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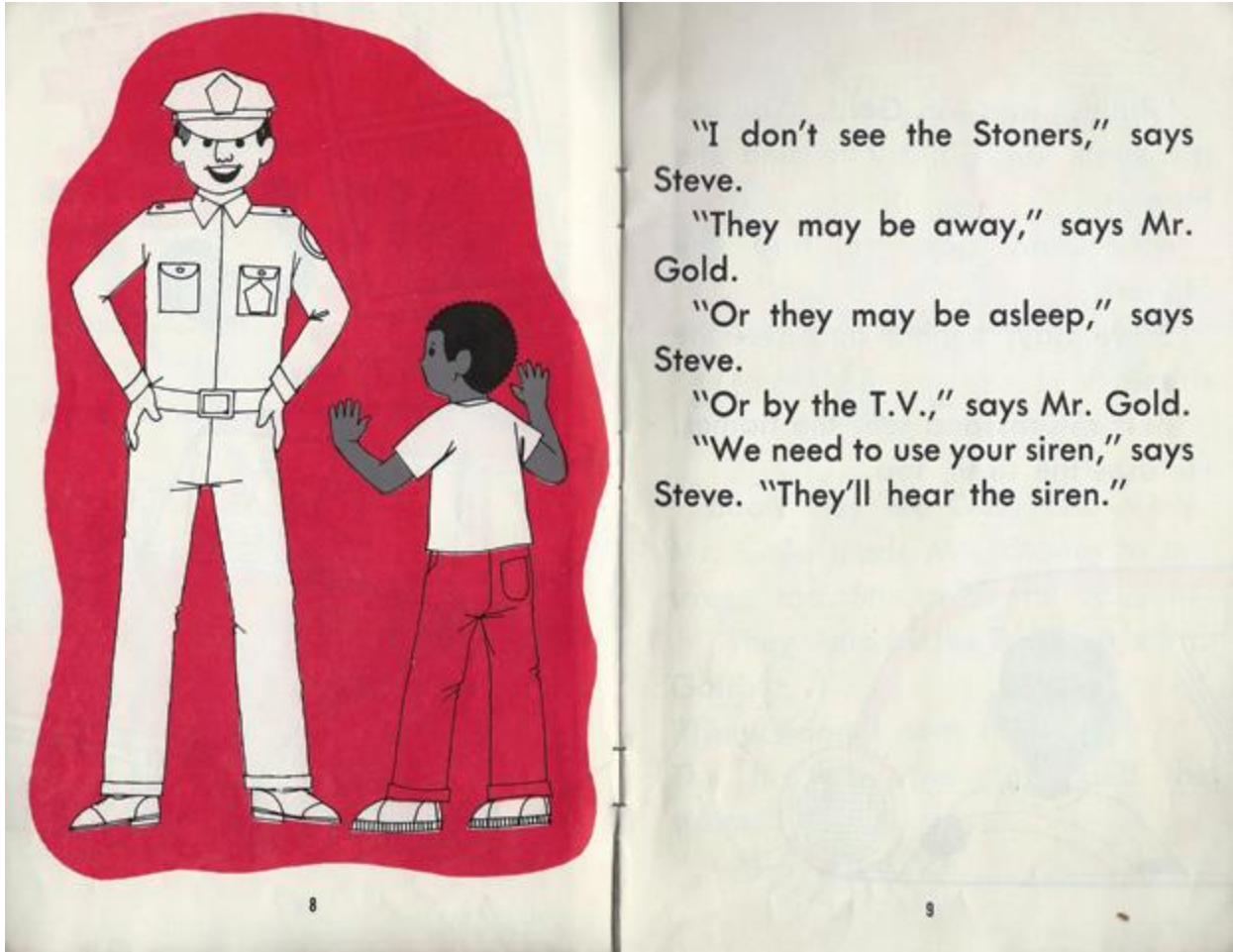


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Mr. Gold goes to find the Stoners.

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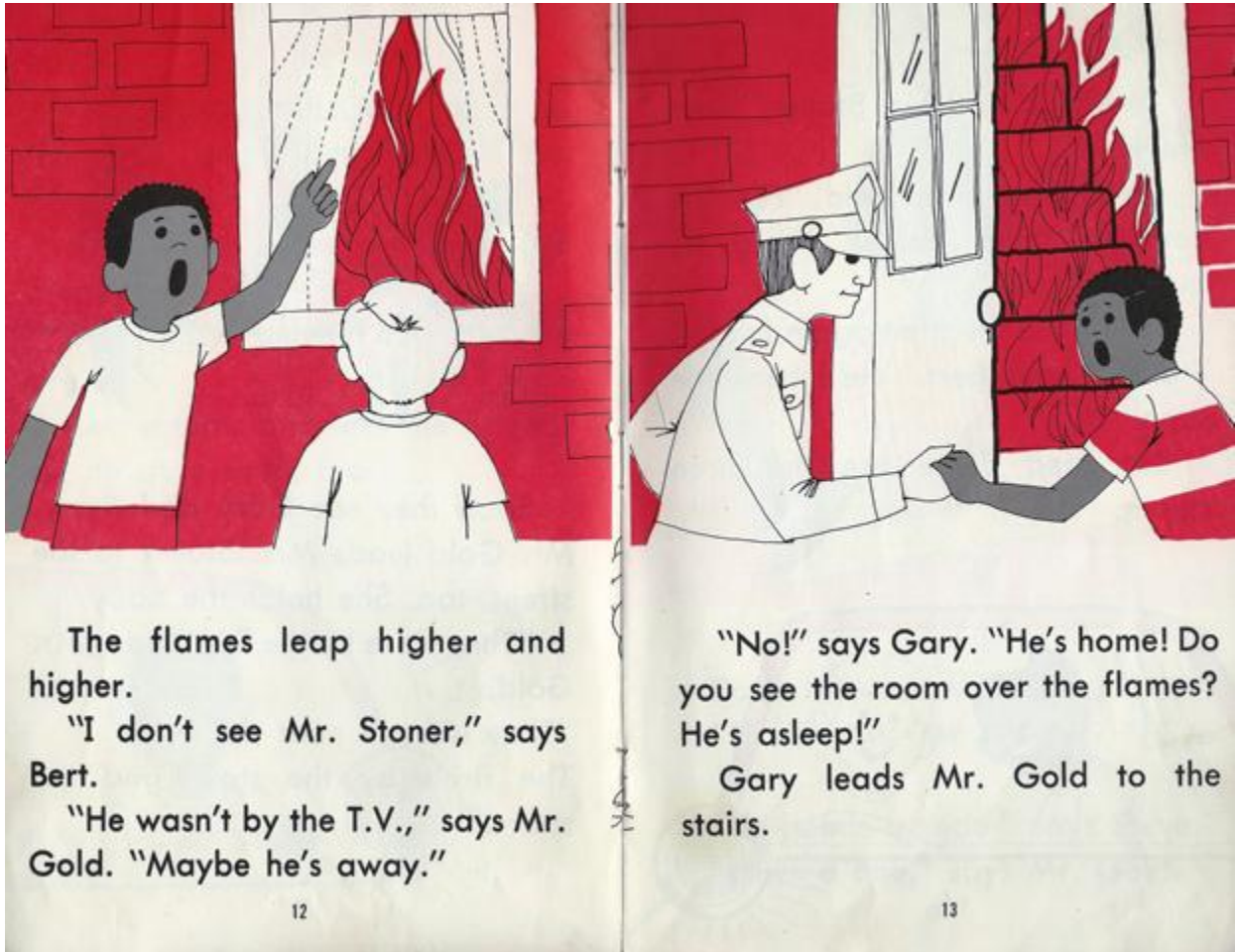
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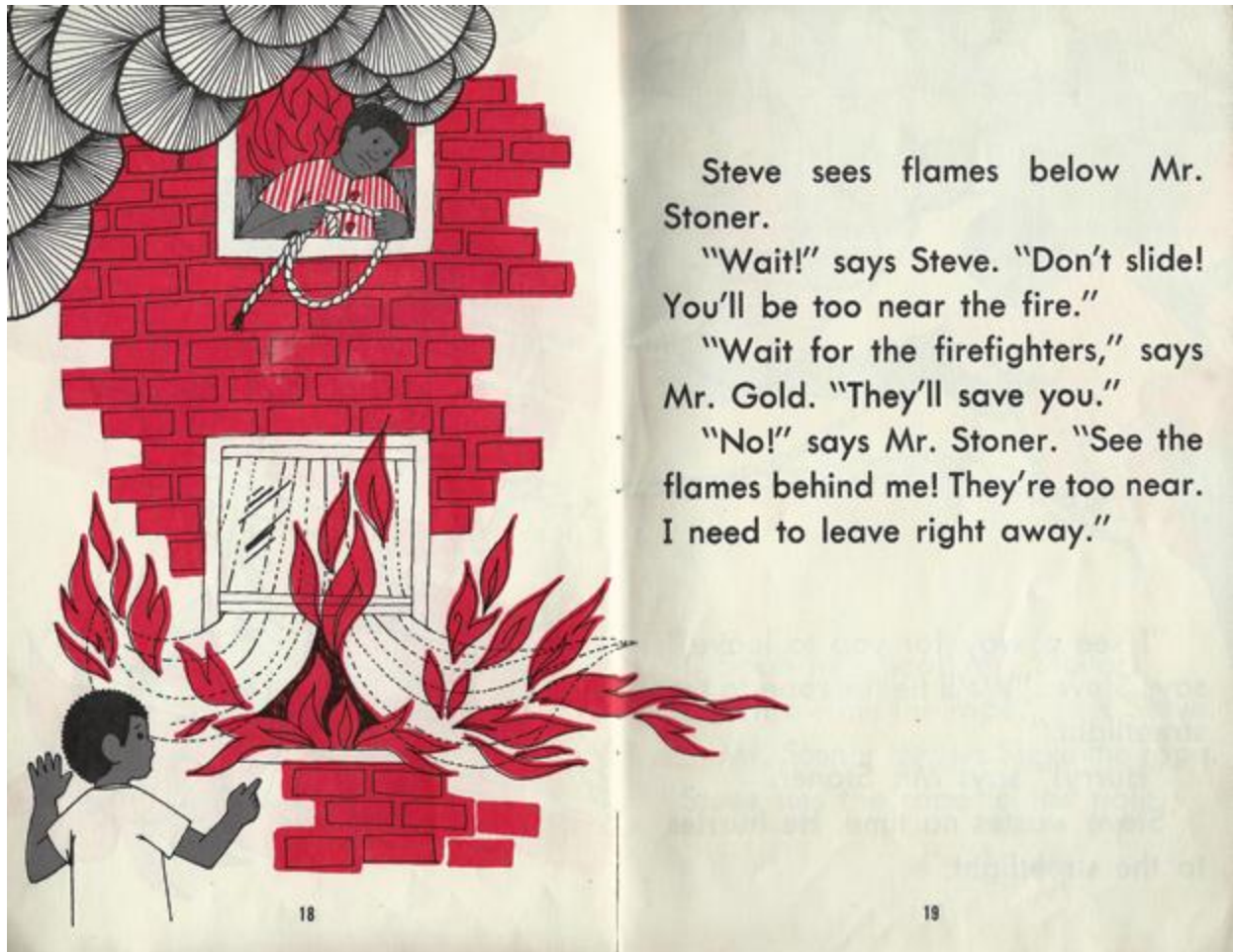
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"Wait for the firefighters," says Mr. Gold. "They'll save you."

"No!" says Mr. Stoner. "See the flames behind me! They're too near. I need to leave right away."

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Mr. Stoner holds tight to the rope. He uses both feet. Soon he feels the pole.

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Mary	Mrs.	radio
	T.V.	siren

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Bert	firefighters	steam
Steve	glow	stove
Stoner	goes	streetlights
brighter	hurries	third
burn	post	tight
daylight	rope	
east	slowly	

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Book 16 to read after Lesson 24

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“Wait!” says Mr. Gold. “Feel the heat of the flames. We’d be burned.

“We’ll use the siren again for Mr. Stoner,” says Bert. “He’ll hear the siren.”

Bert and Steve use the siren again.

Soon they see Mr. Stoner.

“Fire!” says Mr. Stoner. “Save me!”

“He needs a rope,” says Steve.

“I’ll find one,” says Mr. Gold.

Mr. Gold finds a rope. He throws the rope to Mr. Stoner.

“Tie the rope to a pipe or a post,” says Mr. Gold.

Mr. Stoner ties the rope to the pipe.

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“I’ll see a way for you to leave,” says Steve. “We’ll tie the rope to a streetlight.”

“Hurry!” says Mr. Stoner.

Steve wastes no time. He hurries to the streetlight.

Soon he’s near Mr. Stoner.

“Throw me the rope,” says Steve.

Mr. Stoner throws Steve the rope. Steve ties the rope to the pole.

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