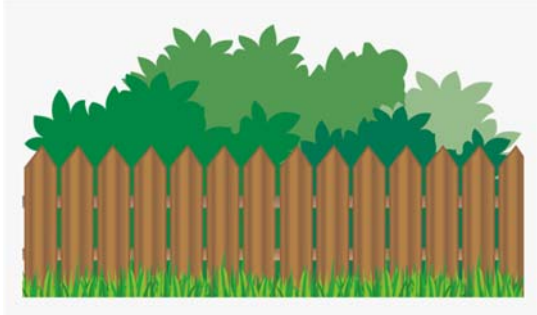


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## The Magic Hedge

Once upon a time, in a village at the edge of a forest, there was a special hedge. This hedge was not like any other hedge. It was known as the Magic Hedge. The villagers believed that the hedge had the power to grant wishes. People would come from far and wide to make a wish at the Magic Hedge.

One sunny day, a young girl named Midge decided to visit the hedge. Midge was brave and full of curiosity. She had heard many stories about the Magic Hedge and wanted to see it for herself. Midge's little dog, Fudge, trotted along beside her, wagging his tail with excitement.

When Midge and Fudge reached the hedge, they found a small opening just big enough for Midge to crawl through. On the other side, there was a beautiful garden filled with colorful flowers and sparkling fountains. Midge could hardly believe her eyes.

As she explored the garden, Midge stumbled upon a small, wooden bridge. The bridge crossed over a crystal-clear stream that bubbled with joy. Midge and Fudge carefully walked over the bridge, enjoying the gentle splash of water below them.

In the center of the garden, they found a large, ancient book resting on a stone pedestal. The book's title was "The Secrets of the Magic Hedge." Midge opened the book and began to read. It said that the hedge could grant a wish if someone was kind and pure of heart. Midge knew exactly what she wanted to wish for.

She closed her eyes, held Fudge close, and wished for the happiness of all the villagers. Suddenly, the garden glowed with a golden light, and Midge felt a warm, comforting breeze.

When Midge and Fudge returned to the village, they saw that everyone was smiling and happy. The Magic Hedge had granted Midge's wish. From that day on, Midge and Fudge were known as the heroes of the village, and the Magic Hedge continued to bring joy to all who visited it.

