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Everyone at Story Street School
was excited.

It was almost Christmas.

The caretaker had dragged a tall
Christmas tree into the hall.



The teachers had hung the branches with coloured balls.
A silver star sparkled on top of the tree.



The children were going to have a disco,
with a proper DJ, and flashing lights.
“The disco will be brilliant!” said Ravi.
“I’m going to be the best dancer.”



“No,” said Jojo. “I’ll be the best dancer.”
She began to sing and dance.
“Doo-bee-doo-bee-doo!”



At last the evening of the disco came.
There was frost in the air.
Story Street was full of people making
their way to the school for the disco.



The night sky was clear and dark and
hung with stars.

“It’s twinkling like our Christmas tree,”
said Sam.



Inside the school it was dark and noisy.
Music was throbbing through the hall.



At one end of the hall was the DJ.
He was standing on a platform.
Big lights flashed on and off, red, blue,
green and yellow.
They splashed colours across the floor
and walls and ceiling.



Ben grinned at his friends.
“This is like being inside a magic palace,”
he said.



“Come on,” shouted Sam.

“Let’s go and dance!”

The children ran to the middle of the hall,
and began to dance.

And then suddenly ...



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Everything went black. The music stopped.
Everything was silent and still.
The headteacher, Mrs Turner,
quickly got a powerful torch.
“I’m very sorry everyone,” she said.
“I am afraid we have a power cut.”

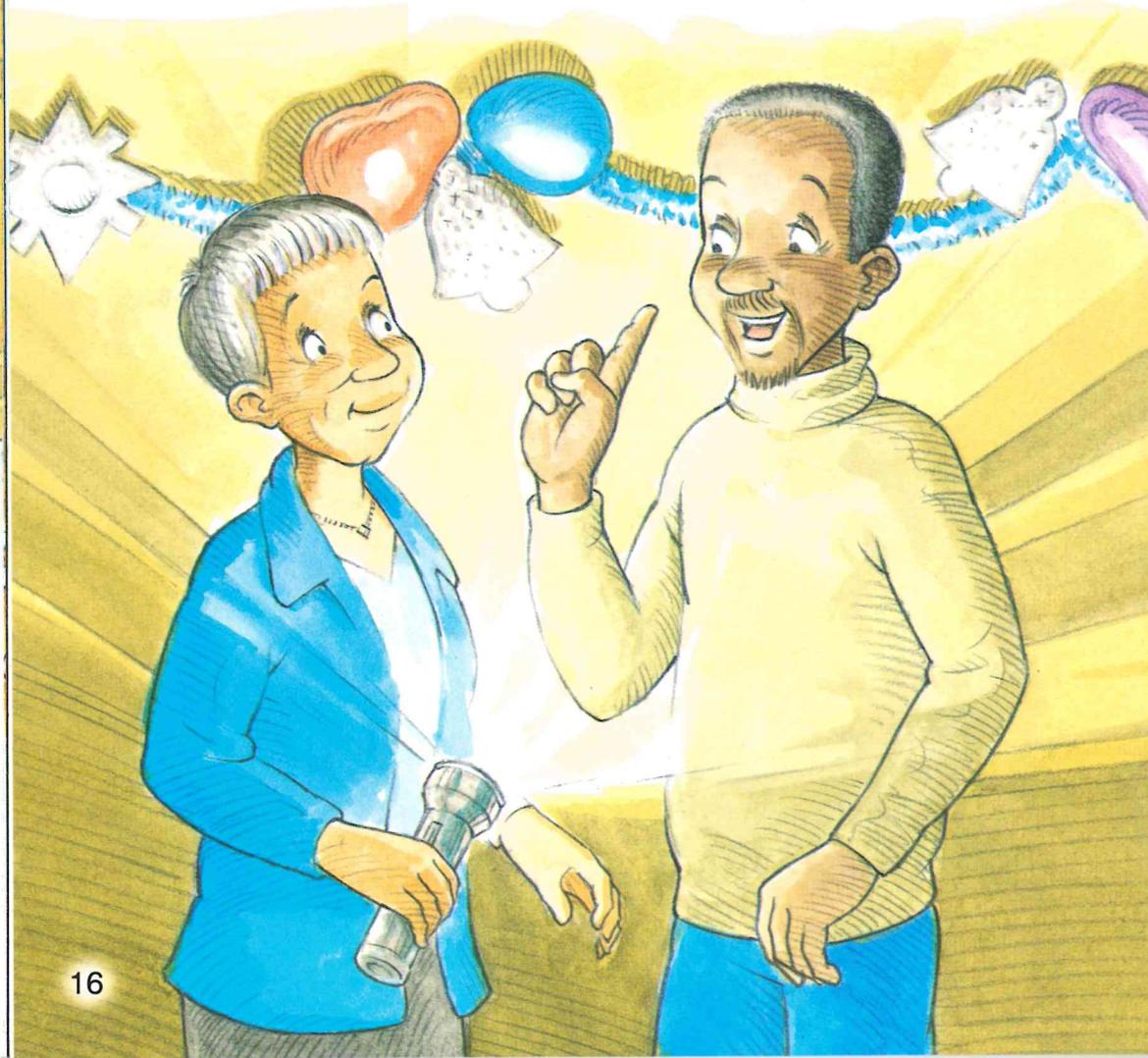




The children groaned.
“Now what will we do?” asked Billy.
“We have no lights and no music.
How can we have our Christmas disco?”

Some of the parents began to talk to each other.

“We have some ideas,” said Ben’s father.
“Everyone wait here until we come back.
We will be as quick as possible”.





The parents ran back up Story Street.
They searched their houses for as
many torches and camping lights as they
could find.
They hurried back to the school.



It did not take long to bring some light into the hall.

Mr and Mrs Macdonald put coloured paper round some of the torches. Now they had red and green and blue lights too.



Billy held a torch under his chin.

He turned to Sunita.

“Look at me. I’m a horrible monster!”

“Aaargh!” screamed Sunita.



“We still don’t have any music,” said Ben.
“Oh yes we do,” said Sam’s mum.
“This works on batteries,” she smiled,
and she switched it on.



The children were delighted.
“Now we have everything,” they said.
But Sam shook her head. “We don’t
have any lights on the Christmas tree.”
At that moment the hall doors burst
open and Mr Gohill came hurrying in.
He staggered beneath the weight
of a big box.
“What’s in there?” everyone asked.



Mr Gohill opened the box.
Inside were hundreds of mini-torches.





Mr Gohill grinned.
He got out some tape.
Then the parents and the teachers began
to tape the little torches to the branches
of the Christmas tree.

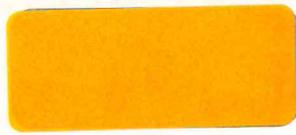


“That is **beautiful**,” sighed Jojo.

“It really is a magic palace now,” said Ben.

“This is the best Christmas disco ever.

Come on, let’s dance!”



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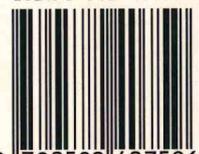


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