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CHAPTER ONE

Mrs Griffith makes an announcement

'Rhys Evans and Idris Cooper! Will you stop chattering and listen to what I am saying!' Rhys went red and Idris, usually called Giddy, pursed his lips. The boys had been whispering to each other during the last lesson of the day. It was the third of November, first day after the half term holiday. The next holiday would be Christmas.

Both mumbled, 'Sorry, miss.'

'Now, I have everyone's attention.' Mrs Griffith smiled at the children, 'As you know, Christmas is coming and we are going to produce a pantomime for the end of term.'

There was immediate, excited chatter from the children and hands shot up into the air. Rhys and Giddy looked at each other in horror. 'I'm not, no way will I ...' Giddy began.

'Nor me,' Rhys said compressing his lips.

Mrs Griffith looked at her watch, checked it against the wall clock, made a tutting sound and said, 'The bell will go shortly so I will tell you more tomorrow.' There was a chorus of disappointed groans.

Smiling she said, 'Well, I will tell you the name of the pantomime we shall be performing.' The children quickly settled down again to hear. 'I thought Cinderella would be