

A Key and a Puzzle

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Last year, when it was the first day of the New Year holiday, Mum told me to clean my room and tidy up the attic. "I will wash the bathroom and Dad will clean the windows," Mum said. "Now, let's get started!"

I put my stationery items in the pencil box and placed my books on the shelf. I also emptied the rubbish under the desk and put the newspapers into the recycling bin. After an hour, I had finally tidied up my desk.

Next, I headed to the stairs to go to the attic. There was a lot of dust and dirt in the attic which turned my white pants black and made me cough a lot. There were many boxes storing Mum and Dad's things. I opened the boxes and started throwing away useless things. Suddenly, I saw a box which was wrapped in colourful paper. It looked sharp and beautiful. I tore the paper off and opened the box. I saw a jigsaw puzzle inside the box. It was nearly finished except one piece of the puzzle was missing. There was also a map inside the box.

I looked at the map for a moment and then realized that I was looking at a map of our community. I recognized the river outside my home and the abandoned cinema nearby. The route on the map led me to the big tree beside the river. I dug into the ground below the tree but found nothing. I then looked into a hole in the tree and found a note. On it was written 'Ceiling of class 4B'.

I searched for the nearest school to my home. When I found it, I went to classroom 4B and looked at the ceiling. I saw the word 'TV' written on the ceiling, so I went to the TV. I found a key stuck to the back of the TV. I took the key and rushed to the abandoned cinema. I turned the key and unlocked the door. To my horror, I saw a man lying on the floor. He was stabbed in the back and was still holding a key and a piece of a puzzle.

I called the police, but the man was already dead. The key is being kept in my drawer, but I still don't know which lock it belongs to.