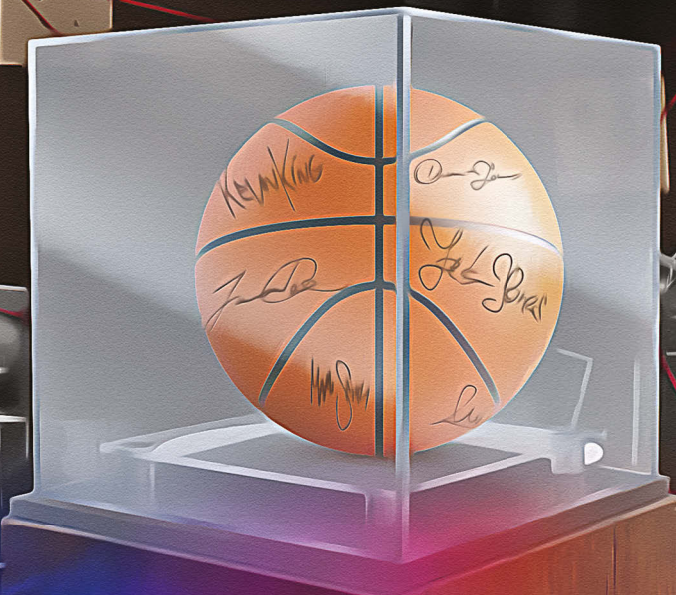


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SPOTLIGHT

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CHAPTER 1

WHODUNIT?

Wes looked at an old school newspaper. Then he fed it through a scanner. “This is boring. I’d rather be working on my sports column.”

Meg shook her finger at him. She imitated the voice of their teacher, Mrs. Kim. “This is important. We’re recording history.”

Wes grinned. He tried to talk like their teacher too. “Future classes depend on us. It’s our duty.”

The two high school juniors laughed. Mrs. Kim rolled her eyes.

Writing for their school newspaper was fun. But this assignment wasn't. They had to digitize past issues of the paper. This would allow students to read them on mobile devices or computers.

The paper Wes held in his hand was in bad shape. Pages had turned yellow. Edges were curled.

Wes scanned the date. The copy was 20 years old.

A picture caught his eye. It showed Henry "Hoops" Han. He was a basketball star. Han had gone to their school a long time ago. Wes read the article.

***Hoops Han Gives School
a Winning Ball***

Han graduated six years ago. Now he's back! There was no gym when Han

went to Green Valley. The NBA legend had to play outside. Today, the champ returned. He came to see the new gym. It's named after him. Han cut the ribbon. Then he gave the school a gift. It is a Hornets game ball! Han dunked it to win the NBA Finals. The ball is signed by his whole team. It is on display in the gym lobby. A glass case was built to hold it.

Wes was confused. He showed the paper to Mrs. Kim. "I've never seen a glass case in the gym lobby." He pointed to the story. "Where is this ball?"

Mrs. Kim shrugged. "It's a mystery. No one at Green Valley High knows."

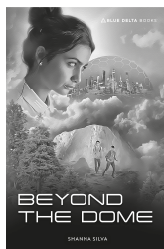
Meg joined them. "No one knows what?"

Wes handed her the paper. "Look at this."

Meg read the article. “I want to learn more. How did the ball go missing?”

Mrs. Kim smiled. “Aren’t you two lucky?” She pushed a large stack of old school newspapers toward Wes and Meg. “You might learn more as you scan these.”

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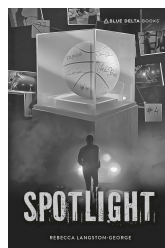
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