AI stories from Barbados

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Two imagined local cases for readers to discuss. Each turns on a choice someone can make when a tool gives an answer that needs checking.

The missing unit

At a fish stall in Bridgetown, Leah helped her aunt make labels before the morning rush. The price helper printed a number beside “flying fish”. Leah clipped the label to a tray. Her aunt picked it up again. “For one fish? For the pack? For the weight?”

Leah checked the notebook. The last entry had been a price for a pack. The entry above it was for a kilogram. The helper had copied both numbers into the same column and dropped the words beside them.

They printed little blank labels instead. By lunchtime Leah could spot the problem from across the stall. A price without a unit stayed off the tray.

> **Discuss.** What information would you keep beside every price?

The water that appeared overnight

At a proposed water trial on the South Coast, an operator arrived to find the dashboard predicting a sudden increase in reclaimed water. A grower had already asked whether that meant a larger delivery the following week. The operator took the printed meter sheet outside.

The flow reading looked ordinary. Back at the desk she found a second reading, uploaded after a connection failure. The forecast had counted one interval twice. She called the grower before anyone changed the delivery plan.

The team kept the two original readings and the corrected total. When they ran the trial again, the screen displayed the measurement time beside each entry. The grower asked to see that time on future notices too.

> **Discuss.** What would you check before promising the grower more water?