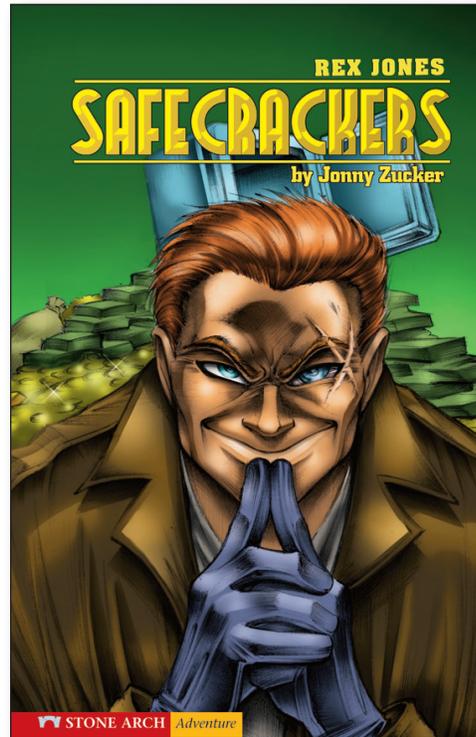




READER'S THEATER



Safecrackers **by Jonny Zucker**

Characters: **Rex**
Dave
Carl
Bank Manager
Razor Bell
Narrator

Genre: **Adventure**

Ages: **10-14**

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- Narrator:** Rex Jones has a cell phone that sends him on amazing adventures. He and his friends Dave and Carl were in a candy store. Dave didn't have enough money to buy the candy bar and the pack of gum. Suddenly, Rex's phone buzzed.
- Rex:** It's time to go on an adventure!
- Narrator:** Rex pressed the EXPLORE button on his phone and the boys found themselves in the middle of a busy room.
- Rex:** Where are we?
- Carl:** This looks like a bank.
- Dave:** Why are we here?
- Narrator:** A man in a suit and tie hurried up to them.
- Bank Manager:** There you are! I sure hope you three security experts can help us with our problem.
- Dave:** Security experts?
- Rex:** What's your problem?
- Bank Manager:** Razor Bell, of course. The famous bank robber. We think he'll try to hit our bank and steal all the money from the vault.
- Carl:** Where is the vault?
- Bank Manager:** Down in the basement, but you can keep an eye on it with the security cameras, of course.
- Carl:** Of course.
- Rex:** We'll do our best.
- Dave:** You can count on us!
- Narrator:** The bank manager left. Later that night, the boys heard an explosion in the lobby. Carl and Rex rushed off to investigate. Dave stayed in the security room.

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- Rex:** What's that smell?
- Carl:** Smoke! Look over there!
- Narrator:** People in the lobby were running around. Some people shouted, "It's a bomb!" Rex saw smoke coming from a wastebasket. When he looked closer, he discovered the problem.
- Rex:** It's just a firecracker.
- Narrator:** Rex also saw some crumpled paper on the floor and a box of matches. He put them both into his pocket. Then he and Carl returned to the security room.
- Dave:** What happened?
- Carl:** It turned out to be firecrackers.
- Rex:** Everything's all right. It must have been some kids messing around.
- Dave:** It's a good thing it wasn't a real fire. Otherwise the alarms would have gone off and the police would think we were being robbed.
- Carl:** Did you see anything else on the security cameras?
- Dave:** Nothing. I talked to some guy who is interested in security and stuff.
- Rex:** You mean you left this room?
- Dave:** It was only for five minutes.
- Narrator:** Rex figured out what was going on.
- Rex:** The crooks are in the vault! They set off those firecrackers to trick us.
- Narrator:** The boys ran out of the security room and down to the vault.
- Carl:** The door to the vault is wide open!

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- Rex:** It's Razor Bell!
- Narrator:** A tall man standing inside the vault heard Rex and turned around.
- Razor Bell:** You three, get in here now! Sit on the floor over there and keep your mouths shut!
- Narrator:** The boys did as they were told.
- Razor Bell:** We'll be out of here in a couple of minutes.
- Dave:** Wow, look at all this money. We should keep some.
- Carl:** It's not our money, Dave.
- Rex:** We have to let the police know that the bank is being robbed. But how?
- Narrator:** Rex has everything he needs to alert the police. What will he do? To find out Rex's plan, read chapter 6 of Safecrackers.
- Dave:** I wish I could read chapter 6. Then I'd know how everything turns out!
- Razor Bell:** I thought I told you kids to keep quiet!

THE END