

A Snapshot (*With Metacognition*)

(Just sent the kid to the office to get a form. Now he's back without the form but with a UPS guy!)

• Richard—"He's gonna show us stuff. He know all the places. He drives around all day."

(That's what you get for dragging people out of the hall to do impromptu map lessons! The kids think they should do it too! Note to self, "Does R. know there's more than one UPS guy or does he think this guy's It?")

• Jermaine—"You ever been to any of the pink states?"

• UPSG—"I was in this one. Ohio."

• Joe—"Did you get a rental car?"

(Joe either can't get thoughts to stick or he can't get them unstuck. Vehicles stay stuck.)

• UPSG—"Yeah."

• J—"SUV?"

• UPSG—"Don't remember."

• J—"Was it green?"

• UPSG—"I don't recall."

(Sounds like he's under oath. "Hang in til I can tell if he's unsticking or sticking tighter.")

• J—"Front or rear wheel drive?"

(Stuck!)

• Me—"Joe, I'm going to take three more questions and then come right back to you."

• Marquan—"Did it smell like a brown shoe?"

(Shit! Now M. is on the car thing! His aunt's new car has a distinctive smell. He was in a store that sold "unsneakers" and found another distinctive smell. Now "Cars" links to "Smells" which links to "Brown Shoes". Gotta save the UPS guy! Gotta get this back to maps!)

• Me—"What shoes did you wear when you were in Ohio?"

• UPSG—"Uh, uh, boots I think"

(Excellent! UPSG's too disoriented to do anything but follow.)

• Me—"Then it must have been cold in Ohio. Is it always cold there?"

• UPSG—"No, I think it's really cold in winter and really hot in summer."

• Kadeem—"They got any of them Hermit Cranes?"

(Yes!!!!)

• Me—"Good question, Kadeem. Hot places do get hurricanes!"

• UPSG—"I don't think they get hurricanes in Ohio, but I'm not positive about that."

• Aisha—"You got a grand mother?"

• UPSG—"Why, yes. I sure do!"

• Aisha—"She dead?"

• UPSG—"No!"

• Aisha—"Then, where is she?"

(Yikes! UPSG thinks we're going metaphysical here! Help him.)

• Me—"Aisha, your grandmother is in New Jersey. Right?"

• UPSG—"Oh! Oh! She lives in this yellow colored state, Virginia."

• Me—"Only ten minutes til gym. Take a break. Maybe our guest can hang out for a while"

They huddle around the map, chatting. They show him their silkworm project. And art projects. And all the contraband hiding in their desks. When Richard takes UPSG back wherever he found him, he tells him that he did a good job.

("Love you, Richard." "Thanks, UPS guy.")

(God, I'm good at this!)

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