

Lesson 9

READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

Ralph

Ralph stopped growing taller when he was fourteen. He was the smallest one in his family. His brothers did not express sympathy. They called him “the pygmy” and “the shrimp.”

Ralph thought his smallness was a tragedy. At this juncture in his life, his future looked grim. Nature had played a bad trick on him.

It took time for Ralph to develop a philosophy. He decided that the size of his physical frame had nothing to do with his stature as a man. Ralph grew to be an admirable figure.