

CJ BAKER

Mover and Shaker



Goodbye Garbage

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MEET CJ

I'm CJ Baker. I live with my mom and dad, my big brother, Ben, and our dog, Tank. My best friend, Lu, lives across the street.

I have ADHD. That is short for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. My brain moves fast with ADHD. Sometimes I daydream. Sometimes I forget things. I like to move and talk a lot. I'm always on the go!



Dad

Mom

Ben

CJ

Lu

Tank

Lots of Someones



I let out a big yawn. “How many hours have we been pulling weeds?” I asked my dad.

Dad checked his watch. “Four minutes,” he said.

I sighed. Then I stood and looked around.

“There’s a lot of litter on the sidewalks,” I said.

Dad nodded. “Someone should clean it up.”

“How about two someones?” I asked. “We can pick up the trash.”

“Great idea, CJ,” Dad said. “Mom and Ben can help too.”

“That makes four,” I said.

Dad smiled. “Good math.”



“Can Tank come too?” I asked.

“Tank can’t pick up litter.

He’s more of a *something* than a *someone*,” Dad said.

“He loves walks,” I said.

“Okay.” Dad nodded. “We’ll take Tank.”

“And Lu?”

Dad nodded again.



“And—”

“That’s plenty of someones,”
Dad said.

I grinned. “We’ll pick up so
much trash! Let’s go!”



CHAPTER 2

Garbage Party



I left the house with Mom, Dad, Ben, and Tank. We had trash bags, doggy doo bags, grabbing sticks, and gloves.

It was fun to be doing something together. I couldn't wait to ask Lu to help too.

