

**MATILDA**

*(staring at the scarf)*

Miss Honey, is this your father's scarf?

**MISS HONEY**

Well, yes. My mother gave it to him before she died, you see she was –

**MATILDA**

An acrobat.

**MISS HONEY**

Well... well yes, she, she was. How did you... ? And my father was –

**BOTH**

An escapologist.

**MISS HONEY**

*(suddenly standing up)*

Matilda, how do you know that!

**MATILDA**

So... so they were your parents?

**MISS HONEY**

What? Who? I don't...

**MATILDA**

The people in my story!

**MISS HONEY**

What story?

**MATILDA**

A story! I've been telling a story and I thought I was making it up, but it's real! It's your life! I've seen your life!

**MISS HONEY**

You've seen... my life?

**MATILDA**

She did him in! Let's go to the police!

**MISS HONEY**

What? No, no, we can't, we have no evidence!

**MATILDA**

But you could just tell them! Tell them she did it!

**MISS HONEY**

That wouldn't work, Matilda, it'd be my word against hers! And they would never believe she was capable of murder.

**MATILDA**

But why? She was so cruel to you, she beat you, she shouted at you, she locked you up in tiny cupboards and threw you in cellars.

**MISS HONEY**

Stop Matilda, please!

**MATILDA**

Miss Honey, your aunt's a murderer! She killed Magnus, who is she?

**AUNT / TRUNCHBULL**

'a contract is a contract is a contract!'

**MATILDA**

Miss Trunchbull!