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Implied Conclusion

Directions: Read the unfinished story carefully. Based on the explicit details, write what you think happened next. Explain **why** your ending makes sense by pointing to clues in the passage.



The Talent Show

The school auditorium buzzed with excitement as students took their seats. Alex stood backstage, clutching his guitar tightly. His palms were sweaty, and his heart raced as he peeked through the curtain. The announcer's voice boomed: "Next up, please welcome Alex!"

Alex walked onto the stage under the bright lights. A hush fell over the crowd. He strummed his guitar, but the first note came out shaky. He closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and began again, this time more confidently. The audience leaned forward, listening. As Alex's song filled the room, the crowd grew silent, and when he finished, there was a moment of stillness. Then...

Implied Ending:

Clues that Support My Ending: