

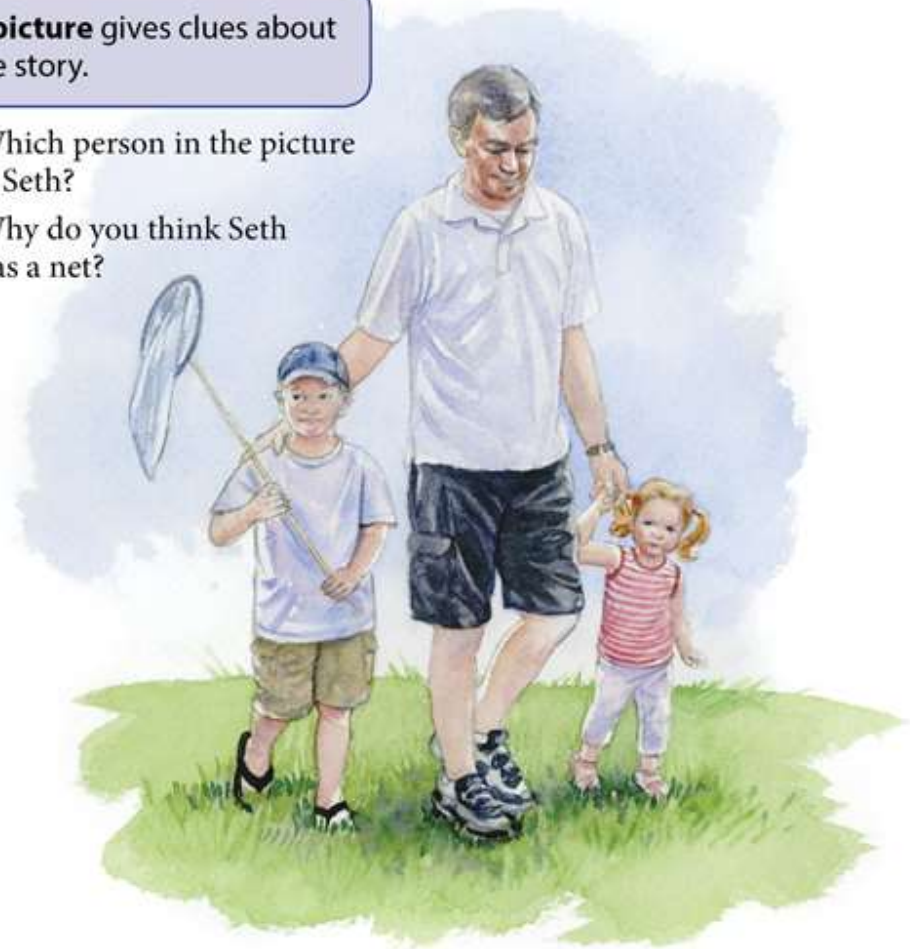
## Story Clues

A **story title** gives a clue of what the story will be about. It invites us to read.

- What will you read about in “Seth and the Angry Bug?”
- Why do you think the bug is angry?

A **picture** gives clues about the story.

- Which person in the picture is Seth?
- Why do you think Seth has a net?



# SETH AND THE



ANGRY

BUG

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**Think as You Read**  
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Seth spent the next day hunting bugs. He ran after a jumping grasshopper and swung his net at a buzzing bumblebee. He trapped a slick, black cricket in the sandbox.





At the end of the day, Seth had lots of bugs in the box. He put some grass in the box with the bugs. Then he showed the box to Grandad.

“This one is dandy,” said Grandad.

“What is it?” Seth asked.

“That is a stinkbug,” said Grandad.

“I don’t think it smells bad,” said Seth.

“Just don’t get it mad,” Grandad said with a wink. Seth set the box on the quilt that was on his bed and ran outside to swing.

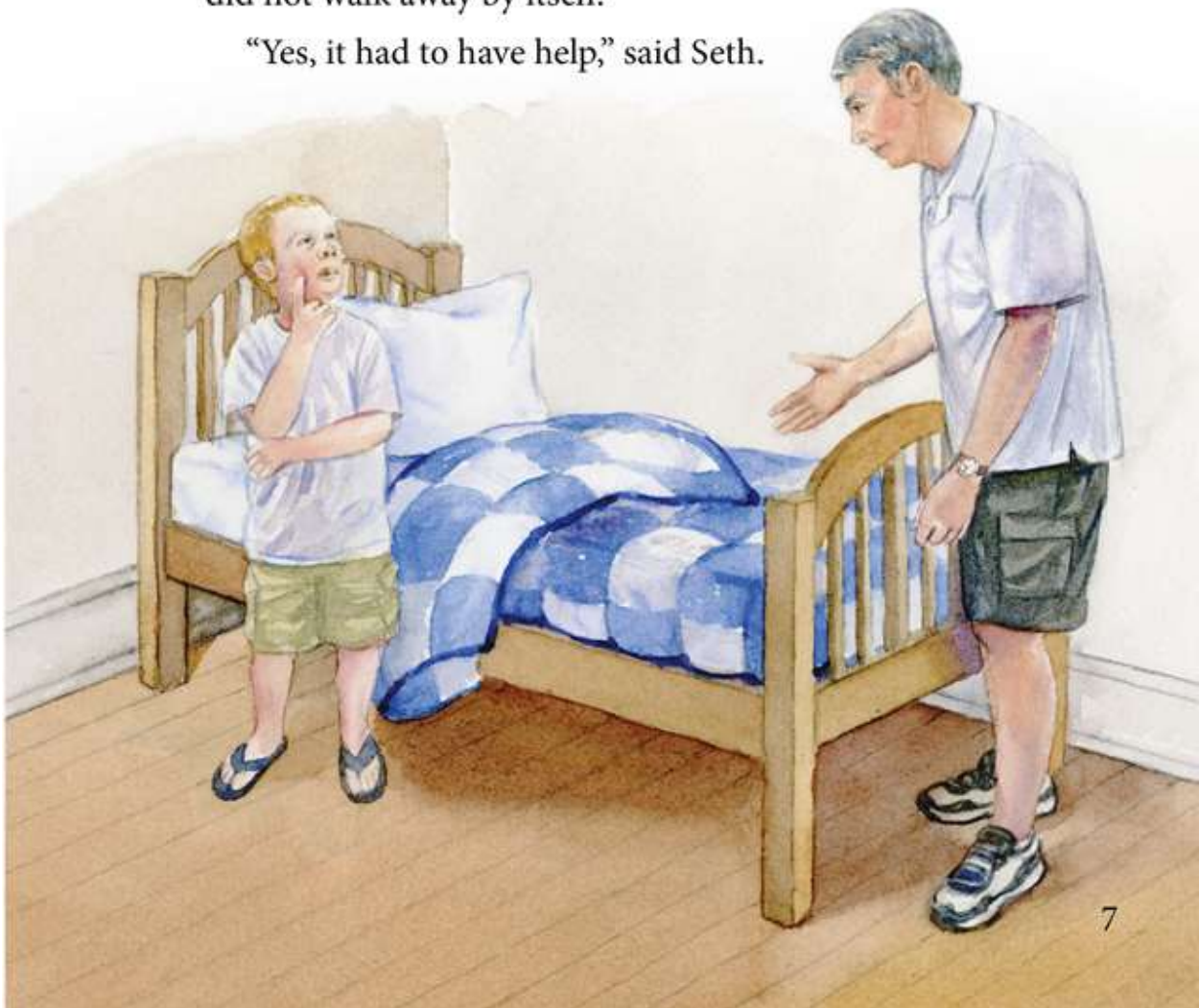


When he was done swinging, Seth went to check on his bugs. The box was not on top of the bed. He lifted the quilt.

“Grandad! The box with the bugs in it is not here! I put it on the bed.”

“Stop and think, Seth,” Grandad said. “That box did not walk away by itself.”

“Yes, it had to have help,” said Seth.



“Jenny!” Seth and Grandad ran to where Jenny was sitting on a rug. She had the box, and the lid was off!

“Jenny, Seth needs his bugs,” said Grandad. “Give Seth his bugs.”

“Bugs not here,” said Jenny.

“There is one!” Seth ran to trap the cricket.

“And here is another.” Grandad got the grasshopper.

“But where is that dandy stinkbug?” Seth asked.





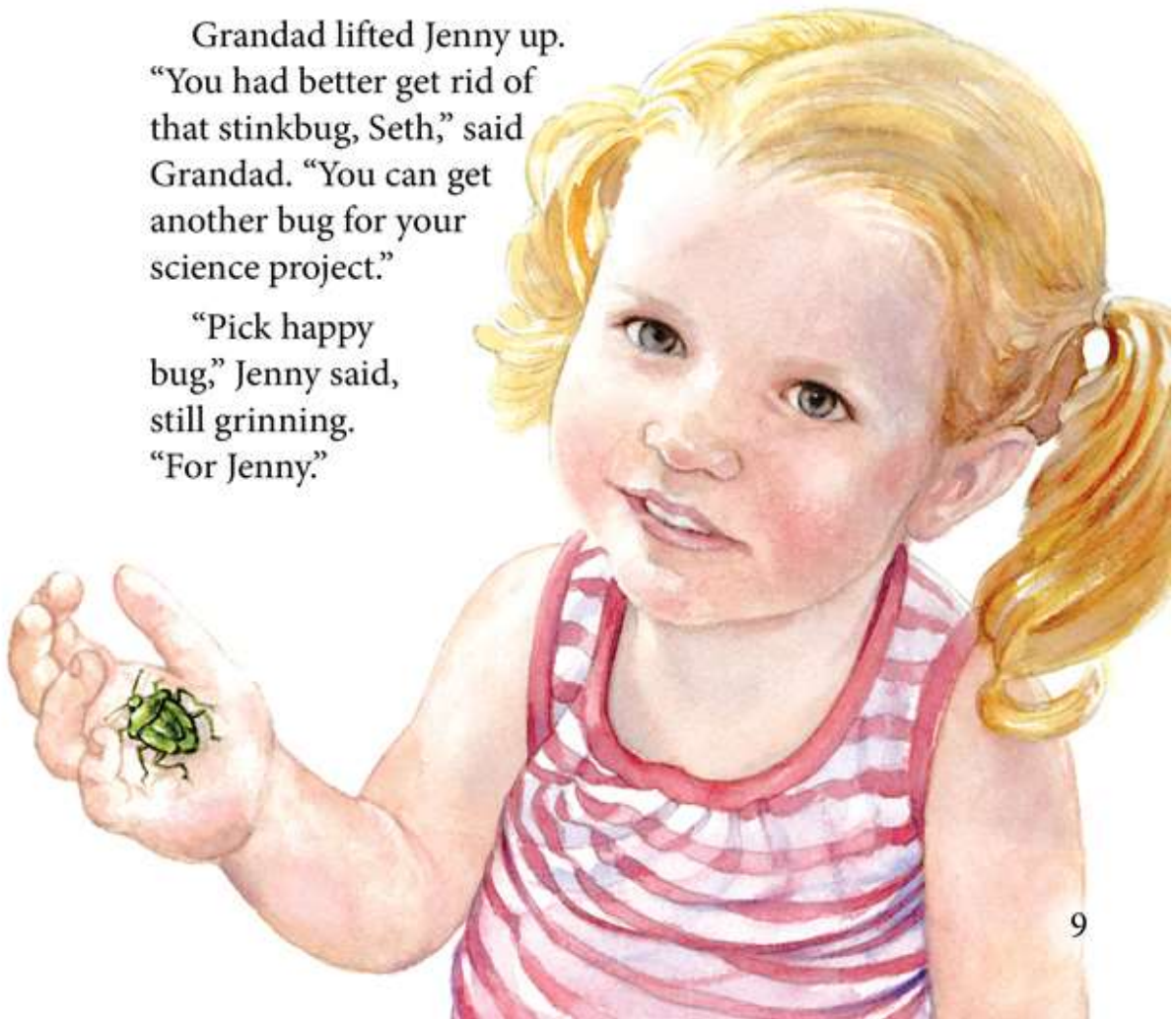
“Sniff a bit, Seth,” said Grandad. “I think the stinkbug is mad.”

“Jenny, what is that in your hand?” asked Grandad.

Jenny held up the stinkbug with a grin. “Bug stinky, not happy.” She put the stinkbug back in the box.

Grandad lifted Jenny up. “You had better get rid of that stinkbug, Seth,” said Grandad. “You can get another bug for your science project.”

“Pick happy bug,” Jenny said, still grinning. “For Jenny.”



**THINK & DISCUSS**



**“Seth and the Angry Bug”**

1. Why was the stinkbug angry?
2. Why did Jenny want Seth to pick a happy bug?
3. Do you think “Seth and the Angry Bug” is a good title for the story? Why?
4. What would be another good title for the story?

**Vocabulary**

dandy

quilt

stinky

project

science

