

You can try again after you've slept. Eaten something.

SQUEAK: It scares you.

FAYETTE: It should scare me. Look, I get you think that...circumstance... has made you into something... invulnerable, but there are all kinds of things out there that that you should be scared of.

SQUEAK: Do you like being a Listener?

Pause.

FAYETTE: I'm good at it.

Pause.

Start

SQUEAK: What's your name?

FAYETTE: It's Fayette. I'm Fayette.

SQUEAK: I remember you.

FAYETTE: Really?

SQUEAK: Except your name then was Luke Cooper.

I was nine. There was a mouse under our tables in one of the meeting halls, and all the girls around me are shrieking - climbing on each other. Laughing. And some P13 boys come in to try and catch it, to get it outside, but they can't. They're trying hit with a broom, but Luke Cooper won't let them. He catches it in his shirt. Now the Prefects are here and they're mad and yelling at him at him. They pull him down. He fights them. They take away the shirt and then there's this...

She jerks her head to the side. The sound of wood cracking.

... and I know they've stepped on it. The room stops breathing. The Prefects leave. The other P13 boys leave. Luke Cooper is still there.

FAYETTE: Do you remember what happened next?

SQUEAK: You picked it up. Took it outside.

FAYETTE: I cried. I broke Thomas Everleigh 's jaw. I got three months probation. Over a mouse.

End