Foreshadowing

**Foreshadowing:** a device a writer uses to prepare a reader for an event that happens later in the story. The use of foreshadowing also adds suspense. Foreshadowing takes the form of hints-bits of information that suggest to the reader what is coming. Writers provide foreshadowing by creating a **mood** that prepares a reader emotionally for what is to come, by including facts and details that provide clues, by revealing **character traits** that determine future action, or by describing events that suggest what might happen later.

**Practice:**

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| Hint (quote from the book) | Outcome (foreshadowed event) |
| **Example:**  “If you disobey the instructions, there’s a stiff penalty of another ten thousand dollars, plus possible government actions, on your return.” | **Example:**  Eckles disobeys instructions and faces consequences. |
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Once you have found several examples of foreshadowing hints and their outcomes, discuss the story’s title, *A Sound of Thunder,* How might it work as an example of foreshadowing?

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