

LITERACY PLUS

Killer Litter

“Sam, finally school has ended. I can show you the rocket spaceship that I bought yesterday!” Rick told Sam. Sam nodded. Sam and Rick were friends and they chatted animatedly while walking towards Rick’s residential block. As it was a blazing hot day, they were perspiring profusely.

Suddenly, the shout of a woman from above made Rick look up. What he saw made him freeze. A falling glass bottle was heading right towards Sam’s head!

“Sam, watch out!” Rick cried. However, before Sam could react to the warning, the bottle had landed directly on his head. Rick gasped. His jaw dropped and his eyes widened like saucers.

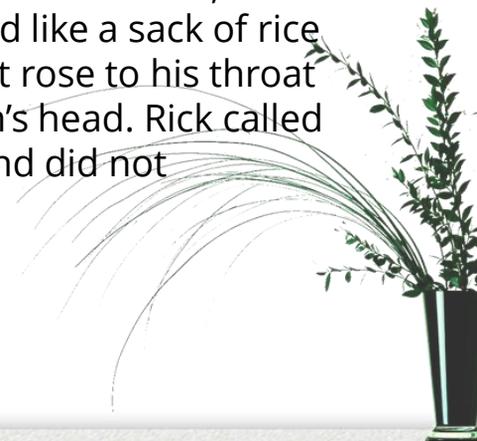
“My forehead...” Sam uttered feebly. Within moments, Sam began swaying on the spot and finally collapsed like a sack of rice to the ground. Rick froze in shock and his heart rose to his throat as he saw crimson blood smeared all over Sam’s head. Rick called out Sam’s name loudly a few times but his friend did not respond. Rick was horrified.

修缮家园的一角。

舒适的桌椅，暖暖的阳光。

一杯好茶，一本好书。

在这里。





A passer-by who had heard the commotion hurried over and asked what had happened. After understanding the situation, he took out his handkerchief and held it against Sam's forehead wound to stop the bleeding. Taking deep breaths, Rick whipped out his phone to call for the ambulance. He related the incident in one breath, gripping the phone so tightly his knuckles turned white.

After ten minutes, the paramedics arrived. When they had assessed the situation, they told Rick to call Sam's mother who arrived shortly. Then, Sam's mother and Rick accompanied Sam to the hospital in the ambulance.

Soon after, they arrived at the hospital. The doctor examined Sam and treated his gaping wound. Sam, who was still unconscious, was then warded for further observation.

An hour later, Rick went to visit Sam at his ward. He hugged Sam on knowing that his best friend was fine. "Thank you, Rick! My mummy told me what you did!" said Sam as he held Rick's hand tightly. Learning a painful lesson and realising that they may not be so lucky the next time, both boys decided that they would walk in the safety of HDB void decks in future, and be additionally careful should they have to walk directly under the windows of housing units.

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