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Tom Thumb

The woodman took his family into a very thick wood where they could not see one another ten paces off. The woodman began to cut some wood and the children to gather up the sticks and to make them into bundles. Their father and mother seeing them all so busy crept away from them bit by bit and then all at once ran away through the bushes.

When the children saw that they had been left alone they started to cry loudly. Tom Thumb let them cry, for he had taken care to drop all along the road little white stones he had in his pockets.

Then he said to them "Do not be afraid, brothers. Father and Mother have left us here but I will take you home again; only follow me."

They followed him and he brought them home through the wood by the same road as they had come.

Tales from Perrault

Please read the text carefully and use this to answer the questions

1. What genre is this text ? _____

2. Where did the woodman take his family ?

3. What were the children busy doing in the wood?

4. Why was Tom not crying ?

5. Does Tom dropping the little white stones remind you of any other fairy story? Which one?

6. Can you think of adjectives to describe the setting of the wood?

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