

## Chapter 8

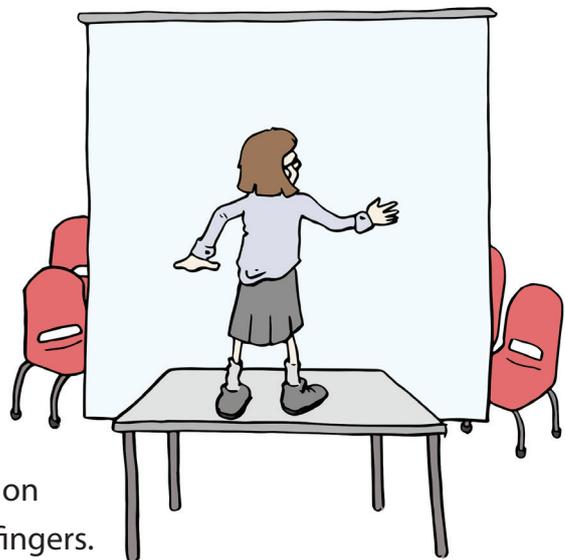
Grandad was much more like his normal self and made tea for them both. Now that he was feeling better, Amber promised herself that she would tell him everything. He would know what to do. But first, she would need that proof. As soon as she had helped Grandad do the drying up, she made an excuse to go outside. It was a lovely sunny evening and he presumed she was going out to play with her friends. Checking that she had her mobile on her, she set off down the road. The first person she saw was AJ. His mum was helping him get into the car. There were tears in his eyes and he had his hand clasped firmly over his jaw. He looked the other way in embarrassment when he saw her. Amber wasn't bothered; she didn't want to talk to him anyway. "Toothache!" she heard his mother say.

When she arrived at school, she found the school gate firmly locked. With a fence that was three metres high there was no way she would be able to get in. She was wondering what to do when Mr Crumb, the caretaker, fortunately wandered out with a bunch of keys in his hand. Amber made up a story about leaving her homework at school and needing to go back to get it. Mr Crumb said that he had seen some books on the table in the hall. Amber lied and told him that they were probably hers. He looked at her strangely, but allowed her through the gate. "You're in luck. My door is still open. They're having a late meeting," he said, before adding, "Just you be quick, mind!" Amber promised him she would only need a minute and ran to the caretaker's door that he had kept unlocked.

The caretaker's room had two doors: one that led out onto the playground and one that opened out into the school hall. Making her way across the dark room full of mops and buckets, she cautiously opened the door that led into the hall. The hall was empty. However, it was clearly laid out for a meeting, for the chairs had been arranged in neat rows facing the projector screen. The projector screen was a large affair that was sometimes used in assemblies. There was a switch on the wall that controlled it.

When it was fully descended from the ceiling, the bottom of the screen was less than a metre above the floor. Next to the screen was one of the tables used for lunch. Amber dragged the table behind the screen. If she stood on the table she would be hidden from view. Anybody on the other side of the screen would only be able to see the table legs. Amber clambered on to the table.

And only just in time! She heard the double doors swing open, and a chorus of chattering voices as the ladies took their seats. She switched on the recording app on her mobile and crossed her fingers.





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