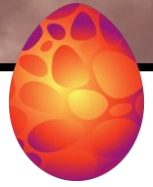




The Dragon's Egg



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PREVIEW



1. What does 'dark' mean?

2. Why did Artemis steal the dragon's egg?

3. What was his plan while in the cave?

4. How did the dragon feel? How do you know?

5. What do you think happens next in the story?



Super Undies



Jack had a secret...His undies gave him super powers! The red pair of undies fit like a glove, and had a golden star on the back of them. Jack posed in front of the mirror every day, admiring his shiny red treasure. The undies gave Jack the ability to fly. He had a matching red mask and a blue cape. Jack chose to use his powers to help others.

His chubby little figure could be seen flying over the city, looking for people or animals to help. Jack saved cats in trees, helped lost little boys, stopped kids being bullied and so much more. He was proud of what he was doing, and felt a sense of purpose. As he gazed proudly into the mirror, turning side to side, he heard a voice from downstairs. "Jack! Get down here right now, and take those dirty undies off. You've been wearing them for days." "Yes, mummy," replied Jack in a sulky tone as he put his toys away.



1. What does 'admire' mean?

2. How does the author describe his body?

3. What did Jack do with his powers?

4. Do you think Jack could really fly? Explain your answer in detail.

5. If you could have super undies, what would your power be? Why?



The Pit



Sam's heart raced as the sun began to set. His brother was always mischievous, but this was too much. He searched frantically for his lost brother, but the dim light and rugged terrain made it difficult. "Help!" cried a faint voice in the distance. Sam ran like the wind, and came to the edge of a pit. His brother was lying flat on his back, surrounded by snakes. "A pit of snakes...great," he mumbled to himself. Without even thinking, Sam jumped into the pit and swung a stick, causing the snakes to scatter. His brother sobbed uncontrollably, but Sam was focused. He threw his brother onto his shoulders and looked for a way out of the pit. Clouds above roared in anger, and rain pelted the ground. The pit was filling with water, and time was running out. Sam grabbed some loose vines and threw it over the top of the pit. He dragged himself and his brother to safety. Sam breathed a sigh of relief. They survived...This time...

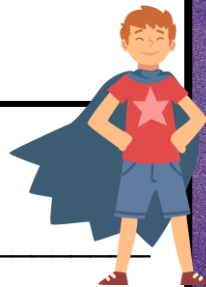
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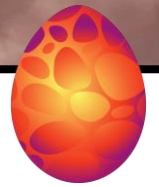
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Lurk means to remain hidden.

2. Why did Artemis steal the dragon's egg?

He stole the egg to get money to help his family.

3. What was his plan while in the cave?

His plan was to wait until the morning.

4. How did the dragon feel? How do you know?

The dragon was upset. We know this because he was screeching and its cries were harrowing.

5. What do you think happens next in the story?

Answers will vary.





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He describes him as chubby.

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No, it was just his imagination. At the end, his mother calls out and tells him to take off the dirty undies. He puts his toys away and goes downstairs.

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Mischievous is to cause trouble in a playful way.

2. How does the author describe the scene?

The author states that there is dim light and rugged terrain.

3. What type of figurative language is 'Sam ran like the wind'?

It is a simile.

4. How would you describe Sam? Explain your answer in detail.

Sam is brave. We can tell because he finds his brother in a pit of snakes and doesn't hesitate to save him.

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