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The angel squeezed him for a third time, let him go and said:

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"Read! In the name of your Lord, Who has created (all that exists), has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood.) Read! and your Lord is the Most Generous. " (Al Qur'an 96:1-3)

Put the events from the story in order from 1-4.

- The angel squeezed him for a third time.
- The Prophet ﷺ liked going to cave Hira' for worship.
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- The angel Jibreel came to him.

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