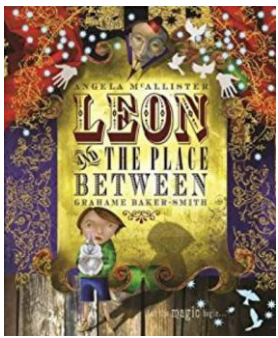


Guided reading – Leon and the place between



What does dim mean?

Why do you think the crowd held their breath?

What sort of sentence is the tinkling song of a carousel started to dance from the pipes?



NOW ONE DIM SPOTLIGHT
found a barrel organ, still and silent on the stage.

**EVERYONE
HELD THEIR BREATH.**

THE HANDLE BEGAN TO TURN
but there was no hand upon it.

NOTE BY NOTE
the tinkling song of a carousel started
to dance from the pipes...



UP JUMPED A BARREL ORGAN MONKEY,
all made of wood and tiny hinges.

HE BECKONED
THE MOON
TO LIGHT THE MECHANICAL TOYS...

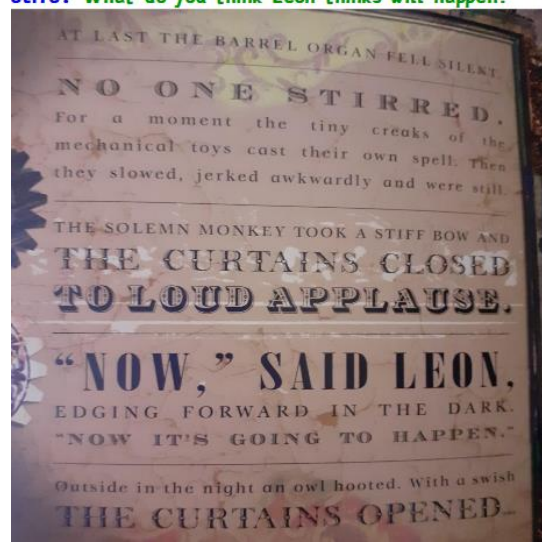
A red-eyed crocodile snapped at a running boy's heel.
A ballerina turned on her pink satin shoe.
Painted animals paraded into the ark and
A FLYING MACHINE LURCHED THROUGH THE AIR,
UP, UP AND OVER THE MOON.

What does beckoned mean?

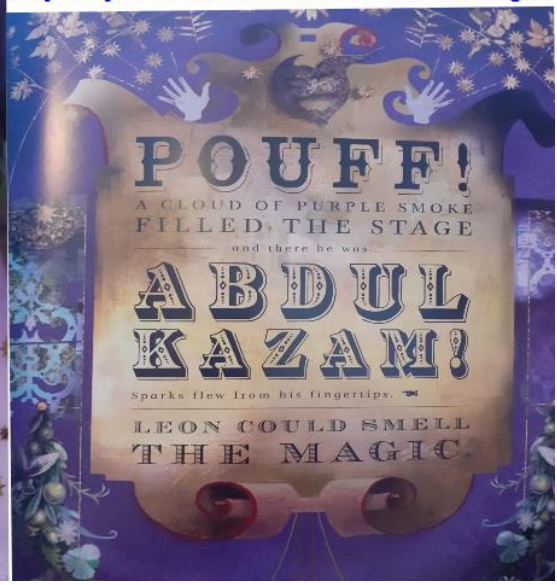


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What does 'stirred' mean in this context? Why do you think the monkey's bow was 'stiff'? Look at the boy's face. What emotions do you think he's feeling? Why do you think no one stirs? What do you think Leon thinks will happen?



What is the effect of the word 'pouff'? Explain why Baker-Smith might have chosen purple? Who is Abdul Kazam? Why do you think Leon could smell the magic?



	Prediction
all	★ Write a paragraph about what magic tricks the magician will do for the crowd.
most	★ Write about the crowds reaction to the tricks. What would they do to show they are excited or impressed? (cheer, clap...)
challenge	★ Write in first person as if you're Leon. He will be mesmerised and excited. Think about how you show this.