

THE DAY JENNIFER LOU ELLEN MISSISSIPPI KERBUNKLE CHANGED HER LIFE  
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CHARACTERS

JEN, 10-year-old, in fourth grade

LORRAINE, Jen's best friend. Wears big round glasses with purple frames and thick lenses.

MRS. KERBUNKLE, Jen's mother. Pushy, like a drill sergeant.

TIME

Present, early fall

PLACE

Inside a Mini-Van

(MRS. KERBUNKLE sits in driver's seat listening to a tape with earphones on. JEN, wearing a pink bow in her hair that looks out of place on her and carrying a backpack, gets into the car and sits in the back seat.)

JEN

(panting)

Sorry I'm late, Mom.

MRS. KERBUNKLE

(looks at her stop watch)

Jennifer Lou Ellen Mississippi Kerbunkle! You should have been here five and 1/2 seconds ago.

JEN

Sorry Mom.

MRS. KERBUNKLE

Sorry, my foot. But time is a-wasting! Let's get started with our checklist, shall we?

JEN

Sure Mom.

(JEN unzips backpack and looks into it)

MRS. KERBUNKLE

(pulls clipboard and pencil from under the seat)

OK! Pencil case, box of sharpened multi-colored pencils?

JEN

Check, check!

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