## **BEFORE READING**



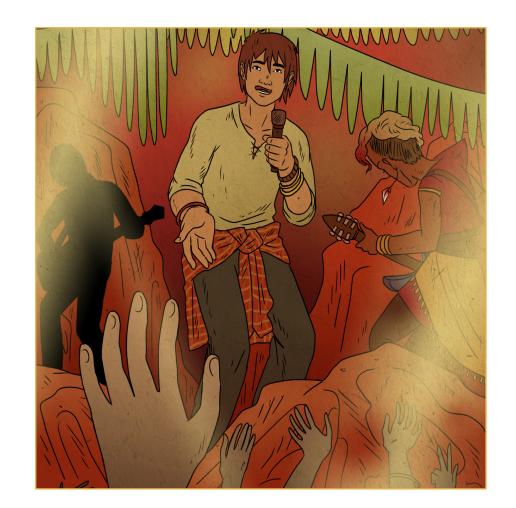
#### BACKSTAGE PASS

This story takes place at a music concert. You and your friend will go to see your favorite band play.

Before you read, think about these questions:

- 1. Have you been to a music concert?
- 2. What is your favorite band or musician?
- 3. Do you think famous people are special, or just regular people?

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Look at the picture. Can you describe three things in it?

Next, learn the story keywords >

### **KEYWORDS**

Learn these important words before you read the story. They will help you to read more smoothly.

**backstage** (n.) an area behind the stage, where artists can get ready for a performance

band (n.) a group of musicians who play together

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{backup}}$  (n.) musicians, dancers, etc. who support the lead artists

concert (n.) a live musical performance

**costume** (n.) special clothes used in performances

fan (n.) a person who likes an artist very much

grab (v.) to take and hold something with your hand

**guitar** (n.) a stringed musical instrument that is very popular with rock musicians

guitarist (n.) a musician who plays the guitar

jam (v.) to play music together casually, without any preparation

riff (n.) a short instrumental piece of a longer song

**row** (n.) people or things that are lined up; at a concert, people sit or stand in rows facing the stage

**scandal** (n.) a shocking and unexpected event, often involving famous people doing bad things

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#### **KEYWORDS**



**scream** (v.) to make a loud sound with your voice; (n.) a loud sound made with your voice; often not in words, e.g. "Aaaaahhh!"

**security guard** (n.) a person whose job is to protect something, often a building

**shout** (v.) to say something with a loud voice; (n.) something that is said in a loud voice, e.g. "WATCH OUT!"

**speaker** (n.) a piece of equipment used to make sounds louder; often in the shape of a box; also called a *loudspeaker* 

**stage** (n.) a raised area where performers can be seen by an audience

Next, read the story

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#### **EXTENSION QUESTIONS**

Reading a good story can make you think about new things. Here are some interesting questions. Talk about them with your friends or your teacher, or try to find out more online. Remember, not all questions have one clear answer.

1. In the story, the stage catches fire. This really happened at a Great White concert. Can you find out more about this accident?

2. In the story, you sell a photo of Hugo King to a scandal website. Is it OK to sell photos of famous people? Why or why not?

3. In the story, there is an airplane crash. Have there been other airplane crashes that killed famous musicians? Find out more.

4. If you had the choice, would you watch a concert from the front row or from backstage? What are your reasons?

5. In the story, you want to meet your hero, Hugo King. Do you have a hero in real life? Who is it, and why are they special?

6. If you were in a rock band, would you like to be the lead singer, lead guitarist, bass guitarist, drummer, or someone else? Why?

7. Do you know a famous person who was in a scandal? Who was it? What did they do? What happened afterwards?

8. In the story, you save many people from a fire. Do you know of someone who became a hero for saving others in real life?

9. In the story, you and Julie can play the guitar very well. What can you do very well in real life? (Not only music)

10. In the story, Stevie Helix is one of the best guitarists in the world. Who are really the top guitarists alive today?

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1. Did you enjoy this story? Why or why not?

2. Who are the main characters? Can you describe them?

3. Where does the story take place? Can you describe it?

4. Which ending did you like the most? Why did you like it?

5. Which ending didn't you like? Why didn't you like it?

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