

Ostrich Boys
by Keith Gray

Q. What happened to Ross Fell?

A. Ross was killed by a car while riding his bike. He was 15 years old.

Q. Who are the Ostrich Boys?

A. Sim, Kenny and Blake.

Q. Who stole Ross' ashes?

A. Blake

Q. Why are they called the Ostrich boys?

A. Ostriches put their head in the sand and don't know what's going on.
Ross' friends didn't know what was going on with Ross.

Q. Why did Sim, Kenny and Blake vandalize Mr. Foster's house?

A. Mr. Foster was a mean history teacher at their school. He gave Ross a hard time.

Q. What did Sim write on Mr. Foster's front door in black spray paint?

A. Haunted by Ross Fell.

Q. Why didn't the boys like Ross' funeral?

A. They said the people who attended were hypocrites and that they were the only ones who knew Ross.

Q. Why did Blake steal Ross' ashes?

A. To bring Ross to Ross, Scotland on the southwest coast for a proper funeral. Ross was 260 miles from their home in Cleethorpes.

Q. What did the car driver who hit Ross tell the police?

A. Ross may have wanted to be hit, because he swerved his bike in the car's path.

Q. Who paid for the boys' trip to Scotland?

A. Kenny

Q. Why did the guys have to get off the train?

A. Kenny didn't have a ticket.

Q. What is a rucksack?

A. a backpack

Q. How did Kenny lose his money?

A. Kenny's money was in his rucksack that he left on the train.

Q. How did the boys travel from York to Blackpool?

A. By taxi.

Q. What was Sim's special talent?

A. Sim knew the collective noun for any group of animals: giraffe – tower, hippopotamus – bloat.

Q. Why did Blake bungie jump?

A. To earn 40 pounds to buy Kenny a train ticket.

Q. What were the names of the 3 girls that the Ostrich boys met on the train?

A. Kat, Kayleigh & Hayley

Q. What did Bacon write on the publicity photo of Blake bungie jumping?

A. If Fat Boy Can Do It, So Can You! I Dare You!!

Q. What did the girls see on television?

A. A story on the news that said that Ross killed himself and Sim, Blake & Kenny had made a suicide pact & were going off to kill themselves.

Q. When did the police chase begin?

A. Kayleigh loaned them 2 scooters. The police chased them on the scooters.

Q. Did the Ostrich boys ever get to Ross, Scotland?

A. Blake walked there, Kenny got a ride from Kat's stepfather, Sim didn't make it.

Q. What did Blake & Kenny do with Ross' ashes?

A. They sprinkled some in Ross and kept the rest for Ross' parents.

Q. Do you think Ross committed suicide?

A. Yes

Q. What were some of the things that Ross was troubled about?

A. Ross lost Nina to Blake

Ross' Dad was angry because Ross had lost his novel on the computer.

Kenny didn't come to fix the computer.

Caroline embarrassed Ross in front of his friends.

Munro beat him up.

Sim didn't help him when Munro beat him up.

Ross' mother was upset with him for what happened at school.

Q, Author Keith Gray is from England? How can you tell this by his writing?

A. Keith Gray used some words we don't use here: telly for television,
rucksack for backpack, beat of silence for moment of silence, dropkicked for drop.