

*No one could run faster than me.  
I was a thief and the son of a thief. Mostly, I stole food.  
Bread, butter, cheese, sausages, sweets, cakes, biscuits,  
bagels, fruit, vegetables. Once I even stole pancakes from  
a plate in a restaurant. And then I got caught.*

When Janek arrived at the orphanage, he couldn't believe his good luck. Plenty of food, clean sheets and the chance to fix his useless leg. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to change his destiny.

Will he be accepted into the children's community?

Will he be able to leave his old life behind?



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Janusz Korczak, an educator, pediatrician, writer, and champion of children's rights, established a democratic orphanage for Jewish children in Warsaw, Poland, 1912. It was managed by the children. They were judges in its court, writers in its newspaper and helpers in the kitchen and yard. For thirty years it was a loving home for hundreds of children.

They called it a Garden of Eden for kids.



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