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## Opening extract from **Minikid**

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#### Chapter 1 Menace

The summer I was ten, our cousin Billy came to stay with us. I heard Mum and Dad talking about how his mum and dad were having problems. Mum said Billy would have to live with us for a while until they sorted things out. Dad said that could take for ever and a day.

Me and Lisa were meant to help look after Billy, but I wasn't sure about him.

He was a menace, there was no doubt about that. Bullet, they called him at school. We called him Minikid, and mini he was. He stood about three foot tall in his shoes. He had a head shaped like a cannonball and a body built like a tank.

