

Speaker: Hmm. Where could it be?

Speaker: What are you looking for, Elliot?

Speaker: My jar of cookies. I left them on the kitchen counter, and now they're gone. It's like they disappeared into thin air.

Speaker: Hmm. That's strange.

Speaker: Did any of you eat my cookies?

Speaker: Not me. I didn't eat them.

Speaker: Hmm. What could have happened to the cookie jar?

Speaker: Sounds like a big mystery to me.

Speaker: Welcome to Stories For Kids by Lingokids. This Women's History Month, we're embarking on a dual mission, finding Elliot's missing cookie jar and unveiling the story of a woman who changed the course of history. Let's begin our detective adventure. Every mystery needs a detective.

Speaker: I love mysteries and detective stories.

Speaker: Me too, like Sherlock Holmes. He's the best detective of all.

Speaker: Sherlock Holmes is a great fictional detective. He was created by a writer named Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Speaker: Are there any detectives in real life?

Speaker: Oh, yes. In fact, one of the most famous detectives was Kate Warren. She was the first female detective in the United States.

Speaker: Wow. Cool. I didn't know there were girl detectives.

Speaker: Well, back in the day, it was much harder for women to become detectives, but Kate Warren changed all of that.

Speaker: Wow. How did she become a detective?

Speaker: Great question. When she applied to the Pinkerton Detective Agency in 1856, women were not expected to work as detectives, so everyone thought she was applying for a secretary position, but she convinced them to hire her as a detective.

Speaker: That's cool. She must have been really smart.

Speaker: Yes, it's really cool, but my cookies are still missing.

Speaker: Well, if Katie can be a detective, I can too.

Speaker: That's right, Cowie. You sure can.

Speaker: I'll help you solve this mystery, Elliot.

Speaker: Yay. Thanks, Cowie. Where do we start?

Speaker: With my magnifying glass. Let's go to the place where the cookies were last seen, the kitchen. Well, there definitely aren't any cookies here, but look.

Speaker: What is it?

Speaker: My magnifying glass is showing me that there are crumbs on the ground.

Speaker: Oh, I see them.

Speaker: Hmm, let's follow the trail.

Speaker: Okay, everyone. Let's follow Cowie.

Speaker: Well, the cookies stop here next to the dining table.

Speaker: Ah-ha.

Speaker: What, Elliot?

Speaker: There's a note on the table.

Speaker: Someone must have taken your cookie jar and left a clue.

Speaker: Who would take my cookie jar?

Speaker: We'll read what the note says.

Speaker: Hmm, okay. It says where books rest, secrets nest. What could that mean? Where do books rest?

Speaker: Lingokids listeners, can you think of any ideas?

Speaker: The bookshelf. Let's look there.

Speaker: Great thinking.

Speaker: What are we even looking for?

Speaker: Maybe another clue?

Speaker: There are so many books. Where do we even start?

Speaker: What would Kate do?

Speaker: I know. Do we have any detective books?

Speaker: Actually, yes. We have a Miss Marple book.

Speaker: Who is Miss Marple?

Speaker: She's a fictional detective like Sherlock Holmes.

Speaker: Oh.

Speaker: Miss Marple was created by Agatha Christie, one of the best mystery writers and best-selling authors of all time. Many of her stories were about female detectives.

Speaker: Wow. She's so cool, just like Kate Warren.

Speaker: Yes, it's amazing how women like Kate Warren and Agatha Christie made people realize both men and women can be detectives.

Speaker: You were right, Cowie. Billy says there's a note inside the Miss Marple book.

Speaker: What does it say?

Speaker: It says the final clue is this, if cookies you want to eat, under your bed take a peek.

Speaker: Under your bed, Elliot. Let's go take a look.

Speaker: Aha. There's something under your bed.

Speaker: It's my cookie jar. Look, there's a note with it.

Speaker: Another note?

Speaker: Yes. It says every great detective needs a mystery to solve. Love, Lisa.

Speaker: Lisa, it was you all along. No wonder you've been so quiet.

Speaker: Yes, it was me.

Speaker: You said you didn't eat my cookies.

Speaker: It's true. I didn't eat any of the cookies. They're all in the jar.

Speaker: Phew. Why did you hide them?

Speaker: I just thought it would be fun to have a mystery to solve.

Speaker: Great job, Cowie. You're a really great detective.

Speaker: Yes, Kate and Miss Marple would be proud.

Speaker: Oh, thanks. That was fun. Cookie, anyone?

Speaker: Lingokids listeners, thank you for joining us on this exciting detective journey. We solved the mystery of Elliot's missing cookie jar and even learned about Kate Warren, a woman who defied expectations and became a legendary detective. Remember, no matter who you are, you can achieve great things and solve tough mysteries.

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