

## THE PLAYFUL HEDGEHOG

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In a cold autumn afternoon, by the time everyone was preparing for winter, a hedgehog was gathering food supplies.

After some time, the hedgehog decided to take a break in order to catch his breath. Suddenly a seed shell fell on his head. He looked up to see what’s happening, and he saw a bunch of kids eating seeds and throwing the shells on the ground. He got very angry at the sight of all that mess, so he decided to teach those kids a lesson.

He proceeded to climb with great difficulty on the bench the five kids were sitting on.

He took advantage of the moment when one of the kids got up and sneaked onto his seat. He crouched there and waited. There was a loud and squeaky scream when the boy returned, not noticing the hedgehog and involuntarily sitting on it. The kids got up immediately, scared by their friend’s scream.

The hedgehog jumped straight up and talked to the kids about how important it is to care for our environment and to keep it clean.

The kids, ashamed by their ignorance, started cleaning up the place and left, promising to be more careful next time.

Since then, the boys not only keep the park clean, but they also supervise the other kids. They make sure that everyone follows their example, while also becoming friends with the hedgehog and with nature.



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