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### Parvana's Identity Actions by Others

Have you ever experienced conflict with your family? In the novel *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis, the main character Parvana makes decisions based on family. Other characters in the story helped Parvana's decision making by pointing out things that will benefit Parvana and her family. Without the help from others Parvana's future would have been very different.

The first one is Mr. Weera came up with this idea of pretending to be a boy. Mother said "As a boy, you'll be able to move in and out of the market, buy what we need, and no one will stop you" Mr. Weera afterwards said, "It's a perfect solution"(p.61). This proves Parvana understands reasons and causes of this action, it will depend on Parvana since they made her into a boy.

That's one reason why Parvana understood the situation, the next one is that Shazuia took Parvana to the graveyard. Parvana next said, " 'I'm not sure this is a good idea' "(p.94),. Next thing Parvana said was, " 'Who's that?' " Shazuia responded by saying, " 'That's the bone broker. He buys the bones from us.' " Parvana responded, " 'What does he do with them?' " And Shazuia said, "He sells them to someone else." Parvana asked, " 'Why would anyone want to buy bones?' " Shazuia answered " 'What do we care, as long as we get paid...We're here to make money right?' Parvana nodded, 'Then let's make money.' "(p.95). This shows Parvana was not confident of this

at first, Shazuia helped explain to Parvana so she can understand how this works. Which was to dig up bones and then go to bone broker to sell bones and make some money.

The last one is Shazuia saying “ ‘Can I tell you a secret?’ ” Parvana said, “ ‘Of course you can tell me. I won’t tell anybody.’ ” Shazuia responded, “ ‘I’m saving money, a little bit each day. I’m getting out of here.’ ” Parvana asked, “ ‘Where? When?’ ” Then later Shazuia said “ ‘I’ll have alot of money saved by then, and it’s better not to travel in winter.’ ”(p.110). Parvana wanted to leave after Shazuia told Parvana which means Parvana knew that this was a good decision for the family to get out when possible. And to avoid danger in the processes.

All and all, this proves other characters in the story helped Parvana’s decision making by pointing out things that will benefit Parvana and her family. Is your family like Parvana’s family? Hopefully, you made good decisions like she did.