

Name:

What will happen next?

Making a prediction

Read with your partner.



And so Philippe—that was the young man's name—

Began a plan to do it secretly

The buildings are not quite finished, he thought.

Maybe if I dressed as a construction worker . . .



Turn and talk to your partner.

→ What do you think will happen next? Write your prediction below.

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Early on an August evening he and a friend entered the south tower.

They got a four hundred and forty pound reel of cable and other equipment into the elevator, took it to the unfinished top ten floors, and waited till nightfall when everyone had gone.

Then they carried everything up one hundred and eighty stairs to the roof.



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What will happen next?, continued

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At midnight on the other tower's roof, two more friends tied a thin, strong line
To an arrow and shot it across to Philippe, one hundred and forty feet away.
It missed and landed on a ledge fifteen feet below the roof.
Bad luck! Thought Philippe.
He crawled down to the ledge, over the sparkling city, and got the arrow.
To its line he tied a stronger line, which his friends pulled back to their tower.
To his end of the stronger line, Philippe tied the cable
On which he would walk. It was five eighths of an inch thick.



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His friends pulled the cable over to their tower
but it was so heavy that it slipped from Philippe's grip.
The cable's middle plummeted toward the street-
pulling the friends on the other tower
To the very
edge.
Philippe, just in time, secured his end.
It took three hours to pull the cable back up.
Frantically, as the stars faded, they tightened it between the towers.
It was past dawn before they were ready.



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Be prepared to back up your predictions!