



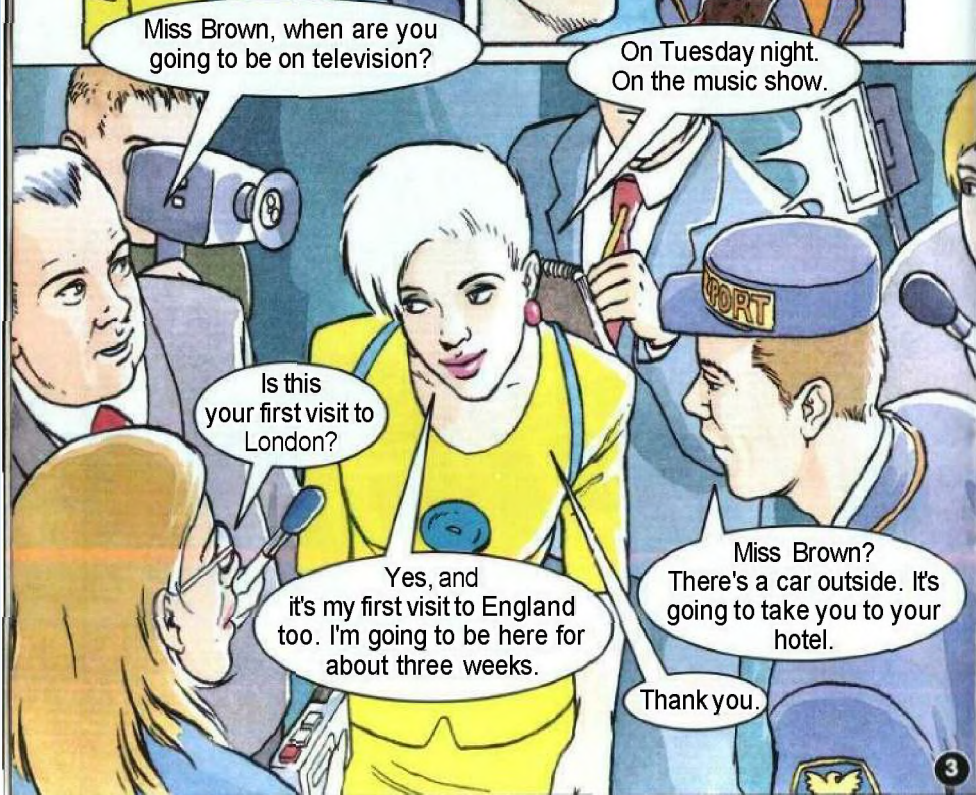
A Song for Ben

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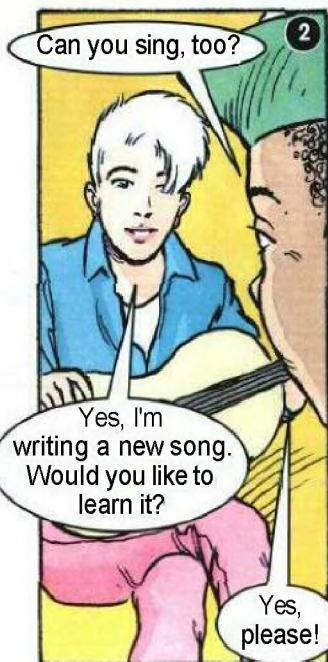
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A Song for Ben





In the afternoon at the hotel...



The next day...

Hello, Katie!
Are you going to sing
with me today?

Ben! Hi!
Sorry, I'm not
singing today. I'm
going to rest.

1

2

That's the boy, but who's
that woman?

I don't know, but she isn't
looking. She can't see us.



What's the car number? P832 BCA... P832 BCA... P832BCA...P832BCA...



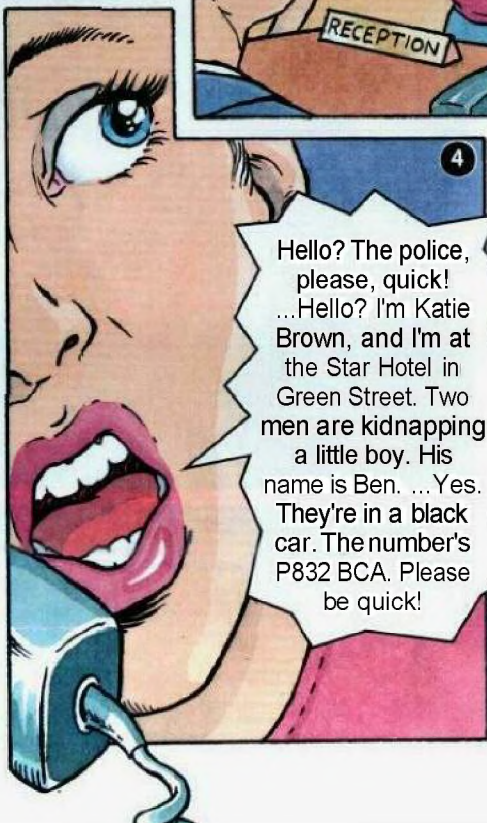
Quick! Where's the telephone? Two men are kidnapping a little boy.



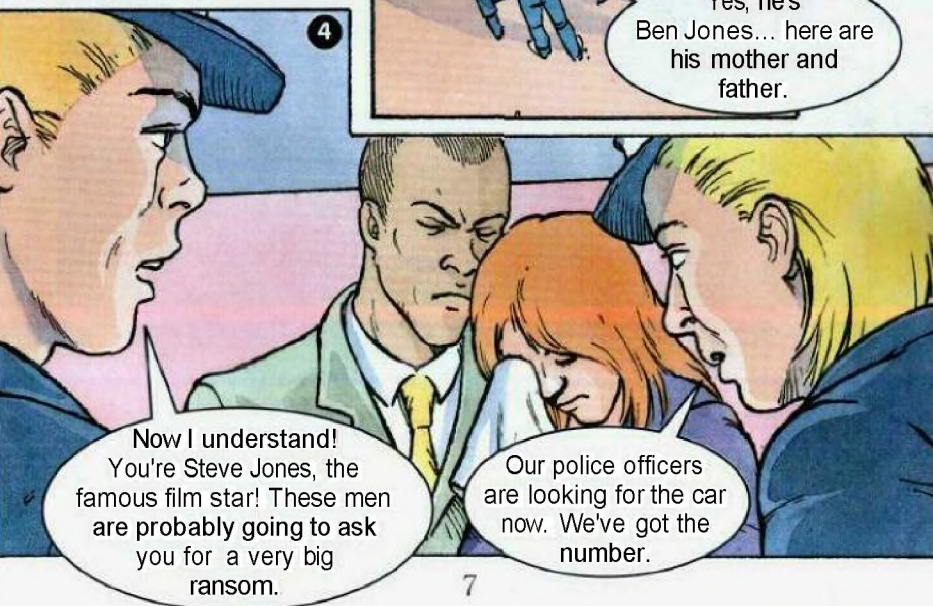
Here. Phone 999 and ask for the police.

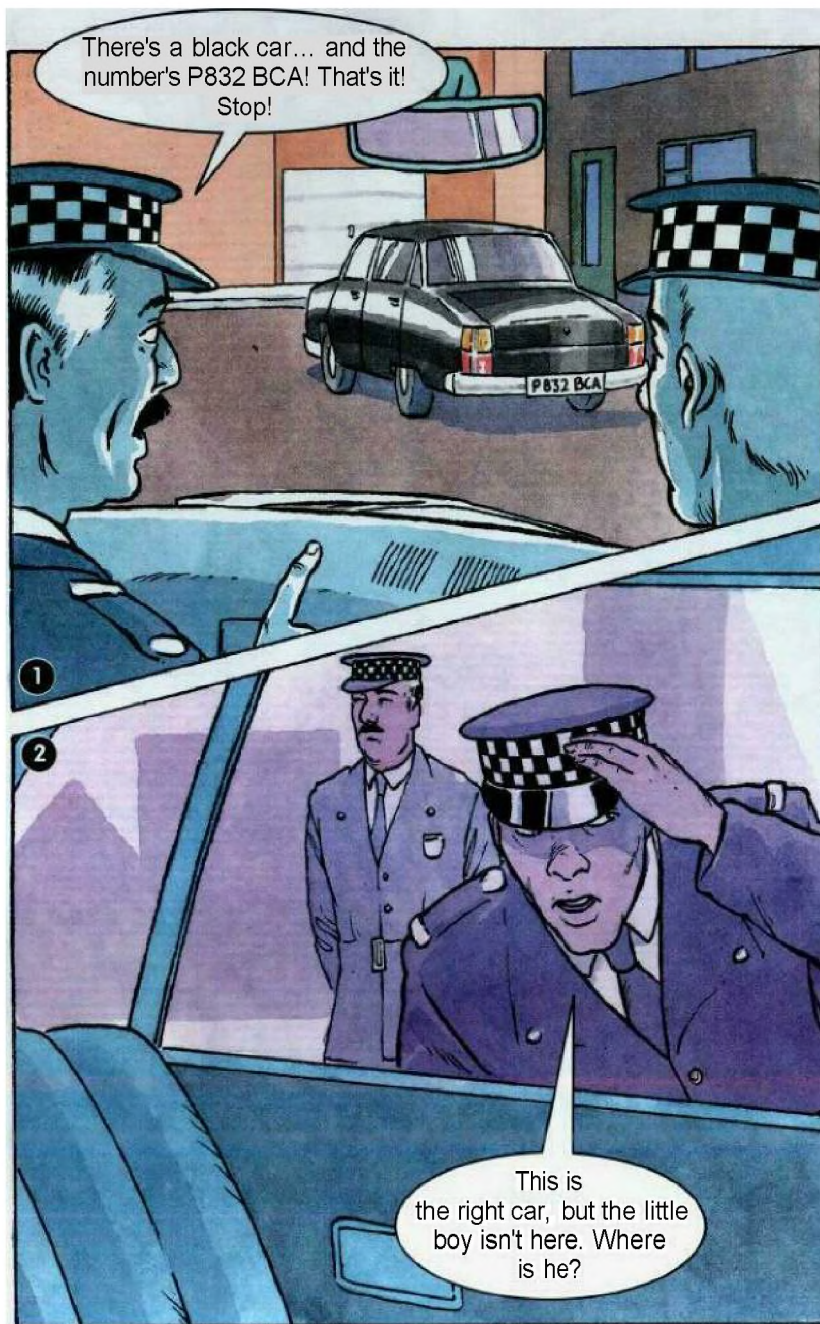


P832BCA...P832BCA...



Hello? The police, please, quick! ...Hello? I'm Katie Brown, and I'm at the Star Hotel in Green Street. Two men are kidnapping a little boy. His name is Ben. ...Yes. They're in a black car. The number's P832 BCA. Please be quick!







WHERE IS BEN JONES?

WHERE is little Ben Jones? Nobody knows.

He is the son of the famous film star, Steve Jones. Ben is with two kidnappers. They are asking for a very big ransom: £500,000. The



Ben Jones

police are looking for these men, but where are they? Who are they? Nobody knows.

'Please bring back our little boy,' says Ben's mother. 'He is only ten.'

The police say

The next day.
Tuesday
afternoon...
Katie is
driving to the
television
studios. She's
on television
tonight.

That's him!
The man in the next car.
What can I do?

1



2

He's driving away. I can't
stop and call the police. There
isn't time. But he's not looking
at me. I'm going to
follow him.



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Where is he? I can't see the car
and there isn't a telephone.



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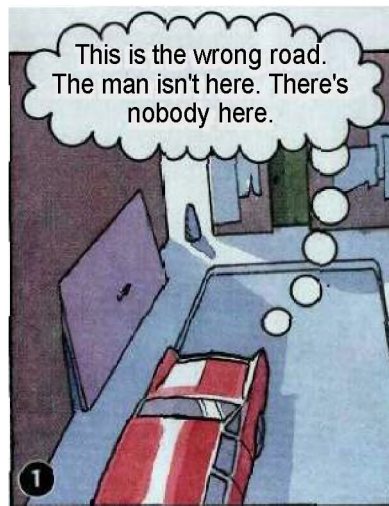
QUEEN STREET

Right or left? I don't
know... Try left.



This is the wrong road.
The man isn't here. There's
nobody here.

1



Where can
I telephone the police... and
the television studios? The music
show starts at seven o'clock!
I can't arrive late.

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♪ I like your
face,
I like your
smile... ♪

That's my
song!
It's my new
song! Ben's in
that room!

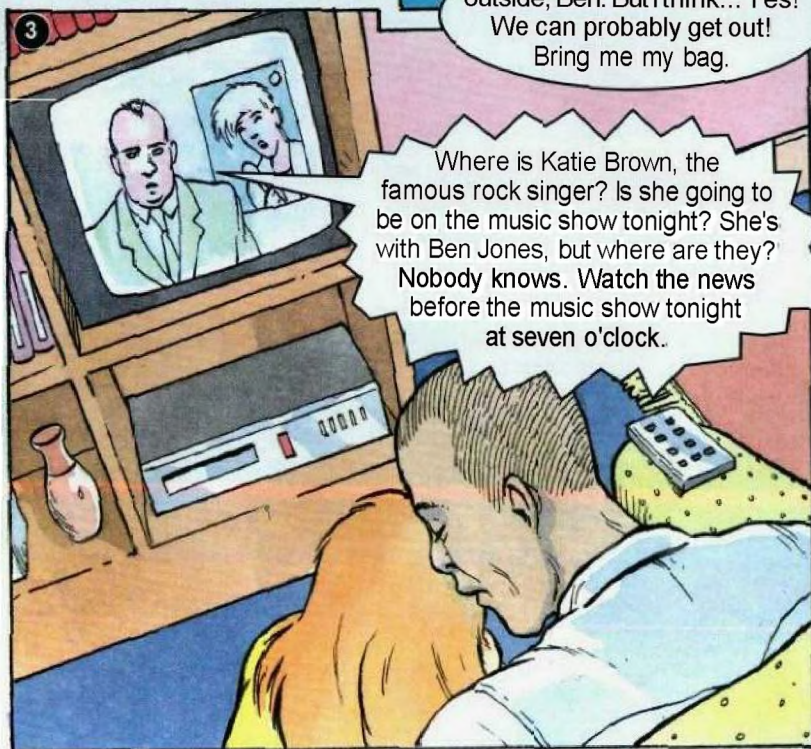


















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Hi! Its Katie Brown.
Everything's OK - Ben is
with me. We're driving to the
television studios now. My
show's at seven o'clock.
Meet us there at
six thirty.

Oh, Katie!
That's great! Thank you...
thank you!

2

Hi! Its Katie.
Brown. Ben Jones is
with me, and I have the
kidnappers, too! I'm taking
them to the television
studios now.

Hi, Gerry!
This is Katie. Meet me at
the front door at
six thirty!

But Katie...

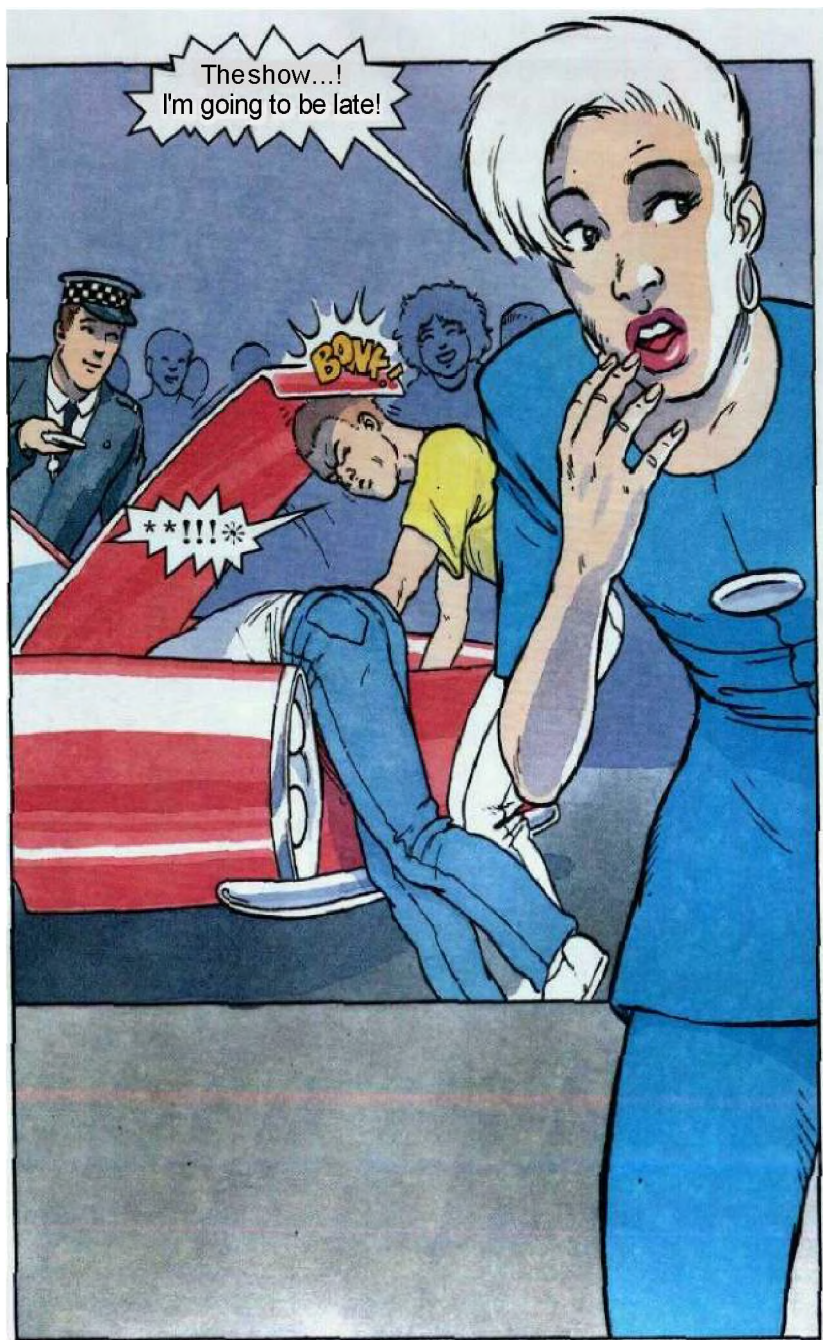
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You can't do that
Miss Brown!

I'm sorry,
I can't talk now.
Bye!

On, yes I can, inspector!
Meet us there at six thirty.
Bye now!






And now I'm
going to sing my new song.
It's for my friend,
Ben Jones.

*♪ I like your face.
/ like your smile... ♪*



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Katie Brown, an American rock singer, visits London, where she makes friends with eight-year-old Ben. One day, while Katie is teaching him her latest song, Ben is snatched from under her eyes by kidnappers. Katie sees the kidnappers again on her way to the TV studios, and her song for Ben becomes the means to save his life.

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