



“Well done, Cornelius. This photo is significant proof that Miss Wand is operating as Miss Dawn at St Augustine’s School,” confirmed Mr Broom. “WAND, you might have noticed, is an anagram for DAWN which I very much doubt is coincidental. What we now need to ascertain is that Miss Vile is in fact the witch Esmeralda Evil.”

“Esmeralda Evil? But isn’t she...?” Amber could hardly bring herself to say the words.

“Yes! It saddens me to say this, but she is the witch who killed your mother,” he sadly clarified for her.

Amber could hardly believe what she was hearing: the woman who was at present terrorising St Augustine’s School could be the very same woman who was responsible for terminating her mother’s life. The thought horrified her.

“Let’s summarise the evidence we have got so far,” continued Mr Broom. “First, Miss Wand idolised Esmeralda Evil, so it is quite likely that she went to work for her. “Second,” he said, turning to Grandad, “you have testified that the voice on the other end of the phone was Esmeralda Evil. Third, VILE is yet another anagram.”

“For EVIL. I should have realised that!” groaned Mr Crumb.

“However, none of this is admissible evidence. We still need to prove beyond all doubt that she is one and the same woman.”

“How?” asked Mr Crumb.

“Proof isn’t going to just materialise before our eyes! We need to carry out some investigations of our own. I propose we pay Miss Vile a visit. I don’t suppose anybody knows where she lives?”

“I have her address. I followed her home once,” answered Mr Crumb.

“Excellent work,” Mr Broom said. “Possibly I have been too quick to criticise you in the past. I apologise for my manner towards you earlier.”

“Can I come with you?” asked Amber. “I don’t want to pressurise you, but this will mean a lot to me. I owe it to my mother.”

Mr Broom considered her request for a moment and then nodded his agreement. “Yes, of course. But you must promise to do exactly as I tell you. I don’t want to overdramatise the situation or frighten you, but Esmeralda specialises in the most evil practices. Unless I am mistaken we will all be in considerable danger.” He went back into the hall where he had left his broomstick. “Fasten your seatbelts,” he said climbing on. “We’re in for a rocky ride.”





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