



When they peered through the windows of the hall door, they saw rows of bewildered children sitting at the tables. Instead of the normal canteen system, they were being served by the teachers and the dinner ladies. The staff had steaming bowls of tomato soup in their hands.

"Because the Year 6 children did so well in their SATs, we have a treat for you," Miss Vile was saying. "All children can enjoy a free school meal."

Amber knew that the majority of the children would not want the soup, but she couldn't risk even one child eating it. "Get in there and mingle," she said to AJ as she pushed him through the doors. "And act just like Miss Vile would expect you to." Amber then made herself invisible and followed AJ in.

There were about twenty members of staff carrying the hot soup in their hands. Amber knew exactly what she had to do. She blanked everything else out of her mind and just concentrated on those bowls of soup. Almost at once, the bowls turned to jelly and the hot soup poured through the rubbery, wobbly containers. The women shrieked as the hot liquid went down their fronts. "Success!" thought Amber. "I didn't realise it would be this easy!"

Miss Vile remained unnervingly calm as chaos broke out around her. "No matter!" she said in a cool manner. "Don't fuss. Just mop it up!" The ladies did as they were ordered as Miss Vile strode across the hall towards Amber. Only, of course, Miss Vile wouldn't have been able to see her because Amber was invisible to her. Or so Amber thought! But Miss Vile went straight up to her and, grabbing her by the throat, pushed her up against the wall bars. "You look surprised! Thought I couldn't see you? You forget I am a witch with over a hundred years' experience, and you, Amber Dripping, whoever you are, are just a mere novice!" Miss Vile loosened her grip around Amber's throat, and Amber felt invisible bindings around her wrists which fastened her to the bars behind. "Just thought I'd tell you," she hissed in Amber's ear. "Potion X wasn't in the soup. I put it in the ice cream!" She then ordered her special helpers, including AJ, to serve the children's treat. The poor puzzled children looked longingly at the ice cream. Amber struggled against the invisible shackles, but she was being held by a strong magic. She felt her own powers sapping away. She could do nothing to stop Miss Vile. But AJ gave her one last glimmer of hope as he bravely began picking up the bowls of ice cream and throwing them to the floor, warning the children not to eat it. Miss Vile looked genuinely surprised, but with a command to Lucifer (who had been watching the proceedings from the counter), the cat leapt at AJ and pinned him to the floor. The situation was hopeless! They had lost the battle against the witches!



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