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► Time for our annual micro fiction competition!

The **RN&R**'s 95-word fiction contest
Write a miniature story that's exactly 95 words long.

We want exactly 95 words, as counted by LibreOffice, Google Docs or Microsoft Word. Email submissions to contest@newsreview.com with the subject line "Fiction 2018." Put each story in the body of an email because we won't open attachments. We require the author's name, email address and phone number listed above each story. (That stuff won't affect word count and will be removed before judging.) Titles are acceptable, without affecting word count, but not required.

Stories must be received before
Jan. 16, 2019.

Here's an example:

Lieutenant Nishiyama's unit searched for Viet Cong soldiers in a village near the Laotian border. As expected, they found nothing. No hidden enemies.

A solitary, elderly woman was cooking rice. The smell made Nishiyama homesick.

Nishiyama called to the translator: "Tell her I'll trade two packs of American cigarettes for a bowl of that rice."

It was delicious.

"Ask her for more."

"She's not poor enough? You've got to eat all her food?"

"What? There's enough food here for a dozen men."

Nishiyama looked at the woman.

"Hey Captain, we better search this property again."

*This year's story example is based loosely on a story told by Vincent Okamoto in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's 2017 documentary series *The Vietnam War*.

Looking for inspiration? Check out last year's winners here: www.newsreview.com/reno/short-cuts/content?oid=25735902