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Story 27 Part 1 of 5

## “Fairview Heights Luxury Condominiums”

### Part 1 of 5: High Schoolers

#### Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

“I can’t believe this school is so tiny,” said Rodgers. “has this school always been this tiny?”

Jamie and Charles were sitting on the curb next to the parking lot in front of Fairview Middle School. With them were Jamie’s brother, Cooper, and his two best friends, Malina and Rodgers. Cooper, Malina, and Rodgers was now freshmen at Fairview High School.

“Totally tiny,” repeated Charles. From his position on the curb, he was looked up at the high schoolers as if they were massive Grecian statues. They didn’t wear backpacks. They carried their books under their arms. The afternoon sun gleamed off the hoods of the cars, making Charles squint. To him, it almost looked like Rodgers and Cooper had halos, or crowns of lightning, hovering above their heads.

“What I can’t beleive,” said Cooper, “is how Ms. Martinez could date *Ryan McKay*. She was the coolest teacher, and he is the slimy worm who took the entire treasure for himself.” He was looking toward the front entrance through a pair of binoculars.

“We’ll ask her when she gets out here” added Malina. She was on the curb next to Jamie, flipping through a copy of *Romeo & Juliet*.

“I know,” said Charles. He stood up, leaving his backpack on the curb. “Totally bogus. Ryan McKay is such a slimy worm.”

“Ryan McKay is a *what?*” said a voice behind them.

They all whipped around. Charles shrieked with fear.

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#### Checklist

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#### Questions

How does Charles feel about the high schoolers?

How do you know?

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






### “Fairview Heights Luxury Condominiums”

#### Part 2 of 5: Prime Condo Land

#### Directions

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Before them stood the young man Jamie and Charles had saw with Ms. Martinez a few weeks earlier. He wore leather shoes, tight pants, a button-up shirt with no tie, and sunglasses. He flicked an electronic key toward a black convertible behind him. It locked with a beep.

“You’re Ryan McKay,” said Cooper.

“At your service,” Ryan said. He handed Cooper a business card, the same one Jamie had found in the hallway. *McKay Real Estate Development. Ryan McKay, Founder and President.* He pointing to Cooper’s binoculars. “Getting one last look at your school?”

“What?” Cooper said.

Ryan took a folded-up piece of paper from his back pocket and handed it over. It was a drawing of what looked like a giant hotel on top of a hill overlooking a river. Across the top were for big words. *Fairview Heights Luxury Condominiums.*

“Yup,” Ryan said, snatching the binoculars. “This is prime condo land. Look at that view. Just have to clear away these trees and knock down this old school.”

You can’t just knock down a school to build condos,” Malina said.

“Sure you can,” Ryan said. “Especially if it’s a school infested with a rare species of frog.” He unfolded another piece of paper. This one was a notice from the Fairview Board of Education. “demolition begins on the first day of summer vacation. Enjoy it while you can, kids, because in three months, Fairview Middle School is history.”

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#### Questions

What is Ryan planning to do?

How is he allowed to do this?

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### Part 3 of 5: History

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By the time they got to the front office, Ryan McKay was already there.

“Principal Mellon is gone for the afternoon,” Mrs. Rose told him. “can I take a message?”

“Just give him this four me, would you?” Ryan said, slapping the notice down on Mrs. Rose’s desk. He pulled out his phone and knocked shoulders with Rodgers on his way out the door. The kids stared at Mrs. Rose, eager to see her reaction to the news. She only smiled weakly at them, as if she already knew about Fairview Heights Luxury Condominiums, and there was nothin to be done.

“ ‘Fairview Middle School is history,’ ” Cooper mumbled back in the hallway.

“I’ll miss this tiny place,” said Rodgers.

“Where will we go to school?” said Charles. “I mean, not like I really care,” he added, his voice just a little bit deeper.

“We’ve got to find away to stop this,” Cooper said. He was staring through one of the display cases in the entryway. It was the one filled with some of the Revolution-era treasures found beneath the school the year before. “I’ve got it. *History*.”

The others just stared at him, Cooper continued. “Fairview loves its own history more than anything else. If we want to save the school, we have to show the board of education the *history* of FMS.”

“Haven’t we already done that?” asked Malina, pointing to the display cases.

“We need to learn more, and I know just the man to teach us.”

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#### Question

Cooper has an idea he thinks could save Fairview Middle. What is it?

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Story 27 Part 4 of 5

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### Part 4 of 5: Mr. Nitman

Mr. Nitman had been their science teacher when Cooper, Malina, and Rodgers were in seventh grade. These days, he spent most of his time at the Fairview public Library. Studying Fairview history had become his favorite retirement pastime.

“Take a look at this,” Mr. Nitman said, sliding a dusty book across the table. “In the 1950s, after Sputnik, Fairview Junior High School built a bomb shelter under the school. Lots of schools across the country were doing it. It was a response to the fear of nuclear—”

“Mr. Nitman,” Cooper interrupted. “Everybody already knows that. We found the bomb shelter last year, remember?”

“Ah, of course,” Mr. Nitman continued. He consulted a stack of books beside him. “How about this? After the stock market crash in 1929, a group of people went looking for Thomas Smith’s treasure, just like we did, but—”

“Sir,” Malina said, “that sounds really cool, we need something historically significant enough to stop them from tearing down FMS. Was, like, a future president ever a student there or something?”








Around the big library table, they sat for a minute in gloomy silence. Then, for some miraculous reason, Charles had a flashback. He was bounced around on the back of a horse-drawn carriage. The air was cold on his face. From the front of the sleigh, a man in a fur hat was shouting something.

“Martin Van Buren,” Charles mumbled.

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#### Question

Charles has a flashback at the end of Part 4. Do you know what he’s remembering?

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### Part 5 of 5: The Legend

“What?” the rest of them said in unison.

“Martin Van Buren,” Charles said a little louder. “He was a president, he used to visit Fairview. I went on the Kettle Cross Christmas Sleigh Ride. The guide said it.”

“That’s Jeremy,” said Mr. Nitman. “Hes a legend. He knows more about Fairview history than anyone.”

“I know Jeremy,” Malina said. “He was the inspiration for my People of Fairview project last year. I think I know where to find him too.”

“Charles, you’re the man!” Cooper shouted as they got up from the table. Rodgers slapped Charles on the back, and Charles felt like he’d just hit a game-winning buzzer-beater.

A few minutes later, they barging through the front door of Nancy’s Cafe on River Road. Malina spotted a man at a table near the back. They waved at each other. It was Jeremy.

“Good afternoon, sir,” said a calm and confident Charles as they approached. “we were wondering, could you tell us if Fairview Middle School has any connection to our eighth president, Martin Van Buren?”

“I’m not sure about Fairview Middle School,” Jeremy said, “but defintely the woods next to it. Do you know the Legend of the Lone Candle?”








“Yes,” said Jamie, “but what does that have to do with Martin Van Buren?”

Jeremy paused. “You must not know the whole story.”

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#### Question

Make a prediction.  
What do you think will happen in Story 28?