

The Future

It was July 3rd, 2016; it was a hot day in Clarksville! Max and his big brother Jake decided to go out to Lickity Split for some ice cream. After their ice-cream the boys decided to drive a long way home they turned down a side road but they didn't see the road signs saying "do not enter." As Max continued down the road he all of a sudden lost control and spun into a big hole. The car spun as it fell deeper and deeper and then BOOM, they hit the ground. It was so dark, they couldn't see anything so Max turned on the headlights and reached back to grab the emergency flashlights. The boys decided to get out of the car to look around because the hole was so big. Max shone his flashlight to his right and saw that they were in a cave; Jake suggested they go into the cave to find a way out. They saw a small green circle glowing at the end of a tunnel, they slowly walked towards it. Max clicked it and a big slab of the cave started moving to the side. It became brighter and brighter in the cave. Max and Jake looked at each other and said, "Let's go in." They couldn't believe their eyes; they blinked a few times to see if their eyes were actually seeing what they thought. The ground was littered with cans, plastic bags, broken down cars, pop bottles, building rubble, and rusty old bicycles. The air smelled so bad they wanted to puke. They started to walk around and continued to see pollution everywhere. The trees had no leaves, nothing seemed to be living, just then they saw two people standing down the street. Max and Jake walked towards them to ask where they were. The people looked at them with a strange look, and told them that they were in Clarksville. "What? Are you serious? How can this be Clarksville?" Jake asked, he had so many questions. The two men invited Max and Jake to their home to explain. A cat ran by Max and Jake; it had no fur on its tail and

only one eye. They got to the house which looked very familiar, they went in. The strangers offered them a drink and on the fridge was a picture of themselves, Jake asked "Who are those people?" One man said "that is me, Jake and my brother Max." Jake asked in a shaky voice "What! But we are Max and Jake, "what year is this?" "its 2036" explained the future Jake. They could not believe it; they didn't know what to say. Max and Jake looked at each other and knew what to do; they ran back to the tunnel door and clicked the green button which made a ramp appear. They got back into their car and quickly drove up the ramp back home to 2016. When they got home they started cleaning up their house right away. After that they started to tell their friends how important it is to reduce, reuse and recycle. They invited all their friends, family and neighbours for a clean-up party and told them to clean up the city. The future started getting cleaner and cleaner every day. Max and Jake gave everyone a job to make sure the future stayed clean. From that forward no one littered, no one smoked, more people walked or rode their bicycles and they had a clean-up party every three months.