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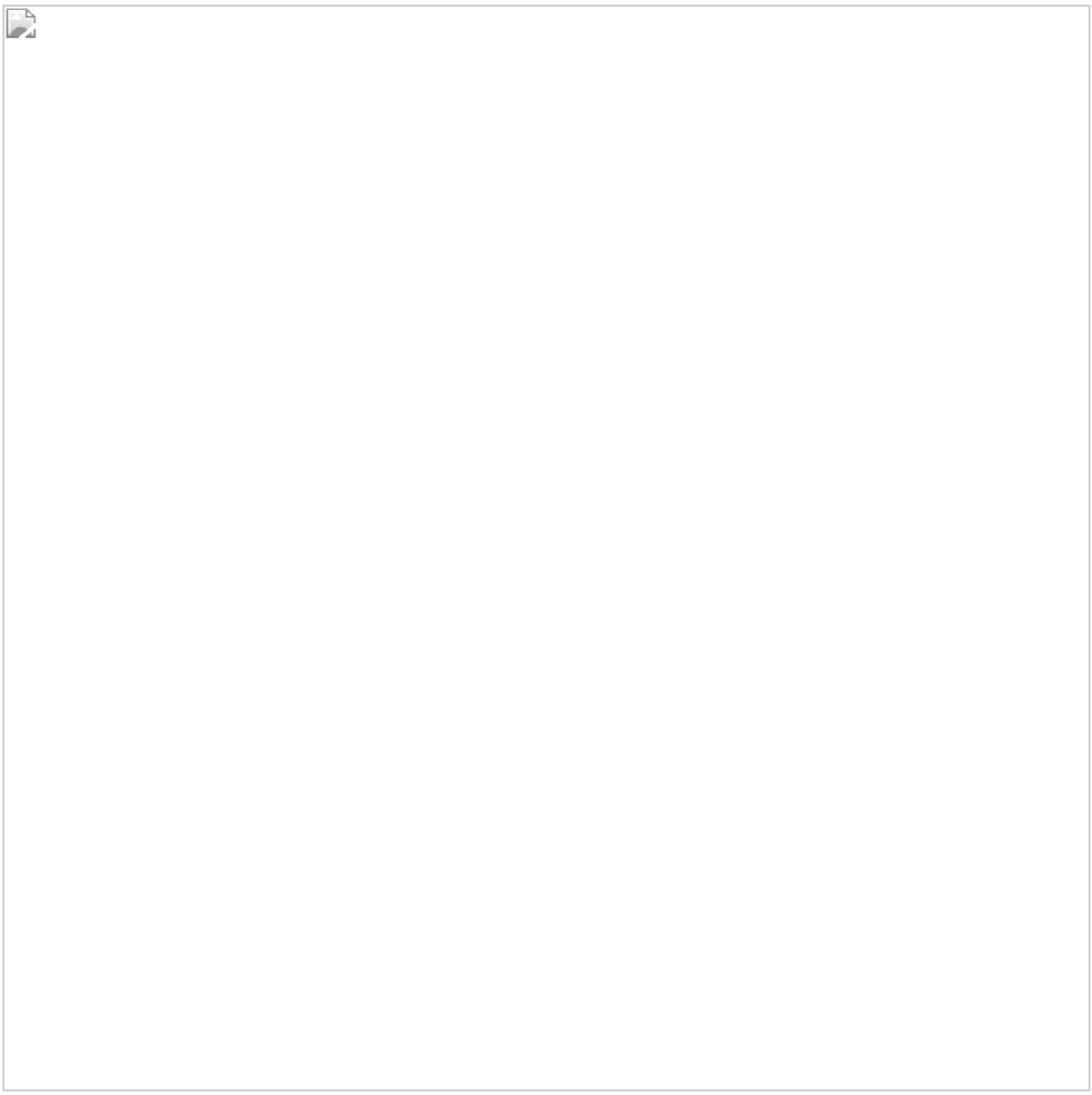
Beth Gellert

A Tale from Wales



Prince Llewelyn had a favourite greyhound named Gellert. He had been given to the Prince by his father-in-law, King John.

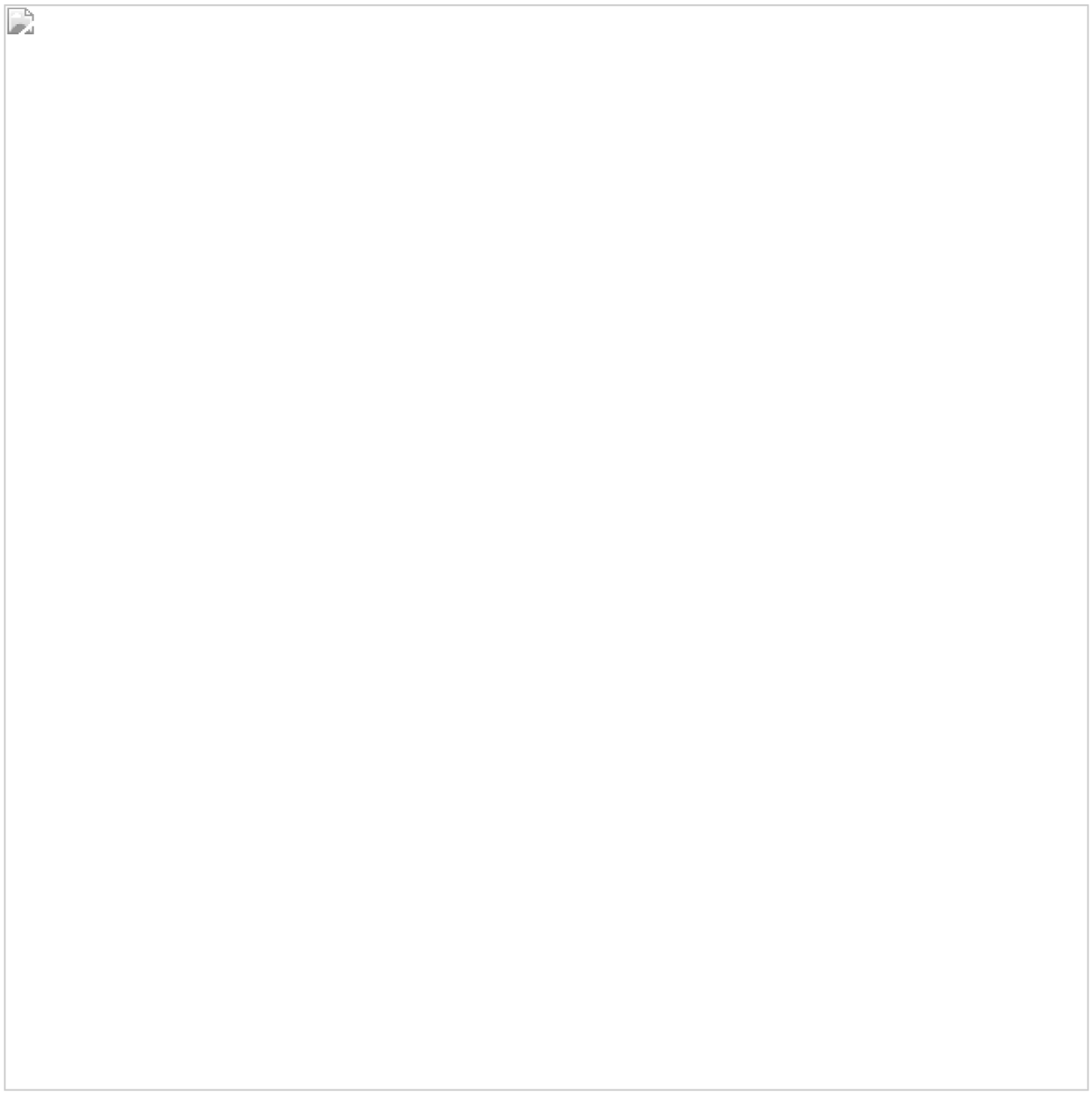
Gellert was “as gentle as a lamb at home but a lion in the chase.”

TALK ABOUT IT

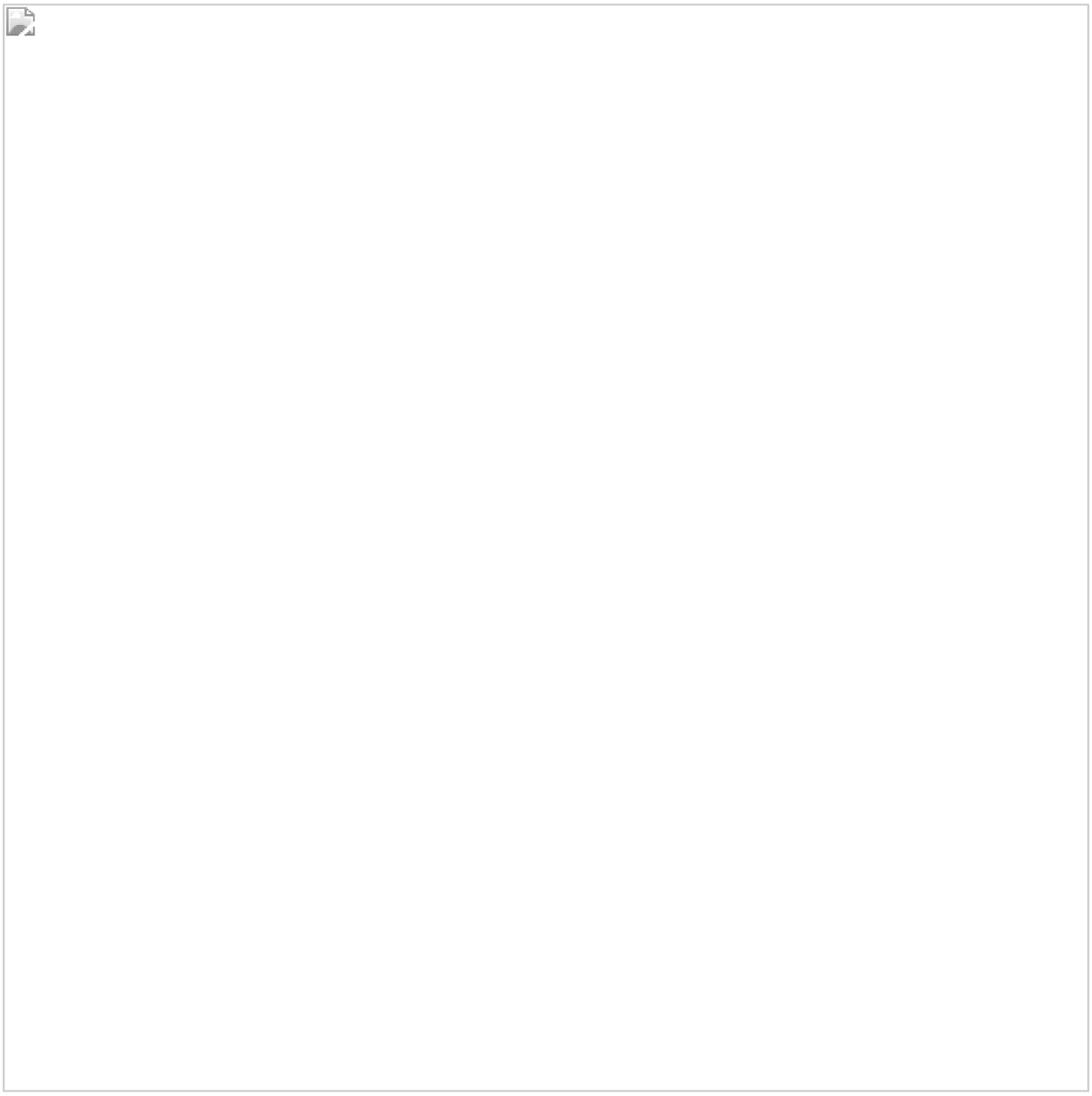
Gellert was gentle at home and brave in the hunt. Do you know someone who is gentle and brave?

This book belongs to _____

Beth Gellert · another picture



The Horn



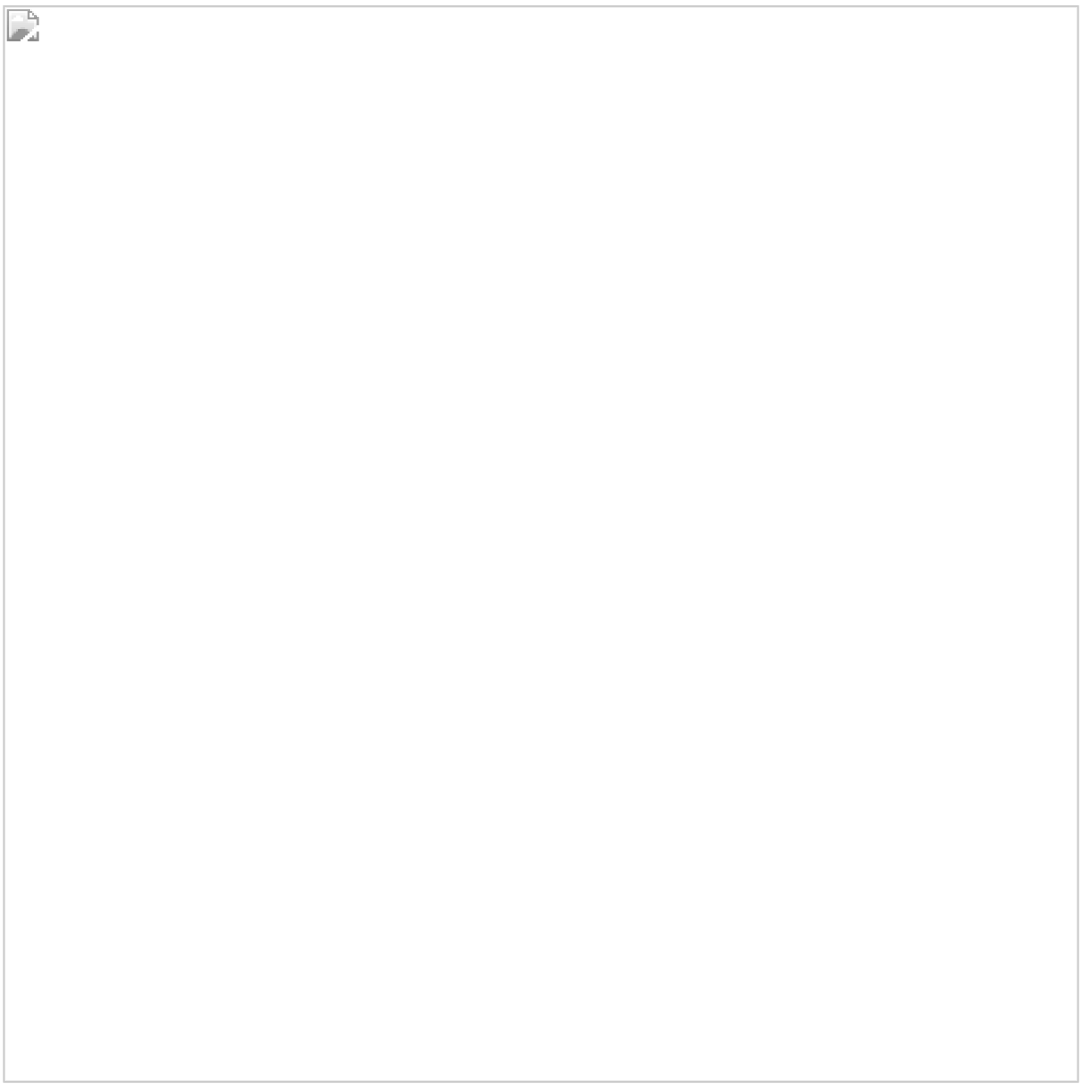
One day Llewelyn went to the chase and blew his horn in front of his castle. All his other dogs came to the call, but Gellert never answered it.

So he blew a louder blast on his horn and called Gellert by name. Still the greyhound did not come.

At last Prince Llewelyn could wait no longer and went off to the hunt without Gellert. He had little sport that day, because Gellert, the swiftest and boldest of his hounds, was not there.

TALK ABOUT IT

Where do you think Gellert was?

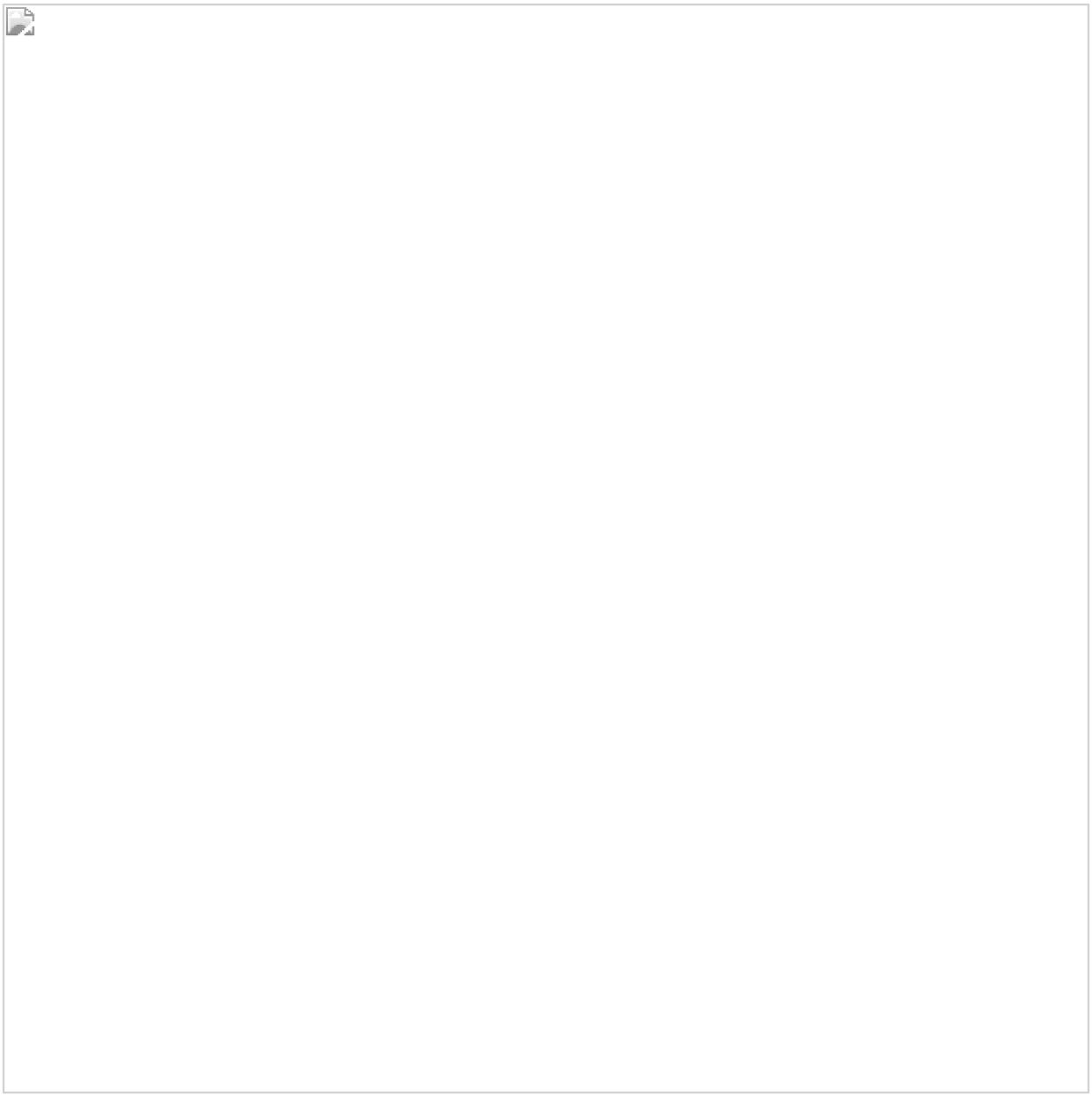


Think about it

1. Who did not come when the Prince blew his horn?

- ○ The horse
- ○ Gellert
- ○ The Prince's father-in-law

At the Gate



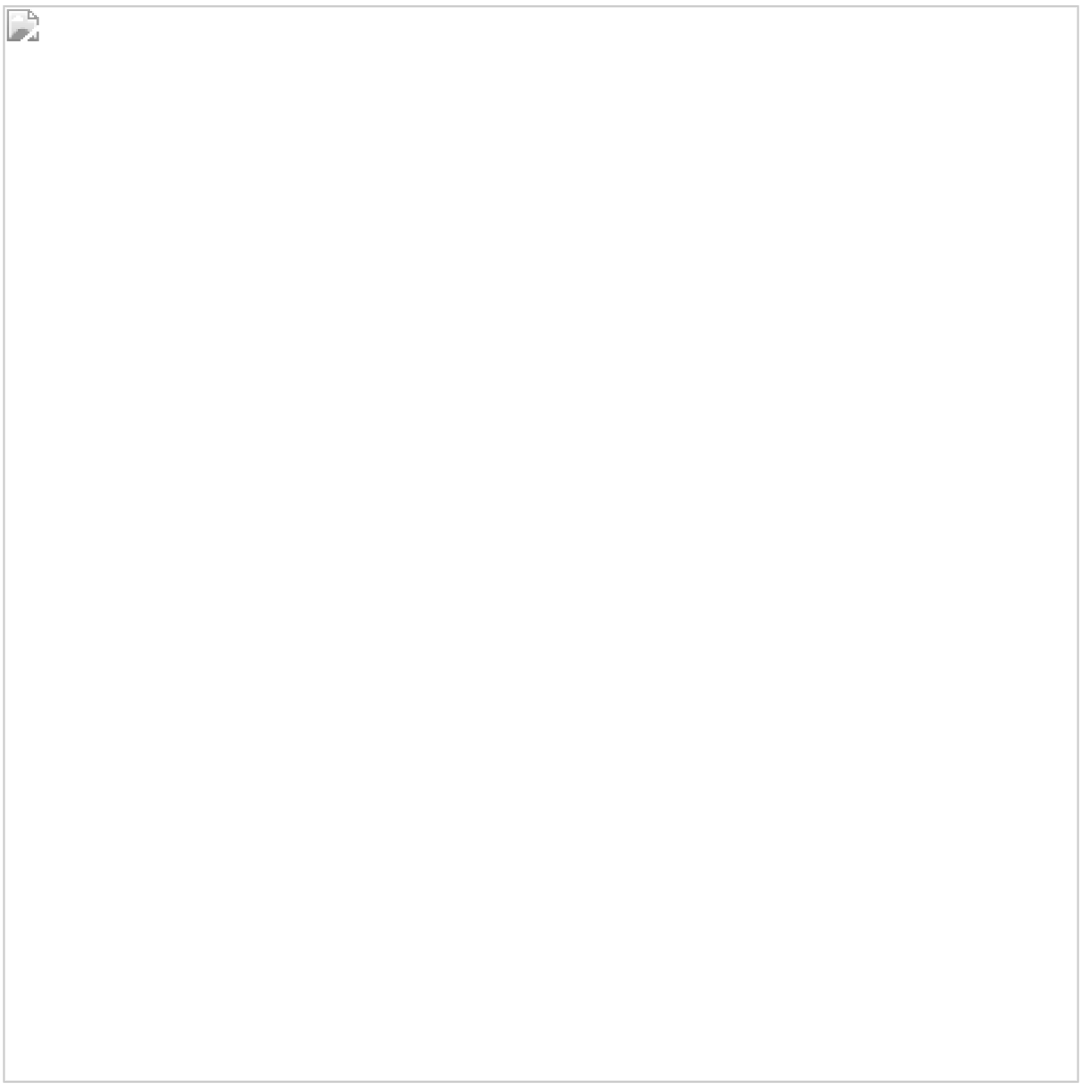
The Prince turned back to his castle in a rage. As he came to the gate, who should he see but Gellert, bounding out to meet him.

But when the hound came near, the Prince was startled to see that his lips and fangs were dripping with blood.

Llewelyn started back. The greyhound crouched down at his feet, as if surprised or afraid at the way his master greeted him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think Gellert looked surprised and afraid? What would you think if you saw this?

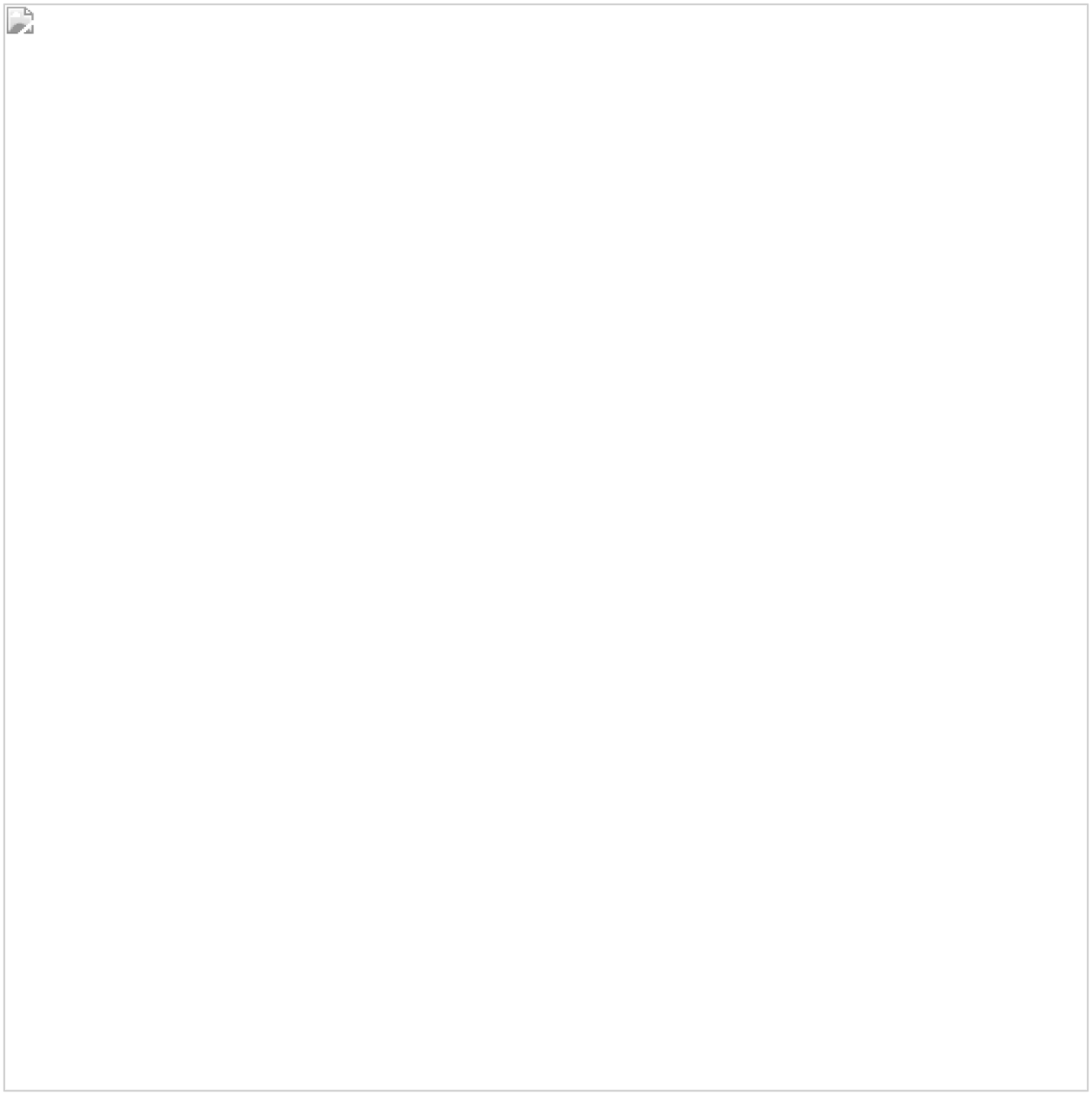


Think about it

1. What did the Prince see on Gellert?

- ○ Mud on his paws
- ○ Blood on his lips and fangs
- ○ A torn collar

The Nursery



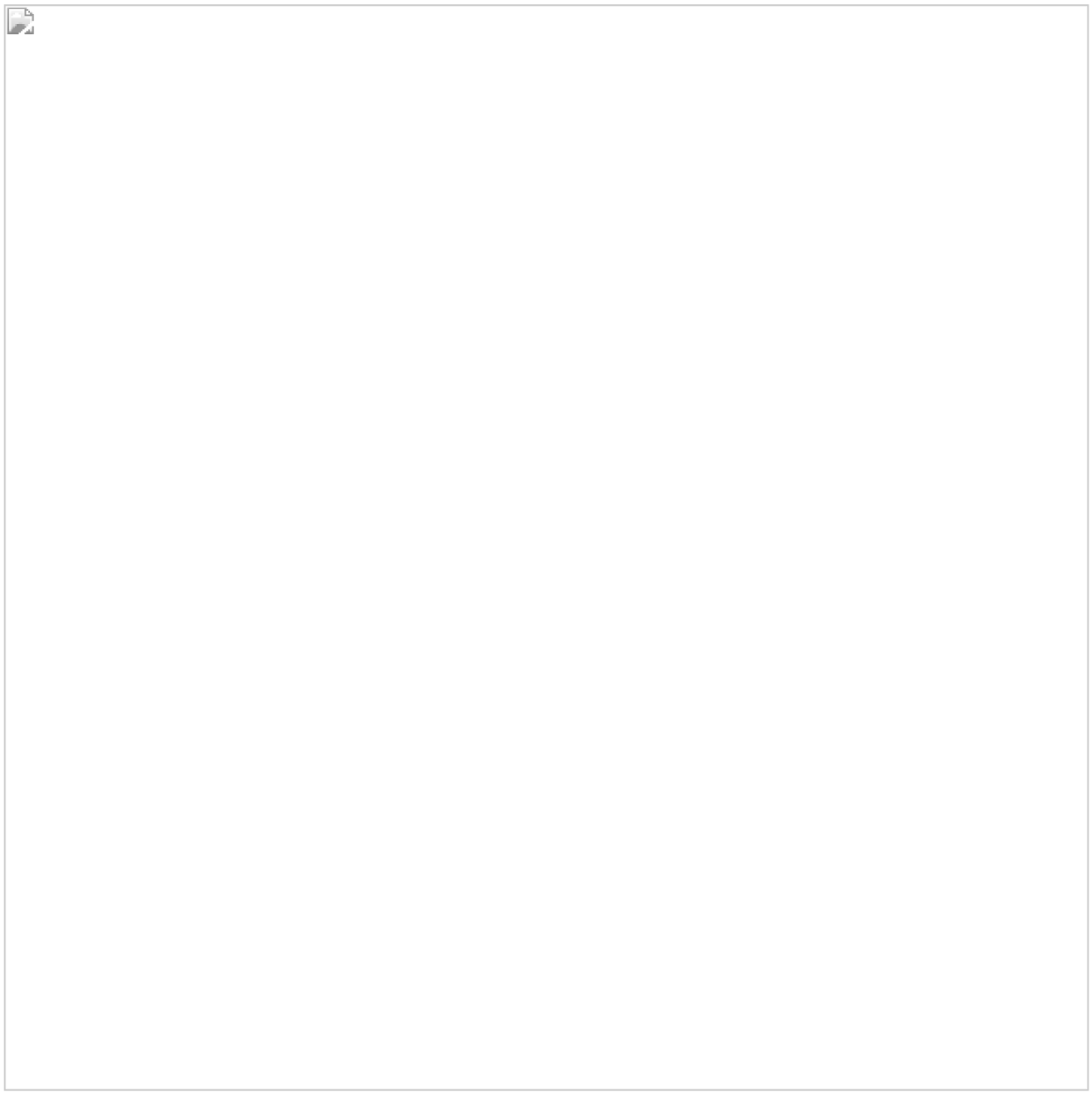
Now Prince Llewelyn had a little son a year old, with whom Gellert used to play. A terrible thought crossed the Prince's mind, and he rushed towards the child's nursery.

The nearer he came, the more blood and disorder he found about the rooms. He rushed in and found the child's cradle overturned.

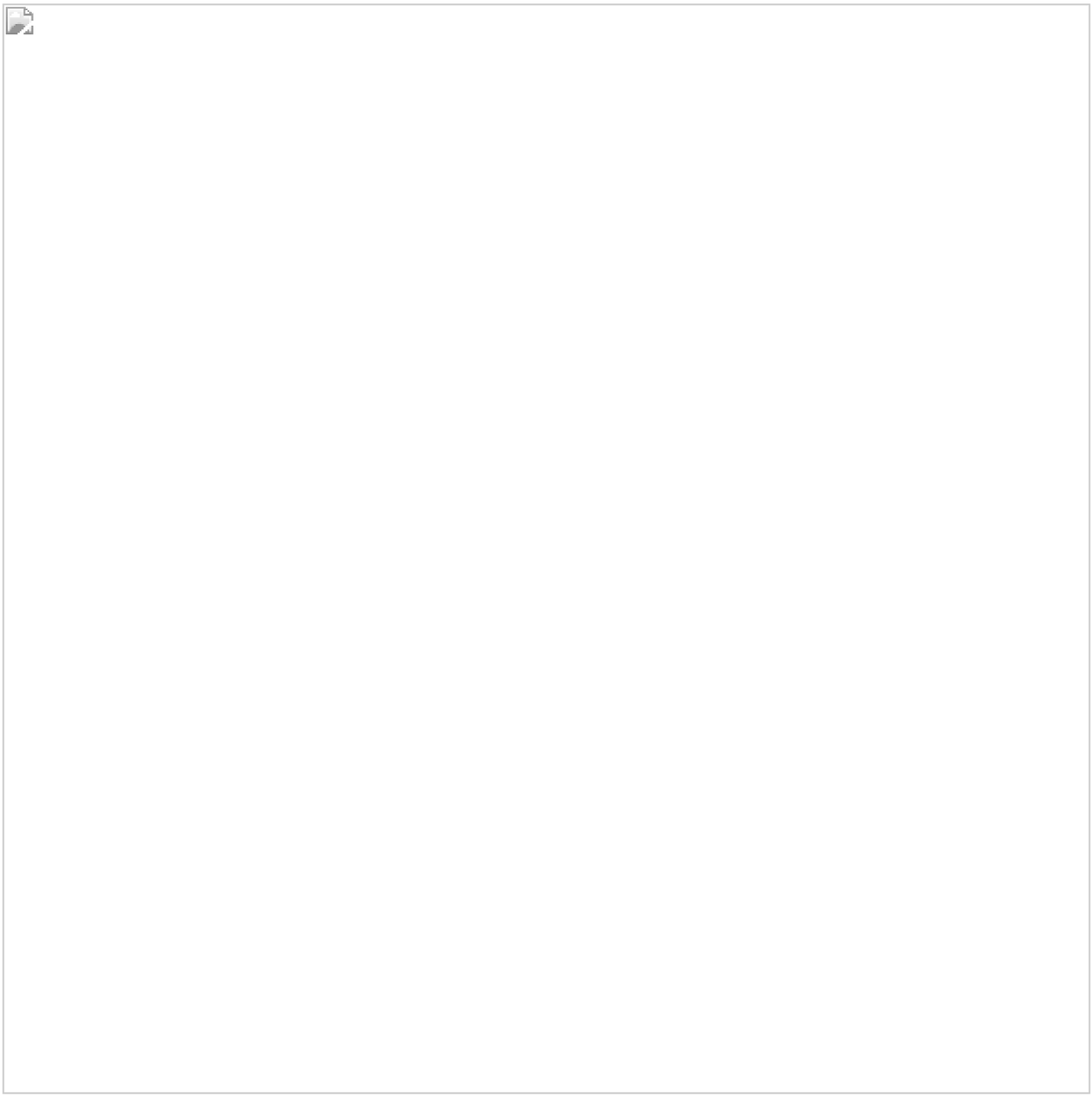
TALK ABOUT IT

The Prince jumped to a fast, scary guess. Has a quick guess ever turned out to be wrong for you?

The Nursery · another picture



Nowhere to Be Found



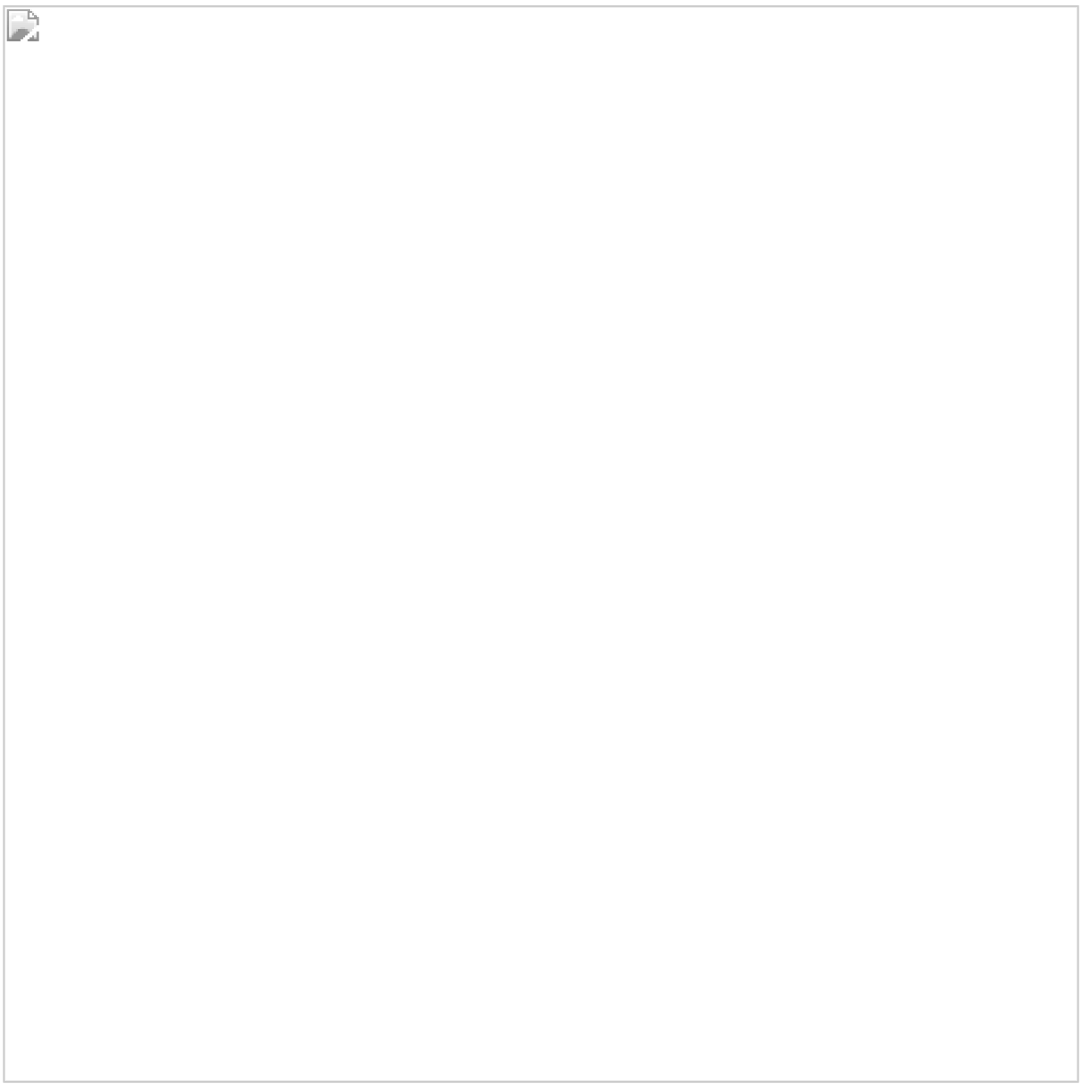
Prince Llewelyn grew more and more afraid and looked for his little son everywhere. He could find him nowhere, only signs of some terrible fight.

At last he felt sure the dog had harmed his child. “Monster, thou hast devoured my child,” he shouted to Gellert.

He drew out his sword and struck the greyhound, and Gellert fell. Even then he lay gazing in his master's eyes.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Prince did not stop to look more. What could he have done before he decided?

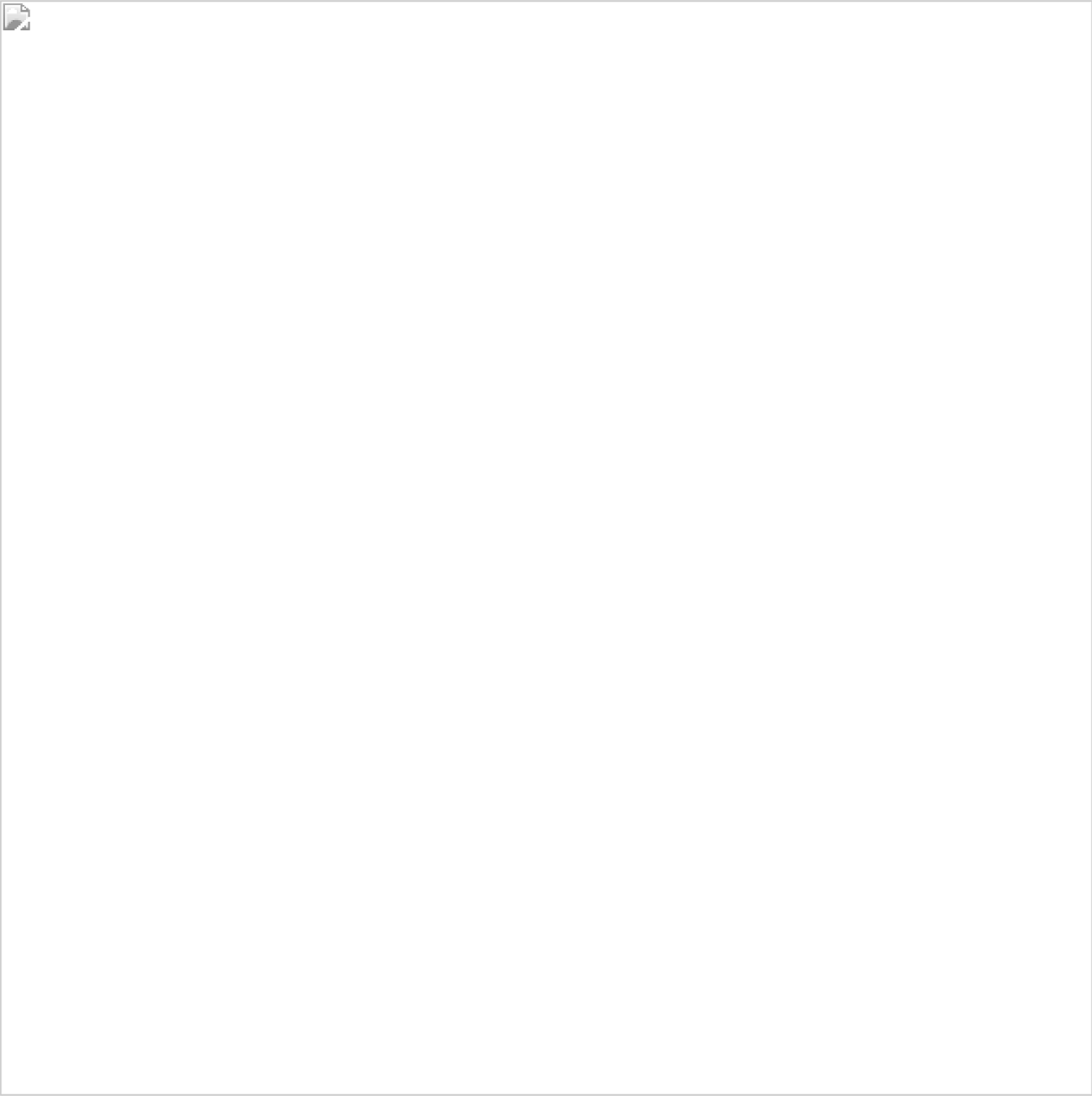


Think about it

1. What did the Prince think Gellert had done?

- ○ Run away
- ○ Harmed his child
- ○ Eaten the dinner

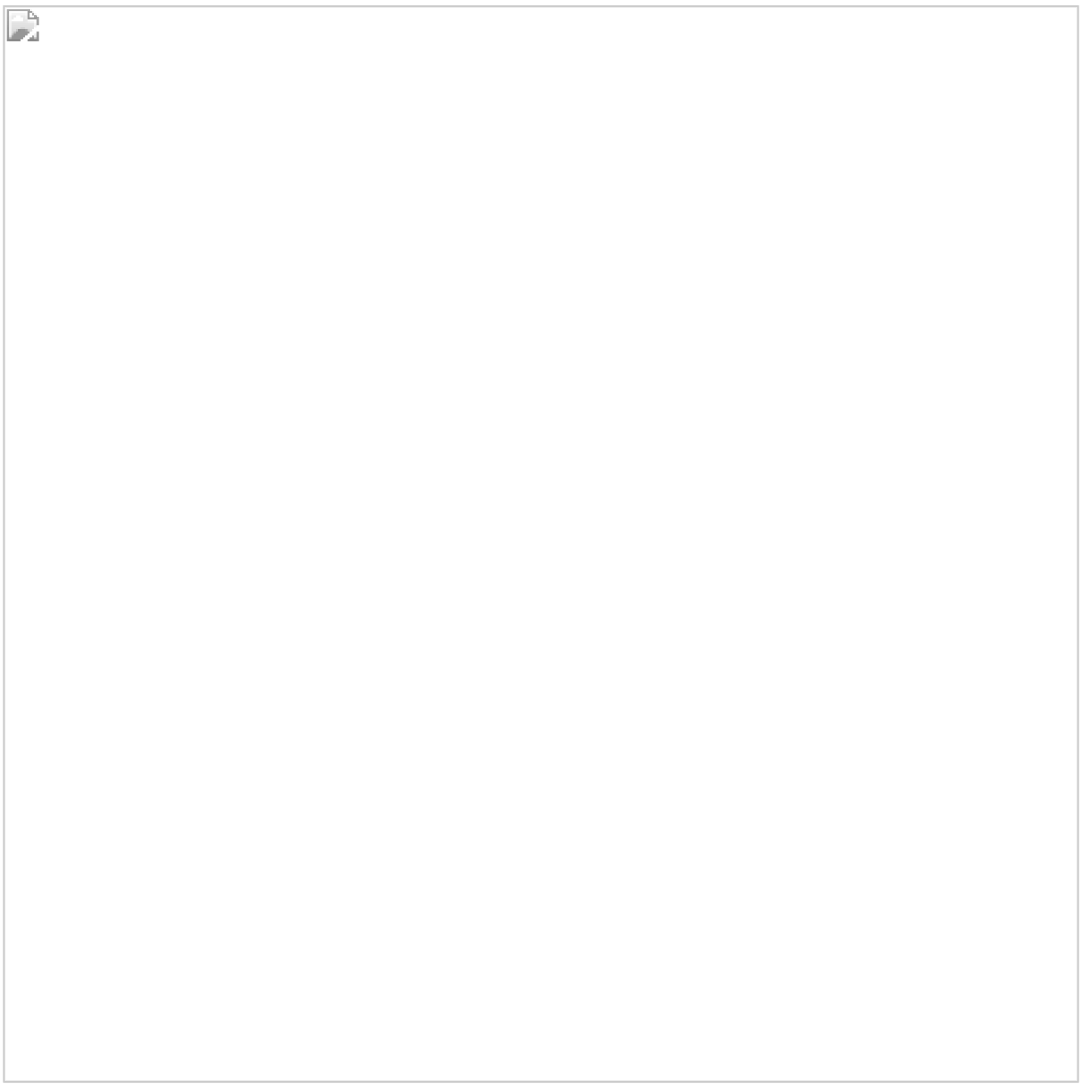
A Little Cry



As Gellert cried out, a little child's cry answered it from beneath the cradle. There Llewelyn found his child unharmed, just awakened from sleep.

TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think the Prince felt when he heard the little cry? How would you feel?

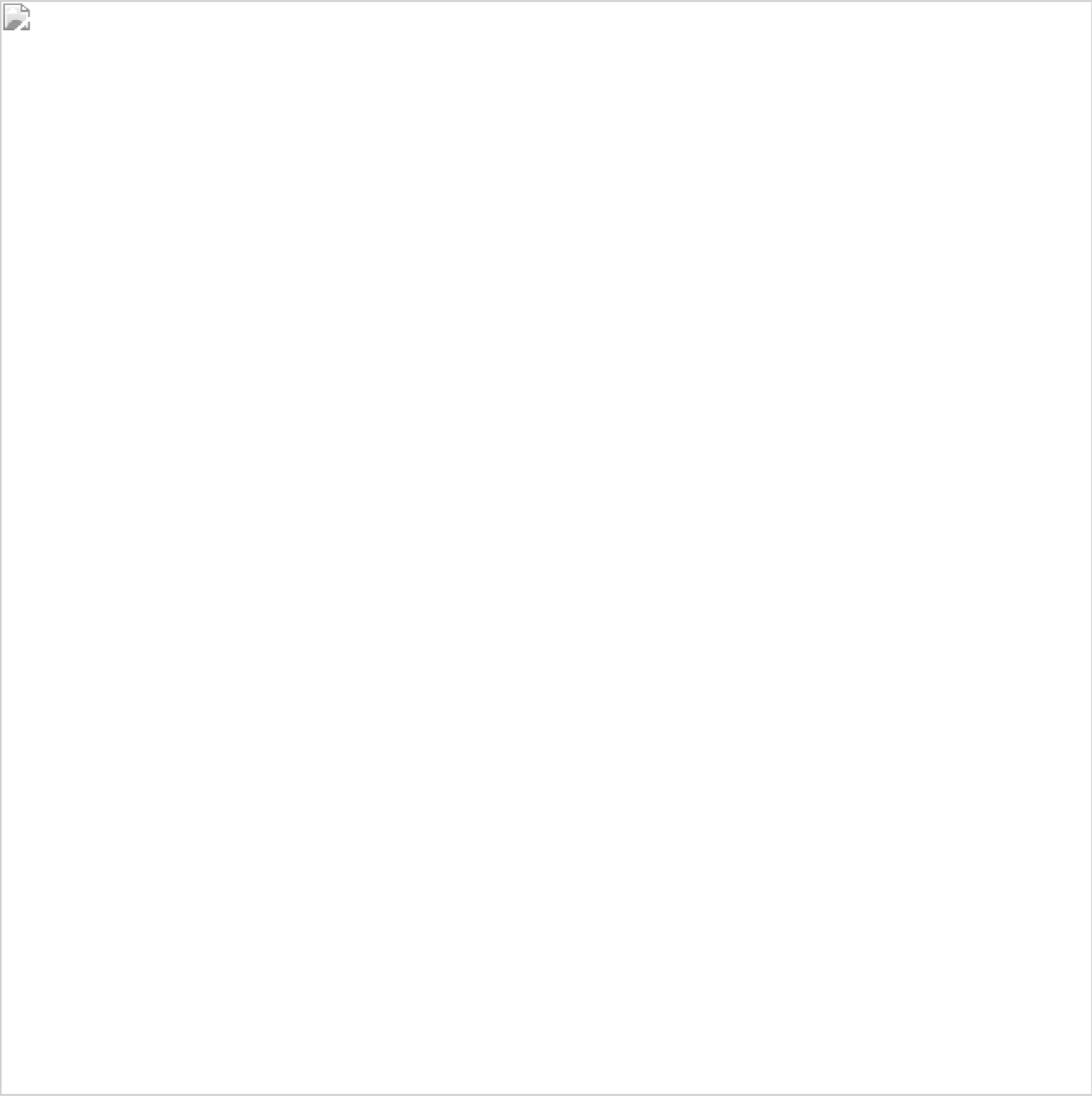


Think about it

1. Where was the child?

- ○ In the garden
- ○ Beneath the cradle
- ○ On the hill

The Wolf



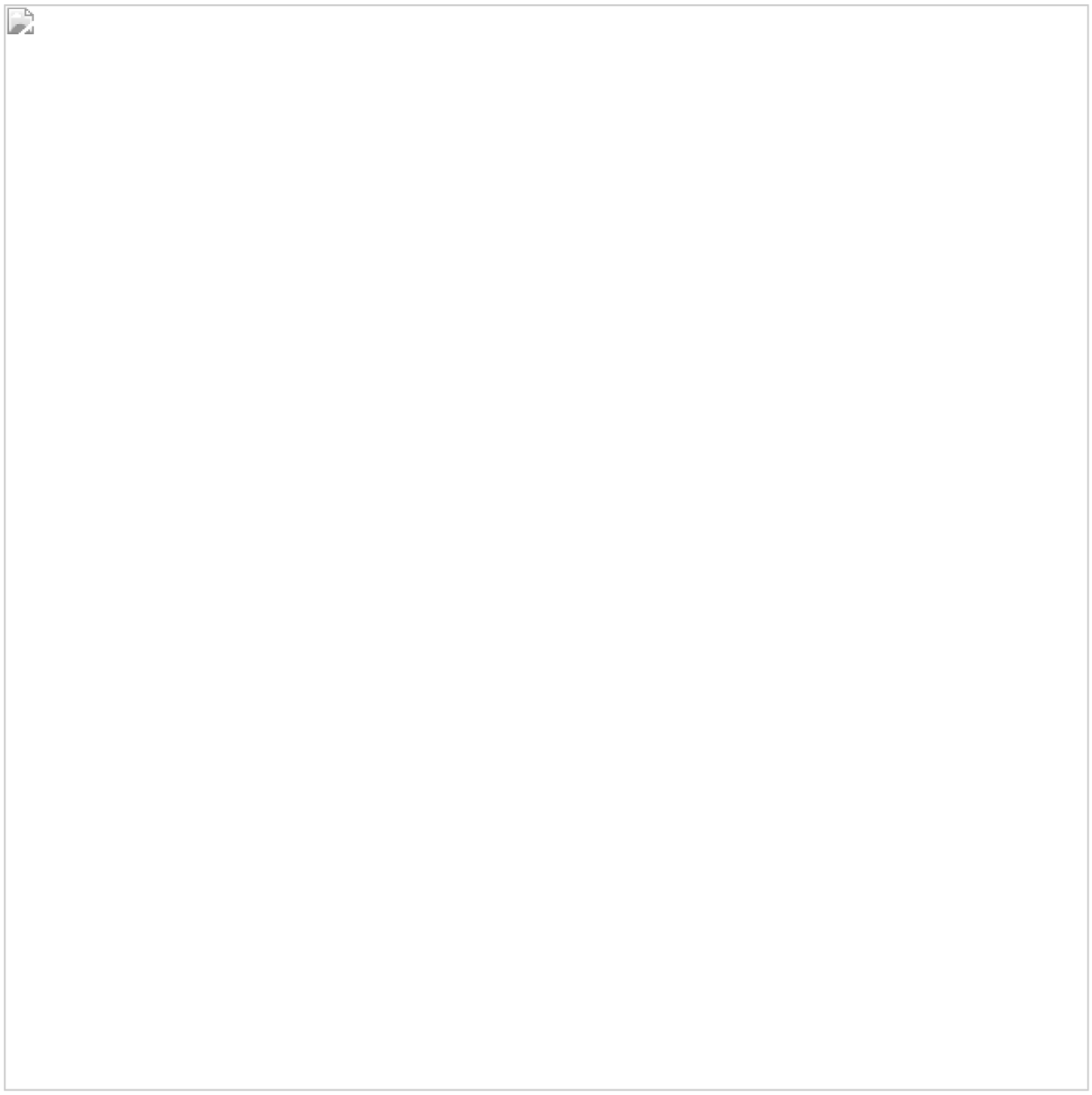
Right beside the child lay the body of a great gaunt wolf.

Too late, Llewelyn learned what had happened while he was away. Gellert had stayed behind to guard the child. He had fought and slain the wolf that had tried to harm Llewelyn's heir.

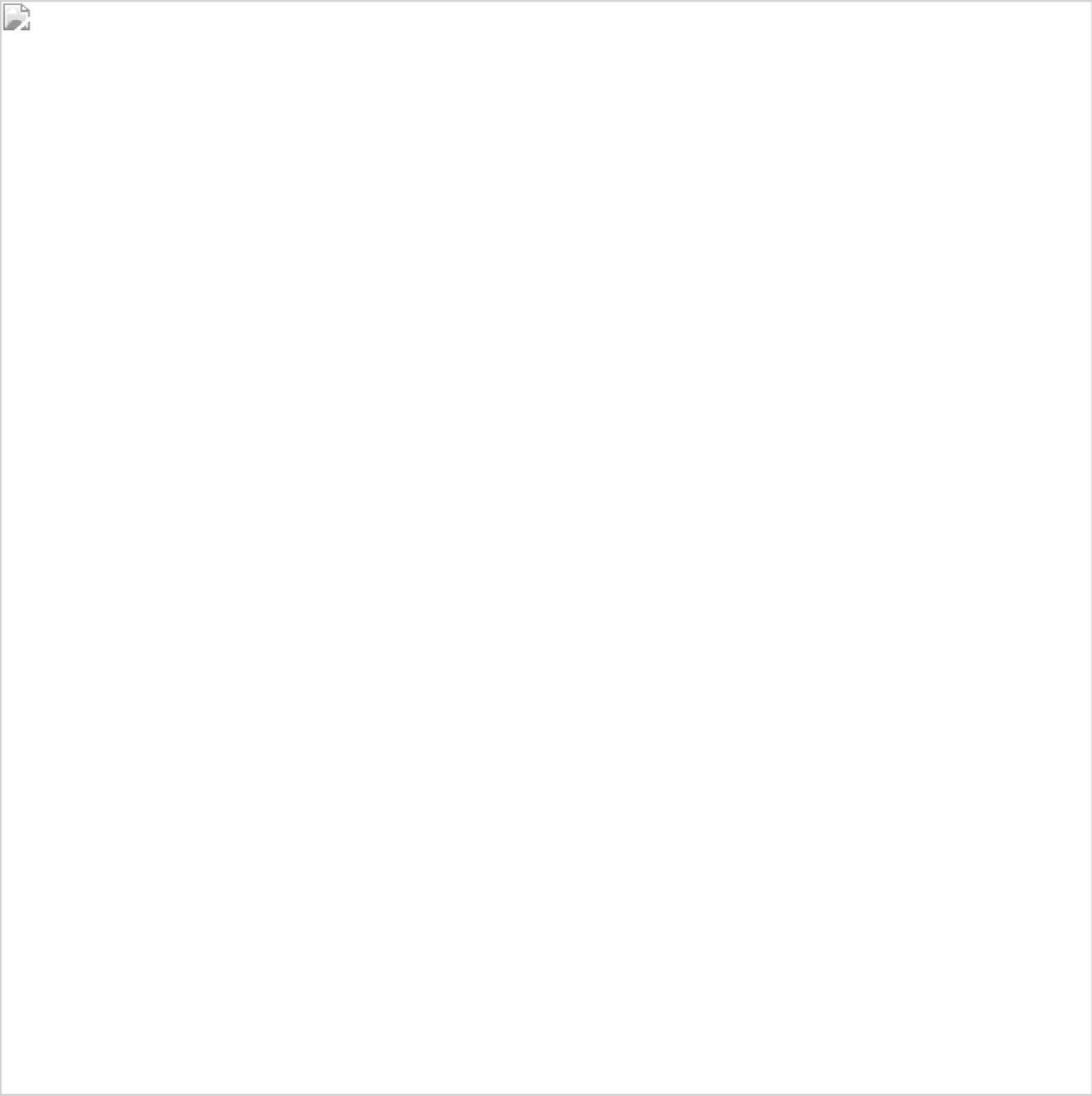
TALK ABOUT IT

Gellert stayed to protect the baby. What do you think about what he did?

The Wolf · another picture



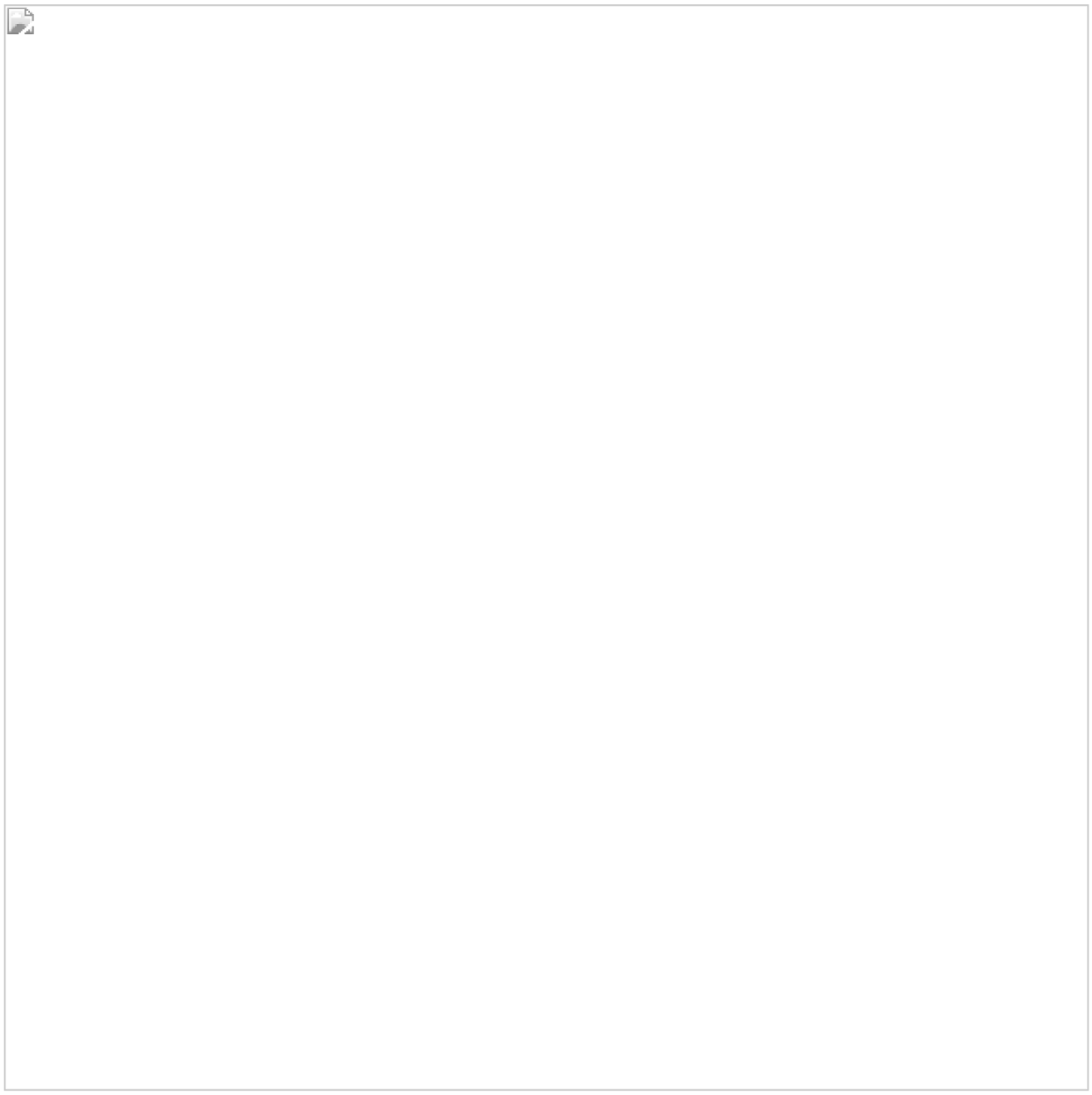
Too Late



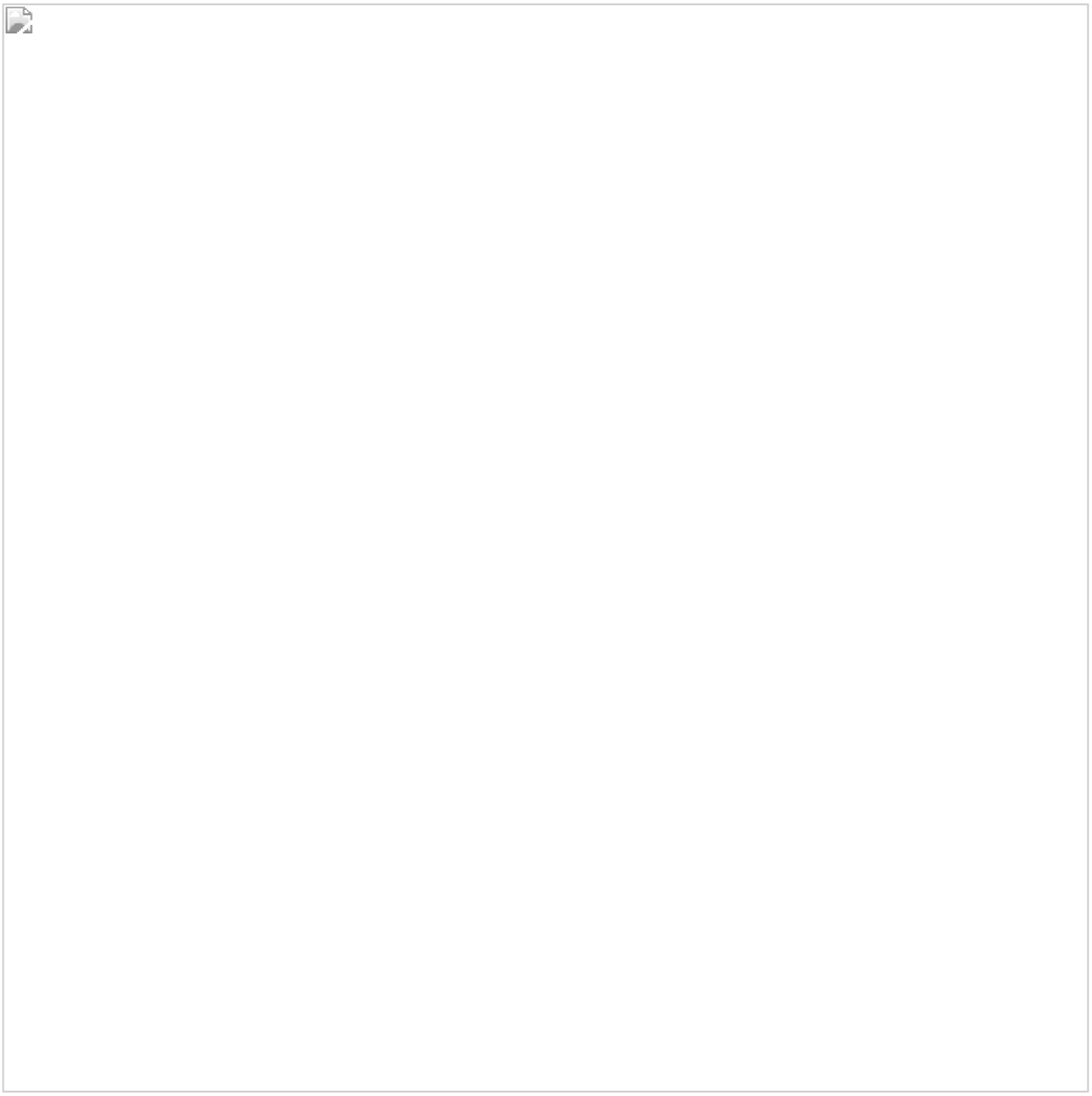
In vain was all Llewelyn's grief. He could not bring his faithful dog back to life again.

TALK ABOUT IT

Llewelyn was very sad and could not make it right. Have you ever wanted to take something back? What helped?



The Grave of Gellert



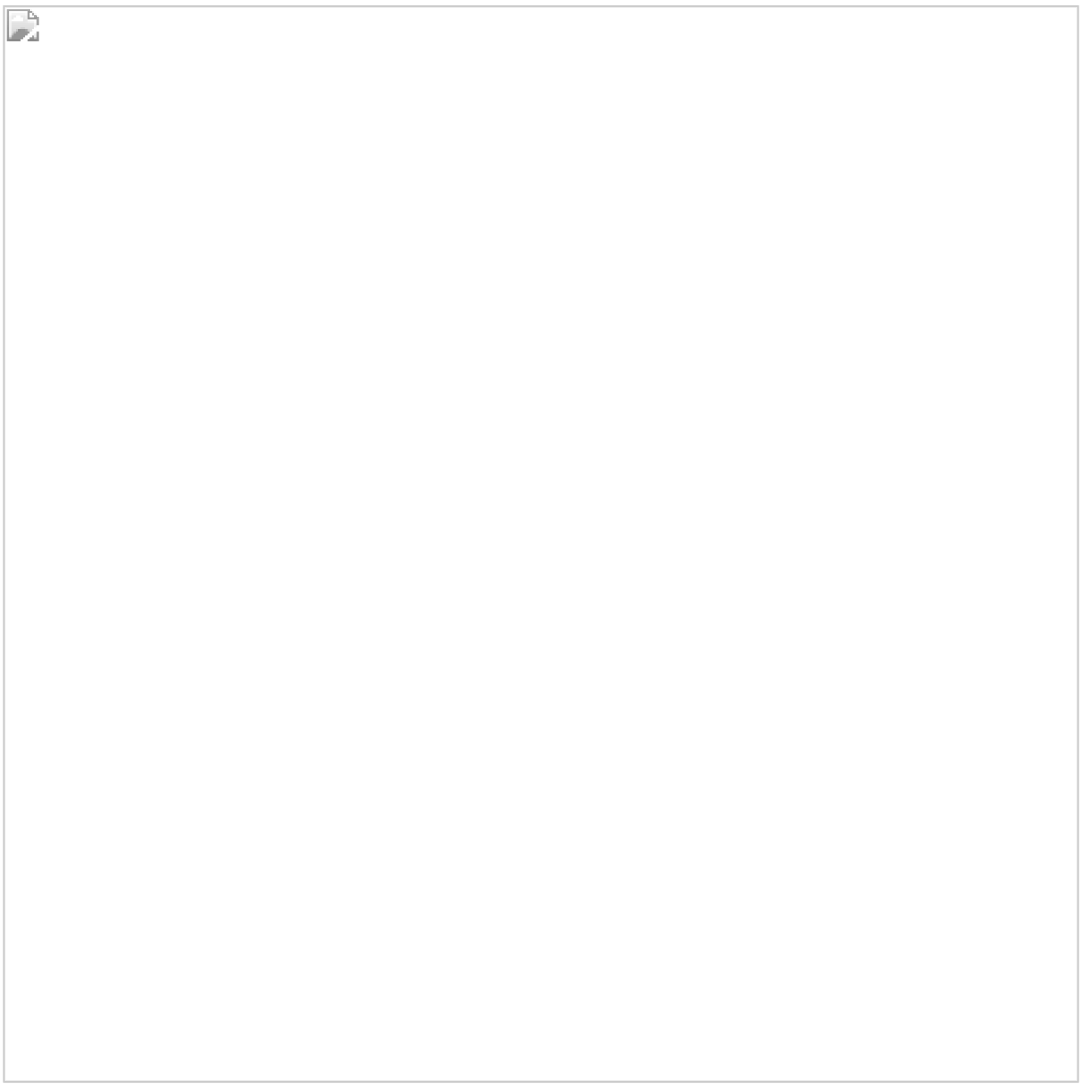
So he buried Gellert outside the castle walls, within sight of the great mountain of Snowdon, where every passer-by might see his grave. He raised over it a great cairn of stones.

And to this day the place is called “Beth Gellert, or the Grave of Gellert.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Llewelyn made a place for people to remember Gellert. Who or what would you want to remember in a special place?

The Grave of Gellert · another picture



Think about it

1. What does Beth Gellert mean?

- ○ The Hound's House
- ○ The Grave of Gellert
- ○ The Great Mountain

2. What do you think Gellert's grave teaches people who pass by it?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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