

Missing Practice

“Do I have to take Anne?” Red had asked. “If she gets a	13
scrape or a scratch, she’ll blame me, and I’ll be in more	25
trouble. Mom, why can’t Dad realize that everything that	34
happens to Anne isn’t my fault?”	40
“It’s not always easy for people to understand one	49
another,” his mother had answered. “Your father was in a	59
hurry this morning. All he could see was the lump on Anne’s	71
head. He thought you had tripped her. That’s the reason he	82
was so upset.”	85
Red supposed that his mother was right. What she had	95
said made sense. Just the same, it was Anne’s fault that he	107
was missing baseball practice.	111