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#9 "Tangerine" ?'s 203-237

Use proper conventions—sentences, and don't start with, "Because."

1. The science group came over to Paul's house and things got ugly when Erik and Arthur showed up. How were Erik's words so offensive to Tino and the other Tangerine Middle kids?

2. Paul has always tried to stay out of Erik's way, to be invisible. Tino chooses another option—confrontation. The result is ugly. What advantages are there with trying to be "invisible" to a bully? Disadvantages? What advantages are there with standing up to a bully? Disadvantages?

3. When Paul and his mom are discussing Erik (pg. 209), why doesn't Paul tell her that he thinks his brother is a psycho? She even asks if there is something Erik has done that she needs to be aware of and Paul stays silent. Why do you think he keeps his opinion to himself?

4. As Paul waits for football practice to end, he witnesses something between Erik and Arthur and Luis. Describe what happened. Include the reason why Luis confronted Erik.

5. Who are the two people in Paul's family who don't buy into the Erik Fisher Football Dream?

6. When the freeze hits Tangerine County, why are so many kids absent from school?

7. Why is Paul worried about how Tino will react to his showing up to help fight the freeze and save the Golden Dawn tangerines?
8. Describe the way the freeze affects people living in Lake Windsor Downs as compared to how it affects the farmers in Tangerine County.
9. Tino and Paul work out a truce. What TBE can you find that supports this?
10. When Luis tells Paul that he and Antione Thomas and another football player are going to “take care of business,” (pg. 229), what is he referring to?
11. Paul realizes that Luis isn't afraid of Erik and Arthur. Paul reflects on this saying to himself, “How could I be so totally afraid, and Luis be not the slightest bit afraid, of the exact same thing? Which one of us saw it wrong?” (pg. 229) Do you think Paul is right to be so afraid of his own brother?
12. At the final LWD football game, Erik misses all of the extra points. But Mr. Fisher thinks that Brian Baylor gave bad snaps on purpose to make Erik and Arthur look like fools. Did he? If so, why?
13. What is significant (important) about Mrs. Fisher's question to her husband, “What if Erik has no future in football?” (pg. 234)
14. What happened to Paul at the end of the Friday, November 24, entry?