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The Silence Afterwards

A scream, a crash – and then the sound of sirens. But whose fault was it, really?

Ada: 'Nobody knows me. Nobody knows how I'm doing, and nobody knows how I used to be. Which means that I can finally be who I am. The real me.'

Odd-Erik: 'My voice booms through the room. For a moment everyone's eyes are on me – I have everyone's attention. I stand here, moored to the teacher's desk. I am their captain.'

Ada is a new student in the class, and Odd-Erik is a recently graduated teacher. Both are looking forward to a fresh start and an opportunity to become new, improved versions of themselves. But both have secrets in their pasts – which they'd like to keep hidden.

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