



They landed in a field behind the house which Mr Crumb said he saw Miss Vile enter, the day he followed her back from school. Three people on one broomstick was a bit of a squeeze, and Amber was pleased to get off. At any other time, she would have found it an exhilarating experience flying above those rooftops, but on this particular night she had more important things on her mind. They crept silently up to the high hedge surrounding the large garden. Mr Broom found a small gap in the hedge and, one by one, they attempted to squeeze through. Amber managed it easily, but both men almost got stuck. Then they crawled on their hands and knees towards the house. Huge nettles grew everywhere and they got stung several times. They also suffered many bites as they made their way across the ant-infested lawn before reaching the comparative safety of a wall. They cautiously peered over the top of the wall. They could make out a few dark shapes moving across a candlelit room in the house. Some croaky voices and numerous cackles could be heard through an open window. Miss Vile was holding some sort of gathering! Mr Broom signalled for the other two to stay hidden while he sneaked closer to better overhear the conversation inside the house.

"Most children don't eat school meals." Mr Broom recognised that voice: it was Miss Wand. "There are possibly only fifty children in the whole school who have school meals. Will that be enough?"

"That is too few children. We must have at least a hundred to make our plan worthwhile." He recognised that voice as well: it was Esmeralda Evil. Grandad had been right all along! Mr Broom had heard enough and began creeping back to the wall. Then, unexpectedly, the patio doors slid ajar and a cat appeared in the opening. "Out you go, Lucifer darling," cooed Miss Vile. On seeing Mr Broom, Lucifer immediately shrieked "Intruder!" at the top of his cat voice. Mr Broom froze. The patio doors suddenly opened wide and Amber saw that woman (the one she knew as Miss Vile) standing in the doorway. Amber gasped! Miss Vile would surely see Mr Broom straightaway! He had no chance of escape! But she was forgetting that Mr Broom was a wizard of many years' experience. Before Miss Vile could see him, he had quickly turned himself into a mouse. Miss Vile laughed when she saw what Lucifer had shouted at. "Well, what are you waiting for?" she asked the cat. "Kill it!" Mr Broom squeaked in fright and quickly scurried off with a killer cat in hot pursuit. "It was just a field mouse," Amber heard Miss Vile explaining to her guests. "Later this evening he will bring a present of a dead mouse into the house." She closed the door and a shiver went down Amber's spine.



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- 8 It nearly had hold of the mouse many times.
- 9 Most mice would have given up by now.
- 10 But this mouse was no ordinary mouse.
- 11 Each time the cat caught up, the mouse sped away.
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