

For most of the rest of the day, Kenneth and I hardly spoke to each other. I was furious with him for dobbing me in, and I guess he was cross with me for making up stories. I suppose I had to be thankful that he didn't call me Drew again in front of the McKennas. After lunch we went off in different directions. During the afternoon I mooched around the house reading books, and the newspapers that Dr McKenna had finished with. I was desperate to find out more about the war and how it was going to affect me. From lunch until tea, I hardly saw Kenneth at all. I think he spent most of the time in the garden playing with Tess. By teatime we were back on nodding terms, and during tea Dr McKenna made us both laugh so much with his funny stories that we couldn't remain cross with each other for long. From teatime to bedtime we listened to the radio (they called it a wireless) and Dr McKenna played draughts with us. However, it wasn't until much later that Kenneth spoke to me properly. We were upstairs getting ready for bed. I had changed in the bathroom and when I entered the bedroom he was already in the Superman pyjamas – the ones I had swapped with him back at his house.

"Why did you make up that story, Drew? It was made up, wasn't it?" he asked. "And where has that second suitcase come from?"

"I can't tell you – not now, but I will in time," I reassured him.

He let it drop and we both got under the covers. Since being evacuated, we had both been billeted on our own, away from the other evacuees. It was good to be able to talk to someone of our own age again. We switched off the light and lay in the dark telling each other of our experiences. Within an hour or so, exhausted from talking, we both fell asleep.

After a few hours we both woke up together, totally disorientated and unsure of the time. I went to the window and drew back the curtains to see how dark it was. There was a red glow in the distance.

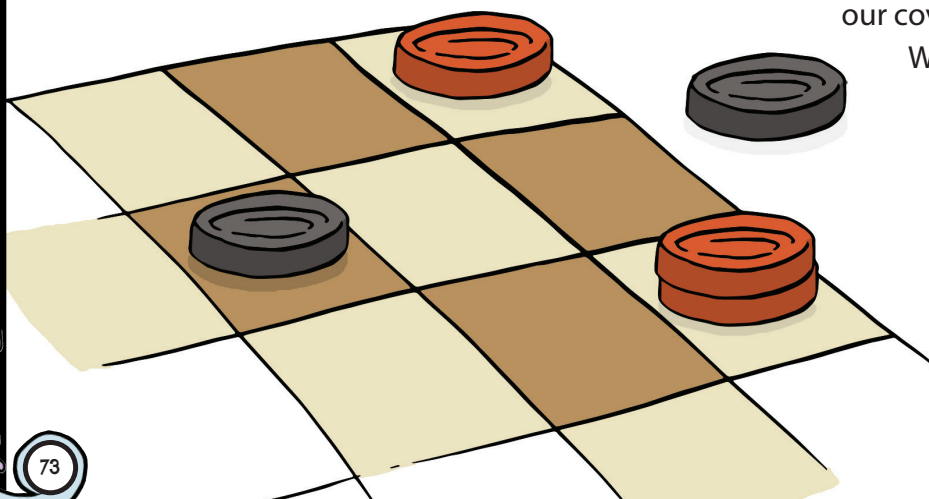
"It must be morning! I can see the sunrise. But it's not like the sunrises we get in Manchester!" I said. Kenneth got up and joined me at the window.

"That's not a sunrise, you twit!" he said. "That's the light from a thousand fires! There's another air-raid in Manchester." I realised he was right. "I hope Mum and Dad are alright. I miss my sisters, but at least I know they're safe," he said.

We must have spent somewhere between an hour or two just watching the red glow on the horizon, hardly speaking, lost in our own thoughts, thinking about our families. At about three in the morning we finally got under our covers and fell back to sleep.

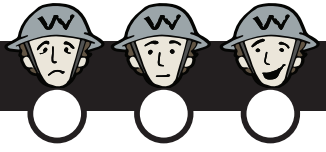
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"Come on you two," she said brightly. "On Sundays at ten o'clock we go to church."





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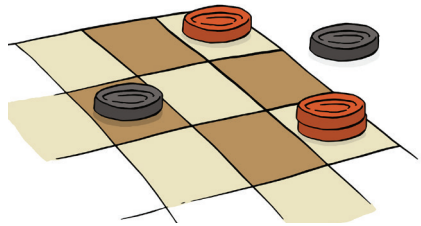
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- 9 It was after twelve o'clock before they got back home again.
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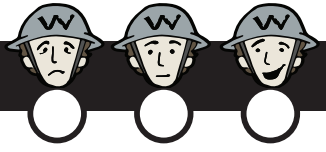
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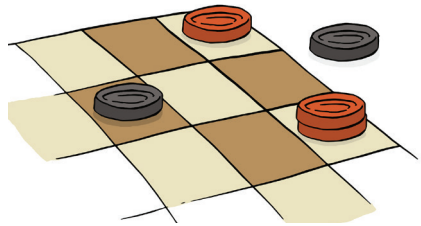
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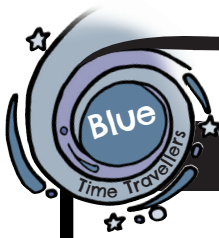
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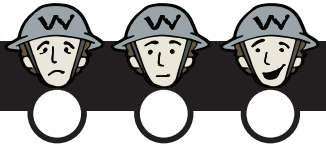
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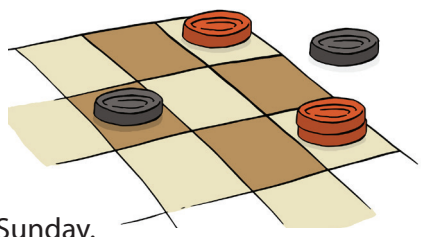
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