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## **Two Gentlemen of Verona**

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- Nicola and Jacopo were two brothers, aged 13 and 12 respectively.
  - Their widower father was a well-known singer and was killed in the war against Germany.
  - The war made them homeless and they had no one in the world except their sister Lucia.
  - After the war they were reunited but found their sister suffering from tuberculosis of the spine.
  - The narrator met the boys at the outskirts of Verona and he bought a box of wild berries from them.
  - The narrator found them undertaking different jobs to earn a living.
  - The boys polished shoes, sold newspapers, and did many other jobs to earn money.
  - They also took the tourists to the places of their interest-to Juliet's tomb in and around Verona.
  - They were very helpful to the narrator and his driver Luigi as they could buy a packet of American cigarettes or arrange seats for the opera.
  - The narrator was leaving Verona on Monday. He asked if he could do anything for them before going.
  - The younger brother Jacopo asked the narrator if he could drive them to their village which was 30 miles from Verona.
  - The narrator's driver Luigi had the Sunday off but the narrator drove them himself to Poleta.
  - They leaped out from the car before a large red-roofed villa and promised to come back within an hour.
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