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"Tom dragged Binks by the shoulders over to the window."

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CHAPTER I.

PARADISE STREET.

IF you have never been along Paradise Street, let me strongly recommend you not to go. It is the most squally, squabbly, scandalous street you ever were in in your life, and I expect that is saying something.

Dirty? I believe you. Dirtier than anything you ever saw. Smelly? Right again; more so than anything you ever smelt. There was something pathetically funny in its name. Paradise Street indeed! It seemed a mere mockery to call it that, for the street had as bad a name as any street in London. Nobody quite knew why it was so, unless it was that there was such a very obliging publican at the gin-palace at the corner. So all the hard drinkers settled

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