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Each night before the boy went to bed,
he would light the fire.
He would squeeze beside Grandma on her favourite chair.
The house would be quiet, except for the turning of a page
and the ticking of a clock.

And Grandma would show
the boy her photographs.



Grandma had been an architect. She made the tallest skyscrapers, the most beautiful palaces, and museums and libraries bigger than towns. But they would be nothing, she said, compared to the house she would build for the boy.





The house would sit on the hill that lay on the horizon, over the city and beyond the sea.

"When will we move there, Grandma?" the boy would ask. Grandma would just nod her head and say, "Soon."