

A House of Dust, Allison Knowles, 1968-

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In ... `#!/usr/bin/python`

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# Original by Alison Knowles & James Tenney, 1967  
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THIS SOFTWARE.  
#  
# Updated 10 March 2015 to remove a duplicate  
value in "place".  
# Updated 17 November 2015 to remove a near-  
duplicate value in "inhabitants".  
# Updated 31 May 2018 to add compatibility with  
Python 3 (Python 2 still works)
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```
from random import choice
```

```
material = ['SAND', 'DUST', 'LEAVES', 'PAPER', 'TIN',  
'ROOTS', 'BRICK', 'STONE', 'DISCARDED CLOTHING',  
'GLASS', 'STEEL', 'PLASTIC', 'MUD', 'BROKEN DISHES',  
'WOOD', 'STRAW', 'WEEDS']
```

```
location = ['IN A GREEN, MOSSY TERRAIN', 'IN AN  
OVERPOPULATED AREA', 'BY THE SEA', 'BY AN ABANDONED  
LAKE', 'IN A DESERTED FACTORY', 'IN DENSE WOODS', 'IN  
JAPAN', 'AMONG SMALL HILLS', 'IN SOUTHERN FRANCE',  
'AMONG HIGH MOUNTAINS', 'ON AN ISLAND', 'IN A COLD,  
WINDY CLIMATE', 'IN A PLACE WITH BOTH HEAVY RAIN AND  
BRIGHT SUN', 'IN A DESERTED AIRPORT', 'IN A HOT  
CLIMATE', 'INSIDE A MOUNTAIN', 'ON THE SEA', 'IN  
MICHIGAN', 'IN HEAVY JUNGLE UNDERGROWTH', 'BY A RIVER',  
'AMONG OTHER HOUSES', 'IN A DESERTED CHURCH', 'IN A  
METROPOLIS', 'UNDERWATER']
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```
light_source = ['CANDLES', 'ALL AVAILABLE LIGHTING',  
'ELECTRICITY', 'NATURAL LIGHT']
```

```
inhabitants = ['PEOPLE WHO SLEEP VERY LITTLE',  
'VEGETARIANS', 'HORSES AND BIRDS', 'PEOPLE SPEAKING  
MANY LANGUAGES WEARING LITTLE OR NO CLOTHING', 'ALL  
RACES OF MEN REPRESENTED WEARING PREDOMINANTLY RED  
CLOTHING', 'CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE', 'VARIOUS BIRDS  
AND FISH', 'LOVERS', 'PEOPLE WHO ENJOY EATING TOGETHER',  
'PEOPLE WHO EAT A GREAT DEAL', 'COLLECTORS OF ALL  
TYPES', 'FRIENDS AND ENEMIES', 'PEOPLE WHO SLEEP ALMOST  
ALL THE TIME', 'VERY TALL PEOPLE', 'AMERICAN INDIANS',  
'LITTLE BOYS', 'PEOPLE FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE',  
'NEGROS WEARING ALL COLORS', 'FRIENDS', 'FRENCH AND  
GERMAN SPEAKING PEOPLE', 'FISHERMEN AND FAMILIES',  
'PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO READ']
```

```
print('')  
print('A HOUSE OF ' + choice(material))  
print('      ' + choice(location))  
print('      USING ' + choice(light_source))  
print('      INHABITED BY ' +
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```
choice(inhabitants))  
print('')
```

A HOUSE OF GLASS  
BY AN ABANDONED LAKE  
USING ALL AVAILABLE LIGHTING  
INHABITED BY CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE

In [ ]:

In [2]: **from time import sleep**

```
print("hello")  
sleep(5)  
print("hello again")
```

```
hello  
hello again
```

In [ ]: