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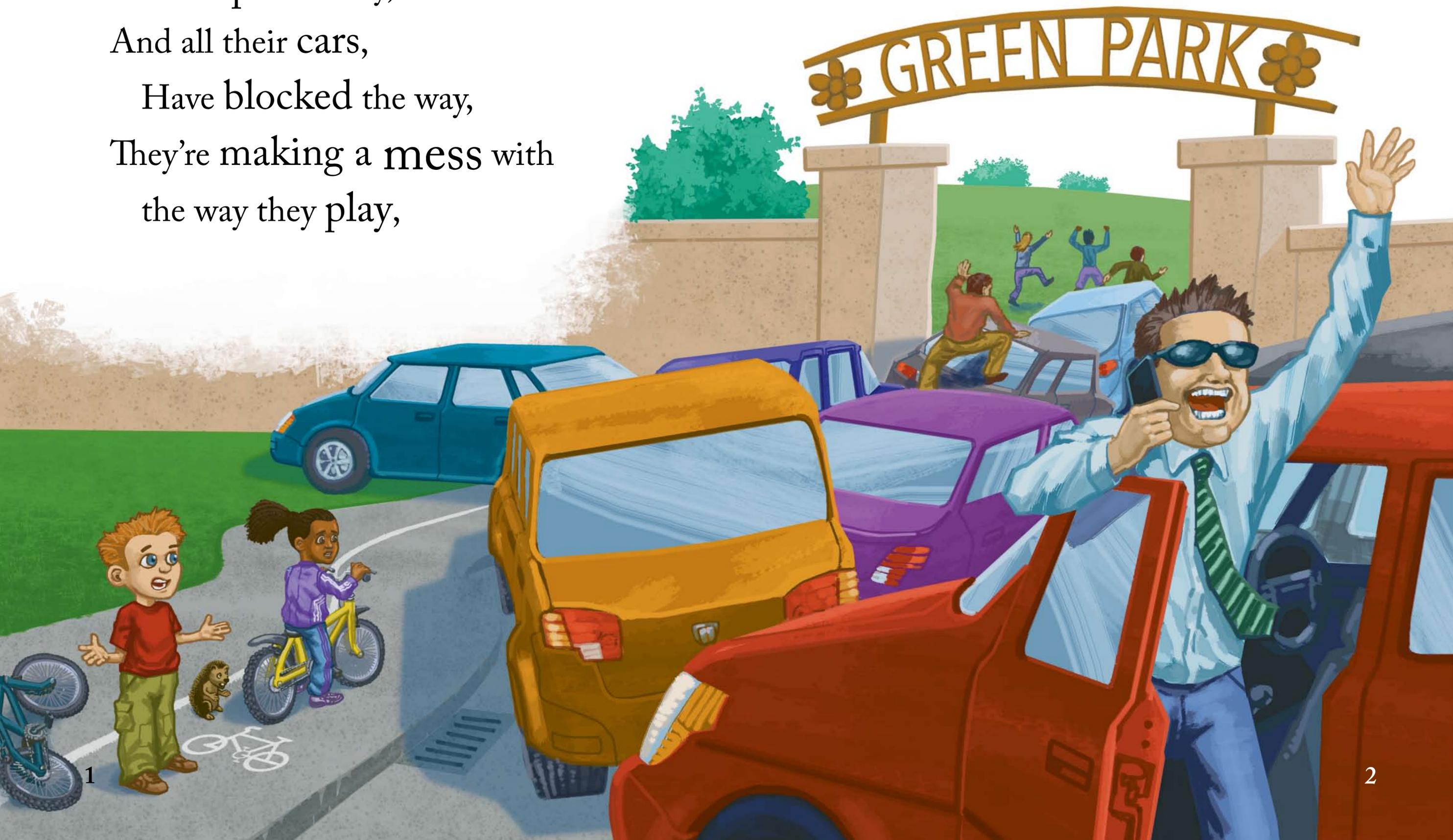
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Some grown-ups came  
to the park today,  
And all their cars,  
Have blocked the way,  
They're making a mess with  
the way they play,

Now we can't play here any more.



They took all they could,  
and more than they need,  
Now we can't play here any more.



Just look what they did  
to all the **trees!**  
For wood, for fire,  
To make their tea.

They cooked up smoke  
with their campfires too.  
Burning wood they took,  
And the smoke it blew,



In our faces too, a sick stinky stew,  
Now we can't play here any more.

Look at this rubbish!  
It's filled the lake!  
All the yucky gunk,  
Only humans make,

More poisonous junk  
than the lake can take,  
Now we can't play here any more.





The water's flooding  
all over the place,  
Now we can't play here any more.

The trees, they held  
all the earth in place,  
On the river banks,  
Where the river raced.

These grown-ups play  
in the playground too.  
They break and take,  
And think it's cool.



It looks like a big dump.  
It smells like a loo!  
Now we can't play here any more.

They keep taking stuff,  
they keep burning stuff,  
They just won't stop,  
But enough's enough,  
And . . .

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They leave in their cars,  
smoke spouting out.  
It's in our noses,  
And in our mouths,

And the air is stinky.  
We cough and shout,  
That we can't play here any more.



We can fix this yet, we still have time.

With work and hope,

With your brains and mine,

We can plant and fix  
and clear the air,



But we can't do this on our own.





Now everyone's back  
in the park today,  
And they won't  
spoil things any more.

But we're not alone,  
I'm glad to say.  
They feel sorry now,  
That they ran away,

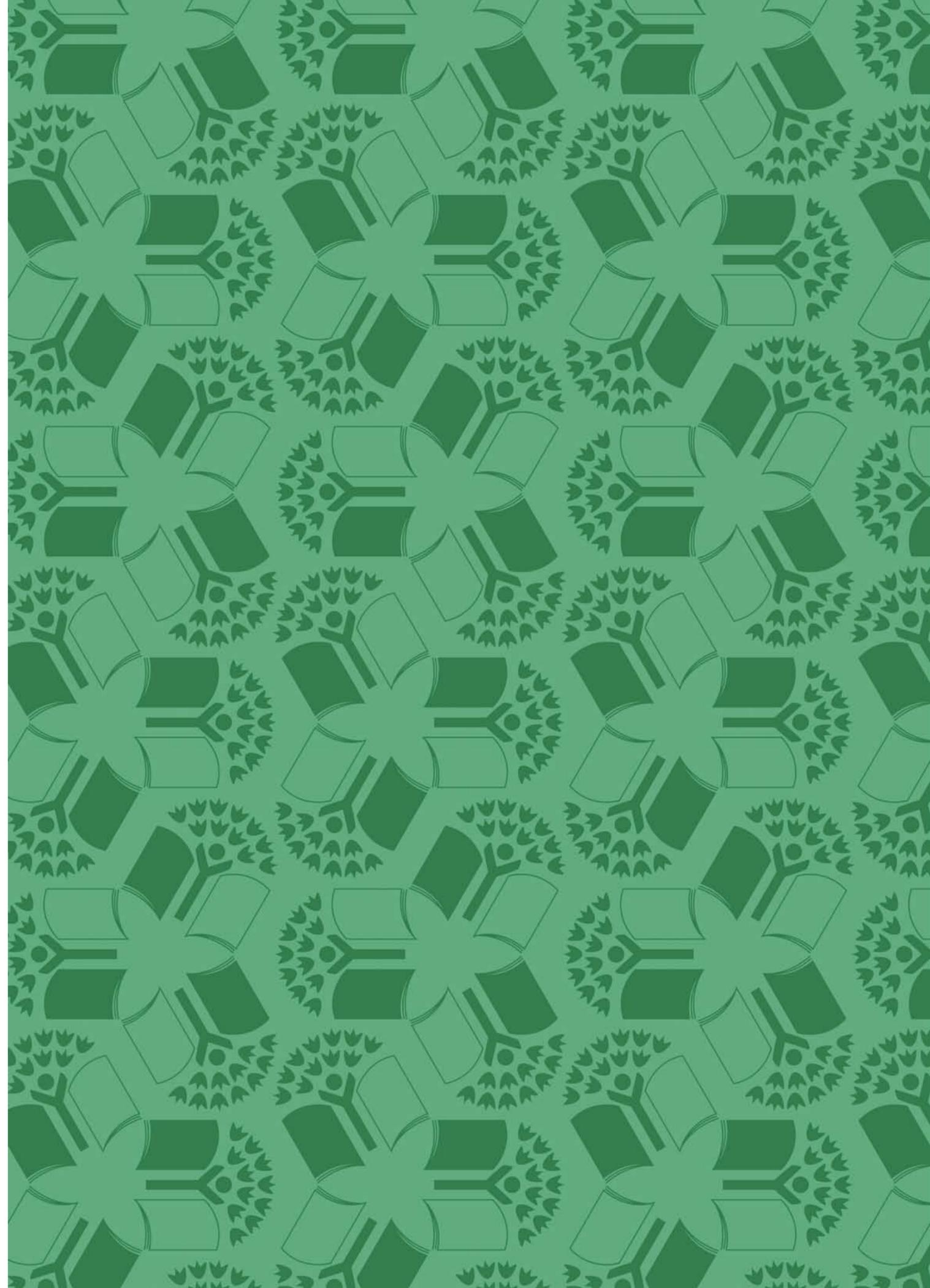
It takes time to fix  
all the damage done,  
But we've finished now,  
We can have some fun,  
All the kids and the grown-ups,  
everyone ...

Now we CAN play here,  
All day long!





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‘Some grown-ups came to the park today,  
They’re making a mess with the way they play.’

When a group of friends  
arrive to play at their local park,  
they find a crowd of adults running around.

The grown-ups are making  
a BIG mess and upsetting the animals . . .

So the children decide to  
do something about it.