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BEGINNER LEVEL

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Money For a Motorbike



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It was the month of June and the weather was beautiful. Stuart left school. He was on holiday. But he was not happy. He did not have a motorbike.

Stuart was seventeen years old. He left school, but he did not start work. All his mates started work immediately, but Stuart did not want to work. He wanted a long holiday and he needed a motorbike.

Stuart lived in Leeds – a big city in the North of England. Leeds is a busy city – full of offices, shops and factories. It's not a good place for a holiday.

Martin, a friend of Stuart's, worked in a garage. Martin had a bike for sale. It was a beauty – a Japanese Suzuki. Martin wanted £350 for the bike, but Stuart did not have £350. He didn't have any money.

Stuart went and looked at the bike every day. It was a beauty. He wanted to buy it.

'Where can I find £350?' Stuart asked himself.



Stuart left the garage and walked back home. His house was in Blenheim Street, near the university. There were lots of old, empty houses in Blenheim Street.

The university was one of the biggest in England. The university often bought land and buildings. Most of the old houses in Blenheim Street belonged to the university.

Some of these houses had been empty for years. Stuart often searched through them. Sometimes he found old books and gramophone records.

'One day,' he told himself, 'I'll find something valuable.'



There was a large house at the corner of Blenheim Street. Its owner – a rich, old woman – had died a few days ago. The university bought the house immediately.

Now the house was empty. There was wood across the front door and the windows were broken.

Someone looked out of a window. It was a man of about twenty. He had long hair and was wearing a headband. He looked strange.

He was a squatter. Squatters live in old, empty houses and they don't pay any rent.

The stranger waved to Stuart. He wanted to speak to Stuart.

'What does he want?' Stuart asked himself.





