

## **Blink's Garden play synopsis**

Best friends Blink and Moeh live in a barren land beside a great dividing wall. They can hear sounds of partying and celebration coming from the other side, but hearing this only deepens their despair regarding the desperate situation on their side. The villagers around them subsist on a meagre crop of roots and potatoes, but life is drab. Blink and Moeh try to brighten this dull existence through singing and rhyming and cultivation of a little garden, but the villagers see no use or beauty in the plants of Blink's garden, and they don't hesitate to express their scorn.

One day an old man appears while they are singing, telling them that their song is missing a verse. The complete version of the song makes Blink think that it is actually an ancient prophecy, revealing the secret of how to get past the wall.

Blink and Moeh, full of drive and inspiration, convince the villagers to join them in their quest to see the other side. This involves the plants of Blink's rejected garden, which bring the variety of a healthy diet needed for physical strength to allow them to climb over the wall.

After years of a very ambitious agricultural endeavour, Blink's side of the wall has improved considerably. However, Blink worries that they are still not strong enough. Moeh hatches a theory centring on an odd, huge, solitary fruit that has grown on one of the trees. She feels that it will give them magical powers to scale the wall when it is fully ripe.

That day arrives and everyone gathers to eat the fruit and conquer the wall, but it doesn't work. The villagers realize that there is nothing magical about the fruit and abandon Blink and Moeh - who are crushed.

Moeh realizes however that their side of the wall has become so lush that some distant trees growing near the wall are probably strong enough to support their weight, so they climb up the trees to see the other side. However, they are shocked at what they see. The sounds from the other side are not harmonious celebration, but rather, the jeers and partying of the powerful oppressing the disadvantaged. Again Blink and Moeh are bewildered by their misunderstanding.

The old man reappears to help them understand. He prophesies the eventual fall of the wall, but instructs the girls to stop looking for happiness where it won't be found. Blink and Moeh look back, and are finally able to refocus on the health that they have brought about on their own side.