**Thrown**

As the year grew old, Alice noticed William furtively sneaking out to the grounds alone, making sure that nobody followed him. Then, one chilly November morning, he appeared in a thick coat and told his family that he was ready for the challenge. Intrigued that his weedy, bookworm of a brother thought he could out-throw him, Max joined Alice and Father by the lake while Isobel sulked in her room.

Rather like a stage magician, William let his family check that it was a ‘just an ordinary stone’, then proceeded to perform a mysterious sequence of crouching and stretching movements.