

REVENGE

Saturn didn't like to study. At fourteen, getting up early for school seemed like a waste of time and a way to ruin his life. How much better off he'd be at home playing video games! He had committed a serious offense and was in detention until the Headmistress or the Head of Studies could contact his family. Taking advantage of a lapse in supervision, he went into the cleaning closet, out to the playground, and poured liquid soap down the entrance steps. Then, ignoring the teacher on duty's instructions, he went into the bathroom and told his father on the phone that he was going to be expelled if he didn't agree to spend a week in the Reflection Room to think about what had happened, just for stepping on a classmate's sandwich and calling her a fat, greasy girl. The father, also beside himself with rage over his son being run over, rushed to the school, slipped on the freshly lubricated steps, and fell to the ground with loud groans.

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