In Chapter One, Nick receives the following advice from his dad: “Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone…just remember that all the people in this world haven’t had the advantages that you’ve had” (1).

Now, consider the following scene:

You’re at a party when you spot an acquaintance hovering by the coat rack. Before you have a chance to say hi, you see your acquaintance rummage through various coats and purses, stealing money and other items. An hour later, your acquaintance sees you, waves, and approaches to start a conversation.

If you were living your life according to the advice from Nick’s father, how would you respond? Narrate the ensuing scene.