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Chapters: more paintings - a star again

Comprehension

- ✦ What does George suggest they do with Ivan's paintings?
- ✦ Why does Julia like Ivan's art?
- ✦ Why does Ivan thump his chest?
- ✦ According to Julia, where does Ivan want his painting to go?
- ✦ What does Julia say that makes George change his mind?
- ✦ Why do more visitors come to see Ivan?

Analysis

- ✦ Ivan says, "I'm angry, at last." Why is that an important moment in the story?
- ✦ What impact does Julia hope the new billboard change will make? What actually happens?
- ✦ How and why do Mack's behavior and attitude change after the phone call from the reporter?

Personal Connection

- ✦ Ivan's goal is to get Ruby to a zoo where she can live with other elephants. What is a goal of yours that you haven't accomplished yet? What will it take to accomplish that goal?

Chapters: the ape artist - good-bye

Comprehension

- ✦ What are Ivan's new nicknames?
- ✦ When Ivan says that his idea isn't working, what advice does Bob give?
- ✦ Why do the people holding signs come to the mall?
- ✦ What is clicker training, according to Bob?
- ✦ What does Ivan do when the animal doctor enters his cage?
- ✦ Describe the picture Julia gives Ivan. How is it different from the others?

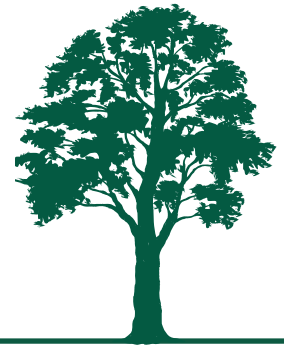
Analysis

- ✦ How does the cameraman's focus on the claw-stick impact the story?
- ✦ What is the most likely reason that Ruby does not "trumpet with joy" when Ivan explains that the large box is her way out of the Big Top Mall?
- ✦ How is each character most likely feeling at this point in the story? How do you know? Provide answers for Ivan, Bob, Ruby, Julia, George, and Mack.

Personal Connection

- ✦ Describe a time you had to wait patiently for something. How did it feel, and was it worth it? Explain.

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Chapters: click - silverback

Comprehension

- ✦ Why does Ivan choose to go into the box, and why doesn't Bob join him?
- ✦ What gift does Ivan give Bob as they say good-bye?
- ✦ What does Ivan do when he arrives at the zoo?
- ✦ What can Ivan see when he climbs the tree?
- ✦ Who comes to visit Ivan?
- ✦ What does Ivan learn about Bob's new home?

Analysis

- ✦ How does the thought of Ruby help Ivan face his fears?
- ✦ How is Maya different from Mack? Explain your answer with details from the story.
- ✦ From the time Ivan arrives at the zoo to the end of the story, how does Ivan's relationship with his new troop change?

Personal Connection

- ✦ Ivan finally feels like he belongs with the other gorillas. What does it feel like to belong? Describe the place where you feel you most belong.