

## Reading Competition Story

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### Chapter One

It was a sunny afternoon when 3 kids were yelling and screaming to fight to the death for the last..... cupcake. "ITS MINE!" screamed one kid, named Artemis. "LET'S DO A RACE. I BET YOU CAN'T WIN!" a boy named Will called out. "3,2,1....." said a little girl named Katie."GO!" As she said these words, all of the kids ran at top speed! "I WON!" screamed Will. " No, I won!" yelled Katie. "Well, none of you guys went straight for the cupcake, so I won." Artemis pointed out, holding the cupcake in her hands and took a big bite. " Yummy!" she cried out. " KIDS TIME TO GO BACK HOME!" yelled Jenny, the new babysitter. The kids nodded and ran towards Jenny and went back to the house.

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" Katie time for your bath!" Jenny told Kaite gently. Jenny nodded and took her hand to the bath." Hey Jenny! Come look at the news!" Will called out. Jenny put kaite in the bath and went to Will, who was with Artemis, sitting on the couch." Look! The news says there is a kidnapper running around town!"Will said. "IS IT TRUE?" Artemis asked Jenny with big eyes. "Um no? I mean, maybe it is true but he won't be able to get us because we are going to be in the house safe." Jenny assured the kids, but when she was walking to check on Ben,the youngest of the family, she locked all the doors and windows with a tight lock.

### Chapter Two

" Arlight guys, time for dinner!" Jenny called out to the kids. " Yum! What's for dinner?" asked Kaite when she walked in with her unicorn pjs. " We will have, drumroll please.... mac and cheese with veggies!" Jenny said with jazz hands. " Ew." Will exclaimed when he walked in the room. "Can we have a movie dinner tonight? It's a Friday and mother always lets us make it a movie dinner!" Artemis asked. Jenny nodded and the kids went to the tv room and put on Lilo And

Stitch. 'Thump.' Jenny turned her head around. Will noticed. "Jenny? Can you come with me to go to the kitchen for some water?" Will asked. Jenny nodded and walked with him. She went first and turned on the lights, with Will following her. Jenny noticed a weird clown statue in the middle of the hallway. She didn't think of it much as she went to get some water. "Thank you for coming with me to get some water!" Will said politely.

"Anytime, kiddo." Jenny smiled.

"Ok kids time for bed!" Jenny told the kids after the movie was finished. "Noo, I don't wanna go to sleep!" Katie whined. "Go brush your teeth and go to bed guys. I better not hear any noise from any of your rooms." Jenny told them, pointing a finger at them. "But can I read for ten minutes please?" Artemis asked. "Ok but after that you better be asleep. I'm going to check after 15 minutes to see that you are under the covers, ok?" Jenny said. Artemis nodded and went off to the bathroom. Katie did the same, but Will stayed. "Um Jenny? Why was that clown statue in the hall?" Will asked. "Well, it's close to Halloween, so I guess your parents must have put the clown there." Jenny said. Will nodded and said goodnight, and went to brush his teeth. Jenny sighed, happy to have found an excuse to put Will in bed. She put her favorite series on. After an episode, she was being creeped out by the clown statue. "Hello? Yes, sorry to interrupt your dinner but can I cover the clown statue that's in the hall?" Jenny asked Mrs. Tompson. "We .. we ..don't have a clown statue in the hall... Jenny, Grab the kids and leave the house. Now!" She took the phone down from her ear and looked at the clown out of the corner of her eye... and a small, sly grin appeared on the clown's face.

### Chapter 3

"Ok Mrs. Tompson, I'll check to see if the kids are asleep. Sorry for interrupting!" Jenny said, as if Mrs. Tompson was still on the phone. She went quickly up the stairs, trying not to be suspicious. "Hey, Artemis, are you awake?" Jenny shook Artemis gently. "Hmm?" Artemis yawned. "Ok here's what you need to do. Go

quietly grab Katie and I'll grab Will and the baby." Jenny told her with a tight whisper. " Why?" Artemis asked. " I'll tell you later. I promise. But right now you have to do what I asked you to." Artemis nodded and tiptoed out of the room. She went to the nursery for the baby, but bumped into Katie on Artemis' back. " Go to your room quickly and quietly." Jenny whispered. Jenny ran to the nursery to get Ben but he wasn't there. " Looking for someone?" Jenny turned around and saw ..... Will.

" Will?!? What are you doing here?" she whispered. " I was looking for you. I grabbed Ben and put him in the closet because I heard a bunch of footsteps." Will said. " Shh, you have to whisper! Go to Artemis' room and quickly but really quietly. Don't ask why, I'll explain later." Will nodded and left the room. Jenny went to the closet and found baby Ben and grabbed him. She left the nursery and went to Artemis' room. " Ok guys," she whispered as she locked the door, " you need to stay here and be quiet." she opened the drawer and tied all of Artemis designer scarves, threw them down the window. " Listen to me. You will go first with Katie and climb down. I'll take the baby and Artemis will go before me." They all nodded and as Artemis was about to go down , when they heard the door knob turn.

### Chapter 3

"Go, go, go!" Jenny mouthed. Artemis quickly got down when the clown burst down the door. Jenny turned around and tripped. As she fell backwards, she saw the clown smile and mouth ' Goodbye.'

Phuuup! " Hurry! The cops are here!" They all ran towards the police car and jumped in. 5 minutes later, they had the clown in their arms. He smiled again at the petrified group as they shoved his head in the car.

The End... for now