**WHAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS & OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES IN “ALMOST HOME”-TO BE CONTINUED**

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| PAGES 50-53 | REBA AND SUGAR WERE FORCED OUT OF THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY COULDN’T PAY BILLS | THIS SHOWS US THAT PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HOMES WHEN THEY CAN NO LONGER PAY THE BILLS |
| PAGE 10 AND 11 | ACCORDING TO SUGAR’S POEM, HER DAD BORROWS MONEY AND NEVER GIVES IT BACK. | THIS TEACHES ME THAT SOME PEOPLE MAY LOSE THEIR HOME DUE TO GAMBLING ISSUES |
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| PAGE 72 | THE CHARACTER SOMETIMES DRINK ALCOHOL IN THE SHELTER | THIS SHOWS THAT SOME HOMELESS PEOPLE MAY BECOME DEPENDENT ON ALCOHOL |
| PAGE 72 | “NORMALLY SHE DOESN’T DRINK EXCEPT WHEN MR. LEELAND IS AROUND….” (SUGAR’S DAD) | ALCOHOL PLAYS A ROLE IN THIS FAMILY AND MAY PLAY A ROLE IN OTHER HOMESSLESS FAMILIES |
| PAGE 21 | SUGAR IS BEING PICKED ON BECAUSE HER DAD IS NOT AROUND | THIS TEACHES ME THAT PEOPLE GET TEASED FOR BEING DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS—LIKE NOT HAVING A DAD |
| PAGE 75 | “WHEN I GET HOME SOMEDAY…I’LL FIND MY HOME SOMEDAY…” EVEN THOUGH CHARACTER IS HOMELESS, SHE DOESN’T GIVE UP IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY. SHE IMAGINES HERSELF BACK IN A HOME. | THIS SHOWS US THAT EVEN THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS, NEVER GIVE UP HOPE OF FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE. |
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