



“Welcome back to school after the half-term holiday,” Miss Vile announced, looking down from the stage upon rows of worried looking faces. “Some of you may have noticed a few changes on your return. I have been busy throughout the half-term holiday making all sorts of improvements to the school. The windows have been blackened to stop the sun shining in and making you squint. As we all know, the sun’s rays can be so harmful to our skin. I have erected a three metre high wooden fence all around the school so that no one can spy on us. There are so many dangers in the outside world, I’m sure you would agree. And finally, I have replaced the incompetent staff with brand-new teachers who know how to deal with vermin – I mean children. We have such a wonderful term to look forward to. We are going to improve academic standards, so I have banned music, dancing, singing, PE, art and all playtimes. But now I have a special treat for you. I have appointed a new deputy headteacher. Isn’t that wonderful, children? Please welcome Miss Dawn to our school.”

There was a smattering of applause from Miss Vile’s favourites; the rest of the school sat in stony silence. (No sensible child would want to see Mrs Rose replaced.) Miss Vile was not pleased with the children’s response. “Now come on, children,” she said in a distinctly unpleasant tone. “I had expected so much more from St Disgusting’s – er – I mean Augustine’s. Let’s give a proper welcome to Miss Dawn.” The children reluctantly clapped as Miss Dawn climbed up the steps of the stage to stand alongside Miss Vile. Although, she was wearing heavy make-up and very different clothes to those Amber had last seen, she recognised her at once. The astonishment of recognising the teacher was then matched by the shock of seeing AJ appear on stage with a bouquet of flowers which he presented to her. But there was a third surprise in store! As Miss Dawn gratefully received the flowers, a slow individual hand clap could be heard coming from the back of the hall. Everybody turned to see who it was. Mrs Rose, looking pale-faced and gaunt, was standing just inside the hall doors. Miss Vile’s features visibly changed. “Ah! I see you’re back, Mrs Rose. Shouldn’t you be at home? You don’t look at all well.”

“I had been poorly before the half-term holiday. But now I’m feeling so much better,” said Mrs Rose as she hobbled up onto the stage. “I’ve come to resume my deputy headteacher duties.”



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