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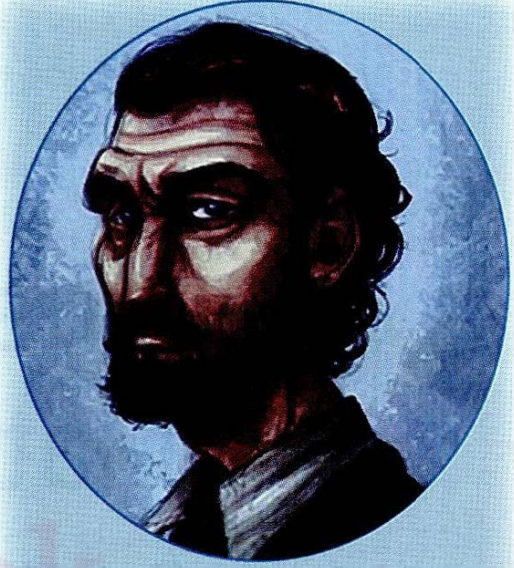
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Hans Christian Andersen was born in the town of Odense, Denmark, in 1805. He was an only child, and came from a poor family. But he didn't want to stay and do ordinary work in Odense. He loved singing, storytelling, and the theatre. So at 14, he went to look for more interesting work in Copenhagen. There, the Danish King helped to pay for his education, and he became a writer. Hans Christian Andersen wrote poems, novels, and travel books, but he is most famous today for his many wonderful children's stories. He died in 1875, at a friend's house near Copenhagen, after a bad fall.

## Story Characters



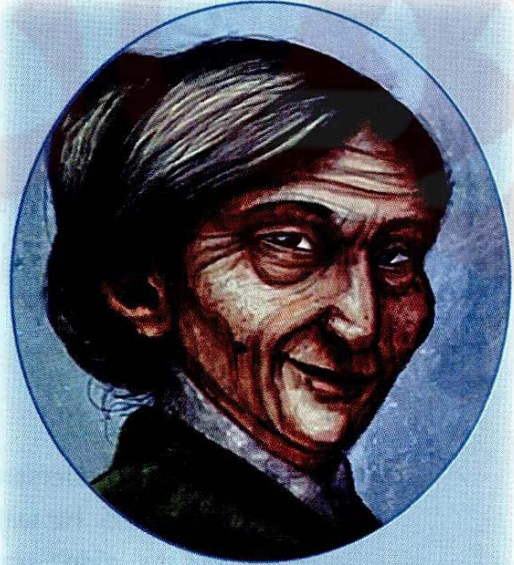
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The Father



The Mother



The Grandmother

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# ACTIVITIES

## BEFORE READING

**This story is about a poor little girl. What do you think happens in it?**  
**Tick the boxes.**

**a** The girl ... one cold December night.

1 ☐ stays at home

2 ☐ goes out



**b** She loses her ... in the street.

1 ☐ mother's shoes

2 ☐ father's watch



**c** She ... that evening.

1 ☐ sells lots of matches

2 ☐ doesn't sell any matches



**d** She eats ... that night.

1 ☐ a lot

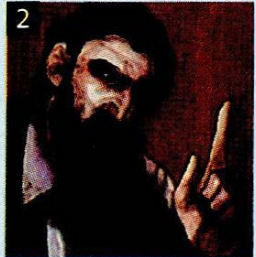
2 ☐ nothing



**e** She sees ... things in her head.

1 ☐ wonderful

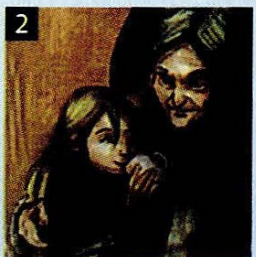
2 ☐ not very nice



**f** In the end, the girl ...

1 ☐ dies

2 ☐ lives in her grandmother's house





The little girl lives with her mother and father. The **wind** comes in through the **walls** of their cold little house.

'Anne Marie,' the girl's mother cries one day. 'We've got no money. Go out and **sell** some **matches**!'



'Yes, Mother,' her daughter says. She puts some matches into her old **apron**.

**wind** air that moves

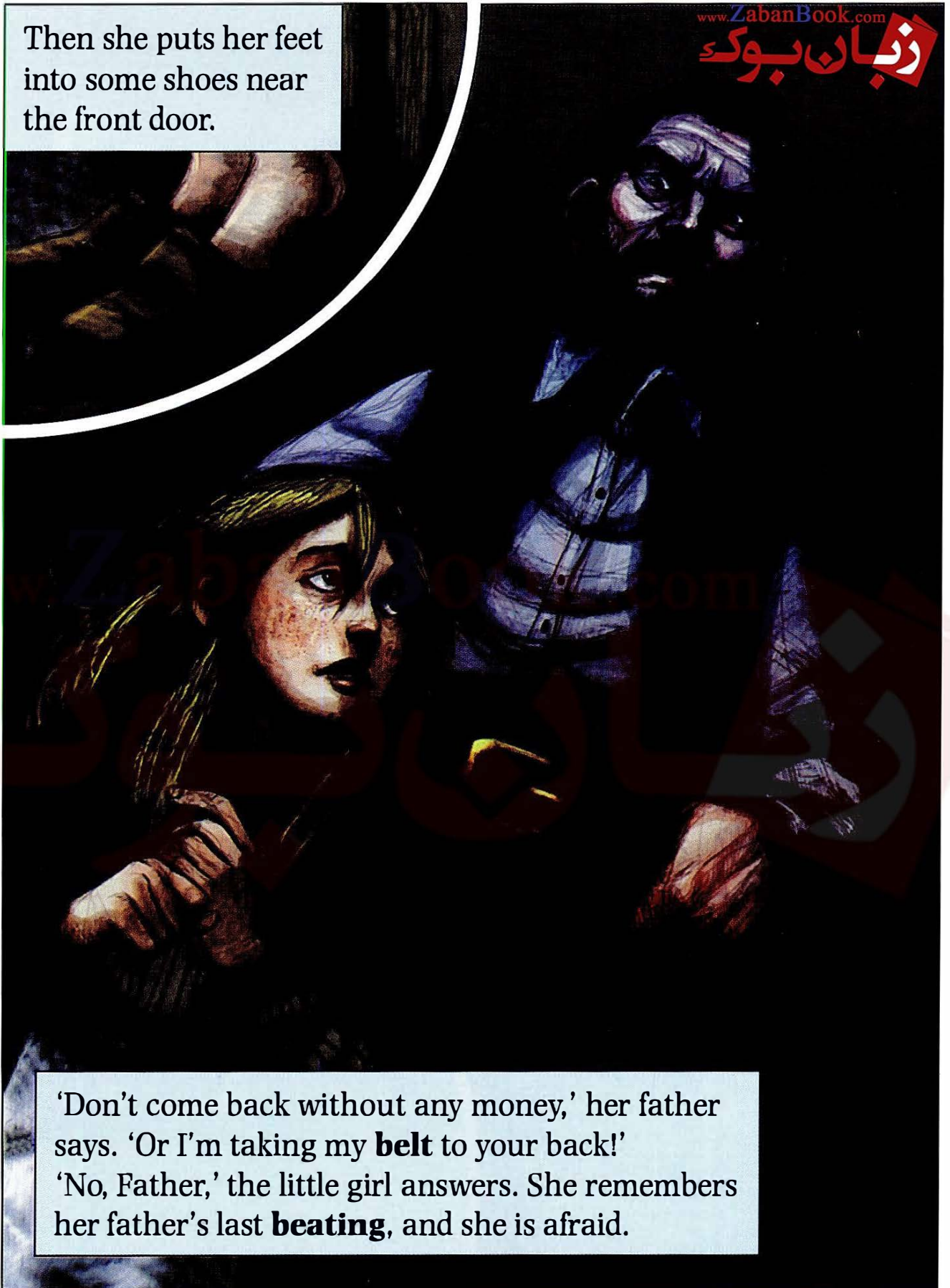
**wall** the side of a house

**sell** to take money for something

**match** you light a fire, or a candle with this

**apron** you wear this over a dress to put things in

Then she puts her feet into some shoes near the front door.



'Don't come back without any money,' her father says. 'Or I'm taking my **belt** to your back!' 'No, Father,' the little girl answers. She remembers her father's last **beating**, and she is afraid.

**belt** you wear this round your middle

**beating** when you hit someone strongly

## READING CHECK

**Correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

- a The little girl lives with her mother and ~~flower~~ <sup>father</sup>.
- b They live in a cold little hotel.
- c The girl wants to sell some watches.
- d She puts them into her old apple.
- e She puts her feet in some old shoes by the dog.
- f She is afraid of her brother.
- g He often takes his belt to her bag.
- h The girl doesn't like his buildings.
- i She must go back home with some matches.



## GUESS WHAT

**What does the little girl do in the next chapter? Tick one box.**



a She sells lots of matches. ☐



b She sells no matches. ☐



c She finds some money. ☐



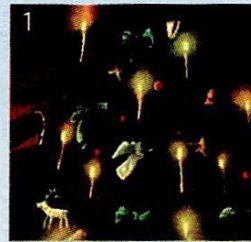
d She finds a little dog. ☐

## READING CHECK

Choose the correct pictures.

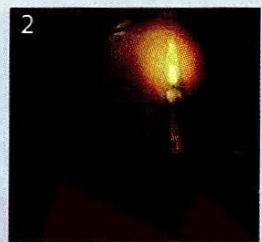
a What does the little girl see in the light of the third match?

- 1 ☒ a Christmas tree  
2 ☐ Father Christmas



b What does she see on the tree?

- 1 ☐ snow  
2 ☐ candles



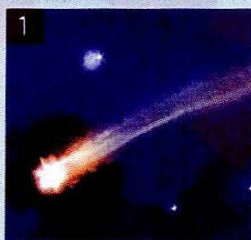
c What does she put out her hand for?

- 1 ☐ black-and-white photos  
2 ☐ colour pictures



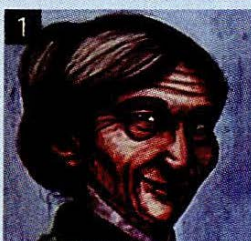
d What does the girl see when the third match dies?

- 1 ☐ the stars in the sky  
2 ☐ the wall



e Who does the girl remember when a star falls?

- 1 ☐ her grandmother  
2 ☐ her grandfather




## GUESS WHAT

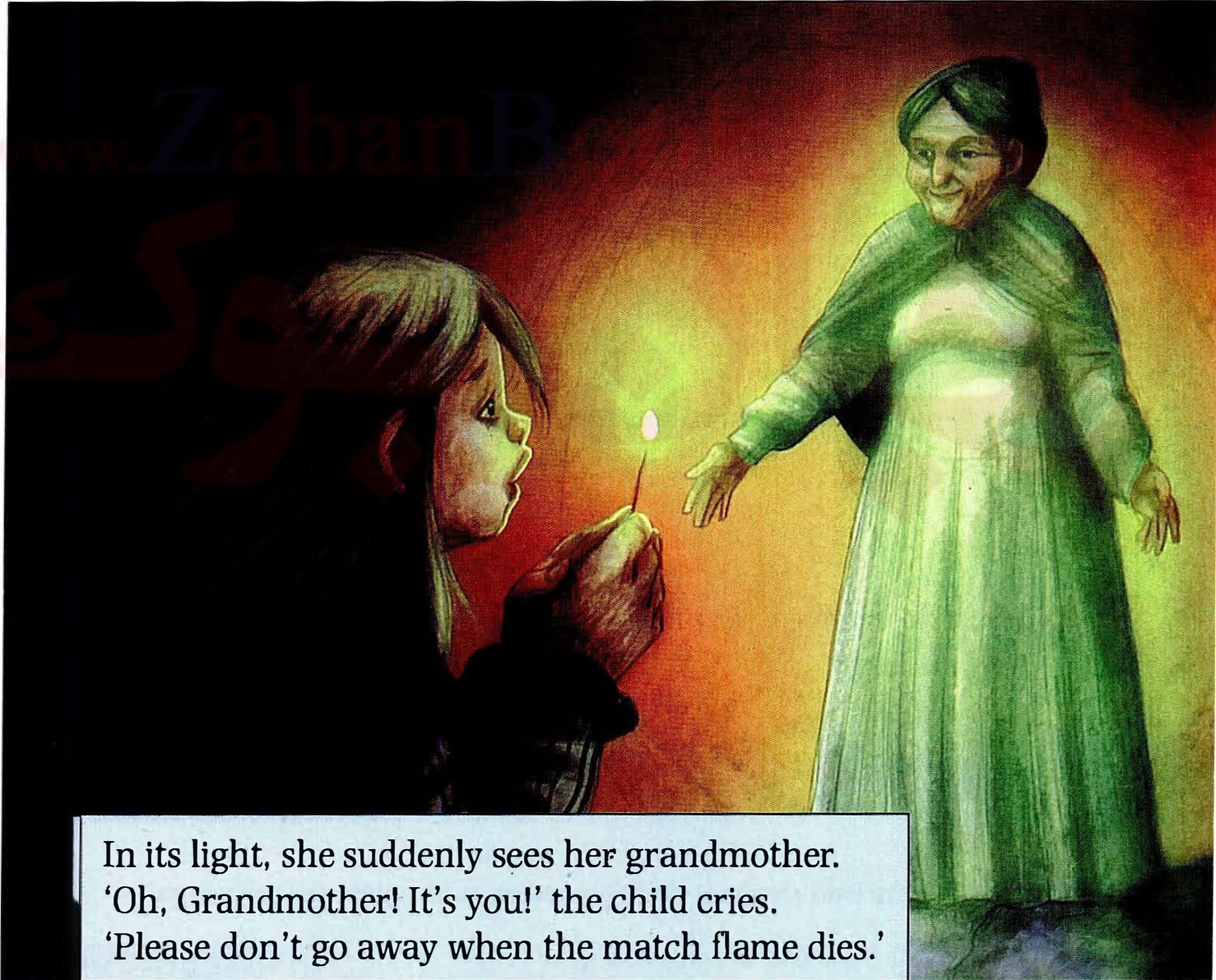
What happens in the next chapter? Circle the words to complete the sentences.

- a The little girl sees her *grandfather* / *grandmother*.  
b She strikes *all the* / *no more* matches on the wall.  
c She doesn't want to *lose* / *see* her grandmother again.  
d The old woman takes the girl *home* / *up into the sky*.  
e The girl is very *happy* / *afraid* in the end.



A young girl with dark hair, wearing a dark dress, is shown in profile, striking a match against a rough, textured wall. A bright green flame is visible on the match. The background is dark and moody.

Again the little girl strikes a match on the wall.

A young girl is shown in profile, holding a lit match. She is looking up at a glowing, ethereal figure of an elderly woman (her grandmother) who is standing in front of her. The figure is wearing a long, flowing green dress and has a warm, smiling expression. The background is a warm, orange-red glow.

In its light, she suddenly sees her grandmother.  
'Oh, Grandmother! It's you!' the child cries.  
'Please don't go away when the match flame dies.'

## GRAMMAR CHECK

### Adjectives and adverbs of manner

We use adjectives to describe things or people. They tell us more about nouns.

It's a cold night. The sky is dark.

We use adverbs of manner to talk about how we do things. They tell us more about verbs.

The girl's mother talks to her coldly.

Her father looks at her darkly.

To make regular adverbs, we add **-ly** to the adjective.

cold – coldly

Adjectives that end in **-y**, we change to **-ily**.

angry – angrily

Some adverbs are irregular.

He runs fast. (adjective fast) He speaks French well. (adjective good)

### 1 Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.



- a The girl answers her mother and father nice nicely
- b She's a quietly / quiet girl.
- c Two coaches go past very fast / fastly.
- d She looks careful / carefully for her shoes in the snow.
- e She walks slow / slowly through the streets on bare feet.
- f The merchant has a beautiful / beautifully Christmas tree.
- g The girl looks at the roast goose hungrily / hungryly.
- h Sudden / Suddenly the girl sees her grandmother.
- i She remembers the old woman good / well.
- j The girl is happy / happily when her soul is with God.
- k People are sad / sadly when they see her dead body.
- l She has a wonderful / wonderfully time with her grandmother.

## GRAMMAR CHECK

### To + infinitive or -ing form of verb

After the verbs *forget*, *learn*, *need*, *remember*, *want* and *would like*, we use **to + infinitive**.

*She'd like to have a Christmas tree.*

After the verbs *finish*, *go*, *like*, *love* and *stop*, we use **verb + -ing**.

*She loves looking into the flames.*

With the verbs *begin* and *like*, we can use **to + infinitive** or **verb + -ing**.



### 2 Complete these sentences about the story with the **to + infinitive** or **-ing** form of the verbs in brackets.

- a Anne Marie would like ... **to play** ... (play) all day.
- b She learns ..... (sell) matches from her mother.
- c She begins ..... (make) money when she's very little.
- d Her father likes ..... (hit) her.
- e She leaves when her father finishes ..... (talk) to her.
- f She needs ..... (wear) her mother's shoes.
- g She remembers ..... (put) some matches in her apron.
- h She doesn't forget ..... (close) the door behind her.
- i She loves ..... (look) in shop windows.
- j She doesn't want ..... (go) home with no money.
- k She stops ..... (walk) when she sees a corner out of the wind.
- l She doesn't like ..... (be) cold and hungry.
- m She doesn't want ..... (lose) her grandmother.
- n In the end, she goes ..... (fly) up into the sky.

## GRAMMAR CHECK

### Present Simple: Negative

We make most Present Simple verbs negative with *doesn't* (*does not*) or *don't* (*do not*) + infinitive without *to*.

The little girl *doesn't* (*does not*) live in a big house.

With the verbs *be*, *have got* and *can*, we add *n't* (*not*) to the verb.

They *aren't* (*are not*) very nice to her.

Her mother and father *haven't* (*have not*) got lots of money.

### 3 Write a negative and an affirmative sentence each time. Change the underlined words.



a Anne Marie has got a new apron.

*Anne Marie hasn't got a new apron. She's got an old apron.*

b She's wearing her mother's coat.

.....

c Two cars go past.

.....

d The matches fall in the road.

.....

e She's got black hair.

.....

f It's Christmas Eve.

.....

g The doors have got lights in.

.....

h She stands in a corner.

.....

i There are candles on the table.

.....

j A plane falls from the sky.

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k There are burnt pictures in her hand.

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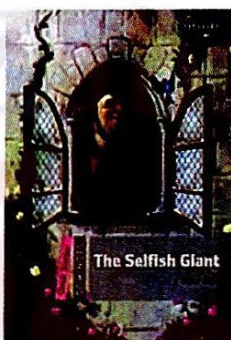
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*Oscar Wilde*

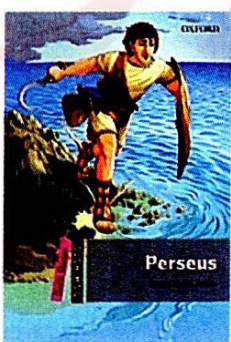
'It's my garden,' says the Giant. 'People must understand. Nobody can play here – only me!'

So the children leave, and the Selfish Giant puts a wall around his garden. After that, it's always winter there.

Later, the Giant feels sorry for a young boy in the snow. He knocks down the garden wall – and the children, and the spring, come back. But where is the young boy now? And how can the Giant find him again?

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Later, Polydectes – the king of Seriphos – wants to marry Danae. Perseus says 'no' to this, so Polydectes sends the young man away for the head of Medusa. Medusa is a she-monster, with snakes for hair. Can Perseus find and kill Medusa? And what happens after he goes back to Seriphos?

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# The Little Match Girl

It's a cold winter's day, and a poor little girl can't sell any of her matches to people in the street. She can't go home with no money. But how can she stay warm? That 31st December, the little match girl sees rich people's homes, Christmas trees, and wonderful things to eat. She also remembers her kind grandmother – now sadly dead. Can the New Year make things any better for the poor young girl?

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