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Classroom Cereal

Date: _____

Story 8

Part 5 of 5

“Duck Hunt Detention”

Part 5 of 5: A Worthy Principal

Directions

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

Principal Mellon sat hunched over in front the Spice Cabinet, unfolding and refolding the note in his hands. Malina, Cooper, and Rodgers sat in a semicircle on the floor around him. Principal Mellon shoulder-dried his cheeks, just as he had done in Principal Devers’s office 32 years earlier.

“That’s how we spent three afternoons of ‘detention.’ And dozens of afternoons after that,” Mellon said. “Just me and Principal Devers, playing *Duck Hunt* and talking about life.”

Malina handed Mellon a paper towel from a rusty dispenser on the wall.

“I had lost my dad that summer,” the principal continued. By the time school started, my friends weren’t really my friends anymore either. I didn’t have anybody. Principle Devers helped me through the toughest time in my life. I’ve loved this school ever since. All I ever wanted was to be its principal, so I could help kids like Mr. Devers helped me. But I blew it.”

As they listened to their principal, Malina, Cooper, and Rodgers forgotten about Principal Mellon’s flaws. His Instagram obsession and his strange love of Squirm Worms didn’t matter. Orn’s speech, the basketball calamity, and the TST security breach didn’t matter. They saw someone who truly loved Fairview Middle School. They saw a worthy principal.

“Sir,” Cooper said. “Were going to help you keep your job.”

Key

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

Checklist

1.
2.
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5.

Questions

Do you agree with Malina, Cooper, and Rodgers?
Does Principal Mellon deserve to keep his job?