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Book Title: The Graveyard Book (chapter 1)

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SETTING:

The murder scene --- the graveyard

THEME:

How 'Nobody' starts his new life in the graveyard.

MOOD:

Scaring--- amusing--- worried--- wondering

CHARACTERS:

- ✧ The murder man, Jack.
- ✧ The survived baby boy, Nobody.
- ✧ The ghost, Mrs. Owens, whom become Nobody's mom in the graveyard.
- ✧ The ghost, Mr. Owens, Nobody's ghost dad in the graveyard.
- ✧ Caius Pompeius, one of the most senior ghost citizens.
- ✧ Josiah Worthington, Bart, one of the ghost lives in the graveyard.
- ✧ Mother Slaughter, one of the ghost lives in the graveyard.
- ✧ Silas, the first outsider received the Freedom from the Graveyard, becomes Nobody's guardian.
- ✧ Nehemiah Trot, the ghost poet in the graveyard.
- ✧ The lady on the Grey (horse), the wisdom and respectful ghost living in the graveyard.

PLOT:

- i. The little baby boy's family had been killed by the man Jack, the baby escaped from his house to the graveyard.
- ii. Mrs. Owens and Mr. Owens decided to adapt him, named him "Nobody," and assisted him to get away from Jack. Other ghosts in the graveyard accepted Nobody as well.
- iii. From the street the police car and ambulance sounds spreading around, the man, Jack, is standing there with his polished knife inside pocket.

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SETTING:

The graveyard

THEME:

A new friend in the Grave yard to Nobody is a human girl.

MOOD:

Peaceful--- happy--- interesting--- pure

CHARACTERS:

- ✧ The Grave yard human boy, Nobody, which called Bob.
- ✧ Scarlett Amber Perkins, the human girl who comes to the Grave yard with her parents for leisure time.
- ✧ The old Roman, the oldest one in the Grave yard.
- ✧ Caius Pompeius, one of the most senior ghost citizens.
- ✧ Silas, the first outsider received the Freedom from the Graveyard, becomes Nobody's guardian.
- ✧ The Indigo Man, which is the imagination guarding the oldest tomb.

PLOT:

- iv. Bob started to learn A, B, C and words in the Grave yard.
- v. One day morning, when Bob was written the words from the tomb stone, Bob met a human girl, Scarlett.
- vi. They had great playing time together, learning and adventure in the Grave yard. Both of their parents thought that's their kids' imaginations. In the end, Scarlett left the town, also declared that Bob as a human being shouldn't always stay in the Grave yard.

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SETTING:

The graveyard, out of the graveyard.

THEME:

Silas went to travel so Miss Lupesca comes to take care of Bob.

MOOD:

Sad- angry- excited- homesick- touching

CHARACTERS:

- ✧ Silas, Bob's guardian.
- ✧ Miss Lupescu, the Hunts of God who comes to take care of Bob during the period that Silas is gone.
- ✧ Mr. and Mrs. Owens, regarding as Bob's parents in the grave yard.
- ✧ Duke of Westminster, the Ghouls.
- ✧ Honorable Archibald Fitzhugh, the Ghouls.
- ✧ The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Ghouls.
- ✧ The 33rd President of the United States,
- ✧ The Emperor of China, the Ghouls.
- ✧ The writer Victor Hugo, the Ghouls.
- ✧ Doctor Trefusis, the man who inspected Bob's sprained ankle.
- ✧ Josiah Worthington, Bart., the men who lent the ebony walking cane to Bob.

PLOT:

- vii. Silas went out for a travel and Miss Lupescu came to take care of Bob and taught him things. Bob didn't want to leave Silas at all and he didn't like her teaching way and hated the food brought from her.
- viii. They learnt a lot of things every day, but Bob was feeling very unloved by everyone. Then there came the Ghouls, they brought Bob to places out of the graveyard and wanted him to become one of them. However, Bob didn't want and got homesick.
- ix. When the Ghouls' enemies were catching them, they left Bob but then Bob was saved by Miss Lupescu, and went back the life in the grave yard. In the end of that month, Silas came back and both Bob and Miss Lupescu kept this secret in their mind. Miss Lupescu promised that she will come back next summer.

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SETTING:

The graveyard, the antique shop on the street

THEME:

The witch that Bod just knew was about making him uncover his family background and get into trouble.

MOOD:

Calm--- piteous--- worried--- exciting--- happy--- scaring--- wondering

CHARACTERS:

- ✧ The Grave yard human boy, Nobody, which called Bod.
- ✧ Silas, Bod's guardian.
- ✧ Mr. Pennyworth, Bod's favored teacher in the graveyard, taught Elements and Humors. He taught Bod Fading.
- ✧ Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Bod's parents in the graveyard.
- ✧ Liza Hempstock, the witch dead without headstone, living in the wasteland of the graveyard.
- ✧ Abanzer Bloger, the greedy and sour owner of the antiques shop on the street.
- ✧ Tom Hustings, Bloger's Paydirt business friend.

PLOT:

- x. Bod was taught not went outside of the graveyard and how to fad, but he can't leant it at all.
- xi. Bod accidently ran into the other side (wasteland) of the graveyard, met the witch, he decided to make a headstone for the poor her. He went to the old tomb again tried to get something valuable from there in order to exchange money to buy a headstone.
- xii. He wanted to sell the priceless snakestone to Bolger, but was trapped by him, very in danger. The witch came to save him and took him back to the graveyard. Jack smelled Bod again on the street... Silas, Mr. and Mrs. Owens knew that there must be some big troubles waiting to happen, they were worried.

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SETTING:

The graveyard, The school

THEME:

Bod's school days.

MOOD:

Funny--- sad--- happy--- worried

CHARACTERS:

- ✧ The Grave yard human boy, Bod.
- ✧ Silas, Bod's guardian, save Bod with the two policemen.
- ✧ Liza Hempstock, the ghost witch saved Bod when he got into trouble with the two policemen.
- ✧ Thackeray Porringer, died when he was fourteen, buried with lots of books by his mom.
- ✧ Tom Sands, the graveyard ghost.
- ✧ Miss Euphemia, the graveyard ghost.
- ✧ Mr. Kirby, the homeroom teacher of Bod's class in the school.
- ✧ Mrs. Hawkins, the school science teacher.
- ✧ Nick Farthing, twelve years old, school bully kid.
- ✧ Maureen Quilling, Nick's friend, everyone calls her Mo.
- ✧ Paul Singh, the school boy whom was bullied by Nick and Mo.
- ✧ Amabella Persson, Roderick Persson, Portunia Persson, the ghost family living beyond the graveyard that Bod met on the way back there, and they remind Bod he should practice *Dream walk*.
- ✧ Mr. Pennyworth, Bods grave yard yeacher. Had a bit complain that Bod ask too many questions.
- ✧ Simon, the ginger mustached policeman, and the other bigger policeman, they caught Bod.

PLOT:

- xiii. Bod was runny by escaping for Thackeray, because he stole his book in the graveyard to read. And he finally returned back those books to him, but he's really loves reading... so he asked Silas to send him to school.
- xiv. Silas was very unwilling to send him to school due to worry about h Bod's safe. Bod wasn't noticed by almost everyone in the school, but later he was involved into the school bullying events by Nick and Mo, he started to be noticed by them and became a talk in the school. He made a lesson to Nick and Mo; they were scared but took the revenge, so Bod was caught by the policemen.
- xv. Liza and Silas went to save Bod and they made the policemen realized that's all Mo's trick to lie them. Bod then left the school, backed to the graveyard. Both Bod and Silas felt sorry to each other. Silas decoded to make Bod free to town for learning, but still worry about his safe...

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✚ SETTING: The graveyard, the man Jack's house which was Bod's house

✚ THEME: Jack found Bod.

✚ MOOD: Worried--- angry--- happy--- concerned--- exciting--- happy

✚ CHARACTERS:

- ✧ The Grave yard human boy, Bod, fourteen years old.
- ✧ Silas, Bod's guardian in the graveyard.
- ✧ Miss Lupescu, the honour guard in the grave yard, fought with the group people of killers with Jack for Bod.
- ✧ Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Bod's parents in the graveyard.
- ✧ Josiah Worthington, Bod's friend in the grave yard, helps Bod to get rid of the group people of killers with Jack.
- ✧ Scarlett Amber Perkins, fifteen years old young lady whom moved back from Scotland. She was Bod's childhood graveyard friend.
- ✧ Mr. Frost, he's the person who killed Bod's family thirty years ago, Jack. Become friends with Scarlett's family, the Dorian family.
- ✧ Mrs. Perkins, Scarlett's mother. Have great feelings to Jack.
- ✧ Nehemiah Trot, the graveyard ghost poet, gives Bod advices of talking to Scarlett.
- ✧ Kandar, the honour guard in the grave yard, fought with the group people of killers with Jack for Bod. He's a mummy with powerful eagle-wings and always brings a small pig.
- ✧ Sleer, the guard of the ancient Egyptian hill. Gives Bod advices of looking for his life while Silas wasn't there. The Sleer also saved Bod of regarding Jack as its new master.
- ✧ Mr. Tar, Mr. Ketch, Mr. Dandy, The people asked Jack to kill Bod's family thirty years ago. Want to kill Bod again.
- ✧ Jack Ketch, Mr. Nimble, Caius Pompeius, Thackeray Porringer, Euphemia Horsfall, Tom Sands, Bod's graveyard friends.

✚ PLOT:

- xvi. The graveyard people start to worry about Bod is growing up; one day Jack would find him. Bod's childhood friend, Scarlett came back to town and met Mr. Forest, Jack. And they become friends.
- xvii. After Trot's advices, Bod decided to talk to Scarlett and they had a great chatting. Bod mentioned about his background and Scarlett wanted to help him to find out the murder in his family. Later she went to the library for old news papers and found the address. Surprisingly that's Mr. Forest's home and she asked for Mr. Forest's help.
- xviii. Due to Mr. Forest is the killer man, Jack, he lied to Scarlett to bring Bod to his home but fortunately Bod didn't killed by him and brought Scarlett to rescue in the graveyard. Everyone in the grave yard helped Bod and they won. After that, Silas took over Scarlett's memories of the graveyard. Bod was sad and couldn't understand why Scarlett was frightened by him.

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SETTING:

The graveyard, the town

THEME:

It's time to go out the graveyard and explore the world for Bod!

MOOD:

Sad--- happy--- calm--- satisfied--- hopeful

CHARACTERS:

- ✧ The Grave yard human boy, Bod.
- ✧ Silas, Bod's guardian, save Bod with the two policemen.
- ✧ Mother Slaughter, the only graveyard friend that Bod can see now.
- ✧ Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Bod's parents in the graveyard.

PLOT:

- xix. Sometimes Bod couldn't see the dead, he found he begin can't see well in the dark.
- xx. Mother Slaughter told him that's because of he's grown up and said good bye to him. Also Mr. and Mrs. Owens were having a very bitter-sweet good bye to him.
- xxi. Silas brought him to town to have hamburger and gave him a wallet which enough for him to start a new life outside the graveyard but no more. Bod is not afraid at all and looked forward to travel this world!

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## **The Graveyard Book**

~By Neil Gaiman~

**I. Theme (What) Chapter one Topic: How Nobody Came to the Graveyard.**

**II. Setting (Where):** The House → The Graveyard.

**III. Characters (Who):** Jack, Nobody Owens, Silas, the inhabitants of graveyard, the Lady on Grey.

**IV. Mood (Feeling):** Suspense → Confused → Dark.

**V. Plot (Events):** 1. The killer Jack killed Nobody's family in the house, but can't find Nobody.

2. Nobody escaped from Jack and went to the graveyard.

3. The ghosts care for Nobody, accepted him to live in the Graveyard and given him the

Freedom of the Graveyard.

**VI. Hook:** There was a hand in the darkness, and it held a knife.



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**VII.Theme (What) Chapter 3 and 4 Topic: The Hounds of God and The Witch's Headstone.**

**VIII. Plot (Events):** 1. Silas was leaving and Miss Lupescu came to took care of Bod instead.

Beecaus of her strict teaching Bod think he was unloved.

2. The ghouls took Bod to Ghûlheim and wanted to make him become one of them.

3. The Hound of God Miss Lupescu and the Night-Gaunt came to rescue Bod.

4. Bod met Liza which is the witch of The Potter's Field and wanted to give her a headstone.

5. The first time Bod left the graveyard, he wanted to sale the brooch which belong to the oldest grave in the graveyard and buy a headstone for Liza in Abanazer Bolger's shop.

6. With helps from Liza, Bod escaped from the two greedy men, Abanazer Bolger and Tom Hustings, safely back to the graveyard.