

EFFECTS OF TOBACCO

Tobacco Detective Stories

Key Players

Scenes One to Three:

Sleuthman – the school detective

Noah Peters - senior

Coach Zimmerman – the varsity soccer coach

Mrs. Jones – the chemistry teacher

Heather – Noah’s younger sister



Scene One

The Case of Noah Peters

Sleuthman opened one of the files on his desk. Inside was a report on Noah Peters. Noah used to be the star player on the varsity soccer team but this year he has been on the bench most games. Sleuthman decided to talk to Noah’s coach. “Coach Zimmerman, why is Noah Peters on the bench most games this year?” asked Sleuthman. “It’s a shame, Noah was my star player but this year he hasn’t been playing well at all,” said Coach Zimmerman. “What’s wrong with him?” asked Sleuthman. “He used to play the whole game without a break but now he plays 5 minutes and he is out of breath. He is always coughing and sniffing. He always tells me he has a cold and has missed a lot of practices,” exclaimed Coach Zimmerman. “Anything else?” Sleuthman asked. “Well, some of his teammates told me that Noah has been hanging out with older kids and stays out late most nights“, said Coach Zimmerman.

Stop here

What symptoms does Noah have?

If you had to guess what Noah’s problem was, what would you guess?

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Scene Two

Sleuthman decided to talk to Noah's chemistry teacher, Mrs. Jones. "Noah used to be one of my most patient students," she told Sleuthman, "but now he can't seem to sit still. He is always anxious for class to end so he can go to lunch. He spends the whole class looking at the clock and shaking his leg under the table." "When did this start?" asked Sleuthman. "I have noticed a difference in him when school started this year, after summer break," observed Mrs. Jones. "What do you think is wrong with Noah this year?" Sleuthman asked. Mrs. Jones replied, "I am not sure but some other students said Noah spends his lunch break outside alone near the back fence where no one can see him."

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Scene Three

Sleuthman decided he needed to talk to someone close to Noah. He went to the office and asked the office assistant if Noah had any siblings. The office assistant told him that Noah had a younger sister, Heather, in the 5th grade. Sleuthman found Heather in the cafeteria during lunch. “Are you Noah’s sister?” Sleuthman asked Heather. “Yes,” she replied. “People are concerned about Noah and wondering why he hasn’t been playing in most of the soccer games this year. Do you know if he is okay?” asked Sleuthman. Heather replied, “I am worried about him also. He is never at home. Sometimes he comes home really late at night after my parents are sleeping. When he is home he is really irritable and mean to me and tells me to stay out of his way.” “Have you noticed anything different about his appearance?” asked Sleuthman. “Yes, I don’t think he cares about looking nice anymore. He never brushes his teeth, they are turning yellow and he has horrible breath,” Heather said. “Are your parents worried about him?” asked Sleuthman. “They don’t understand why he hasn’t been playing soccer well this year. Also they are concerned because Noah spends his weekly allowance right away and is always asking for more money,” said Heather.

End of story.

What do you think about Noah’s attitude and actions?

Why do you think this?

What else do you know about Noah?

What should Sleuthman do?

