

# Kinder aus Wachs

## Children of wax

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Es war einmal eine glückliche Familie.

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Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.



Sie stritten nie miteinander. Sie halfen ihren Eltern im Haus und auf den Feldern.

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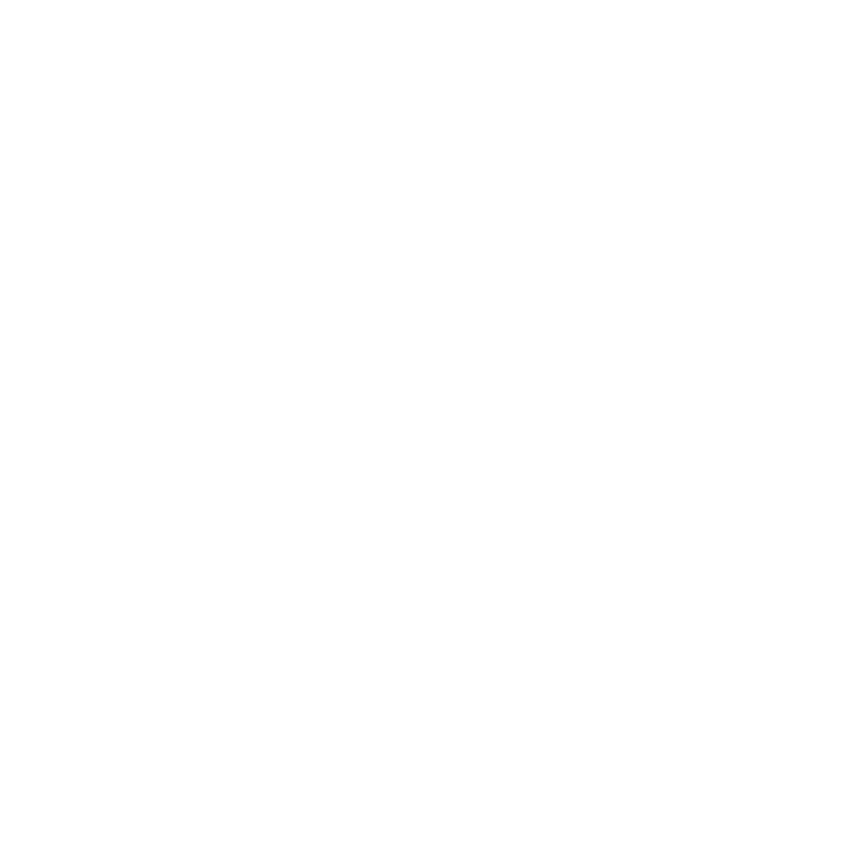
They never fought with each other.  
They helped their parents at home  
and in the fields.



Aber sie durften nicht in die Nähe von Feuer.

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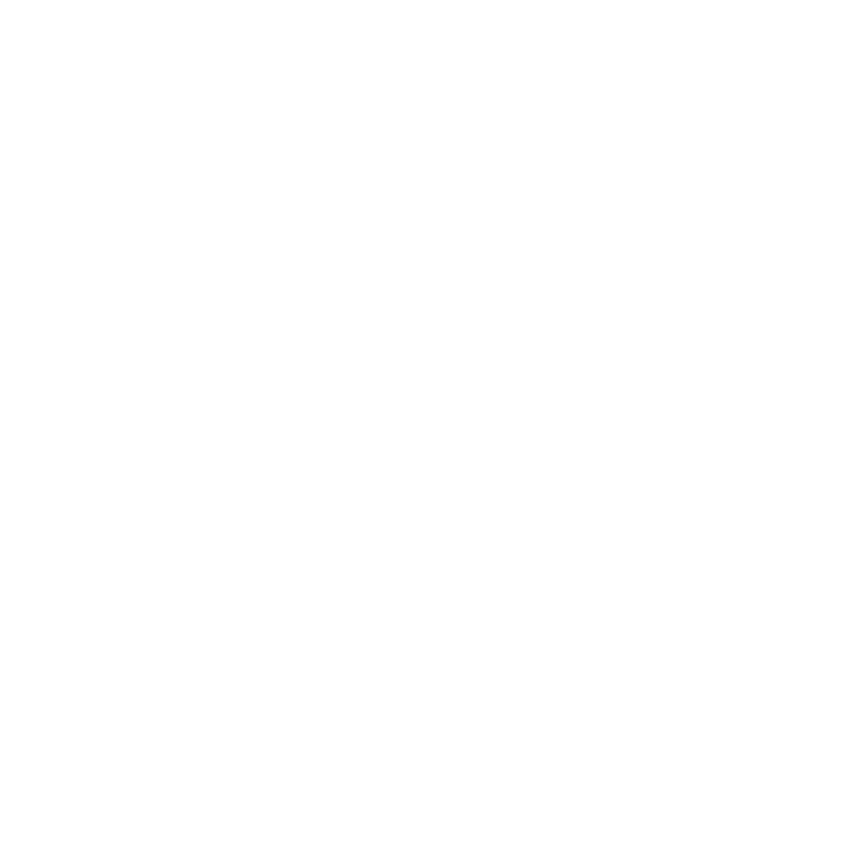
But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



Sie mussten all ihre Arbeit nachts verrichten. Denn sie waren aus Wachs!

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They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



Aber einer der Jungen sehnte sich  
nach dem Sonnenlicht.

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But one of the boys longed to go  
out in the sunlight.



Eines Tages war die Sehnsucht zu  
groß. Seine Brüder warnten ihn ...

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One day the longing was too  
strong. His brothers warned him...



Aber es war zu spät! Er schmolz in der heißen Sonne.

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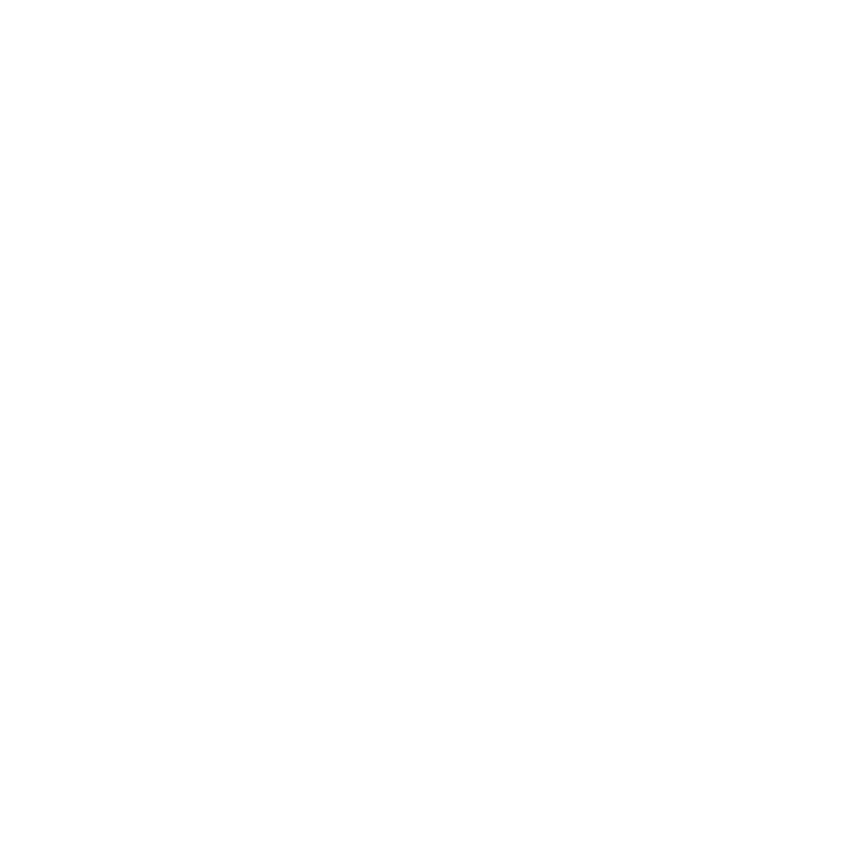
But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.



Die Wachskinder waren sehr traurig sehen zu müssen, wie ihr Bruder dahin schmolz.

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The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.



Aber sie schmiedeten einen Plan.  
Sie formten den geschmolzenen  
Wachsklumpen zu einem Vogel.

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But they made a plan. They shaped  
the lump of melted wax into a bird.



Sie brachten ihren Vogelbruder auf  
einen hohen Berg.

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They took their bird brother up to a  
high mountain.



Und als die Sonne aufging, flog er  
singend davon ins Morgenlicht.

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And as the sun rose, he flew away  
singing into the morning light.



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