



The Garden Car

One day Sal's father decides to get rid of the car she likes to play around with her friends. Learn what Sal and her friends do to keep the car in the garden.



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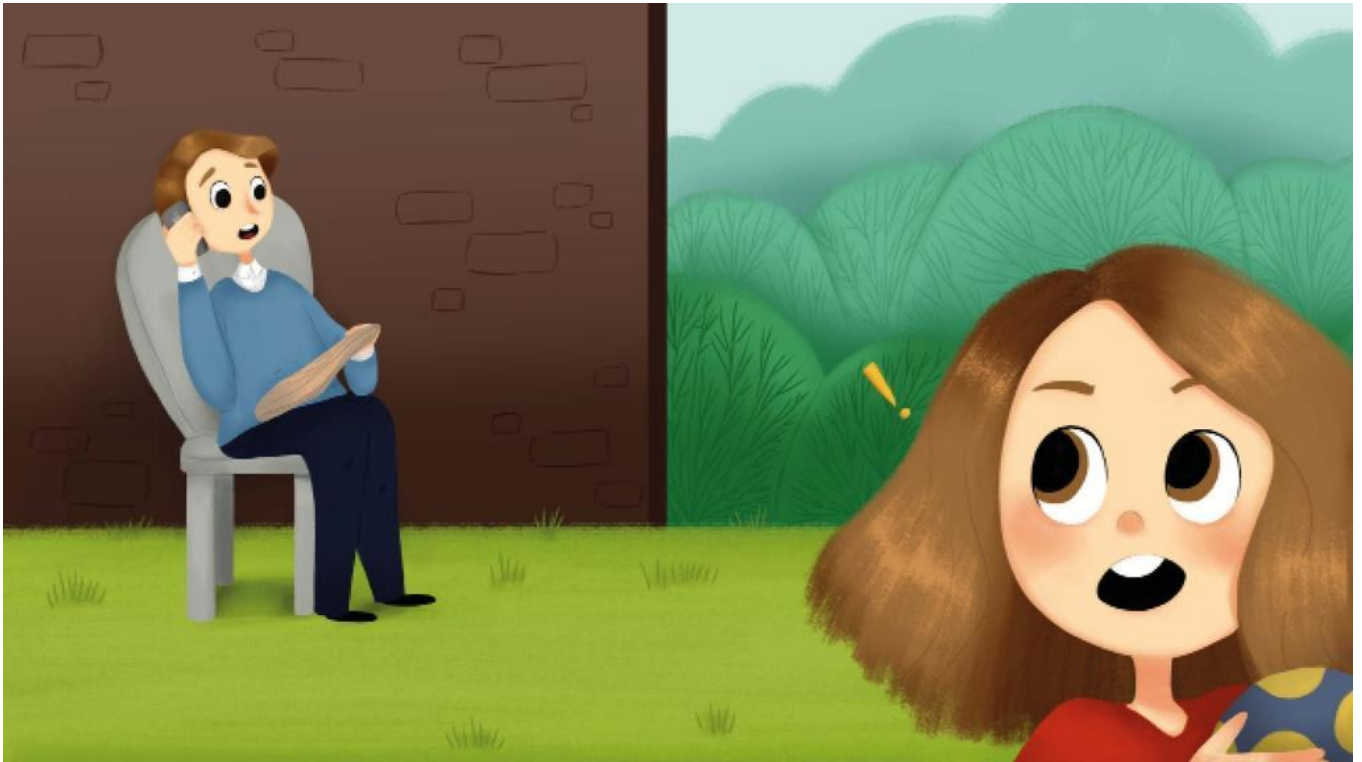
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Sal and her friends loved playing in the broken down old car that sat in her back garden. It was the perfect place to read, imagine going on an adventure, or watch for birds.



But one day, Sal overheard her father on the phone. He wanted someone to come take the old car away!



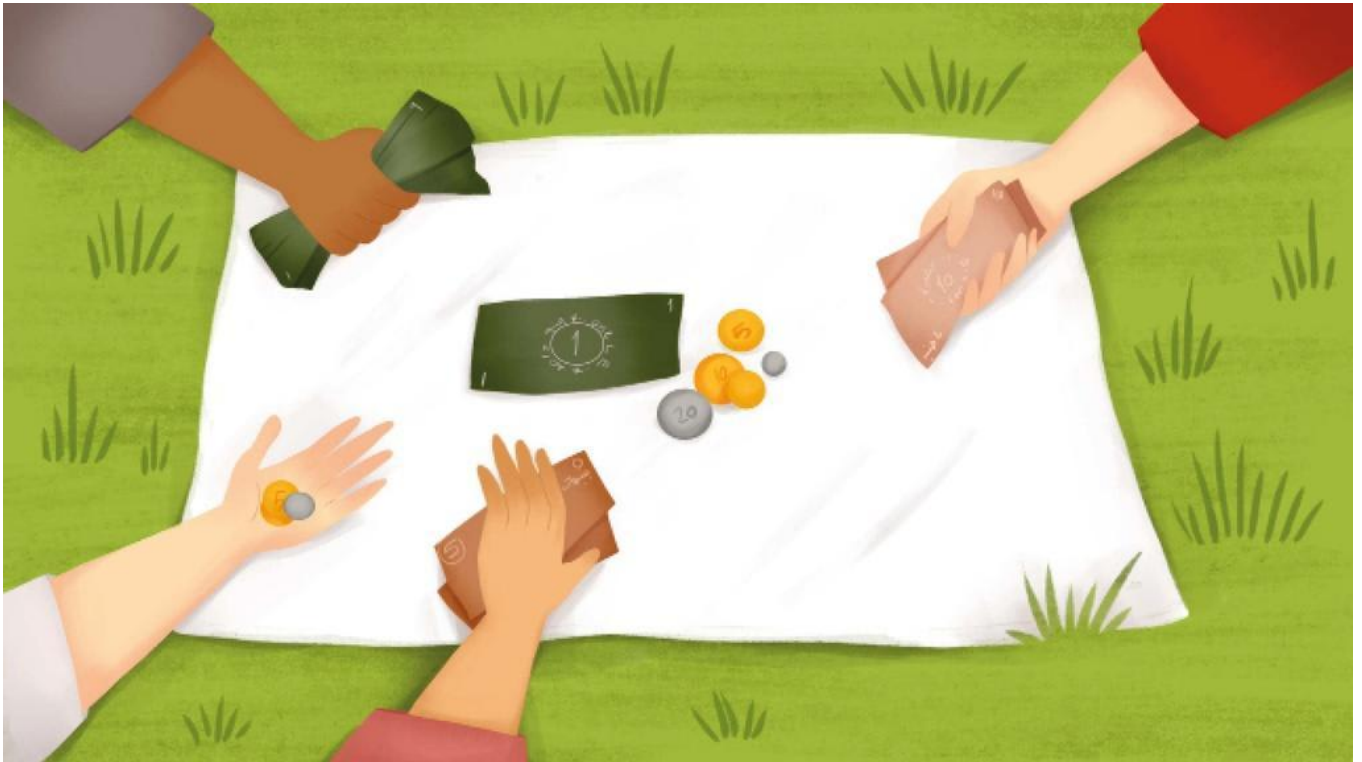
Sal begged her father to keep the car. "No, Sal," he said. "It is dirty and ugly. Don't you want a beautiful garden to play in?"



When Sal's friends came over to play, she told them the sad news. "Could we hide it?" Mario asked. Lina shook her head. "It's too heavy to move." "We have to find a way to keep it!" David said.



Finally, Sal had an idea. "What if we clean it and decorate it? Then our garden would be beautiful and we could keep the car to play in!" Everyone was excited to get started.



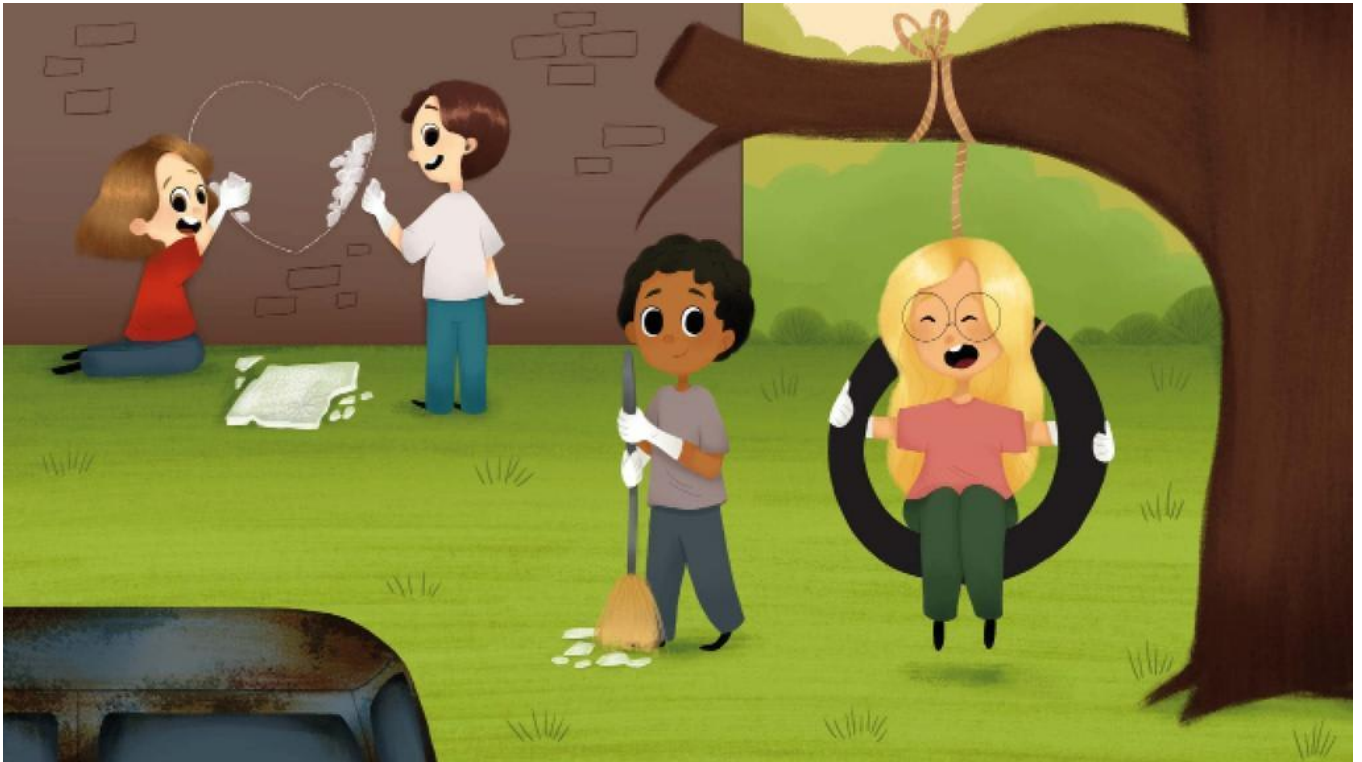
The friends gathered all their money together to buy supplies. Would it be enough?



"You have just enough money for two cans of paint and one brush," said the clerk at the store.



The next morning, everyone gathered in the garden. The first job was to remove the old tires. They could become a swing, and flower pots!



Next they pasted the old, broken glass onto the garden wall to make a beautiful mosaic!



In the afternoon, they cleaned the dusty leather seats until they shone like new.



Finally, they took turns painting. It seemed like they would never get the whole car painted with just one small brush!



At the end of the day, everyone was exhausted, but the car wasn't finished yet. There was still work to do. Then, they heard a loud rumbling noise behind them.



A crane truck was coming!



Sal thought her dream was over.



In frustration, she slapped her paint-covered hand on the side of the car. It left a cool handprint!"Hey everyone, look at this!" she called. "We can finish decorating the car with our handprints!"



"What is going on here?" said Sal's dad when he came out to meet the crane truck. Sal and her friends were worried they would be in trouble.



Then he smiled. "The car looks great! I am really impressed with how beautiful you made the garden. Let's keep it." Everyone laughed and cheered.



The next day Sal sat on the hood of her beautiful, broken down old garden car. "Adventure ahead!" she called to her friends.



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