

# The Dump



These kids live far out of town. Their house and yard are always in ruins. Their parents do not tell them to clean up.



Sometimes they clean up by themselves, but it always feels like a lot of work. Then it just gets dirty again, so what is the point?



One day, a lady came by.

She said that she had a box of books that she was giving away.

The children did not have any books.



She sat down and opened them up.  
They liked the way that the pictures  
looked, but they could not read the  
books. So why would they need  
them?



They could not stop looking at the books. The lady said that if they were quiet, she would be happy to teach them how to read. She would also give the books to them if they looked after them.



The children started to tidy up.

They liked the place to look nice when the last came by once a week with new books to read with them.



But one day, the lady did not arrive.  
They waited and waited until the sun  
went down, but there were no new  
books to read.





They mad up their minds. They would have to go into the town and look for her. Maybe she was mad at them? They went to the town where there were neon lights and big buildings. It felt alien to them.



After a long search, they found her scarf tied to a grate on a window.  
They made their way up and knocked on the door.



The lady was sick. She wanted to read books, but she did not have the energy. All she could do was lay in bed and nap.



The children said that they would read to her like she had done for them so many times. It was a riot! They even made some new books themselves.



Before long, the lady was feeling like herself again. She was out of bed and able to make the trip out for their reading lessons again.





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