

The Unfinished Tale

*(You have to fill in the missing parts of this story. Remember – you're **not allowed** to use any more speech!)*

James was standing outside Mark's house. He threw a stone up at Mark's window. After a second Mark appeared at the window.

"Hello," called James. "Are you coming out to play?"

"Wait a minute..." replied Mark.

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"Why did you do that?" asked James.

"I don't want my mum to know I'm going out," said Mark. "I'm grounded after what happened to us yesterday. She says I can't go out until I've learnt how dangerous it was."

"Let's go back there," said James.

"But we can't..." argued Mark.

"Yes we can," said James. "Your mum won't know."

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"They've boarded it all up," said Mark. "There's no way in."

"What's that there?" asked James.

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"It doesn't look too safe," said Mark.

"I reckon it'd support our weight," replied James.

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"Oh no!" cried Mark. "It's breaking!"

"Here grab my hand!" yelled James.

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"Are you alright?" asked James.

"I think so," said Mark. "At least we're inside."

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"I don't like the sound of that," said Mark.

"It was nothing," said James. "Let's see what's down here."

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"I've never seen anything like this before!" said Mark.

"Me neither," said James. "I..... arrgh!"

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“James? James? Are you alright?” shouted Mark.

“Just about,” said James faintly.

“I’ll go and get help,” said Mark.

“No!” replied James firmly.

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“Which way should I go?” thought Mark. “This way I suppose.”

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“I’ll need something to open it with,” thought Mark.

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“Help! Can anybody hear me!” yelled Mark.

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“Who’s there?” said a voice. “Is that you Mark?”

“Dad!” yelled Mark. “I’m in here!”

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“How did you get in here?” asked Dad. “No. Don’t answer. I can guess.”

“We’ve got to go and help James,” said Mark.

“James?” said Dad. “So he’s the one getting you in trouble is he? Where is he?”

“I’ll show you,” said Mark.

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“Is that you, Mark?” called James.

“Yes. I’ve brought my dad to help,” replied Mark.

“How did this happen?” said Dad. “No. Don’t answer that either.”

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“Come on, Mark,” said Dad. “You’ll have to help me.”

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“Right,” said Dad. “That’s that done. Now all we have to do is get you home.”

“My mum won’t be pleased when she hears what I’ve been up to,” said James.

“I wouldn’t worry about that too much. At least you’re safe and you’ve learnt your lesson,” said Dad. “You should worry about what my wife is going to say to Mark!”