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Gerome Gnome loves to roam.
One day, he goes roaming further
than ever before and has
an adventure!

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Chapter 1

Jerome Gnome loved to roam. He had wanted to be an explorer since he was knee-high to a mushroom, which is very small indeed.

So far he had only roamed on the banks of the river next to his house. But he wanted to roam much, much further.

One sunny morning, he packed his torch, map and compass in his bag.

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“I’m going roaming!” he called to his mum.

“Have fun! Happy roaming, Jerome,” she called back without looking up from her book. His brothers and sisters waved and carried on with their fishing game.

Jerome walked across a field. He climbed through a small gap in a hedge. He was next to a busy road. A woman in a smart purple jumper was standing next to a sign with a picture of a bus on it. There was a large paper bag at her feet.

What Jerome saw next made him very excited indeed.

Just peeping above the top of the bag, Jerome could see... another gnome!

‘Another Roaming Gnome like me!’ thought Jerome. ‘How clever he is! He’s climbed inside that bag so he can roam a very long way.’



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A large yellow bus arrived. Jerome took a deep breath. He crept into the bag with the other roaming gnome.

Jerome's tummy did a somersault as he felt the paper bag being lifted onto the bus.

The woman put the bag down. Jerome looked at the other gnome. He was very still. He was holding a fishing rod tightly. He didn't even look at Jerome.

"Hello, I'm Jerome," he whispered. "Please may I roam with you?"

The other gnome didn't answer.



'That's a bit rude,' thought Jerome, but he didn't give up easily.

"Do you roam often?" asked Jerome. Still the other gnome stared ahead. Jerome gently tapped the gnome's shoulder. It felt hard and cold. Very strange.

Now Jerome understood the truth; this gnome was a stone gnome, not a Real Live Roaming Gnome like Jerome.

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