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## Chapter One

## Hello, World!

Far away in the Arctic, the sun began to rise. A polar bear family lay inside their cozy den. They had been underground all winter.

Rory and Miles were two polar bear cubs. They were from the same litter, but their personalities were nothing alike. Rory was feisty and eager to see the outside world. Miles was careful and a bit of a worrywart. He wished they could stay forever inside the den with their mother, Pearl.





"Is it finally time?" Rory asked excitedly.

"Yes," said Pearl. "Spring is here. It is warm enough for us to leave the den."

"No!" Miles cried. "I think we should stay underground longer."

"Don't worry," Pearl said as she nuzzled her son. "I will be right by your side."

Pearl pushed against the snow to make a hole for the polar bears to climb out.

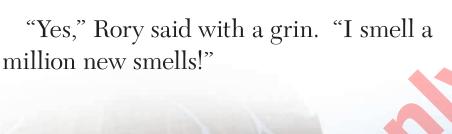
"Come on, cubs," Pearl urged. "Take a look at the Arctic!"

The family climbed out of their den, one by one.

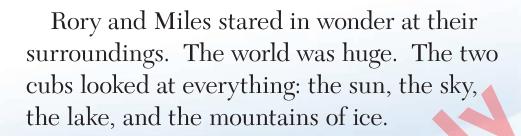
"What is that?" Rory raised a paw to the sky.

"That is the sun," said Pearl.

"It smells different out here," said Miles.







"Let's go explore!" Rory said excitedly.



## A Polar Bear Journey

A polar bear family is on the move! They will travel far to reach the sea ice.

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