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She gently puts down her crutches on the floor. Tight against the table, away from the aisle. The chemistry teacher tells everyone what to fetch from the cupboards at the back of the classroom for their experiments. She goes to the other corner of the classroom and sits down with four of her friends. As she sits there, the crutches are kicked and stepped on by several classmates who do not see it on the ground. One other student picks up the crutches and hops around the class with the crutches. It is put back on the floor. The chemistry experiments on acidity continue. Some students consult the huge periodic table in the front of the class. The wide orange curtains in the room are drawn against the snowy outside of the classroom. She is fourteen years old. She sits with her black-and-white Adidas short-sleeved t-shirt and completes all the tables in front of her with her friends. When she is done, she takes the clip from her hair and reties her ponytail. She moves back to her original seat, with her right foot in a big plastic medical boot. Hopping slightly. When she sits down, she picks up her crutches and instead of putting it down on the floor, she now balances it, at an angle, so that half of the aisle is blocked. The aisle is blocked, but she can reach the crutches easily. It is clean-up time after the chemistry lesson. Other students are walking up and down the aisle to put away their materials. Now, no one steps on, or bumps into, the crutches that are blocking half of the aisle at the back of the class.

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