



★ In the Neighborhood

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A neighborhood full of anthropomorphized animals (and one ogre) lives in a tenuous sort of harmony: they all mutually ignore one another. But when Mrs. Paquita, a literal night owl, loses her internet connection, her neighbor, a tech-savvy pig, comes to her aid. Their interaction initiates a cascade that transforms the neighborhood into a community. Muted watercolor illustrations lend their brush to this story about the friends we can find if we let go of assumptions and reach out to others.

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