Michael Jackson: The King of Pop

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1  1 Gary, Indiana, U.S.A.
   2 Gary was a poor industrial city with high unemployment, gangs, drugs and crime.
   3 Oakland and Chicago.
   4 Six – two girls and four boys.
   5 It was tiny, had only three rooms and was no bigger than a garage.

2  1 To create a family band.
   2 Four years old.
   3 The singer James Brown.
   4 He was very tough, strict and often violent.

3  1 1965.
   2 A woman watching them told Joe that “The Jackson Brothers” sounded old-fashioned and suggested “The Jackson 5” instead. Joe liked the idea.
   3 A group of nightclubs and theaters around the U.S.A. where black performers appeared.
   4 He imagined himself doing their dance moves. He stared at their feet, how they held their microphone and how they moved to the music. He tried to understand what they were doing and why they were doing it.

4  1 It was famous for its amateur night competition. Many of the great black stars of popular music had used their appearance at the Apollo to help their careers.
   2 Because they had an opportunity with Motown, the famous record company.
   3 Because almost all of the major black stars of the 1960s were with Motown, and it was Motown that had made them stars.

5  1 It was at a Christmas party at Berry Gordy’s mansion in Detroit. Many big Motown stars, including Diana Ross, were watching.
   2 It was like another country, another world, like a dream. The weather was warm and sunny, and the trees were green, even in the winter. There were orange trees, sunsets and beaches. There was Disneyland, Hollywood and the Sunset Strip.
   3 To be with Katherine, Janet, Randy and La Toya, and because if The Jackson 5 failed to become famous, they would need a home to return to.
   4 He lived with Diana Ross.

6  1 Both black and white teenagers.
   2 Because Diana Ross introduced the band as “Michael Jackson and The Jackson 5” – Joe wanted all the boys to be equal.
   3 Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

7  1 They moved to the expensive suburb of Encino. The house had a high fence and was protected with guards and security cameras. Outside, among the orange trees, there was a swimming pool and a tennis court. Inside there was a recording studio where the boys could record music.
   2 Hazel Gordy (the daughter of Berry Gordy).
   3 *Got to Be There*.
   4 Because he knew it was important to keep Michael happy.
   5 He developed acne.
8 1 Because he thought that Motown was not doing enough to promote The Jackson 5 and their new recordings.
2 Producing movies, especially movies starring Diana Ross.
3 La Toya, Randy and Janet were added to the act, and they began the show by singing traditional songs – the kind of songs that are enjoyed by middle-aged white people.
4 “The Robot”.
5 Because Jermaine was married to Berry Gordy’s daughter.

9 1 Jermaine ran out of the family house in Encino and drove his car to Motown’s headquarters, where he told Gordy everything that had happened.
2 He called Jermaine after the group’s first show at the Westbury Music Fair and told him that he had to choose between Motown and Epic, and between the Gordy family and the Jackson family.
3 Because Gordy was a tough man, a fighter and a winner. Michael watched him and learned from him.
4 It was owned by Motown.

10 1 He wanted Epic to let The Jacksons write all their songs on their next album.
2 He played the part of the scarecrow in the movie The Wiz, which was produced by Motown.
3 New York City.
4 Because he felt that he had been able to show the world that he had talent and confidence. He had also learned that he was a young adult with a bright future ahead of him, not a child star with his career behind him.

11 1 He did not want it to sound like a Jacksons album, and he wanted complete creative control.
2 Although he thought Michael was very quiet and shy in the beginning, he was impressed by Michael’s talent and happy that he was always prepared when he got to the recording studio. He also thought that giving Michael the freedom to express his talent was exciting, and that the result was going to be musical magic.
3 They were amazed – they had not expected anything so impressive from anyone in the Jackson family.

12 1 He said that he wanted to control his life and his career. He also said that he was unhappy with the way Joe had treated Jermaine, how The Jacksons had left Motown and The Jacksons’ Epic albums.
2 The private Michael was shy, sensitive and quiet; the public Michael was sexy, outgoing and confident.
3 Because Off the Wall won only one award and didn’t get Record of the Year.

13 1 His acne and his wide nose.
2 It was said that he wanted to look like Diana Ross, that he did not want to look like his father, and that this was another way that he could take control of his life.
3 Because instead of growing up and acting like a man, he began to act more like a boy. At the age of twenty-three, he began to buy toys and played children’s games.

14 1 His dream was still to record the most popular album in the world.
2 It was a huge hit, the best-selling album in the world.
3 He built a small version of Disneyland’s Main Street U.S.A. – with his favorite games and rides, puppets and robots, and animals and tropical birds – and a thirty-five-seat theater.

15 1 To celebrate Motown’s twenty-fifth anniversary.
2 Because of the way Gordy had treated the Jackson family when they left Motown.
3 He surprised Michael one day in a recording studio and got him smiling and talking about the old times.
4 He said he wanted to sing Billie Jean.
5 Nobody could believe his wonderful dance moves. They were sure that he was the King of Pop.
16 1 Eight.
   2 The hair on the back of Michael’s head caught on fire after the director decided to use an explosive. Michael began to scream and someone threw their jacket over Michael’s head to put out the fire. Then he was taken to hospital.
   3 He met President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy, and he was given an award.
   4 Because they thought the tickets for The Jacksons’ Victory tour were too expensive and that the system for selling tickets was unfair and too complicated. They thought the Jackson brothers were being greedy and treating their fans badly.
   5 He told his brothers to change the system for selling tickets and lower the ticket price, or he would not be part of the tour. He also announced that he would give all his money from the tour to charity.

17 1 He wanted it to be perfect, and a bigger seller than Thriller.
   2 Because it was funny seeing Michael – shy, sensitive, and his beautiful face covered with make up – dressed in a black leather jacket with an angry look on his face, trying to be tough and macho.
   3 That there was no one in Michael’s life to give him advice or to say no to him.

18 1 The name Neverland came from the classic children’s book, Peter Pan. In the book, Never Never Land was a magical fantasy land where children stayed young forever.
   2 She learned about it on a television program.
   3 He built it for children. He wanted to create a place where poor and sick children could escape their difficult lives and be happy.
   4 The Living Legend Award.

19 1 Just before the release of his album Invincible in 2001.
   2 Two times.
   3 Three.