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Midnight!
It was time for Bertie to go haunting.
Ready, steady, *ghost!*
The big ghosts rushed off to
'Wooooo!' and *'Boo!'* in great forests
and tall castles. But Bertie wasn't a big ghost.
He felt far too small to haunt somewhere huge.



Bertie crept further into the wood. It was darker than dark and lonelier than lonely. *'I don't like it out here,'* he whimpered. *'I need to find a homely house to haunt, a cosy house, a little house!'*

Two lights shone through the darkness. *'Windows,'* said Bertie, hurrying towards them, *'on a little house.'* Then the lights blinked.

'Shiver-me, shake-me!' said Bertie.

'Not windows at all but eyes that belong to a big, gobble-me . . .



Luckily, the gobble-me wolf
didn't see Bertie among the leaves.
It howled and was gone.