***Grimm’s Fairy Tales***

***Chapter 10***

### ***The Pack of Ragamuffins***

***Summary and Analysis***

***Synopsis:***

A group of unlikely companions decides to spend the night at an inn. They promise to pay the innkeeper, but instead of doing so, they make mischief. The innkeeper swears never to let such a strange group stay at his inn again.

In this story, the innkeeper learns a very valuable lesson about taking in groups of people who he does not trust. As he had suspected, the group was up to no good. They used his space, ate his food, and left only mean tricks in return.

***Summary:***

* A rooster and a hen build a carriage, to which they harness a duck.
* A pin and a needle hitch a ride from them, and they bargain with an innkeeper to let them stay in exchange for an egg from the hen and for the duck (because selling your companions into slavery is totally cool).
* The rooster and hen wake up early, eat their own egg (cannibalism, much?), position the needle and pin maliciously, and take off.
* The innkeeper wakes up and stabs himself on the eggshells, the pin, and the needle. No one's around to pay the tab, so between all these annoyances, he swears never to let riffraff stay at his inn again. Good idea, innkeeper.