



CHAPTER 1: THE GRIPPER

1. The name 'Jack the Gripper' started as a joke. Who was Jack the Gripper?
B: A thief who attacked people and robbed them
2. Why was everyone in town looking over their shoulders for 'Jack the Gripper'?
C: They were scared of him
3. What is the name of the gang that Elmo, Liz, Nick, Richelle, Sunny and Tom belong to?
A: Teen Power Incorporated
4. What did Tom do on Friday afternoon to stop himself dying of boredom in the English class?
D: He opened his sketch book and drew a picture of Richelle
5. What was Tom thinking when he was looking at Richelle?
D: All of the above
6. Why was Tom asked by his English teacher Mr Larson to stay back after the bell?
B: He answered Mr Larson back when asked why he wasn't paying attention in class

CHAPTER 2: TEEN POWER TOGETHER

7. What did Richelle try to get from Tom on the way home from school?
C: His sketch book because she wanted to see the drawing he did of her
8. What kind of place did Sid own?
B: A Magic shop
9. What did Sid want the gang to do?
A: Help him clean his place
10. Nick told the gang that he was allergic to dust. What did the gang think he was really allergic to?
C: Work
11. Who was Sigmund the Sorcerer's friend Jacko?
C: A ventriloquist dummy
12. How did Sid Fey lose his arm and eye in an accident?
D: His car hit a kangaroo and flipped over in a ditch

CHAPTER 3: THE MAGIC GIG

13. What happens when customers first enter Sid's shop?
D: They are greeted with a shriek followed by a mad evil laugh
14. Richelle screamed she was going to kill Tom! What was Tom trying to give her?
B: A huge rubber spider
15. What did Nick say when he saw the shop?
D: All of the above
16. What was the last thing the Tom bought from the shop?
D: He couldn't remember
17. Jacko's eyes opened when Richelle touched his face. What did Jacko do next?
B: Jacko shouted "She touched me! She touched me! I'll sue! Call the police!"
18. Who lives in the flat above the shop?
C: A nice young couple



CHAPTER 4: A MEETING AT THE PEN

1. The gang had a meeting at the Pen. What was the Pen?
C: A newspaper
2. Which girl in the gang is a fitness maniac? If she is not running everywhere then she will be at the gym or taekwon-do.
B: Sunny
3. What did Nick think about working in the Magic Shop?
D: It is as about enlightening as a funeral parlour
4. Which two gang members decided to take the job of cleaning the Magic Shop?
A: Tom and Liz
5. Why did Elmo's Dad tell Tom to be careful on the way home from his work?
B: The Gripper hit another person last night in the park
6. What happened to the lady who was getting money out of an ATM machine?
C: She was robbed on the way home in the park

CHAPTER 5: THE CHASE

7. Why did Tom feel uneasy walking home at night?
D: He heard a slight scuffling sound of a shoe behind him
8. What is "Song Pollution"?
B: When a song gets stuck in your head and you don't know where it came from
9. Why did Tom take a short cut through the park?
A: He was hungry and wanted to get home
10. Why did Tom think that the Gripper would not be interested in confronting him?
C: He wasn't a woman and he didn't have much money on him
11. What did Tom do when the dark shadow started chasing him?
C: He ran down the path
12. "My feet slapped the boards of the bridge. Nearly, nearly ..." What happens next?
A: A figure loomed in front of me, blocking my path.

CHAPTER 6: WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

13. Who were the shadows chasing Tom in the park?
A: The police
14. Why did they grab Tom?
A: They thought he was the Gripper
15. Adam is only 5 years old but he made this incredible face. Who is Adam?
C: Tom's half brother
16. What did Tom's step Dad, Brian, give him a lecture about?
A: Being a comedian in class
17. Brian thought that Tom's real Dad was a failure. What does Tom's real dad do?
D: He used to be an architect but stopped and now he is a painter.
18. What was Tom thinking of doing when Brian told him to think very seriously about his life?
C: To go on a boat sailing around South America



CHAPTER 7: TEEN POWER OVERLOAD

1. We were having a very quiet dinner. Not one person was talking at the table. Brian wasn't talking to me, Mum wasn't talking at all, Adam and Jonathon were stuffing their face with food. **FALSE**
2. While they were having dinner the phone rang. It was a call from Liz about a child minding job. **TRUE**
3. A mother was willing to pay them double-double their usual fee because she wanted them to mind her twins. **FALSE**
4. Tom thought that if she was going to pay two people double their usual fee there must be a catch. **TRUE**
5. Tom told Liz that Tarquin was so bad that he showed his bottom to passing cars and minding him would be impossible. It would take four people to control him, one to hold each arm and leg. **TRUE**
6. Tom wasn't worried about the Gripper but he was worried about his step Father Brian harassing him about how poorly he is doing at school. **FALSE**

CHAPTER 8: THE PLAN

7. Liz, Nick, Richelle, Elmo and Sunny all wanted to do the babysitting so while Liz was trying to organise something Sunny quietly worked out a roster on a piece of paper. **TRUE**
8. Tom would rather work in the Magic Shop for the whole five days, so Liz reminded him about his newspaper run before school. **TRUE**
9. When everyone else left Tom got out his sketch book and asked Richelle if she minded if he did another sketch of her. **FALSE**
10. Tom told her that it would be easier to sketch if she had grown a beard because it was easier to draw faces that have lots of lines. **TRUE**
11. Tom told Sunny about the police chasing him. He told her how scared he was and she started laughing at him because it sounded funny. **FALSE**
12. Last night the Gripper tried to rob a lady putting out her rubbish bin. It was really dark because the street lights were out and she was in her underwear. **FALSE**

CHAPTER 9: MAGIC, MAGIC, MAGIC

13. The latest Gripper attack was a nurse who was going to someone's house. The Gripper caught her as she stepped out of the car. He took the nurse's wallet and her medical bag. **FALSE**
14. As Tom entered the door to Sid's Magic shop the laughter from the door alarm nearly made Tom laugh too. **TRUE**
15. Sid had lots of little receipts lying in piles in front of him. He was doing his tax and Jacko cracked a joke about nailing his hat to his head. **TRUE**
16. Sid reached over the counter and pulled an egg out of Tom's ear. **TRUE**
17. Sid took a red ball out of his pocket and put it under one of the three cups on the table. He slid the cups around the counter one at a time and then lined them up in a row again. Tom thought the red ball was under the middle cup but when Sid lifted the cups it wasn't under any of them. **FALSE**
18. When Sid asked Tom to clean up his storeroom he confessed to Tom that he is the world's most forgetful and disorganised person and doesn't know what is in there. **TRUE**



CHAPTER 10: PUZZLE PORRIDGE

1. I spent the next hour looking through the ***junk*** in the storeroom. Well, it wasn't all ***junk***.
2. Well there's a pile of old ***masks***. I reckon I could clean them up and they'd still be good.
3. Muggins let the little boy play in the back room. I didn't twig he was up to something. The little so and so scrambled all the ***puzzles***! He also put wrong dice in wrong boxes and mixed up some of the powders.
4. His mother offered to pay but I didn't know how much. She said he was a very ***creative*** child.
5. Then he said in his Jacko voice. "I used to make a lot of money driving customers away"
"How did you do that?"
"I was a ***taxi*** driver!"
6. Behind one of the masks I found a box of ***itching*** powder. Sid said that I could have it because people don't buy anything like that anymore.

CHAPTER 11: THE TERROR OF TARQUIN

7. I saw Liz and Elmo each pulling the screaming Tarquin along by his arms. With their other hands they were clutching bits of ***clothing***.
8. I cleared everything off the floor and dumped the puzzles into seven ***separate*** piles. There were seven thousand pieces. This was going to be fun.
9. It was a told around Jonathan's school. Did you hear that the Gripper has become a comedian?
Now he's ***joking*** people to death.
10. I ran to catch up with Liz the next morning and when she turned I saw the ***scratches*** on her face.
11. In English I drew a ***cartoon*** of Tarquin in his underpants with Liz and Nick pulling him along the street.
12. Nick wasn't too worried about minding Tarquin. He said that he would keep him in line. "What was he going to do?" I thought to myself, "***glue*** his clothes on!"

CHAPTER 12: TOM THE PRESTIDIGITATOR

13. That afternoon at the shop, Sid kept telling me to take breaks so he could show me how to do magic tricks.
He showed me how to make things ***disappear***.
14. Sid placed the coin in his ***pocket*** at the end and then pretended to pass the coin to the other hand. It didn't work because you could still see where the coin was. "It helps to have two hands," Jacko said
15. I couldn't help ***laughing*** whenever Jacko said anything. He had a really quick funny way of saying things.
16. There was a huge heap of rubbish in the laneway behind the wooden fence. There were lots of things that couldn't be fixed - like two dozen legless ***spiders***.
17. There were some beaut old ***posters*** of Sid. One of them had him in a black cape and a top hat.
18. "I say turf the lot!" said Sid. We can't have this place going up in ***smoke*** just because some sentimental old bloke wants to hang on to his past.



CHAPTER 13: GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

1. The good news is they managed to keep Tarquin's clothes on and the bad news is that he - 😊😊😊😊😊 - the house.
2. Nick told Tarquin that he would give him a - 😊😊😊😊😊 - if he was good.
3. Tarquin climbed out the window of Nick's house and wrote NICK IS A - 😊😊😊😊😊 - !
4. I will have to tell Mrs Anderson that I might not be able to mind him for two hours because Mum doesn't want me coming home after - 😊😊😊😊😊 - .
5. I was back in my room when - 😊😊😊😊😊 - opened my door without warning.
6. Suddenly it hit me in a - 😊😊😊😊😊 - ! The shop could make money. Sid could stay in business.

C: painted

B: dollar

B: STINK

D: dark

A: Mum

B: flash

CHAPTER 14: THE BIG IDEA

7. First let me fix the front - 😊😊😊😊😊 - .
8. Most of the boxes and packets were so faded from the - 😊😊😊😊😊 - that you couldn't tell what was in them, anyway.
9. I dressed one of the dummies in Sid's pin striped pants, a white ruffled shirt and a bow tie, a long black cape and his - 😊😊😊😊😊 - hat?
10. Within a few minutes the boy had picked out one of the most - 😊😊😊😊😊 - magic sets in the shop, along with a Frankenstein monster mask and a rubber snake.
11. Tom thought that the sign should be repainted and say "Sid's Magic and - 😊😊😊😊😊 - .
12. In the meantime, let's forget about the grand schemes and princely riches and get some more - 😊😊😊😊😊 - done, shall we?

C: window

D: sun

C: top

B: expensive

C: Games

B: cleaning

CHAPTER 15: PROBLEMS

13. There were three - 😊😊😊😊😊 - fluorescent tubes lighting the aisles and two spotlights in the window?
14. One problem with the lights was that now you could see everything much better – you could see that the floors and shelves were filthy and the - 😊😊😊😊😊 - on the walls and ceiling was peeling.
15. When I took a break Sid showed me how to use a trick magic wand that disappeared and turn into a bunch of coloured - 😊😊😊😊😊 - .
16. - 😊😊😊😊😊 - makes perfect", Sid said. Don't worry we'll turn you into another Sigmund the Sorcerer yet."
17. Dave pulled out a small wad of - 😊😊😊😊😊 - that he already counted.
18. The Gripper was on the loose. Did you hear that he mugged three separate people last night? He's getting - 😊😊😊😊😊 - .

C: new

D: paint

A: scarves

B: practice

C: money

C: greedy



CHAPTER 16: SEEDS OF DOUBT

1. On Friday morning the kids were talking about another attack by Jack the Gripper. Who was the victim?
D: Richelle's Aunt
2. What was wrong with the new joke going around? "Did you hear about the bloke's who is going around stealing fish?" "Jack the Kipper".
C: Half the kids didn't know that kippers were fish
3. Which reason made Tarquin pick up a rock and threaten to throw it at a car if they didn't buy him an ice-cream?
B: He saw someone eating one
4. What did Elmo do to keep Tarquin from misbehaving?
A: He kept asking him questions
5. What was Nick going to do if Sid sold more than a hundred bucks worth of stuff in a week?
B: Eat the ventriloquist dummy
6. Why were Sid's tenants moving out of Sid's place?
C: They were scared of the Gripper

CHAPTER 17: SCARY STUFF

7. Why was there drama between Jonathon and his Mother over the school photos?
D: He was given a ten dollar note and Jonathon said that his teacher wanted the exact money
8. What did Tom put into his mouth and make disappear?
B: Money
9. Tom's Mum told him to meet at the bank so they could visit his Grandma in hospital. What did Tom have to do?
C: Get some flowers for his grandmother at Grace's flower shop
10. What mischievous thing did Tarquin get up to while Nick and Richelle were watching television?
A: He picked every leaf of every pot plant in the house
11. At the magic shop Sid wanted to show Tom a new magic trick. Why did Tom feel uncomfortable?
D: He was going to chop Tom's finger off with a cigar cutter
12. What happened to the stack of money that was on the counter?
B: Tom put it in an envelope and was going to bank it on the way home

CHAPTER 18: THE ATTACK

13. Tom had to meet his mother at six o'clock. Why was he late?
A: Three kids came in with their mother and they wanted to play with everything
14. What happened when Tom arrived at Grace's shop ten minutes after closing time?
C: Grace opened the shop and let him in
15. What did Tom see when he peered around in the darkness?
A: His mother lying on the ground by the wall
16. Why couldn't the police catch the Gripper?
C: The Gripper doesn't use stolen credit cards
17. Why did the Gripper hit Tom's mother on the head and give her a black eye?
B: She turned her head sideways for a second
18. Why did Tom's mother think the Gripper was hurt?
D: She saw that he had a deep cut on his forehead running down over his eye, and some other scars



CHAPTER 19: THE FACE

1. Jon told the family about his personal robbery at school. What was stolen from him?
2. **D: money**
3. Why didn't Jonathon's teacher do anything about Tarquin stealing Jonathon's possession?
B: She said that nobody saw him steal it so maybe somebody else took it
4. What bright idea did Tom think of to help catch the Gripper?
B: His mother told him what the Gripper looked like and he drew a picture
5. What was the big problem that Liz told Tom at school?
A: Nick and Richelle say they won't look after Tarquin ever again
6. How did Tom keep Tarquin amused?
C: He made a hanky disappear and produced a coin from Tarquin's ear
7. Why was Tom surprised when Tarquin used his own money to try and copy Tom?
A: He had stolen Jonathon's ten dollar note

CHAPTER 20: FACING THE MUSIC

7. Why did Tom feel sorry for Tarquin's parents?
C: They already had to pay for seven tropical fish and about fifteen pot plants
8. What did Sid do when he found out that Tom let the Gripper steal his money?
D: He was very calm and told Tom that it wasn't his fault
9. Who did Tom and Sunny see when they were drinking milkshakes at the local café?
A: Donelle and Dave walking arm in arm
10. Tom was walking through an old warehouse. There was water dripping. He found an old staircase and went up. He looked into a bucket and saw the Gripper's face. He let out an ear piercing scream! What happens next?
D: He woke up as it was only a dream
11. Sid was really excited about something, something he didn't want to tell Tom about. What was it?
B: He bought new games, books and even a computer
12. What did Sid do when Tom's mother showed him a picture of the Gripper?
C: He told Tom to keep it hidden and not to show it around

CHAPTER 21: A SECRET PLACE

13. How did two dollars end up in the bottom of Jonathon's bag?
A: The photo money envelope must have tore
14. Why did Tom leave the Magic shop fifteen minutes early?
C: To find Tarquin and ask him where he got the ten dollar note with the smiley face from
15. Why did Tom think that Dave and Donelle would be no match for the Gripper?
A: Dave was strong but he wasn't too bright and Donelle was pregnant
16. "I'd like you to tell me where you got it." Tarquin just shook his head from side to side. How did Tom finally get Tarquin to tell him his secret?
C: He offered him a box of itching powder
17. Suddenly it struck me like a thunderbolt. The Gripper's face! What did Tom realise about the Gripper's face?
B: It was a rubber mask from the magic shop
18. Why did Tom think Sid was the Gripper?
D: All of the above



CHAPTER 22: TEEN POWER STRIKES AGAIN!

1. Who was the Gripper?
B: Dave
2. Who were the three people who found the Gripper?
B: Tom, Sunny and Tarquin
3. What did the police do to the Dinkleys?
B: Handcuff them and put them in gaol
4. How did the police know that Donelle and Dave were the Gripper?
A: They stole a mask from the Magic Shop
5. What was the headline in the paper?
B: Sid's Magic Grips the Gripper
6. How did Sid finance the upgrade of his shop?
C: he got a loan from the bank
7. How many people are in Teen Power Inc?
C: six
8. Who is the author of the book?
C: Emily Rodda
9. Who is the main character?
B: Tom
10. What is the name of Sid's shop?
B: Sid's Games and Magic
11. Who mixed up all of the puzzles in Sid's Magic Shop?
C: Tarquin
12. What used to be Sid's old Stage Name?
A: Sigmund the Sorcerer

WHO AM I? Check out the clues to figure out which gang member is which.

13. It was originally my idea to set up Teen Power Inc., I am the most sentimental out of the group, and genuinely care a lot about others. I enjoy op shopping and making my own clothes to wear. **Liz (Elizabeth) Free**
14. I like to tell jokes and muck around in class. I am a very talented artist a messy dresser, which reflects my messy personality. My parents are divorced, and I live with my mother and her new husband Brian. **Tom (Thomas) Moysten**
15. I am sometimes vague and a somewhat self-obsessed member of the gang. I dream of being a model or a movie star. I often surprise my friends with perspicacious remarks. **Richelle Brinkley**
16. My mother died when I was very young. I am a quiet and keen boy who is interested in local news. I dream of running **The Pen** newspaper just like my father and grandfather before me. **Elmo Zimmer III**
17. I am the most athletic out of the gang. I do lots of gymnastics, yoga and Tae-Kwon-do. I am a calm and practical person who knows how to get out of tight situations. **Sunny (Alice) Chan**
18. I am the slicked-back cool guy of the group often acting sarcastically and superior. I like computer games, business, and I like to think that I am the brains of the group. I am usually the member most concerned with the money aspect of each job. **Nick (Nicholas) Kontellis**