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To Karen Morris, the librarian from
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In memory of my mum – S.V.

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King Lion was Lenny's grandpa.
He was kind and clever but one afternoon,
when they were playing snakes and ladders,
he forgot the up and down rule.
And he couldn't remember Lenny's name.

Grandpa used to look proud and kingly,
but now he looked worried and tired.
One day he stared at Lenny's football.
He said, "What's that?" and he wouldn't
come outside for a game.

Another morning, Lenny
found his grandpa's crown
in the bin with some other
things that shouldn't have
been there.

King Lion kept getting muddled.
He even mixed up night and day.
He would say, "Goodnight, er... cub,"
and get into bed when the sun
was shining!