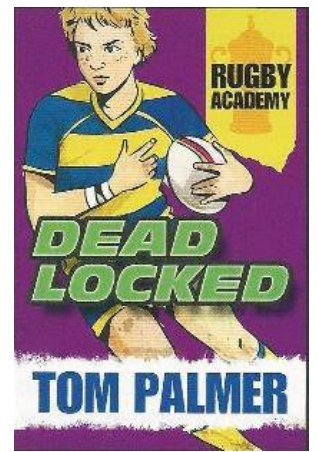


READING QUIZ

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From Chapter 1

When the plane had taken off from Heathrow and the seatbelt signs had gone off, Miss Evans leaned across and handed Owen a book.

“What’s this, Miss?” Owen said. He knew the question sounded daft as he asked it.

“A book,” Miss Evans said. “For you.”

Owen turned it over in his hands and smiled. A present from Miss Evans. That was kind. Really kind. But it was a book.

Deep down inside, Owen had that feeling he always had when books were involved. The churning worry that he wouldn’t be able to finish it. But he wouldn’t give in to that this time. Miss Evans had given him this, and he could see that it wasn’t just any book. It was called *Calon* and the cover was a red Welsh rugby shirt. If there was any book in the world he wanted to read, then this was it. “Thank you, Miss,”

Owen said, as the plane dipped to the left and they headed over the clouds towards the Equator and on to New Zealand. Owen wasn’t the only 15-year-old boy on the flight. There was a whole bunch of them, including his two best mates from Borderlands – Woody on his left and Rory on his right. All three were members of the school rugby team, and they were heading to Auckland to take part in the 4-team World Schools Rugby Trophy. Owen couldn’t believe it was really happening.

One of the main reasons they were here was sitting in the seat in front of them. Jesse. The team captain. Their star player. Jesse had just signed an under-16 contract with Toulon in France. He was exceptional on the pitch. But he was also an idiot off it. Not someone to get on the wrong side of.

1 Which airport are they travelling from?

2 What does Miss Evans wait for before she handed Owen a book?

3 How does Owen feel about books?

4 Which colour top is the player wearing on the cover of the book Owen is holding?

5 How many teams are competing in the World Schools Rugby Finals?

6 Who is sitting in front of Owen?