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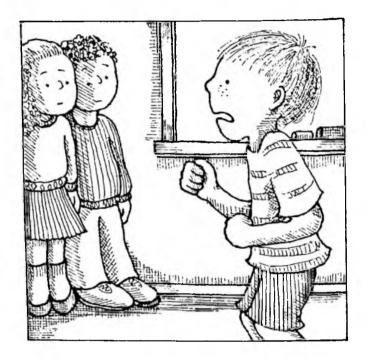
PLAY THERAPY

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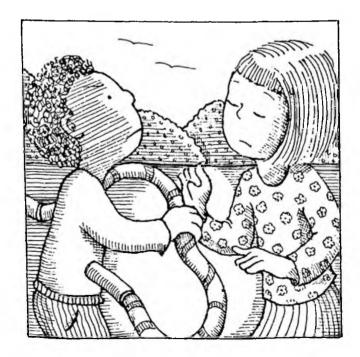
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Have you ever noticed how some kids have problems?

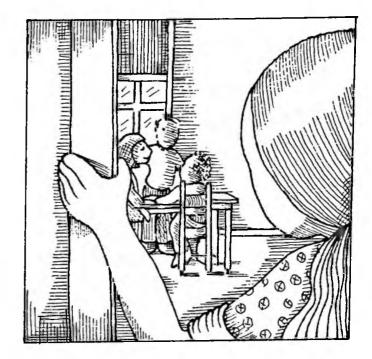
They might get into fights a lot.



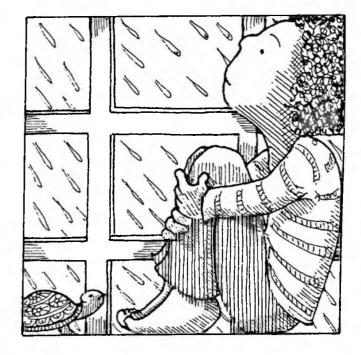
They might have trouble sharing.



They might feel very shy and nervous around other kids.



Or maybe they worry a lot.



Doing one of these things a lot means that kids have problems.

A problem is a thing you worry about or feel bad about.

Sometimes a problem makes you want to cry,

Or hit someone,

Or be all by

Yourself.



It's hard to keep having these problems. It bothers children. They don't know where the problems come from. So, they can't make them go away.

> Then They Need Help.

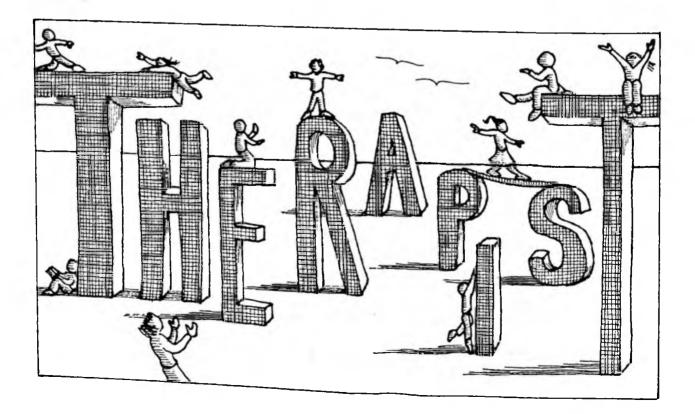


Sometimes a mom or dad can help.

But sometimes you need special help.

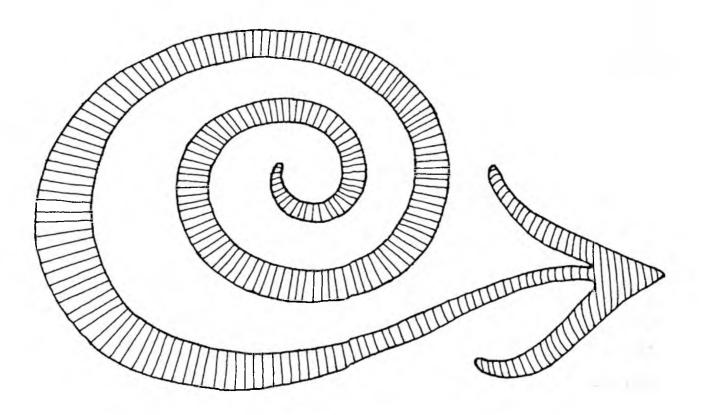
There are special kinds of helpers for children with these kinds of problems.

Some people call them "worry doctors," but their real name is child therapists.



(There's only one other big word like "Therapist" in this book.)

Child therapists help children learn about the worries and feelings that make the problems in the first place.



What happens when you visit a child therapist?

