

## The Swimming Pool

"That was a great swim," said Ava to her sister Eva, as they made their way through a dark alleyway. 'Yes,' said Eva. "You're certainly getting a lot faster, 32 seconds is your new record!" she laughed as she tied her shoe laces with the wind blowing her hair. "Anyway we'd better get a move on or mum will have a fit." Then Ava suddenly remembered. "Oh no I have left my bag behind," Ava groaned. "I'd better go and fetch it, tell mum I will be home in five."

Breathing heavily, Ava rushed along the murky alleyway making her way to the leisure centre. Finding the doors unlocked, she ran through the reception and burst through the pool doors. Out of the corner of her eye she spotted a sparkly sequin bag and said to herself, "What a relief, I would have looked like such an idiot for leaving my bag behind, imagine if I didn't have it for my next lesson."

There was a sudden splash. Ava jumped. A shadow slipped by a nearby cubicle, heart pounding, she peered round the edge of the door. It couldn't be the lifeguard, she could see him putting the floats away. The sound of footsteps were getting closer. She froze as still as a statue. Ava rummaged through her bag trying to find her conditioner spray. Ava dug deeper into her bag and finally found it.

Ava's eyes shot around the changing rooms looking for an exit. Petrified, Ava suddenly realised that there was no way out. The sound of footsteps were getting closer. A shadow rose up in front of her. Without thinking, Ava raised her conditioner spray and squeezed the nozzle. There was an almighty scream.

Ava sprinted out of the building as fast as she could, across the carpark, back through the alleyway and across the buzzing streets. Her hair was blowing in the wind. As she arrived home, she told her mum everything. A few seconds later, Eva burst through the door. Her eyes were bright red. In an instant, Ava realised what had happened. "Oh my, you two never get tired of tricking one another," said mum as they all burst out laughing. Satisfied they all sat down and watched television.

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