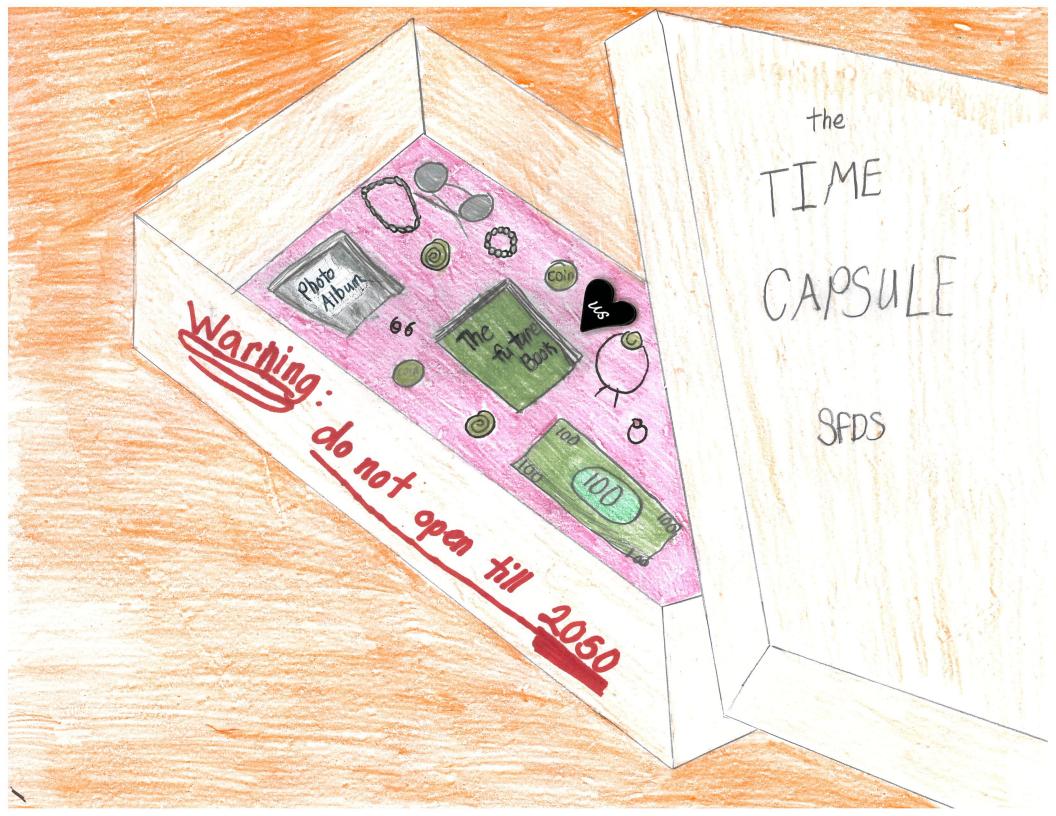
THE TIME CAPSULE MYSTERY



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In the town of Malibu Way, the fourth-grade class at SFDS Elementary School was buzzing with excitement. They were about to bury a time capsule as part of their school's centennial celebration. However, what was to be a joyous occasion soon turned into an unlikely mystery.

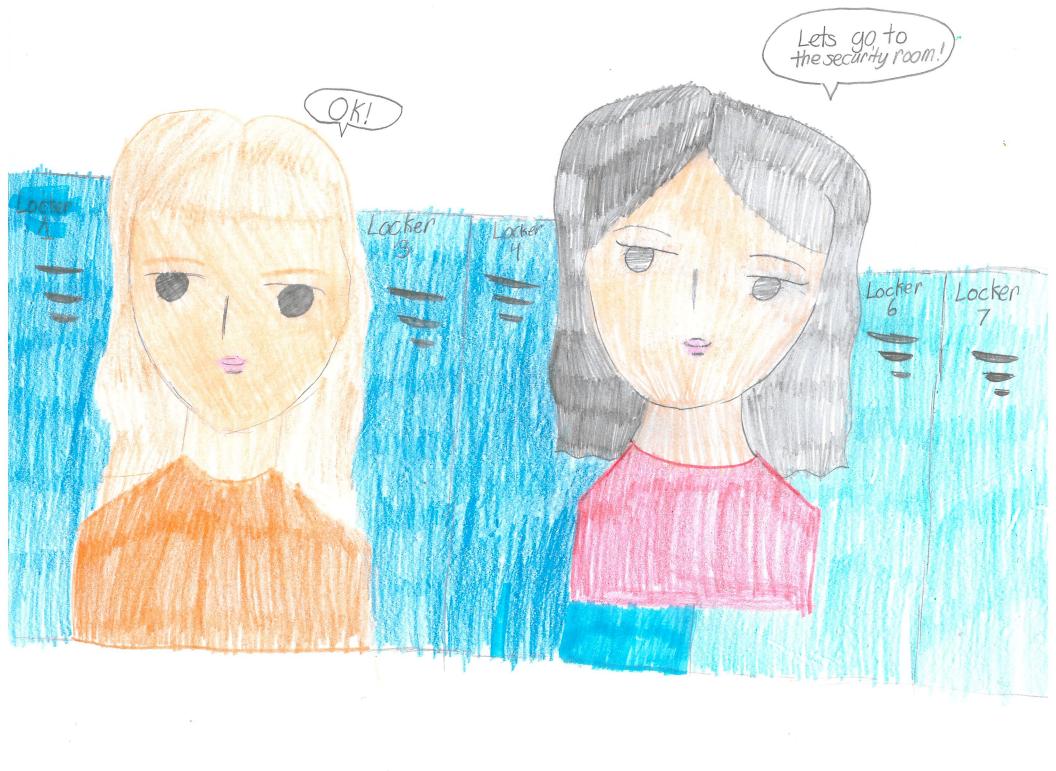


The students gathered in the schoolyard, each clutching an item to contribute to the time capsule, whispers of enthusiasm filled the air. Lesly, who always had a keen eye for detail, noticed something irregular. The lid of the time capsule was partly open, despite no one having touched it yet.

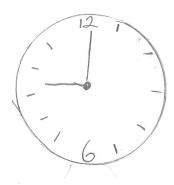
"Guys, look!" Lesly exclaimed, pointing to the slightly open lid. "Did someone already open the time capsule? The other students gasped in surprise and confusion. Mrs. Tully, their teacher, rushed over to inspect the capsule. Sure enough, it appeared to have been tampered with.

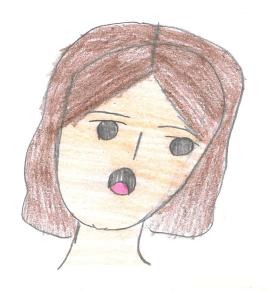


"We need to find out who did this," declared Lesly, her eyes shining with determination. With Mrs. Tully's permission, Lesly and her friends formed a detective team, determined to solve the mystery of the missing time capsule contents. They called themselves the "SFDS Detectives" and got to work.

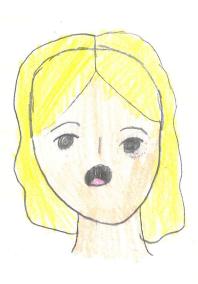


Their investigation led them all over school, interviewing schoolmates and teachers as they searched for witnesses and clues. They discovered footprints near the time capsule that didn't belong to any of the students. They also found a torn piece of fabric caught on a nearby bush. "Guys what about the video cameras!" Lesly shouted as she ran towards the security room.









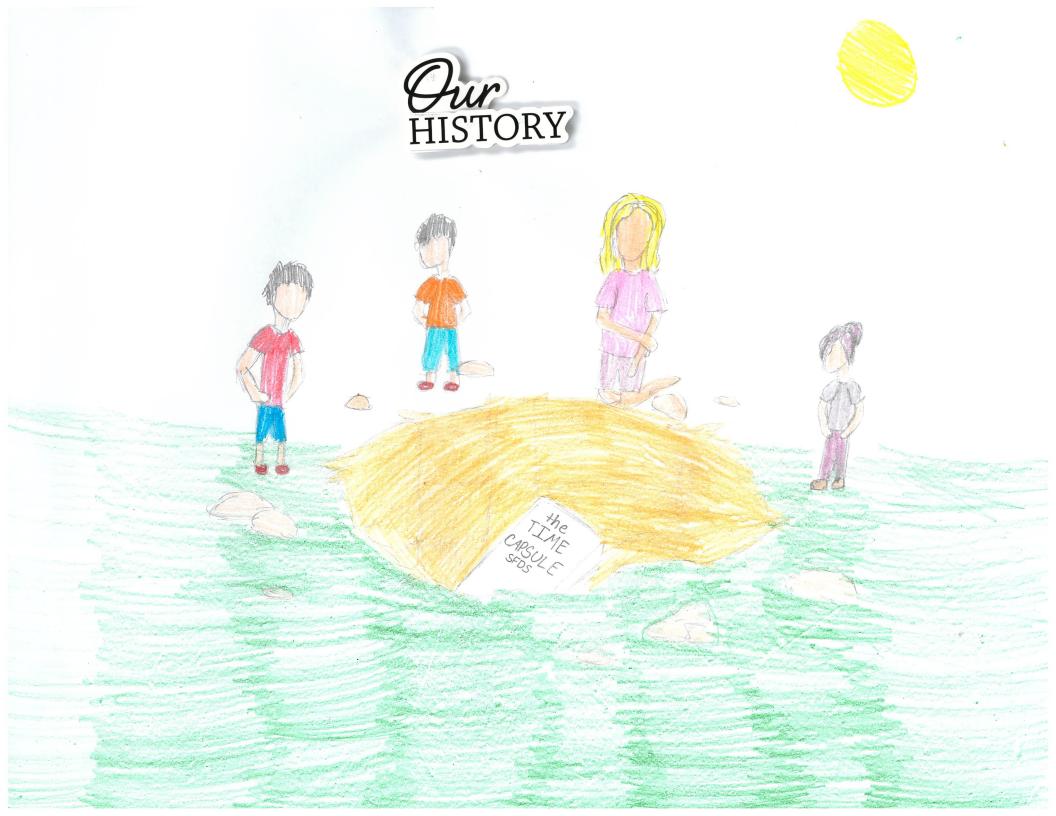


After hours of investigating, the SFDS Detectives pieced together evidence and came to a shocking conclusion. The culprit was none other than Old Man Swift, the grumpy neighbor who lived next to the school.

"He must have thought there was something valuable inside the time capsule and couldn't resist taking a peek," Lesly reasoned.



Determined to retrieve the missing items before it was too late, the SFDS Detectives headed over to Old Man Swift's backyard to get the stolen items but what they found surprised everyone. Old Man Swift was not grumpy he was just lonely and he missed his daughter. He did not steal items from the time capsule he wanted to take part of this historic moment and was devising a surprise for his daughter Mrs. Tully. Truly touched by his gift Mrs. Tully hugged her Dad and promised to visit him more often.



The following day they covered the time capsule with dirt, Lesly couldn't help but feel a sense of accomplishment. Not only had they solved the mystery, but they had also brought together Mrs. Tully with her Dad.

In the end, the SFDS Detectives learned that although today they were burying a time capsule; time is also the capsule of the heart.