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## Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting\*\*\* October 20, 2023

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: A Children's Story

Leader: Marlene

Again, in sweltering heat, with no respite on the horizon, we took refuge for our meeting at Frutties, Planet Charmilles, as the Reading Room in the Library was not available to us. We ordered our tea and settled down in comfort for our meeting. Our meetings will be held at Frutties until further notice.

In attendance was **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Françoise**, and **Zinat**. **Carol** and **Kartik**. passed on their apologies.



### Business:

**Rose** reminded all of the Autumn Book Sale which will be held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the Library.

**NB:** Due to the planned absence of at least three of our members the September meeting has been transferred to **December 15, 2023**.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our pieces on 'The Road not Taken'.

### Reading:

**Zinat** began our reading with looking back on life. By earning a living, reaching crossroads, furthering education at night, immersing in music and restricting dreaming. All these

thoughts led to 'what if' questions which in fact proved that the road taken was the best.

**Rose** read 'Learning the hard way.' Joy approached her grandmother for advice, on how to choose between Johnny and Jeff, which led to her grandmother telling her about the choice between her grandfather and Eddie. Eddie was a handsome and exciting man. Except, he had two other women on a string. Many years later she ran into Eddie and his wife. Eddie had turned into a bald, paunchy, unimpressive man.

**Marlene** followed with 'Into the Unknown'. Jane's preparation to immigrate to Canada from the UK was in its final stages. She was excited as she sorted out clothes, planned who and where she would live and looked forward to her new job in Toronto. Anxious for a letter from her parents and worried about their reaction to her decision, she was shocked when a telegram came instead, telling her about a road accident. Her plans changed and she went home to her duty.

**Françoise** told the story her grandparents told – an old Jewish tale of Moishe who lived in Chelm, Poland. One day, always a dreamer, he told his wife and two children that he will be leaving for a while, and left on his journey playing music on his fiddle. When he became tired, he

fell asleep under the shade of a tree. He resumed his travel and came upon a village similar to Chelm. Surprised he saw the people living in the house looked exactly like his wife and children. He decided to stay and every summer night he sat under the stars wondering about how the world was made of many Chelms.



### **Future Dates & Assignments:**

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for **2023**:

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- Sep 15 **CANCELLED: see December**
- Oct 20 A Children's Story - Marlene
- Nov 17 A Book Review – Rose
- Dec 15 A Biography - Françoise