

THE LIGHTKEEPERS

Leo and the Blackout

Starting out

One adventure.
Two reading editions.
A story to share.

Book 01
Family pilot edition



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The city waited for its King.
Leo and his friends walked by the bright lights.



Leo liked to go first.
He could run very fast.



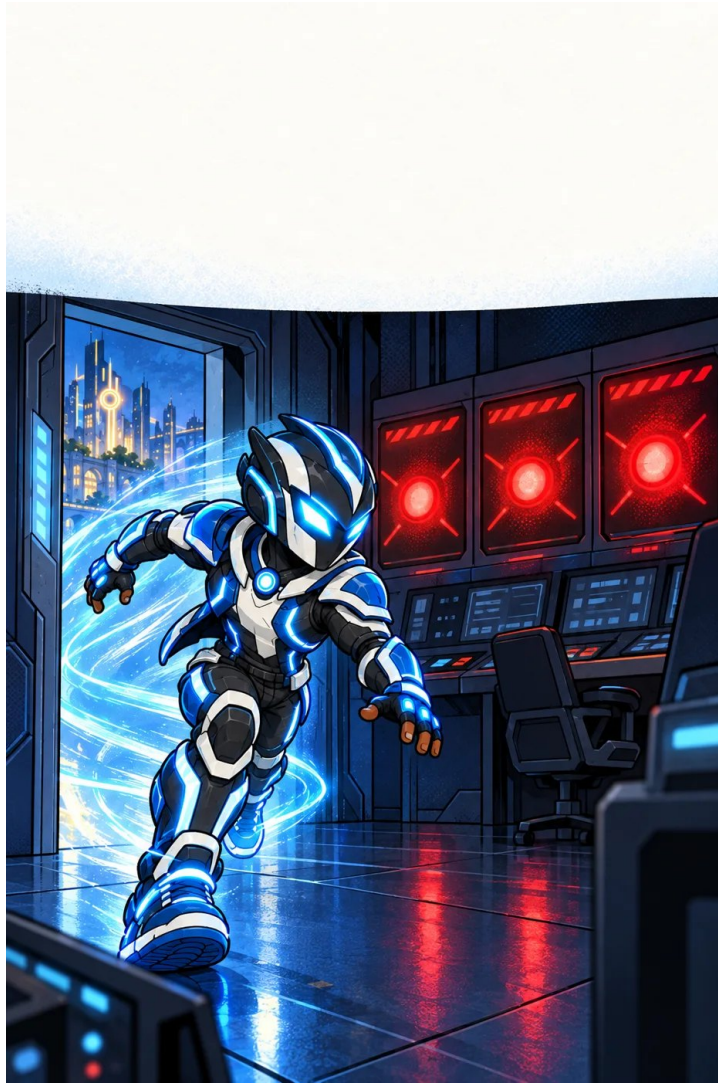
Flash! A storm hit the tall tower.
Boom! The lights went out.



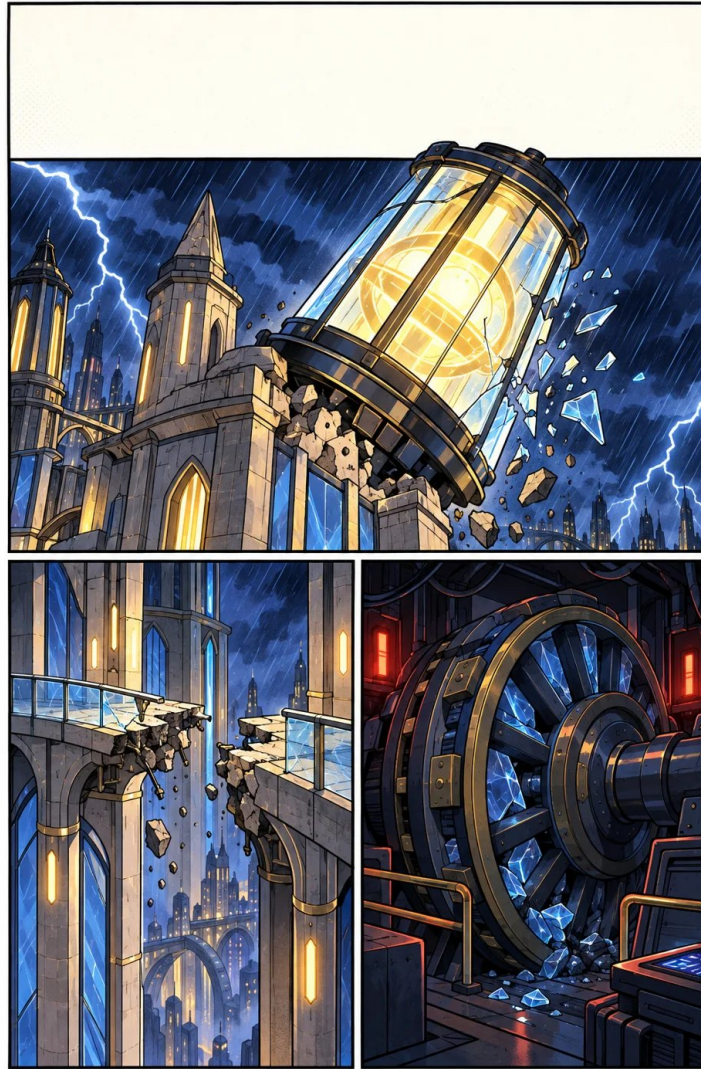
A big glass light began to fall.
People ran out of its way.



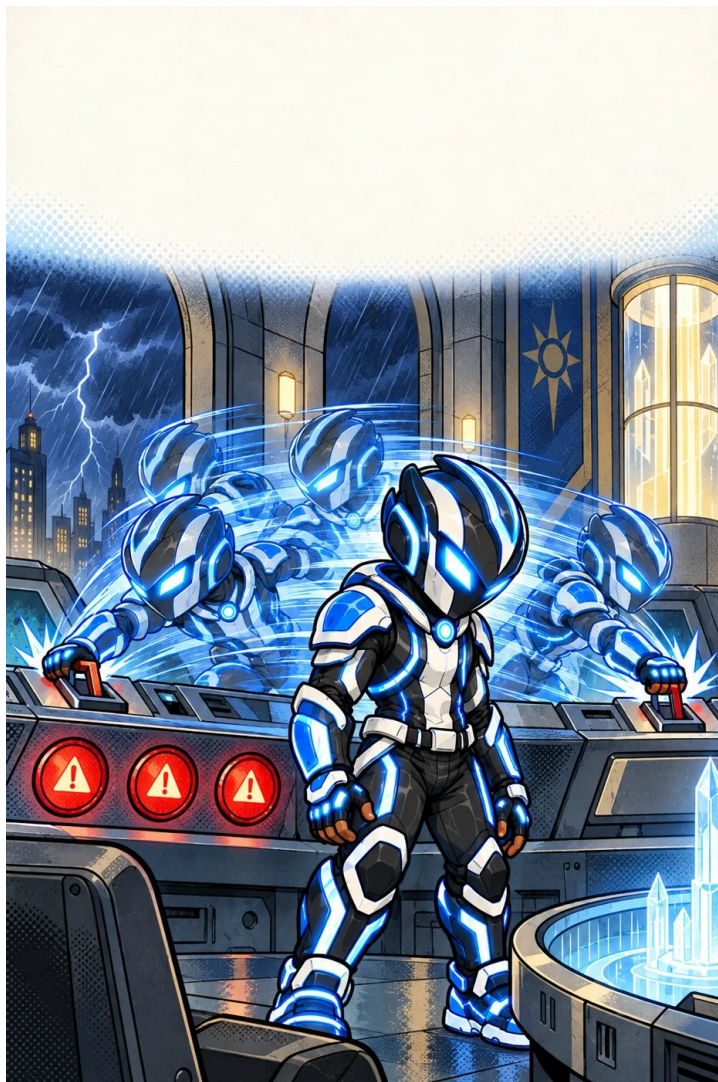
"Helmets on!" said Leo.
Their suits lit up.
Blue light shot from his shoes.



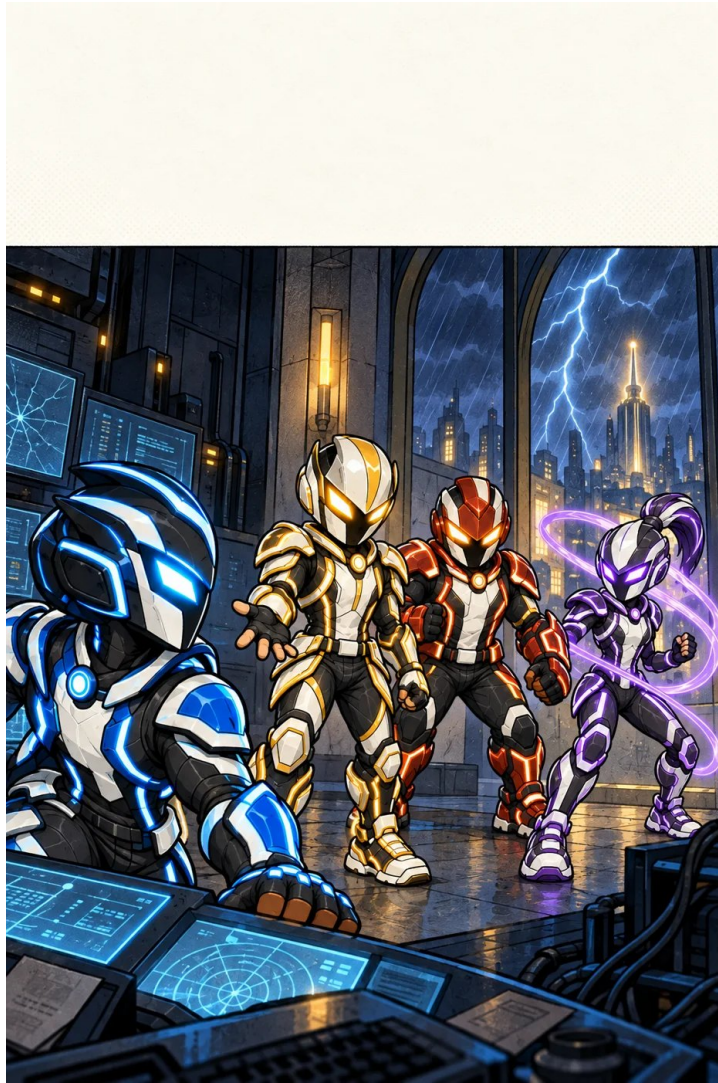
Leo ran into the tower.
Three red lights blinked on the wall.



The big light was falling.
A high path was broken.
A wheel was stuck.



Leo pushed two switches. Nothing!
Leo was fast.
But he could not do it all.

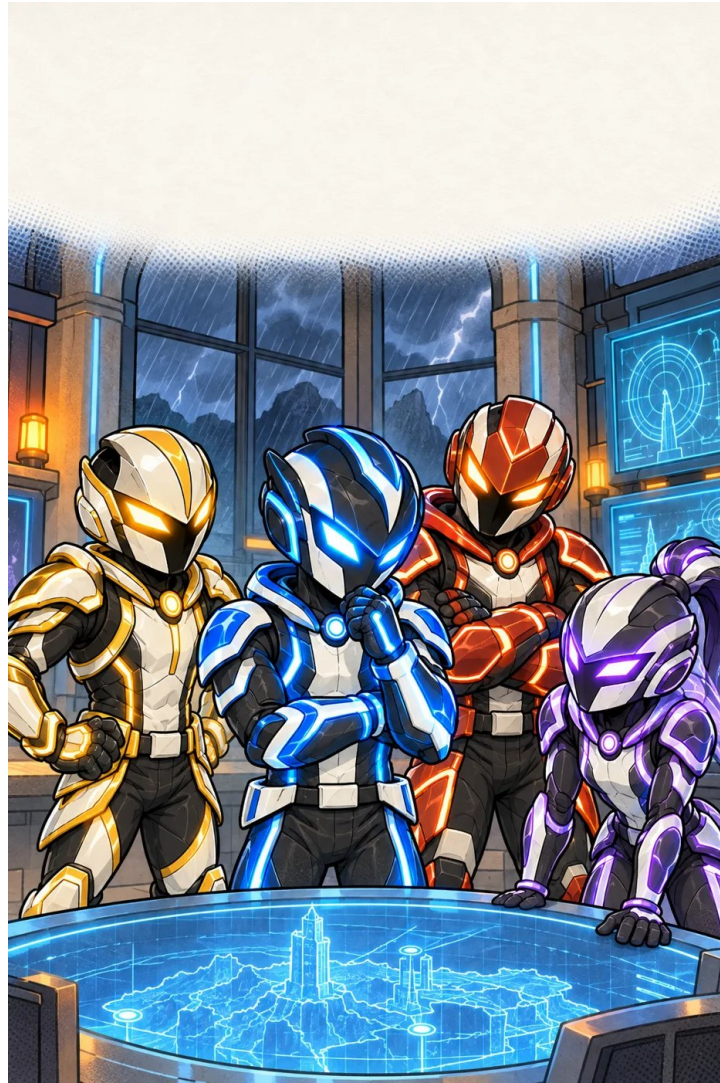


His friends ran in.
"What can we do?" asked Evan.

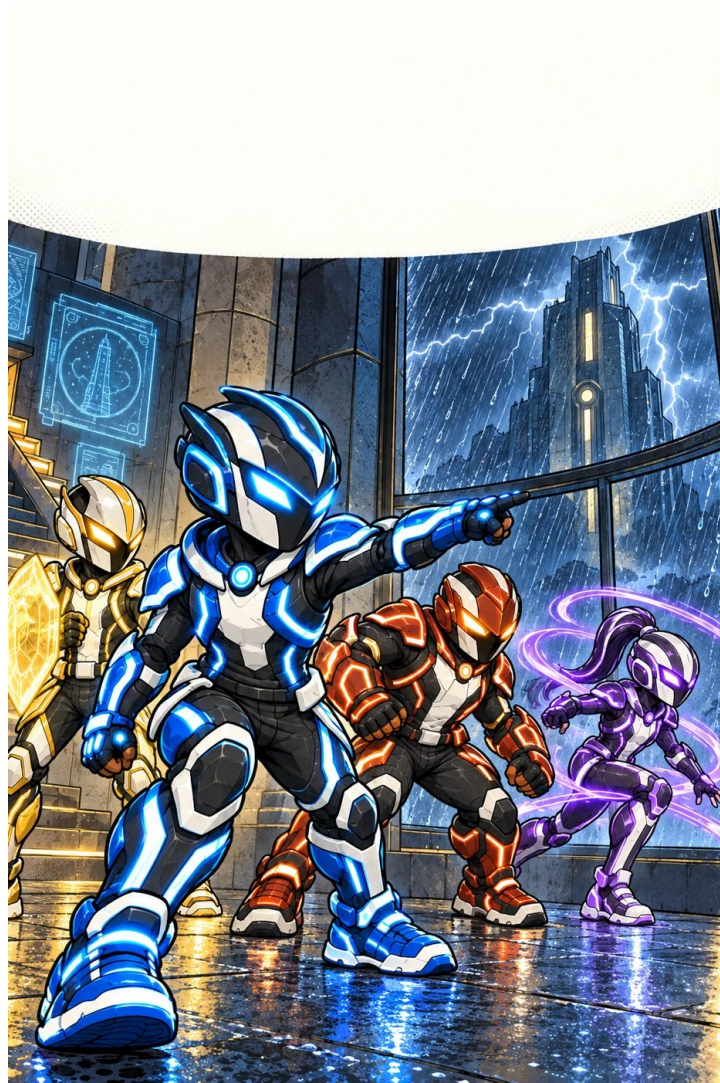


"I must fix it!" said Leo.

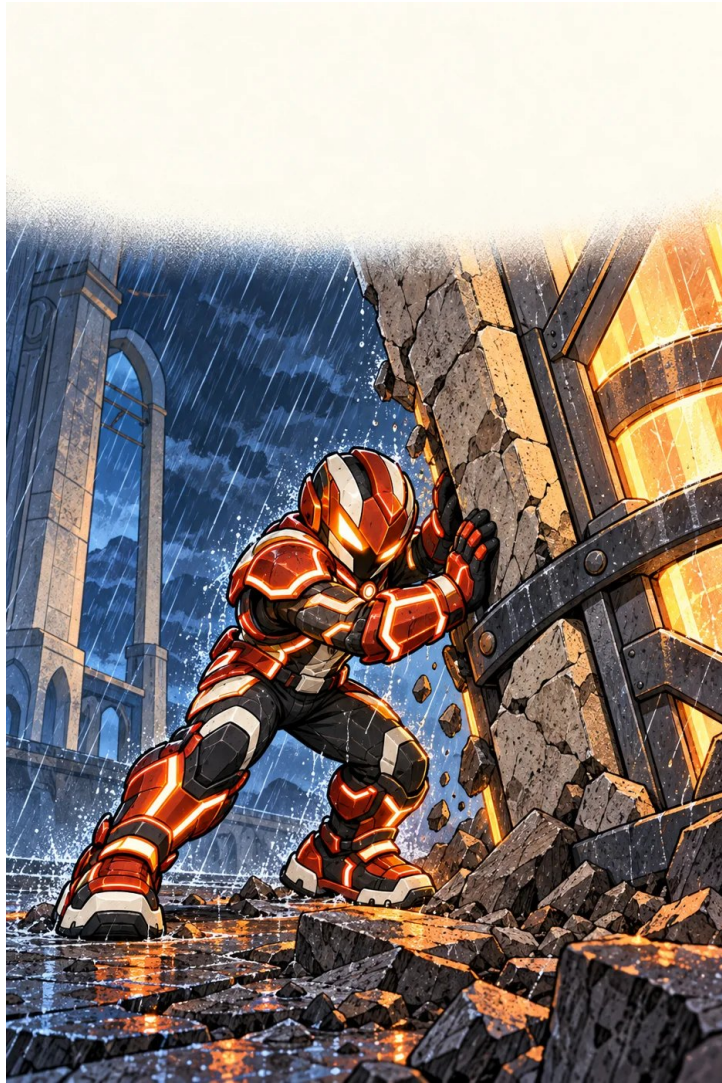
"We can help," said Marcus.



Leo looked at his friends.
They were ready to help.
He had to make a plan.



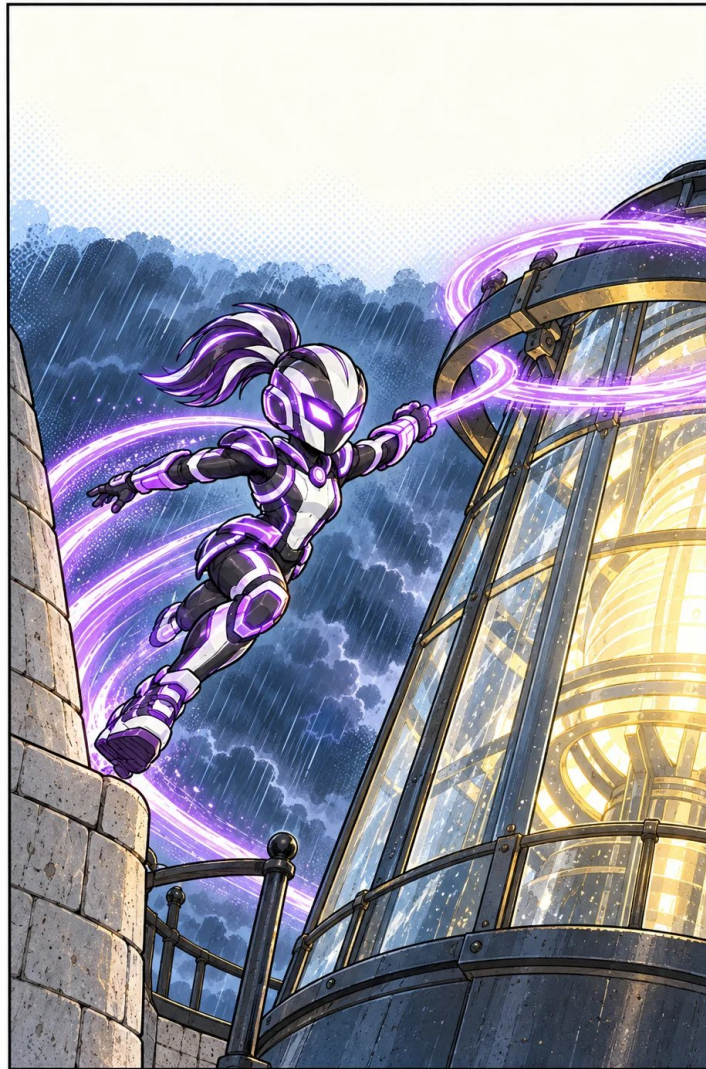
Leo took a slow breath.
He gave each friend a job.



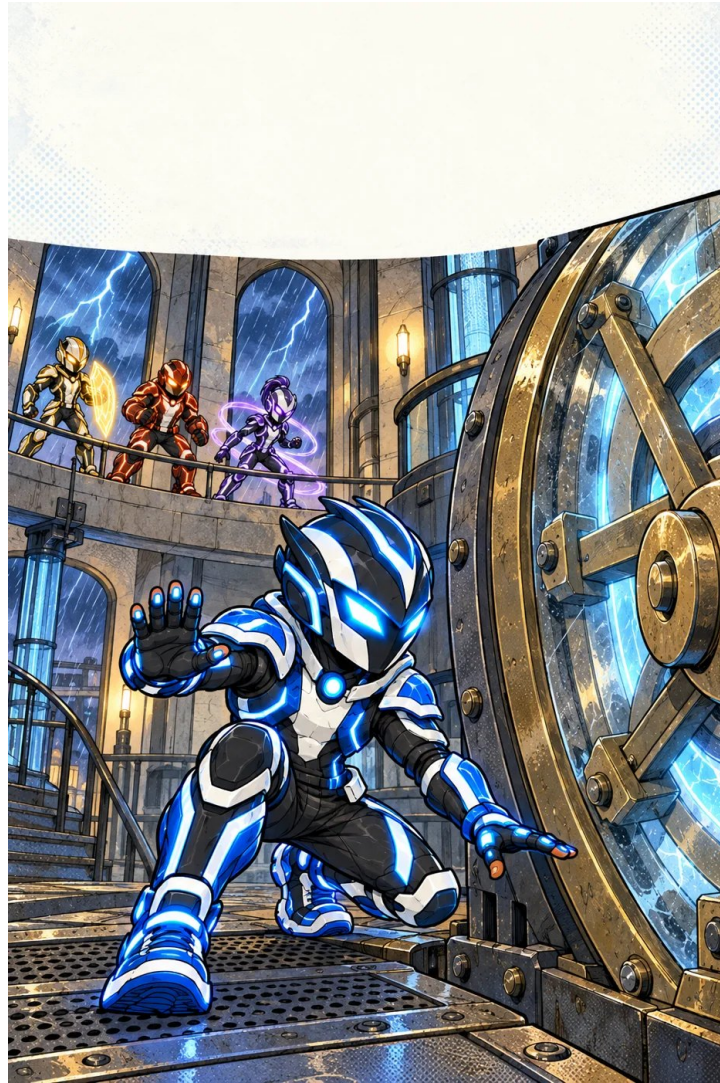
"Marcus, hold up the big light!"
Marcus set his feet and pushed.



"Evan, help the people cross!"
Evan made a gold bridge of light.



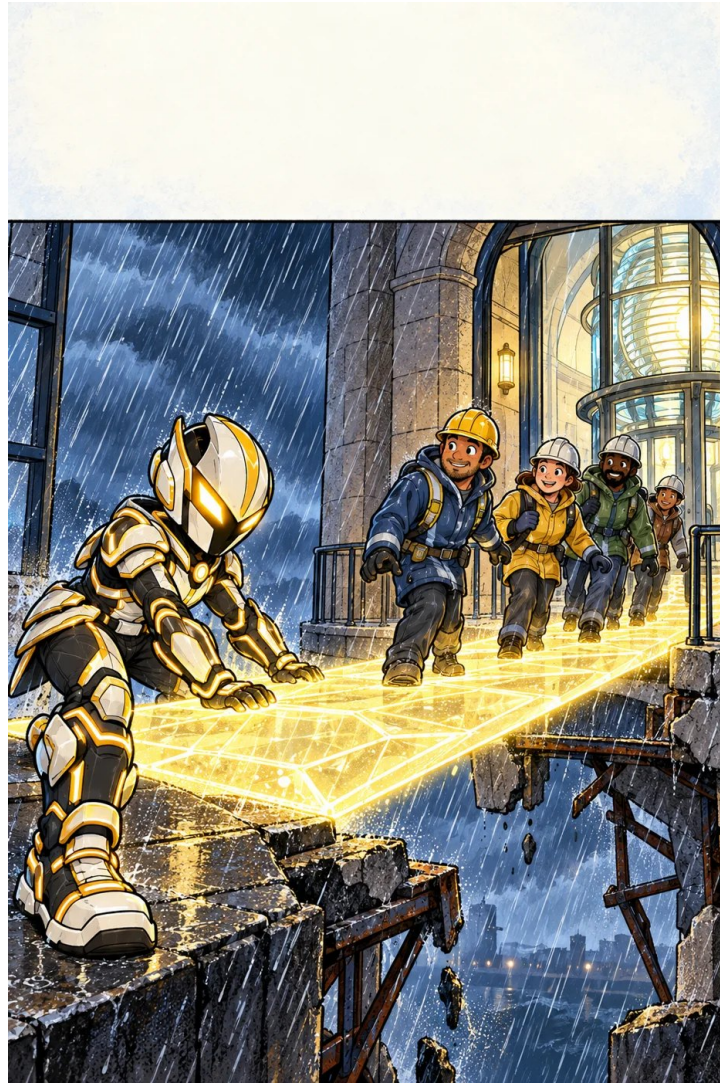
"Sadie, tie your light rope to it!"
She swung up to the big light.



"I will turn the wheel," said Leo.
"It lifts the light. Wait for me to say go."



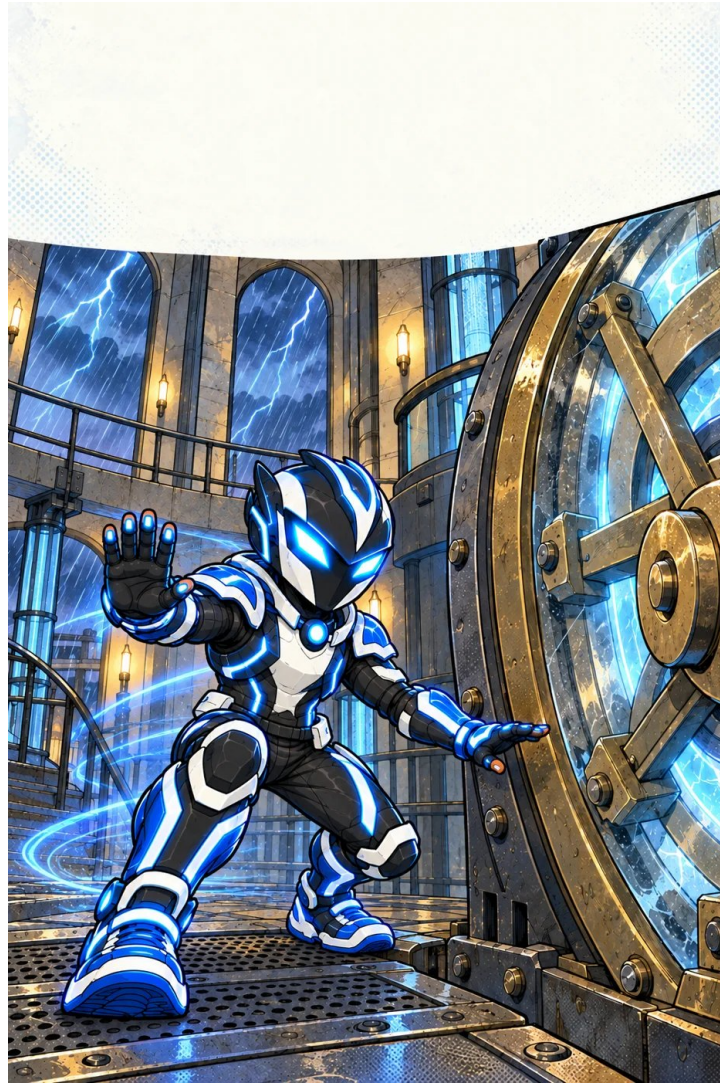
Marcus held the big light up.
Crack! The ground broke.
He did not let go.



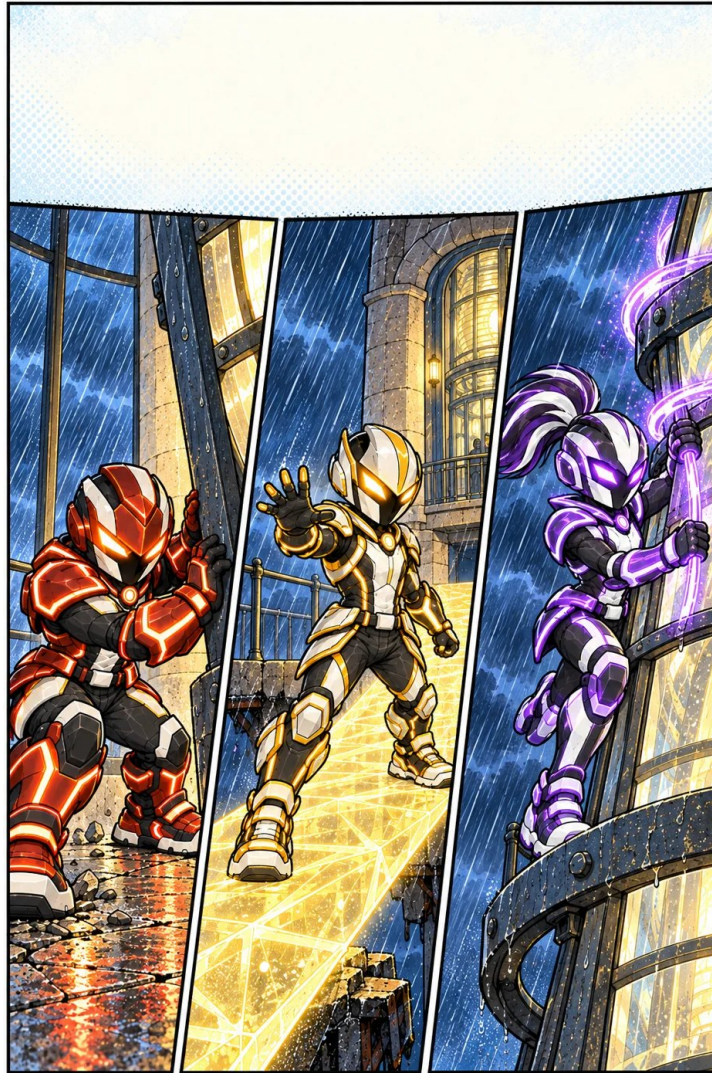
People ran over the gold bridge.
Rain hit it.
Evan held it still.



Sadie's rope slipped.
Leo tossed it back.
She tried again. This time it held.



Leo got to the wheel.
He wanted to turn it.
But his friends were not ready.



"Marcus?" "Ready!"

"Evan?" "Safe!"

Sadie held her rope. "Ready!"



"Go!" Leo turned the wheel.
Marcus pushed. Evan held on.
Sadie pulled.



The big light rose.
The city lit up.
"We did it!" said Leo.



Marcus gave Leo a broom.
"You can lead us as we clean!"
They all laughed.

When did Leo become a better leader?

Jesus taught that a great leader serves others. Leo first thought leading meant getting to every problem first. He became a better leader when he listened, trusted his team, and helped everyone do their part.

The Lightkeepers wait for the King by serving their city. Christians wait for Jesus, our King, to return. We can love and help people while we wait.

Mark 10:43-45 (paraphrase, not a quotation)

Jesus, help us lead by listening, helping, and serving others.

These are pilot editions, not formally assessed reading levels or a phonics curriculum. Choose by reading comfort, not age. AI helped create the adaptations and illustrations.

Grown-up reading help: preview the names Leo, Evan, Marcus, and Sadie. Some readers may also need help with city, tower, helmets, switches, wheel, bridge, and light. This is not a controlled decodable text.