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Classroom Cereal

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Story 29

Part 2 of 5

“Operation Romeo Treehouse”

Part 2 of 5: I Quit

“Charles, you’ve got to shriek louder than that,” said Jamie.
“The audience really has to feel our fear in this scene. Right, Malina?”

“She’s right, Charles,” Malina agreed. “From the top!”

They were in the auditorium late Wednesday night, several ours into a rehearsal of Operation Romeo Treehouse. Malina, narrator and director, stood at the front of the stage, facing her actors. Rodgers as Martin Van Buren, in a bald cap with white hair on the sides, and Cooper as Thomas, a long gray beard taped to his face, stood stage right. Jamie and Charles were stage left in their Sarah and Zeke costumes. The entire cast was clearly exhausted, but Charles looked truly peeved.

“Sarah and Zeke tiptoed into the forest, when suddenly a wild porcupines attacked!”

Jamie dramatically tossed herself to the floor, while Charles let out a half-hearted whimper.

“Come on, Charles!” Jamie shouted, breaking character. “I know you can do better than that. Ive heard you shriek in real life like a million times.”

The high schoolers chuckled. Charles’s face burned bright red. “You know what?” he said. “I quit.”

“What?” Jamie popped up. “If you quit, we won’t be able to perform for the board. Fairview Middle will get knocked down.”

“I know,” Charles replied. “And next year we’ll go to Kettle Cross while they bild a new school. I’ll get to be with my friend Raymond, who’s actually nice to me.”

As Charles toward the exit stomped, not even Rodgers or Cooper could call him back.

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.
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Question

Do you support the decision Charles makes in Part 2?