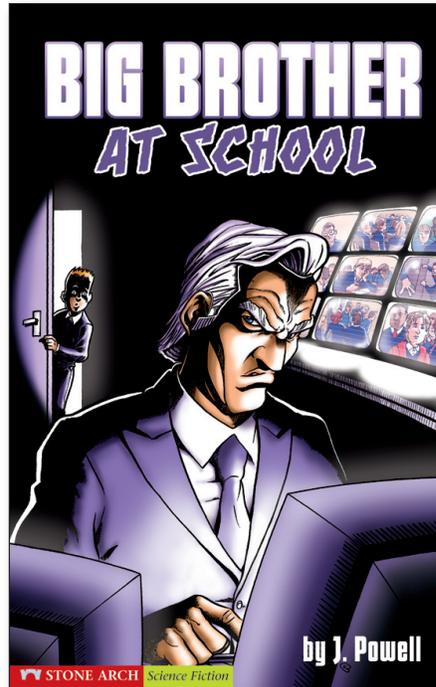




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



Big Brother at School **by J. Powell**

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Characters:

- Lee, a high-school student - reads slightly below grade level**
- Ryan, Lee's friend - reads below grade level**
- Principal - reads above grade level**
- Doctor - struggling reader**
- Narrator - reads at grade level**

Genre: Science Fiction

Ages: 10-15

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- Narrator:** Lee was just a normal kid at school. One day he noticed something odd in his classroom.
- Lee:** That looks like a camera in the corner of the room. Hmm. Who could be watching us?
- Narrator:** Later that day, Lee crept down the hall to the principal's office. The door was open slightly.
- Lee:** I wonder what's in here.
- Narrator:** Lee peeked inside and saw that the principal was watching the entire school on a set of monitors. Then he saw something else. The principal had green scales and a giant eye in the back of his bald head.
- Lee:** The principal is an alien!
- Narrator:** Later that day, Lee talked to his friend Ryan.
- Lee:** The principal is an alien!
- Ryan:** Yeah, right. And the lunch ladies are from another planet.
- Narrator:** Lee didn't like being made fun of. Later, the boys went to an assembly hosted by the principal.
- Principal:** A doctor will be visiting our school and you will all be weighed and given shots.
- Lee:** I don't like the sound of this.
- Ryan:** What is the big deal? It's just a health check-up.
- Narrator:** The next day, Ryan and Lee waited in line to get their health check-up. The doctor gave Lee his shot.
- Doctor:** All done. Next student, please.
- Narrator:** As Lee left, he thought he saw green scales on the doctor's neck too.

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- Lee:** I'm telling you, the doctor is a part of the alien plan.
- Ryan:** The principal yesterday and the doctor today. Who's next?
- Lee:** I saw him type something into his computer. Something about ratings.
- Narrator:** After the doctor visit, the principal made another announcement.
- Principal:** Next we will have Sports Day. There will be races and the winners will gather on the top field in the schoolyard.
- Lee:** Now I've figured it out. The aliens will take all the athletic winners from the field.
- Narrator:** Lee and Ryan went out to the field to look for clues.
- Ryan:** Why is there a giant circle painted on the field?
- Lee:** It looks like a helicopter landing pad, only much bigger. The aliens will take all the winners up in their spaceship from here.
- Narrator:** Ryan thought for a minute.
- Ryan:** I've got a plan.
- Narrator:** The next day the races were held. Ryan and Lee won their race and were told to report to the field. Lee was nervous.
- Lee:** Where's the principal? I can't see him.
- Ryan:** Don't worry. It's all under control.
- Narrator:** A long white car drove up beside the crowd in the circle. The door opened and out stepped someone.
- Lee:** It's a basketball star!
- Narrator:** All the kids in the circle ran over to the car and met the basketball player.

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Ryan:

Actually, it's my cousin Jaz. He just looks like a basketball star. I called him up and asked him to stop by.

Narrator:

Since all the kids ran out of the circle and greeted the phony star, no one noticed the flying spaceship that was hovering over the circle.

Lee:

The principal and the doctor are gone! They left in the spaceship! We just missed it!

Ryan:

Missed it? I bet that's what the aliens are thinking, too.

THE END