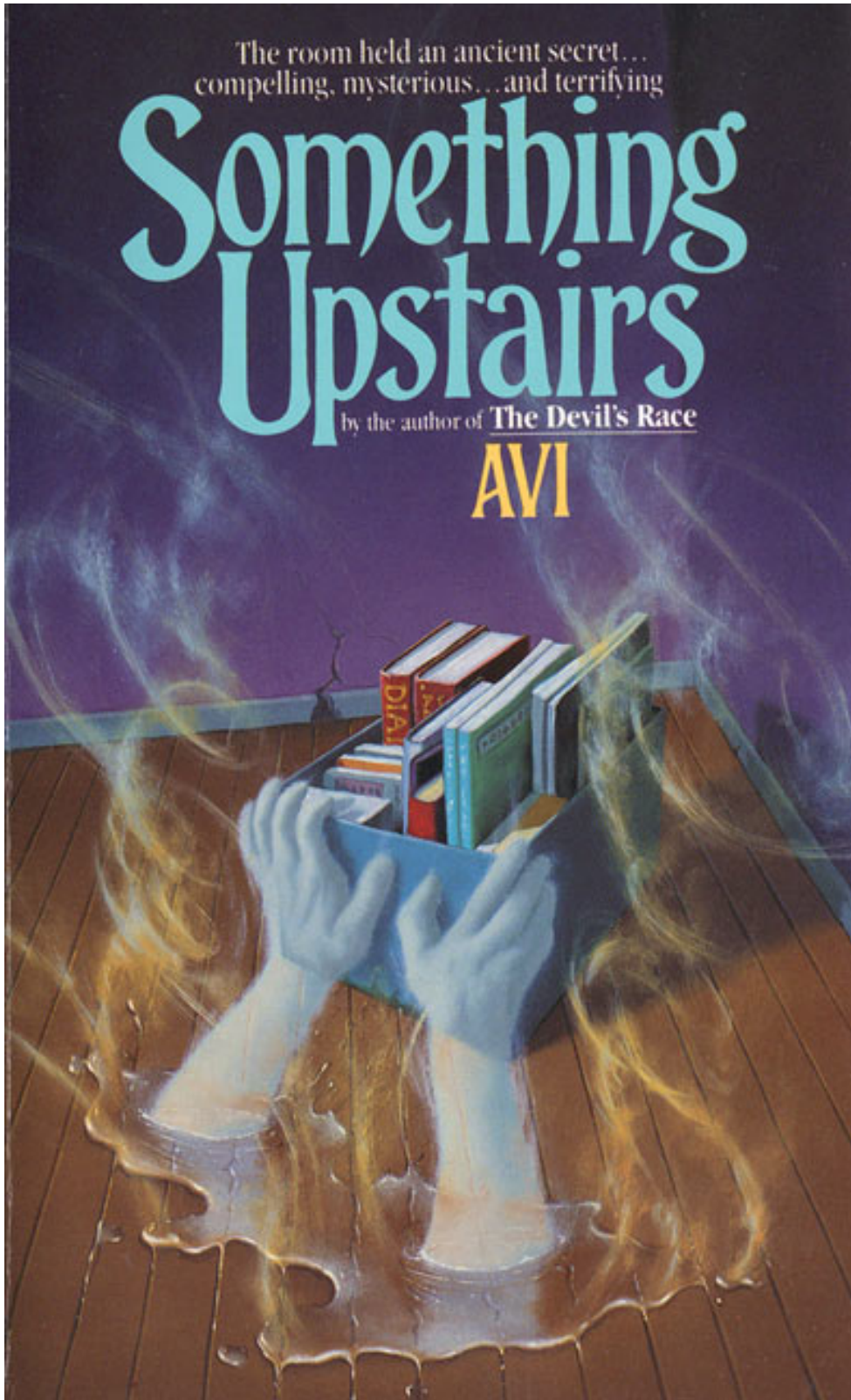




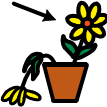


The room held an ancient secret...  
compelling, mysterious...and terrifying

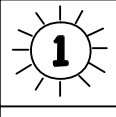
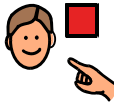
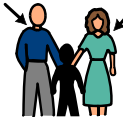
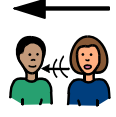
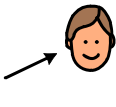

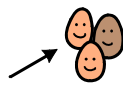
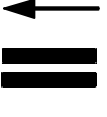

# Something Upstairs



by the author of The Devil's Race


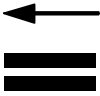

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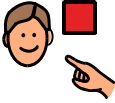









  
 Kenny loved living in California.










  
 One day, his parents told him that they were moving

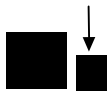
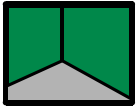

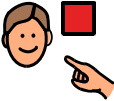



  
 to Providence, Rhode Island.




  
 Kenny was sad.

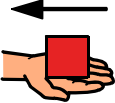





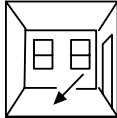






  
 Kenny's new house was very old.











His room was in the attic.

**2**     




Two smaller rooms connected to his room.

**1**       

One had a dark stain on the floor.

**1**          

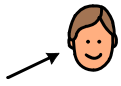
One night Kenny heard a noise coming from one of

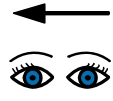
the small rooms.



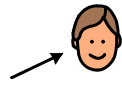
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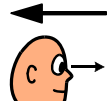
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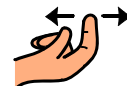


saw

a



ghostboy



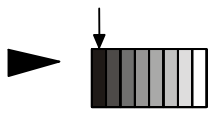
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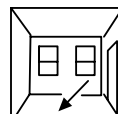
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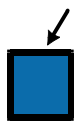
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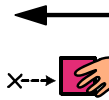
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box



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Kenny



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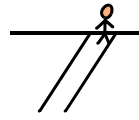
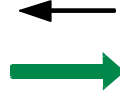
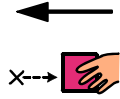
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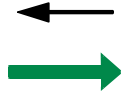
the



ghostboy.



When Kenny moved, it went away.

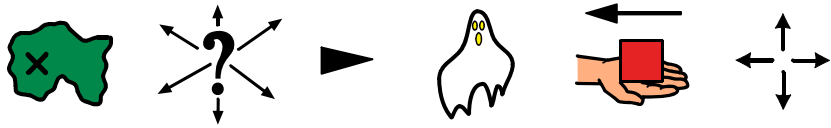


Kenny went back to sleep.

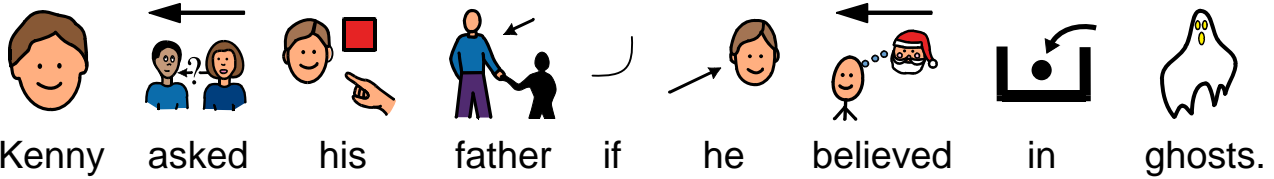
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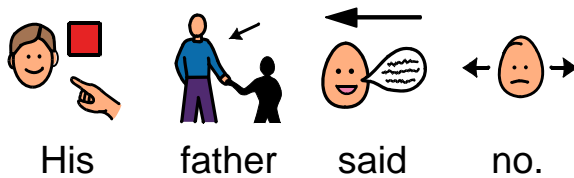
In the morning, the box was still in the



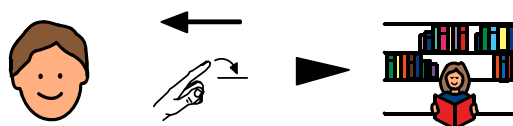
place where the ghostboy had moved it.



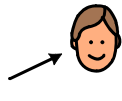
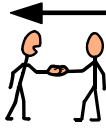




Kenny asked his father if he believed in ghosts.



His father said no.



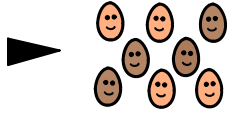

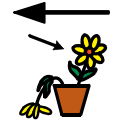

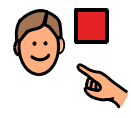

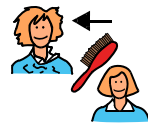
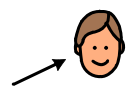
Kenny went to the library.


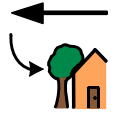








He met a man named Pardon Willinghast.


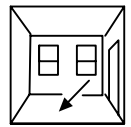
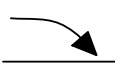

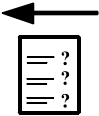
He told Kenny he would help him learn about

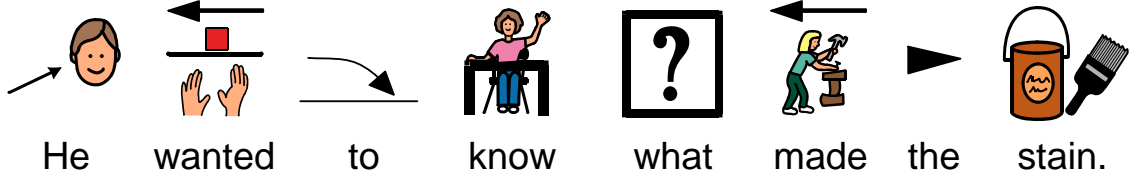
the people who lived in his house before him.

Kenny went home and took a piece of the stain from

the floor to be tested.



He

wanted

to

know

what

made

the









stain.







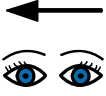


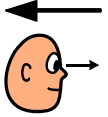


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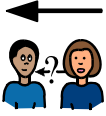








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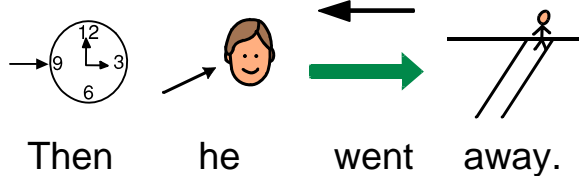
         
Kenny woke up again to a noise coming from

    
the small room.

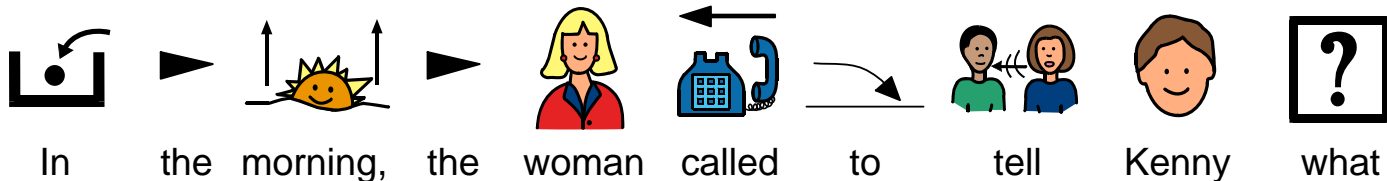
        
Kenny looked in and saw the ghostboy.

           
He asked the ghost who he was and the ghost

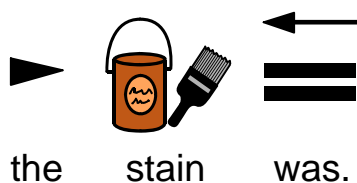
        
pointed to the stain and said "Slave".



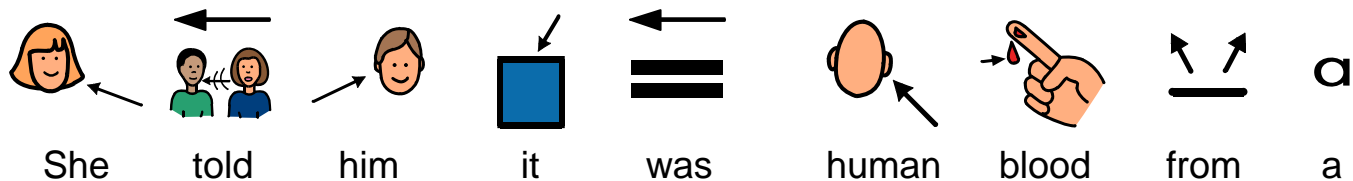
Then he went away.



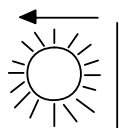
In the morning, the woman called to tell Kenny what



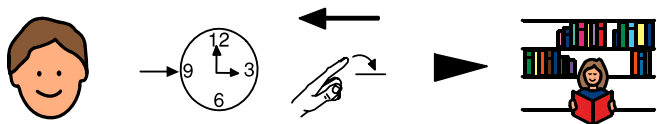
the stain was.






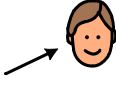




She told him it was human blood from a

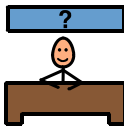
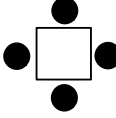


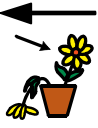






long time ago.


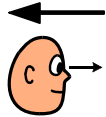









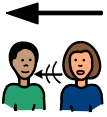

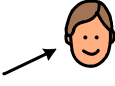





Kenny then went to the library.









  
 Willinghast told Kenny he should stop looking for









  
 information about slaves that lived in Kenny's house


  
 long ago.








  
 Kenny saw the ghostboy again that night.











  
 The ghost told Kenny that he was a slave named Caleb.

Caleb told Kenny he was killed in his sleep.





He wanted Kenny to help him find his killer.




Kenny left the room, but when he went back to his bedroom, it looked different.

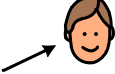











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



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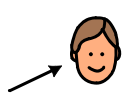







     
Kenny was confused.

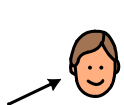
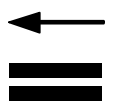
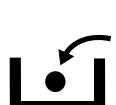





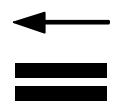

    
Everything was different.


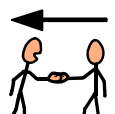


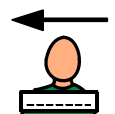

             
He looked out the window and saw a man in


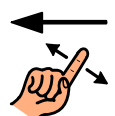
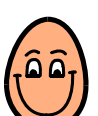

    
a black cape.

       
Kenny tried to catch him.

         
He noticed that everything outside was different also .

           
He was in the past, back when Caleb was alive.



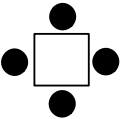



       
Kenny met a man named Mr. Brown.






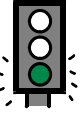


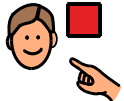
     
Mr. Brown did not like slavery.


Mr. Brown cut an X in the wall near Kenny  
 & left.


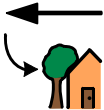

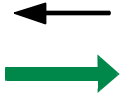


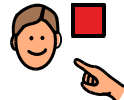

Kenny met another man who gave him a note  
 to bring to 84 Benefit Street.

It said "Seagrave".

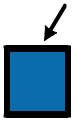
       
It was about a secret meeting.

          
Kenny was afraid he could not go back to his

  
own time.

         
He went home, and went up to his room.

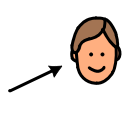




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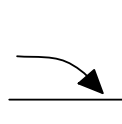
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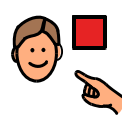
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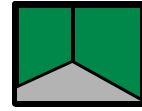


to



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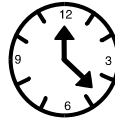
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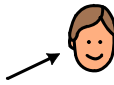
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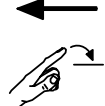
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He



went to



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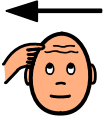

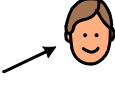
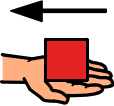

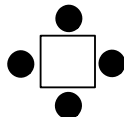




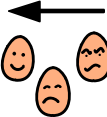











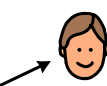
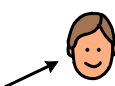




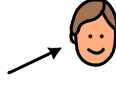


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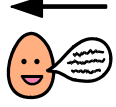
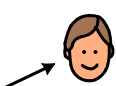




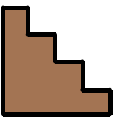
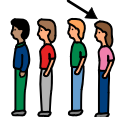

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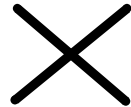

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





         
Kenny thought that he had dreamt about the  
       
past, but it felt very real.

           
Kenny knew that Caleb was a real ghost. He was  
       
a slave before he was murdered.







          
Kenny's father called and said he heard Kenny on  
     
the stairs last night.











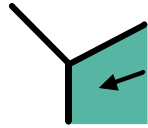
That showed that Kenny was not dreaming.


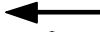






Kenny went to the house where he delivered the note.


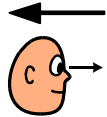




It looked different.


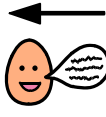
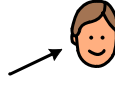
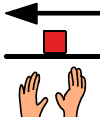
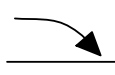
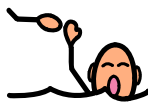

          


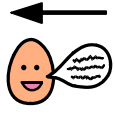






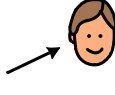
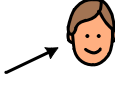


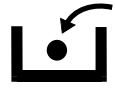

He found the X Mr. Brown cut in the wall,


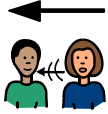

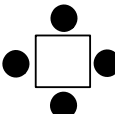



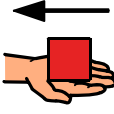
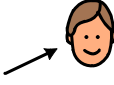
       




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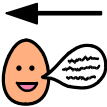






     .  
Kenny saw Caleb again that night.

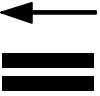


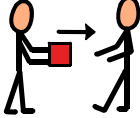
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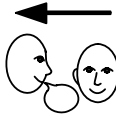




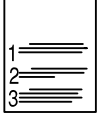


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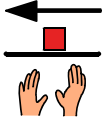

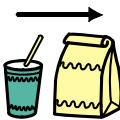





        


       


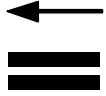

   

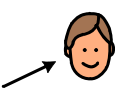
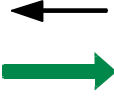


        

Caleb wanted Kenny to go back to the past with


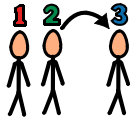


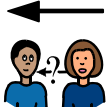


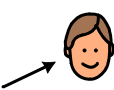

  
him.

  **2** 


Kenny was too scared.



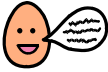
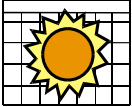
   

He went to sleep .







        





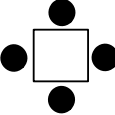


The next night Kenny asked Caleb when he was

  
killed.

    **17**  
He said August 17, 1800.


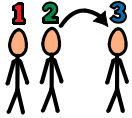


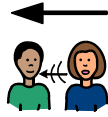



          
Kenny looked in the newspaper from August 1800, and






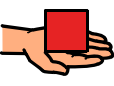




  **an**      
found an article on Caleb's death.




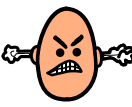
        
Kenny told Willinghast about Caleb's death.



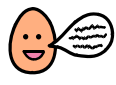








# 6









## Chapter 6

         
The next night Kenny told Caleb the newspaper

           
article said Caleb had killed himself.

     
Caleb was mad.

            
Caleb said someone killed him to make sure the

         
slaves did not fight against slavery.





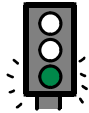
Kenny



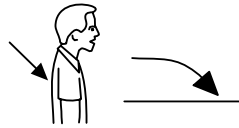
and



Caleb



go



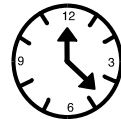
back



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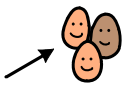
Caleb's



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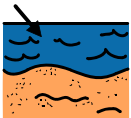
Ormsbee,



Ariel Peake,



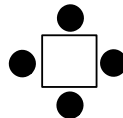
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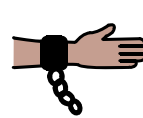
Mr. Seagrave



talking



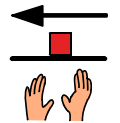
about



slaves



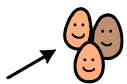
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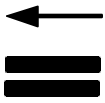
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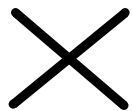
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They



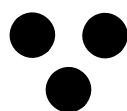
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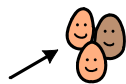
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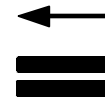
happy



because



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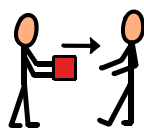
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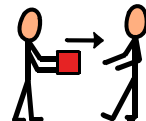
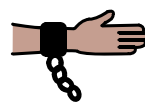
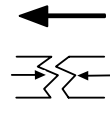
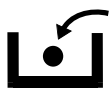
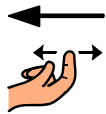
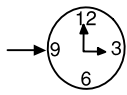
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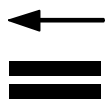
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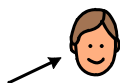
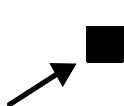
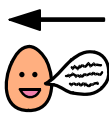
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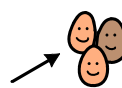
Just then Willinghast came in and joined the slave traders.



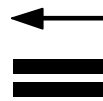
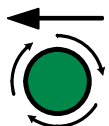
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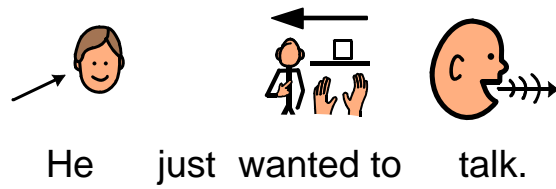
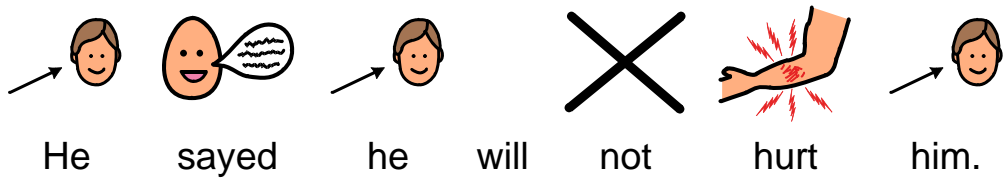
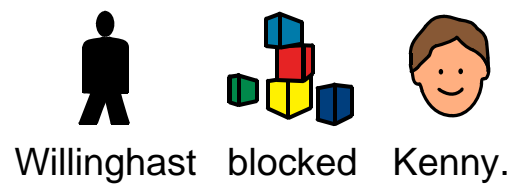
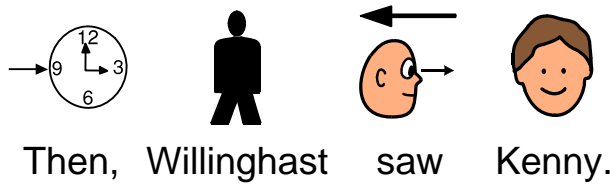
Willinghast said that he could scare slaves into







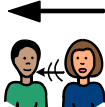




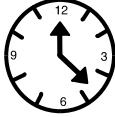

behaving by hurting them.








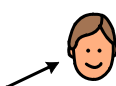




When Kenny turned around Caleb was gone.


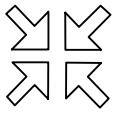








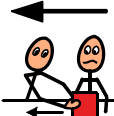


    
Kenny was scared.

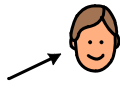
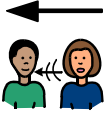

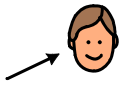


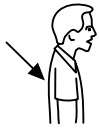

         
Willinghast told Kenny that in Kenny's time, Willinghast

           
was a ghost but in Caleb's time, he was real.





          
Willinghast said Kenny will help in what is going

        
to happen to Caleb and the Slaves.



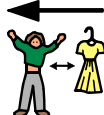


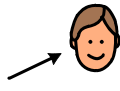




     
Willinghast took Kenny's keychain.


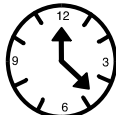

He told Kenny that he can not go back to




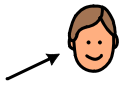

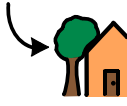
Kenny's time without it.


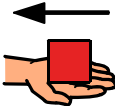







If Kenny changed in anyway, he will be stuck in


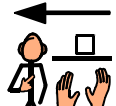






Caleb's time forever.

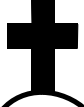
Kenny was sad he could not go home.








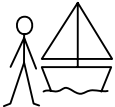


        

Kenny had to find Caleb to warn him that






       

Willinghast wanted to stop Caleb from changing the outcome of his

  
death.


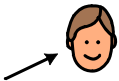
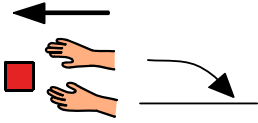
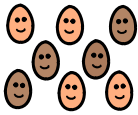

         

Kenny went to Olney Lane to warn Kenny that Sailors were





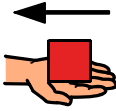


    


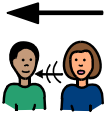

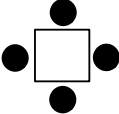





going there to make trouble.







# Chapter 7

      
When he got to Olney Lane, people were

  
hiding.

        
He found Caleb who had a gun.

          
Kenny told Caleb about how Willinghast knew that Caleb

       
and Kenny were in the tavern.

He told Caleb that Willinghast said that they were

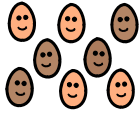

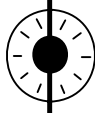

doing what he wanted them to do.




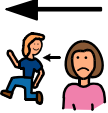

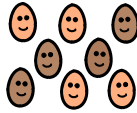



Then the group of sailors came.



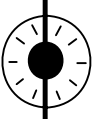
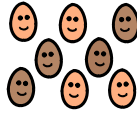
They yelled "Long live Slavery".




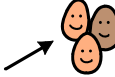
Caleb told them all to go home.




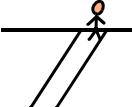
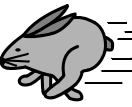



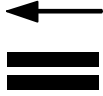

     
The group threw rocks at Caleb.



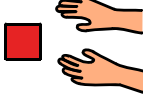


        
Caleb and Kenny ran away, and the group started tearing  
   
houses down.


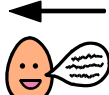
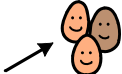
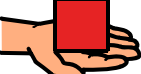
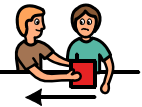

     
Caleb shot at the group .

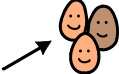

     
He killed one of them.

        
Then Caleb and Kenny ran away fast.

    
Caleb was angry.

      
He wanted to get the gun.




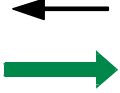
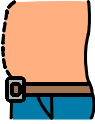


       
Kenny said they have taken it.





   
They left.


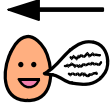




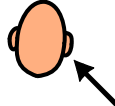


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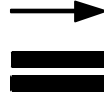


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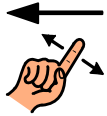
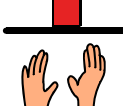


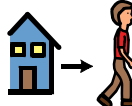
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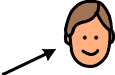


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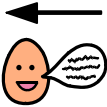



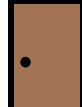




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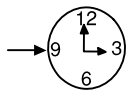
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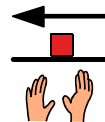
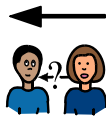
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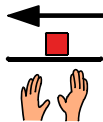
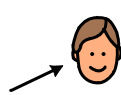
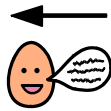
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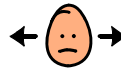
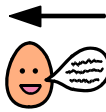
Then Pardon Willinghast called for Kenny.



Kenny asked what Willinghast wanted.



Willinghast said he wanted Kenny to kill Caleb.



Kenny said no.

Willinghast said that if Kenny does not kill Caleb, then


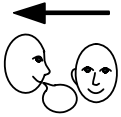




Willinghast will not give Kenny his keychain back,



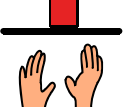




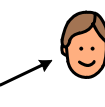

& Kenny will be stuck in the past forever.



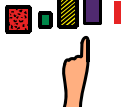


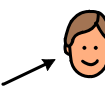

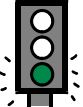
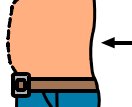
Willinghast gave Kenny a gun and sent him back


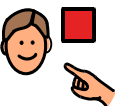
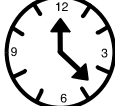
to Caleb.








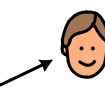
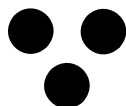
Kenny told Caleb what happened.


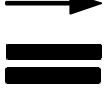





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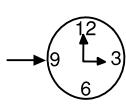
        

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Then Kenny will shoot Willinghast.



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Kenny

fired

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shot,

and

Caleb

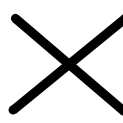
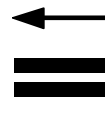
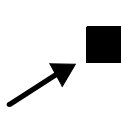
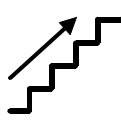
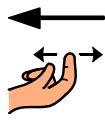
pretended

to

be



dead.



Willinghast

came

upstairs, but

knew

that

Caleb

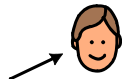
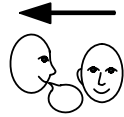


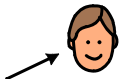



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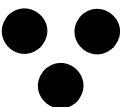
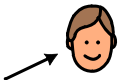
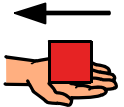


not



dead.



         
He told Kenny that he could still shoot Caleb,

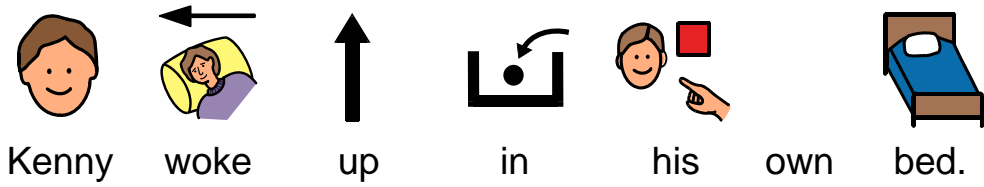
      
because he had fallen asleep.

     
Kenny fired a shot.

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Kenny

woke

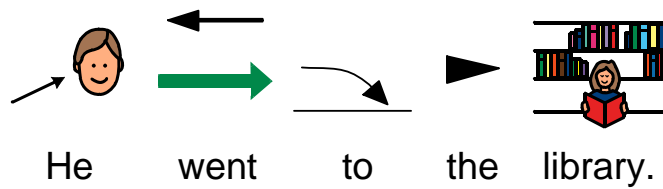
up

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his

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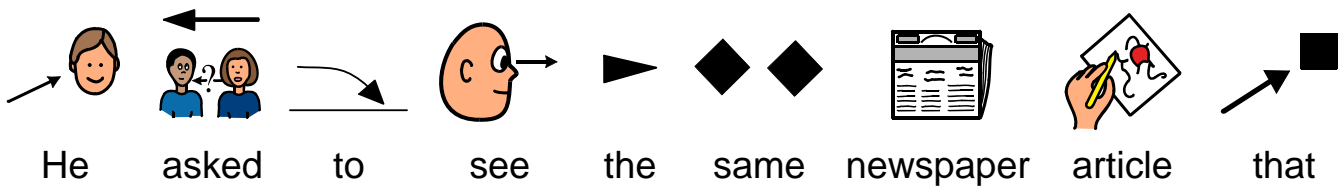
He

went

to

the

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He

asked

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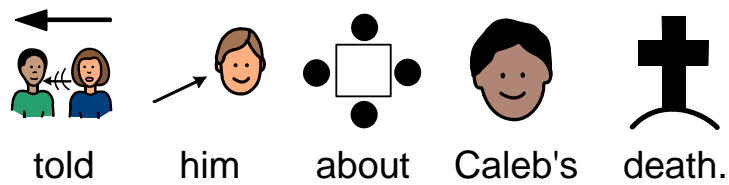
the

same

newspaper

article

that



told

him

about

Caleb's

death.

Instead of the newspaper saying Caleb died, it said that

Pardon Willinghast had killed himself.

Kenny had shot Willinghast and took his keychain back.

Kenny saved Caleb.

Kenny wonders if Caleb is free, or if he is

still a slave.

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