

Mrs McKenna made a cup of cocoa while Dr McKenna looked at the scratch on my arm. "You'll need some iodine on that, old chap," he said after examining the cut. He got his doctor's bag and removed a small brown bottle. "It'll be easier if you take your pyjama top off," he said. "It's filthy anyway." I reluctantly took off my top and stood rather self-consciously while he applied the iodine with a strip of soft lint. "There, that should do you," he said. I quickly put the dirty pyjama jacket back on.



Mrs McKenna handed me a cup of cocoa. "When you've finished your drink, I'll sort you out with something clean to put on. There's an old nightshirt you can wear." I must have looked alarmed for she quickly added, "You can borrow Grant's pyjamas, but I'm afraid they will be rather big."

"Or you can borrow my wife's silk pyjamas, but they will be rather pink."

"Don't be silly, Grant," said Mrs McKenna. "He doesn't want to wear my pink pyjamas." She turned to go. "I'll put the nightshirt on your bed. Is that alright with you, Duncan?" I mumbled my thanks and sipped the steaming hot cocoa.

"It's a funny business," Dr McKenna confided in me when we were alone, "but I heard from Mr Crookshaw that there was some tomfoolery at school where it was you who had been accused of changing your name. But he must have got it wrong, for it seems it was Kenneth all along."

"Yeah! It was Kenneth," I muttered into my cup.

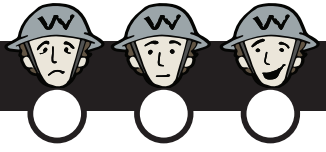
"Hmmm! I've suspected for a while that old Crookshaw's memory wasn't what it used to be." Dr McKenna seemed to wait for a response, but I just looked into my cocoa cup. "He used to teach me, you know. He wasn't a bad old stick. We couldn't get anything past him in those days. He could see right through the boys' lies." He paused for a moment. "If you've finished your cocoa, you'd better get yourself to bed."

I was relieved to be sent to bed; I didn't like the direction Dr McKenna's conversation was going. Upstairs, Mrs McKenna had laid the nightshirt on my bed. I didn't want to wear it, but my pyjama top was rather wet and muddy. I took off the dirty pyjama jacket and pulled the clean nightshirt over my head. It came down to my ankles. Then I removed the muddy trousers and the stained pyjama bottoms.

"Leave them by the door. My wife will wash them tomorrow." I hadn't realised that Dr McKenna had entered the bedroom and it startled me. "You'll be much better off in that nightshirt," he said. "You certainly don't want to be wearing ladies' pyjamas!" He looked me directly in the eyes, and I had this horrible feeling that he could read my mind. "Goodnight," he said as he turned off the light. I lay down on the bed and planned my getaway.



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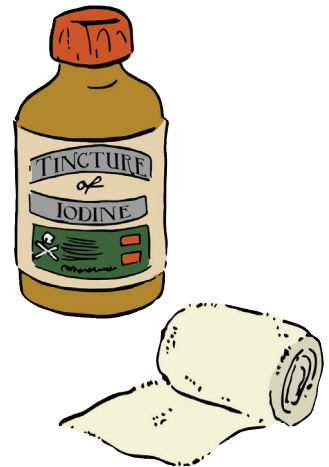
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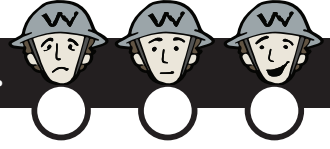


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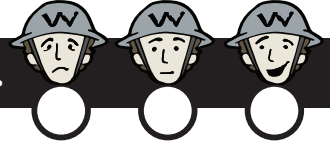


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