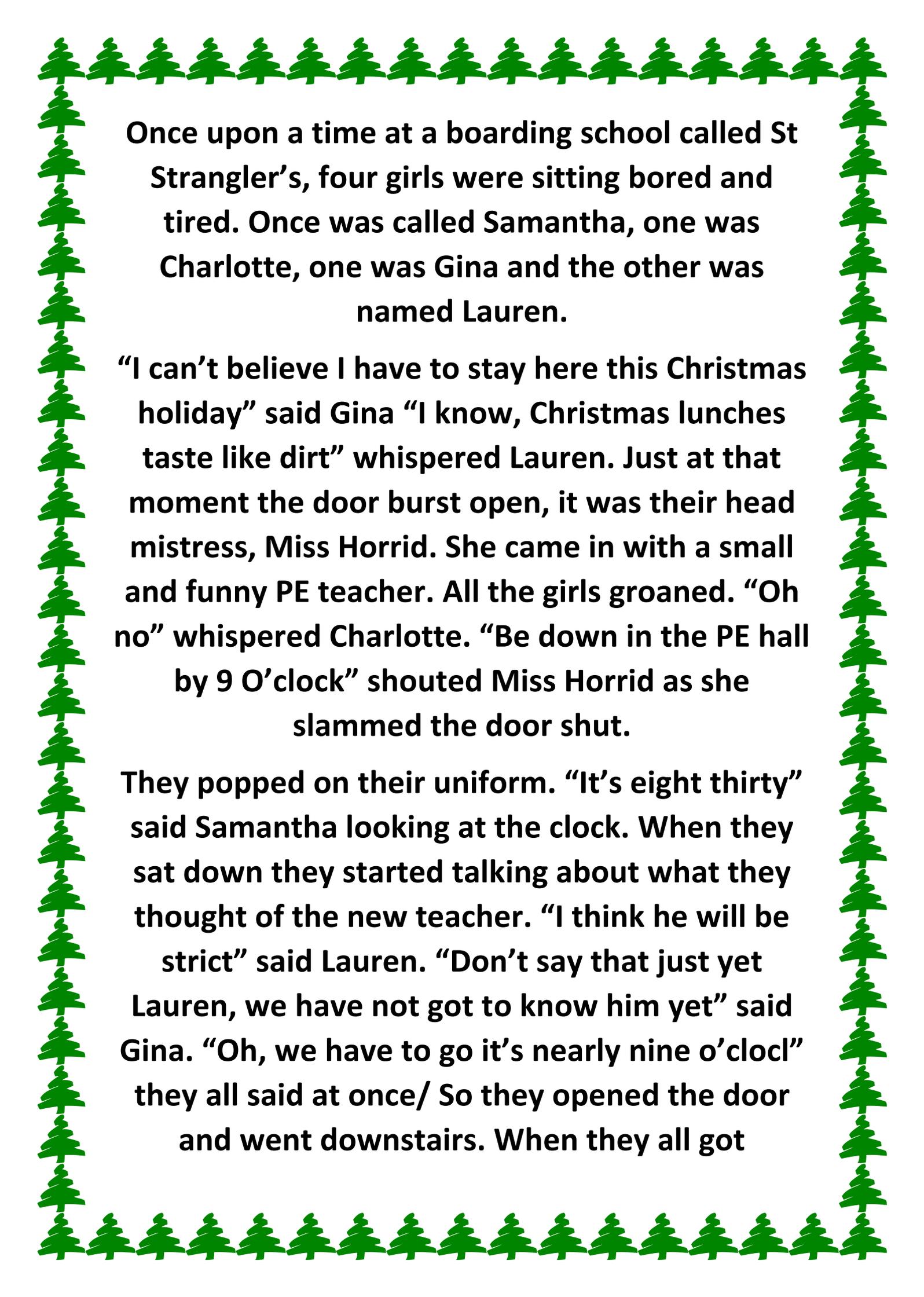


Christmas at St Stranglers

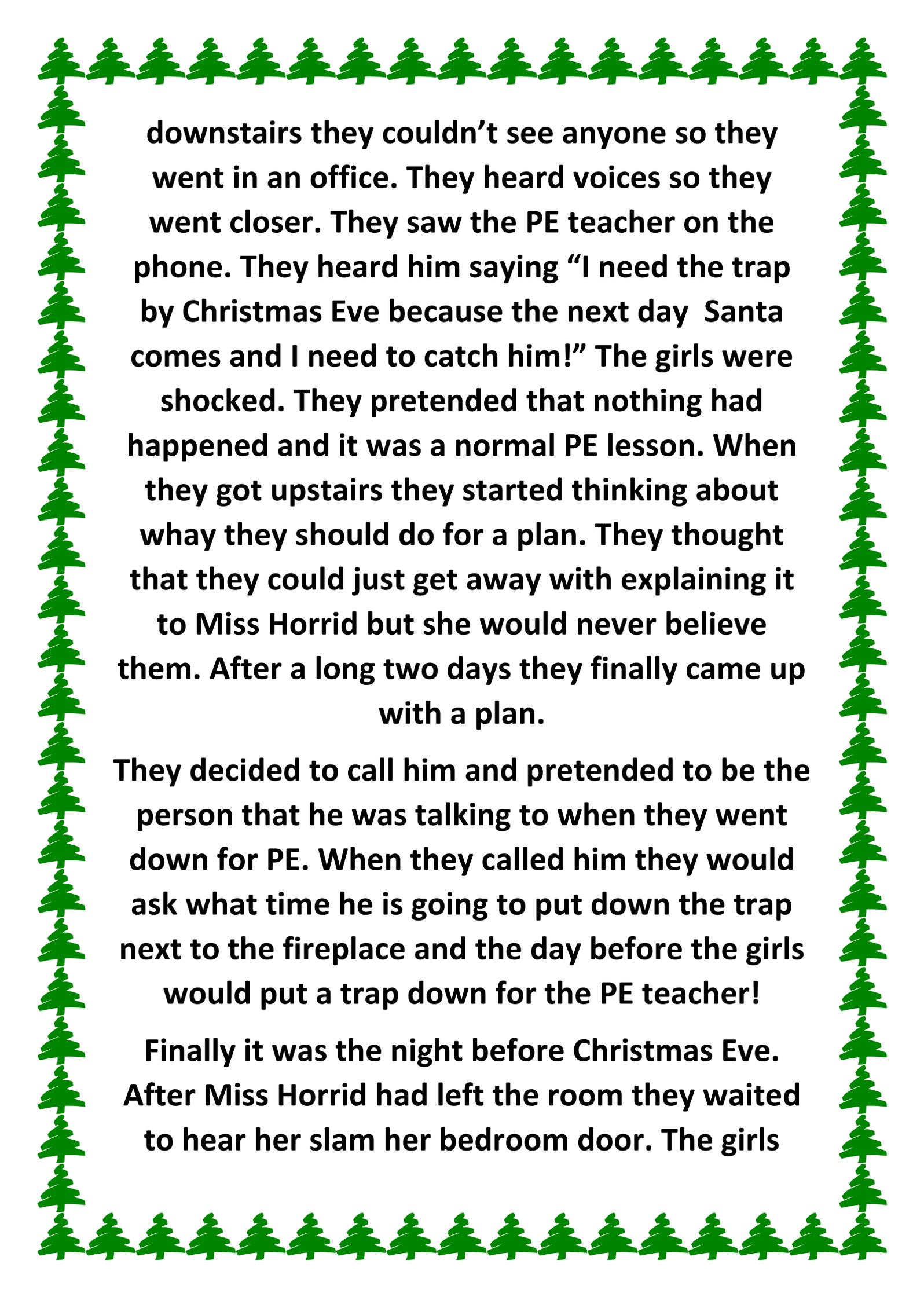
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Once upon a time at a boarding school called St Strangler's, four girls were sitting bored and tired. One was called Samantha, one was Charlotte, one was Gina and the other was named Lauren.

"I can't believe I have to stay here this Christmas holiday" said Gina "I know, Christmas lunches taste like dirt" whispered Lauren. Just at that moment the door burst open, it was their head mistress, Miss Horrid. She came in with a small and funny PE teacher. All the girls groaned. "Oh no" whispered Charlotte. "Be down in the PE hall by 9 O'clock" shouted Miss Horrid as she slammed the door shut.

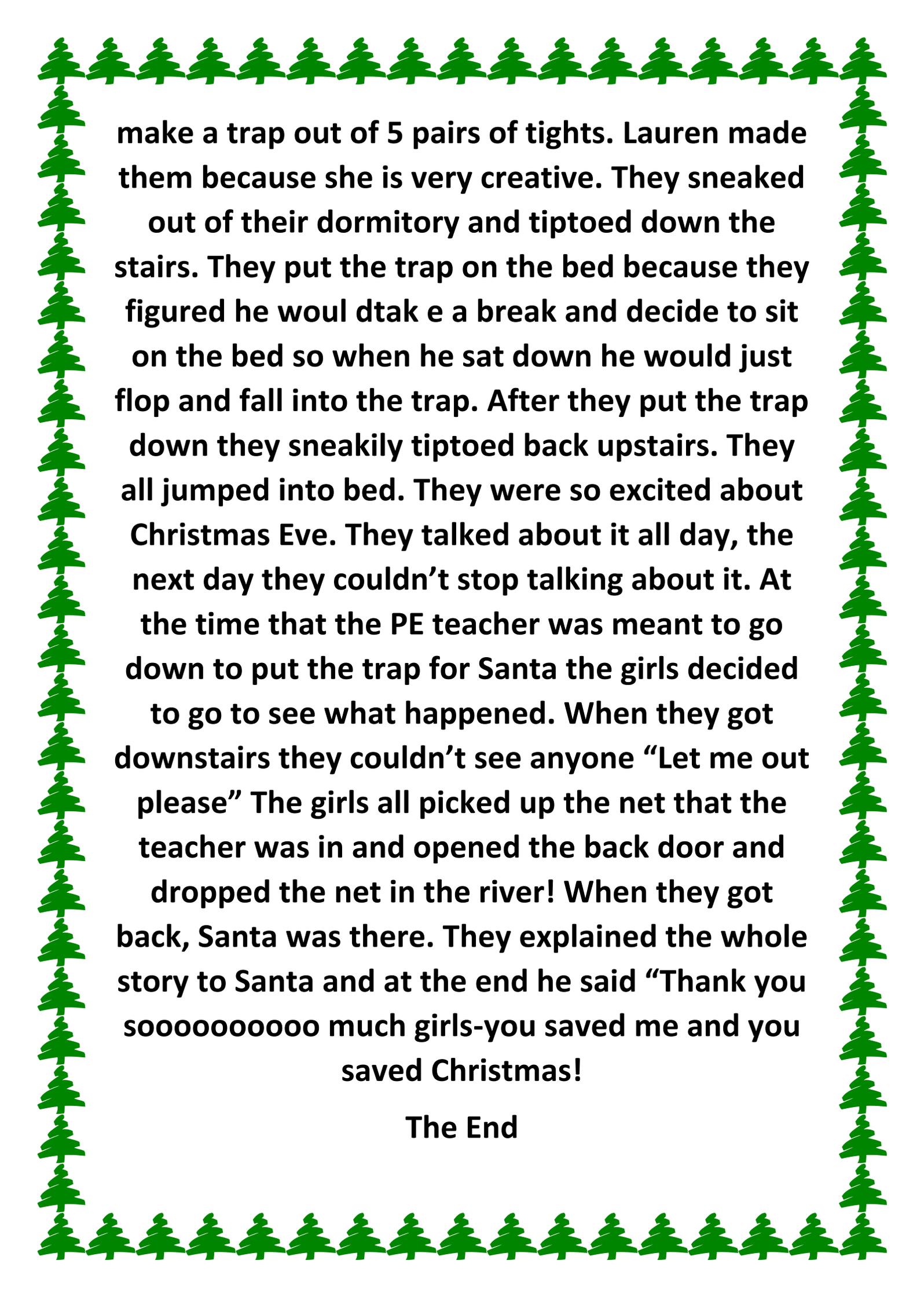
They popped on their uniform. "It's eight thirty" said Samantha looking at the clock. When they sat down they started talking about what they thought of the new teacher. "I think he will be strict" said Lauren. "Don't say that just yet Lauren, we have not got to know him yet" said Gina. "Oh, we have to go it's nearly nine o'clock" they all said at once/ So they opened the door and went downstairs. When they all got



downstairs they couldn't see anyone so they went in an office. They heard voices so they went closer. They saw the PE teacher on the phone. They heard him saying "I need the trap by Christmas Eve because the next day Santa comes and I need to catch him!" The girls were shocked. They pretended that nothing had happened and it was a normal PE lesson. When they got upstairs they started thinking about what they should do for a plan. They thought that they could just get away with explaining it to Miss Horrid but she would never believe them. After a long two days they finally came up with a plan.

They decided to call him and pretended to be the person that he was talking to when they went down for PE. When they called him they would ask what time he is going to put down the trap next to the fireplace and the day before the girls would put a trap down for the PE teacher!

Finally it was the night before Christmas Eve. After Miss Horrid had left the room they waited to hear her slam her bedroom door. The girls



make a trap out of 5 pairs of tights. Lauren made them because she is very creative. They sneaked out of their dormitory and tiptoed down the stairs. They put the trap on the bed because they figured he would take a break and decide to sit on the bed so when he sat down he would just flop and fall into the trap. After they put the trap down they sneakily tiptoed back upstairs. They all jumped into bed. They were so excited about Christmas Eve. They talked about it all day, the next day they couldn't stop talking about it. At the time that the PE teacher was meant to go down to put the trap for Santa the girls decided to go to see what happened. When they got downstairs they couldn't see anyone "Let me out please" The girls all picked up the net that the teacher was in and opened the back door and dropped the net in the river! When they got back, Santa was there. They explained the whole story to Santa and at the end he said "Thank you soooooooooo much girls-you saved me and you saved Christmas!"

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