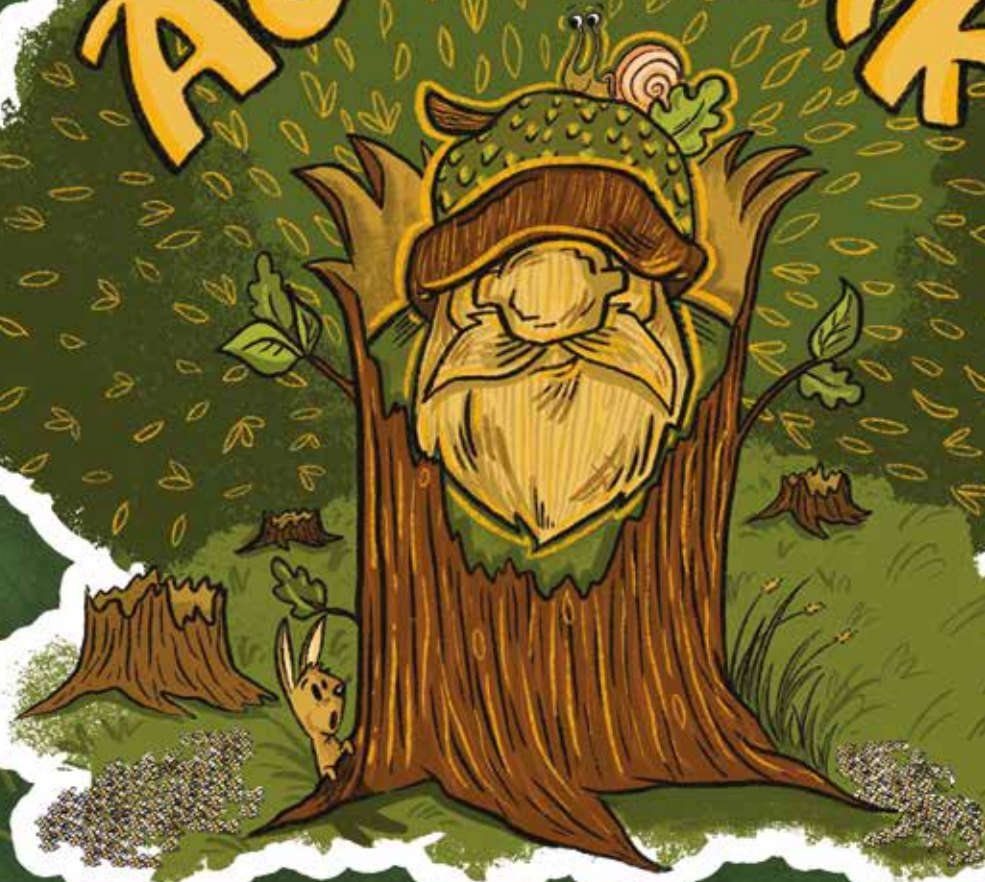


Acornfolk



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CHAPTER 1 - Acornfolk

Did you know that in every ancient wood across our green and wonderful land,
there lives a guardian of the forest?

Do not be surprised if you have never heard of these treefolk before; few remember these tiny woods people who guard and protect our forests.

Well, who are these wood dwellers, you are wondering? These woodsfolk are, and always have been, living in our forests and trees but you have probably never seen one.

Why? Well, firstly, they are roughly as tall as a four-year-old child. Secondly, though they do not fear human kind, they live on the edge of human notice. But if you have ever walked through a still and peaceful woodland and felt that prickling feeling on the back of your neck, the one where you feel that you aren't alone, that will most likely be one of the Acorn People.

Next, you will probably be wondering what the Acorn Folk look like. Well, their skin is like the bark of an oak tree, for they seem to have been hewn from the bark itself. They are dressed in the colours of the forest mantle: greens, browns and golden hues like the sunlight playing through the leaves of the trees on an autumnal morning. Their caps are festooned with oak leaves, giving them excellent cover as they wend their way through the trees and woodlands they call home. This camouflage, along with their quiet way of living in harmony with the natural rhythms of the forest world (a way of life that we, dear readers, have forgotten), makes them incredibly difficult to spot.

So the next time you're in the forest, keep a keen lookout and listen, ever so carefully, for a whisper through the trees. It might just be the wind but you may, just may, have been in the presence of the Acorn Folk.

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