

Alexei Romanov is thrilled that Seth has located the Fabergé egg that his father had given to him. But when Seth returns to Nadiya in England, he has to tell his friend that the Russian boy has insisted he do him another favour. But what is it?

It's up to you to choose! It's time for you to discuss and decide together what happens next. Choose from one of the three options below and then follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

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Option One

Alexei takes Seth back to the time of the Russian Revolution, almost 100 years ago, to witness his death and follow his murderers so that Seth can discover where the Fabergé egg was taken to after his death. If Seth doesn't agree to it, Alexei swears that he will keep him in 1918 Russia forever, never allowing him home.

Option Two

Alexei has been watching Seth and Nadiya through their TVs. He knows all about their lives and that Nadiya has become a keen history detective. He demands that Nadiya comes to Russia to help him to find his Fabergé egg. If she doesn't he threatens to remove her ability to remember history, the thing she loves most, and to threaten England's progress in the World Cup. This option would mean that Nadiya becomes the main character in *Defenders: Russia*.

Option Three

Alexei tells Seth that he needs him to return to present-day Russia to search for the Fabergé egg. Seth has to hunt for it in both the Kremlin Museum and a secret military camp

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in Yekaterinburg, two of the most dangerous places to be in the world today. Seth refuses... until Alexei kidnaps Rosa and says she will be returned only when he has fulfilled his mission.

Now it is up to you. If you have time, talk about what you would like to happen next in the story in your classroom or at home. Have a debate and then vote as a class or group how you would like to cast your vote. Whichever storyline is chosen will begin on Thursday 21st June. And don't forget, there is no right or wrong. Tom is happy – and excited – to write any of these three scenarios.

Please cast your vote by using the contact form here <http://tompalmer.co.uk/world-cup-2018-literacy-resources/> or by emailing vote@tompalmer.co.uk with your preferred option in the subject line.

Voting is open from 7am to 7pm British Summer Time, today, Wednesday 20th June. Any votes submitted before or after the voting is open will not be counted.

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Chapter 6 – where you will find out what children across the world have voted for – will be published at <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/defenders-russia-world-cup-2018-football-story/> before 07.30am on Thursday 21st June.

World Cup word of the day

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