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Chapter 1

How Compton Valance Became THE MOST POWERFUL BOY IN THE UNIVERSE

1. One day, one very ordinary boy took one very ordinary cheese-and-pickled-egg sandwich to school for his packed lunch.



2. But Compton **FORGOT** about the ordinary cheese-and-pickled-egg sandwich in his lunchbox and let it go all **mouldy** and **oldy** and **stinky** at the bottom of his school bag for three weeks.

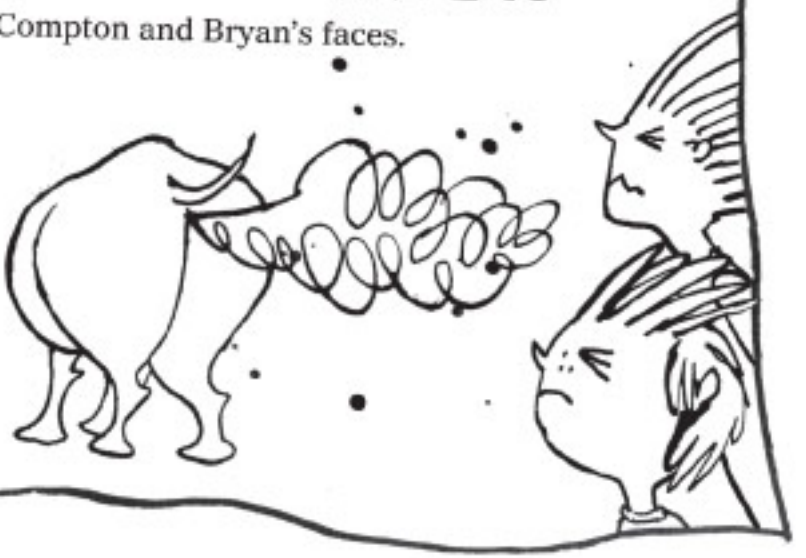
3. Then, when the **stink** stunk so **stinkily** that Compton thought his hooter might shrivel up in shock, he and his best friend Bryan Nylon decided to **conduct an experiment** and place the sandwich in a shoebox at the back of Compton's wardrobe for another ten weeks.* (When you see a * you usually need to look at the bottom of the page. Go ahead, look below!)



* The sandwich was so stinky that, when handling it, Compton and Bryan had to wear the fail-safe protective clothing of dressing gowns on backwards, gardening gloves and swimming goggles!

4. After the sandwich had sweated and stenched for ten weeks, Compton and Bryan took it out of the shoebox. The sandwich was now a disgustingly HIDEOUS green colour, and on closer inspection it looked both slimy and a bit cat-sicky, while the inside was all browny, sludgy and gooey. Yum.

The whiff was also so bad that it smelled like a herd of rhinos FARTING in Compton and Bryan's faces.



5. In the name of science, Compton and Bryan popped a small piece of the disgusting sandwich in their mouths and **swallowed.**



And, to their surprise, they discovered that their mouldy, oldy sandwich had turned into a fizzing, whizzing **TIME MACHINE**...

6. ...giving them the power to travel backwards through time, and making them **THE MOST POWERFUL BOYS IN THE UNIVERSE!**

(Well, sort of.)

* A WARNING ABOUT MAKING TIME MACHINE SANDWICHES! It is vitally important to use very strong English cheddar and a home-made pickled egg in order to attain full TIME-TRAVEL-SANDWICH capabilities. In 2034 a French scientist called Henri Tromper attempted to create a TIME MACHINE SANDWICH using Brie, raw onions and pickled frogs' legs. The results were so CATASTROPHIC that Tromper and his laboratory were immediately shut down and Tromper and two other scientists were confined to the toilet for the next eighteen years.**



** ANOTHER WARNING! Actually, it's probably best you don't try any of this at home. Only attempt to create a TIME MACHINE within the appropriate TIMEVAC 3000 Mobile Laboratory.