The Wave Chapter 10-12

Word bank: go too far, mysterious , disturbed , uncomfortable, bodyguard, convince, attended

Summary

Mr. Ross is called to the principal's office. He is nervous, but to his surprise, Principal Owens is very happy about The Wave—at least at first. When Mr. Ross explains that The Wave is meant to teach students what life was like in Nazi Germany, Principal Owens worries that it is too "open ended" (78) and that it might_____However, Mr. Ross thinks that he can put a stop to The Wave whenever he wants because he is the leader. He reassures Principal Owens that The Wave won't become a problem.

Laurie goes to the publications office to work on the newspaper. When she gets there, she finds that someone has slid a_____note under the door. It is unsigned. The author of the note explains that he wants his story to be

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published in *The Grapevine*, but he doesn't want his name attached to it.

The letter-writer is a junior. He writes that a senior from Mr. Ross's class invited him to join The Wave. When the letter-writer didn't want to join, the senior threatened that the letter-writer would lose all his friends if he didn't join. He also said that if the letter-writer didn't join soon, it might be too late. Laurie is_____by the note.

Mr. Ross sees Brad and Eric handing out pamphlets in the hall. The pamphlets promise to help students "learn all about The Wave" (82). The campus is covered with posters and banners advertising for the upcoming Wave rally. Suddenly, Mr. Ross notices that Robert is following him. Robert asks Mr. Ross if he can be his bodyguard. "You're the leader, Mr. Ross," Robert says. "I can't let anything happen to you" (83).

Mr. Ross feels _____with the request. However, he is impressed by the change that has come over Robert, who used to be shy and unhappy. To avoid hurting Robert's

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feelings, Mr. Ross agrees that the student can be his_____. He reflects on the fact that the students seem to think that Mr. Ross has ordered them to do all these things––to hand out pamphlets, to put up posters, to turn the pep rally into a Wave rally. However, he never gave these orders; the students seem to have made them up themselves.

Meanwhile, Laurie hears a fight in the Quad. The brawl is between Brian and his rival Deutsch. Principal Owens breaks up the fight and drags Brian to his office. As he leaves, Brian yells The Wave slogans. Laurie wonders if the fight is about The Wave, but David explains to her that the boys have been rivals for a long time. David adds that Deutsch is one of the few students who has not joined The Wave. “If he was in The Wave,” David says, “he wouldn’t be trying to steal Brian’s position. That guy’s a real detriment to the team.” (86)

Laurie suddenly decides that she does not want to attend The Wave rally. David tries to _____her to go, but she insists that people are taking The Wave too seriously. He

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accuses her of hating The Wave because under The Wave, everyone is equal—and she is no longer the most popular girl in school. They continue to fight until David breaks up with her.

Laurie skips the Wave rally and hangs out in the publications office. Her friends Carl and Eric join her. They _____the Wave rally but thought the crowd's enthusiasm was scary. Together, the three students decide to publish an issue of *The Grapevine* that is critical of The Wave. They schedule an emergency meeting at Laurie's house.

That night, Laurie cries in her room over her break-up with David. Her father comes in and asks her about The Wave. He heard from his golfing buddies that a boy was beat up for saying something critical about The Wave. Mr. Saunders speculates that the incident might also have been because the victim was Jewish. Laurie is shocked.

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