


Les enfants de cire

Children of wax

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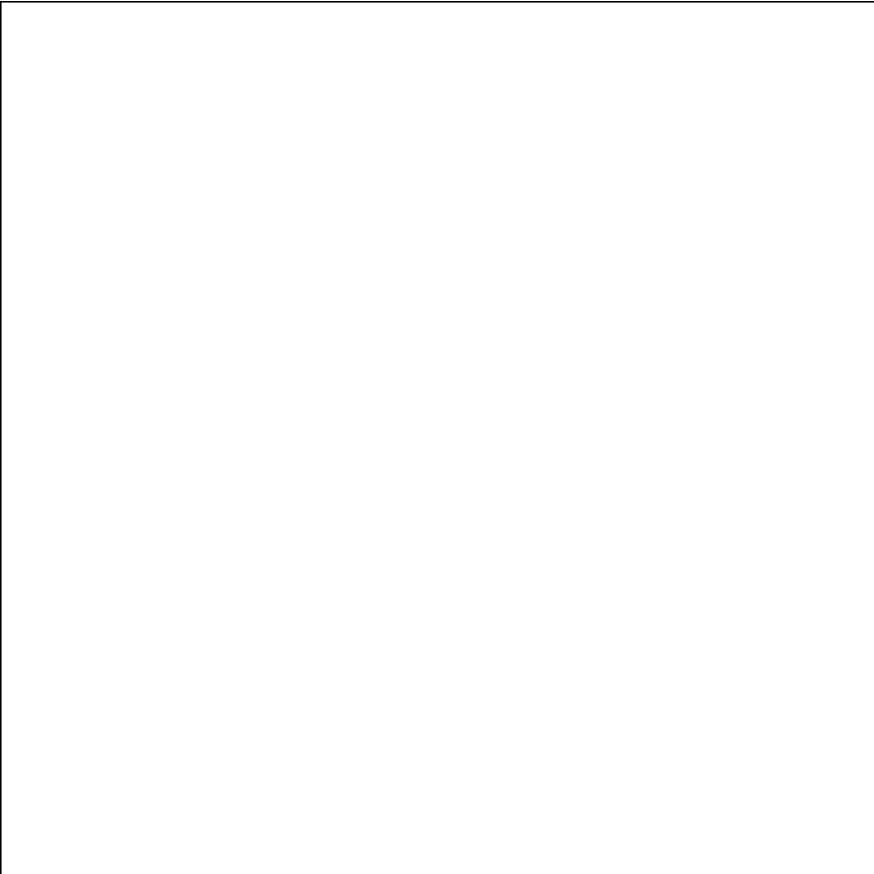




Il était une fois une famille bien
heureuse.

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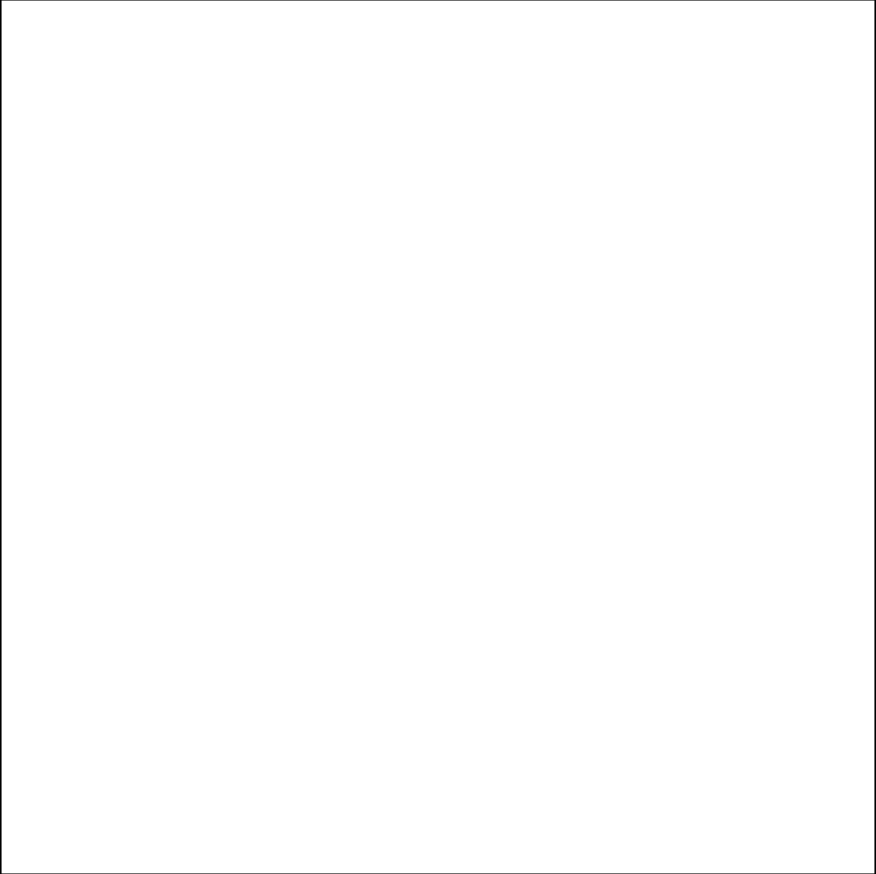
Once upon a time, there lived a
happy family.



Ils ne se disputaient jamais. Ils
aidaient leurs parents à la maison
et dans les champs.

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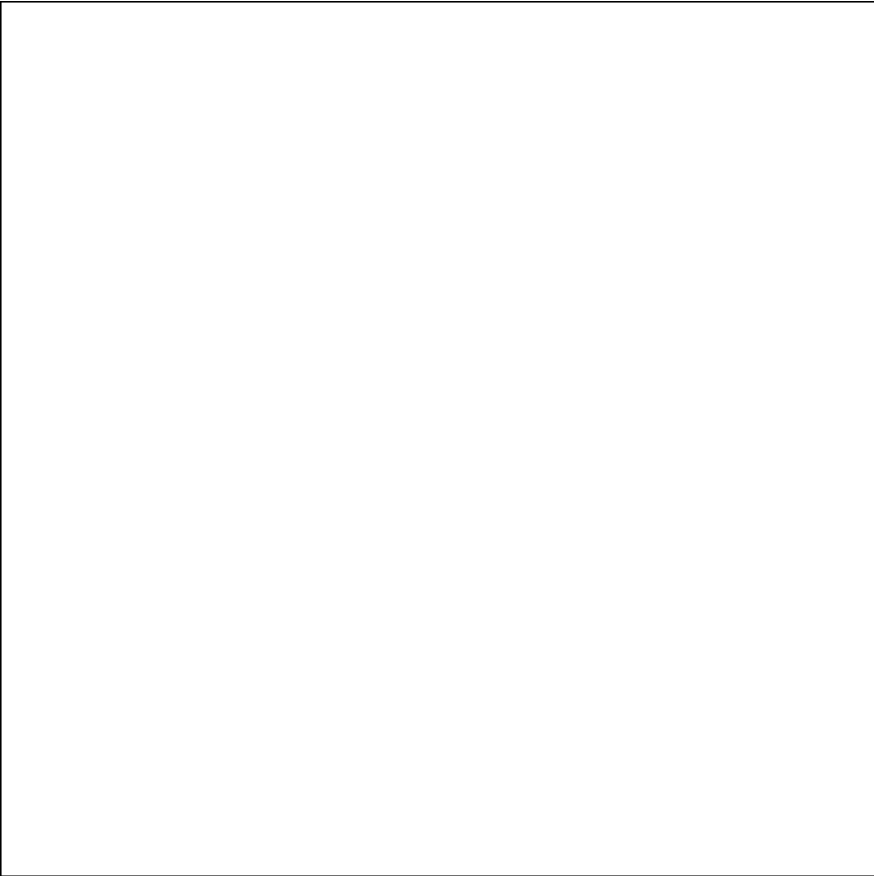
They never fought with each other.
They helped their parents at home
and in the fields.



Mais ils n'avaient pas le droit de s'approcher d'un feu.

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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



Ils devaient faire tout leur travail pendant la nuit. Puisqu'ils étaient faits de cire !

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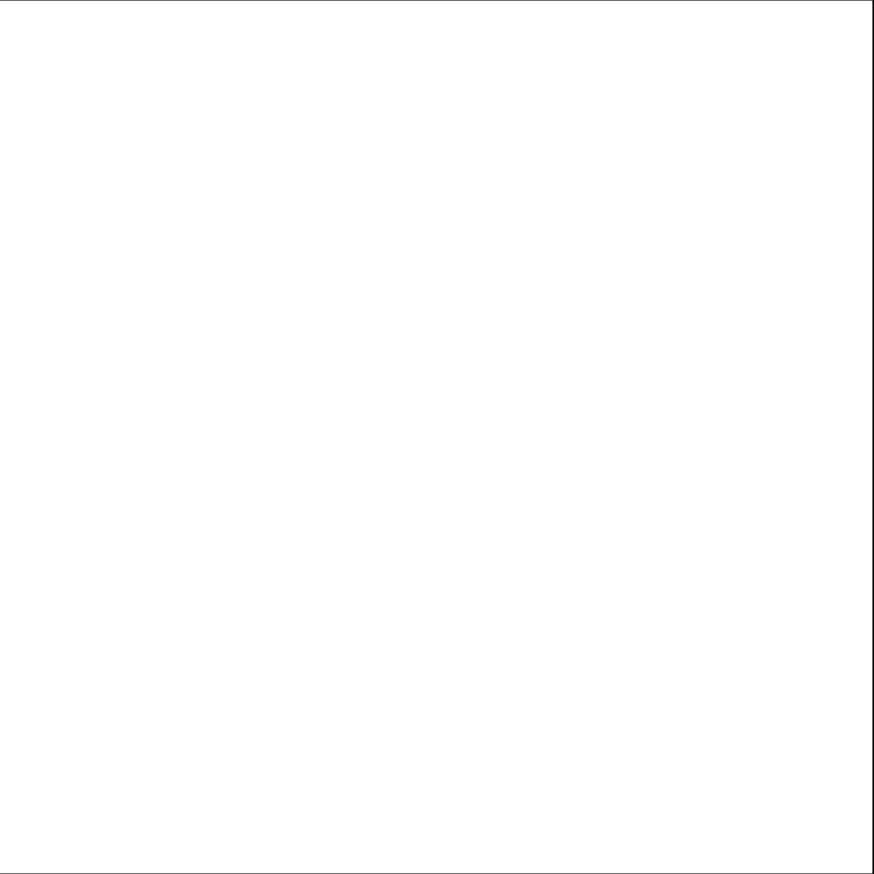
They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



Mais un des garçons désirait se promener au soleil.

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



Un jour son désire était trop
puissant. Ses frères l'avertirent...

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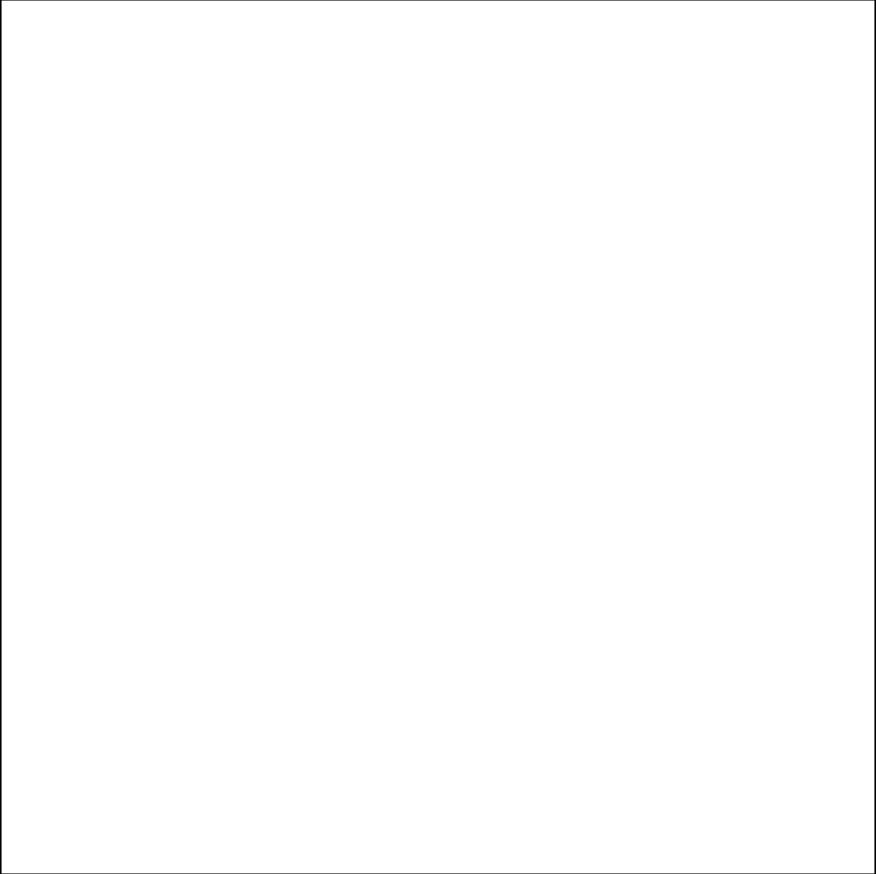
One day the longing was too
strong. His brothers warned him...



Mais c'était trop tard ! Il fonda au soleil brûlant.

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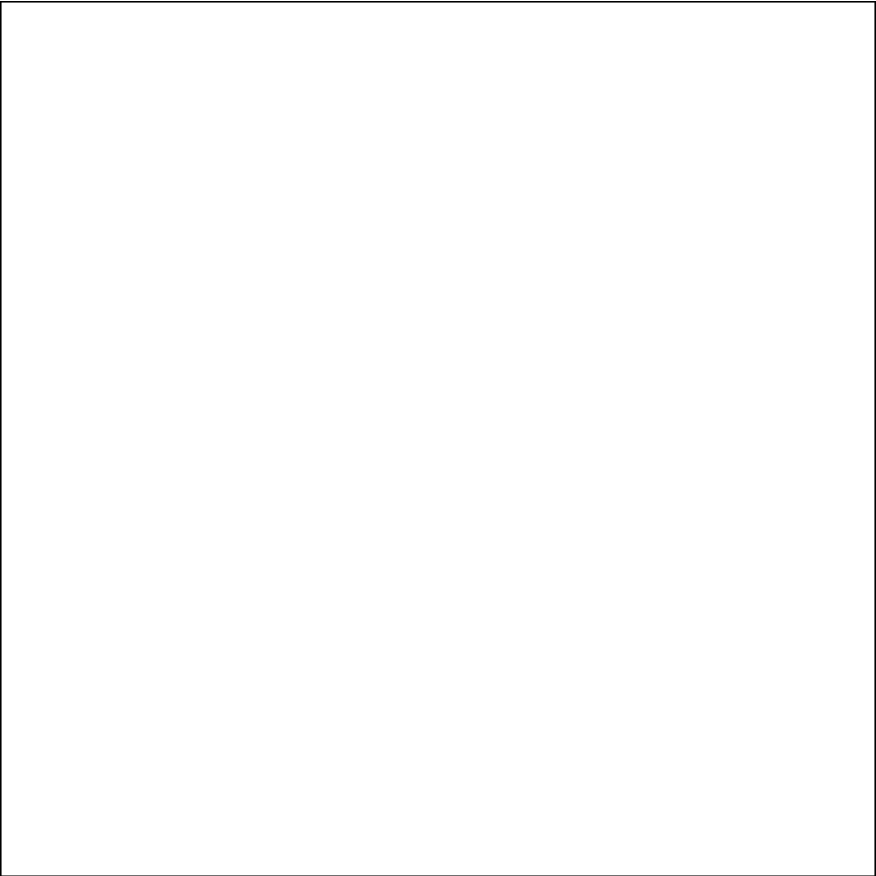
But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.



Les enfants de cire étaient si tristes
de voir leur frère fondre.

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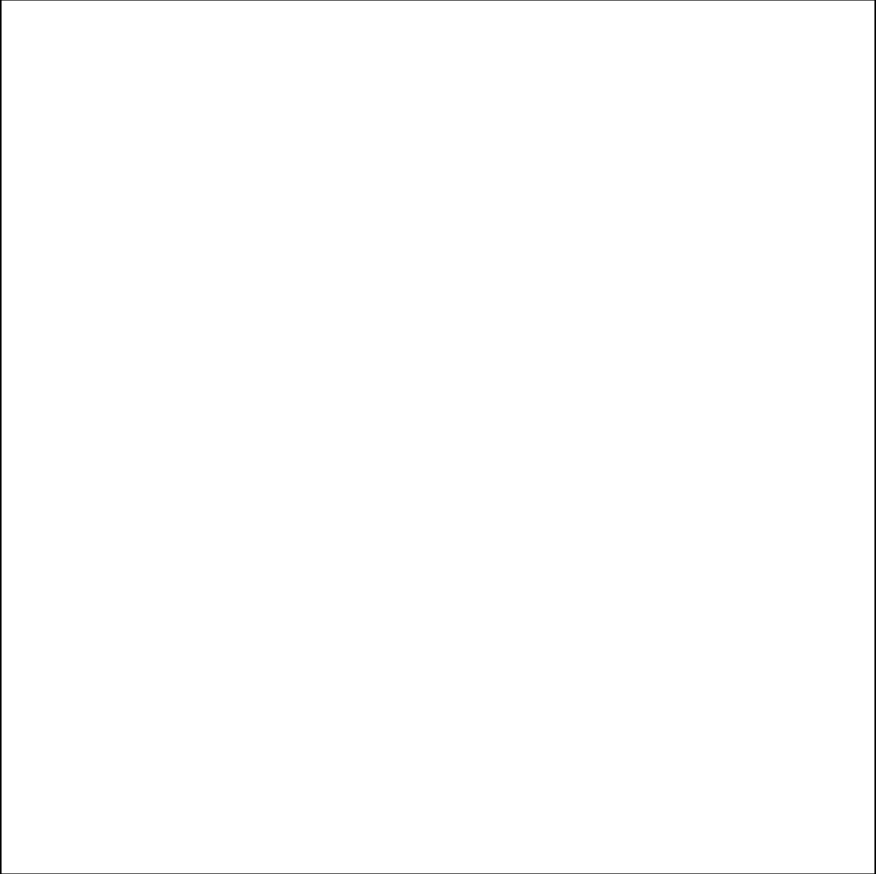
The wax children were so sad to
see their brother melting away.



Mais ils firent un plan. Ils
façonnèrent le morceau de cire
fondue en oiseau.

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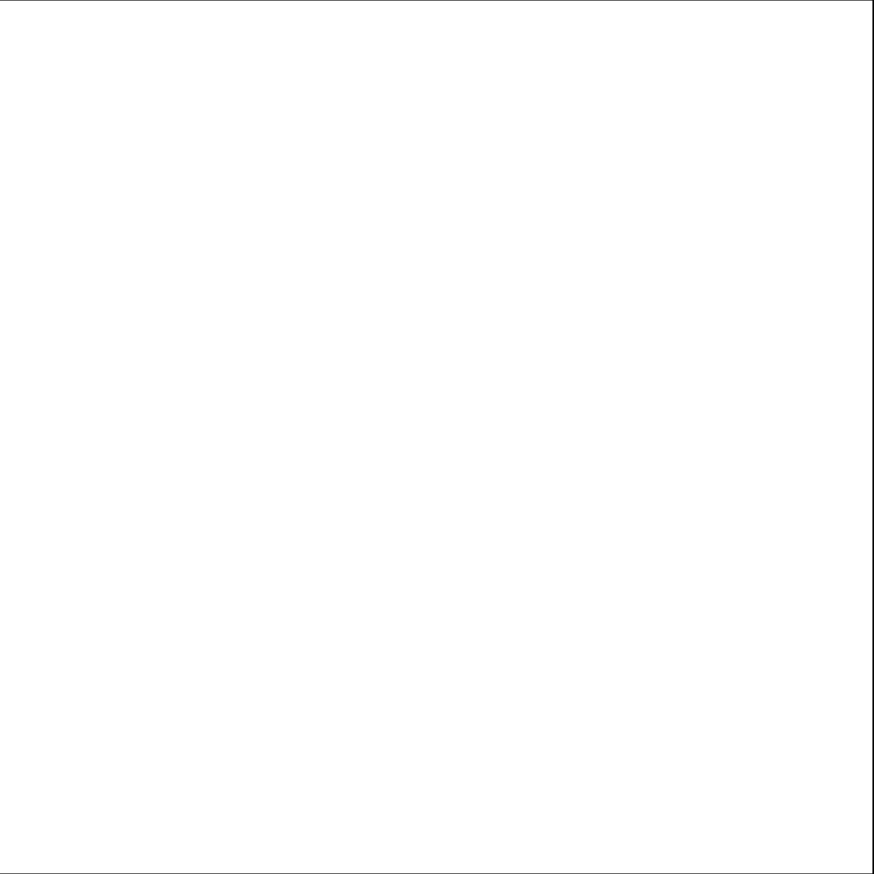
But they made a plan. They shaped
the lump of melted wax into a bird.



Ils apportèrent leur frère l'oiseau
jusqu'au sommet d'une montagne
haute.

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They took their bird brother up to a
high mountain.



Et lorsque le soleil se leva, il
s'envola vers la lumière du matin
en chantant.

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



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