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“So, first day back at school! Are you excited sweetie?” asked my mum.”

“I guess.”

“Are you still worried about Ruby and those ghastly girls she hangs around with?”

“Oh mum,” I burst out crying, “what if they beat me up again?”

“If they dare to pick on you just punch them in the face,” she said. Then mum burst out laughing. “Oh Olivia – your face . . .” I’ve told you so many times, just tell the teacher.”

“I have, but Miss Sheridan always sides with Ruby.”

“If they touch you, tell me and I’ll have a word with your form tutor.”

“I’ll see you after school mum,” I said as I hopped out of the car.

“See you after school honey bunny. Enjoy yourself and stay away from Ruby. Love you.”

“Love you too mum.”

I walked into English and glanced at the new seating plan. My heart started to beat at 100 miles an hour. Miss Ayeni had put me right next to Ruby Smith, only the most popular girl in my year. The downside was, she hated me and went out of her way to make my life a misery.

Ruby had long blonde hair which she always wore down, dark brown eyes and soft rosy cheeks. All the boys had a crush on her but personally, I think she looks like a Barbie Doll. She had two side-kicks sitting behind

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her: Poppy Graham and Evie Taylor. They were Ruby's ladies-in-waiting. They followed her about everywhere and when Ruby wasn't there, it was "Ruby this" and "Ruby that," as if they hadn't got an ounce of personality between them.

English passed quickly and when break came I went to my locker to get my diary and pick up my history book for the next lesson. Just as I was putting my diary in my bag, Ruby strutted past and shoved me inside my locker.

"See you never," she sang sarcastically, as she slammed the door in my face and locked it.