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   3. It had been a beautiful sunny day. Now George saw the clouds begin to roll in. The gentle breeze of the day started blowing steadily. In the distance the blue sky was now a dark, angry purple. Far away, but coming closer, George saw something that scared him. He ran to the house to tell his mother that they needed to get into the storm cellar right away.

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What Happens Next?
For each scene below, write what you think will most likely happen next.

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   **Student should include a reference to the danger of the ball on the stairs.**

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