

Lloyd We want a break from school, that's all. We're not going to talk about it.

Dinah I'll find out for myself tomorrow then.

Mrs Hunter enters.

Mrs Hunter I do hope you've all been having a nice little chat. I'll show you up to your room now, Dinah.

Dinah and Mrs Hunter exit.

Lloyd What did I say she'd be like? *[Contemptuous]* Asking about school!

Harvey We ought to warn her.

Lloyd She'll be just like all the rest. A spy in our own house!

Harvey Still, it's only fair to tell her.

Lloyd She'll find out soon enough what school's like. She'll find out soon enough.

Lloyd and Harvey exit.

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SCENE 4

The school playground. The pupils enter and march across the stage with military precision. They form three perfect circles.

First Circle *[Chanting]* Once 21 is 21, two 21s are 42, three 21s are 63 ...

They continue chanting in mime as we hear the Second Circle.

Second Circle William the First 1066 to 1087, William the Second 1087 to 1100, Henry the First 1100 to 1135 ...

They continue chanting in mime as we hear the Third Circle.

Third Circle The capital of France is Paris, the capital of Spain is Madrid, the capital of Japan is Tokyo ...

All three Circles continue chanting in mime as Dinah, Lloyd, and Harvey enter.



Harvey I hope I'm not too late to give out the registers.

Dinah Why don't you run?

Lloyd Huh! No one runs at this school ... If you go in now, Harvey, you might just make it.

Harvey exits.

Dinah I don't understand why you're so worried about registers.

Lloyd You soon will.

Ian enters.

Ian Why's Harvey going to the office?