

Sophie Meets the BFG

The Giant picked up the trembling Sophie with one hand and carried her across the cave and put her on the table. Now he really is going to eat me, Sophie thought.

The Giant sat down and stared hard at Sophie. He had truly enormous ears. Each one was as big as the wheel of a truck and he seemed to be able to move them onwards and outwards from his head as he wished.

"I is hungry!" the Giant boomed. He grinned, showing massive square teeth. The teeth were very white and square and they sat in his mouth like huge slices of white bread.

"P..Please don't eat me," Sophie stammered.

The Giant let out a bellow of laughter.

"Just because I is a Giant, you think I is a man-gobbling cannybull!" he shouted.

"You is about right! Giants is all cannybully and murderful! And they does eat up human beans! We is in Giant Country now! Giants is everywhere around! Out there us has the famous Bonecrunching Giant! Bonecrunching Giant crunches up two wopsey whiffing human beans for supper every night! Noise is earbursting! Noise of crunching bones goes crackety-crack for miles around!"

"Ouch!" said Sophie.



"Bonecrunching Giant only gobbles human beans from Turkey," the Giant said. "Every night Bonecruncher is galloping off to Turkey to gobble Turks."

Sophie's sense of patriotism was so bruised by this remark that she became quite angry. "Why Turks?" she blurted out. "What's wrong with the English?"

"Bonecrunching Giant says Turks is tasting oh ever so much juicier and more scrumdiddlyumptious! Bonecruncher says Turkish human beans has a glamourly flavour. He says Turks from Turkey is tasting of turkey."

From The BFG by Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl is one of the most popular children's authors in the world. Roald didn't much enjoy school himself, and found teachers too strict. Before taking up writing, Roald led an adventurous life, spending time in Africa, tangling with animals and crashing a plane during the war. When Roald found he had a talent for writing he never looked back. Roald had a sense of humour that appeals to children and loved being rude. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is one of the best-selling books of all time. Other favourites include *The BFG*, *Revolting Rhymes* and *Fantastic Mr Fox*.

