

## Chapter 6 Anger and Fights

The next morning Laurie Saunders went to *The Grapevine* office. When she opened the door, she found a letter on the floor. The letter had her name on the front. Laurie closed the door and read the letter.

*Dear Laurie*

*I am a student here at Gordon High. Three days ago my friends and I heard about this thing called the Wave. We went to Mr Ross's lesson to see what it was. Mr Ross told us about the Wave rules and the Wave words. Some of my friends thought the Wave was great. But I did not want to be a member.*



*The letter had her name on the front. Laurie closed the door and read the letter.*

*When the class ended we started to leave. But a boy from Mr Ross's class stopped me. 'Do you want to be members of the Wave?' he asked.*

*'No, I don't want to be a member,' I said.*

*'But the Wave is great,' the boy said to me. 'Everybody wants to be a member! Do you want to lose all your friends?'*

*'I'm sorry,' I said again, 'but I don't want to be a member.'*

*The boy was very angry. 'Soon it will be too late,' he said.*

*'Too late for what? That's what I want to know.'*

There was no name at the bottom of the letter.

Alex came into the office. Laurie showed him the letter. 'Look at this! Look what the Wave is doing to this school,' she said. 'This student is afraid of the Wave. He didn't want to write his name on the letter. We must do something.'

'There is a big Wave rally this afternoon,' said Alex. 'All the Wave members are going.'

Suddenly Laurie heard a noise. It came from outside the door. She ran out and saw that there was a fight between two boys. One of the fighters was Brian Amman!

A teacher ran and stopped the fight. 'I'm taking you two to Principal Owens,' he said.

Brian turned to the other students, and gave them the Wave salute. 'We're all in the same team. Winners need discipline!' he said.

'Did you see that?'

Laurie turned to find David next to her. 'Was that fight about the Wave?' she asked.

'No, it was more than that,' said David. 'The other boy is called Deutsch. We don't like him because he doesn't help the others in the team.'

'But why did Brian say the Wave words?'

'Because he believes in those words. We all do,' said David.

'What about the other boy?' asked Laurie. 'Is he in the Wave?'