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A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood.

A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.

“Where are you going to, little brown mouse?

Come and have lunch in my underground house.”

“It’s terribly kind of you, Fox, but no —

I’m going to have lunch with a gruffalo.”

“A gruffalo? What’s a gruffalo?”

“A gruffalo! Why, didn’t you know?”



“He has terrible tusks,



and terrible claws,



And terrible teeth in
his terrible jaws.”

“Where are you meeting him?”

“Here, by these rocks,

And his favourite food is roasted fox.”

“Roasted fox! I’m off!” Fox said.

“Goodbye, little mouse,” and away he sped.

“Silly old Fox! Doesn’t he know,

There’s no such thing as a gruffalo?”

