

Audition piece for 'Bell'

From *A Girl in School Uniform (Walks into a Bar)* by Lulu Raczka, **pages 33 – 37.**

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BELL

Hey.
Let's do an experiment.
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I revoke my former promise.
I will now only buy you a chocolate bar if you partake in my experiment.
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I think by now we both understand that I'm just going to keep talking.
And honestly
In a while
You're gonna thank me for that
Cause I have a better way for you to deal with all of this.
See
When it used to get dark when I was a kid
Not cause of these blackouts
Before all this
Just normal darkness
We used to tell all these stories
Just to kind of escape
And I promise escape is better than the Present Moment
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This one was my favourite.
You probably know it.
If not – you're gonna love it.
It has a moral and everything.
And you've always struck me as a very moral girl
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So these two kids – boys - are out one night
They live in the country
So every night they go sit on this hill
You know
Like you would in the country
And they're bored
Like you would be if you're sat on a hill
But then one of them –
Let's call him.
Daniel.
Suddenly Daniel grabs the other boy.
Will.
William.
Daniel says to William – can you see that – over there?
And he points out to this corner of a field
Where the field joins this big creepy wood
And William looks out and there's nothing

And Daniel goes –
Right there –
Look –
What's that?
William is looking out at where Daniel is pointing.
But he isn't really looking cause Daniel is kind of like this.
He scares easy.
So instead of looking – William is like let's go down there!
And Daniel freaks out
And really
I can't be bothered to get into this
Because he says all that boy shit that boys say
You know –
To get other boys to do things that are stupid
Just like –
Why are you being such a guuuuurrrrrrrl?
And all that stuff.
So eventually Daniel is like
Fine.
I'm not a girl!
I'm a proper boy!
I'll show you!
And they walk down to the bottom of the hill
And of course there isn't anything there
So Daniel calms down
And William relaxes – of course William was scared really
The Williams of the world are always scared really
Then – out of nowhere – he has a real reason to be scared
Something grabs him from behind
He turns to see ... something...?
Something that is kind of like a boy but isn't a boy?
And whatever it is
It pulls William close
And Daniel grabs him and tries to run away
But whatever it is - it's stronger
And it takes him and shows him something
Something Daniel can't see
And William's face responds
Not in horror
But just in understanding
And the thing is suddenly gone and
And Daniel asks what it was
And William just shrugs
It was nothing he says
Nothing
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When they get back
Daniel wants to tell people
But what can he say?
Cause when he says – we saw a thing in the woods!

People say what was it?
And Daniel turns to William and says – tell them!
And William just shrugs
It was nothing.