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Story 28

Part 3 of 5

“The Little Magician”

Part 3 of 5: Protect This Place

Directions

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

“Just imagine the possibilities, Thomas,” said Martin. “A potion that can make others do what you wish. You should have seen the way the fish came to me, after I merely pictured it in my mind!”

Four days after Martin arrived in Fairview, he and Thomas Smith were in rocking chairs on Thomas’s porch. Thomas, tired and gray at age 83, was gently rocking himself to and fro, listening more to the calls of the distant birds than to the ramblings of his presidential guest. Martin understand. He noticed Thomas was gazing upon the river, where in a few short days, there would appear the ship that would take Thomas away from Fairview, his home for the last 63 years.

“New York is where you were born, Martin said, “but this will always be your home.”

“A fine home,” Thomas whispered.

“And an idyllic country escape for every American president since John Adams,” Martin added. He placed the bottle of sky-blue potion on the table next to Thomas’s trusty candle. Always lit, even when there was no need for light, the candle was Thomas’s companion. “What is it that you wish, my friend?”

But a commotion and delayed Thomas’s answer. Out of nowhere, a porcupine darted from a nearby bush. It knocked into the table, leaving the candle undisturbed but spilling the sky-blue potion all over the porcupine’s back.

“Protect this place,” Thomas whispered.

Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

Checklist

1.
2.
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5.

Questions

What is the power of Martin’s potion?

What is Thomas’s wish?