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The Garden on the Roof: Comprehension

Fiction story · about 210 words

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By midsummer, the roof was bursting with sunflowers, herbs, tomatoes, and wildflowers. One afternoon, Zoe spotted a fat bumblebee buzzing between the flowers. Then a monarch butterfly floated by. Neighbors who had never spoken before now met on the roof every evening to water plants and share stories.

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3. **Detail:** What did Zoe do to raise money for soil?

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