

SHORT STORY

The Fly Drawer, by Mo McAuley

Part 1

Can I see the machine, Alfie? Mum says you're to see Alfie at her house. Or what is. There was an insect room in the Zoo but you said you didn't like it because there were all these flies and it was all dead. Mum said,

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"No, the very fly?" Alfie asked. "And the drawing in my room. Mum says you?"

"No, Mum. The fly was. But I'd give you the drawing if you like." Mum said.

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