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Circulation to a few brave Nordic folks and those who are not afraid of them!

Sons of Norway Lodge 3-438



Oslo Lodge Mission Statement

“The mission of Oslo Lodge, Sons of Norway 3-438, is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic Countries.”



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Oslo Lodge meets monthly in the Fellowship Hall of Northminster Presbyterian Church, 7444 Buckley Road, Syracuse, NY 13212. (Please enter via the double doors at the far end of the building.) During the winter months we will meet at 1:00 for coffee and culture. Program at 2:00.

www.oslolodge.org

From the desk of the President (the other one):

Thank you for all the help we had with the installation of Officers on January 11. I also would like to thank our visitors, who came from 3 other lodges. They said that they had a really good time and it was nice that so many people showed up. We now have a new set of officers and we are more than willing to make sure the lodge is moving in the right direction, but for the lodge to keep on going forward we need everybody's help.

I know that your weekends are very busy, but we have several people that spend many hours every week to make sure our Lodge is moving forward: we are only asking you to spend a few hours with us one Sunday a month. We will try hard to make sure you will enjoy the meetings by teaching something new, having interesting presentations as well as activities that you will enjoy and participate in.

Karin did an excellent job the last two years pulling us along up a very steep hill, now it's time for the rest of us to grab hold of the wagon and keep on going. We still have some small hills to climb, but with your support I know we can do it. We have several small positions that we need to fill and we are making preparations for our 60th anniversary celebration that will be held at LOV on April 25th and we will need everybody's help to make it happen. We need a person to mail out the newsletters to the people who do not use e-mail. It is only a few people and the lodge will pay for any supply or stamps used. Please contact me and I will e-mail you the addresses you will need.

There is still Scandinavian food available for sale by John Johnsen. Please contact me to learn what is left for purchase. I can bring these items to the February 8th Oslo Lodge meeting in Syracuse.

Again thank you for you support.
Bjorn Solli

Coming Events

February 8th – Lodge Valentine’s Party
Norwegian lessons at 1:00 in the Fellowship hall, followed by our Valentine Party, which you will not want to miss. In preparation for our 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance, come learn some Norwegian folk dances! There will be easy steps to learn and Nordic music. Come out and have a good time (and no one is allowed on the sidelines without a doctor’s note)! *Children are welcome to participate so please bring them with you!*

March 8th – March Cultural Madness
Norwegian lessons at 1:00 in the Fellowship, followed by our “Let’s make Lefse and other Nordic favorites”. **Now is the time for culture – come and see what Oslo Lodge has in store for you.**

April 4th - Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner. Scholarship Dinner & Dance at LOV
Enjoy a fine dinner and lots of fun. Come meet & greet the winners! Please contact President Bjorn Solli for your dinner tickets: bsolli@roadrunner.com as the contact address and home phone 315-735-6617

April 25th at Land of the Vikings (LOV) 60th Anniversary Lodge Celebration
This is our celebration and we are looking forward to great fun, food and fellowship. Please see your invitation – to the right – regarding additional details.

May 2 Upstate New York Memorial Service in Rochester. Details will follow.

May 1 – 3 at Land of the Vikings (LOV) ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Third District of Sons of Norway Annual Golf Tournament at Land of the Vikings. Complete details are available at the lodge, so come on out and perhaps we’ll get a foursome together for this event.

May 10th – Mothers’ Day, no meeting

May 17th - Norwegian Constitution Day 2009 Brooklyn 17th of May Parade
Norwegian-American 17th Mai Parade. The theme is “Norse Mythology”. Please come out to Oslo Lodge for complete details regarding participation this year.

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**Sons of Norway
Oslo Lodge 3-438
Invites you to the
60th Anniversary Celebration
Dinner & Dance**

**Saturday April 25, 2009
Come celebrate at the beautiful Nordic
Land of the Vikings ***

**4:30 Appetizers in the Viking Ship Lounge
6:00 Delicious Dinner & Entertaining Program
8:00 Dancing: American & Nordic**

*Tickets before March 1, 2009 \$30.00
Tickets before March 30, 2009 \$35.00
Tickets after April 6, 2009 \$40.00*

Please enclose names of attendees
& check payable to **Oslo Lodge 3-438**
Mail to: Christine Dunagan,
12 Limetree Lane, Liverpool, NY 13090

If overnight accommodations are desired,
Please contact Bev or Rick Budrick, Managers
(570) 461-3500 or Fax: (570) 461-7500

Currently LOV has great availability for rooms (can accommodate 70 overnight guests, and do have family rooms). Although it is just 2 hours away from Syracuse, it is a wonderful place to get away from it all no matter who you are! Also **Sons of Norway members receive a 5% discount when paying in cash for their stay at LOV.** Please contact the **Managers, Beverly and Richard Budrick by phone or fax: (570) 461-3500 or Fax: (570) 461-7500. Mailing address is LOV, 461 Big Valley Rd, Susquehanna, PA 18847**

Land of the Vikings

LOV is the Third District Cultural and Recreational Center located in Sherman, PA (approximately 2 hours from Syracuse). There’s a Nordic dining room, a lounge area with a circular fireplace and hand-hewn Viking Ship bar, a game room, and a library/conference room. The property consists of 150 acres of rolling wooded hills suitable for hiking in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter. Additionally there is an outdoor pool, a small pond, two gazebos, a basketball court, and a Viking ship playground. Please take some time to visit LOV on the web at http://www.sofn3d.org/Lov/LOV_Home.html

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More Coming Events

July 24-26th (Free) family camping,

courtesy of Hudson Valley Lodge at their Elvedal property, close to Saugerties, NY. More info as the date draws near.

September 13th Adirondack Experience

Oslo Lodge members & friends are encouraged to join us at St. Olaf's Chapel, the Norwegian Lutheran Chapel on South Shore Road, 2 miles west of Inlet for an 11:00 Sunday Service with our own Rev. Dr. Paul Hammond. This is known as the quaint replica of a 14th Century Viking Chapel in the woods. As the day draws nearer, we will have directions as well as details regarding coffee before the church service and lunch together afterwards. This will be a great kick-off to our Fall activities.

October 18th Lodge Membership Dinner

Annual Leif Erickson Membership Award recognizing the significant contribution of one of our members. Full details coming!

November 8th Northern Lights – come

join the fun as we prepare to experience a Nordic Christmas holiday. Foods and crafts as well as traditions will be highlighted.

December 6th Juletre Fest – Many would

say this is a highlight of the year. Each year it is bigger & better. Let us hope that we do not have a snowstorm in 2009 on this date!

It's not too late for the following:

Zone 4 Scholarship – Raffle Tickets

The Zone 4 scholarship program is now in its 37th year. Please help support the college bound youth of Zone 4 and **PLEASE BE GENEROUS** in your support of the Scholarship Fund raffle! The sale of these tickets is the main source of revenue for this worthwhile cause. This year seven \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified students. Please see Bjorn Solli or any officer at the next Oslo Lodge meeting. Each ticket is \$1 or a book of 6 is \$5. Checks should be made payable to Zone 4 Scholarship Fund. Thank you!

Norwegian language lessons – begin again.

We meet an hour prior to the monthly gathering. Classes are open to all and are free for members & 1st time visitors.

So come join us!

Nordic Literacy Corner

There are many wonderful books, fiction and non-fiction, that are written about all things Nordic. Please be a guest reviewer by submitting a review of a book you found worth reading. Please submit your review via email to editor@oslolodge.org.

Speaking of wonderful books, there is an author among us!

Our own **Lorraine Bentley** along with three other authors has chronicled 100 years of Norwegian activity in a little hamlet in the Poconos. Read all about it in your February 2009 Viking magazine (beginning on page 30). The Viking magazine is issued monthly and is one of the benefits of membership in Oslo Lodge. We hope to convince Lorraine to be one of our guest speakers!

Sigrid Undset's Gunnar's Daughter.

The exciting Gunnar's Daughter is authored by one of the first female recipient's of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Sigrid Undset is known for her trilogy "Kirsten Lavrensdatter", which is quite a tome and has been made into an epic movie, starring Liv Ullman. However this book was written before Undset gained notoriety. A good read! Save yourself a ton of money and do not purchase online but purchase from Oslo Lodge for a cool \$5.

Why did Sons of Norway begin?

Sons of Norway began in the 1880's as an outreach to Nordic people experiencing financial difficulties. Today it continues as a fraternal organization whose purpose is the common good of its membership. Sons of Norway is self-sustaining, in large part, due to its Financial Benefits Division. For example, last summer the McCadam Family purchased low-cost life insurance for their youngest child. It was an easy, no pressure, process. Sverre Aasgaarden is the Financial Benefits Counselor for our region and it is a pleasure to work with him. You may contact him for a complimentary Financial Review at 1-800-314-2955 or by email at aasgaarden@cs.com.

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**Children and Youth...**

**Carl Hiaasen's Children's Books\***

Yes, you guessed it. He is a Norwegian- American author, who typically writes for adults, but now has written several books for older children, including Hoot, Flush and Scat.\* **Read an excerpt from SCAT located at the end of the newsletter.**

**Please Remember - Nordic Heritage.** These are free memberships for youth. Preserve their NORDIC heritage. Contact any lodge officer.

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SAVE CANCELED STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM!

Bring to next meeting.
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### **Cooks' Corner**

Our first feature cook is Marsha Roseen. All who have tasted her delightful creations knows what a great baker she is! As she says, "the oven is always on" yet she is humble about her talents, and is quick to say "If I can do it, then you can do it!" This recipe is a new to many of us. Enjoy!

#### **Norwegian Cake (Norsk Kake)**

Cake

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 c. butter         | sugar                     |
| 4 egg yolks         |                           |
| ¾ c. flour          | 3 t. baking powder        |
| 5 T. milk           | salt, optional            |
| 4 egg whites        | 1 c. confectioners' sugar |
| ½ c. grated almonds |                           |

½ - 1 pint of heavy cream, whipped with ½ cup sugar and 1 t. almond extract.

1. Cream butter and sugar together.
2. Add yolks, one at a time.
3. Sift flour and baking powder together.
4. Alternate adding dry ingredients and the milk (1 tablespoon at a time) to creamed mixture.
5. Place ½ batter into each of 2 9" greased pans.
6. Make a meringue by beating eggs whites until stiff, adding confectioners' sugar one teaspoon at a time.
7. Carefully spread cake layers with almonds.
8. Bake about 40 minutes at 350 degrees.
9. Remove from oven and cool about 5-10 minutes before removing from pans.
10. Spread the first layer with whipped cream and then add the second cake layer. Spread whipped cream on the top.

**This cake is similar to Fyrstekake, but there are some differences. However it is most like the recipe that has been extremely popular in Norway for a good 10 years now and is known as Verdens Beste Kake – The World's Best Cake.**

#### **For The Good of The Order**

**Benevolence - Pass the Piggy (coin bank)** fundraiser is catching on from coast to coast. It benefits members who are in dire need of assistance (i.e., flood victims). Look for it at Oslo Lodge!

#### **Assorted Norsk Pins and Car Decals.**

**"Take a liking to a Viking"** and other pins, along with flag decals. Come to the Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Valentine Party and buy one while they are still available!

### **NORDIC MARKETPLACE**

#### **Business Ads**

#### **Would you like to see your business advertised here?**

We are now accepting paid business ads for the newsletter. Currently the newsletter comes out 6 times per year. Plus it is posted on our website as well. Newsletters are also sent to many people by email and snail mail. Furthermore we will once again be posting our newsletters on our website, which has a large audience.

We fully support the businesses of the Oslo Lodge members and friends. Please remember that Lodge events are for socializing and not a place to do business. However business ads allow business owners to share info & then be contacted by those who'd like to secure services or purchase products. Cost per year is \$45 for non-members and \$25 for members. Please email Karin if you are interested in placing a paid business ad.

#### **Språk og Kultur - Language & Culture**

**Elg, Elk and Moose** Many North Americans are surprised to learn that the animal we call a moose is also native to Norway. When we think of typically Norwegian animals, the whale, seal or bear might come more quickly to mind, or even the lion which, although not seen in Norwegian forests for some time, is found on the Coat of Arms of Norway.

Norwegian moose – called elg in Norwegian – are actually the same species as American moose, known in Latin as "alces". The English word "elk" is related to the Norwegian word elg which, confusingly, refers to an entirely different animal. According to The Oxford Introduction to Proto-Indo-European and The Proto-Indo-European World the discrepancy seems to be due to the fact that "alces" was extinct in Britain by about the year 900 AD, but the word "elk" remained in the English language probably as a vague term meaning "large deer." Much later as British explorers traveled the New World, they needed words to describe the animals they found there. "Elk" came to describe a different species (Cervus elaphus, aka red deer) while a local Algonquin (American Indian) word – mooz – was brought in to describe "alces". But an elg has always been an elg in Norwegian.

Whatever you call it, Norwegians love their elg, which is sometimes stylized as skogens konge, or "King of the Forest" and often appears as an artistic cliché known as elg i solnedgang ("moose in the sunset"). *Aftenposten English Web Desk/NTB*

**And we thought the "King of the Forest" was a lovable character in the Wizard of Oz!**

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THIRD DISTRICT  
PRESIDENT

February 2009

Hei alle sammen,

It is January 16<sup>th</sup> and although I am writing the February newsletter, I thought I would stay in the present moment for a bit. January is a great month. If you were unhappy with last year you get to start over and if you were happy with last year you can keep on going.

January is a busy month for SON members; many of our lodges are having installation ceremonies this month. Installation of officers gives us a new start and brings new ideas to your Board. Hopefully your ceremony will include rituals and regalia. There is a reason for the rituals and regalia and it is a very important. These two items are part of the requirements listed that qualifies us for our tax exempt status. Don't keep your regalia and rituals hidden, flaunt them, it will make you happier and help keep the tax man away.

The gas project at LOV keeps moving along. Chesapeake Appalachia has contacted the Board about laying a pipe line across our property. While the pipeline contracts do not pay as well as the gas lease contract, it would give us some extra money; insure they have a way to get their gas to market therefore encouraging the company to drill on our land as it would be next to the pipeline. It would give us a 55' wide cross country ski trail and hiking trail across the large hill in back of the lodge. It would run about a mile on our property and run for many miles before and after our land. Our lawyer has provided us with a counter to their proposal which they are now reviewing. The current schedule is to start drilling test wells about 4 miles from LOV this spring.

Norway's STATOIL has purchased 30% of the Marcella project so we may have a Norwegian Connection drilling for gas on LOV land.

I am very excited about instituting Norsk Carolina 3-679. The lodge will come on line with about 50 members and they are growing steadily. They are the 3<sup>rd</sup> new lodge (Vennekretsen in Atlanta and the North Carolina Vikings in Raleigh being the other two new lodges) in the mid-Atlantic region instituted in the past 2 years. VP Gail Ekloff is visiting a couple of other locations in the Carolinas this month as well, so hopefully we will find more Norwegians in the area. One other exciting event that is tied in with the Institution is an "Utteksling av Ideer". We will have members from several lodges, our International Secretary and Director, several D3 Board members, Insurance representatives and our Fraternal Director exchanging ideas and completing phase 3 training.



Hats off to Publicity Director Mary Andersen and her web site committee for completing the study of the proposals and the final award of a contract for development of our new web site. They are hopeful that it will be up and running in a couple of months. Our current web site was having some hiccups but it is now back up and running so take a look. If your lodge events are not on the schedule let Mary know when and where.

Membership continues to be a major challenge to SON. We need to sign up our friends, neighbors and family members. D3 did good in December and let's see if we can't even do better in January.

The Insurance department has come out with some excellent new products. There is a new product that is replacing Viking 23. I am not only promoting the product I am going to get it for my two grandchildren. Check it out. Last year was a great year for our insurance and annuity sales and hopefully we can do even better this year.

Fraternally,  
Ralph Peterson

**District 3 Goals**

District 3 goals covering the period Jan. 1, 2009 - May 31, 2010. Grow local lodge membership by 5 percent

- Maintain net membership
- All lodges to recruit at least one new member
- Increase the number of lodges with active Membership Committees to 70 percent
- Start one new lodge
- All lodges to earn at least one sports medal
- All lodges to earn at least one cultural medal
- All lodges to send a donation to the Charitable Turst
- Have a sold out Youth Camp

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*Fra Vise  
Presidenten  
Gail Ekloff*

Third District Membership Contest  
Jan. 2009 - Jan 2010 \*

January is the start of a “New Year— New Goals” for your lodge. Hope the officers are putting together the lodge calendar and goals for the lodge to attain.

As you may be aware, the membership numbers have been decreasing. We are now at 7,024 members. Let us all commit to get new members and retain the members we have in the New Year. There are two things you can do that can help

Start off mentoring your new members this year; help them feel like part of the group; guide them in how your lodge works. By the end of March you will be able to go to the web site and download a “Welcome to Our Lodge” brochure. Fill in the blanks to personalize the brochure for how your lodge runs. At the new member initiations, give the brochure along with the Lodge conduct Guide (Don’t have any? Contact me.) They will become a vital part of the lodge.

Acknowledge members who are committed to serve the lodge and help it prosper. The Installation of new officers is an event to show new members and current members how to participate in this Sons of Norway ritual. All members make up the lodge, but these individuals took the step of leadership; support them in the year ahead.

In January, I will contact lodges throughout the District to set up a visitation calendar. Hope you’ll be available!!!!  
Alt for denne gangen, Gail

\* Lodges with the highest net growth wins in the small and large categories, earning ***penger (money)*** for your lodge!

**Recruit New Members and Win Big Internationally in 2009**

2008 was a very successful year for recruiting within Sons of Norway. Due to the continued success of the Norwegian Experience program the International Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas have established another program for 2009. From January 1 through December 31, 2009, members who recruit new, dues-paying members will be entered into the drawing to win a new Norwegian Experience of a lifetime for two. As in previous years, this trip of a lifetime includes business class international air travel, deluxe accommodations, and \$500 in spending money! And, just imagine cruising up and down the Norwegian coastline, experiencing the breathtaking views and taking a number of day excursions (i.e., like flight-seeing by seaplane or visiting the renowned Fjord Center). There are options for everyone no matter what you like to do! For those who recruited new dues-paying members in 2008, Sons of Norway International will draw the winning name of the 2008 Norwegian Experience in January, so we have our fingers crossed for someone to win in Oslo Lodge.

**Excerpt from Scat by Carl Hiaasen**

**The day before Mrs. Starch vanished, her third-period biology students trudged silently, as always, into the classroom. Their expressions reflected the usual mix of dread and melancholy, for Mrs. Starch was the most feared teacher at the Truman School.**

**When the bell rang, she unfolded stiffly, like a crane, and rose to her full height of nearly six feet. In one hand she twirled a sharpened Ticonderoga No. 2 pencil, a sure sign of trouble to come.**

**Nick glanced across the aisle at Marta Gonzalez. Her brown eyes were locked on Mrs. Starch, and her thin elbows were planted like fence posts, pinning her biology book open to Chapter 8. Nick had left his own textbook in his locker, and his palms were sweating.**

**"Good morning, people," said Mrs. Starch, in a tone so mild that it was chilling. "Who's prepared to tell me about the Calvin cycle?"**

**Only one hand rose. It belonged to Graham, who always claimed to know the answers but never did. Mrs. Starch hadn't called on him since the first week of class.**

**"The Calvin cycle," she repeated. "Anybody?"**

**Marta looked as if she might throw up again. The last time that had happened, Mrs. Starch had barely waited until the floor was mopped before instructing Marta to write a paper listing five major muscles used in the act of regurgitation.**

**Nick and the other students had been blown away. What kind of teacher would punish a kid for puking?**

**"By now," Mrs. Starch was saying, "the photosynthetic process should be familiar to all of you."**

**Marta gulped hard, twice. She'd been having nightmares about Mrs. Starch, who wore her dyed blond hair piled to one side of her head, like a beach dune. Mrs. Starch's school wardrobe never varied: a polyester pants suit in one of four faded pastel colors, and drab brown flats. She painted heavy violet makeup on her eyelids, yet she made no effort to conceal an odd crimson mark on her chin. The mark was the shape of an anvil and the subject of wild speculation, but nobody had gotten**

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up the nerve to ask Mrs. Starch about it.

Marta's eyes flicked miserably toward Nick, then back to the teacher. Nick was fond of Marta, although he wasn't sure if he liked her enough to sacrifice himself to Mrs. Starch, who had begun to pace. She was scanning the class, selecting a victim.

A droplet of perspiration glided like a spider down Nick's neck. If he worked up the courage to raise his hand, Mrs. Starch would pounce swiftly. Right away she'd see that he had forgotten his biology book, a crime that would be forgiven only if Nick was able to explain and then diagram the Calvin cycle, which was unlikely. Nick was still struggling to figure out the Krebs cycle from Chapter 7.

"Plants, as we all know, are vital to human existence," said Mrs. Starch, on patrol. "And without the Calvin cycle, plants could not exist. Could not exist?"

Graham was waving his arm and squirming like a puppy. The rest of the class prayed that Mrs. Starch would call on him, but she acted as if he were invisible. Abruptly she spun to a halt at the front of Marta's row.

Marta sat rigidly in the second desk, behind a brainy girl named Libby who knew all about the Calvin cycle—all about everything—but seldom made a peep.

"The chart on page 169," Mrs. Starch went on, "makes it all plain as day. It's an excellent illustration, and one that you are likely to encounter on a test. Quite likely?"

Marta lowered her head, a tactical mistake. The movement, slight as it was, caught Mrs. Starch's attention.

Nick sucked in a breath. His heart raced and his head buzzed, because he knew that it was now or never. Marta seemed to shrink under Mrs. Starch's icy gaze. Nick could see tears forming at the corners of Marta's eyes, and he hated himself for hesitating.

"Come on, people, snap out of your coma," Mrs. Starch chided, tapping the pencil on Libby's desk. "The Calvin cycle?"

The only reply was a ripping noise—Marta's trembling elbows, tearing holes in the pages of her book.

Mrs. Starch frowned. "I was hoping for a sea of hands," she said with a disappointed sigh. "But, once again, it seems I'll have to pick a volunteer. An unwilling volunteer?"

As the teacher pointed her pencil at the top of Marta's head, Nick raised his hand.

I'm toast, he thought. She's gonna crush me like a bug. Lowering his eyes, he braced to hear Mrs. Starch call his name.

"Oh, Duane?" she sang out.

Great, Nick thought. She forgot who I am.

But when he looked up, he saw the teacher aiming her pencil at another kid on the other

side of the classroom. The mean old bird had totally faked him out, and Marta, too.

The other kid's name really was Duane, and Nick had known him since elementary school, when he was two years ahead of Nick and known as Duane the Dweeb. One summer, Duane the Dweeb grew five inches and gained thirty-one pounds, and from then on everybody called him Smoke, because that's what he wanted to be called. Some kids said it was because he was a pyro.

"So, Duane," Mrs. Starch said sweetly. "Have you finished Chapter 8?" Rumpled and sleepy-looking, Smoke grunted and raised his eyes toward the teacher. Nick couldn't see his expression, but the slump of his shoulders suggested a profound lack of interest.

"Duane?"

"I guess I read it, yeah."

"You guess?" Using a thumb and two fingers, Mrs. Starch spun the yellow pencil into a blur, like a miniature airplane propeller. Under less stressful circumstances it would have been entertaining.

"I read so much," Smoke said, "I forget which is which."

Several students struggled to smother giggles.

Marta reached across the aisle, nudged Nick, and mouthed the words "Thank you."

Nick felt his face redden.

"For raising your hand," Marta whispered.

Nick shrugged. "No big deal," he whispered back.

Mrs. Starch moved across the classroom and positioned herself beside Smoke's desk. "I see you brought your biology book today," she said.

"That's progress, Duane."

"I guess."

"But you'll find that it's much easier to read when it's not upside down." Mrs. Starch rotated the textbook, using the eraser end of her No. 2 pencil.

Smoke nodded. "Yeah, that's better."

He tried to flip open the book, but Mrs. Starch pressed down firmly with the pencil, holding the cover closed.

"No peeking," she said. "Tell me how the Calvin cycle produces sugar from carbon dioxide, and why that's so important to photosynthesis."

"Gimme a minute." Smoke casually began to pick at a nasty-looking zit on his meaty, fuzz-covered neck.

Mrs. Starch said, "We're all waiting," which was true. The other students, including Nick and Marta, were on the edge of their seats.

They were aware that something major and possibly legendary was about to occur, though they had no clue that within forty-eight hours they would each be questioned by sheriff's deputies and asked to tell what they'd seen and heard.

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