

The Long Tunnel

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Chapter 3

Sheila looked up at the tall man.

'Is Paul in?' she asked.

'Paul?' said the stranger. 'There's no one here with that name. You've made a mistake.'

The stranger slowly closed the door.

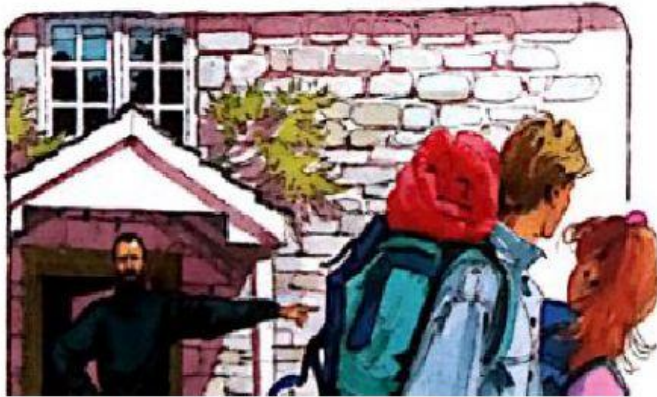
'But this cottage belongs to Paul's uncle,' said Sheila. 'We saw it in a photograph.'

'It was another cottage in your photograph,' said the man. 'It wasn't this one. This cottage is mine. I live here.'

The man was becoming angry.

'You've made a mistake,' he shouted. 'I don't like visitors here. Go away.'

The door closed with a loud bang.



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Sheila turned away from the door. She saw a piece of paper under a bush. She stopped and quickly picked up the paper.

'We've made a mistake,' said Charles. 'Paul isn't here. We've come to the wrong cottage. Let's go back to the road.'

They walked back down the lane. After a few minutes, Sheila stopped. The cottage was now behind the trees. Sheila opened the piece of paper and looked at it in surprise.

'We haven't made a mistake,' she said to Charles. 'Look at this!'

Charles took the paper and looked at it. 'It's an examination paper,' he said. 'It's our exam paper. We sat this exam in May.'



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Answer the questions

1. What did the stranger say?

2. What did Sheila find? What was it?

3. What did Charles and Sheila decide to do?

4. What did they hear?