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Chapter 1

Friends Fall Out



Tommy and Billy lived in the same street, went to the same school, and were in the same class. They did everything together. They played soccer on the weekend, and often played at each other's houses after school.

They even shared the same hobby – collecting and trading Space Cards. Tommy got his first card for his eighth birthday, and Billy began collecting them soon after.

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One Tuesday at lunchtime, Tommy, Billy and the rest of their class stayed in the gymnasium because it was raining.

"I'll swap you my Mercury card for your Asteroid Belt card," said Billy to Emma.

Emma had the best Space Cards collection in the class. Billy had wanted the Asteroid Belt card for quite a while now. He showed Emma his Mercury card.

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"Hmm, I'm not sure," said Emma. "I'll have to think about it."

Tommy saw Emma's card and decided that he wanted it, too.

"How about I swap you my Saturn card for your Asteroid Belt card?" suggested Tommy. "I got it last week – it's brand new."

Emma carefully took the card out of Tommy's hand, and inspected it closely.

"It's a deal!" said Emma.



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Billy glared at Tommy. He was furious with him.

"You know that I've wanted that card for months!" said Billy.

"I know," said Tommy. "But I wanted it, too!"

Billy and Tommy stopped talking to each other. It was their first big argument. Their teacher, Mr Rossi, tried to get them to talk through their feelings. It was no good. The boys refused to look at one another.

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Chapter 2

Mr Rossi's Idea



Mr Rossi wanted his students to do other things during their free time, besides trade cards. All that his class could talk about were Space Cards, and now they were causing arguments. Enough was enough!

"Surely collecting Space Cards all the time can't be good for you," said Mr Rossi to his class.

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