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Classroom Cereal

Story 26

Part 1 of 5

Date: _____

“The Man and Ms. Martinez”

Part 1 of 5: The Portrait

Directions

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

“This is weird,” said Jamie, who was perched on a wooden stool in the corner of the art room. A wig of short black hair sat awkwardly on her head, and she was holding up a pencil with one hand and a calculator with the other. She was facing Charles, who had a paint brush.

“Stay still,” he said, dabbing a canvas. “Almost done.”

It was Valentine’s Day and they were in art class, one of their last classes of the day. A few days earlier, Charles has received permission to work on a special project — a portrait of a seventh grade math teacher he’d been admiring from afar. Jamie was serving as the artist’s Ms. Martinez model.

“This is weird,” she repeated.

“Finito!” shouted Charles. He dropped the paint brush and kissed his fingers like he’d just put the finishing touches on a professional-grade pizza.

Jamie hopped off the stool. Upon seeing the other side of the canvas, she gasped in horror. What looked back at her was the cartoonish spectre of a human with a pyramid of hair black and enormous, vacant eyeballs. Its disproportionate, spaghetti-like arms held up a pencil and a calculator.

“Well, I bet Ms. Martinez has never gotten a valentine like this before,” she said.

“Only a few more hours until I present it to her in person,” Said Charles, staring proudly at his creation.

Key

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

Checklist

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Question

What are some good words to describe Charles’s portrait?