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## Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 80-90)

**Pages 80-85:** Here, Justin spends time with Ben.



Look for:

- the phrase, "... it's like I've hidden a bomb..."
- what Ben and Justin do to help



Read silently to the break on page 85 (this symbol: ○).



Turn and talk with your partner.

### Figurative language

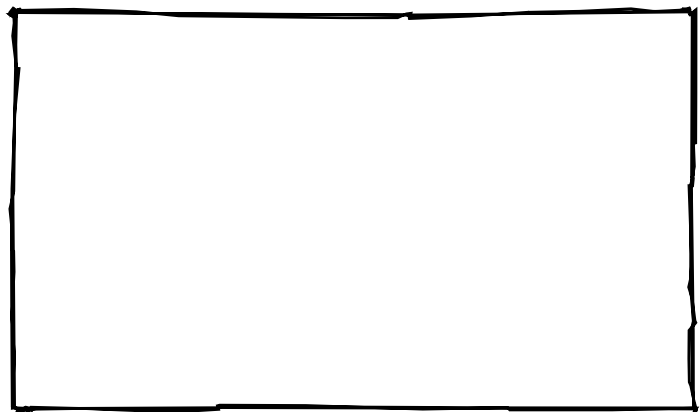
Find the line towards the bottom of page 81 that says, "But it's like I've hidden a bomb under the cat."

What does Justin mean? Why are the unpaid bills like a bomb? Talk it over with your partner.

The unpaid bills are like a bomb because

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What do Justin and Ben do to try to help Justin's mom?  
Sketch a picture.



## Partner reading, continued

**Pages 85-90:** Justin visits Leroy. Then Justin watches an important speech.



Look for:

- the problem that Leroy helps Justin with
- what the State of the Union address says, so you can summarize

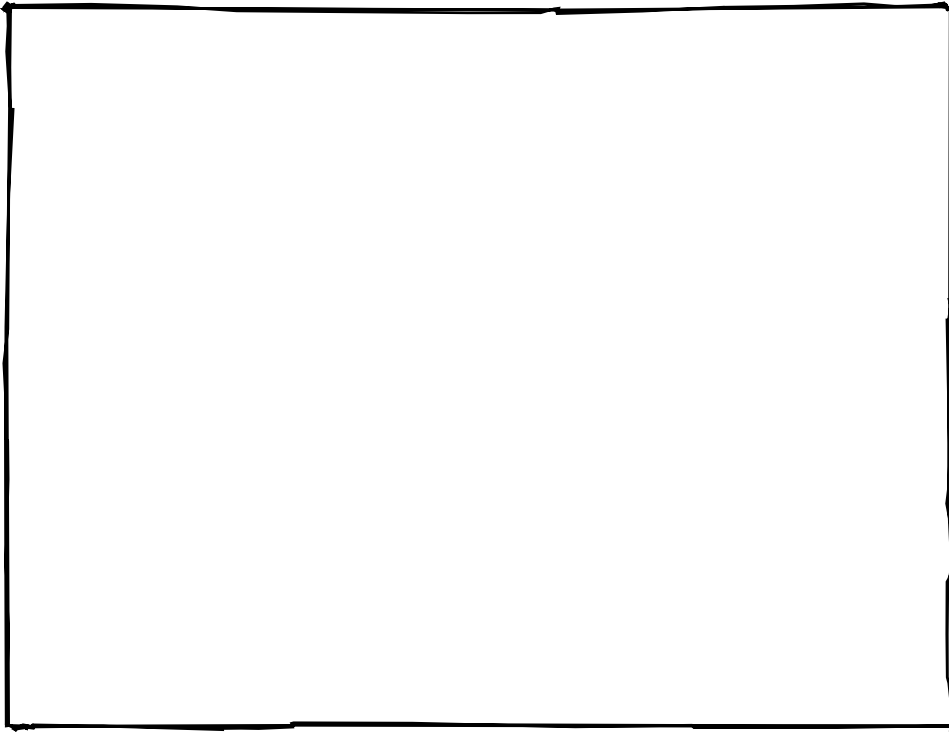


Read silently to the end of the chapter on page 90.



Turn and talk with your partner.

What problem does Leroy help Justin with? Sketch a picture.



## Partner reading, continued

### Read out loud

At the top of page 89, there is a real quote from President Bush's real State of the Union address. It begins, "... the success of our cause will depend on you," and ends with "... America believes in you."

Read the quote out loud. Then, listen to your partner read it out loud.

- I read the quote out loud
- My partner read the quote out loud

This quote makes me feel

It makes me think about

Summarize the State of the Union address.

WHO President George W. Bush

SAID WHAT \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

WHY \_\_\_\_\_

After the speech, do Justin and his mom know what will happen to Duane?

- yes
- no

### Making inferences about character

How does Justin feel at the end of this chapter? Make an inference, Then, give evidence.

I think Justin feels

I think this because

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