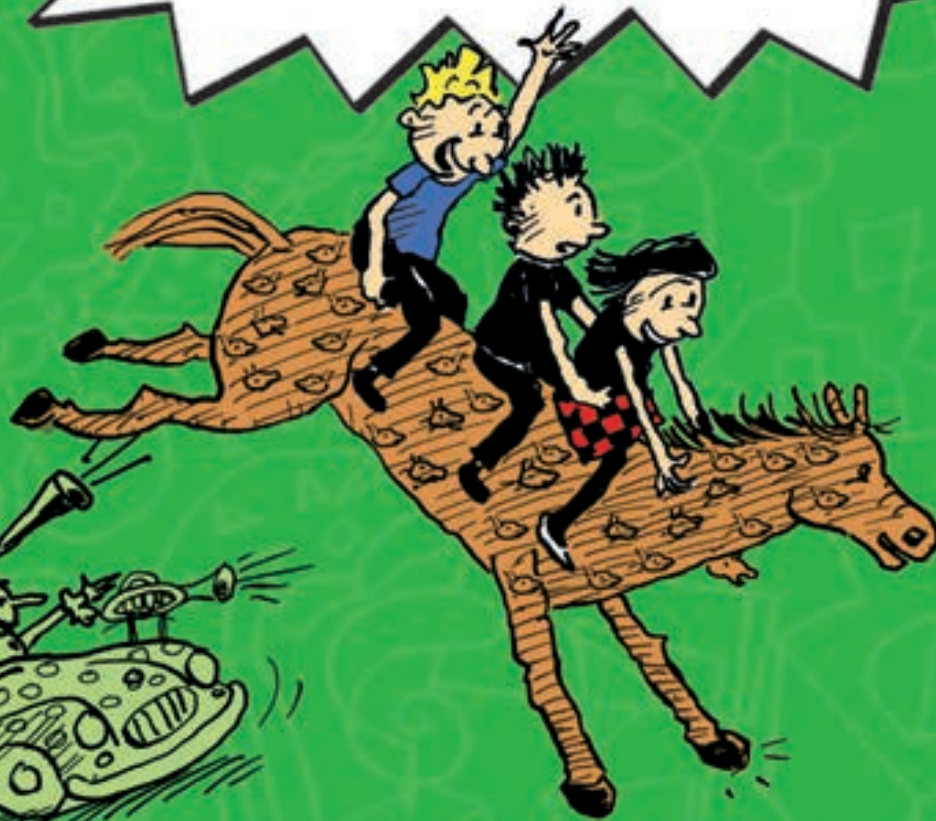


THE TREEHOUSE SERIES

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ACTIVITY AND EVENT GUIDE



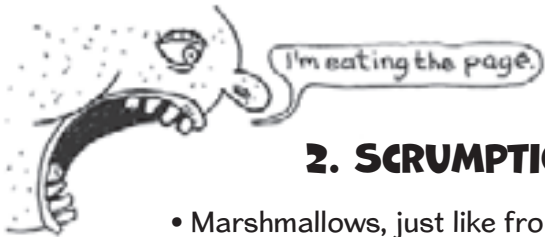
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HOST YOUR OWN TREEHOUSE PAJAMA PARTY!

1. ANDY AND TERRY'S ULTIMATE DECORATING KIT

- Throw red, blue, green, purple, yellow, and orange streamers on the walls.
- Dots, dots, dots everywhere!
- Build your own treehouse on the wall (using color construction paper, glitter, and wacky designs). Storytime attendees can help decorate!



2. SCRUMPTIOUS SNACKS

- Marshmallows, just like from the Marshmallow Shooter
- High-security potato chips
- Submarine sandwiches
- 78 flavors of ice cream with assorted toppings
- Bubbly, burp-gas punch



3. GAMES GALORE

Host a slapstick-funny comedy show!

- Get together in small groups of 3–5 and share your silliest joke. You can use the Treehouse Joke Master 2000 joke sheet on page 3 for this activity.

Act out your favorite scene from any of the Treehouse series books!

- In groups, choose a classic Andy and Terry scene from one of the books in the series and act it out.
- You can use the Readers' Theater activity on page 5 if you'd like to act out our favorite scene from *The 117-Story Treehouse*.

4. DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A SELFIE AT THE PHOTO-BOMBING BOOTH!



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THE JOKEMASTER 2000!

**HAVE YOUR FRIENDS IN STITCHES WITH THESE JOKES
WRITTEN BY ANDY'S JOKEMASTER 2000 JOKE-WRITING PENCIL
IN THE 104-STORY TREEHOUSE.**

Q: How do bees get to school in the morning?

A: They ride the school buzz.

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear.

Q: What do you call a cow's bedtime stories?

A: Dairy tales.

Q: Why didn't the cannibals eat the clown?

A: Because he tasted funny.

Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

A: In case she got a hole in one.

Q: What's yellow and smells like bananas?

A: Monkey barf.

Q: What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks?

A: Dino-mite!



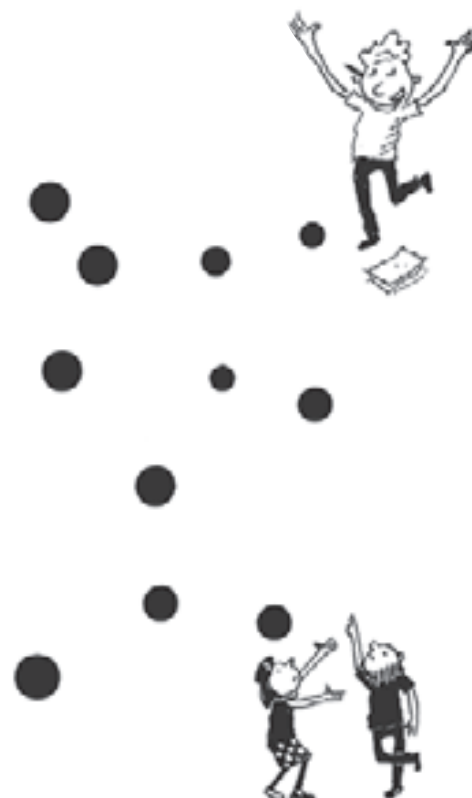
THAT'S NOT A DOT! IMPROV GAME

Get together in small groups of 3–5. Everyone gets their very own dot (dots included in this kit).

Each person will take a turn in the center of the group, improvising a scene with their dot, BUT . . . the dot is not a dot!

Start each improv scene with the chant:
“It's NOT a dot, it's a . . . ”

- “It's NOT a dot, it's a . . . barrel!”
- “It's NOT a dot, it's an . . . escape hatch!”
- “It's NOT a dot, it's a . . . flying carpet!”



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READERS' THEATER

USE THE BELOW GUIDE TO ACT OUT A SCENE FROM
THE 117-STORY TREEHOUSE!

Instructions:

Divide into groups of 5.

Select a part to play!



Narrator



Andy



Terry



Jill



Mr. Big Nose

Use the script to practice lines individually and then as a group—
memorizing isn't necessary, just have fun!

Once everyone is comfortable with their lines, take turns
performing the scene for the larger group!

Narrator: If you're like most of our readers,
you're probably wondering how come it's
always Andy who tells the story and never
Terry.

Terry (to narrator): Yeah, I've wondered
that too! How come I never get to tell the
story?

Andy: Because I'm the narrator, and you're
the illustrator—that's why!

Terry (to narrator): I can narrate too, you
know!

Andy: No you can't!

Terry: Yes I can!

Andy: Can't!

Terry: Can!

Andy: Can't!

Terry: Can!

Andy: CAN'T!

Terry: CAN!

Narrator: I'm about to yell CAN'T even
bigger when Jill comes along.

Jill: What are you two arguing about?

Andy: Terry says he can narrate and I say
he CAN'T!



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READERS' THEATER



Jill: There's a better way to settle this than by shouting at each other.

Andy: Really? How?

Jill: Let Terry do some narration and see how it goes.

Andy: But he's an illustrator. Illustrators can't narrate—everybody knows that!

Jill: That's not true. What about Dr. Moose? He wrote and illustrated "The Splat in the Hat." And who could forget the wonderful Beatrix Potty? I love her animal stories—and she does the story and the illustrations as well!

Narrator: RING RING RING!

Andy: Oh, that's our video phone. I'd better answer it.

Terry: I hope it's not Mr. Big Nose.

Andy: Me too. [Andy answers the video phone.]

Narrator: It is Mr. Big Nose!

Mr. Big Nose: Why hasn't the story started yet?

Andy: Because Terry wants to tell the story and I was just explaining that illustrators can't tell stories because that's the author's job.

Mr. Big Nose: That's nonsense! What about Boris Bendback? His *Where the Filed Things Are* is the most famous and best-loved children's book about office management of all time . . . and he's the author and the illustrator!

Andy: Yeah, that is good, but—

Mr. Big Nose: No buts about it. If Terry wants to tell the story then let him—maybe he'll create a classic just like Boris Bendback. But make sure it's on my desk by five o'clock this afternoon . . . or I'll file you both under F for FIRED!

Andy: Don't worry about a thing, we'll get it done.

Mr. Big Nose: You'd better!

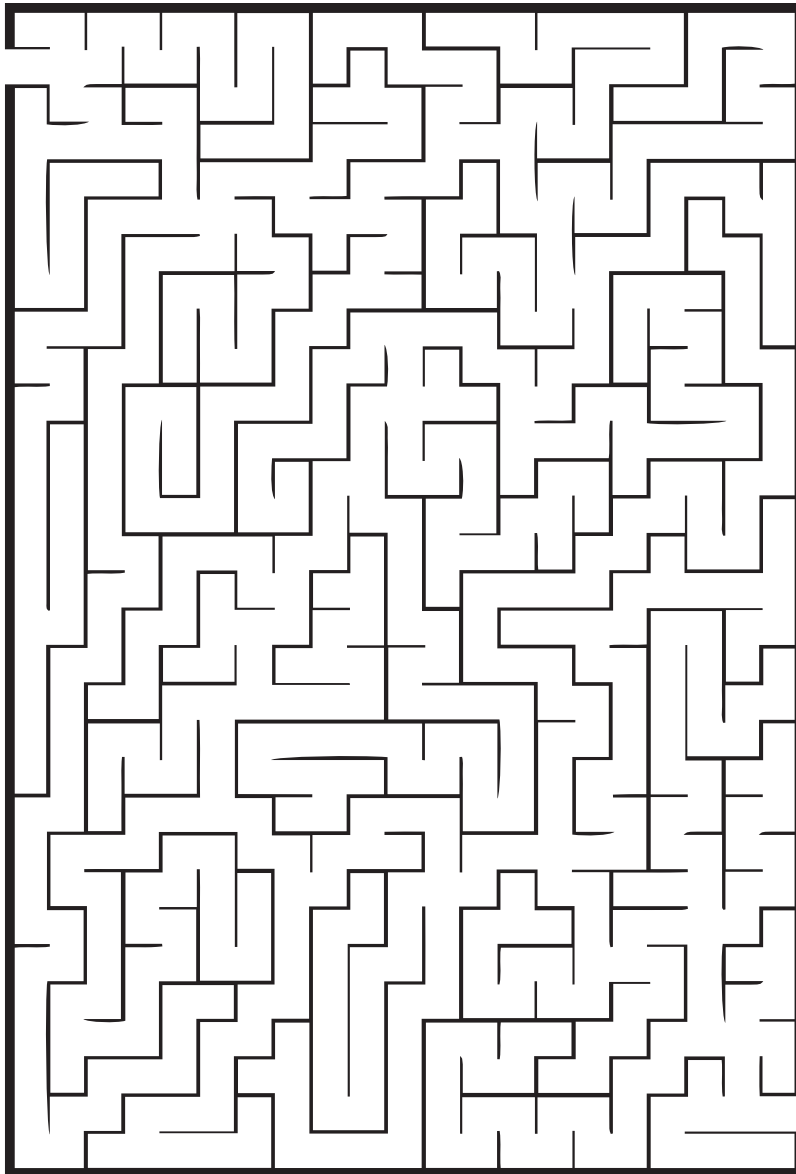
Narrator: The screen goes blank.



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**HELP ANDY, TERRY, AND JILL
ESCAPE FROM THE STORY POLICE!**



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DESIGN YOUR OWN TREEHOUSE LEVEL



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