

Chapter 4

R Family & Green Walkers

coffee explain complained teachers proceed
wait three screeched speakerphone raincoats
started forth understood aimed screaming

Breaking

empty frantic calmly incident investigation
dangers grumpy overcast teaching several
checkerboard button covered playfully
mysterious difficult powerful rotating engulfed

Phrases

wiggled his ears switch locations next to the field
into a steady rain Sure enough back and forth
slightly behind her He knew it almost there

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Sudden Danger

The next day, Detective Sanchez got up before the sun. He grabbed a mug of hot coffee and left for the office. The streets were empty and the shops were still closed. Detective Sanchez liked this time of day.

At the office, Detective Sanchez sat at his desk and sipped his coffee. Suddenly, the phone rang. He jumped; the phone never rang before eight.

“Ms. Raven will be frantic about her cat Pepper,” Judy said. “What are we going to tell her?”

Detective Sanchez said calmly, “Don’t worry, Judy. I will go over to her house and explain what happened last night. I need you and Hobo to go to school and act like everything is OK. Can you do that?”

Judy complained, “Pablo, not being able to tell my teachers about the incident will make for a very long school day.”

“I understand, but it will help me a lot,” Detective Sanchez said. “I need more time to make a plan on how to proceed in this investigation. We must consider the dangers that face us.”

Judy agreed, thanked Detective Sanchez for his advice, and then hung up the phone.

Judy felt grumpy as she got ready for school. But Hobo came up to her and wiggled his ears. Judy grinned. She said, “I’m lucky to have you for a pal, Hobo.”

They left for school. The rain had stopped, but it was overcast.

The school day seemed extra long. Hobo often looked at Judy, and he could tell that she was distracted. Finally their last class was over. As they started for home, Hobo said to Judy, “Checkers! Let’s play checkers while we wait for Pablo’s call.”

Over the past year, Judy had spent time teaching Hobo how to play the game. Last month, Hobo beat Judy for the first time.

Judy said, “First one home gets to set up the checkers.”

They both dashed across the schoolyard. Hobo beat Judy to their front gate by several seconds. He quickly ran into the house and grabbed the checkerboard and a bag of checkers from the closet.

“I’m going to win the game,” he said as Judy sat next to him.

After playing three games, Judy hopped up and turned on the radio. Suddenly, there was a crack of thunder. Judy screeched and Hobo jumped.

“Gosh, I wasn’t expecting that,” Judy said.

“That was scary,” Hobo added. Just then, the phone rang. Hobo grabbed the phone and gave it to Judy.

“Judy, this is Pablo.”

“Hi, Pablo,” Judy said, as she pressed the speakerphone button.

Detective Sanchez asked, “Can you and Hobo help me tonight?”

“Yes, sir!” Hobo yelled.

Detective Sanchez chuckled. He added, “Hi, Hobo. I’m glad that you are listening. This is my plan. Tonight, we will switch locations. I will watch the area next to the field. Both of you will check on the area that I covered last night.”

Judy glanced at Hobo, who was nodding his head up and down. “We’ll be there,” she agreed.

When she had hung up the phone, Judy said to Hobo, “Let’s get ready!”

They rushed to the closet and put on their raincoats and boots. Hobo opened the front door and stuck out his hand. It had begun to drizzle. He turned to Judy and said, “Umbrellas!”

Grabbing the umbrellas, they ran outside....

