


READING

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1 Melanie and her husband David were a very adventurous couple. They had traveled loads of places, went camping regularly, and loved the outdoors in general. The past few years Melanie and David had not showed much of their courageous side, due to David going to school Full Time. David had decided to go back to college to pursue his life-long dream of becoming a Football coach. He was finally about to graduate from college. Melanie knew him. He had mentioned skydiving. Melanie had her fear of heights.


2 There was a skydiving place right on the outskirts of college, and Melanie decided to book the event. She made a reservation a few weeks from his jump. It was a surprise for David. Her plan was to buy on to the location, jump, and then go out for a burger. Melanie had a wake the night before. She was nervous. She thought about the plank money. We have all seen the movies where ruthless pirates make their victims jump to shark infested waters. Although this makes for great movies, everything you have read and heard about pirates are not always true. Salons of pirates had their own codes of conduct. If you saw a cross bone flag waving in the distance, also known as a Jolly Roger, you should turn your ship another direction.




3 Melanie was of the plan. David was nervous. We kept counting down.



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6 Soon after his ship became shipwrecked, Blackbeard was forced to abandon it. After heading into the nearest port in North Carolina, he exchanged his seat for his life. The governor of Virginia did not accept the exchange and sent a small troop to kill the pirate. On November 22, the navy caught up with Blackbeard, and he did not go down without a fight. There was a sword fight, and Blackbeard was killed. It is said that this pirate captured over 30 ships in his short career as a pirate.

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
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1 One man's trash is another man's treasure is a popular saying. For a scared, tired kitten, this statement was literally true. An orange Tabby cat is known to be one of the friendliest types of felines, but this particular kitten was not feeling friendly. After many months of starvation and being run over, a fatigued, helpless kitten crawled on top of a pile of trash and went to sleep. The little creature did not know that help was on its way very soon.



2 Kattie worked in a courthouse in Bellevue, Texas, located in Austin county, a small town in Texas. One morning while walking into the building, a bright orange spot caught Kattie's eye. Without paying much attention, she went inside to work. Around noon, Kattie was headed out the door to grab a bite to eat. The spot caught her attention again. She walked around to the back of the building to notice the orange spot was actually a baby kitten lying there. It looked like a bag of bones, it can't weigh more than a couple pounds." Kattie later told her daughter on the phone. "With a second thought, Kattie picked up the cat and drove it to her home."




3 After an examination, the vet explained that the kitten had several broken bones in its leg, and needed emergency surgery. "The animal is in a lot of pain, and was probably hit by a car," the vet told Kattie. "She is also almost a year old." The vet continued "It appears she has had extreme starvation in her life." "Soothe me for a moment," started Kattie. She rushed off of the building to call her husband. After a few moments, Kattie came back to tell the vet to do whatever she needed to do to help the little feline.




4 The baby kitten was out of surgery and back at Kattie's home a few hours later, where she was nursed back to health by Kattie. Kattie decided to name the kitten after the county she was found in. Months passed, and she proved to have a big personality, and an even bigger appetite. "Austin is going to eat us out of house and home," Kattie joked to her husband. The cat would demand food by meowing and what sounded like singing whenever its bowl was empty. She eventually grew to be over 10 pounds. Kattie enjoyed the new member in her home. The cat loved being scratched under her chin and right in between her ears. She would purr and purr when this was done. The cat would also rambunctiously run through their home bating off invisible objects. Kattie knew she had done the right thing by rescuing the animal. The orange tabby cat, showed her forever gratitude to Kattie by curling up by her each night to sleep.

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1 Arthur and Gary were talking a mile a minute down the hallway about their upcoming baseball game. The two boys were both on the Blue Pirates baseball team and had suffered a major loss earlier in the week to the Dusty Ducks. The two were talking strategy when Arthur walked into the classroom, and suddenly froze. Arthur gazed quietly as he stared at Mrs. Leaver's desk. There they were, in a huge stack, the tests the class had taken on Monday.



2 Mrs. Leaver and Arthur exchanged glances, and Mrs. Leaver gave Arthur a sly, sly look. Mrs. Leaver's eyes appeared to be bloodshot, and he noticed a huge cup of coffee steaming on her desk. Arthur's heart sank, and he quickly put away his backpack and went to find his seat. The night prior to the test was the Protes major defeat, and his baby sister had been up all night crying. Arthur was normally a straight A student, but this test was not his best attempt.

3 Arthur watched as Mrs. Leaver frantically wrote the lessons on the board for the class to complete. He was a little surprised because his teacher normally had the information on the board before the students arrived. She started barking orders at the kids as they arrived. "Class, quick take out your papers and begin the writing lesson," she said. "I need everyone to be quiet!" she demanded, "I can't hear the announcements."

4 The class quickly quieted as the principal started to say the Pledge of Allegiance. On routine, all the students put their hands on their hearts as Mrs. Leaver rushed over to the flag behind her desk. As she was walking, she tripped on an electrical cord and started falling towards her table. Her hands extended straight in front of her. What seemed to be slow motion, the students watched as the coffee flew into the air. Mrs. Leaver's mouth wider, and the liquid got crusting down all over the papers on Mrs. Leaver's desk.



5 Mrs. Leaver shouted "No!! I haven't recorded the grades yet!! She ran to her desk hysterically and picked up chipping paper after chipping paper. She ran out of the room, grabbed paper towels and quickly ran back in. As she dabbed the mess, she saw the tests were beyond repair. She asked the class to continue their writing assignment as she repaired the composition, and tried to figure out what she was going to do next.

6 After the writing block was over, Mrs. Leaver gathered the class to inform them of a change. "Well kids," she began, "I have some good news and some bad news." The good news is some of you who did not do well on the tests from Monday, will have another night to study. We will retake the test tomorrow morning, first thing. "What's the bad news?" one of the students asked. "The bad news, Mrs. Leaver started to state to the class. "Is that I will have to pull another all nighter grading them."

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The rain continued to pour the remainder of the day. Ivy's sense of enthusiasm definitely lessened that evening when her mom handed her her suitcase. "I want to you take only your favorite things," stated her mother. "We don't have a lot of time, so please hurry and meet me in the car in 10 minutes." Ivy turned to face her bedroom, and let out a long sigh. "I will never hate the end of summer again," she muttered under her breath. She entered her bedroom to pack, she did not know when she would return to their home.

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