Being in the wrong place at the wrong time was a talent that Elias Cooper wished he didn't possess.

The hovel where he grew up was squalid, flea-infested, cold. An underling, worth nothing: overlooked by the Medieval society he lived in.

So when Elias witnessed Wizard Ivras murder Bishop Jarin outside Five Victories Cathedral, he knew his life was over.

Even though Elias tried to hide, escape was impossible, Ivras transformed him into a gargoyle, frozen in time, destined to witness the crime scene.

Until...the rain began to change him, released to put things right - to become a hero.

- 1. What kind of person is Elias, which words show this?
- 2. What might have happened to Elias before this story began? Why do you think this?
- 3. Why do you think Elias couldn't hide from Ivras?
- 4. How might the rain change Elias? Is he still human? Is he a gargoyle? Or is he something else?
- 5. What might the ending of the story be? Why do you think this?

Be a detective.



When was the Medieval era? Why was part of it known as the dark ages?
Why were gargoyles originally created?
Find out about a famous wizard in history. What are they famous for?
Research a famous cathedral, or other place of worship. Where are they? Why are they famous?
Find out about a hero or heroine through history. Why are they inspirational?



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