

With tears in my eyes, I went upstairs to pack my suitcase. I had a few choice words to say about Mrs Lloyd, I can tell you, though I wasn't sure why I was so bothered. I hadn't liked her and I wasn't planning on staying. It was just so sudden and unexpected. Down in the panelled hall Mrs Lloyd was nowhere to be seen, but Mrs Carter came out of the kitchen and handed me a piece of fruitcake which was wrapped in a paper serviette. I thanked her and then followed Mr Carter to the car. As I got in the front passenger seat, I placed one suitcase in the foot well and the other on my knees.

When we pulled out of the drive Mr Carter began to talk. "I didn't think you'd be staying long," he told me. I didn't reply and we travelled in silence for a few minutes. But there was one thing I needed to know.

"Who was the boy who used to stay there?" I finally ventured to ask.

"How do you know 'bout that?" he replied.

"I saw a photo of a boy, who looked about seven or eight, in one of the top bedrooms," I told him.

"Oh! You've been in young Edward's room, 'ave you?" He drove on in silence, before parking in a lay-by that was off the country lane. He switched off the engine and turned to me. "I don't suppose there's any harm in telling you," he said. "The Lloyds' had a son called Edward. Poorly lad he were. Contracted diphtheria and died. That were four or five years ago, but the Lloyds have never got over it. Mrs Lloyd has kept his room exactly as it were when he died. I suppose it were too much for her finding you in his room."

"Don't they have vaccines for diseases like that?" I asked.

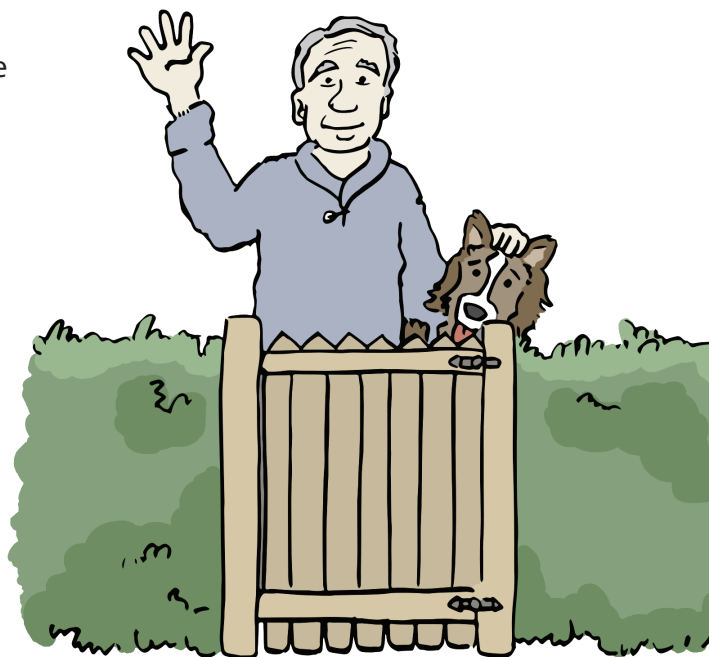
Mr Carter looked at me strangely and then said, "Not quite yet they don't, but they will after the war – I'm sure of it." Then he started up the engine and we set off again. It wasn't long before we drew up outside another fine-looking house; not as big as the Lloyd's, but still much bigger than anything that I had ever seen in Hulme. A man, who was in the garden, came out of the gate to meet us. I vaguely recognised him from the day before; I was sure he was one of the adults who had been waiting outside the village hall.

He shook my hand warmly and introduced me to a collie dog that had bounded up.

"That's Tess – she likes visitors," he said.

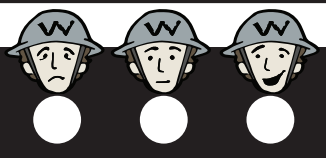
"This is Master Spooner, doctor," said Mr Carter. "Seems to know a thing or two about medicine."

"That's good. I'll look forward to chatting to him," said the man. "And he'll be good company for my other evacuee." Just as he said that, the front door opened and Kenneth, who had seen me through the window, ran down the garden path to greet me.





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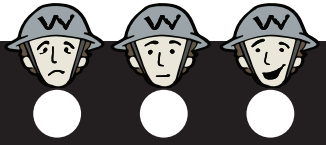
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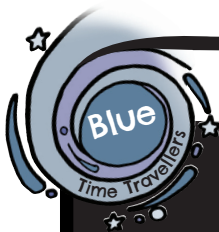
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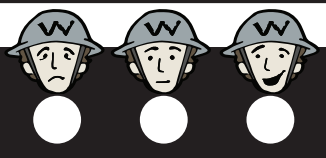
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