

## NEW GIRL AT THE SCHOOL, THE

### I AM ERIC

I'm Eric. I'm a student of middle school. I'm fourteen and I like playing sports and playing videogame. I put glasses on my face because of that.

This story happen in my school and it is very mysterious.

### NEW GIRL

In September 10th, a school started. Few new teachers came and new students came. Caro is one of the students like that.

"My name is Caroline. My father is science teacher. He came to this school in September first. Well, I don't like anything and I like anything. Thank you." Caro said that at first homeroom.

"She is seemed wonder. Do you think so?" Dave, my best friend, said to me from my left. Dave has good brain and he is good at math and science. He always thinks more than me. "I think so, too. She is wonder." I reply.

When I replied and turned my head at front, I saw Caro comes to me. Her seat is my right.

First class is math and second is P.E.

And third crass is...science. We are in the science room.

"Hello! Nice meet you! My name is Robert.

"I'm a new teacher of this school. I teach science and I think the world which people can make all things will come in the future. I hope it come in my life. Do you like science? I'll try you are all enjoy this science class."

He said the first science class is experiment.

I and Dave made a group. We need one more person.

I look around and find Caro is alone. It is not special, I think. She didn't talk anyone in my class.

I look for other person and want to forget that. But Dave said to Caro," Caro! Let's experiment with us!"

I didn't understand why he said that, but he said.

So I, Dave and Caro started experiment together.

After science class, Robert, a science teacher said to us.

"Thank you for doing experiment with Caro. She can't make friends well."

"Oh, I understand." I said. Maybe it is cause of she seemed wonder.

"And..." "What?" We asked teacher what he'll say.

"I hear that from other teachers. You are member of detective club, right?"

I was surprised he said that. I didn't said that in this story, and I want surprise you after school, when I say! I don't want to say anything.

"Yeah, that's right. But detective club has only two member, I and Eric." Said Dave.

"But...Why you said that?" Dave asked.

He said," because I want my daughter be member of your club..."

"OK. That's easy." Dave answered.

"And...Can you keep her secret?"

"You forget? We are detective. We keep a secret when you want it."

I still not want to say anything. Talk went with only Dave and Robert, teacher, now.

"She is..." teacher started to say.

"She is an android."

"What?!" I cried.

Few seconds ago I kept my mouth closed because I want to say nothing.

But people who heard a person who they know is android probably are surprised. He is special if he isn't surprised.

So be surprised is ordinary.

"Oh." Dave is seemed surprised.

Teacher continued," more accurate, her body is made by iron and her head is computer. She is a converted woman. It is more accurate."

Please wait a minute. I don't understand it well. I said again,

PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE!

"Oh...I understood. Okay, we, I and Eric and Caro are member of detective club.

"And we keep Caro's secret."

Why did you say, Dave? Please don't decide without me. I still not understand all.

It's important.

I don't understand all things. OK? Dave. Do you understand that?

But I said nothing to Dave. So he couldn't hear my word in my heart and teacher went away.

What do I do?

There is no answer.

## THINKING

After club, we talked about Caro. She didn't come to a club today.

"What do we do?"

"I want she join our club."

"Why? Why you think so?"

"She is android. So, probably she can think more than me and she is stronger than you."

We talked half hour.

Finally, I agreed him and we decided Caro can join us if she want.

I still not understand what happened.

Next day, we talked with Caro. Probably she heard us from her father or she knew everything. She don't surprised when we talked about we know and about detective club. She decided she joined us finally.

Five minute later, class started. While class, I thought.

"I can't win Caro about sports because her body is machine and Dave can't win her about brain because computer in her head.

"When we were asked people solve a problem, usually Dave thinks who made a cause and I catch him or her.

Now, we can do nothing because Caro do everything what we should do."

In same time, Dave thought in different.

"It's best for solve mystery. Probably Eric doesn't know that.

"Caro think better than me and move better than Eric. So, our club's brain and power are greater than before, two times or three times or lot.

"It helps we solved mystery."

## AT CLUB

Eric, Dave and Caro are in science room. There is Caro's father.

"We're lucky. We didn't have club room because a club didn't have more than five members and didn't have club teacher." Dave said.

"But today, Caro's father rented his science room!"

"I'm glad it, too." I said and we make smile. Caro doesn't smile.

"Excuse me." A boy went in a room when we were glad and laughed.

He is Ben.

"Why did you come here?" Dave asked.

"What was happened?"

"My homework was gone!" Ben said," I must put it on teacher's desk before seventeen o'clock."

"Please give me more information about it." I said to Ben.

"OK. It happened before school..." Ben started his story...

## BEN'S STORY AND OTHER'S

"I run to the classroom because I have to do something in the classroom. It was before club at morning.

"I put my bag on my desk and put homework into my desk. I put my bag on my shoulder and I run to..."

"What thing did you have to do?" Caro asked.

"Oh, I'm on day doing class work, cleaning black board and other thing." Ben replies and continues his story.

"Ah...After I put my bag, I run to a gymnasium for club. When I came back classroom, homework was gone."

Ben closed his mouth.

"OK. I think we should ask you another question. Can I ask you?" Dave said.

"Who were there in class before club in morning? Did you see some one?"

"W...Wait a minute, please."

Ben said.

"Well... There is... Jane, so there are Jane and Joe!"

"Let's asking for them. GO!" I said.

We run ten minute and we found Jane. Jane is playing tennis.

Dave calls her," Jane! We want to talk with you."

"What?" Jane came to us.

"Are you in the classroom before club in this morning?" I asked.

"Yes. I had to do my job in the classroom. But why you ask me?"

"Oh, Ben's homework is disappeared."

I said. Then, Dave hangs my arm and pull. "What!?" I cried.

"Shh... Are you stupid? Jane is one of the suspects."

"Ah... I'm sorry." I said.

"So... Did you see someone in the classroom?" Dave asked.

"Yes."

"Who?" When Jane said "Yes," I and Dave cried same.

"So, there was... no, there were three people, Adams, Watson and Joe."

"I think..." Dave said after we went away from Jane.

"Watson is not a robber."

"Why you thought like that?" Caro asked.

"Because 'Watson' is the name of Sherlock Holmes's friend."

"I can't understand what you think." Caro said.

"So, let's finding Adams!" Dave seems to be not hearing Caro's word.

"I wouldn't do that." Caro said coldly. "I'll ask Joe who was in the classroom."

Caro turned away and started walking...

"Eric! Let's go." Dave hung my arm and started walking to another way.

"D...Dave? Why did you say like that? You always say..."

I wanted to ask him, but he put his finger on his mouth and said "shh..." I closed my mouth and walked after him.

Dave stopped when we were here, our classroom. Dave said.

"You thought why I say Watson isn't a robber. Right? Yeah, I always say don't believe anyone. So now, I tell you why I said that."

"OK. But...I want to ask one more, another thing. Why did you come here? Why did you tell that only me?"

"Eric. You asked two questions."

"Oh, I didn't aware that." I said.

"That's all right. I tell you why.

"First, why I came here and wanted tell only you? It is easy. I don't want Caro heard that.

"Second, why I say Watson is not robber? Because it isn't true. I said differ from my idea, heart."

## ASKING

In same time, Caro talked with Joe.

"Who was in the classroom when you saw Ben?"

"Ah...Well, there...are...Ben, Adams, Watson and...Jane. ...But why?"

"Secret." Caro said with a smile.

After Caro went away for searching Watson, a boy said to Joe.

"Hello!" A boy is Dave.

Only Dave, without Eric. Eric is talking with Adams in another place.

Dave asked Joe, "Please tell me. What did Caro ask you and what did you answer?"

"What? Why did you tell me that? Please don't say 'It is secret!'"

"Oh, Caro said that?" Dave said, "It is interesting. Tell me more, please!"

"Did you hear...me?" Joe said.

"So, you said there were four people in the classroom, and they were Joe, Jane, Watson and Ben. Am I right?" I asked.

"OK. You're right, Eric." Adams said.

I said him good bye and walked to where Dave is.

I thought while I walked.

So, there were five people when Ben was in the classroom.

And robber is in four people, Adams, Watson, Jane and Joe.

But, who?

"Eric! What did you get?" Dave is front of Eric.

"Oh! I surprised. OK. I tell you that.

"Adams said there were five people who were Jane said." I said.

"OK."

Dave said only that and he run away. He seems to want to move quickly.

I say nothing.

I don't go his back.

Thinking is his job. I have to wait.

If I go with him, he'll make a mistake. No one can talk him when he thought deep.

I walked to science room, our club room.

And I wait, wait, and wait.

## TIME CAME NEARER AND NEARER

Ben came into detective club's room.

Clock made 16:30. Dave still not comes back.

I talked with Ben.

I said "Please tell me who were in there again?"

"Did you remember something more?"

"Yeah, I remembered. There were one more people when I was in a classroom.

"There was Watson. He talked with Joe." Ben told to me.

"Did you see Adams?"

"Well...Please give me few seconds..."

"...No, he was not there." He said.

"Oh, you don't see Adams!"

I said and started thinking.

So, there wasn't Adams. There were four people and Ben isn't a robber. So, a robber is in three people, Joe, Jane and Watson. In Ben's story, Jane did her class work. Joe and Watson talked together. Maybe, they talked about Adams and thought there was Adams.

"Did you know what they talked about? Did you hear them talk?" From my thinking, I asked Ben.

Ah...Yes. I hear their talk. Wait a minute."

Ben closed his mouth and there are quiet between few seconds.

Ben opened his mouth," I remembered. They talked about...soccer. They said,

'Who is the best in your think?' 'In our club?' 'Yeah.' 'Well...I think Adams is best!'

...I remember only that."

"Can you remember more?" I asked.

"Ah...Well, I had interest in their talk perhaps I remember." Ben said and started thinking.

"Please..."

"...So, I want to know who is best. And I hear them talk carefully. But I couldn't remember more. Sorry."

"No, no. You haven't to say that." I said.

"So, what you think, who is best of soccer?" Ben asked to me.

Clock made 16:55.

After five minutes, Ben will lose his homework...

## ALL CLEARED

"Ben!" Eric said.

"It is 16:55. After five minute, you should bring your homework to the teacher.

"But you don't have it. So, let's go to teacher's room to say sorry. What do you think?"

"You are right." Ben said.

"I'll go to teacher's room but I scared. Why don't you come with me?"

Ben asked me and I said OK.

We opened the door and started walking to teacher's room.

"Wait." We stopped by her word. We are only few meters from the room.

"Caro! " We cried.

"Why are you here?" I asked.

"Because I found who is a robber, I think."

"FOUND ROBBER?"

"Yes."

Clap.

"Great." Dave is standing by our club room's door.

"I found a robber, too."

"...Let's go in the club room." I said.

"I thought that, too..." Ben said and walked back to the room.

"Who is a robber? Please tell me!"

Ben cried when we all sit our chairs.

"I want know, too."

"OK. Caro, you said you found a robber faster than me." Dave said.

"Please tell us the answer of this problem."

"No. I don't want to say that."

"Why?" I asked.

"I said I found a robber and I think I found.

But I still not find Ben's homework."

"You don't know where my homework is!" Ben cried.

"Yes. Finding robber isn't important." Caro said.

"Why you said you found robber if you know it isn't important?" I asked.

"Because you asked me why I was here.

"I found a robber and thought I can't find more. So, I came back here because I didn't have things to do.

"It is cause of I said I found a robber." Caro said.

"Well, I see." Dave said.

"I know where homework is."

"What? Where?" Ben cried in loud.

"In teacher's room." Dave said like it is not special.

"Teacher's room!" This time, we, Ben, Caro and I, cried.

"What was happen!?" I asked.

Dave looked at my eyes, Ben's and Caro's.

He said," I thought this mystery happened like that.

"This morning, Ben came into classroom early and worked.

"After Ben went out class room, robber took out Ben's homework from his desk.

"Robber copied it. Maybe he does that during the class. Anyway, he finished his homework.

"Probably he feels sorry to Ben or he thought something. He brings his homework to teacher's room with Ben's homework.

"Teacher was not there by chance; perhaps teacher was printing a paper.

"He put homework on teacher's desk and came back classroom."

After Dave told us story, he said.

"Teacher told me Ben's homework is on teacher's desk when I asked."

"Oh, I surprised...But why you thought Ben's homework is there?" I asked.

"I felt that."

"I see." I said Dave with amazement.

"I want to tell you who is a robber now. Can I?" Dave said.

But Ben says, "No, thanks."

"Why?" Caro asked him.

"I fell not scared."

"I see..." Caro seems amazed by Ben's word.

## FOLLOWED

"Mystery is solved." Dave said.

"So, let's go own home. Now is over 16 o'clock. Gate will close after thirty minute."

Dave was right. We went out thorough gate and walked to own home.

Ben went street to north, Caro went south and we, Dave and I, went west.

But Dave stopped when we walked about one hundred meters from gate.

"Why did you stop?" I asked.

"Shh...Follow me." Dave said and we came back to the gate.



"Let's go south way." Dave said.

"South? It is the way which Caro went!" We talked by small, low voice.

"Yes. We'll follow Caro."

Dave said simply without cause...

## ANSWER

"Why do we follow Caro?" I asked. "You should say me reason of it."

What happen when we follow her? I don't have any idea.

"I have a little question in my mind." Dave answered.

"Just it. ...Do you want to know who robber is?" Dave changed the topic.

You didn't say answer of my question much.

But I want to know who robber is.

"Yeah, I want." I said.

"Ok." Dave said with a smile and started talking.

"First, I said answer. The robber is...Adams"

"Adams He wasn't classroom when Ben did his work. I heard!"

"That is right. But that means Adams wasn't there when Ben was there. Adams came into a classroom after Ben went out classroom. OK?"

"Wow...I didn't have that idea." I cried.

And asked, "But why you thought Adams is a robber? There were Jane, Joe and Watson, too."

"It is simple, very simple." Dave answered.

"I said you I went teacher's room and I found Ben's homework."

"Yeah, I heard."

"OK. ...When I found Ben's in teacher's room, I heard teacher who put their homework.

"Teacher told me Joe and Watson still not put theirs. So, Joe and Watson isn't a robber.

"It is difficult to think that a robber didn't finish homework if a robber put Ben's on teacher's desk."

Oh, I see.

Dave continued, "Next, I asked teacher when they put.

"From teacher's story, Jane put hers in morning and teacher saw her. At noon, teacher came back the room and found Ben's and Adams's.

"Usually, people thought suspicious when person came again with no reason. A robber doesn't like that.

"If Jane is a robber, she went teacher's room twice. So, she isn't a robber, I thought. Right?"

"...Do you want to say "when remove the person who isn't a criminal, last one is criminal?" I asked.

"Yeah, you're right." Dave said with a smile.

When I noticed, we came the house which Caro lives.

"I'm home."

Caro went into a house.

"That seems Caro's house." Dave said.

"Yeah. But what did we do now?"

"We'll see what she does in her house, of course."

I'm surprised what Dave said.

"So, let's go under the window." Dave started walking to the window.

I decided I do what Dave said. Dave always does better than me.

KNOCK, KNOCK

Few seconds ago, we hide under the window.

We looked inside through the window.

Caro and her father talked like that;

"Did you enjoy the school?" Caro's father said.

"Yes, It's interesting. Doing like detective is the most interesting in things what I did today."

Caro said with big smile.

Knock, knock.

Someone knocked a front door. Someone came.

I turned my head toward the door.

...There is Dave. I run to him and shout in small, low voice.

"What's doing!? Are we only watching and hearing?"

"No." Dave said at simply.

"Hello. ...Oh, Dave. What happened?"

The door was opened and I saw Robert, Caro's father's face. He seems surprising at we came.

"I'll solve mystery in your house, teacher." Dave said.

"Mystery? You said at mystery of stolen homework?" Robert asked.

"No." Dave said in low voice, "It is important than that."

"What? I don't hear about that!" I cried. But Dave went into Robert's house.

"Oh, you are here, too. Eric." Robert said.

We all came into the house.

"What will you say about?" I asked

"Please don't say anything." Dave looked my eyes and said.

"I'll tell you soon. ...So, teacher. I want to ask you one question. Can I?"

"OK. What?" Robert answered.

"I think Caro isn't an android. You said me a joke! Am I right?" Dave said high voice.  
"What? Caro isn't an android? Did you say that?"  
"Eric." Dave said, "Please be quiet. I asked to teacher. OK?"  
"O...OK." Dave seemed little angry.  
"Well...Why you thought like that?" Robert said.  
He seemed worried.  
Dave said, "OK. I tell you reason..."

## SOLVE, REASON

"You said Caro's head is machine when you told us first, teacher."  
Only Dave is speaking. "And her body is machine, you told. And she solved mystery with her mechanic brain, of course.  
"Please tell me robber's name, Caro. Only robber's name. Without reason. OK?"  
"OK." Caro answered. "The robber is Adams."  
"Dave! She solved a mystery!" I cried.  
But Dave reacted differ.  
"Thank you, Caro." Dave said. "But I think I am right. You aren't an android. You told me that."  
"Why?" Caro's father said with surprise face.  
I was surprised, too."  
"Because It is impossible she solve this mystery with her mechanical head."  
I didn't understand Dave's word.  
"I told Eric I think Adams is robber while we walked after Caro. Now, Caro said same name.  
"So It seems right answer, but we should not believe reason of that."  
Dave said that and sit down on the sofa.  
Caro and her father, Robert, already sit on their chairs. Dave sit my left.  
Few seconds, nobody opened their mouth.  
Suddenly, Dave broke quiet.  
"I must say more simply, I thought.  
"First, why I thought Adams is robber? Eric."  
"Me?" I said, "Ah...So you said he is robber because you thought other person aren't robber."  
"Thanks, Eric." Dave said, "That's right.  
"And cause of other person isn't robber is..."  
Suddenly, Dave closed his mouth.  
He can continue but he didn't. It means "Continue, Eric!"  
He sometimes do thing like that. He loved this exchange.  
He doesn't do that when I can't continue, of course.

"Because you thought robber finished homework and put his and Ben's homeworks on teacher's desk at same time." I continued.

"Ohh...That is difficult for person don't know thing well...But OK. Yes, you're right.

"Probably cause which Caro thought was came from only when they put them homework. Am I right?"

"You are clever." Caro answered.

"No, I'm not." Dave said.

"I followed you and asked people "What thing did Caro ask?" They told me your question."

"Yeah. You went away from me when Caro went away because you wanted to follow Caro!" I cried.

"Yes. But Caro. You said false or your head didn't make of machine."

"Why? Please tell me why you thought like that." Caro said with low voice.

"Did you know why I said that?" Dave said with high voice, "So, I'll ask you a question.

"Why you thought they aren't liar? How did you know they said true thing?

"You didn't go to the teacher's room, I know. And you didn't ask them "Did you see other homework when you put yours? WHY YOU THOUGHT THEY AREN'T LIAR?"

Caro doesn't answer.

"OK. That's end."

Science teacher, Caro's father, Robert, said, "If her head is computer, she surely think they're liar or not."

"You're right, teacher."

Dave said. "She asked only five people and asked them only when they put them homework.

"I left from Caro when she asked five people. So I don't know where she went, but..."

"But I didn't know where Ben's homework is. That means I didn't went to teacher's room and didn't asked teacher about homework. Am I right?" Caro said.

"No, I didn't think so deep." Dave said jokingly, "Intuition told me. Only that."

"Ha-ha, ha..." Suddenly teacher laughed.

"You are great, Dave." Teacher said, "I told this joke when I came new school. But I didn't think you found out so soon." He still laughed little.

"We, I, Eric and Caro are detective. Eric, do you think that?"

Dave said and looked at me.

"I think so, too." I answered and asked, "Do you think, Caro?"

"You are great and right, I think."

Caro said with a smile, "You're not angry."

"Why we got angry? We enjoy that game!" Dave said.

"Me, too." I and Caro said in same time.

And we all laughed...with a big smile.