Storylords 05

[knock on door]

*Norby*?

Uh-huh?

Can *I* come in?

Uh-huh.

Will you help me with my homework?

Uh-uh.

Come on, *Norby*, please.

I helped you build your hockey net.

What do you want me to do?

Just read this book

And tell me what it's about.

Why can't you read it?

Because you're a better reader than *I* am.

You can be a good reader, too.

But you have to do it yourself.

How?

When you're reading something,

You have to keep thinking about what you're reading

And about what you already know.

Hey! Neat!

What is it?

Uh... It's a landing light

For the star jet.

Who's that?

Holy kamoly!

Holy who?

Shh.

My child, you must hurry to the land of *Mojuste*.

That evil Thorzuul has concocted

His worst plot yet!

There's no time to lose!

Where did you get that?

Uh...last christmas,

In my stocking, remember?

Sure!

I'm going to Jason's for a while.

Tell mom i'll be back for dinner.

Ok.

"thunder and lightning, trumpets and drums,

"readers rejoice,

A storylord comes!"

Surprise!

Holy kamoly, mandy!

Where are we?

This is a land called *Mojuste*.

I have to try and save its people

From an evil storylord named Thorzuul.

He's a wizard of reading.

[cough]

There's someone behind that bookcase!

Can we go home now?

Shh. Can't you read?

All right. You've found me!

I give up!

Wait a minute.

You're not Thorzuul!

Norbert niesenden, apprentice storylord,

At your service.

And this is my...

Assistant mandy.

At your service.

Well! What a relief!

I'm marion, the librarian here.

How can we help you?

Well, you might bring these children back to life.

Looks like Thorzuul's work.

You're absolutely right.

He has been coming here every day testing our children

To see if they understand what they're reading.

If they can't answer questions, look what happens.

Is he coming today?

I'm afraid so. *I* thought you were him.

I could answer his questions, but he knows me.

He'd zap me like he zapped the others.

If we had someone he didn't know,

We could beat him at his own game.

No way!

*Norby*, you're a better reader than *I* am.

Remember what *I* said about how to be a good reader?

Listen, because it's up to you to save the kids.

I had this in reading class.

Let's review what we know about being good readers.

We're using this book,  *gavin spends the night.*

What should we do first? Angie?

Try to guess the story?

How do we do that?

By thinking about the picture

And the title on the cover.

Very good.

Who knows what this story might be about?

Jason?

A boy who spends the night

At a friend's house.

It fits the title and picture.

Do you all agree?

Angie?

Here's something *I* do.

What?

I think what *I* know about sleeping at a friend's.

Then i'll understand the story better.

Very good. We think before we read, don't we?

Norbert?

I don't just think before *I* read.

I think the whole time.

Good for you, Norbert.

That's very important, too.

How do you keep thinking while you're reading?

On page 13, it says,

"we were having a great pillow fight.

"suddenly, my pillow slid out of its case

"and flew across the room.

"it headed for the lamp like a heat-seeking missile.

"crash!

Then someone knocked at the door."

Now, *I* would stop

And try to predict what happens next.

They were having a pillow fight,

And they knocked the lamp over.

How do you know? It doesn't say that.

Well...

It says, "it flew towards the lamp."

And then it says, "crash!"

And you could see it in the picture.

Good for you, Norbert.

What happens next?

The knock at the door is probably one of the parents

Coming to see what's going on.

Let's find out.

Angie, will you read?

"we closed our eyes tight

"and pretended to be asleep.

"the door opened.

 *"well,* zachary's father said,  *everyone's asleep!*

 *"it looks like we've been invaded*

 *by flying pillows from outer space!"*

Thank you, angie.

Norbert, you thought about what you read

And what you know,

And you guessed who was at the door.

Did everyone guess that?

Yes, Jason?

I didn't understand

What a heat-seeking missile was.

What do we do when we are reading something

And we don't understand?

Norbert?

You stop and look for clues,

Reread the page, look at the pictures,

Read ahead, and try to figure it out.

You can ask someone.

Or look words up in the dictionary.

Excellent!

Can you find a clue about a heat-seeking missile?

Well, a missile looks like a rocket.

I've seen them on tv.

Anybody else?

We could look it up in the dictionary.

"it headed for the lamp like a heat-seeking missile."

And lamps can get hot.

So maybe it's a missile that hits hot things.

Good. That's about right.

I'm very proud of everyone.

If you can keep doing the things

We've talked about today,

You're going to become very good readers...

"but remember, you have to make the effort."

Can you remember that, mandy?

Mm-hmm.

"think before you read,

And think while you read."

I'm afraid Thorzuul's here.

We'd better hide.

Good luck, mandy.

Announcing

His royal badness,

The one and only...

Thorzuul!

Milkbreath, shh.

Huh?

Can't you read?

Sorry.

Aha.

Look...

Another pint-sized victim for us.

Ha ha ha!

Shh!

Little girl,

Do you know who *I* am?

A big, fat, scary man.

So much for the friendly approach.

Here. Have you ever seen this book before?

No.

Good.

Ha ha ha!

Since you're such a smart girl,

I won't zap you like *I* zapped your friends

If you can tell me what the story is about.

 *think before you read.*

I think that's important.

It looks like a giraffe.

Well?

The sultan gets a pet giraffe.

A lucky guess!

It wasn't luck!

I figured it out by the title and picture.

Oh, *I* see.

Well, if you're so smart,

Then read that page and tell me what happens next.

We've got her now.

 *hmm.*

 *think while you read.*

"poor giraffe!

"she hit her head on low palm tree branches,

"on the doorways into the sultan's palace, everything!

"the sultan watched the men building the new royal zoo.

"their hats gave him an idea.

 *call the royal hatmaker,* he cried."

 *the giraffe's head hurts. I think that's important.*

 *the sultan sees men wearing hardhats.*

Time's up!

I think the sultan

Gets a hardhat for the giraffe.

Ahh.

She did it!

She's right!

It's easy when you look for the right clues.

I lose again!

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You!

I should have known!

I don't believe you've met my sister.

Sister!

Get me out of here!