweater, blonde hair

tied in a neat bun. She looked like someone who practiced what she taught.

— "I followed all the advice!" Susie beamed. "I read my card every day, listened to the songs, and... I feel different. Stronger."

Tanya smirked. "Sounds like a future Eggshell mentor in the making."

Then, as if deciding something, she leaned forward.

- "You know, Susie... I used to struggle with confidence too."

Susie blinked. "You? But you're always so sure of yourself!"

— "Ha! Don't let the lawyer act fool you." Tanya laughed. "I used to be terrified of messing up. I thought one wrong move would prove I didn't belong."

- "So what changed?"

- "My mentor told me:

'Confidence isn't about being perfect. It's about trusting yourself enough to try anyway.'

So I tried. Step by step. And guess what? No one caught me. I didn't fall. And even when I did, I learned that falling isn't failing." Susie sat with that for a moment. Then, she smiled. *Step by step*.

A Classroom Like No Other - A Moment of Magic

As the video call connected, the small store transformed into something much bigger. Grandpa Ken's shop, once a quiet little space, was now a buzzing classroom.

At the front of the screen, Teacher M appeared, standing near a row of tall trees with golden leaves, a slight winter breeze ruffling his coat.

- "Welcome to class, everyone! Today, we have a very special student joining us."

The camera panned. A small, wide-eyed raccoon peeked out from behind a log.

- "Meet our little friend!" M grinned. "He's hesitant, unsure... but he dared to step out and explore the world. Just like all of us do, every time we try something new."

Giggles filled the shop. Even Hunter clapped excitedly. — "So today's mission?" M continued, "We're going to cheer him on! Because confidence isn't just about believing in ourselves—it's also about lifting others up."

Tanya began clapping. Susie laughed and joined in.

- "Bravo, little raccoon!"
- "You're doing great!"
- "Look at that tail—so stylish!"

Then, M held up a small notepad.

- "And now, I have a special task for all of you."

* Everyone wrote two things:

1. A compliment for someone in the room.

2. A self-praise—something they love about themselves.

Hunter, still too young to write, grabbed a crayon and drew something round and golden.

- "Hunter, what did you draw?" Tanya asked.

Hunter held up his paper proudly. A big, smiling sun. — "The sun makes everything warm," he said simply. "Like Mommy and Grandpa and Grandma and Tanya." Surprise Moment:

Grandpa Ken cleared his throat, folding his arms. — "Well now, isn't that something?" he mused. "A boy who knows warmth when he sees it. That's confidence right there."

Grandma Lucy leaned in, winking at Hunter. — "Hunter, next time, maybe you can teach Grandpa how to be this wise!"

Laughter filled the shop. Susie swallowed hard, pressing a hand to her heart.

Tanya's eyes softened. "That," she said gently, "is the best self-praise I've ever heard."

One by one, the notes were read aloud. The air felt thick with warmth. M nodded, satisfied.

— "Confidence starts like this," he said. "Not by shouting, 'I'm the best!' but by remembering, every day, what makes us special."

Tanya turned to Susie with a small smile.

- "So, Susie, what do you think?"

Susie took a deep breath.

- "I think ... I'm ready to believe in myself."

M beamed.

- "Then welcome to the Confident Egg class."

🛠 END OF EPISODE 6 🛠