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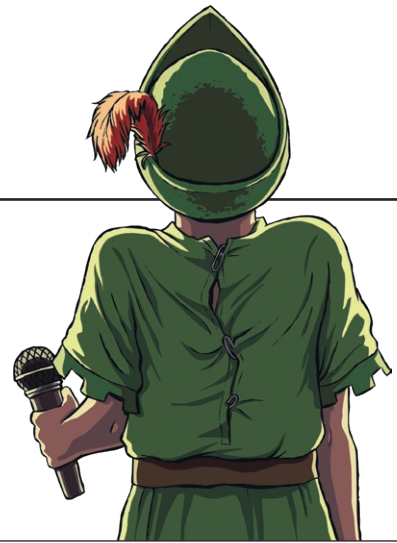
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How many full stops did you find?

How many capital letters did you find?

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Did you find any other types of punctuation?

Give two reasons why the author would use a capital letter.

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personal pronoun (I); proper noun (name); beginning a sentence; title

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