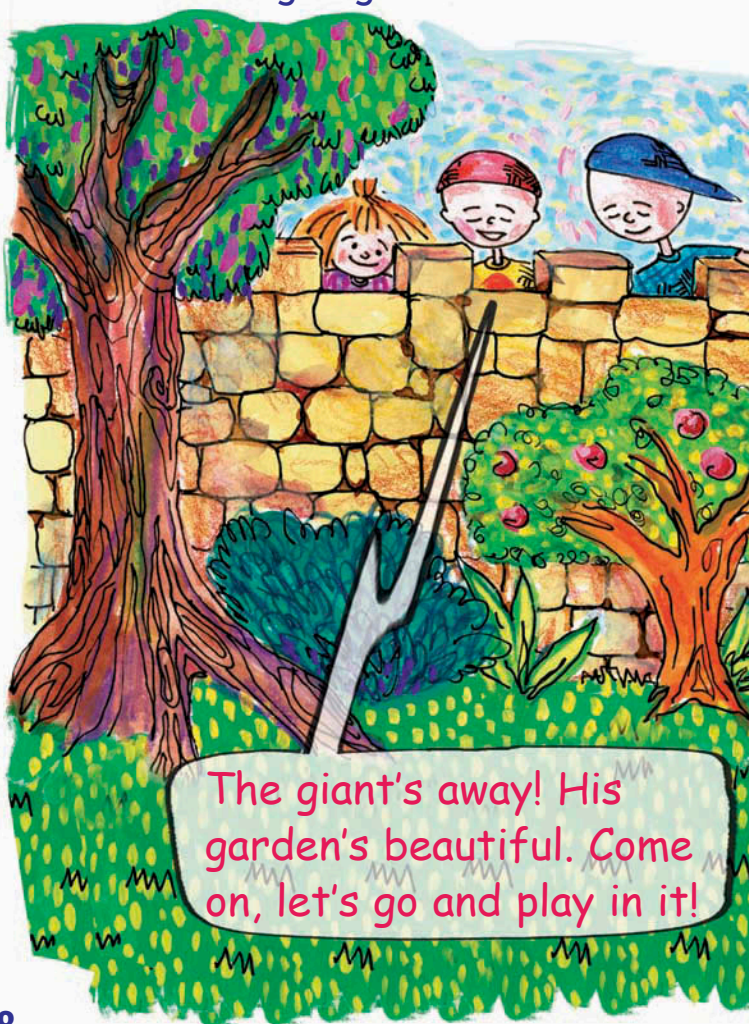# The Selfish Giant

Once upon a time, there was a giant. He wasn't a very nice giant. He didn't like children at all. The giant lived in a beautiful big castle. There was a garden with beautiful trees and flowers around the castle.

These children go past the giant's castle every day.

The children play on the green grass and eat the fruit from the trees.

The giant's away! His garden's beautiful. Come on, let's go and play in it!

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But suddenly the giant comes back!

What's all this noise in my garden? Children! They're children! They're playing in my garden! They're eating my fruit! I don't like children! I don't like noise!
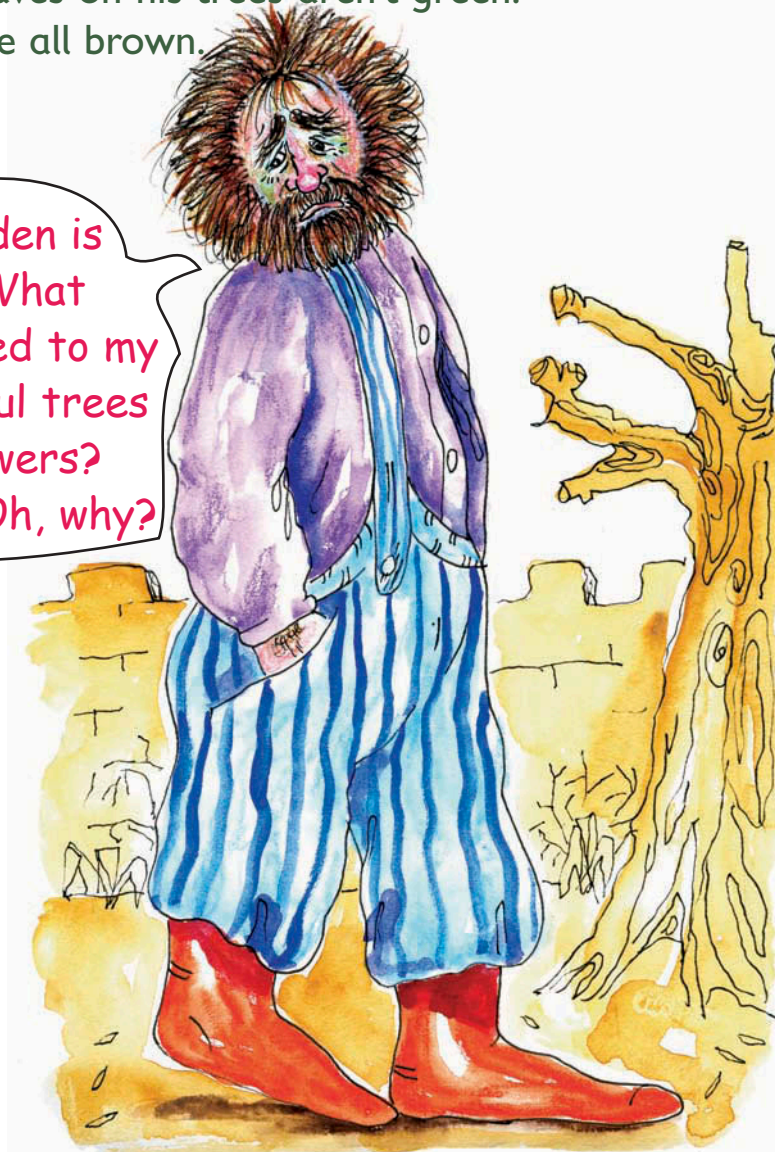
This is MY garden! Go away! Don't come back!

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Now the giant is alone. It's quiet around the castle. But the grass in his garden isn't green. The leaves on his trees aren't green. They're all brown.

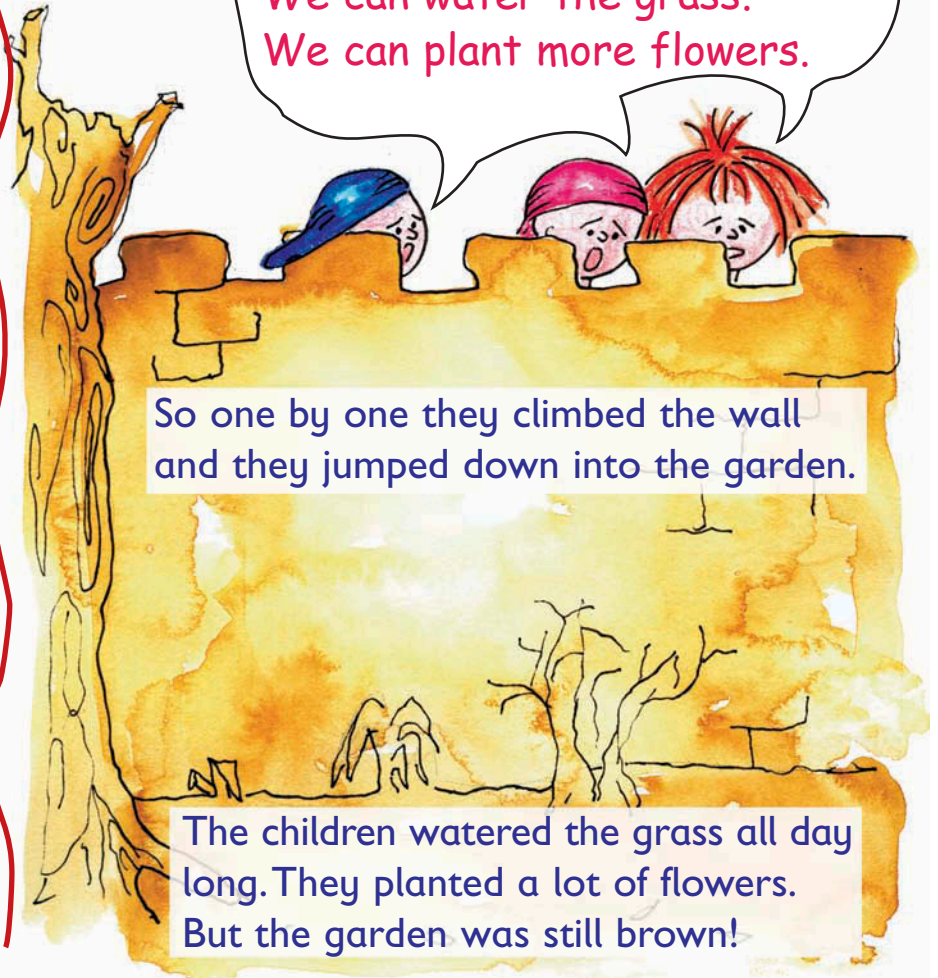My garden is dying! What happened to my beautiful trees and flowers? Why? Oh, why?

One day, the children went past the giant's garden again. They saw the brown grass and the brown leaves. They were very sad about the garden.

Let's go and help the garden. We can water the grass. We can plant more flowers.

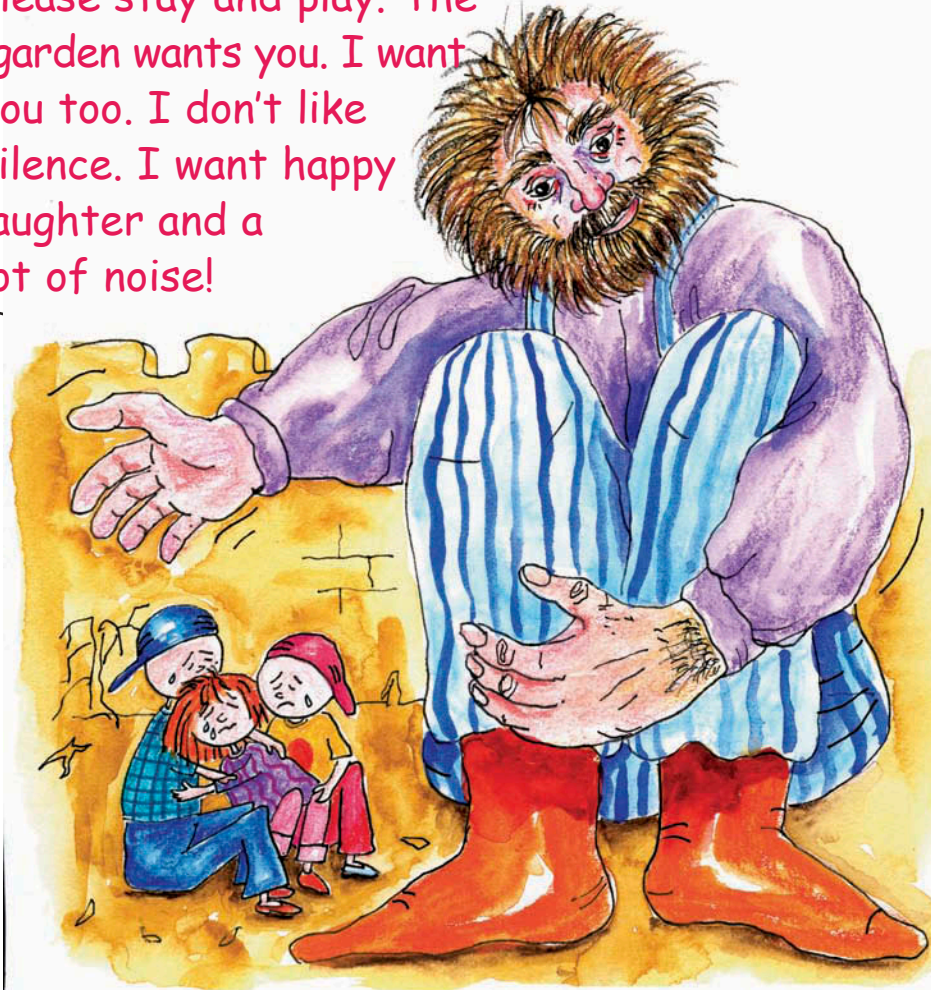So one by one they climbed the wall and they jumped down into the garden.

The children watered the grass all day long. They planted a lot of flowers. But the garden was still brown!

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The children were very sad. They sat down on the brown grass and they cried. Suddenly ...

Please don't cry, children. Please stay and play. The garden wants you. I want you too. I don't like silence. I want happy laughter and a lot of noise!

Now the garden isn't brown. It's green. There's a lot of fruit on the trees.

From now on, this is YOUR garden too. You can come and play here all the time!