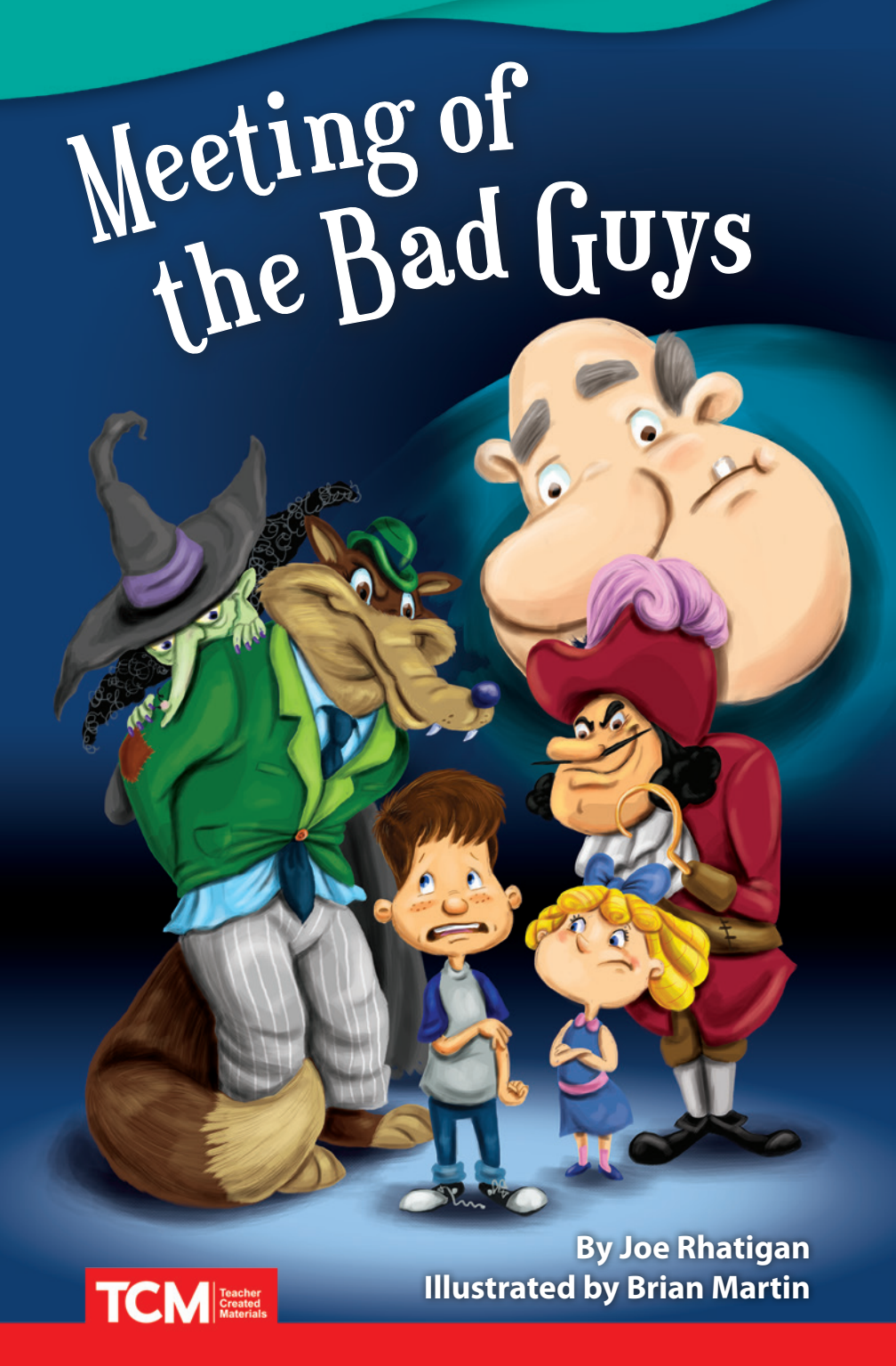
Meeting of the Bad Guys



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Detention for Timothy Michael McCall

I am Timothy Michael McCall.
Please don't ever call me "Tim,"
or "Timmy" or "Mike" or "Micky."
My name has no synonym!

Earlier today in science class,
an incredible occurrence did befall.
I answered a question like I always do,
but the teacher ushered me out to the hall.

She said, "It's time to finally terminate
your inappropriate actions."
"But what did I do? I'm not noisy,
or sleepy, nor do I cause silly distractions!"

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"Well, Mr. Timothy Michael McCall,
you know better than asking me that.
When you knowingly break the rules,
it's off to *special* detention. Now scat!"

She handed me a fold-up map
and pointed down the hall.
"Come back when you've learned your lesson,
Mr. Timothy Michael McCall!"

Being the good kid I've always been,
I followed my teacher's command,
and I tried my best to follow the map,
but it was so easy to misunderstand!

I finally came to some stairs
that I had never noticed before.
I descended into darkness quite carefully
and came to an ancient door.

I pushed the big door open—
of course it groaned and creaked.
The map said go to the door on the left.
My curiosity piqued.

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As I approached, I heard the words
villain, *scoundrel*, and *lout*.
I walked in angrily and asked,
"Wait! Who are you talking about?"

The question died on my tongue
as I saw who was inside the room.
I thought: *There's been a horrible mistake,*
and I'm about to meet my doom!

Because inside the room was a chalkboard
and desks where students could sit.
But those desks weren't filled with students!
Inside was a slew of fairy-tale miscreants!

A pirate, a witch, the Big Bad Wolf,
a giant whose head scraped the ceiling.
Two angry-looking sisters and Goldilocks!
This class of evil dudes had me reeling.

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Timothy Meets the Bad Guys

At the head of the class stood the Big Bad Wolf,
whose grin looked like a scowl.
"I am about to begin my session.
Sit and be quiet," he said with a growl.

"Mr. Wolf," I interjected.
"What are you talking about?
The idea that I belong in here with you,
is a notion I rather doubt."

I tried to get the wolf's attention
and refuse his invitation,
but Wolf said, "Stop interrupting!"
So I sat with my growing frustration.

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"We're all here to learn something important,
like how to take the blame
for all the poor decisions we made,
so we can restore all our good names."

"That's well and fine," I said,
"and here is definitely where you guys belong.
But you can't say I'm a fit here,
as I don't know what I've done wrong!"

"I'm beginning to get an idea
of why you've ended up down here.
But if we follow the process,
I believe everything will become clear.

"Because everyone here has a story.
Sit back to listen and learn,
and after waiting patiently,
you will have a turn…

"…to tell us all your story
so we can see what your detention's about—
what caused your teacher such misery
that she had to throw you out.

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Book Club Questions

1. Who is your favorite fairy-tale "bad guy"? Why?
2. When Timothy states, "The question died on my tongue," what does he mean?
3. How would this book be different if it wasn't written in verse?
4. What does Timothy learn while in detention? Is it what the teacher wanted him to learn?
5. How well do you think the Big Bad Wolf helped the others become better people?
6. Do you think Timothy deserves to be in detention with the fairy-tale villains? Why or why not?

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