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ABOUT ROALD DAHL AND QUENTIN BLAKE



Roald Dahl was a children's writer, and many of his stories are very famous across the world. Do you know any Roald Dahl books?



Quentin Blake drew pictures for Roald Dahl's stories. Do you like the pictures in this book? Which is your favourite picture?

About this story

Giants are very, very big, and there are lots of stories about them. Giants are often horrible, but in this story, there is a very nice giant. This giant makes dreams and gives them to children while they are sleeping.

In this story, we also meet the Queen of England. She lives in a palace in London. The real Queen Elizabeth II was very famous and lots of people loved her. Now, her son Charles is the King of England.

MEET ...



Sophie



The BFG



The Queen



**The Head of the Army and
the Head of the Air Force**

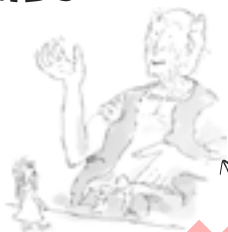
Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

NEW WORDS



a trumpet (n.)

You blow a metal *trumpet* to make music.



a giant (n.)

a very, very big person in stories



pour (v.)

put water or a drink into a cup



blow (*blew, blown*) (v.)

Air comes out of your mouth.



a blanket (n.)

A soft *blanket* keeps you warm in bed.



a cave (n.)

a place inside a mountain or under the ground

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What will happen in the story?
Answer the questions.

- 1** Look at the picture on page 8.
Where is Sophie? Is it day or night?
- 2** Look at the picture on page 10.
What is the giant holding? What is he doing?
- 3** Look at the picture on page 17.
What can Sophie see in the giant's cave?

Now let's read Chapter 1 and Chapter 2!

CHAPTER 1

Sophie

Sophie could not sleep. The moon was big and bright in the sky, and its light came through the window and onto her face. It was very late, and all the other children in the room were sleeping.

Sophie closed her eyes, and she did not move. She tried very hard to go to sleep, but the moonlight became stronger and stronger.

The house was very quiet, and Sophie could not hear any voices or any footsteps. The window was open, but there was nobody on the street outside. No cars drove past. There was nothing. Everyone was sleeping.



Sophie opened her eyes, and she decided to get out of bed. She found her glasses on the table next to her. The glasses were very thick, and she could not see anything without them. She put them on, then she walked quietly to the window.

What does the world look like in the middle of the night? she thought.

Sophie looked out of the window. She knew the street well, but in the white moonlight, it was very different. Nothing looked real. The houses looked like they were in a storybook, and everything was strange and frightening.

Suddenly, Sophie felt very afraid. Something was moving up the street.

It was dark . . .

It was tall and dark . . .

It was very tall and very dark and very thin . . .

It looked like a very big man, with a head and arms and legs. His head was higher than the upstairs windows of the houses. Sophie opened her mouth to shout, but no noise came out. She was too frightened.



He came nearer and nearer. He was walking on the other side of the street, stopping in front of each house. He looked into an upstairs window, then he went to the next house, and he did the same thing. What was he doing?

He was much closer now, and Sophie could see

him better. He was wearing a long black coat, and he was holding a long, thin **trumpet** in one hand. In the other hand, he was carrying a large bag.

The **giant** was now in front of Mr and Mrs Goochey's house, looking into their upstairs window. Sophie knew that the two Goochey children slept in that room. The giant opened his bag and took a glass bottle out of it. Then he **poured** something from the bottle into the trumpet.

Sophie watched, feeling very frightened, while the giant put one end of the trumpet through the Goochey children's window. He put the other end to his mouth and **blew** the trumpet hard. Something flew from the trumpet into the bedroom. But what was it?

The giant stepped away from the window and turned his head. In the moonlight, Sophie saw that his face was long and old, and he had enormous ears. His bright, dangerous eyes were looking straight at Sophie.

"Oh no!" Sophie cried, quickly running across the room and jumping into her bed.

CHAPTER 2

The cave

Sophie waited under her **blanket**. After a minute, she looked out.

The enormous face of the giant filled her window. His bright eyes were looking at Sophie's bed. Then his huge hand and huge arm came through the window, and very quickly, he lifted Sophie and her blanket.



Now the giant took Sophie from her bed, and he carried her out of the window. Sophie tried to shout, but the blanket was all around her face, so no one could hear her.

When Sophie was outside, the giant put the four corners of the blanket together, and he held them in one of his huge hands. Sophie was in the middle of the blanket, and she could not get out. It was dark in there, and she could not see anything. Can you think of anything that is more frightening?

The giant began to run, carrying Sophie in her blanket in one hand, and his large bag and trumpet in the other hand. Sophie moved around inside the blanket until she could push her head out the top. She saw the village houses going past quickly on each side. Then they left the village, and the giant ran across dark fields and rivers.

The giant is running fast because he's hungry, Sophie thought. He wants to get home and eat me for his breakfast.

The giant started to run even faster, and his leg hit

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Look at the pictures and write the words.

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Answer the questions.

1 How tall is the giant?

His head is higher than the upstairs windows of
the houses.

2 At the Goocheys' window, what does the giant
take from his bag?

3 What does he do with the trumpet?

4 What does the giant look like?

5 Where does he live?

6 What is he wearing under his long black coat?