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How New Technologies Are Changing Justice

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## Chapter 1

# Where Tim discovers a disaster

When Tim came home that day, he was in a bad mood. He had waited for Alma outside the school because they usually walked home together, but she had never showed up. Alma, who had forgotten to tell him that her classes had finished early, had already left, and Tim ended up walking home alone, grumbling about his sister who was so unreliable. She never paid any attention to anything, forgetting plans, losing things and breaking stuff. Tim thought angrily about his bike helmet, which Alma had lost last week after borrowing it without asking.

As soon as he opened the entrance door, Tim had a strange feeling.

Something was off, but he couldn't quite put his finger on it. The house was silent. A few autumn leaves had blown in with him through the door, now scattered on the kitchen floor among the crumbs of ginger biscuits. Those crumbs confirmed that Alma had indeed come home before him. Not only had she forgotten their meeting, she hadn't even waited for him to have a snack! It wasn't until Tim entered the living room that his eyes were drawn to something shiny on the floor. As he approached, he was horrified to see his amber fossil smashed into a thousand pieces. It had been a gift from his mother, brought back from one of her digs. A replica of a real fossil of a giant lizard that her team of paleontologists had found.

