

There was an explosion of light. Colors of pink, green and purple filled the refectory* and filled up the night sky. The sound of the explosion would have hurt the ears of many children, had they been at school. Fortunately they were all sound asleep in their homes.

After all the lights had disappeared there was an airy silence. What could have caused this? All the decorations and other party things were kept in a box in a room in the refectory next to the school cafeteria. The room was locked and the only people holding a key was the principal* and the new janitor* who of course has the keys to open every door in the school.

The morning after...

There was chaos! The principal paced back and forth with a phone glued to her ear. Perhaps she was talking to the police or something. She was red in the face and seemed to sweat a lot. Parents stood with their children on the school yard talking very fast and very loud. Many of them were talking about work, looking stressed. The children seemed happy and ran around talking about not having to go to school that day.

The box had to have been set on fire somehow. But no fire was allowed at school, no candles no nothing! And smoking was definitely not allowed. There was even this one janitor who got fired from his job because he smoked in the school. He used to go into different rooms in the school and light up a cigarette. He was really angry when he lost his job. He ran around the school screaming that he would have revenge. "I'm gonna make life miserable for you!", he screamed at the principal. But that was 3 weeks ago and now the principal had other things on her mind. What is she going to do now?...

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refectory – matsal
principal – rektor
janitor - vaktmästare

1. What caused the explosion?
(stryk under rätt svarsalternativ)

- fireworks
- a bomb
- someone started a fire

2. Where is the story placed?

3. Where is the school cafeteria?

4. Why did not any children get hurt?

5. Who was responsible for the safe keeping of the party
box?

6. How did the principal react?

7. What was the difference between the grown-ups' and the children's reactions the morning after?

8. Why do you think their reactions were different?

9. Who or what do you think caused the box to catch fire?

10. Why do you think so?
