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Chapter 1

The Wild Jungle



It was a hot day and the class was restless during recess. Ms Ralston told them to go play in the jungle.

The 'jungle' was a small park next to their school. It had trees, vines and shrubs as well as a stream running through it.

"Let's pretend to be explorers!" Arika said.

"I'd rather be a pirate," Flynn said.

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"But explorers discover exciting new things," Arika said.

Flynn was stubborn. "I want to find buried treasure. Jonas can be my first mate," he said.

Jonas looked up then quickly buried his head back in his book.

Everyone laughed. Jonas could never be a pirate. He was as quiet as a mouse.



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As the junior explorers scattered into the shrubs, Jonas slipped away. He hid behind his favourite tree. He preferred to read rather than run around in the heat.

Mali was standing on a rock and cupped her hands around her eyes. She was pretending she had binoculars. She moved her head slowly from side to side. Then something unusual made her stop.

"Come over here!" she shouted. "Quickly!"



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Chapter 2

A Threat to the Jungle



Everyone came thundering towards Mali. Even Jonas peered out from behind his tree.

Ms Ralston hurried over, too. "What is it?" she called out.

Everyone was silent as they looked around. Wooden stakes with bright pink tape marked out a stand of trees. A big yellow bulldozer sat in a clearing.

"What's that for?" Arika asked.

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"It looks like they're going to build something here," Ms Ralston said.

Suddenly, she frowned as she read a sign on the fence. "They are going to clear the land to make way for a car park."

"We can't let them take our jungle away!" Flynn said. "We have to do something!"

"I agree," Ms Ralston said. "What do you think we could do?"

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