

Evan Jacobs





Age: 10

Most Crazy Lie: that his brother is from Mars

First Halloween Costume: Pinocchio

Favorite Ice Cream: raspberry ripple it looks like blood

Best Quality: wants to be a good person



Age: 103

Current Goal: to keep the rest of his tongue

Best Friend: the maggot that lives in his pinky toe

Favorite Food: food, what's that?

Best Quality: doesn't need any sleep

1 Leo the liar

"Then," Leo Jennings said. "I saw zombies walk down the street. I had to hide behind a big car." He smiled. "I didn't want to be seen."

Leo was telling a story. Like always. He was known all over school for telling stories. Recess was almost over. Soon, all the kids would go back to class.



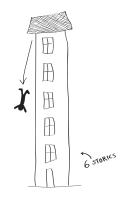


Two students sat in front of Leo. They were brothers. They were new in school. They didn't know Leo. That he loved scary movies. That he loved to tell stories. That he was known as "Leo the Liar."

LEO the LIAR!

Leo didn't mind that name. He always had stories to tell. He didn't think they were lies. He thought they were cool. Like the time he saved a family from a fire. Or when he fell from a six-story building. And lived.

None of it ever happened. But Leo didn't care. He just made up more.

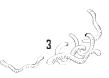


Leo was about to tell the new kids how he saved the town. He tried to stop himself. It was hard. He had so many stories to tell. He had seen many scary movies. Leo had a lot in his head. A story came into his mind. He had to tell it.

This story was scary. Leo was out late. He saw something. His town was filled with zombies. A loud voice broke into his head.

"Leo the Liar. You telling lies again?" Adam Ortiz. He didn't like Leo.

Leo saw Adam. He was standing with Manuel Mendez. And Angelo Setari.



"No." Leo swallowed hard. He knew Adam would not believe him. "I was just telling ..."

Leo turned. He saw the two brothers. They had walked away. As soon as they could. He was sad. At first. But Leo knew he did that to people.

"Another big lie," Adam said.



Adam moved closer to Leo. Manuel and Angelo moved in.

"The bell is about to ring," Leo said. He eyed his watch. "Why not wait till lunch? You'll have a whole forty minutes to get me."

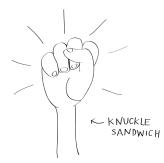
"Forty minutes!" Adam laughed.

Manuel and Angelo smiled.

"I'm just gonna need four seconds. I told you to stop your lies. You didn't. Now you're gonna pay."

Adam grabbed Leo by the shirt. He held up his fist. Leo closed his eyes.

He was going to get pounded. And he didn't want to see it.



"Your mouth! It will get you in trouble one day." That's what his parents always said. And now look.

