

She ran to the door and started pounding on it, yelling out for her mum and dad.

No one answered.

Trina hurried back up the drive and reached the pavement just as Toby and Kimmy caught up. Without stopping to speak to them, she began chasing after the black-coated figure. “Hey! Hey, stop! Were you just at my house? The Barnet house? What’s happened?”

Toby and Kimmy were running too. Toby overtook her and grabbed hold of the man’s coat. He swung the man around, and the three gasped in horror.

Where the man’s face should have been was the beaked head of a bird.

The shock was enough to make Toby let go of the man. He hurried away, leaving the three teenagers wide-eyed and frightened.

