

Detective Doodad and the Righteous Rally

Lesson 8

The Characters:

Announcer: (Voice only.)

Detective Doodad: A brilliant yet eccentric detective who somehow has the right answer.

Mindi Lee: A girl who is shy but will stand up for what's right.

Keona: A sensible and intelligent girl who likes to work things out.

Henry: A tech-savvy boy who looks tough, but is gentle.

Dr. D. Seaver: Detective Doodad's childhood friend and present-day archenemy, a master of disguise.

Props:

Pawn shop counter, electronic gadget, "Later" sign to cover stage.

The Setup:

The clubhouse. Then the pawn shop with counter (from Lesson 6).

(Begin music.)

Announcer: *(Offstage.)* Welcome back to another adventure with Detective Doodad and the Doodad Gang. In our last adventure, Mindi Lee found out Dr. D. Seaver had sold her lost locket that had been in her family for many generations. But after getting angry, Mindi Lee forgave Dr. D. Seaver for what he had done. But Mindi Lee was still upset over the lost and stolen locket. Let's see what she does in another Doodad Gang adventure.

(Fade music. Detective Doodad enters with a new gadget. Mindi Lee, Keona, and Henry enter.)

Detective Doodad: *(Excited.)* Look at my new gadget!

Henry: *(Moves over to gadget.)* Wow! Very cool, detective. What does it do?

Detective Doodad: *(Notices Keona and Mindi Lee ignore him. Speaks to them.)* Look at my new gadget!

Keona: Can we look at it later, detective?

Detective Doodad: *(To Henry.)* Oh, sure. Henry let me show you how this works outside. *(Detective Doodad and Henry exit opposite of Keona and Mindi Lee.)*

Keona: Mindi Lee, are you still upset about Dr. D. Seaver finding and selling your locket?

Mindi Lee: Yeah. I *know* I need to forgive him, but it's hard. For four generations it was in *my* family. Now it's gone.

Keona: Wait a minute. Didn't you say Dr. D. Seaver took it to a pawn shop?

Mindi Lee: That's what he told me. Why does it matter now?

Keona: Maybe they *still* have it!

Mindi Lee: (*Excited.*) Oh wow! I hadn't thought about *that* possibility. Let's go see!

Keona: OK!

[“Later” sign displayed while pawn shop stage is set up. Then Keona and Mindi Lee enter and face a counter and talk to the pawn shop clerk who is offstage. On opposite side of stage, Dr. D. Seaver stands (at very edge to indicate he can't be seen by the girls.)]

Mindi Lee: (*To Clerk offstage.*) Yes, I would like to see those pieces of jewelry. (*Pause.*) Thank you. (*Mindi Lee hurries toward opposite side of stage, but doesn't see a hiding Dr. D. Seaver.*)

Dr. D. Seaver: (*Steps in front of fleeing Mindi Lee.*) Hello, Mindi Lee.

Mindi Lee: (*Tries to get past Dr. D. Seaver.*) Get out of my way!

Dr. D. Seaver: (*Stops Mindi Lee.*) You're staying right here, girl. What's that in your pocket?

Mindi Lee: (*Defiant.*) Nothing.

Dr. D. Seaver: You always have a bad habit of turning up when I least suspect and ruining my plans, but this time it's my turn. I'm sure you aren't glad to see me now, you thieving little girl! And just think, you and your Doodad Gang friends were about to be honored for your civic responsibility in uncovering my, uhh, unconventional campaigning tactics. Too bad the papers will have a different story to tell. Hee hee.

Keona: (*Comes up surprised.*) Mindi Lee. Were you trying to take that locket?

Mindi Lee: (*Dejected.*) Yes, it's mine. But now *I'm* the one in big trouble!

(Begin music.)

Announcer: (*Offstage.*) Mindi Lee has made some very good choices while being a member of the Doodad Gang. But this time she made a bad choice. What will happen to her and the Doodad Gang? Find out how the story ends in the next Detective Doodad and the Doodad Gang adventure.