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T: understand a story

- 1) What did Somu promise to do when his parents asked him?
- 2) Why were there not many lights in the park?
- 3) Do you think it was OK for Somu's dad to scare him by pretending to be a monster? Why?
- 4) If you were Somu would you still keep scaring people after your dad had scared you? Why?
- 5) Why do you think Somu's parents asked him to come home before dark?
- 6) How do you think Somu felt when he saw the lights were broken and remembered that he and his friends broke them playing cricket?
- 7) How might Somu of felt when he seen the 'monster' was actually his dad?
- 8) In the illustration (picture) on the first page the book has an image of a red skull and cross bones on it. Why do you think it has this image?
- 9) What does it tell you about how Somu was feeling that he 'gasped' when he said "Oh no, I have to get home"!
- 10) The author makes the monster say the same thing quite a few times - "Guess what I can do with my long bony finger and my sharp pointed teeth"? What impact does repeating this phrase have on the reader?
- 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 (where a 'ghost' turns out to be someone who was only dressing up as a ghost)?

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- 1) Come home before it got dark (AF2)
- 2) Somu and his friends had broken them playing cricket (AF2)
- 3) Yes because Somu was always scaring other people / it was funny  
No because it wasn't a nice thing to do (AF3)
- 4) Yes because it would be good fun  
No because now I know what it feels like (AF3)
- 5) Because it is dangerous / he wouldn't be able to see where he was going  
(AF3)
- 6) Regretful (AF3)
- 7) Relieved / happy / surprised (AF3)
- 8) That the book has something scary / dangerous inside (AF4)
- 9) He had only just remembered / realized what time it was (AF3 + AF5)
- 10) It makes you remember the phrase / it is funny (AF5)
- 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