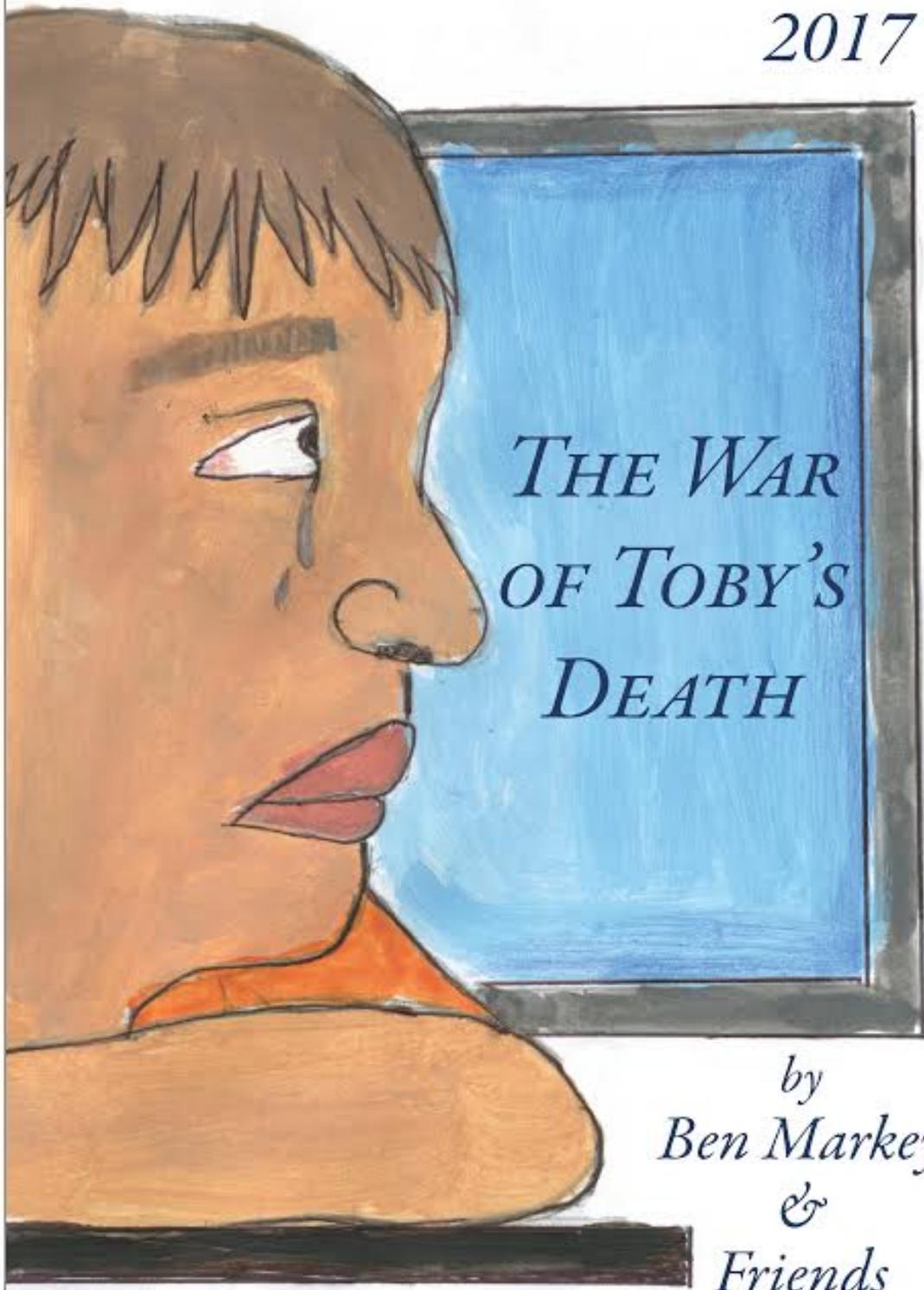


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To Ben Markey who continues to inspire our writing

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FOREWORD

This is the fourth book of stories inspired by Ben Markey. This year Ben's class will leave primary school bringing with them many memories of a much beloved classmate. He loved sports and had a wide range of interests and he certainly had a love of books and writing. He had great ideas for stories but often wouldn't finish them because he would think of a new or better story he couldn't wait to start. He always intended to come back at a later time to complete them.

This book is our way of remembering an extra-ordinary boy we all loved and miss so much. Over 300 pupils wrote their own endings to "The War of Toby's Death" and I congratulate their fantastic work. Unfortunately we were restricted thirty eight of them for publication. These endings represent the wide range of pupils from second to sixth class. I sincerely thank the pupils and teachers of the six schools who took part in the project – Carrigduff NS, Kildavin NS, Leighlinbridge NS, St. Brigid's NS Clonegal, Tombrack NS and Our Lady of Lourdes NS Bunclody.

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The War of Toby's Death

Chapter 1: New Kid

Toby sat at the corner of the room by the window away from everyone else. There was a spare chair in front of him and beside him. A new school, a new class, a new teacher and a new kid. Toby dreaded this year. He didn't want to get noticed. If he got attention he would be asked questions and last time that happened he'd gotten annoyed and broke a boy's nose. Toby sat back wondering what to do.

He looked around and saw people staring at him and giggling. A teacher's gaze was fixed on him. Toby stared out the window. Clouds covered the sky. Frost clung to the window like it didn't want to leave. A boy walked up to Toby. "You're the new kid, Toby, right?" Toby continued looking out the window. "I'm Danny anyway". "Go away please", Toby whispered. "Mr. Nolan said to sit beside you", Danny said firmly. Toby sighed. "Whatever", he muttered. Danny sat down. From then on he was silent. Another mistake Toby thought.

Another boy came over. "Hey Danny", he said, "who's this lad?" "Leave him alone Edward", Danny ordered. Toby finally looked up. "What do you want?", he said giving in. "To sit down there", Edward said surprised. "Sit then", Toby said. He sat down. Edward had curly brown hair under a flat cap. Toby noticed an ugly scar on the back of Edward's ear. Danny was staring at one of the girls in the middle of the room. She had blonde hair that matched Danny's. Edward whistled and Danny turned red. The girl looked around. "Molly is looking at you man", Edward laughed. "No she's looking at you", Danny insisted. Molly waved at Toby. "Someone's staring at you Toby", he said. "What?" Toby demanded. Molly winked and he grinned happily. Edward whistled again. People started sniggering when Molly walked over.....

To be continued.....

The War of Toby's Death continued by Emer Aughney
Sixth Class, Leighlinbridge NS

Danny nudged Toby in the side as if to say she's coming this way but Toby just ignored it. This would normally be the part where lights would flash and a chorus would play as Molly walked over but that didn't happen. Toby had never talked to Molly. He wasn't really interested, unlike Danny.

"Hey Molly!" he exclaimed in a casual soft voice. Danny kicked Toby under the table "Oh hi" he said shyly, he wasn't normally shy but for some reason he felt the need to be around Molly. Danny shuffled in his seat uneasily as Molly pulled over a chair to sit next to them. "Why are you sitting beside them?" shouted Edward from across the classroom "Because I want to!" Molly shot back. "Fine! Weirdos!" Edward moved in closer. "So you're new?" asked Molly. "Yeah sadly!" huffed Toby. Now Danny was picking at a loose string in his jumper. "Why do you not like it here?" questioned Molly again. Toby sighed "It's grand, just..." "Just?" Molly questioned again. Toby stared out the window uneasily. Molly shuffled closer. Toby's mind was whizzing for an answer.

Just then the door swung open and Mr. Nolan stormed in. Mr. Nolan was a big man with broad shoulders. He had red hair and was wearing navy blue suit and red tie, the kind you would see someone wear at an important meeting. "Well, well, well! How's my favourite class in the whole school?" he said sarcastically. Molly shuffled out of her seat and back to her place. On her way she shot Edward a dirty look.

After Molly had sat down Mr. Nolan boomed again "Now! How is everyone on this beautiful day?" To Toby an hour went by in a blur and it was lunch time. After lunch Toby grabbed his shoes and stepped out in the yard. As soon as he stepped out he heard someone shout his name but it wasn't Danny, it was Edward.

"He's asking me over. Why is he asking me over? He hates me!" thought Toby. "Hey Toby look at this!" shouted Edward, "What is it?" asked Toby. "Look at the ground," answered Edward. Toby bent down to the ground to get a closer look. Just then Toby felt a hand on his head and he was pushed down into the mud. Toby quickly pulled himself up. He felt a heat rise in his face and his blood pump red hot in his veins. He heard a loud roar of laughter from across the yard. He saw Edward rolling on the ground with laughter. Toby felt two hands grip his and pull him out of the crowd. Once he had a clear view could see it was Molly and Danny. "Are you ok?" Molly asked between gasps. She grabbed a tissue from her pocket and began to clean Toby's face. Toby quickly grabbed the tissue out of Molly's hand. "I'll finish it, thanks!" Toby exclaimed. "Sure." Molly said in a low casual tone.

Soon after the bell rang, they were in the classroom. Edward continued to stare at Toby for the rest of the day. As Toby walked out of school he was glad to have Molly and Danny as friends. He wondered why they were so nice to him. As he got in his Dad's car he wondered just how long he could he keep his secret from everyone. But it just couldn't get out.....

The War of Toby's Death continued by Kinga Batko
Fifth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

"Hi!" said Molly, "are you the new boy?" Toby was too busy to answer. He was dazing into Molly's green eyes and admiring her beautiful, shiny, blonde hair. Molly gave a little giggle. "Oh, sorry," Toby apologised. "It's okay," Molly laughed. Danny and Edward pretended like nothing had happened. "It's as if she only noticed Toby," sighed Danny.

For nearly all of class time, they were glancing at each other, making hand gestures. At break time, it was hard for Toby to catch up with Molly. Finally, he bumped into her. Toby put his hand behind his neck and Molly started to blush. They talked all during break. Toby could sense Danny and Edward's jealousy as they glared at him. During maths, he found himself glancing at Molly once again. He couldn't resist looking at her. The last thing he saw of Molly that day was her blonde hair swinging outside the door at home time. As he lay in bed that night, he had dreams floating in his head all over the place. Of course all his dreams were about Molly. He woke up at four in the morning, feeling weird, as if he wanted to confess something. "What is this feeling?" he thought.

The following morning, Toby gobbled his breakfast and ran to school. As he reached the school gate he shouted, "Molly!" Molly couldn't hear as she bolted to class. It was English time and Molly looked over. She gave a little wink which made him blush quite a lot. Toby remembered the feeling he got earlier that morning. The bell rang and he tried to catch Molly's attention to tell her something.

He saw her sitting under a tree. "Hey Molly," he muttered shyly, "well, I...Umm...I..." He was lost for words, as a certain person interrupted him. "What's going on here?" Danny sniggered. "None of your business!" Toby replied aggressively. Danny gave Toby a little push. "Molly, do you like Toby the way he likes you?" Danny started. Toby heard breathing behind him, and then suddenly he felt a push. "Edward!" Toby shouted. "Maybe Molly will save you, will you Molly?" Danny's bitterness and jealousy was sickening. Toby screeched as loud as a lion, shooting his fist at Danny's nose. Danny pushed Toby to the ground. Toby fell and hit the back of his head, and collapsed. Molly darted towards Danny and punched him in the stomach. "Do you realise what you have just done?!" Molly shouted, shaking vigorously. "You just killed someone!"

Danny started to cry and ran off. A frightened teacher called the ambulance and Toby was rushed to hospital. "Take me with him," Molly begged. She was shaking in the corner with worry. At the hospital Toby eventually woke up, but he wouldn't live for long. "Toby please don't leave me," pleaded Molly softly, squeezing his hand so tightly, she couldn't let go. "I

love you," cried Molly. "I love you too," replied Toby, as he was dying. Moments later, Toby died. Molly cried her heart out, although her heart was already empty. Danny had to go to a juvenile detention centre for a long time. Molly still prays and hopes Toby is watching over her in heaven.

"How ya Toby," Molly said casually. Danny gaped in amazement as Toby replied, "Not too bad, yourself?" It looked as if Danny's head was about to explode he was so shocked. "You two know each other?" Danny blurted. Molly replied, "We used to live near each other". Just then Danny and Molly heard a scream. They turned around and saw Edward with a manic grin, holding a knife. The blade of the the knife was embedded in Toby's back. The class screamed and scrambled towards the door. It was just Mr. Nolan who remained in the room with them. All of a sudden, Edward's blue eyes turned to red and a smokey plasma rose from his hands and it burned brighter until it started to creep eerily towards Danny and Molly. Instantly, Mr. Nolan leaped in front of them and stopped the red smoke using yellow light which radiated from his palms. Edward sneered, "Hello Asildúr." Mr Nolan nodded. "Kildár, bring back the boy". Kildár and Toby burst into red flames and disappeared. "Woah", Danny sighed.

Chapter 2

"We have questions and we want answers!," Molly exclaimed *Wow*, Danny thought, *she's good at this*. Mr. Nolan glanced up. "We haven't got long so I'll tell you what you need to know." Danny decided to let Molly handle this. "OK, first question: what happened?" she said. "Toby was murdered by Kildár—you knew him as Edward. He is an evil god who wants to become immortal." Danny butted in, "But aren't gods already immortal?" Mr. Nolan nodded, "When we gods realised that Kildár's intentions were ill, we stripped him of his powers and sent him down to earth." Again, Danny butted in, "But how did all that *stuff* happen?" "Ah, yes. Kildár has found 'The Most Potente Magik Book'. I think you can figure the rest out yourselves." Molly looked confused, "But how is Toby involved in this?" Mr. Nolan sighed, "Toby is a half-blood and his blood would give the drinker eternal life. His father was a god and his mother was mortal." "Was?", Danny enquired. Mr. Nolan nodded despondently, "Gods don't die, they just.....fade away. Toby's father lost the will to live after his wife died. What we need to do now is stop Kildár".

Chapter 3

The next day Molly and Danny went to Mr. Nolan's office. His face was grim when he saw them enter. "I have a plan; Kildár needs Toby dead 5 days before his blood is drinkable. We have 4 days to stop him". "Well then lets go!" exclaimed Molly. Without objection, Mr. Nolan stood up, thrust out his arms and everything disappeared.....

Danny opened his eyes and waited for them to adjust to the gloom. They had appeared in a cave and were hidden from Kildár by a cluster of stalagmites. He was sitting on a throne constructed from rocks and Toby lay near him, lifeless. Kildár was studying an old, heavy book. Mr. Nolan whispered, "Distract him I will get the book." Molly nodded and beckoned for Danny to follow her. Then both of them walked out into the open. Kildár looked up and laughed. "This is what Asildúr sends to stop me? What a joke!" While Kildár was laughing manically, Mr. Nolan crept up behind him and snatched the book. He sneaked back without Kildár noticing. "OK now I'm bored. Say goodbye!" Kildár's eyes flashed menacingly. "Duratus!" Suddenly Kildár froze and Mr. Nolan appeared from behind the stalagmites. "What was that?" Molly asked, amazed. "A simple freezing spell," muttered Mr. Nolan as he bent

down to examine Toby. He checked the book and then uttered the words, "revocet ad vitam." Toby's eyelids fluttered and then he gasped. "W-what h-h-happened?" Mr. Nolan smiled.

Chapter 4

Molly, Toby and Danny stood looking at Mr. Nolan in his office. "You have all been extremely brave but I'm afraid you know too much about the Gods so I need to make you forget about all that has happened." They all opened their mouths to protest but Mr. Nolan whispered under his breath, "Oblivisci Omnia." He then then said to the three of them, "Off you go, you'll be late for class."

A boy walked up to Toby. "You're the new kid, Toby, right?" Toby looked up, "Yeah, whats your name?" The boy smiled "I'm Danny"

Another girl walked up, "Hi, I'm Molly." Toby smiled. Maybe this school wouldn't be too bad.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Luke Burke
Fourth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

"Hey," said Molly, casually.

Toby stared at the pretty girl. "uh..hi?"

"Are you any good at maths?" she asked.

"No," replied Toby.

"Me neither!" she laughed. After class, the teacher called Toby and Molly into his office. Mr Nolan's office had bookcases covering two of the walls. An odd plant sat on his desk.

"Toby," he said. "I'm Mr Nolan. There's something you need to know."

Molly looked up. "What about me?"

"You already know," sighed Mr Nolan. "Go on," urged Toby.

"Ok," said Mr Nolan. "Many years ago an evil soul called Mordus became very powerful. He gained many followers and worshippers. Somehow, when you two were born, his power was drained. Ever since, his soul has slipped through the shadows."

"Us two?" questioned Toby.

"You're twins," said Mr Nolan.

The pair gasped. Molly's face creased with unfairness.

"You didn't tell-" started Molly.

"Molly, calm down. This might alarm you two, but you are souls," said Mr Nolan.

"Souls?" questioned Toby.

"When you died in your previous life, your soul was removed from your body and was sent to another one. *Your* soul just happened to go to quite a special one, actually," said Mr Nolan. "Mordus has no body- he will do anything to get yours Toby."

Toby looked at him in awe. "Why mine?"

"Because -

Suddenly there was a bright flash. When Toby opened his eyes, he was surrounded by withered, burning land. The sky was filled with eerie, grey smoke and Toby could have sworn he had heard a rumble from the ground.

"Mordus is here," muttered Mr Nolan.

"Well, well, well," boomed a voice. It was Mordus. "It seems that Toby and his sister have come to pay me a visit."

Mr Nolan shouted out some odd words and a bolt of fire shot at Mordus. He flicked his hand and it was gone.

Mordus cackled, "You asked for it!"

Toby suddenly realised that Molly was a good bit away from him and Mr Nolan.

"Run!" he shouted at her.

It was too late. A enormous crevice broke it's way through the ground, separating them from Molly.

"Molly!" exclaimed Toby. He took a run up and got ready to jump the crack. The smoke stung his eyes but he didn't care; he had to get Molly.

"Toby, no!" said Mr Nolan and Molly in unison.

Toby had jumped.

"How does it feel?" laughed Mordus.

Molly turned to Mr Nolan. "What does he mean?"

She tried to hold it in but she could already feel tears streaming down her face.

"Hey!"

Everyone looked at the crevice. It was Toby!

When Toby fell, it had felt like a hand reaching out to him. Only, in truth, it was Toby's powerful, binding magic that brought him to his safety.

Mr Nolan smiled. "Toby!" he called. "You're the Guardian! That's why Mordus wants you! Not only the body but your soul too! Use your magic!"

The smoke that had resembled Mordus blurred: even the presence of Toby and his magic made him weak.

Toby felt the magic, pumping through his veins. With a point of his finger, a thousand bolts of lightning struck down on the smoke that was Mordus.

"Molly, could you please swap places with Edward? Next to Toby please."

"Hey," she said to Toby. "Are you any good at French?"

"No," replied Toby.

"Me neither," giggled Molly.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Cliona Byrne
Fifth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

CHAPTER 2

He didn't know what to do. He didn't want a girlfriend; after all he was only twelve. She was coming closer. He had never talked to a pretty girl. He tried to act casual but he was sweating in fear. "You're the new kid, right?" she asked. The whole world seemed to fall back into place there and then. His face went as red as a tomato. She smiled back at him and inside he was doing the biggest victory dance ever.

CHAPTER 3

A couple of days later, Danny invited Toby and Edward on a sleepover. Toby had never been on one. He never had any real friends either. The other boys didn't talk about anything interesting; Toby barely talked at all. After a while, Danny started asking him why Toby always stares at Molly. Toby told him to stop, but he kept going. Toby just kept quiet, but then he just felt he had it with Danny. He told Danny's mother that he was sick and he went home.

Chapter 4

One day, a couple of months later, Toby was walking in the corridor on the way to class when he suddenly got pushed into the janitor's closet. It was pitch black. He was about to scream for help when suddenly the light flicked on. It was Molly in the tiny room with him, roses and chocolates in her hands. She had her hair all curled up and in Toby's mind, she looked drop-dead gorgeous. Then Toby remembered that it was Valentine's Day. "Ha...Ha...", he couldn't get the words out. "Happy Valentine's Day!" Molly shouted, stuffing the flowers and chocolates into his arms. He didn't know what to say but luckily Molly continued:

"Roses are red, violets are blue,

you like me and I like you

I'll ask you on a date and I hope you say 'yes'

'Cause if you do I will buy you a vest!"

"Eh, I think I'm too young to start dating," he mumbled. Molly stormed out of the room. She was SO ready to have a boyfriend.

Chapter 5

A few weeks later, Toby was walking her home from school when out of nowhere he got punched in the belly. He was on the ground, winded. It was Edward and Danny. "Look who we found here, eh?" Edward shouted at Toby. "Oh yeah, it's Mr. Molly Lover!" Danny yelled. "Well you two aren't perfect either," Toby replied. "Tell me how," Edward shouted. "What's that ugly scar behind your ear?" Toby shouted back. Edward looked like he was a wild animal about to eat its prey. He pounced on Toby, punched him and kicked him. After about a minute he lay off him and left Toby lying there dead.

The whole school hated the two boys so badly. After all the fighting, still nobody knows about what happened to Edward behind his ear. It is for me to know and you to find out!

The War of Toby's Death continued by Tadhg Byrne
Fourth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

"Hi Danny", Molly exclaimed "long time no see". "Yes it must be about two years now I think", replied Toby. "Wait, you guys know each other?" said Danny gobsmacked. "Yes, we used to go to the same school." Danny did not like what he was hearing and was suddenly furious.

Later that day, Danny had a brief chat with Toby. "She is mine, new kid!" threatened Danny. "We're just friends!" shouted Toby. "Well it looks like more than just friends to me", screamed Danny. All of a sudden Toby lost his temper and punched Danny straight into the face knocking him out. In a panic, he stole Danny's lunch money and made a run for it. It definitely wasn't the best start in his new school but Toby was known for having a very bad temper.

The next day, Danny was giving Toby dirty looks from across the classroom. All of the girls were laughing at Danny because he had a big cut and bruise on his nose. Toby had split Danny's nose open when he punched him. Other kids had seen Toby hit Danny and instead of helping Danny they started to punch him too. Danny had cuts on his face, on his chin and had a black eye. From then on Toby's school years were really tough. Danny and his new gang wanted to fight Toby for what he had done to Danny. One day, Toby's best friend James came to his school to help fight Danny and his gang off Toby. When the teachers found out, Toby got into a lot of trouble and was in detention for a long time.

2 years later...

"Go, go! They're chasing us with knives and bats." shouted Toby. The two boys realised that they were in big trouble and were running as fast as they could. Their hearts were beating really fast in their chests. They knew that their lives were in big danger. All of a sudden there was a big thump and when Toby looked around James was lying on the ground in a pool of his own blood. Toby wanted to stop and help James up but the crowd of boys were quickly catching up on him. He ran around a corner only to be greeted with a fence about ten times the height of himself. Toby knew that he had no chance of being able to jump over the fence. He was trapped and had nowhere to go. When he turned around he had seven boys staring back at him, all with knives. The leader of them all was Danny. Toby was alone this time. He didn't have James to fight the boys off with him this time. Danny walked towards Toby with his knife in his hand. He pinned him down on the ground and slowly slit from Toby's eye all the way down to his chin. He then started kicking Toby into his face and his body. There was blood everywhere. Toby was screaming at the top of his lungs for help but nobody was coming. He was on his own this time. Suddenly Danny put his hand in his back pocket and took out a gun. He pointed it down onto Toby's blood filled face. "You messed with the wrong person Toby. Goodbye!" And with that there was a loud bang. The war between Danny and Toby was finally over.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Roisin Carroll
Fifth Class, St. Brigid's NS Clonegal

"What are you doing over here?" mumbled Toby.

"I was trying to be nice," replied Molly. Toby froze. Was someone trying to be nice to him?

As he walked in the door to a quiet house with no mother, no father only a grandmother that never cared for him, he thought about what Molly had said to him. "Someone had been nice to me," thought Toby. Toby walked into his room, avoiding his grandmother. He started on his homework but found it hard to concentrate. When he finished his homework he went to the kitchen to get something to eat. "Where were you" shouted his grandmother. Toby ignored her and kept on eating before he went to bed.

Toby woke up the next morning dreading the day of school. He did not talk to anyone that day, only gazed out the window thinking what Molly had said to him. At the end of the day he walked over to Molly. "Eh. Hi Molly. Em, thanks for being nice to me," whispered Toby quietly. "No bother. Just one question. Why were you so rude yesterday to me yesterday?" asked Molly. "I guess I am that way, eh, but I'd like to change," answered Toby. "If you want any help just come to me. Sorry, I got to go," replied Molly. "Bye," said Toby before he started on his walk home.

As he walked to his house, he was thinking about his personality. Happiness was dead inside him. He was full of sadness and anger but he was going to change. It was going to be a battle but he will win the war.

Two months later

"Hi Edward, hi Danny," said Toby as he walked in the school gate. "Hi Toby," replied Edward. Toby finally had friends. He played soccer at break time and even went to their houses sometimes. Life at home wasn't getting any better but at least school was. He was improving his grades and actually paying attention. Toby looked around for Molly and waved at her. Molly had helped him so much in the last few weeks. She sometimes even went to his house to make sure he was okay. Toby may have had a hard battle but he had won the war.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Eimer Cowman
Kildavin National School

Molly walked over and put a sheet of paper on the desk then turned and walked back to her seat.

Edward asked "What's on the sheet?" Toby turned the sheet over to see what was written on it said "Meet me at the bike shed at 3:30pm" Toby wasn't interested but Danny and Edward were curious. "You have to go man" said Edward "No I don't" said Toby "Why don't you go instead". "I know we will all go" "what's the matter are you afraid" said Danny "I am afraid of nothing" said Toby. "Well then let's go and see what it is all about".

The three boys walked out of school together at 3:15pm and went down to the shed. There was nobody there "Nobodies here" said Toby "I am going home" said Danny. "Molly is coming over. "Hi guys I am glad you came, we are going to have a game of football in the lower field are you going to join us"? "Ok" said Toby. They all went down to the lower field where everyone had gathered. Mister Nolan picked the team. He divided the children into two groups of nine. Danny made himself Captain, Edward told Toby to go in goal. Toby didn't want to go in to goal. Molly asked Toby if he was afraid "I am afraid of nothing" said Toby "ok then let's play".

The game started with along kick forwards which Toby's team dealt with. Molly was playing as a forward against Toby the ball came in and she kicked it as hard as she could. It rattled off the crossbar. Toby dived to save it. At the same time the crossbar came loose and swung down on Toby's head knocking him out instantly like he was dead. "Oh my god the crossbar has killed Toby" cried Edward .The ball came down hitting him on the back and bounced into the goal. The ball went over the line and over the bar which was lying on the ground is it a goal or is it over the bar? Molly's team celebrated scoring the goal Danny went ballistic, "that goal does not count" he screamed "oh yes it does" said Molly's team. Both teams squared up to one another and argued about the goal, while Mr. Nolan revived Toby. The war over the goal and Toby's death went on for the rest of the school term.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Danny Dreelan
Fourth Class, Tombrack NS

People started sniggering but Toby wasn't interested until Molly came over and said "Hey Toby", Toby looked over and went red in the face and said "Eaeemmmmm, how do you know my name"? Toby said swiftly. "I mean.....who am I kidding everyone knows me!!!" he thought. At this time Danny and Edward were gone somewhere else maybe sneaking to the toilet. What are you doing out of your seat Molly!!! Mr Nolan roared. "I was just" don't back answer me or both of you will be seeing each other in detention". Toby didn't mind as long as he was with Molly. Finally the bell rang and everyone went outside.

Toby was sitting in a corner on his own eating his lunch while everyone else was playing football. Molly was playing and when she got the ball she passed it to Toby. Toby never really liked football. "I bet that you're no good" said Molly, but it was obvious she was trying to get him to play. "I am not" Toby said. Toby got off the bench and started to play. Although he wasn't very good he scored a goal. Danny and Edward were so angry at Toby they tried to set up a plan. The bell rang and everyone went inside. Edward and Danny started to pick on Toby a little bit only because they were jealous. Toby got very sad but he looked at Molly, Molly smiled at him and it made Toby feel strong. . Toby stood up for himself. "If you want to keep up this nonsense it doesn't bother me because I have better things to do" announced Toby. When Danny and Edward couldn't attract Toby's attention they just gave up. But it wasn't over. Danny came over to apologise to Toby before Mr. Nolan came into the room "I am sorry for bullying you a bit, I guess I was just jealous. Toby was a bit mad but then he got really mad, he remembered in his old school what he did. "Yeah you better be" Toby tried to control his anger, but he couldn't. Molly tried to stop Toby but she wasn't able so she called for Mr. Nolan. "Mr. Nolan come to the classroom quickly, it's Toby". Danny was scared. Toby started to do the same thing he done to the other boy in the other school. Mr. Nolan walked in the classroom and saw them fighting. Finally he was expelled and put into anger management classes.

23 years later he died from sadness and depression. He died from SAD, darkness his heart. Molly, Danny and Edward lived with each other but Toby didn't want to live with them because of the 2 boys. Once soul and always will be soul mates. Well Molly.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Damien Duke
Fifth Class Carrigduff NS

.....to the desk and said "hello" to Danny and Edward then she looked at Toby "You're the new boy, right?" she said. "That's right" he said.

Chapter 2: A BAD TIME

He had already decided that the school was just as bad as his last school that he ran away from. His new school was a military boarding school for troubled children like him. He was sad and angry because his Mum and Dad had died in a car crash not long ago.

In the morning his alarm went off for breakfast at half seven. He went down the stairs to the cafeteria. It was a big room filled with people aged between thirteen and eighteen. He saw Danny and Edward eating cereal with Molly, he grabbed a tray and got himself some cornflakes. He went over to them and sat down beside them. Danny said "Are you ready for your real day?" Edward glanced at his watch and said "It's quarter to eight, we need to go. You know what happens if you're late!" He tapped the scar on the back of his head.

They walked down the hall towards the classroom. "We have got twenty seconds" Danny said "If you're even a second late he will beat you!" When they reached the door Toby stopped to tie his lace. He was a metre away from the door. Danny had already gone through. When Toby was finished he went through the door, the teacher Mr Nolan screamed at him "You are late!" he told Toby. Danny said "Sir how can he be late?" Mr Nolan said "He was five seconds late, that mean's he was late, ok? Now go and sit down Edward and Danny" he said to Toby "Bend over". Then he took out a leather whip and starting beating Toby across the back. Once he was done Toby got up slowly and painfully. Once he was up he stepped forward and pushed Mr Nolan over. Mr Nolan rugby tackled Toby to the ground. Danny and Edward rushed in to help Toby, Molly went and got the metal metre stick and started bashing Mr Nolan over the head. Then the teacher got up and whipped a knife out his pocket and slashed it across Toby's belly.

Molly gave Mr Nolan one more whack across the head and he lay still then. When the room started to clear Danny saw Toby lying on the ground. He went over and helped him to his feet. That was when he saw the cut. He called Molly over to help. They helped Toby up and the three of them hobbled down the hall. When they were outside they found out Edward had taken the keys from Mr Nolan's desk. He was pressing the open button so the lights of the car were flashing. It was a gleaming BMW. Molly and Danny laid Toby in the back and Molly got in beside him. Edward was driving. Danny got in the passenger seat. When they were ten miles away they saw a town. It was not far away. Molly turned to Toby and told him to "Wake up" When he did not she got worried. She looked and saw that he was very pale. She realised that he had died peacefully along the way.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Paul Dunbar
Sixth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

Molly walked over to Toby, Danny and Edward. "Hey" said Molly. "Um, hi" responded Toby. "Do you want to hang out after school?" asked Molly. "Whatever" said Toby.

Molly walked away happily. Danny and Edward looked on in Awe. After, school that day, Molly and Toby went to the Chippers and then proceeded to the Playground. Over the next few weeks Toby began to hang out with Molly more and more and more. In fact, after a while, Danny and Edward began to hang around with them too. Toby also began to make lots of new friends every day as well. He also began to get on with his new teacher as well. Everything was going great - except for the fact that he did not fully trust Edward -especially with that scar of his on his neck. However, one day when they went to Edward's house, something terrible happened. Toby, Molly and Danny went to Edward's house to play with him. They rang the doorbell but no one was there. They then started their way back. They decided to walk through Edward's woods as you could spot many beautiful creatures. They had spotted a squirrel, a Fox, and two Rabbits. But then..... BOOM!. A gun shot out of nowhere. And it had hit Toby. "NOOOOOOO!" shouted Molly. "Who did this?" shouted Danny. And then came out a familiar foe.....it was EDWARD. He stood tall and proud with a rifle in his hand. "But.....Why" asked Molly while crying. Edward responded with "You should have known by the scar on my neck". He then proceeded to shoot Molly and Danny. "Looks like you can join Toby in HELL" he said proudly with a smirk on his face.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Ella McDonald
Fifth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

"Hi", said Molly, "you're the new guy, right?" "Yeah", Toby grunted. The bell sounded. Molly gathered her books. "Well, nice meeting you," she smiled.

On yard, Toby and Danny searched everywhere for Edward but he could not be found. "Do you want to come to my house after school today?" asked Danny. Toby thought for a moment, and then decided that it probably would be best to make a new friend, after all it looked like he was going to be in this town for quite a while. Both Danny and Toby were extremely excited but also curious to find out about the scar on the back of Edward's ear. In school, Toby and Danny made it their business to find out what the ugly scar on the back of Edwards ear was about.

"Hi Edward!" chorused the two boys together. They began to walk towards each other. "So Edward, where were you on yard?" questioned Danny. "Oh nowhere much, I just felt a bit sick, that's all" replied Edward mysteriously. After school the boys went straight up to Danny's room to talk about Edward. "What do you think he's up to?" wondered Danny. After a few hours of games and chitter chatter about Edward, the boys decided that they would follow Edward on yard.

Out on yard the following day, the boys saw Edward walking mysteriously over to the fence that bordered the school. Beyond the fence lay a dark, dense forest full of weird, horrible sounds. Toby and Danny crept cautiously behind Edward, watching his every move. Edward strayed to a very odd looking cave where he jumped and slid straight down it, as if it was a slide. To the boy's amazement, it really was a slide! Down slid the two boys, rapidly. They landed with a thud, and then followed the lantern light that they could see Edward holding.

Eventually they arrived inside a huge, creepy room where massive, coloured spiders lay awaiting their master, of course, Edward. Suddenly, Toby gave Danny a hard warning nudge and pointed over to where Molly lay locked up tight against a hard rock table. She looked miserable. As Edward summoned all of his wicked spiders, Toby and Danny crept in the shadows along the side of the rocky cave. As they reached Molly, they spotted a gold key hanging above her head. In the blink of an eye, Toby grabbed the gold key and unchained Molly. The trio whizzed through the cave at the speed of light, racing up the spiral staircase with the horrible, massive spiders hot on their heels. When they reached the top of the staircase, they shut the steel door tightly and dashed out of the forest. Panting and gasping

for air, the three finally reached the school, climbed over the fence and sprinted to the front door. The next day in school, Edward didn't show up, of course.

Two weeks later something awful happened. Toby was walking home with Molly and Danny when out of nowhere he felt extremely hot and suddenly fell to the ground with a loud thump. Later that day, Toby was in the hospital and his mother, father, Danny and Molly were all told by the doctor that Toby had been bitten by poisonous venom and wouldn't make it.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Carson Fitzpatrick
Sixth Class, St. Brigid's NS, Clonegal

She stood in front of him and said "Hi, I'm Molly and you're Toby right". "Yeah, how do you know my name?" said Toby confused. "Well, the word going round is that you got expelled from your last school", she hesitated and said "because you broke a lad's nose". Toby scratched his nose and then said "Oh yeah, in all fairness though he was an eejit and kept annoying me, that's a good enough reason, right." "Suppose, anyway my friends and I are going to hang out at the park, you can come if you want" she said. Edward and Danny walked over to them and Edward said "Hey, we overheard you, could we come too?" "Yeah, why not, as long as you don't act the Mick, Ok?" "And Toby, you're coming right?" Toby hesitated then said "I'll think about it". Molly walked off and sat down with her friends, she must have said something about Toby because all of her friends were looking straight at him. The bell went and Toby picked up his books and left the classroom.

Later that day Toby was at home listening to music when his mother walked in and said "Toby you have visitors" but Toby couldn't hear her over the music so she pulled his headphones off and she said it again. Toby looked up and said "Sorry Ma, I couldn't hear you, what is it?" "It's two boys from your class they said they're here to go to the park" said Ma cheerfully. "Oh yeah, remember that, by the way there's no way I'm going" said Toby cheekily. "Well then, I guess you don't want your pocket money this week said Ma giving her son a cheeky look. "Ahh Ma, do I have to?" said Toby getting ready to sulk. "Yes you do, it'll be good to get out of the house and make new friends, you'll enjoy yourself Ok, just be yourself but without breaking someone's nose, could you do that please dear?" "Well, I've basically no choice, tell them I'll be out in a sec" said Toby dreading what was to come. "Ok, and don't worry son, you'll be fine" she said as she walked out of the room.

"So you broke a guy's nose?" said Danny as Toby and Edward walked down the street with him. "Yeah, I broke a lad's nose so what?" said Toby getting irritated. "It's just if someone's annoying you, you don't hit them a box in the face, you should just tell them off" said Edward. "Well, it's in the past, I can't do anything about it now, can we just please change the subject?" said Toby. "Fine, so Molly and her friends can be really annoying but as long as you don't punch them in the face, which is really tempting, you should be OK" said Danny starting to smirk. It was all going well until Edward said "Anyway, I don't know why you're so excited, Molly is not going to go out with a dope like you." And the next day Toby and his Ma were packing up their stuff to move since Toby got expelled for fracturing Edward's leg in two places.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Corie Fitzgerald
Sixth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

Chapter 1

As she walked over Danny started to get jealous as he had liked Molly. Molly came over and kissed Toby on the cheek. At that moment Danny was furious. He ran down the hallway searching for Edward but he was nowhere to be seen and after two minutes of searching Toby caught up with him and yelled "Danny". Danny started running as he didn't want to talk to Toby but as he was running he stumbled upon Edward in Mr. Nolan's class room, he went in and he soon lost track of Toby. Danny went over to Edward and asked " Why are you in here?" Edward said that he needed help in maths but Danny said that he had bigger problems. After two minutes of explaining everything to Edward, they both said that they had to take care of him.

Chapter 2

After school Toby met up with Danny and Edward and said " Danny where were you I couldn't find you" Danny replied that Mr. Nolan needed help carrying books. "Ok" said Toby sarcastically and the conversation about that ended there. Danny asked Toby to meet him and Edward in a storage unit in Dunmore Park, Toby felt anxious and felt the urge that he had to say yes, so he did he said yes, so it was done we were to meet each other at the storage unit at five o clock

Chapter 3

It reached five o' clock and I was waiting for Danny and Edward at the storage unit. I waited for five more minutes and as I went to leave, they came. I didn't have a big conversation about it I only asked "Why are we here?" Danny replied and said " shut up ". Danny put his hand in a fist and so did Edward they started to run after me while Danny was saying " Why did you go near her?" Toby didn't know what he was talking about but at that moment Danny mentioned Molly's name and that's when Toby clicked and started to fight back but it was two on one and Danny and Edward had beaten Toby to the ground, they didn't know whether or not he was dead or alive but they just ran and ran and ran

Chapter 4

That morning when Danny and Edward woke up they heard the news and their family sobbing they went in to see what all the commotion was about, it showed that they found a body at the Dunmore Park it was a boy and his name was Toby. Both Danny and Edward felt really bad and turned themselves in. They got the maximum sentence of twelve.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Isobel Furlong

Third Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

Molly came over to Toby. "Hi I am Molly" she said "you must be Toby". "Here it goes again." Toby whispered to himself. Then the bell rang. "OK class open your book to page 14, and start reading please Toby". "You are on the wrong book" said Danny. He said that a little too loudly. "Toby I expect you to listen and do as I say, now get out the right book" said the teacher.

At lunch Toby didn't fancy anything in the cafeteria but he didn't have any breakfast. So he decided to go for the cheese sandwich. "Oh look it's the new boy Toby" came a voice from behind Toby. "I see that you went for the sandwich, that's what all the new people get." "Go away" said Toby. Then he walked away. "So I see you have met Justin" said Edward "he is like that to all the new kids."

When Toby got back home, he grabbed an apple and went to his room. When Toby finished his dinner he was told to go outside. He sat on a bench and thought about the day. When he got up the next morning Toby was a bit happier, he remembered they were going on a field trip that day. When they got off the bus they had to get name tags. While they were walking around Justin started to annoy Toby again. But this time Toby pushed Justin, and Justin knocked something down. They both got detention for the rest of the week. And everyone had to return to the school early. When they got back they had English. "I need your stories by tomorrow" the teacher said.

After class Toby went to Justin's locker and took his story. The next day Justin came up to Toby and said "hey where is my story". "I have no idea what you are talking about" said Toby. "Yes you do, I know it was you cos I found this on the ground at my locker", he held up Toby's name tag. "I'll have a deal with you, we will have a fight if I win you take the blame for pushing me and if you win I take the blame".

The next day Toby met Justin down by the river. Lots of people came to watch as well. Everyone started to shout "Fight! Fight! Fight!" Then they started. Justin pushed Toby over by the river. Toby pushed back. Justin pushed again and Toby fell into the river and banged his head. Danny, Edward and Molly ran over but it was too late. Even though Toby didn't like the attention, he was still remembered.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Karla Godfrey
Sixth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

"Hi my name is Mo-," she started when she reached the boys but before she could finish Toby interrupted her. "Molly! I know who you are," he said a little too eagerly. Everyone sniggered again. Toby turned the colour of scarlet and went back to staring out the window. "STALKER!" Edward called out and everyone except Danny burst out into hysterical laughter.

Toby lost it. *How could anyone be so mean* he thought to himself as he jumped out of his seat and dashed out of the classroom, leaving stunned silence behind him. He kept running along the hallway till he reached the large double doors that led out to the playground. He hesitated before turning the knob and stepping outside into the cool air. Then he ran. He ran through the maze of concrete known as Dublin, a place he knew he could hide in till things died down and he was ready to face the angry mob of teachers.

Toby didn't slow down until he was sure he was far away from school and his lungs burned. No sooner had he stopped did he see it, a huge silver truck loomed over him. Everything turned to slow motion. *RUN!* His inner self shouted, but he couldn't, he felt paralyzed from the waist down. All he had time to do was scream.

He opened his eyes. The truck was gone, in fact... it was *all* gone. There were no skyscrapers, no tarmac road and no-body. Instead, warm sand lay beneath Toby's now bare feet and towering palm trees stood scattered all to his left. To his right a beautiful azure blue sea rippled calmly. Just as he began to look at his new clothes it dawned on him why he was there. At that moment, he knew he would never see his mum again unless... Toby's thoughts seemed alien to him, they had gone from shy to big and bold. Insane ideas were coming to him and although he feared them, if they meant there was even a glimmer of hope he could get out of this place he was willing to try.

Idea no.1, jump off the top of one of the highest palm trees and see if dying in- whatever place this was- could bring him back. After shimmying up the tree Toby jumped. However, before he could hit the ground he was caught by an angel. This is gonna be harder than I thought," Toby murmured to himself before the angel placed him gently on the ground.

Idea no.2, drown. The angel tried to stop Toby, but with a new sense of desperation he got past the winged creature and waded into the freezing water. He felt strong arms trying to pull him up but it was to no avail. Even though the water was like a thousand needles and pulling against the angel was like playing tug of war with an elephant Toby kept going. His chest felt like it was going to explode and he took a gulp of salty water and began to choke. Then it was over.

He was back. He just knew it. When Toby opened his eyes there was uproar from his many relatives that surrounded his hospital bed. He later learned that he had been in a coma after barely surviving the accident. Toby was alive!

The War of Toby's Death continued by Aoife McGrath
Sixth Class, St. Brigid's NS Clonegal

People started sniggering when Molly walked over, Toby just kept his head down still attempting not to be noticed but it wasn't really working. "Hi Danny, hi Edward, so who's this?" said Molly cheerfully. "This is Toby, he doesn't really want to talk to any one though." Molly pulled over a chair from the table next to her. "Can I sit down?" asked Molly politely.

"Suppose" grumbled Toby. Another mistake he thought. Why did he do that? If anything he didn't need another person to 'keep him company'. Toby rested his head on his hand and sighed. "What's the matter?" asked Molly.

"Nothing, I'm fine" Toby said.

That was Toby's first day of his new school; he became good friends with Molly and Danny but not really with Edward. He always thought he was a bit suspicious.

Four Years Later.....

"Cancer" Toby told his friends. What else was there to say?

"What do you mean? You don't have cancer, you can't!" cried Molly. "I do," sighed Toby. "And there is not much to do about it."

"Well we'll all get through this together, won't we" said Danny in an unsure tone.

Toby and his friends went home that day thinking they were the saddest people in the world. After all there is no cure for cancer.

The Fight to Live

Toby fell asleep very quickly that night and it wasn't long before he had his dream ...

There was a dark hooded figure with its face hidden; it had long, bony fingers and long, dirty fingernails. It whispered something that Toby could barely hear.

"Come, Toby, your time is nearly up"

Toby didn't understand, what did that mean? Who was this? "Come, Toby, come."

Toby jumped up with a bead of sweat running down his forehead. Soon enough he fell back to sleep.

Two weeks later...

Toby was in the hospital. His friends and family surrounded his bed. He was unconscious. And that where the war began...

It was Death versus Toby, Toby versus Death. He wanted to live his life but Death didn't agree; he thought that his time was up. This was when Toby knew he had to fight. Toby's hands and arms started to get a bit colder. Every now and then he would wake up and his breathing got heavier and he started wheezing. Toby felt like he had to go but he was only 14 and he had a great deal left to with his life. For instance he wanted to travel the world with Danny and Molly. Toby sensed Death with him in the room and before long he saw him at the end of the bed. "Come, Toby come, it's your time now Toby" whispered Death.

"No, no it's not" muttered Toby while he was unconscious. All of a sudden Toby's body started to fight back and little by little he started to get warmer. His breathing started to calm down.

Cheating Death

"Toby I'm so happy for you, you do realise that don't you." said the teacher on the last day of school before he went backpacking with Danny and Molly around Europe.

You see Death will find you wherever you are but it's only some people that can fight it and win - for now ...

The War of Toby's Death continued by Gemma Hassey
Fifth Class, Tombrack NS

People started sniggering when Molly walked over "Hi Toby"! Molly exclaimed. From a distance you would think Molly was flawless but when Molly came closer to Toby, he noticed her straight limp hair, rashes on her cheeks, dark blue tearstained eyeballs and her perfect manicured nails were chipped. Most importantly he saw a broken girl who just needed to be loved. He expected her to say rude things to him because she was popular and he was new but she just gave him a weak smile. She introduced herself as Molly, it was obvious she wanted to continue their conversation but he returned his gaze to the frost glazed window.

After school Molly offered to walk Toby home, Toby declined quickly, he couldn't trust Molly he had just met her. He didn't want to let people in he couldn't not after dad. Toby had a war with himself, he hated himself. He hated that he expressed his anger with violence. "Its fine, we can go to the park" Molly says softly. Toby asked Molly about her story. Molly sighed "Dad tries, I know he does but he can't, not on his own. My brother died in the army almost two years ago. Mum was mourning for Jason, my brother. It was all too much for her to handle so she got depressed and died. Dad is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. I have to practically raise my six year old sister Poppy. I'm only fourteen I shouldn't have to deal with this, Molly cried. Toby was shocked. "My dad's an alcoholic and when he has drunk too much he hits me. Mum left when I was four. Mum thought if she left when I was young it wouldn't hurt so much" Toby creaked out. Toby suffered from serious anxiety. Toby kept having to move because his dad keeps getting in trouble with the police. Every time Toby's dad hits him a little part of him dies. The shred of hope and dignity that he has left dies. He builds it back up again and his father kills it.

"Sometimes I feel like we're alone in this world, that its everyman for himself" Molly states looking up at the blue sky. Their stories are bringing them closer together. Toby's dad went to jail for domestic violence and Toby moved in with Charlotte one of Molly's friend's house as her parents were fostering. Molly and her worked their problems. Toby became quite good friends with Danny and got used to Edwards snide remarks. Toby and Molly were a lot more the best friends, they were soul mates.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Ben Hogan
Fifth Class, Leighlinbridge NS

People started sniggering when Molly walked over. "Hi, how are you?" she asked. Toby felt nervous and felt himself go red. "Okay everybody. Get out your maths books, page one hundred and seven," said Mr Nolan loudly. The maths class was fine and time passed quickly. Toby enjoyed break. He played soccer with Danny and Edward. There were awkward moments when people asked weird questions. Toby enjoyed his day and Mr Nolan said he could have a night off homework, as it was his first day.

The following morning Toby woke up in a good mood, but when he arrived at the school there was a strange mist to be seen. Then someone pulled his shirt. Who was it? What was it? Where was it? Everything went black. Toby screamed and then the lights came back on. Toby was in the library and the calendar read June, 1798. He looked out the window. The lamppost sign said ENNISCORTHY. What was happening?

Toby looked down at himself. He was wearing old, muddy, cheap trousers and an old, torn shirt. "Stop Toby! You're just dreaming," he told himself. "You'll open your eyes and everything will be back to normal." Toby opened his eyes and peered out the window. He cast his eyes down the street. There he saw Irish rebels at war against the British soldiers. "No way!" exclaimed Toby. He hadn't realised how loudly he had spoken. Toby never meant to say it aloud at all. He was just thinking. Then out of the corner of his eye he saw a shadow and heard a loud, angry "Shhhh! You're in the school library. Be quiet!" This makes no sense, thought Toby. A school open during the rebellion. He was still deeply engrossed in thought when a deep voice exclaimed "Well, what are you looking at? Shoo quickly boy, get going." Toby decided that he should get going. He wasn't going to protest against a six foot tall, very, very broad and angry librarian.

He was walking out the door when, suddenly, he felt his legs disappear from beneath him. What was happening? Toby was spinning, spinning, spinning, faster and faster. He felt sick. He was going to vomit. Then, with a loud thud that felt like his legs would snap, he was back on firm ground, in his classroom, with the full class staring at him. He noticed that he was lying on the ground. Danny walked up to him and said "You were screaming, kicking and rolling around on the ground. You said something about Enniscorthy and an angry librarian. What happened? "Em... em...em..." stammered Toby.

Everything went black again and all he could hear were sirens.

The War of Toby's Death continued Cillian Jeffers
Third Class, St. Brigid's NS Clonegal

Toby said, "Danny get up.. get up!" "Why?" asked Danny. "I want you to sit beside me" he replied. Danny wouldn't get up so Toby got near and pushed him. Molly got a fright and thought she was going to be pushed also so she went away. The teacher was so cross with Toby that Toby jumped up and left the classroom. On his way down the corridor he met the principal. She asked him what he was doing. "We're playing a game" lied Toby. He thought he might get in trouble and get detention if he told the truth.

Toby ran back to the toilet and locked himself in. Everyone was looking for Toby. The boys were trying to open the toilet door. Toby could hear everything that was going on and he thought everyone was going to kill him when they found him so he looked around and saw a small window and thought he could escape. The window was very small so when he tried to get through he got stuck. He pulled himself, saw the soap and thought it might help him squeeze through. Toby used the soap and got through the tiny window. As soon as he was through he saw someone's hand coming around the corner so he turned around and got straight back in. Toby now had run out of time, he tried to get back out again. It was more difficult he had no soap left to help him squeeze through but he kept on trying. Eventually he got through.

He saw a teacher and he ran to hide in the bushes. From behind a bush he could see the gardener so he ran. He thought he had nowhere to go so he ran through the nettles. He slipped and fell! He crawled on through the nettles. One person spotted him and all of a sudden the principal was behind him. He got detention but he didn't get killed!

And every time he was bold from then on he had to move his chair to the corner of the room.

The War of Toby's Death continued Andy Jordan
Fourth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

Molly said "Hi, you're new, right?"

"Yes" replied Toby.

"Why did you move here?" asked Molly.

I don't want to talk about it" snapped Toby.

"Okay" said Molly and she returned to her seat. At that moment the teacher entered the class
"Welcome back I hope you enjoyed your mid-term break." Is this really what I have to put
up with in school, thought Toby?

After school Toby returned home, "Hi Mum, hi Dad" said Toby – they did not reply – drunk
again thought Toby, some parents I have and headed upstairs to do his homework. He was
looking at his Mathemagic book when he heard Edward shout, "Are you there?" Toby ran to
the window, "Meet me in the park in half an hour" roared Edward.

"What's wrong?" asked Toby.

"Nothing much, I just wanted to go for a walk.

"Where?" asked Toby.

"Just around the village" replied Edward.

"I wouldn't mind having a look around that forest if you want to go for a walk" suggested
Toby.

"NO you must not go near that forest – it is very dangerous" said Edward.

That night Toby lay in bed puzzled. "What is in that forest?" he wondered, "I need to know
what is in there." After school the next day, Toby changed his clothes and headed straight for
the forest. Just as he entered Edward roared "STOP" but it was too late for he had already
entered the forest. That's the end of Toby thought Edward....."O no! How will I tell his
parents? I can't....." he said to himself, he turned and followed Toby into the forest.

"Toby, Tobywhere are you?" echoed through the forest. Edward walked and walked
through the forest. He noticed some juicy berries and was just about to pick a few when he
spotted Toby on the ground.

Toby had a scar about the length of a ruler and was covered in blood. Edward said he would
get helpso he ran to the police station to get a rescue party. Edward led them right to the
spot where Toby was lying....but Toby was gone. Then a policeman pointed to a sign that said
"Beware of Wolves."

Ding dong! Went the doorbell. "Mam, we have some bad news for you... your son Toby is
dead." Toby's Mam immediately started to fake cry, the police left soon after. As soon as they
left she jumped around the room with glee. "No more notes being sent home, no more
moving house "she shouted.

In the woods where Toby seemingly died he was in fact truly alive – for when Edward left to
get help he was rescued by an old woodsman who took care of him. The old woodsman
stitched Toby's wound, fed him and gave him a bed to sleep in. When Toby was better he
returned to the village to discover his nasty parents had left the previous week thinking he
was dead.

Toby was put up for adoption..... and Edward was delighted to have a new brother.

The War of Toby's Death continued Caoimhe Jordan
Sixth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

Mollie scowled nastily at Edward, then turned to Toby and introduced herself. Toby smiled then quickly looked away. Mollie glanced Danny's way and gave him an awkward smile. She then returned to her seat and began chatting with her friends.

When school was over Danny and Edward walked with Toby to the sweet shop. The three sat on the wooden bench and began to talk about the town and people in it. Toby didn't get involved much in the conversation. He didn't like discussing where he lived or what his family is like. When the sweets were devoured the boys decided to get home. Danny offered to walk Toby home, but Toby immediately declined.

When Toby got home his father was sitting at the table sniffing some strange thing and his mother was sitting in the worn out arm chair drinking vodka from the bottle. Toby ran upstairs and set about doing his homework in his room. A few minutes later Toby's dad shouted for him to get downstairs. When Toby appeared, his father handed him a piece of paper with an address on it. "You know what you have to do," his father said. Toby hated this job.

The house was a five minute walk away, it appeared abandoned - the front door and the windows were boarded up so Toby walked around the back, the back door wasn't boarded so Toby walked up and banged on it. A teenage boy answered a few minutes later. Toby handed him the piece of paper his father gave him. The boy disappeared then came back with a plastic bag. Toby took the bag and began walking, but the boy caught onto to his shoulder with a firm grip. "The money," he said. Toby's heart stopped he didn't have any money, Toby thought fast; he gave the boy an almighty bow in the ribs and started sprinting to the wall. But he was too slow a bullet went straight through his arm. He roared in pain and looked back there were six or seven boys at the door. Toby recognised one of them - Edward - one of the boys from school. Toby passed out with pain.

Toby woke up he was in a cosy bed, his arm was sore but other than that he was fine. Sitting beside him were Edward, Mollie, Danny and two guards. They all looked relieved to see he was awake. Suddenly Toby began to hear a voice in his head saying, "I'll bring you to a better place, it will be warm and you will be safe." Toby closed his eyes; a machine began to beep uncontrollably. But a few seconds later Toby heard nothing Toby felt warm and safe.

Chapter 2: Molly

Toby was as red as a tomato (from blushing, not anger). "Hi!" Molly chimed cheerfully. Toby had a heart attack right there on the spot. "Hi," whispered Toby. "I was worrying about you. You were sitting there as if a monster was gonna eat you up in one big bite," smiled Molly. Toby laughed.

"Sup?" asked Danny as he approached them. "Just talking to the new fella," replied Molly. Fella? Thought Toby. He was only eight, not eighteen! "I'm just gonna have a chat with Toby," said Danny. Molly looked on with a bemused smile on her face. Danny suddenly seemed awkward and uncomfortable. "Over there!" menaced Danny, pointing to the other side of the classroom.

Chapter 3: Frenemies

"Did you make any friends today dear?" enquired Rosetta, Toby's Mum. "Yes and no," Toby answered gloomily. "What does that mean?" asked his little sister Karen, as she looked up from her favourite show "Peppa Pig", she was only three. "Just forget it!" shouted Toby as he stormed off.

He was kind of friends with Danny and they were kind of enemies after what had happened. Both he and Danny like Molly. Danny had punched Toby in the stomach, telling him to stay away from Molly and Toby had to go home, telling the teacher that he wasn't feeling well. He got on with his homework until he heard his Dad call "Winner, winner, chicken dinner!" Toby rushed down the stairs. After all Mum's chicken dinner was his favourite.

Chapter 4: Differences between Life and Death

That was all of nine years ago. Toby is now seventeen. He has just asked Molly to the prom and guess what? She said yes! He was in great form at home when dad came in. "Someone looks like they just won the lotto," exclaimed Dad. "What's all the celebration for?" asked Dad curiously. "Nunya," answered Toby. "Nunya who?" asked Dad annoyed. "Nunya business!" said Toby with a chuckle. "Very funny," retorted Dad sarcastically.

It was now prom night. Toby was wearing a fancy tuxedo and was looking like the next James Bond. He was anxiously waiting for Molly to arrive when, suddenly, he started to wheeze. Toby felt unsteady. His knees began to give way. When Molly arrived she was horrified to find him so distraught. "Toby! Hang in there!" she screamed hysterically. She dialled 911 and they were rushed to the hospital.

Toby was lying on the hospital bed, still wearing the fancy tuxedo. Molly sat beside him, her hands on his hands, crying intensely. "Excuse me ma'am," the nurse said. "Yes," replied Molly. "Your friend doesn't have much longer," explained the nurse. "How much longer does he have?" enquired a sniffing Molly. "Just one more day," responded the nurse.

Chapter 5: What If.....

"He can go home tomorrow," said the nurse. "W- what?" Molly stammered, flabbergasted. "He'll be well enough to go home tomorrow. It was just a bad asthma attack, probably brought on by the excitement of the prom," explained the nurse. "But I thought you said that he had only one day left to live!" said Molly, totally confused. She was now crying tears of joy. What a night this had been!

Seven years have gone by and in the meantime Toby had proposed. Molly, (obviously) had said "Yes!" and they now have a gorgeous baby daughter called Kady. (Wise choice!) They continue to live happily ever after.

I wonder what would have happened to them if Molly hadn't gone over to Toby when they were eight.....

The War of Toby's Death continued by Katelyn Kehoe
Fifth Class, Tombrack NS

Molly walked straight past Danny who flicked his hair and just pretended not to care and stopped beside Toby. "Hey you're the new kid right?" asked Molly. "Yeah" stumbled Toby. Molly held out her hand and smiled "I'm Molly Anderson" she stated. "Toby, Toby Berjam" said Toby while shaking her hand. "You know this class isn't so bad, and I was once the new kid. I can't say it's easy but you pull through, but watch out for Mr. Nolan. He's known for having a tongue as sharp as a knife" warned Molly. "Thanks" said Toby. One of the girls called Molly, "bye" she said. Toby watched as she walked back to her friends but then returned his gaze to the window. After the class Mr. Nolan called him up to his desk, "you okay Toby" asked Mr. Nolan. "Yeah". "I understand you're going through some things at the moment but talk to Molly. Everyone has a story"! resolved Mr. Nolan.

As Toby strolled out of the school he thought about it. He walked to an estate, the houses were white, pillars beside doors, some with pools, others with tennis courts. He walked up the path of number 32 and rang the doorbell. "What are you doing here" questioned Molly. "I just wanted to talk" answered Toby. "Come in" Molly said with a confused look on her face. She led him to the kitchen and shut the door. "What's your story" demanded Toby. Molly sighed "I'm an orphan, I was born in Texas, America but my parents died when I was young. A couple, the Andersons adopted me and brought me to Ireland. I got bullied because I needed braces but it stopped after 3 years when I got my braces taken out. There, that's it" said Molly as tears formed in Molly's eyes. "I can barely remember her but I loved her. She always gave me a hug every day. She ... She ..." Molly cried. She tried to stop but couldn't. Toby realised Molly wasn't the pretty, popular and happy girl she was in front of everyone. Molly wanted to remember to be loved, hugged... Molly wanted to remember when her life was perfect and not when it was turned upside down. Molly knew she could come out of her shell to the only other person who understood what it's like to be lonely. The person that can understand. And it was Toby's chance to find himself. Molly needed him, he had gone through so much this past year, but he had survived. Molly was breaking down over this and she needed his help. He had conquered it. He was no longer afraid. The war was over, but someone else was in the middle of theirs. No matter what happens always listen to someone else's story, because everyone has one.

The War of Toby's Death continued Leanne Mahon
Fourth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

Ever since that day, Molly and Toby were friends. Sometimes they would get a pizza, other times they would chat in the park. They were not boyfriend and girlfriend, they were just friends.

One evening, Molly came over to Toby's house. As Toby closed the door of his room, Molly chanted a spell and formed a huge bubble around the room. "I declare war against you Toby!" she yelled. "This will be the greatest battle yet!" Toby looked at her confused. "What are you talking about Molly? I thought we were friends!" Molly replied, "You'll find out soon and you better be prepared or I guess" she smirked, "this will be the war of Toby's death. Oh and by the way we were NEVER FRIENDS!" As she reached for the door handle she clicked her fingers and Toby blacked out.

The next morning Toby woke up. He was glad that it was all a dream. He got ready for school, shouted his bye's to his mum but did not get a reply. She must have gone to work early he thought.

When Toby opened the door he nearly fainted. He did not know where he was. A weird looking guy appeared in front of him. "Hello! I'm Finn and you have entered Molly's Kingdom". I know all about you and your mother." "Go away!" shouted Toby, "I need to go back home." Finn continued, "Well, if you are happy to leave your mother die, I won't bother you." Before Finn could take another step, Toby agreed to hear what Finn had to say.

Toby was in shock as he heard how his mother Sarah was ruler of the Kingdom, but Molly's mother Lilly wanted to rule instead. Sarah had killed Lily and when Molly found this out she kidnapped Toby's mother and started to rule the kingdom herself, putting fear in everyone that stood in her way!

"However, there is something that Molly does not know" continued Finn, "she can be easily killed". He then whispered to Toby Molly's weakness.

Finn lived in a small village near Molly's castle, where the villagers all hated Molly. On Thursday at 2 pm, Molly had declared that she was going to publicly execute Sarah. Toby could not let this happen and made a plan with the villagers. They entered the castle disguised as common villagers. Finn had asked his friend to pretend he was a priest so he could get close to Sarah and Molly before the execution. As Molly held the knife up, ready to execute Sarah, Toby shouted, "NOOOOOOOO! STOP!" As Molly looked up, the man disguised as a priest, threw what everyone had thought was holy water at Molly! Everyone looked in shock as Molly started shrieking and started melting". She was gone and her army had vanished. War was over.

Toby ran to his mother and gave her a big hug. He was thankful that he met kind Finn. This was the war of Molly's death.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Lili Markey
Third Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NSI

Molly held out her hand, a big smile on her face, "I'm Molly, Molly Jenkins", she said. I just stared out the window ignoring her. "He's Toby Evans", Danny piped up. The bell rang and everyone took their seats. I realised Molly was sitting right behind me. The teacher Miss Harry walked into the room with a stern expression on her face. "Good morning class", she said. "Good morning Miss Harry", we all said in a bored tone. "Today we have a new student with us. Stand up and tell us something about yourself, Miss Harry said to me. My face turned white as a sheet. I gulped. Everyone was looking at me. I had no choice; I stood up and pushed in my chair. "Well my name is Toby Evans and I'm thirteen years old", I began. "And what hobbies do you have, what sport do you like to play", Miss Harry asked. "I like to play chess" I replied. "Weirdo" Edward said under his breath.

After Maths, Geography and French it was break time. I had a hat, gloves and woolly coat on as it was freezing outside. The winter wind blew in my face. I looked around for either Molly or Danny and saw Danny trying to persuade a boy into giving him the sweets he wasn't supposed to have anyway. "What's up, do you have any sweets?" Danny asked hopefully. I shook my head. "So what do your parents do?" he asked. "Well", I said slowly, "my mother works in Rivers Sweet Factory". Danny raised his eyebrows. "She works for Edwards Dad", he said surprised. "Piece of advice for you, don't annoy Edward if you want your Mum to keep her job", he said seriously.

After school I rode home on my bike and trudged up the stairs, Oakwood Apartments, Number 4. I unlocked the door and saw my Mum cooking dinner. "Pizza and burgers", she said smiling. "Yum", I said trying to smile until she replied, "We're going to visit your father after school tomorrow". "OK", was all I said. I didn't want anything to do with my father. After dinner I went to brush my teeth and go to bed. I was pretending that my father wasn't in jail and life was perfect but unfortunately that wasn't true.

My alarm clock rang at quarter past seven and I hit the off button and got dressed. It was lashing rain so I cycled to school as quickly as possible. We had to stay inside at break time and as I was talking to Molly and Danny something hit me hard in the back. It was a large stone wrapped in paper which said, "Toby loves Molly". Edward and his gang were laughing at the other side of the room. I picked it up ready to throw it back when Danny grabbed my arm, "Stop before your Mum loses her job", he said. Molly was confused so I explained my Mum worked in Edward's Dad's sweet factory. "Couldn't she just get another job? she asked. "Not exactly", I sighed. I would have to tell them. "My Dad's in prison and everyone knows about because it was in the papers so it isn't that easy". "Wow, what for?" Danny asked astonished. "He robbed a bank," I said quietly, "I'm going to visit him today". I knew I would have to tell them the rest. "We've had to move house and school a few times when people found out. At my last school I got in a fight and broke a boy's nose. I just want to be left in peace and forget about it", I muttered. Just then the bell rang and I was glad to hurry back to class.

Over the next few weeks Edward kept picking on me, it got worse and worse. Danny and Molly had to keep reminding me not to lose my temper. Then he started on Danny and Molly until one day he went too far. We were at our lockers when Edward and his gang came up to us. "Hello freak," Edward smiled. "You could say that about yourself", Molly retorted. "Well at least my Dad's not a thief", Edward threw back. Molly flung her books on the floor and slapped him on the face. "You don't know when to quit", Edward snarled and punched her in the stomach.

My anger broke through and I lunged at him. Edward's cronies grabbed me and held me while Edward punched me in all places imaginable before he let me go and strolled off with his friends. Molly and Danny helped me to the bathroom so I could clean the blood from my

face. I had to sneak out of school and get home before my Mum saw me. I pulled the curtains in my bedroom and hid under the covers pretending I was sick when she checked up on me. There was no way I could let her see my bruised face.

I stayed home for days waiting for my face to heal. On Monday morning I cycled slowly to school, things weren't going to get better. Sooner or later I'd lose my temper then my Mum would lose her job and we'd have to move again. When I got to the pedestrian crossing I saw Danny and Molly waiting for me on the other side. Just then Edward appeared as well. "How are the bruises", he jeered. I was so angry I pushed him and he fell out onto the road. A big truck was coming and I realised what was going to happen. I jumped out and pushed Edward out of the way but the truck had swerved and was now coming straight at me. I was glad the last thing I was going to see was Molly and Danny. Then darkness.

The War of Toby's Death continued Cara Murphy
Kildavin National School

"Hey," she said. The class laughed. Danny stayed silent. "So you're the new kid, eh." Toby looked her dead in the eye but stayed silent.

Then Danny muttered something. Toby looked over. Danny's eyes were closed. He looked sad.

"Not one for words, I suppose," Molly said, "Well I just wanted to say welcome and that I can show you around if you want." She was smiling smugly. "Em..... No thanks", said Toby. The class gasped. Molly's pretty, smiling face turned into a disgusted, angry, red face. Danny gulped.

"You'll be sorry, Toby. You'll be very sorry," she hissed as she walked off.

After school, Toby ran out to where his bike was. He was on his bike, when he heard a shout behind him.

"Wait up!" yelled Danny. Toby stopped. "I'm sorry about Molly," Danny continued, "I came to warn you to watch your back. She can destroy you. Did you see that scar on Edward; he was the new kid last year. She tortured him – made the entire school ignore him. She tied him to the playground pole and set her dog at him. I released him without Molly knowing. "She can hurt you. I'll help you though, remember that. "Then he ran off, looking around nervously.

Toby cycled home, worried. Could she really be that powerful?

That night, his mother knocked on his bedroom floor. "Come in," Toby said putting on the biggest smile he could muster.

His mother was sad enough without having to see his son's gloomy mood.

His mother came in. "You have a visitor, Toby."

Toby was confused. Who was it? "Hey Toby," she said grinning. "I just came here to let you know that there is a welcoming party tomorrow at six." And with that she left.

His mother frowned. "Who was that?" "Nobody," Toby replied. "She said I'm not going. Just you." His mother looked at him sadly, and left.

That night he couldn't sleep. She was evil; he had witnessed that at school. Now the party?

The next day, when he got to the party, the house was full of music and laughter. Molly came over to him and said, "Hey Toby! You go with Lilly." Lilly was the second meanest in the class (second to Molly).

Lilly smirked and led him over to Danny. "I don't know why she's throwing you a party. You better watch your back mate," Danny said.

Meanwhile, Molly and Lilly were upstairs. They had tied a sheet to the fan as a 'ghost' to scare Toby.

Now it was time! They turned the fan on. It went flying down on top of Danny and Toby.

"Ahhhhhh," everyone screamed. "They're dead!" said Molly, shocked.

Then silence. Then everyone started throwing stuff at her.

Toby opened his eyes. Danny did too. "What the hell is going on?" they said. Everybody stopped. Silence again. Then everybody laughed.

The War of Toby's Death continued Emma Murphy
Fifth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

As Molly finished walking over, Toby felt a strange feeling inside his body. When she had reached the table, everybody in the class was staring over at the one single table in the corner at the window, waiting for the silence to be broken.

Danny opened his mouth to say something but quickly shut it. Then the silence was broken by the scraping noise of a chair being pushed back. All eyes turned to the back of the class to see Michael standing up and shouting, "What?! I have to go to the loo!" The class began to snigger as he marched angrily out of the room.

Then all eyes flickered back to Toby and Molly. Toby dreaded this moment but strangely started to feel a little cheerful inside. "Hey!" said Molly. As Toby realised that she was talking to him, quickly he replied "Hi" in a low hustled voice. His face turned bright red when she asked him to meet her on the yard.

As the day went on, Toby stared at the clock, counting the minutes going by and finally the bell rang. When Toby was going over to get his bright yellow coat, he thought to himself he might not dread this after all.

When Toby was outside, shaking with the cold, everybody on the court was staring straight at him. Finally, Molly came out. She grabbed Toby's hand and they went out onto the frosty grass. Surely everybody watching had to come too. Soon everybody in the school was following Molly and Toby onto the frosty grass.

To Toby's amazement, Danny and Edward came over and tripped him up, and he fell flat on his face. Everybody instantly burst out laughing. Toby picked himself up and marched angrily into the building to meet Michael coming out of the bathroom.

Inside Toby was burning up, he was angrier than he ever was before, but now he had to get revenge. He rustled into the classroom and grabbed every chair he could, throwing them everywhere, smashing computers, ripping up books and breaking windows. Let me tell you, when the teacher came in he had a couple of words to say that we don't need to know.

As the class came in from break, they got an awful shock when they saw that Toby had wrecked the classroom. As the class stood open mouthed, staring at Toby, he had no other choice but to run, run away from here.

As he pushed his way past the other kids and ran out to the path, tears began to trickle down his face. He mumbled away to himself, but there was no time to finish what he was trying to say, because he never looked up or down before he ran across the road.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Pierce Murphy
Fourth Class, Tombrack NS

People started sniggering when Molly walked over, little did they know that she was on a mission, a secret mission. Molly's job was to make contact with Toby. The wink was a secret sign of the STB (squash the bully) squad. Toby had been watching for the sign. Their mission was simple, find the bully and stop him/her.

There has been a lot of bullying in the school. Mr. Nolan knew this was happening but he could not identify the bully. That is why he had to get the services of the squad. Many children have been bullied including Edward.

The person Mr. Nolan did not know who it was because it was cyber bullying from an unknown account. Children's lives were being ruined. Happy children were getting very depressing and it was destroying their lives.

The person that was doing this was Danny. Danny didn't know why this started. He only started it as a joke but it got out of hand. This happened because every day he has to wait in the reception of his mam's computer company for her. Danny started to use the computer for fun but the bullying got worse and worse and he didn't even know why he was doing it.

The plan was simple. Toby was going to be as rude as possible to draw out the bully and as soon as Toby got a message from his computer telling him who it was. As soon as he told Mr. Nolan it was Danny, Danny was expelled and everything was good in the school.

After the weekend Toby did not show up for school Molly said he died in a car crash but he really went to the next school for the next case, for the next bully.

The War of Toby's Death continued Leah Morris
Sixth Class, Our Lady of Lourdes NS

"Hi I'm Molly you're the new kid Toby right". Toby sat there still and unresponsive. "Alright then I'll see you around". Toby could sense there was something about her that was strange and he could not put his finger on it.

After three weeks Toby became closer friends with Danny but avoided Molly as he still got strange vibes off of her. As Toby left school searching for Danny's mam since she was his lift home Molly stopped him in his tracks. "Where are you going," she questioned. Toby stood there still unsure of what to do at that present moment. His face dropped as he seen Danny's mam driving away without him. Toby sprinted after the car as fast as he could but it was no use he knew very well he was not as fast as a car. He decided to take the shortcut down Lakeview alleyway. Little did he know that would be the biggest mistake in his life.

He strolled down the alleyway wondering why was Molly so eager to talk to him when suddenly a cloth was brought to his mouth. He knew very well what it was so he put up his best fight without breathing in for air. After about two minutes he had grown weak with the lack of oxygen so he had to breathe in and after he had done so everything went black.

Danny awoke with a fright from his deep slumber just after remembering that Toby was not in the car on the way home. He dashed down stairs "Ma Ma where is Toby we never dropped him off and he's not answering his phone". This was quite alarming for the both of them as they knew Toby was always on his phone after school. She ran down three doors to Toby's house and looked inside he wasn't there either. This angered her as she treated and loved Toby as if he was her own son.

Toby awoke startled; his head was throbbing with pain. Both his hands were handcuffed together and he was propped up on a small bed. The door opened and a man came in with a gun. "Ah I see sleeping beauty is finally awake, why don't you make this easier for the both of us and stay still it will all be over very quick". He was aiming the gun at Toby's head just about to shoot when the door burst open. In came Molly holding a knife to Edwards's throat. The man turned around to Molly "don't you dare injure my son," he boomed. "Let him go and I will free your son," she replied. The man unlocked the handcuffs on Toby and pushed him towards Molly. They ran as fast as they could. Toby's head was filled with questions. "Why did they take me and how did you know where I was," he asked. "Never doubt a determined girl looking for her brother," she answered while removing a wig and contacts revealing her true self which was identical to Toby. "What happened in there is start of something big, something that you missed your whole life, something about you".

The War of Toby's Death continued by Stephen O'Toole
Fifth Class, Tombrack NS

People started sniggering when Molly walked over to the three boys. She shrugged Danny and Edward off when they tried to talk and impress her and it was obvious that they had a crush on her. When she reached Toby she asked "Hey new guy, what is your name?" "Toby" he answered. "Toby, that's a nice name, I'm Molly" and she was gone. For the rest of the day, Toby thought of the people he had met today. They were all very nice. He especially thought of Molly. How she... "Toby!!! Will you wake up" when Toby opened his eyes he saw Mr. Nolan glaring at him. "Now, what's the answer" he snapped. Toby didn't know the question so he said "4 sir". Everyone started laughing at him, even Molly. His geography Toby, not maths whispered Danny.

It's been a few months now and Toby has settled into the school and luckily he hasn't lost his temper or anything. His only friends are Molly, Danny and Edward. Lately Toby had been spending time with Molly. Danny and Edward think that there is something going on between them and they are very jealous. They really got annoyed when they saw Molly going to Toby's house but they were just working on a project for school. The next day at school the boys kept a close eye on Toby. At one stage, Toby caught them looking at him but they glanced away. A few weeks later they were still spying on him. At break time one day they went up to Molly and Toby and pushed Toby out of the way. They started trying to impress Molly again. Toby got up and said "excuse me, we have to go hand in our project". As they walked away Danny and Edward's temper was sizzling. They wanted revenge and they would get it. So after school they hid in the alleyway and when Toby walked by they pounced on him and dragged him into the alleyway and pushed him against the wall. "You don't have Molly to help you now" said Edward. "Yeah, where's your girlfriend Heh" jeered Danny. "She's not my girlfriend and I don't know what you're talking about" struggled Toby as he heard his collar rip. Suddenly Danny lashed out and punch him hard "Aaahh" yelled Toby in pain. "Baby, WAWAWA" jeered Edward. They threw him on the ground and started kicking him. Meanwhile Molly was at her house doing homework. She heard the cry of Toby. She ran to the alleyway, she was horrified at what she saw, there was Toby on the ground covered in blood. She took out her phone as Danny and Edward ran away. She rang the hospital and Toby's mam immediately.

A few months later Toby had recovered from a broken arm and a fractured finger. Molly had come to visit him and told him that Danny and Edward had got expelled. When she was leaving she kissed him on the cheek and said "Get well". Toby realised that when he was dragged into the alleyway he lost his feelings as friends with Danny and Edward died. He also realised that he didn't need them because he had Molly and that's all he needed.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Robyn Payne
Sixth Class, Tombrack NS

When Molly began to talk Toby felt happy. He glanced up into her deep hazel eyes getting lost in her beauty. Toby staggered and awoke when she called his name. "Are you alright?" Molly questioned sounding concerned. "Erm, yes I am now" Toby announced. For the rest of the day Toby felt content. Molly made Toby burst with happiness. When Toby found her mother had died in a car crash a while ago her whole pleasure of being in this world had died with her mother. Since then there has been a battle in her mind of fear and frustration. He was an unhappy child. The next morning he awoke in his damp house. His father as usual had been drinking the night before. In the back of Toby's mind he wanted to go to school to see Molly. Toby ran to school and sure enough Molly came to talk to him. He felt happier than before. The light at the end of the tunnel became brighter. When Toby came home that day there were police cars and an ambulance outside his door. Toby staggered in fear towards the door. A police man explained that his father died from being so drunk. Toby felt his heart pound through the wall of his chest. He knew he would have to move again. The fear of leaving Molly sank in. The dark cloud let the sun shine for a minute but covered it back up and started to rain. "Go collect your items and come back out" demanded the police man. Toby's heart skipped a beat. His happiness died again. He dragged his feet into the room in which his father slept. This time he notices a few slips of paper wedged between the mattress and the bed frame. Intrigued he forgot everything and examined them. "Dear Toby" it read. "I am your mother, your father won't let me see you and says you never want me back. If you do want me back however come to this street - Park Street" Toby read aloud. The letter had been jotted with a blunt pencil on the back of a receipt from the supermarket. Confused Toby ran outside, blood rushing through his veins. The police officer reluctantly drove to the street. The street was a distressing sight. Packed full of homeless. Toby rushed out and called "is anyone my mother"? A familiar woman stepped forward. She looked wise with kind eyes "are you Toby, my Toby"? Toby smiled at her "yes, yes I am" he gleefully cried. They examined each other from head to toe. Then their eyes met, both eyes brimming with tears. Then they hugged, Toby felt safe. She dressed well and didn't look homeless but said she stayed and slept there in the park. Toby insisted that his mother come and live in the house that she lived in. His mother agreed to do so. The police officer drove them home in the dark night. When Toby arrived Molly stood worryingly at the door. Toby and his mother got out of the car, Molly flung her arms around him. And who is this Toby's mother asked in a cheeky jeering voice. She knew really what was going on. "Erm, Molly em, barely know her" Toby said embarrassed. Ok really? Toby's mother laughed. Toby red faced. They all went inside. Toby asked feeling as happy as ever "why do you have nice clothes but homeless"? "I have a nice job and I have money but home is where you are with family" she said lovingly to both teenagers.

The War of Toby's Death continued Chloe Rellis
Kildavin National School

"So, you're the new kid?" said Molly. "Ya" mumbled Toby.

"Molly!" There was a sudden silence. "Go back to your seat!" ordered Mrs. Finn. Molly turned but as she turned she winked at Toby.

"Who is she?" Toby whispered. "That's Molly; she's the prettiest girl in school!" Danny answered. As the two boys talked, Mrs. Finn was explaining to the class what was for homework.

Suddenly Toby heard his name being called. Toby looked around and noticed that the teacher's eyes were fixed on him!

"Toby!" repeated Mrs. Finn. "I would like you to introduce yourself to the class!" Oh no, Toby thought, what am I going to do now?!

Toby forced himself up from his seat. He could feel his heart beating. He could feel his face turn red. Toby looked around the classroom to find everyone staring at him! Just as he was going to speak the school bell rang.

Everybody raced out of the classroom with their friend except Toby. He gathered his books and walked out.

When Toby got home, he went to his room. He thought about Molly.

Later that night Toby woke with worry. He lay in his bed for a few minutes and thought about his new school.

Suddenly, there was a knock at the window! Toby didn't answer. He heard another knock. Who is that? Toby thought. Without any caution, he opened his window! "Who's there?" Toby shouted. "It's me, Molly!" Molly climbed in the window. Her face was as white as snow. "Toby, he's coming!"

Suddenly there was a shoot from a gun!

Toby looked out the window. He saw a man dressed in black aiming the gun at Molly! Just as the man shot the gun, Toby jumped in front of Molly!

"Nooo!" shouted Molly. Toby fell to the ground! As the suspicious man ran, Molly cried.

Toby moaned "Molly, Remember me!"

And they were Toby's last words!

The War of Toby's Death continued by Megan Redmond
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.....and sat down on the spare chair beside him. "So you're the new kid?" Molly said quietly. "Yes" exclaimed Toby. "I'm Toby and you?"

"Oh, I'm Molly, It's nice to meet you Toby!" Molly said shaking hands. "You too." The bell rang, Toby started to feel more welcome.

Danny whispered to Toby, "That seemed like a nice talk" as he winked. Toby started to laugh, no we were just talking about....."

"About what?" said Danny quickly.

"Ahhhh it was nothing, but she seems like a nice girl". " Yes, ohhh you like her"

"Noo" said Toby as he blushed.

"Well sorry but you have a lot of competition, lots of people in this class like her"
"Really? Do you?"

"Well kinda" "Oh"

They started to work. The teacher Miss. Finn was very strict so no one was allowed to talk. Lunch time came and everyone went outside. Toby made lots of friends. Molly caught up with Toby and showed him around the school. They were so excited because they were going to the same secondary school. Toby loved his new school and the people in it were very nice except one boy and his gang. "The BULLY", his name was Jake and he was NOT happy with Molly hanging around with Toby. Molly was just about to talk to Toby about him when Jake made his way over.

"So you're the new boy! Oh I guess you had to move school coz you got bullied in the other one, Oh you poor little.....Toby butted in, "Emmmm excuse me what's your name?" "Who do you think you're talking to!" Jake shouted as he walked up closer. "Back off Jake, you can't talk to anyone like that he was just asking you a question!" Molly shouted. "Oh, now you need a girl to stand up for you" said Jake. "Just go away Jake," exclaimed Molly. Jake walked away sniggering. "Ha new kid, he can't even stand up for himself!"

"Sorry I was just about to warn you about him, that's Jake the "Bully" "Oh, Thanks for that anyway".

The bell rang and everyone rushed inside to their classrooms. Leaving that day behind Toby complained of feeling sick but he didn't want to go to the doctors. His parents thought he was putting it on so they sent him to school the next day.

The next morning, he felt really dizzy but his mam and dad still wouldn't believe him. Suddenly he collapsed in the yard and had lots of blood on his head from falling. No one knew what happened but they presumed it was Jake. Toby's parents were called and Toby didn't wake up so they called the ambulance. Everyone was eager to find out what had happened, was there a fight? An hour of anguish followed and then some bad news..... Toby had passed away.

Back at the school everyone was shocked and debating the events but Jake was nowhere to be found. The bad news spread and it made them even more curious. They realised that Jake was at home sick so they were confused about what had happened.

It was a very bad day for everyone and they would never forget it again.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Nicole Roberts
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Molly walked over to Toby. "What's your name?" said Molly. "My name is Toby. What's yours?" he asked.

"Molly," she replied.

"Everyone sit down," said the teacher. When everyone sat down the teacher said there is a new boy in the class. "What's your name," asked the teacher.

"Toby," he replied.

"Well my name is Mr. Nolan," said the teacher.

Chapter 2 Lunchtime

At lunchtime Danny came over to Toby and asked him did he want to play with him but Toby said no. Danny went off. About five minutes later Danny came over to Toby again and asked him did he want to now. "Are you going to keep coming over to me every five minutes?" said Toby.

"Well I just want to play a game with you," said Danny

"Fine then I'll play," said Toby. They played catch. Toby actually enjoyed himself. Danny asked him did he want to come to his house after school. "Ok," said Toby.

Chapter 3 After School

When school was over Toby ran over to his mam and asked her could he go to Danny's house. "If you want to," replied his mam.

When Toby got to Danny's house they went up to Danny's bedroom They watched TV for about an hour then they went downstairs and asked Danny's mam was dinner nearly ready. "It is on the table," said Danny's mam.

"Ok," said the boys. Danny's mam said that they should go outside after dinner. After dinner the boys went outside and played football for about two hours. When they were in the middle of playing a match they heard a car drive in, it was Toby's mam. She got out of the car and talked to Danny's mam for a few minutes then she called Toby and told him to get into the car. Toby said goodbye to Danny. He got into the car and went home.

Chapter 4 In School

The next day in school everyone was whispering and talking about Toby. Edward came over to Toby and Danny and asked Danny who was friends with Toby? He is really weird! "I am not weird," shouted Toby getting angry. The teacher walked in. "Stop shouting Danny," said Mr. Nolan

"Sorry," replied Danny

"Don't listen to Edward he is just jealous," whispered Danny. Edward said something like that to Toby every day but Toby learned to just ignore him. Toby's temper got better and better. Danny realized that Toby didn't get as mad anymore. One day when Danny was at Toby's house Danny said "It's like the war of Toby's Death!"

"What does that mean?" asked Toby.

"What I mean is that the war you were fighting with Edward and Toby's death means that your temper is gone," replied Danny. "Oh now I get it!" said Toby laughing. After a while Edward stopped annoying Toby because he was just ignoring him. Toby and Danny went to each other's houses a lot and they were best friends.

The War of Toby's Death continued by Steven Rothwell
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Chapter two: The New Friend

"Hi Toby, right? I'm Molly, Molly Bradley and this is my twin brother Edward Bradley" Edward turned around to Toby, nodded coldly before turning around quickly. Molly pretended not to notice Edward before speaking to Toby again "Anyway it was nice to meet you. Would you like to walk home with me and Edward?" Toby paused to think for a moment and realised that if he was to make friends at all he should start now, and replied in a half-hearted way "Ok".

Chapter Three: The Three New Friends

At three O' clock, Mr Nolan let the class of twelve go and they all left the school grounds. Toby, Molly and Edward walked down the dusty laneway of the 1940s British countryside. Toby and Molly were talking about the essay that Mr Nolan had unfairly set for them. That's when Toby turned to a quiet Edward and said to him "Edward I am very sorry for being so short with you this morning. You see secondary school is a big change for me. I actually want to be your friend, so will you please forgive me?" "Oh I don't know" said Edward finding it hard not to laugh "Of course I forgive you Toby!" Toby smiled to himself, he now had two friends and in his opinion that was enough.

Chapter four: The Family Home

After half an hour of walking Toby came to the rocky lane that led up to the fine farmhouse where his Father, Mother, eleven year old sister Lucy, eight year old brother Jack, and of course himself at the age of 13, lived. He bid Molly and Edward goodbye before heading up the rocky laneway. When he got to the top of the lane, he paused for a moment to ease the pressure of a stitch that had formed in his side, and then he went into the farmhouse kitchen to find his Father sitting at the table in his Khaki uniform.

Chapter five: Off to War Again

Panic stricken Toby walked towards his Father and whispered "Dad please say you're not going to war again "I am afraid I will have to leave son, Germany are at war with us again. I am leaving you to look after the cattle, your brother and sister can help you" "Ok" whispered Toby finding it hard to fight back the tears. He hated when his Father went off to war always fearing that that the yellow enveloped telegram would come the next day explaining that your loved one had been killed in battle, or missing in action. Just then Lucy and James walked into the kitchen with teary red eyes closely followed by their Mother. "Well I'm off then" said Dad trying to sound cheerful. He then hugged his three children and kissed his wife on the cheek, with that he swung his backpack over his back, walked out the door and was gone.

Chapter six: The Half Grazed Field:

Weeks passed and the last Friday of May came around. When Mr Nolan had let the class go Toby invited Molly and Edward over to see the cattle as they did not live on a farm. "Ok" they said brightly as they left the beautiful British village. Half an hour later they were standing in a half grazed field watching the Hereford cattle munching away at what grass they had left. Toby had always liked the cows, huge four-legged beasts that you could get bought meat and milk from. Then as if a lightbulb had flicked on, a deep low rumbling filled the valley, like a bear about to kill its prey.

Chapter seven: In With a Boom:

Then the clock tower's bell started to ring in the village. The trio looked at each other and Toby knew they were thinking the same thing, an enemy plane! Out of nowhere a black Silhouette appeared on the horizon. They could now see the local villagers running up the hill towards them. The cows appeared to be oblivious to the whole situation. The plane was coming nearer and nearer and when it was right over the village it dropped a strange object that Toby saw gleam in the summer sunshine. He watched transfixed as

the bomb fell down to earth and at the last second he shouted to his friends "HEADS DOWN" just as a tremendous roar filled the air.

Chapter eight: The Aftermath

It was over as soon as it had begun. Toby poked his head up, the sound of the explosion still ringing in his ears. He scrambled to his feet and peered down at the village. Dust was rising from what must have been a fleet of buildings. There were villagers starting to make their way down the hill. Toby, Molly and Edward started making their way down too in silence. They entered the town square to find rubble everywhere. The plane had gone but it had left a deadly mark upon the once beautiful village. It looked like the supply house and the shop had been blown up.

Toby could hear people arguing. "What are we going to do?" said one woman, grumpily. "We won't have anything to eat now" Toby spotted his brother and sister, and shame bottled up inside him. He wished he could be a good example to them, and without thinking he stood up and shouted over the arguing "OK WE NEED A PLAN TO GET MORE FOOD BUT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER!" That's when one man said "Stand down son, no one is going to listen to you".

Chapter nine: The Confident Kid

"No I won't" replied Toby in a half scared way. "Listen" he said to the crowd kindly "I was just a normal boy, I still am a normal boy but I made two amazing friends and when you have friends you can, first help each other in Mr Nolan's incredibly hard essays....." He caught Mr Nolan in the eye and smiled ".....and two you feel like you can do anything, and that's a wonderful feeling. So anyone with a horse and cart travel to London for food supplies. People who don't, go to your homes and find as many bricks as you can. Let's start building a new storage house and shop, but storage house first. We can all do this if we do it together so let's go!"

Chapter ten: Teamwork

It had begun, carts were getting pulled out of the village by horses and bricks were getting hauled into the town square where the new storage house was going to be. Toby smiled at his two friends it was going to work, he knew it, and with his two friends anything seemed possible.

The War of Toby's Death continued Matthew Skelly
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Toby arrived home at 4. He got something to eat then did his homework. He looked around his house for his dad. It was a big house. His dad was a millionaire. He couldn't find him anywhere.

Over the next 5 days that followed he was taken care of by their maid, Ms Davies. He became good friends with Danny and Edward. Danny even had him over to his house once. It seemed as if he wanted to tell Toby something, but he didn't.

One day Toby was cold and went to turn on the heating. He walked down the steps to his basement. There awaited a horrible sight. His father lay in a pool of his own blood. There was a note. It read; Sorry Toby, your father and I had a bit of an argument. He wouldn't give me what I wanted, so I did what I had to do. E

He was dead inside. He only knew one person who's name started with E; Edward. It must be him.

He confronted Edward after school the very next day. "Why'd you do it?" "I thought we were friends" "Sorry man, I just did what I had to, alright?" "Now get lost before I do something to you" Edward walked off leaving Toby stunned. Edward had admitted to killing his dad. This changed everything.

"Now Edward you get five million euro if you kill Toby" "Yes Ms Doyle" he replied. He walked out of the living room. He was surprised that Toby's mother of all people would want him dead. However that didn't bother him.

Meanwhile Ms Doyle or Kate as she was more commonly referred to sat in her kitchen. She wanted to get Toby killed as he was the beneficiary of his father's fortune. She would be next in line because there were no other children.

Edward showed up at Toby's door the next night. They began to fight. Toby got the better of Edward. He smashed his palm hard into his temple. He then tied him up and waited for him to come around. Then the doorbell rang. Great, he thought, just what I need right now! He answered the door and there stood Kate, his mother. She drove a punch into his stomach, a kick into his chest and then shot him through the shoulder. She leaned down and kissed him on his cheek. "Goodbye love" she whispered into his ear. Toby used all his energy to take out his phone and ring Danny. He asked for him and Molly to come over ASAP.

They arrived shortly. He asked Molly to take out her phone. "Please record this" he said. She nodded. She held her phone shakily and started to record. "I'm Toby Doyle and with my last words I'd like my fortune to be split equally between Danny Smyth and Molly O'Connor." "I would also like to be buried beside my dad." "That's all" Molly stopped recording. Both Danny and Molly were crying by this point. "My last request is that you avenge my death." With that he collapsed, dead.

Toby Doyle was buried beside his father a week later at a joint funeral. Kate Doyle was charged with murdering her ex-husband, Michael and her son Toby and received a life sentence in prison. She was turned in by Edward who was only given 10 years in prison. However Kate Doyle escaped after 2 months. Little did anyone know, least of all Danny and Molly, that the biggest undercover war in history was about to break out.....

The War of Toby's Death continued by Isabel McSweeney
Sixth Class Carrigduff NS

Chapter 2: New house

Toby walked down the dusty road to his house after an unbearable day at school. When he got to his block, he looked up at the large apartment building that was a sickly pink colour. "Why did we have to move?" Toby whispered to himself as he walked up the flights of stairs. He opened the door to see a social worker sitting at the table in the middle of the room. "Hello Toby" the woman said "I'm Grace" Toby froze. "I'm going to my room." Toby said in one breath as he ran.

Chapter 3: Bullies and More Bullies

Toby thought it would be a good day today but he ran into Harry the school bully. Toby gulped "Sorry" Toby stammered looking for an escape. "Give me your lunch money!" Harry said putting out his hand. "Fine" Toby said handing him the little pouch full of golden coins. "Are you okay Toby?" Molly asked. "Do I look okay?" Toby hissed at Molly. "I guess not!" Molly said with a puff.

That day was just the beginning. It went on for a whole week. Weeks turned into months and months turned into the whole school year.

Chapter 4: Gang Trouble

When Toby came home on the last day of school he saw a gang of men in suits with pistols in their hands. "Give us the money Lisa" the men bellowed as they put a pistol up to mom's head. "I don't have the money!" Mom said in pure fear. "One more month and if you don't have the money by then you're dead." They said as they stormed out of the apartment. "What happened?" Toby said. "None of your concern" Mom said in a shaky voice as she walked into her room, pale as a ghost.

Chapter 5: Dad is Back

Toby found it hard to put the scary experience behind him. He had tried talking to his Mum about it but she said it didn't matter. He came home from school one day with his head down because he was worrying. He walked into the apartment to see..... "Dad!!!" Toby shouted as he ran into his arms. Dad had just come home from a business trip in Canada but he was back now in Ireland now. Dad was only here for a week before he went to France. It had been one month since he had seen his Dad. Toby was happy but also sad as he knew it wouldn't last and he would have to say goodbye again.

Toby was in two minds. He didn't know whether to tell his Dad about the situation with his Mum or whether he should sweep it under the carpet and not worry his Dad. He decided to talk to his Mum and to trust her to sort it out.

Chapter 6: One Shot and You're Out

A week after Toby's Dad had left, the gang came back. "Give it over" they shouted. "I don't have it." Mom shouted back, fear in her voice. "Fine" They got out a gun and pointed it at Mum. Toby was scared. He jumped forward and shouted. Just as the gunman was about to fire suddenly he moved his arm and BANG. He pulled the trigger and they shot Toby. "No!!!" Mom screamed in pain as she watched her son fall to the floor.