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T: comprehension

- 1) Give two reasons why Somu stopped running?
- 2) How could Somu's parent tell that he was planning to scare someone?
- 3) Who did the 'monster' turn out to be? Why is the word 'monster' in inverted commas?
- 4) What does the narrator mean when they say Somu's horror tales were 'teeth- chattering'?
- 5) How do you know it is late when Somu leaves Pavan's house?
- 6) Crickets are only small insects that make quiet sounds. Why do you think the narrator says the sound they made became deafening?
- 7) How does the narrator let you know that Somu was scared (last paragraph on the first page) without saying something like 'he was scared'?
- 8) Why did Somu open his eye 'a teeny weeny bit' to look at the monster?
- 9) What is the joke when the narrator says 'now it didn't seem like a bright idea any more' in the paragraph describing the park?
- 10) 'Somu's mum and dad said he could go - but they told him to come hoe before dark. Why has the author used a hyphen here?
- 11) What do you think the author thinks about people in real life who scare other people for fun?
- 12) Can you think of a TV show with a similar theme?

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- 1) He was out of breath and he had a stitch (AF2)
- 2) His eyes shone bright and his hair seemed to have a movement of its own (AF2)
- 3) His dad. Because it was not really a monster. (AF4)
- 4) Scary (AF3 + AF5)
- 5) It is pitch dark (AF3)
- 6) Because Somu is nervous / scared the crickets seem louder (AF3 + AF5)
- 7) He yelled, ran heard 'pounding' footsteps and his voice quavered (AF3 + AF5)
- 8) He was scared of what he would see (AF3)
- 9) Bright has a double meaning - That the boys had broken the lights, so it wasn't 'bright' anymore, and it wasn't a bright (clever) idea (AF5)
- 10) 'Because after the hyphen is some extra information / an after thought (AF4)
- 11) He doesn't like them because he makes someone get revenge on Somu  
He does like them because he seems to enjoy writing about them and doesn't make Somu change how he behaves at the end of the story. (AF6)
- 12) Scooby Doo (AF7)

Brackets at the end refer to the AF focus, as given in the APP reading levels grids