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An Evening in My School

Do you have any experience in your school in the evening? I have... when I was only seven. Let me tell you about it.

One day after lunch, I didn't want to have my Maths lesson. You see, I was weak in Maths and I hated my Maths teacher. So, I decided to escape into the toilet. But I fell asleep in there. When I woke up, it was really late. The bell must have gone a long time. It was getting dark. I was wondering if the school gate was locked already.

I went to the school office. There was no one. I went to the Staff Room. No one was there. The school was empty. It looked like a haunted house. I felt scared. But, no, I would not cry.

I ran up to the 4th floor. They told me Ms Lee always worked late. But what if it was my Maths teacher up there instead! I saw a light in one of the rooms but I dared not knock. Just as I was thinking, someone touched me on the shoulder. It made me jump. "Where have you been? You got us all worried!!" It was Mr. Fong, my Maths teacher. He looked more worried about me than the locked school gate. He took me inside, poured me a cup of warm tea and even offered me two of my favourite Oreo.... "What happened?" He looked sad.

"I...I didn't want any Maths lesson so I fell asleep in the toilet..." I could not look at his eyes.

That evening, Mr. Fong took me home. He asked my parents if he could keep me in school every evening to help me get better at Maths. My parents were moved. I was not, of course! But my parents made me. After school, Mr. Fong was a different teacher from the one in the classroom and he gave me all kinds of funny snacks to keep me working.

Now I think my Maths is getting better, but still I cannot pass every time. But Mr. Fong told me, "Never give up." And I told him, "If you won't give up, I think I should not give myself up."

Thank YOU, Mr. Fong. Someday I may become a Maths teacher, like you, who knows?

