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JANE, 17, a typical high school teenager in 1961.
AGENT K, the mysterious leader of the CIA.

JANE has been abducted from her home and taken to secret CIA headquarters.

AGENT K

Ah. Jane Doe. We've been waiting for you. I am Agent K.

JANE

K?

AGENT K

Yes.

JANE

Okay.

AGENT K

No Just K.

JANE

Okay.

AGENT K

Not O K, just K – you can call me Agent K –

JANE

Okay.

AGENT K

I don't think you're understanding – Never mind. Jane, we've been watching you for some time now. In appropriate ways. You are just the girl we need.

JANE

Gee whiz! To do what?

AGENT K

To Save. The World. Well, okay, maybe not save the entire world, but it's a pretty important mission to National Security. If you choose to accept the mission –

JANE

I'll do it!

AGENT K

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If you choose to accept the mission, you will be inducted into a secret society from which there is no escape – you will always be a part of us, you will never be like other people –

JANE

Sure.

AGENT K

You sure?

JANE

Yep. I've always wanted to be a secret agent.

CIA AGENT

Me too.

JANE

When my friends were playing cowboys and Indians, I played secret agent killer, and when my friends were playing Cops and Robbers, I played secret government assassin.

AGENT K

I knew you were our girl. Your mission, however, does not involve assassination.

JANE

Oh. But could it if things get hairy?

AGENT K

I don't think that will necessary. Tell me: what do you know about... the moon?

JANE

I'm going to the moon?!

AGENT K

No I just asked what you knew about it.

JANE

Oh it's a spherical ball of rock that orbits the earth and influences the tides with its gravitational pull? It also causes werewolves.

AGENT K

Good enough. However, it might surprise you to know that the moon is the key to the future of the Earth. Right now we are engaged in a deadly space race with the Soviet Union. Whoever reaches the moon first will rule the universe. By 2000, American Spacecraft will have bases on the moon and Mars –

JANE

Will we also have flying cars?

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AGENT K

I don't foresee any way in which it would be possible for us *not* to have flying cars.

JANE

Keen!

AGENT K

Well, we have discovered that there is a plot afoot to kidnap one of our new spacemen – we like to refer to them as astronauts. If the Russians kidnap this astronaut and take him back to the Soviet Union, we'll be doomed.

JANE

Doomed?

AGENT K

Imagine a million Russian telescopes planted on the moon, looking down upon our country at night – even during the day – imagine a hundred thousand microphones drowning out good old American Rock' N' Roll with evil Communist classical music. Imagine trying to eat a cheeseburger and a ray from space will transform it into borscht.

JANE

What is that?

AGENT K

I don't know. But I don't intend to find out.

JANE

But why do you need me?

AGENT K

This Astronaut is scheduled to speak at a dance at a typical American high school, and our expert intelligence has discerned that there is a Russian agent already undercover at that high school, and that they plan to strike at this dance, a dance known only as... the prom.

JANE

Okay, so you know there's an undercover agent at the high school, you know where they're going to strike, and when they're going to strike?

AGENT K

Our intelligence is breathtaking, isn't it?

JANE

Then how do you *not* know who exactly it is?

AGENT K

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Maybe it's not completely breathtaking. It's like half-breathtaking. But that's where you come in. We need you to infiltrate this typical American high school and foil this plot. And who could be more typical than...

JANE

Jane Doe?

(she thinks about it)

I'm in.

AGENT K

Brilliant.