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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is the manuscript of a middle-grade novel.

Title: *The Kite Fighters* (approx. 23,000 words)

Main characters: Two brothers, 13 and 11 years old

Setting: Seoul, Korea, 15th century

Synopsis: Kee-sup, the older brother, excels at making kites; Young-sup, the younger, excels at flying them. Together, they combine their talents in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition. Along the way, they are joined by an unexpected ally--the twelve-year-old boy-King. This character is based on an actual historical figure--King Songjong, who ruled Korea in the late 1400s.

The story examines the rigid Confucian structure of a traditional Korean family, in which the first-born son receives great privilege and even greater responsibility--and the second son, almost nothing. The exciting sport of kite-fighting is described in detail as the backdrop for the boys' struggle against tradition, as represented by their stern but loving father.

I hope you enjoy reading the manuscript and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, etc.