

-Buddy Club Story 1: Listen Up!-

“Rudolph Gordon Middle. A school with 456 students in it. Or there was. Rudolph Gordon Middle school had a secret, and the secret wasn’t exposed by the police, but a group of students. The school was then closed due to health violations. What do you think? Do you think it’s a good headline for the paper?” A news reporter asked his friend working there too. “No one is going to believe that story, you have to make it convincing.” The friend stated. “You don’t believe me? Well it’s true. It may be an outdated topic, but let me tell you something, I went to that school.” The news reporter said. “That’s far-fetched. There’s no way. Why would it be closed?” The friend asked. “It was closed because there was something in the basement of the school that shouldn’t have been there.” The news reporter responded. “You can’t just leave me hanging! Tell me what was down there!” The friend stated excitedly. “If you want to know, you’re going to have to understand it all. It all began at the beginning of a new school year, when a new student named Lucas enrolled at the school.” The news reporter started. “How long is this going to take?” The friend asked. “A while, so are you sure you want to hear it?” The news reporter asked. “Yes, I’m ready. Tell me.” The friend answered. “Alright, listen up, it all began when Lucas got out of the car and walked into first period...”

-Buddy Club Story 2: First Friend-

“Hello class, my name is Mr Ricardo, and I am your 1st period teacher. This class is about catching up on late work, but since it is the beginning of the year, we will learn names.” Mr Ricardo said in his first

period class. One student then said, "Hey, I was wondering why we would have to do that if we all knew each other from last year." "Well, I'm new, and we have one new student here too. Lucas right?" Mr Ricardo asked, looking Lucas right into the eyes. "Yes, I'm Lucas." Lucas said, looking at the floor awkwardly. "Ok, what's your name?" Mr Ricardo asked, looking at the student that spoke earlier. "The name's Leo. I guess you're right, we might know each other, but you don't." Leo said as he sat down. "Alright, before we start, I need a student to bring down attendance." Mr Ricardo announced. "I'll go." Leo said. "Perfect, bring Lucas with you. Get him familiar with the school." Mr Ricardo added. "Ok, I'll go. Come on Lucas, let's go." Leo said, getting out of his seat, and taking the attendance papers from Mr Ricardo. Lucas then followed Leo down the halls of their school, to the main office, when Leo tensed. "What is it?" Lucas asked. "I just hope that a certain teacher isn't still teaching that's all." Leo said, trying to change the subject. When the two students finally got to the office, Leo gave the teacher the paper and said to Lucas, "This is where the office is, but you probably now already knew that." Leo then started walking out of the office, Lucas following suit. They kept walking until a voice called from down the hall behind them. Leo then tensed up immediately. "Is that Stacy's younger brother I see?" A voice said to Leo. Lucas and Leo then turned around to see a teacher smiling at them. "Hello Mr Hill. We were just getting to our classroom." Leo said. "Oh, hang on, before you go, I was wondering how Stacy is doing." Mr Hill said, still smiling at them. "You know how she's doing, you know because you put her in jail!"

-Buddy Club Story 3: Friend Zone-

Lucas stood there speechless. What was the connection between Leo and this random teacher?! “Hold on Leoow, it’s all in good fun. I know she’s doing well, she was always a good kid, and I didn’t put her in jail, she was doing bad stuff at this school.” Mr Hill protested. “Yeah right, c’mon Lucas, me and my friend have to go back to class.” Leo said, grabbing Lucas and pulling him back to the classroom, leaving Mr Hill, standing there. “Wait, how do you know all this happened!? Was this Lucas person your friend?” The news reporter’s friend butted into the story. “You could say that, well back to the story.” The news reporter started. The next period, Lucas had math. In that class, he saw Leo again, talking with three other people. Lucas then gathered the courage to go over and talk to them. “Hi Lucas. Guys, this is that friend I was talking about.” Leo said to the other people around him. “Class! Class! Let’s all get to our seats.” The teacher announced. “Students, welcome to my class, I’m Ms. Modrak, and I will be your math teacher this year.” Lucas then sat down in an empty seat, but turned his head when he heard someone cough right next to him. “Ahem, that’s my seat.” It was a girl. “You’re new, aren’t you? The name’s Mica.” Lucas quickly got out of the seat and then said, “Sorry, I am new, how did you know that?” “I have my ways.” Mica said, looking at another empty seat. “That one’s empty. Oh, and you’re welcome.” Mica added. “Thanks.” Lucas said, as he sat down in the seat. Lucas then watched Ms Modrak start class, and listened well. He listened well until he heard the bell ring. “The class was already over?” Lucas thought to himself. Lucas then started walking to the door, when he heard Leo’s voice. “Psst, Lucas, come over here.” Lucas then listened and walked over to where Leo and three other students were. “These are my friends, there’s Marcus,” Leo said as he pointed to a tall boy with glasses. “So your name’s Lucas. Nice to meet you.” Marcus said.

“And here is James.” Leo added, pointing towards another student. “So you’re the one that Leo told me about.” James said. “And lastly is Kaleb.” Leo pointed to a tall big student that looked kind of intimidating. “Hey, what’s up?” Kaleb said. “Nothing much, but Leo, I was wanting to ask you something, what was it that happened between you and that teacher Mr Hill?” Lucas asked. Leo looked away. “Wait, you don’t know about Mr Hill? Leo didn’t tell you?” James asked. “No.” Lucas responded. “Mr Hill isn’t some ordinary teacher, he is the vice principal.” Marcus stated. “And between you and us, he is out for Leo.”

-Buddy Club Story 4: Secrets At The School-

“What do you mean?” Lucas asked, puzzled. “We mean that we have some information about this school Mr Hill doesn’t want us to have. It was Leo’s sister that started this investigation. Later on, she almost cracked it, but was arrested for alleged drugs, even though she didn’t have anything to do with that.” Kaleb said. “What did she almost crack?” Lucas asked. James then leaned closer, and whispered, “We don’t know, but there was a teacher that was working with Leo’s sister, and is going to mail Leo what Leo’s sister almost found. The only thing is, the teacher isn’t revealing themselves, only by the name, The Fountain Inn Vase, and we don’t know when he will get it, one day Leo just found a note in his backpack saying all this.” James whispered. Lucas was bewildered, this was a lot different than his old school. “You five, please exit the classroom, you will be late for lunch.” Ms Modrak said politely. “Sorry Ms Modrak, we were just leaving.” Leo said, walking out of the classroom. “Cmon, you can sit with us at lunch.”

Marcus stated, walking out of the classroom, along with Kaleb and James. The rest of the day was pretty easy for Lucas, until it was time to go home, when he was getting ready to get on the bus, he saw Mr Hill, standing at the bus. "So your Leo's new friend aren't you?" Mr Hill said as Lucas got to the bus door. "Yes, yes I am." Lucas said. "I'd be careful if I were you. If you keep walking where they are, you will be in uncharted waters, and when you're in uncharted waters, you are vulnerable." Mr Hill whispered. "Have a good day Lucas." Mr Hill said louder. Lucas didn't respond, but looked at Mr Hill one last time before he got on the bus.

-Buddy Club Story 5: The Uncanny Rat-

"This is a crazy story!" The news reporter said. "I know, it's not even the craziest part yet either. We are about at the part where the Buddy Club starts taking care of a rat at the school!" The news reporter stated. "Then let's not waste anymore time! Keep going!" The friend said. "Ok." The news reporter said. The next day, Lucas went to his first period, when he walked past the cafeteria, there he saw two kids talking to Mr Hill. One he didn't recognize, but the other he did. It was Mica, the girl that was in his math class! Lucas turned his head the other way and kept walking to his class. When he finally got there, he saw Leo talking to another girl. Lucas went over to Leo and asked, "Who is this?" "This is Elsy, she is my friend." Leo said. "Hello, you must be Lucas." Elsy said. "Yep, I am." Lucas responded. "Alright class, let's get into our seats." Mr Ricardo stated. All the students then went into their seats, including Lucas. While Lucas was writing down notes, he heard a scurrying sound under his desk. When he looked down, he saw a little rat chewing up his backpack! "What the-" Lucas

started, but was interrupted by Mr Ricardo. “Is there something wrong Lucas?” Mr Ricardo asked. Lucas then looked up and said, “No, sorry sir.” “Good, now let’s get back to the notes.” Mr Ricardo said. Lucas pretended to be listening, but what he was really doing was taking a good look at the rat. It looked kind of cute, and if he told someone about it, they would probably kill it. While Lucas thought he was only looking at the rat for a short time, he then heard Mr Ricardo say, “Alright class, it’s time to go to second period, have a nice day.” Lucas still looked at the rat until he heard Leo’s voice. “Oh, get Cody out of sight! Quick before someone sees him.” Leo whispered. “Cody?” Lucas echoed. “Cody the rat, we feed him our leftover pizza at lunch, he lives in secrecy at this school.” Leo stated quietly. “Lucas then heard footsteps approaching, the only thing Lucas thought to do was to grab the rat and put it in his backpack and zip it closed. And that’s exactly what Lucas did. “We were just leaving.” Lucas said, grabbing Leo by the arm and pulling him out of the classroom. “Have a nice day.” Mr Ricardo called out. As Lucas and Leo walked out of the classroom, they bumped into someone in the hallway. It was Mr Hill.

-Buddy Club Story 6: Long Forgotten Files-

“Ah, Lucas, Leo, shouldn’t you be getting to class?” Mr Hill prompted. Leo was about to make a nasty remark, but Lucas stepped in this time. “Yes, we were, can you just move a little so we don’t miss the bell, thanks.” Lucas said, as he grabbed Leo’s arm again and walked to their next class. “Why did you stop me?” Leo asked as they made it to the door of their 2nd period class. “If you make a nasty remark, that’s what Mr Hill wants you to do, he might then have a reason to get you in trouble.” Lucas stated. “True, I just need him to pay.” Leo said angrily. “Then the two students heard James’s voice calling to them. “Hey guys, you won’t believe what Marcus found on WYFF news app

stories! They found an old article about your Leo's sister! It doesn't give us any info, but Marcus being the smart guy he is, looked up the publisher's profile, and found out he has two kids, both go to a nearby high school. Their names are Jake and Sofia Folowe!" Lucas was bewildered at this news! "How will we get to talk to them?" Lucas asked. "Even though they aren't in our grade, they are nearby. Who wants to go there tonight? There is a football game there. I already asked Kaleb and Marcus, they both agreed to go." James said. "I will." Lucas said. "Then it's decided, we will go tonight! Leo said determinedly.

-Buddy Club Story 7: Field Trip At Fountain Inn-

The rest of the school day felt like forever for Lucas, even lunch, which was his favorite part of the school day. All of it seemed so boring compared to the excitement that would soon come when he would go to the football game later that night. When it was finally time to go home, Leo offered Lucas to come to his house to start planning their next move once they got there. Lucas agreed. Eventually when they got to Leo's house, Marcus, Kaleb, James and even that girl Elsy were there. "Okay everyone's here, Marcus said he had an idea." Leo prompted. "I do. If we are going to find Jake and Sofia, we are going to need to split up. This high school is a big one, and the crowds will be

even bigger, since this is the final game for the Fountain Inn Fury's. At least according to my calculations." Marcus stated. "Okay then. We will join a group call and talk to each other accordingly." James said. "And Mr Hill shouldn't be there, according to a certain someone." Elsy added. "Who are you talking about?" Lucas asked curiously. "His name is Louie, he said that Mr Hill needs a certain group of students to keep an eye out for the school. He said it was called the eye hawks. Louie told me he was asked to help him, and he agreed, but is really helping us." Elsy said. "I think it's about time that we get going." Kaleb said, as he walked to the door. "Alright, then let's go." Lucas said, following them. "Wow this is crazy! I can't wait to know what happens next!" The news reporter's friend shouted. "I know right? This next part takes place at Rudolph Gordon Middle. It takes place in Mr Hill's office!" Meanwhile, in Mr Hill's office, a student came in. "Ah, Jordan, What can I do for you?" Mr Hill asked. "Hello Mr Hill. I just got word from Mica that there is a leak in your eye hawks group." Jordan, a student said. "Thank you for telling me, Jordan. From what I heard, the friends that I am most worried about are going to the High school football game tonight. If that's the case, I need to stop them before they find out any new information regarding Stacy's findings." Mr Hill said quietly. "Yes. Oh, and there is one more thing I wanted to tell you, I have a gut feeling that there is someone from Stacy's past that is helping the friend club." Jordan stated. "I think you are right. You've never been wrong before. I trust you. And if this is the case, we will have to find out who it is, and fast." Mr Hill said, getting out of his office chair, and walking down the hall. "Where are you going?" Ordain asked. "I've got a game to watch." Mr Hill said, walking deeper into the dark hallway...

-Buddy Club Story 8: First Half-

Lucas was walking with Leo and the rest of his club down the street, starting to hear music and seeing lights from the high school. They were almost there! As they were walking towards the high school, no one said anything. It seemed that either everyone was excited, or everyone was nervous. At last, the club finally got to the parking lot, where they made their way around the building to the front entrance. As they got into the building, they were greeted by a woman with a box full of money. "Hello, are you here for the football game?" The woman asked. "Yes. We are, is it money to go?" Lucas asked. "Yes, it will be 20 dollars for your whole group." The woman stated. The club all froze. They didn't bring any money! "I'll pay." A very familiar voice said from behind them. It was Mr Hill's voice! "Alright, 20 dollars please." The woman said. Mr Hill handed the woman the money and then said, "how about we pick our seats? I want to have a chat with you all." Mr Hill said as he smiled. Kaleb was about to protest, but Leo quietly said, "Alright Mr Hill, show us the way you can pick them." Lucas was astounded. Leo seemed so calm, but at the same time so nervous. "Then let's go. Mr Hill said, as he started walking to the bleachers of the football field. Once they sat down, Leo said, "Oh my, I forgot to go to the bathroom before I left, I'll be right back." Leo then got up out of the filled bleachers, walking towards the bathroom area. Lucas then heard Elsy say, "What is it you were going to tell us?" "I think it's best if we wait until Leo gets back." Mr Hill urged. "If that's the case, me and Marcus will get a snack, we haven't had dinner yet, right Marcus?" Elsy said. "Right." Marcus said, getting up with Elsy off the bleachers. Kaleb then said, "I'm thirsty, Lucas and James, want to come with me to get a drink?" Kaleb asked. Before Lucas could answer, Mr Hill said, "I have one extra water bottle. You go on ahead Kaleb and James, Lucas can have this one." Kaleb and James had no

choice but to agree, they didn't want to make a scene. Lucas then heard an announcer say, "Alright people of Fountain Inn High, the first half begins now!" Lucas then heard his phone ring. He got a text from Leo. And it said he found Jake and Sofia!

-Buddy Club Story 9: Halftime-

Lucas wanted more than anything now to get up and go talk to him, but he didn't want Mr Hill to get suspicious. "Ah, school spirit always gets me pumped up." Mr Hill stated. Lucas then got another text from Marcus saying to tell Mr Hill that he needed to go help Elsy carry the food. Lucas quickly took advantage of this. "I just got a text that says Elsy needs help carrying the food." Lucas said with a straight face, even though he was terrified Mr Hill would suspect something was off. "I'll go help them, you stay here and enjoy the game." Mr Hill said. Lucas had no choice but to stay. Mr Hill then left, but Lucas had to leave! He quickly got off the bleachers and sneaked towards a bathroom stall. He then called the club. "I managed to leave the stands. Where are you guys?" Lucas asked. "We are at the parking lot with Jake and Sofia, quickly meet us there!" James shouted. Lucas then quietly walked towards the parking lot, but caught eyes with someone that he knew from school. Mica! She was staring at him, and then started walking to the food stands! He was alerting Mr Hill! Lucas had to get out of there as soon as possible! He started speed walking towards the exit, but saw another student there, right in front of the door. He was the student that was talking to Mr Hill that day! Lucas then saw a stairwell, and decided to take a detour. It might take more time, but he had to avoid Mr Hill and his servants. He went down there, and found himself in lower level parking. He then saw an elevator that probably led to the regular parking lot. "Please let this

work.” Lucas whispered as he heard footsteps coming down the stairs! When he pressed the button, it didn’t work, he needed to be a student there! He then heard the elevator coming down, and just a few seconds later, it opened with two strangers and Leo inside of it! Come in!” Leo shouted. He quickly went in, to hear, “Check over there.” It was Mr Hill’s voice! They closed the elevator door, and went up, away from Mr Hill and his minions...

-Buddy Club Story 10: Overtime-

When Lucas finally got out of the elevator, he asked, “Are you two Jake and Sofia?” “We are.” They said. “We want to ask you some questions.” Marcus stated. “I think it’s best if we go to Leo’s house, Mr Hill could arrive at any moment.” James suggested. “James is right. We should go.” Elsy said. “Then let’s stop chatting, and go!” Kaleb said, starting to walk in the direction of Leo’s house. Soon, the whole club started running towards Leo’s house, including Jake and Sofia. When they got to his front door, there was a letter. It was addressed to Leo, and had no stamp or return address. “Leo breathed heavily, and opened it. “It’s the Fountain Inn Vase, they gave us information about my sister's investigation!” Leo shouted. “You mean Stacy?” Sofia asked. “I was her friend in middle school, we told each other everything.” Sofia added. “Yes, we were wondering if you or Jake knew anything about what Stacy was trying to figure out.” Elsy said. “Now that you mention it, she told me that she was trying to figure some out, about our teacher Mr Hill.” Sofia said. “Mr Hill used to be a teacher?” James echoed. “Yes, somehow though, he went up in the ranks and got to be vice principal, there is no way he earned it.” Jake said. “You’re right. He needed someone from the high ups to let him be the vice principal.” Marcus stated. Leo then said, “this note says

that Stacy was trying to figure out what Mr Hill was hiding. It says they thought Mr Hill was hiding something in the school basement!” Leo said. “Then our next step is getting into the basement.” Kaleb said. Soon after everyone read the note, Jake and Sofia left, along with Kaleb, Elsy, James and Marcus. “I’m glad we figured this out.” Lucas told Leo. “Me too. We couldn’t have gotten this far without you. Thank you Lucas.” Leo said. Lucas then nodded, as he went home for the night. Meanwhile Mr Hill was still at the high school, waiting for Mica and Jordan to say if they found the club. Jordan and Mica came back with frowns on their faces. “It’s over. They probably got the info they want.” Mica said sadly. “My dear friends, don’t be sad, it’s not over, it’s not over because it’s going to go into overtime, you know why?” Mr Hill asked. “Why?” Jordan asked. “Because I have an ace up my sleeve, I just need a little bit more time to play it just right...”

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