The Creature of Cassidy's Creek

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Chapter 1

The Groaning



Sebastian stretched out on the bed. Here he was, staying at Gran's old farmhouse at Cassidy's Creek for a whole week — where nothing ever happened.

He took his pencil and began to fill in a puzzle.

Suddenly he stopped writing. What was that? A peculiar, low groan had broken the silence ... There it was again!

He jumped up and ran out of the room, shouting, "Gran!"



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"What is it, Sebastian?" asked Gran, almost spilling her cup of tea.

"Gran, I heard a really weird groaning sound. Did you hear it?"



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"No," she said, smiling. "It's probably just a branch scraping on the window."

But Sebastian had a strange feeling about the groaning noise. And he suspected it had come from the cellar.



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His eyes shifted towards the little hidey-hole door to the cellar. He knew that behind the door the rickety, wooden steps led down. The sliding bolt on the door was usually locked, but he noticed now that it had been pulled back.

Sebastian opened the door and peered down the stairs. A strange smell came up from the depths. His hand groped at the cellar's light switch, but it didn't work.

Pushing the door shut, he quickly slid the bolt across. There was something there ... he was certain.

Behind that hidey-hole door.

Down the steps.

In the dark.

