

Flash Harriet is a young detective, and with her pet tarantula, Gus, she is ready for anything.

Let's see what they find out about Swag Hall.

3 Detectives at work



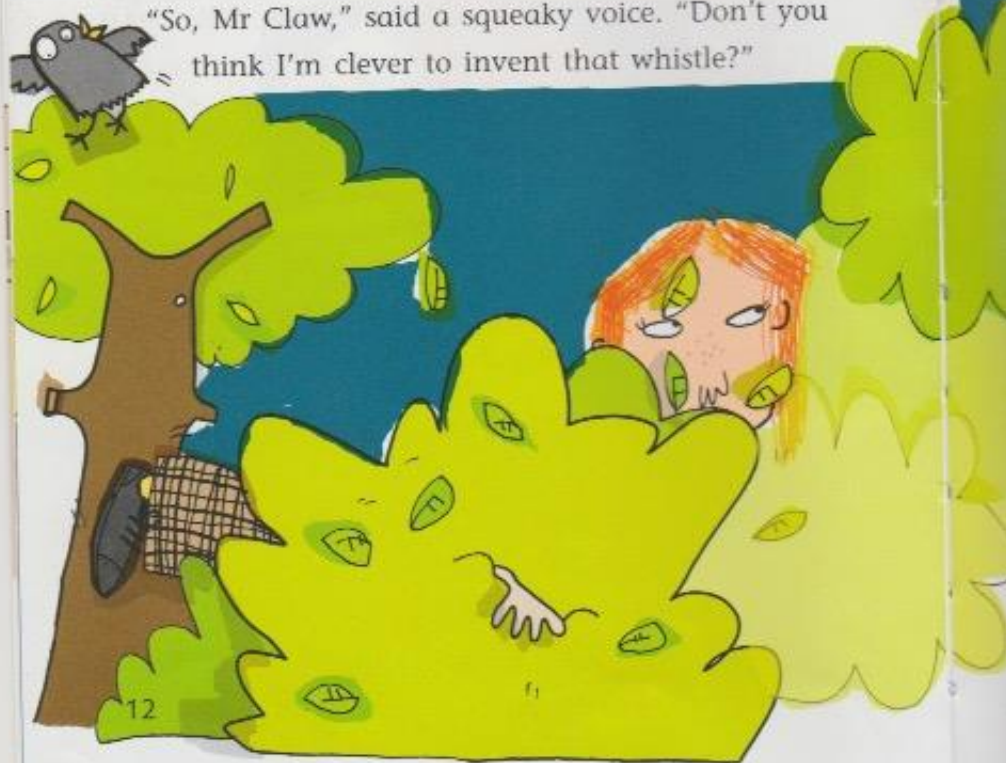
Later that night, Flash Harriet and Uncle Proudlock were peering through the windows of Swag Hall at an empty white room with a table in the middle.

A bright lamp hung from the ceiling and they could see a most odd-looking whistle on the table. There was a card beside it, which said: Danger. Do not touch. This whistle belongs to Dippy Herbert, Famous Inventor.

Flash Harriet shivered. There was something really creepy about the whistle. It looked a bit like a curly seashell, a bit like a trumpet, and a bit like a whistle with an old-fashioned magnet fixed to the end.

Suddenly there was the sound of voices, and Uncle Proudlock and Flash Harriet quickly hid in the bushes.

"So, Mr Claw," said a squeaky voice. "Don't you think I'm clever to invent that whistle?"





In the light of the moon, Flash Harriet could see a little man with big glasses.

He was standing next to a thin man who had long straggly hair and a hooked nose. That must be Mr Claw. Flash Harriet shivered again, because the thin man had the nastiest face she had ever seen.

"Oh, shut your mouth, Dippy Herbert, and stop showing off," snapped a woman in overalls and a hard hat. "We paid you, didn't we?"

"Shut your mouth yourself, Tight-Fisted Annie," snarled the thin man called Mr Claw. He bent towards her and said in a low voice, "You're here to *steal*, not to think, remember."

"Of course we think you're clever, Dippy," said Mr Claw, smoothly. He turned back to the little inventor. "And by midnight tonight, you will be famous all over the world."

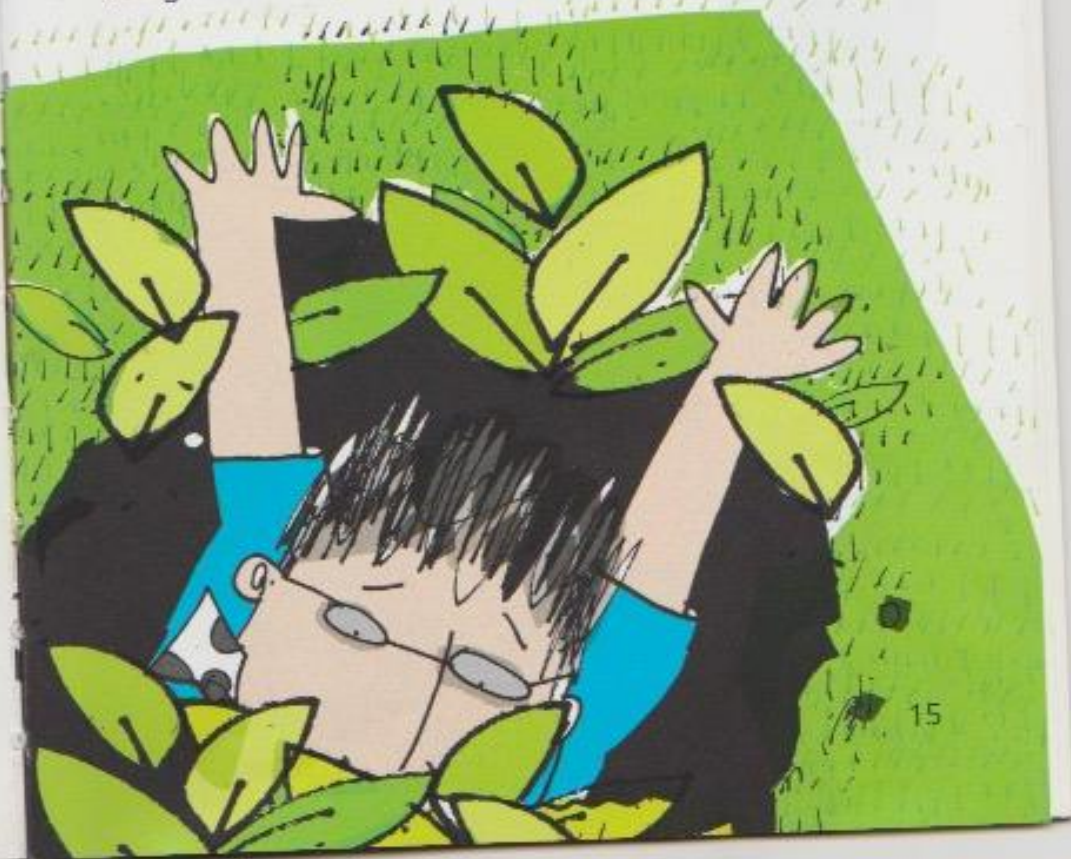


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Flash Harriet looked at her watch. Midnight was only an hour away! She looked up at Uncle Proudlock and he nodded as if he was reading her mind. It was time for some fast detective work. The two of them began to creep silently over the grass towards the edge of the lake.

Then suddenly something terrible happened!

Uncle Proudlock tumbled down a deep hole in the ground!



Chapter Three

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Summarise



V What does the word 'straggly' mean?

I How did Flash Harriet feel when she saw Mr Claw?
How do you know?

P What do you think will happen next?

E Find a phrase that shows Harriet and Uncle Proudlock did not want to be seen.

R What had been invented?

S Tell me the 3 main things that have happened in this chapter.

I hope you are enjoying the story so far.

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Thank you Year 3,
Mrs Yeandle