

EMERGE [1] Science

Hair She Is

by PJ Gray

Ryan stood by the stage.
He held six cards.
His **speech** was on them.



MY SPEECH



His mind took him back.

"Di," Ryan said.

"I am going to run."

"No way," his sister said.

"Yes. I can do it.

Lead the class.

Help the school."

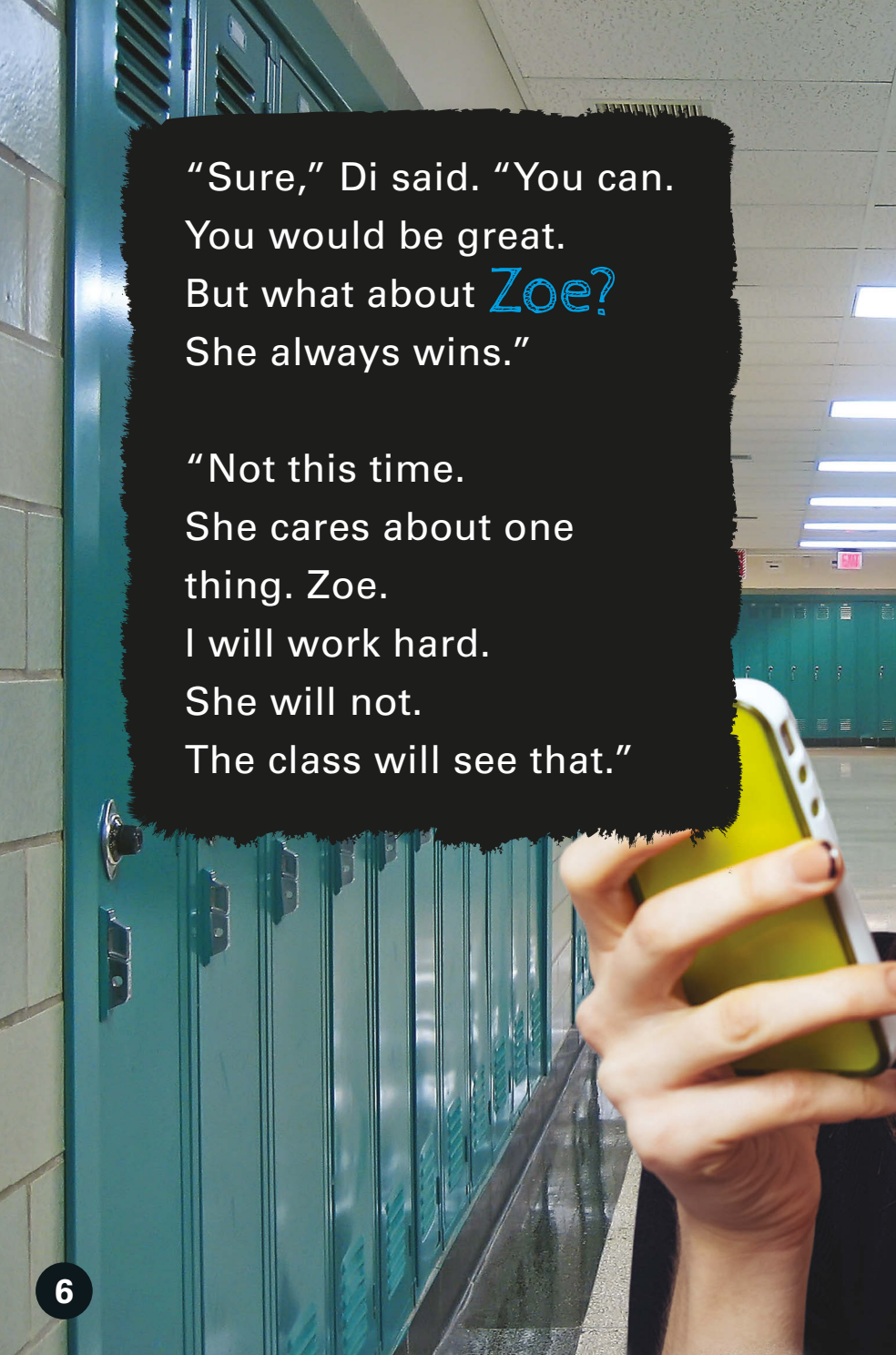
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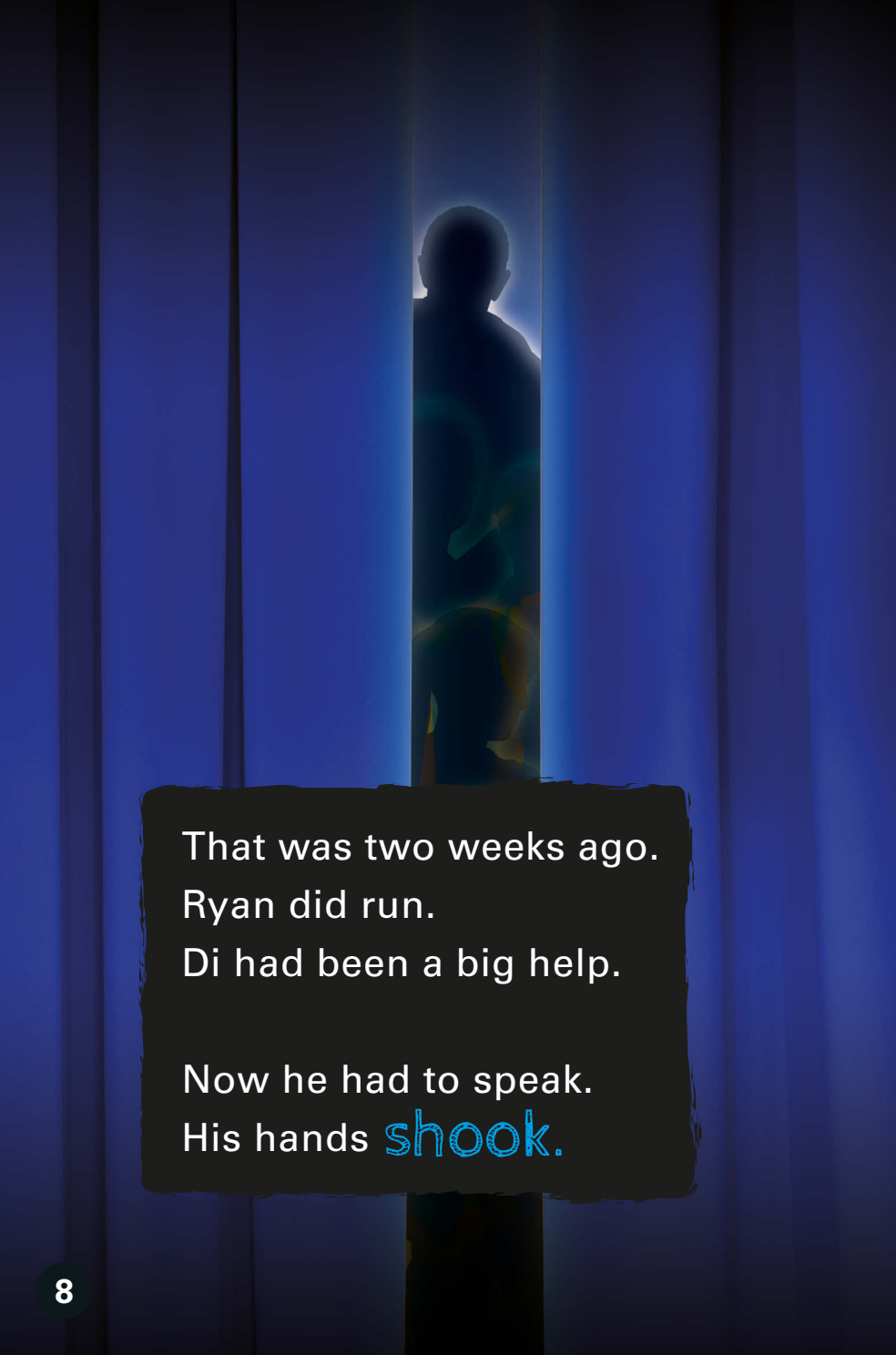


A photograph of a school hallway with teal lockers. In the foreground, a person's hand is holding a yellow smartphone. A large black rectangular area with a rough, torn edge is overlaid on the image, containing white text. The text is a dialogue between two characters, Di and Zoe. The name 'Zoe?' is highlighted in blue. The background shows the hallway receding into the distance with fluorescent lights on the ceiling.

“Sure,” Di said. “You can.
You would be great.
But what about Zoe?
She always wins.”

“Not this time.
She cares about one
thing. Zoe.
I will work hard.
She will not.
The class will see that.”





That was two weeks ago.
Ryan did run.
Di had been a big help.

Now he had to speak.
His hands **shook**.



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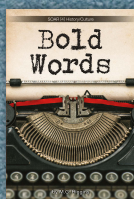
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