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# Classroom Cereal

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Story 16

Part 5 of 5

## “The Corn Muffin Incident of 1997”

### Part 5 of 5: The Incident’s End

“Hang tight, Mr. McKay. You’ll be out of here soon,” Mr. Nitman said. He had Ryan slung over his shoulder, lugging the sick seventh grader through the forest. He noticed Ryan’s hand, which was purple, swollen, and certainly infected. Mr. Nitman could here Ryan whimpering in pain. “You must be eating your Wheaties, Mr. McKay,” the teacher said. “You might weigh as much as I do. And you certainly carry a lot of change. For the video arcade, I suspect. I hear it jingleing in your pocket. That must be five pounds worth of quarters.”

When they reached the edge of the field, Mr. Nitman put Ryan down. The field was dark and the students we’re gone. Some teachers, Ryan’s dad, and a few police officers were huddled with flashlights near the softball field. Ryan thanked Mr. Nitman and slowly meandered across the field toward the adults. Mr. Nitman noticed two items on the ground where he had placed Ryan. He nearly called after him, but he stopped when he saw what they were. One was a Game Boy Pocket. The other was a gold coin.

Malina was nearly falling out of her chair. “Where are Ryan now?” she demanded when Ms. Martinez finished her story.

“Not sure,” Ms. Martinez replied. “I haven’t seen him since high school.”

“Ms. Martinez, do you trust Mr. Nitman?”

“Why do you ask?”

“There’s a treasure in the haunted forest. Cooper found a gold coin like Ryan’s a few months ago. He told Mr. Nitman about it. I know Mr. Nitman is after the treasure for himself.”

#### Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

#### Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

#### Checklist

1.
2.
3.
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5.

#### Question

If you were Malina, what would you do next?