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FIVE CHILDREN AND IT

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A group of children go out to play one day in old gravel pits and come across a sand-fairy – Psammead. "Its' eyes were on long horns like a snail's eyes, and it could move them in and out like telescopes; it had ears like a bat's ears, and its' tubby body was shaped like a spider's and covered with thick, soft fur; its' legs and arms were furry too, and it had hands and feet like a monkey's." The unusual sand-fairy grants the children one wish a day, each lasting until sunset. Though wishes can come true, they are not always as pleasant as they might seem, which the children soon discover.



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