

EMERGE [1] Action/Adventure

# HIDE AND SEEK

by Susan Rose Simms

"I am going to the yard,"  
says Mom.

"Who wants to help me?"

I do not want to help.  
Ben does not want to help.  
"Okay, Beth. Watch Ben,"  
says Mom.



"Do I have to?" I ask.  
My little brother is a pain.  
He cries all the time.  
"Yes," says Mom. "You are lucky  
to have him. I was an only child."







I wish I were an  
**only child.**

I do not want a brother.  
He is too much work.







I am 15. Ben is 6.

"We do not like the  
same things," I say.

"You like me!" Mom says.







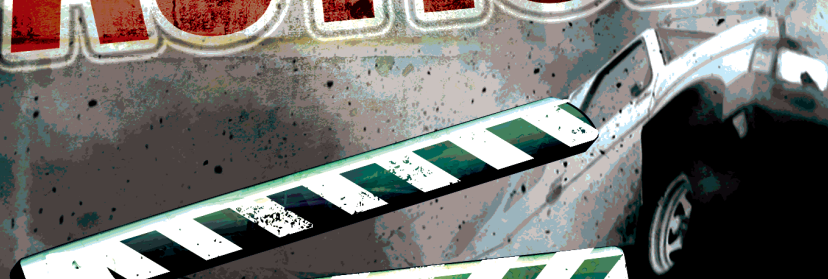
Mom goes to the yard.  
She picks her peas and beans.

I text a friend.  
Ben grabs my phone.  
He is such a **pain!**





# ACTION!



by Jill L. Haney

**Tick!**  
**Tick!**  
**Tick!**

It is a bomb!










# Crash!

Glass breaks.

A man flies in.

He wears a mask.

He wears a cape.

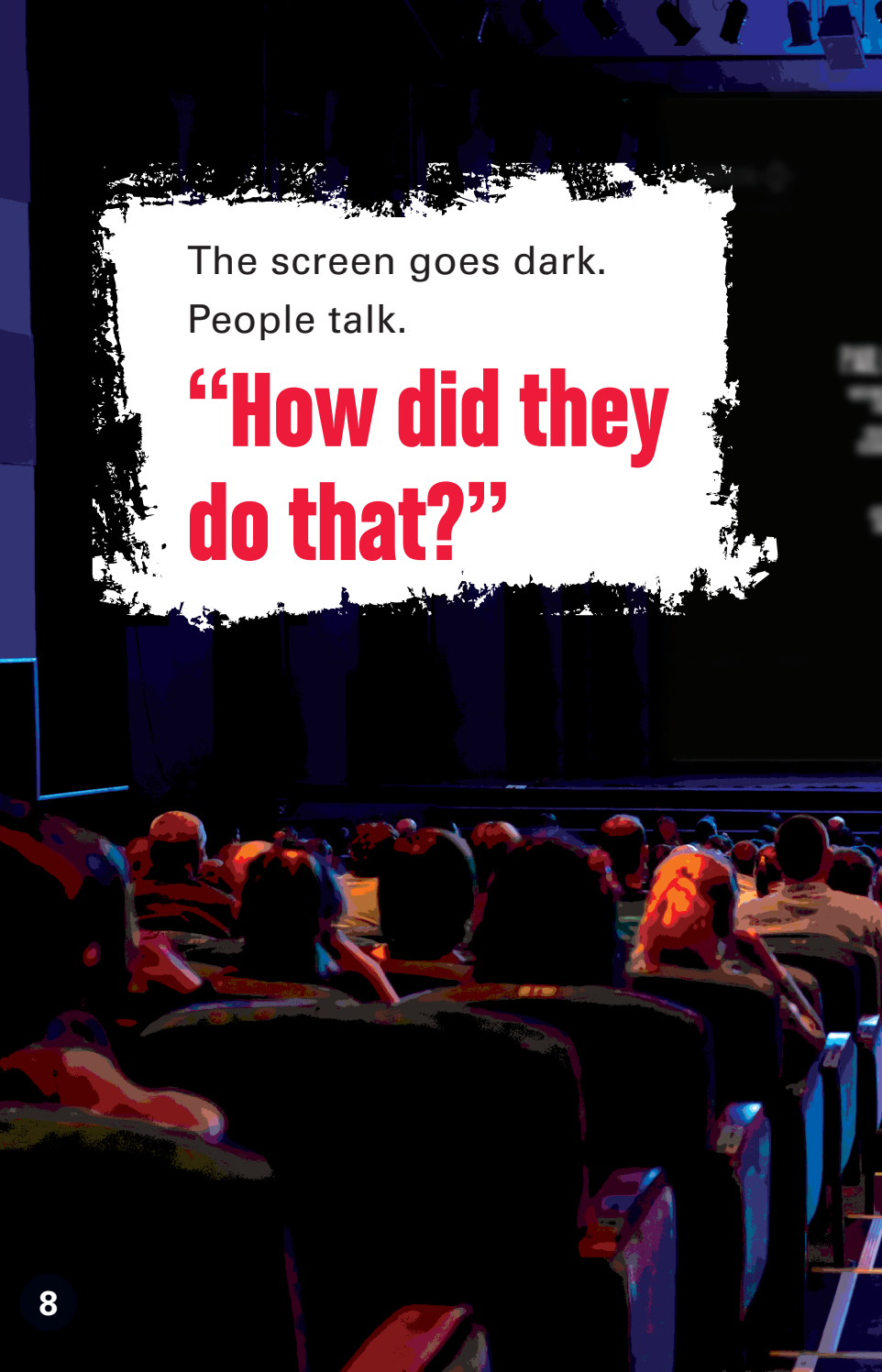


The man grabs the bomb.  
He throws it.  
It goes up.

**BOOM!**





A large audience is seated in a theater, viewed from behind, looking towards a large, brightly lit screen. The screen displays text. The audience is diverse in age and appearance. The theater has a dark interior with some stage lights visible at the top.

The screen goes dark.  
People talk.

**“How did they  
do that?”**

