

Exemplar Read-Aloud Stories – The Sign Painter

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“Are you lost, son?” the man asked.

“Yes . . . I mean no. I need a job,” the young man stammered looking not much more than a boy.

“Tell me what you can do.”

“I can paint.”

“Ah, an artist. Are you good at faces?”

“I think so.”

“Can you paint them big?”

“Yes.”

“All right, I’m interested.” The man put down the brush, and said, “Come with me.”

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