

Mum got angry with me during tea. We usually have our tea on our laps in front of the TV, which I don't mind if I can watch something decent. But for some reason Mum wanted to watch the news that evening. She said it was important. There had been a big explosion in some country in the Middle East, apparently. That didn't seem like news to me – there was always some war going on there! I couldn't see how it mattered to her, so I changed the channel on the remote and started to watch *The Big Bang Theory*. The next minute, Mum was shouting at me. Joe, my big brother, snatched the remote off me and handed it back to her. He had either seen that episode before or he wanted something from her later and was trying to get in her good books. I was still fuming from losing the game earlier. Luckily, the controller hadn't actually broken (the back had just come off the battery compartment), but I was still in a foul mood. I wanted to slap him, but I thought better of it.

Instead, I got my mobile out and sent Gavin a text. Gavin's really lucky; not only does his mum allow him to play on his PlayStation all night, but she also brings his tea up to his room! I'm allowed on my PlayStation until Mum goes up to bed, but Gavin can play on his whenever he wants. He's awesome on PlayStation games because he gets to spend as much time as he wants on it. After texting Gavin, I started to play *Clash of Clans*. I had spent hours building this settlement, but when I returned to the game I discovered that somebody had destroyed it. I swore! I meant to do it in my head, but it came out of my mouth by mistake. Mum was furious and took my mobile off me, placing it in the left-hand drawer of the dresser.

"You're not getting it back until you learn to behave!" she shouted at me. I didn't argue with her. To be honest, I was disgusted with myself – it was a pretty bad word that I used in front of her – so I accepted the punishment. Besides, once she had gone to bed, I would be able to sneak downstairs and get it back. (She would have forgotten all about it by the morning.) I finished my fish fingers and mooched into the kitchen where I helped myself to the last of the ice-cream. Joe would be teed off with me when he found out I hadn't left him any, but it served him right for being such a goody-goody.

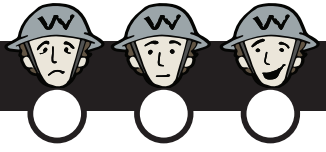
As I wandered back through the living room, Mum and Joe were still intently watching the news; a building exploded and a lot of people were screaming. I watched for a minute or two before going back up to my room for some proper entertainment. The next few games went well. I teamed up with Gavin and we won four or five in a row. I played on my PlayStation all evening except for a break to make myself some cereal and a trip to the loo. When I got tired, I began making stupid mistakes. Although Mum hadn't come upstairs to bed, I switched the PlayStation off, pulled on my pj's and got under my duvet.

Sometime later, I was woken up by a strange noise that I had never heard before!





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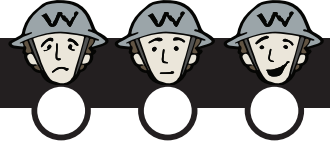
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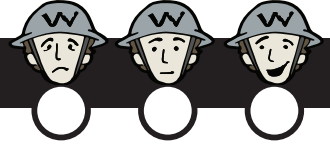
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