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THERE'S A PIECE OF PROPERTY, A LITTLE PLOT OF REAL ESTATE THAT I'VE MANAGED FOR QUITE A WHILE. IT'S NOT MUCH NOR IS IT SOMETHING GREAT TO SPECTATE. IT'S RATHER SMALL in size but tends to room a lot of people. It was created to be a space of charity. I have never been able to charge anything to anyone to live there; not one cent. It has always been a peaceful place.

It only has a meek four apartments right now. The tenants are very nice and kind; never causing any sort of trouble for me. I couldn't have asked for better tenants. I guess it's to be expected when this place is of a charitable status. It kind of promotes peace when you don't have to worry about such things.

A gentleman that lives in apartment #1 is my grounds keeper and maintenance guy. He got his preference when it came to choosing what floor to live on. He fixes all the little things that tend to happen and he takes care of the other tenants. He has a daughter as well. She dances and a talks a lot, but cute, nonetheless. She runs in and out a lot of the time and asks grown-up type questions. He watches over her very protectively. He is a great person to know; always sporting a smile.

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The couple that lives next door in #3 seem to have their little issues but kinda get along. But I feel sorry for him sometimes. I always see him around doing little things here and there but not too enthused about it. As for her, I don't see her near as much. She's kind of a recluse and keeps to herself. He used to talk about her quite often though. She seemed to misunderstand him a lot. I'm not sure she is still around. I used to hear her laugh from time to time. It's been awhile. She had a sweet laugh, much like the laugh of her neighbor's daughter.

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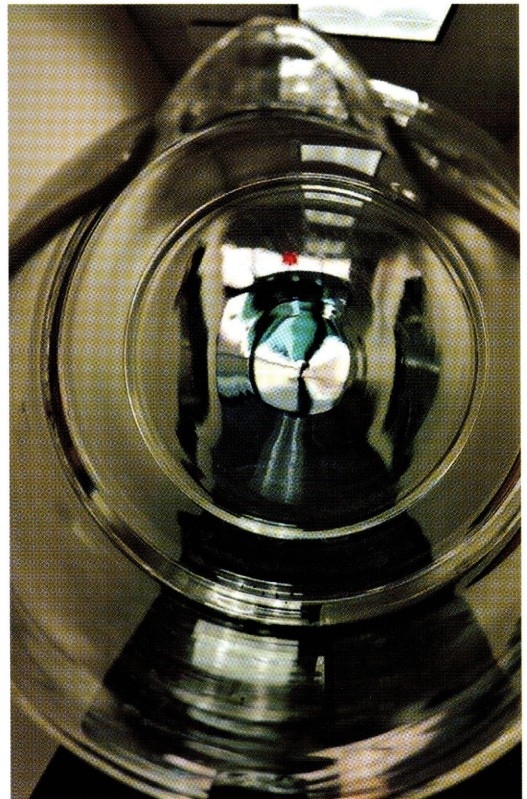
Apartment #2 stays active for the most part. It's home to five to six young women, all friends, and sometimes not. They like to flirt with my maintenance guy, just to keep him on his toes I guess. They invite his daughter over sometimes to watch girly movies and such. Very cute at best. They are the easy going, party-goers of the complex. Their music is always playing. Some of it is good music.

The last apartment, #4, is inhabited by a seventeen year old boy that I ran into one day. He said he hadn't a place to go. I took him in that day. He mentioned he felt estranged from his family most of the time. He's truly creative in the ways of

expression. I love to talk to that guy. He has great ideas. I think he has a girlfriend. I know I have seen someone there a time or two. He's not the one to live alone. He mentioned he hasn't been the same since the divorce of his parents. He talks to them when no one is around and feels alone. Although, he never forgets to tell them he loves them.

They are all good people. People that have fell on hard times but have survived and moved on. They like it living there. I like that they are here. It makes me happy. They are so patient with me, too. I change things around there often. Like right now, I am undergoing some rebuilding for more occupants to move in and they are really okay with it.

There's a piece of property, a little plot of real estate inside my heart. I've owned it for quite awhile now.



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