

Wanted

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Oliver is a ten year old boy who has a not so good life. He doesn't have a mom or a dad. He doesn't even know his full name. His home is on the street – the street right behind Bunker Library in Los Angeles. He learned to read on his own when he was seven years old. On this day, Oliver is sitting on his usual bench when an old man came and sat next to him. The man began talking to him, and after hearing of his situation, offered to take him to his house to stay for a bit.

A few weeks passed. Oliver now found himself in a situation where he could not leave the bedroom unless he had to go to the bathroom. The old man rarely talked to Oliver. Instead, he usually watched the news on TV. Oliver thought he heard the words “looking for Oliver” from the TV. Who was looking for him? Why isn't this kind man helping me instead of holding me captive in this room?

And then he heard sirens. Then a helicopter overhead. Then loud banging on the front door. Oliver was so afraid that he hid in the bedroom and waited until the noises went away. But the bedroom door opened, and there they were – the police. They told young Oliver that he was now safe. Oliver found out that his parents had been looking for him for years, and the police helped to reunite them with the boy. The family was happy, Oliver was happy, and finally a family once again together as one.