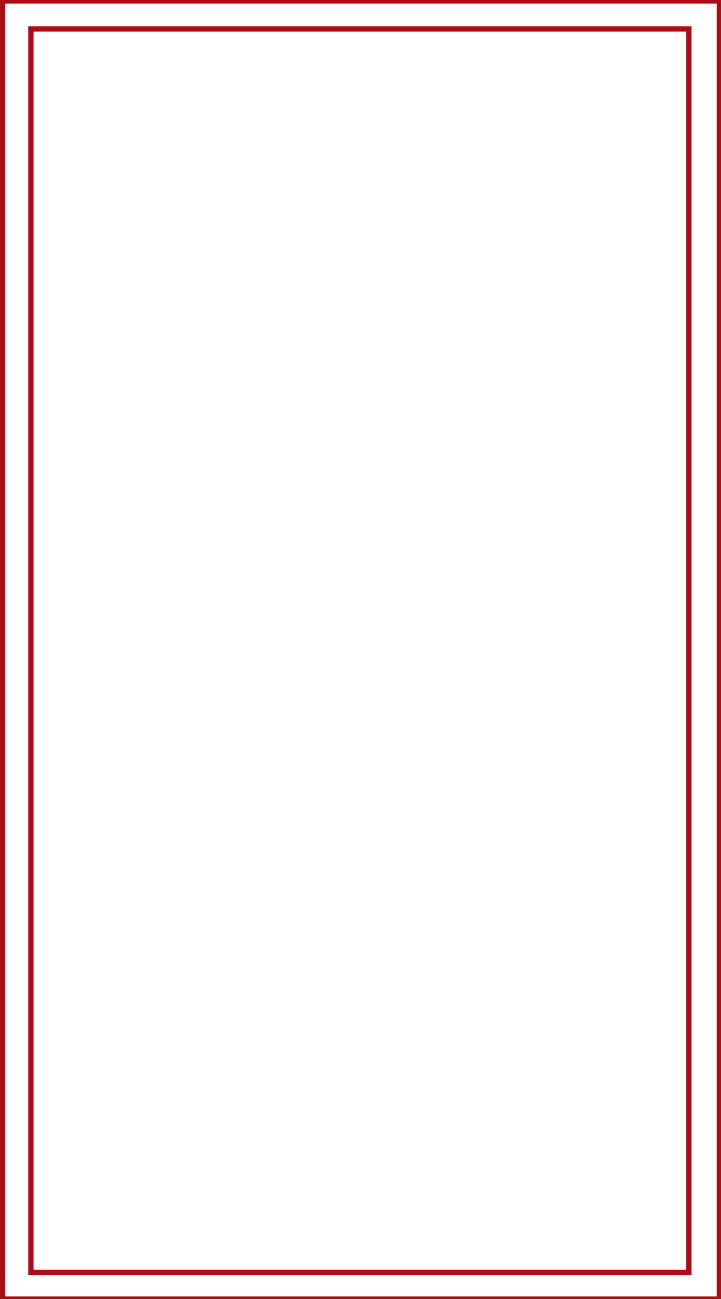


**IN WITH THE MONEY, OUT
WITH YOUR BUTT!!!**

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Once there was a little town call Gustin. Well, not so little of a town. It's actually a pretty big town. Hmm.... Lets just say it's a pretty big town, but that is not really important. This story is about the little bitty neighborhood in the city of Gustin, called West Javier Goozman. This little neighborhood is filled with rich culture, families that have lived here for generations, and the occasional food trucks.

Ah, what do we have here? It's little Cato, one of the young, chipper kids who has lived in the neighborhood for years. "Ahh, who said that? Who's there?" asked Cato nervously. "Wait, what? Is someone playing a prank on me? Who is calling my name?"

Hey kid, you're in can you just continue a story, stop break- ue with your day. ing the fourth wall!

"What the HE..."

"I'm in what now?!"

Wow! Kid, can't have

Kid, we just start- that type of language ed the story and in here. You are in a want to finish it as children's story, not soon as possible so a young-adult novel.



“What the bananas are you talking about? Also I’m not a cantaloupe kid, I am fifteen... (young) rabbits years old!” Cato said, censored. “That is not what I fu...” Cato stopped when he saw his friend Mari crying as she passed him.



“We are not done here, whoever you are!” Cato shouted. He turned and ran after Mari. “Arrh I have no time for this, Hey, Mari, wait up!”

Finally, we can proceed with the story.

Extremely out of breath, Cato caught up with Mari. “Hey Mari what’s wrong?” he asked. Suddenly, the sound of the heavy machinery backing up filled the air. Cato watched in horror as Mari’s family business was slammed with a wrecking ball and fell to rubble alongside with several other houses and businesses on the street.

The few that had not been torn down



had for sale signs in front of them.

“What in the world happened here?” Cato asked in complete shock.



“Mono called me and told me that Mr. Dino Cochinito was destroying everything.” **Mari said, her voice shaky.** “I was hoping that my parent’s shop was not one of them, but it’s gone. It’s gone. With no warning, **Kitti.**” **said Mari, her voice breaking.** **Cato pulled her into a hug as she started to cry.**

Side note, did she just called him kitty. I know that she spelled it differently but still, why kitty, sorry I mean Kitti.

“Hey, knock it off and leave us alone already!”
Cato shouted into the sky.

“Who are you yelling at, Kitti?” **Mari asked confused.**

“There’s some guy that has been following me around all morning and won’t leave me alone,”
he explained to her.

“What?! Have you called the police on him,
Kitti?” **she asked nervously.**

“No, ‘cause he won’t show himself, but I am sure he is nearby since I can hear him!”**He exclaimed, casting his eyes up towards the sky. “Stop narrating everything we do.” His eyes still on the sky like a dumb dumb.**



“Kitti, there is no one here. Who are you shouting at?” **She asked him with concern.**

“Do you not hear the guy who is narrating everything we are doing?” **He asked.**

“Oh, I know who you are talking about! It is the big man in the sky.” She answered happily. She explained to Cato.

“What are you talking about, Mari?” He asked, looking at her really confused.

“There is no way that the voice I’m hearing is The Narrator in the Sky. This guy has been annoying me all day.” Cato tells Mari coldly.

“The voice you are hearing is the big narrator man in the sky. The Man who listens



You know Kitti, even a Narrator has feelings that can be broken.



“Hey! You are not allowed to call me Kitti, only my friends call me that.” **The meany yells at the sky, looking like a crazy head.**

“Hey, Kitti, stop being mean to Mr. Narrator.”

She kindly defended me from mean, old, Cat Face.

“What! He is the one that is calling me names and won’t leave me alone!” **Cat Face argues dumbly.** ”See what I mean!”

“Hey Kitti, why are you yelling at Flutter again?” **a voice asked. Turning Mari and Cato saw their friend Mono walking towards them.**

“I’m not yelling at her, Monkey. I’m getting annoyed with the so call Narrator.” **Mean face explained.**”Wow, man, cool your jets. We don’t want his raft to come upon us, do you?” **Mono said wisely to Cat Face.**



“Wait, don’t you mean his wrath?” **Cat-o stated like a know-it-all. Not that he is one.**

“Nope. He will send his actual raft from the sky down to us and that will be the end of the world. You should know this story by now, it is the same story we have heard since we were little.” **Mono tells dumb Cat Head.**

“Hey could you-”

Suddenly Mono cleared his throat to tell Cat Head to make sure that next few words that came out of Cat Head’s mouth won’t be hurtful.

“I mean could you please stop calling me names?” **asked Cato with a fake sincere smile.**

But I’ll be the big guy and accept his apology.

“Arhg!” **Cato exclaimed. But it made me a bit happy to see his expression.**

“Anyways, I am really sorry Flutter. I know it must be hard to lose your family’s business. I tried to stop them but the bulldozers are controlled by robots.” **Mono explained. Even though it wasn’t his fault Mono tried to apologize anyways.**

“Hey, come on Monkey, stop joking around. This is serious. Besides bulldozers are not controlled by robots,” **Cato insisted to Mono.**

“Hey, I am being serious! I tried talking to the guys running the bulldozers so I could try and get them to stop. But it was all robots running those things,” **Mono was extremely serious. Cato could tell by the look on his face. Although Cato still doubted it, he would have to see it to believe it..**

“Ok if that is true, then why are they destroying all these places? And Mari’s store of all places?” **Cato asked his friends. It felt like no one had any answers.”Wait, were your parents able to get their product of the store before they demolished it?.” He asked Mari. He knew the answer as soon as he saw Mari’s eyes well with tears.**

“Dude, I was out here since this morning, they just came in and started destroying everything. All of the their stuff was still in the building. No one had a chance to get anything out before they started demolishing things. Thank goodness no one was in the building when it went down,” **Mono explained. Cato’s expression changed to one of disbelief listening to Mono.**



“What?! They didn’t even check to see if there was anyone in the store!?”

“Nope, they just came in and start destroying the street.” **Mono said. The three of them stared at the remains of Mari’s family’s piñata store.**

“But why? Why did they do this? Whoever it is they are going to pay,” **Cato said angrily.**

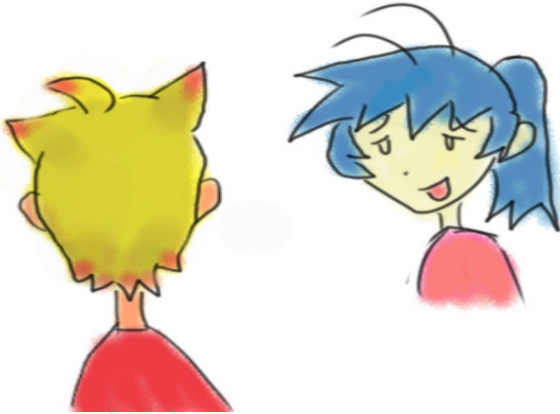
Just a quick reminder this is a children’s book and there can be no violence in it. So your pay back has to be harmless or it can not be in this story.

“What do I care at this point? Destroying all the businesses and homes was a heartless thing to do!” **Shouted Cato angrily.**

“Hey Kitti, calm down. You’re upsetting Flutter,” **Mono said pulling Cato back into the present and the people around him. Cato looked at Mari apologetically.**

“Are your parents okay, Mari?” **She nods to answer his question.**

“They are alright they just went down-town to figure out who and why they



destroyed our store.”

“I thought you said that Dino did it?” **Cato commented.**

“They wanted to make sure before pointing figures.” **Mari explain to Cato.**

As they were talking a limo pulled up and out came out Dino Cochinito. Dino is the landlord of most of the buildings around town. “I want all this crap gone within five minutes. Time is money and I don’t pay you lazy ass robots to do nothing! Actually, I don’t even pay you at all. You’re robots. Hahahaha, man, I crack myself up. But seriously, you nerds running the robots, if you don’t clear up this area, I’ll have these robots destroy your home next!” **Dino shouted into his phone.**



“Hey Narrator, did you not hear what he said. Why did you not censor him?” **Cato asked concerned.**

Well you see he looks very scary.

“What?! He is just a short, pompous man? How in the world are you scared of him?” **exclaimed Cato.**



this story.

“Well actually we both agree with Mr. Narrator.” **Both Mono and Mari said in unison.**

“What are you guys talking about? I mean he does look ugly, but not scary.”

Wow kid you can't say anything nice to anyone in

“But wait you were calling me a lot mean things!” **Cato argued.**

Well you don't really have any feelings.

“Wow, that was too mean!” **Cato said.**

“Yeah we can see that,” **Mono and Mari agreed without a second thought.**

“What do you guys really think that?” **Cato asked his friends sadly.**

“Come on Dude, we are just messing with you.” **Mono joked. “Aww Kitti, don't feel so sad we didn't mean it.” Mari said.**

“Do you guys really mean i...”

“Hey, what are you annoying, good for nothing brats doing at my future parking lot?” **Dino Cochinito asked angrily. So rudely interrupting Cato.**

“Hey are you Dino Cochinito, the guy that destroy...”

“I know what you little twerps are going to say and yes I am building a new neighborhood mall in this location. Now, I know that there are little brats filled with

money who just can't wait till my great mall gets here. There is no waiting line without



paying.”

“No, that is not why we are here! Why did you destroyed the Posa's piñata store?” **asked**

Cato to the mean old Cochinito.

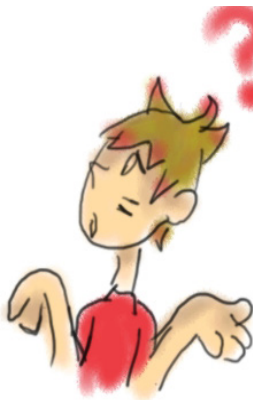
“What are you talking about you little brat, I own all this whole neighborhood. I can do whatever I want to this neighborhood and what I want is to make more money and this place that doesn't make enough. Not compared to the money my new mall and parking lot will be making,” **the big, evil Cochinito stated.**

“What and that gives you the right to destroy all of these buildings? Without giving them any kind of warning to even get their stuff out?” Cato argued.

“Yeah, you didn’t even checked if people were still in the building and your bulldozers almost ran me over when I tried to stop them from destroying the building!” **Mono exclaimed.**

“Hahaha that is your fault for being dumb and not even being able make enough money for me. Also that reminds me, whoever out there who is voicing everything that we are doing, don’t forget that I bought you off. So I don’t want to hear you anymore!” **said Señor Cochini...**

I mean yes sir.



“Wait what does he mean he bought you off? Did you sell out to him?” **said Cato.**

“Ah ah ahhh, you know what will be the consequence for not doing what I tell you.”

Sorry sir I will stop and I'm so sorry Cato but I needed the money to fix up my boat I was in need of great repair short time. He offered to pay if I stop narrating around him and if I don't keep my end he will destroy Nessi the boat.

“Now listen you ugly little snot, this should show you that what I want I get. Always. And I don't need you little annoying rats or any of these crappy little businesses in my neighborhood.”

“But there are a lot of families live and work in this neighborhood for years you can't just destroy everyone's houses and business just because you want more money.”

“Hahaha you just too poor to understand what I am doing. You now what here is a hundred dollars for each of you so you can feel like you are rich.”

“What, you know that is offensive for offering that much money!!”

“Well that is about how much all the the crap that was in that store.”

“What My family put all their hard work in creating this store from nothing!”

“Hahaha that is what I mean all of this junk worth nothing at least you’re getting something for it.”

“What that is not junk!!”

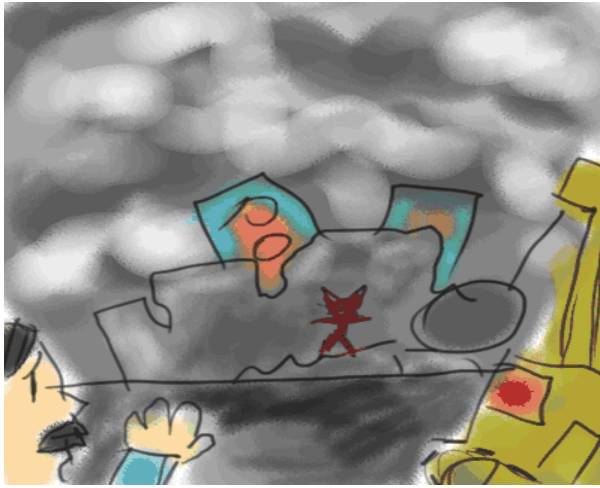
“Well it looks like junk to me from here.”

“Because you bulldozed my family store!!”

“Hey Mari, just calm down he is not worth it, we just need to wait for your father to get back with the authorities to do something about this.”

“Ha! You little snots crack me up. Do you not know that I also own the police station around here and you know what I am tired of talking to spit crap. So if you little ankle crapper don’t leave my property then I will have the police put you in jail for several years.”

Sir that is going a little bit too extreme don’t think with the threats and all that the harsh language you are saying to these kids.



“Hey I can say whatever I want I’m rich also hey shut your mouth for the rest of the story or I will destroy your “boat” next just for fun.”

“Hey narrator guy, don’t listen to him. He can’t control you.”

“Wow you really don’t listen well, I am a made of money and that means that I can do whatever. Nerds! Use your robots to get these kids out of here and destroy the rest crappy neighborhood. I want my new parking lot and super hipster mall!”

“No you can do this!”

“Someone please stop him!”

“Hey wait! Kid, get back here!”

“You will stop your bulldozers right now because will not move out the way...Wow ah!”

“Cato are you okay?”

“I’m fine I just fell in. Ahh I got my leg stuck!”

“Mr. Cochinito you have to stop your machine Cato is stuck in the rubble!”

“You kids are still here get this brat out here and hey nerds don’t stop those bulldozers clear away all this stuff!”



“But sir, there is a kid stuck in the rubble.”

“If you guys don’t continue working then I’ll make you guys the rubble these bulldozers clear. If there was a kid under there I guess he is stupid and consider himself lucky to be the foundation of my mall.”



“I’m so sorry kids but I have to do it.”

“What you can let this happen!”

“No this can’t be happening to me. I’m going to die. I’m going to die. Wait no I can’t die right this is a Children’s story and no in there dies right. Am I right Narrator? Narrator, you can hear me! Please help me, no help us. Help all of West Javier Goozman neighborhood please!!!” **Shouted Cato as a loud crashing noise filled the air. A huge dirt cloud appeared out of nowhere and blocked the sight of the workers.**

“No Cato (Kitti)!!!” Both
Mari and Mono shouted.

“Wait that voice thought I told you be quiet!”
shouted the big, pig Dino. But soon his mouth
dropped open for when the dirt cloud cleared
up the whole neighborhood was back to nor-
mal and Cato was completely unharmed.

“ Kitti you’re ok!!!” shout-
ed both Mari and Mono in joy.
“Hey, what happen to my bull-
dozers and why is everything re-
paired!!!” Shouted mean, old Cochinito.

*Your little toys were taken out of the story be-
cause this story has gotten too far. I can stay quite
for the whole story but I am not going to let you
hurt these little kids, I mean young teens anymore.*

“I have money, I don’t have to care what
happens as long I make money. Talking
about money you broke our contract
so that mean I get to destroy your pre-
cious boat.” Dino said all full of himself.

*Oh you’re right about one thing Cochini-
to, Nessi will get destroyed but I will destroy
something else. That would be the full pockets.*





“What, you can’t do that I’m rich!” **Dino Cochinito said terrified.**

Yes I can do that am the big narrator in the sky. You came in with all your money and you will be going out with butt!

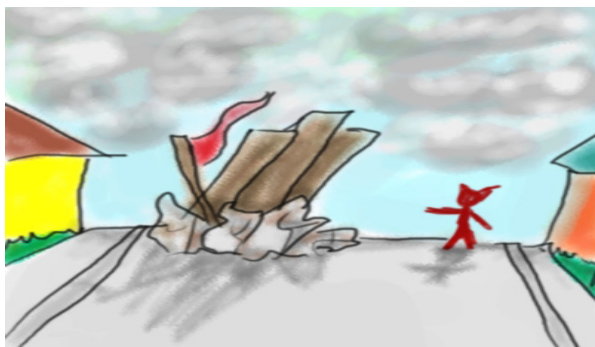
After I said that, My Nessi rain down from the sky and blew Dino into the sky with all his money.

“Wow, that was amazing thank you for saving our butt and little kitten’s butt.” **Mono said happily.**

“Thank you so much Mr. Narrator for fixing my parents business, our whole neighborhood, and saving Kitti.” **Mari said kindly to me.**

“Yeah thank you for all your help and saving my life.” **Cato said. He slowly turned bright red as Mari got closer to him.**

“Hey you’re right Mr. Big Guy, he is turning red. Hey, you two get a room.” **Mono said to both Mari and Cato jokely.**



“Anyway I am guessing this is your raft that the prophecy keeps talking about?” asked Cato.

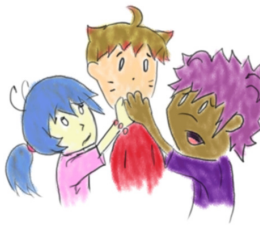
Yes this is my raft I have spent many stories building it.

“Dang I am so sorry that you had to destroy your raft helping us.” Cato said sincerely.

It is ok Cato, I couldn't just sit there quietly and let that pigman kill you and have his way. This is a children's story and that means no deaths, plus I am the narrator I can magically fix Nessi.

“Wait couldn't you just magic improve your raft without borrowing money from Dino?”

“No, don't asked that Cato. Did you forget the prophecy?” Both Mari and Mono stumbled over their words trying to prevent Cato from talking.



“Oh no it is close.”

“What are guys talking about?”

“The end is close.”

“No that can't be.”

The three friends continued discussing but they were wrong the end is closer than they think. With Dino gone everything all nice normal, this story has reached its end and everyone lived happily ever after. Well close to happily ever after since this is life and life is never easy but is it pretty happily.



The End



About The Author, The Story and Special Thanks

Hello, I am Jose the author of this story. I am a graphic design student at St. Edward's University and this story was a my project for my graphic design III class. The project had to do with making a book that had to do with the neighborhood East Cesar Chavez in Austin.

I decided to make a sort of a fairy tale that was based off the Piñata and Party Store that was demolished february 12 of last year. My story is completely different than what happen on that day. I also tried to add a bit hispanic culture in this story since the neighborhood is rich in hispanic culture. However the big point that I wanted to point out in my little story is that gentrification is a pretty big issues in this neighborhood hopefully was clear in my story with that subject.

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