

Book 33

The Amazing Escape

Chapter 1

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radio, cassette, CD, iPod

headphones music grumpy rules

mincemeat gym staff listen trembling

briefcase meeting coffee arrive risky

Where is Abi? Somewhere in the house.

On Thursday, Dad left home early for a meeting with his boss. Abi was looking for her cane, but where was it? She did not find the cane, but there was Dad's iPod on the unit in the hall. Abi put on the headphones and listened to some music. It was cool! Abi was not

supposed to touch the iPod as it was Dad's.

Mum was cross when she saw what Abi was doing.

You are late for school, Abi, and you are not allowed to use Dad's iPod. Put it back at once, and go out to the car while I get the

lunch boxes.

Abi wanted to listen to some more music, so she hid the iPod in her school bag. Then she hurried out while Mum was still in the kitchen. Mum did not notice!

At school, Abi put the iPod in her

tray under the desk. Billy saw her do this and put up his hand.

What is the matter, Billy?

One of Mr Snodgrass's teeth was hurting that morning, so he was extra grumpy!

Sir, said Billy, Abi has an iPod

under her desk, and I can hear it!

Is that true, Abi, shouted Mr

Snodgrass. Abi felt the spray from his mouth

as he came near. Give it to me this minute,

you bad child! School rules do not allow children to

bring things like this into school. If you are good, which

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I do not expect, you can have it back at the end of the week. If you are not good, I shall keep the iPod until the end of term. Do you understand?

Abi sadly said that she did, and handed over Dad's iPod. She heard Billy chuckling.

She was very worried.

**Dad will make mincemeat of me, she told
Sam at break.**

**Billy is so mean to get you in this mess,
said Sam. But don't worry! I have a plan.**

It is a bit risky!

Every Thursday, the teachers have a meeting in the

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hall at the end of the school day. Abi and Sam stay for gym club on Thursdays. Sam watched where Mr Snodgrass took the iPod. It was to the staff room. As soon as the teachers go to the hall, Sam plans to creep into the staff room with Abi and get the iPod back!

When the time arrives, Abi and Sam are very scared. They creep to the staff room, and Abi puts her ear to the door to listen.

I don't think anyone is in there, whispers Abi.

She slowly opens the door, and the two children

creep into the room holding hands. Abi can feel Sam's hand trembling.

I can see the iPod! It's on the top shelf over there, says Sam excitedly.

We have to hurry, whispers Abi, as they cross the room.

Sam reaches up to take the iPod, but his elbow knocks a mug. There is a CRASH and a smell of coffee as the half full mug falls into an open briefcase on the floor!

Oh no, wails Sam. I've spilt lots of coffee in Mr Snodgrass's briefcase!

At that minute, Abi hears hurrying footsteps approaching.

Help! Someone has heard us. What can we do? hisses Sam in terror.

The footsteps get nearer, and the children hear an angry voice. Mr Snodgrass is on his

**way, and he isn't happy! Sam starts shaking
like a leaf!**

**Where can we go? We are trapped, he
whispers.**

Not quite, replies Abi. I have a plan!

Abi says

Which people were cross with me?

Where was the staff meeting?

**Write down what you'd have done if you were me
or Sam, and then read the next chapter to find
out what we did.**