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Story 15

Part 5 of 5

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






“People of Fairview”

Part 5 of 5: Howard’s Story

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

Jeremy, Nancy, Kyle, and Malina all nearly jumped out of their seats. They turned to face the raspy, unfamiliar voice. They're, in the coffee shop's darkest corner, sat an old man none of them had ever saw before. He wore a plaid newsboy-style hat and a worn-in denim jacket. He stared, unblinking, at Malina as he slowly slurped his coffee.

“Fairview Middle School almost killed your son?” Malina asked bravely.

“Yes ma’am,” the old man replied. “Pleased to meet you. Name’s Howard.” Howard stood up and could shook hands with each of them.

“Howard, can you tell us what happened?” asked Malina.

“It was over twenty years ago,” Howard said, slurping his coffee once more. “They had some type of fire drill. Ryan, my son, wandered off into those woods behind the school. No one even noticed he was gone. Ended up gettin’ lost. Got poked by a porcupine. Infection nearly killed him before anybody bothered to go lookin’ for him”

“Ryan wandered off during a fire drill?” asked Jeremy.

“They had to evacuate the school because someone burned up some cornbread or somethin’,” said Howard.

If Malina had been drinking coffee, she may have choked on it. She had heard teachers mention the notorious Corn Muffin Incident of 1997, but she had know idea it nearly caused a student’s death. “People of Fairview” would have to be put on hold. Malina had a new story to investigate.

Checklist

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Questions

Do you prefer stories that end with cliffhangers or stories with clean resolutions? Why?