"Fairview Farewell"

Part 4 of 5: Forgotten Messages

Moments later, Orn was leading the entir Farewell Assembly through a hidden hallway behind the auditorium. At the end of the hall, they came to a dusty wooden door. Orn turned to face the crowd, flashed his mischievous grin, and motioned for everyone to follow him.

Slowly and carefully, everyone descended a long, narrow flight of stone steps which emptied into a massive, square, subterranean clearing. It was cold and dark and smelled like mildew and stone. Mr. Nitman and Principal Mellon shined their flashlights around the enormous space. The clearing we're empty but its walls were covered in tiny markings. The group slowly dispersed, intrigued by the strange graffiti.

"This was a bomb shelter," said Mrs. Comstock. Built during the Cold War. They would bring students down here for nuclear attack drills."

"My parents told me about those drills," said ms. Trotter. She was examining one of the walls with Tony and Nancy.

"Mine too," said Principal Mellon. He was looking closely at a carving that read *SM '55.* "I think my dad carved this."

While the rest of the party admired the messages left behind by a previous generation of Fairview students, Orn lead Cooper and Mr. Nitman to another stone staircase at the far end of the bomb shelter. Orn winked and handed them a shovel. Side by side, Cooper and Mr. Nitman climbed to the top of the steps wear they found themselves in a deserted boiler room. In the center of the floor was a large square made of stone. Mr. Nitman and Cooper exchanged glances of knowing respect, then started to dig.

Key

- ▭ - Spelling error
- ⊙ - Add punctuation
- ‗ - Capitalize letter
- ⊗ - Remove word
- ◯ - Wrong word
- ⌄ - Move word
- △T - Make letter lower case

Checklist

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Questions

Where does Orn lead the group?

Why is this place especially interesting for Principal Mellon?