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## A Short Story About Respect

Remember when you were growing up, there was a monthly kid's magazine called Highlights. It had stories, games, puzzles, and a comic strip called Goofus and Gallant. These 2 kids were total opposites. Goofus was rude, selfish, impatient, obnoxious, disrespectful, basically a real jerk. Gallant was polite, considerate, helpful, patient, and respectful. The message was simple. Don't be like Goofus.

My youngest daughter is selling her home. She has an 18-month-old little girl and another baby on the way. This pregnancy is much different than her first. Morning sickness, hard to sleep, every smell bothers her.

They accepted an offer on their home. It's a 1300 SF ranch in Bourbonnais. 100% updated and totally move in ready. The inspection was yesterday. Several things happened that would never happen with SLS Home Inspections. But remember, the word of the day is RESPECT. If an inspection company takes over 3 hours to complete an inspection on a 1300 SF ranch, then they are either very slow, very inexperienced, or wasting time. Or a combination of all of these.

When the sellers finally come home after the 3+ hour inspection and notice an odd smell in the house, she starts getting queasy. Looking around for the smell source they notice 3 cigarette butts on the garage floor. They don't smoke. Goofus the inspector, or the buyer or the agent thought it was ok to smoke in someone else's house. The garage door comes into the house and so did some of the smoke.

She also was freezing and checked the thermostat and realized it was not turned back up the original temperature she had it set at. It dropped 25 degrees outside yesterday afternoon so the house was very cold. Goofus didn't leave the home in the same condition as he found it.

Finally, if you are going to walk through someone's house with boots on after walking around a muddy, rain-soaked yard, you'd better be wearing boot covers or bring clean shoes just for indoors so you don't stain the carpeting. Another idea is to bring extra boot covers so the buyer or agent have boot covers on as well. Neither of these things happened. There was dirt and leaves on the carpeting in several places. SLS Home Inspections has boot covers and brings extras just in case they're needed. We want the home to look like we were never even there, except for our business card and Thank You note we leave behind. Goofus or the agent didn't leave their card.

So next time you're looking at scheduling an inspection, do yourself a favor. Don't recommend a Goofus inspection company that will cause you aggravation. Call us and get the Gallant RESPECT you deserve.