## GLOUPP, A WOLF?

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From 4 years old www.majuscrit.fr I have large slanting eyes. But I have no scales! My claws are long and sharp. I have neither feathers nor

beak.

Let's see...

I have eyes large and bright.

My ears are pointed and hairy.

I have a long muzzle in the middle of tufts of hair.

A muzzle which shows powerful fangs over my curled up lips.

One, two, three, four enormous paws, that's me!

I am, I am...

Guess who?



Yes, I am a wolf!

The wolf that you have no doubt met in stories. The one who in those stories lives in the depth of the forest and eats Little Riding Hood and her grandmother.

The wolf who in real life likes freedom and the wide open spaces of snow. The one who lives in packs and hunts for food.

The wolf, that animal feared and hunted when you don't know him. So listen to my story.

It is the story of a wolf who resembles all the other wolves.

It is the story of a wolf who is not like the other wolves.





My friends say that in another life, I must have been a fish; that's why I neither fish nor hunt to feed myself, even when I am hungry.

Indeed, I never eat meat, I prefer the taste of wild berries which smear my muzzle with their red juice!

I have already told you, I am not quite the same wolf as other wolves! I am not a hunter, I am not a killer, I am a wolf...vegetarian and peace-loving! When I was little, I spent hours and hours observing the tiny animals living around our lair, talking with them, taming them in a way.

I was not interested in hunting with my brothers and sisters to the dismay of my mother.

In her distress she would say:

— "What shall we do with you when you grow up?A wolf who does not hunt is not a wolf!

A wolf who protects ants and other small creatures cannot be a real wolf!"

That's when Mr Hedgehog became my friend.

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He taught me how to recognise the fruit and wild berries on which we gorged ourselves!

> And mother would again say: — "A wolf who eats wild berries is not a wolf!"

> > And my brothers and sisters made fun of me: — "You are not a wolf!"

I had to leave...

The older I grew, the more the pack laughed at me, and the more the other wolves laughed at me the closer I felt to my little friends.

- I talked to butterflies and birds.
- I played with mice and squirrels.
- The bees gave me their honey.
- I picked wild carrots with rabbits.

But one day as I went past the wolves they bared their teeth and growled at me.



My little friends told their friends what was happening to me, and the friends' friends of their friends and...

Wherever I went the bees gave me their honey, the squirrels their nuts, the rabbits their carrots,

I basked in the sun by the water with frogs, toads and crocodiles...

I had become...Gloupp, the wolf who was not like the other wolves, the wolf who never hunted, who fed on wild vegetable and fruit, mushrooms and honey.

#### I travelled the world.

At first, those who had not heard of me would obviously be wary about me! Can you imagine/ that! A wolf wanting to live among them, like them!

But very quickly, they got to know me. Even the monkeys in their distant islands invited me to share their meal. As I am very greedy, I stuffed myself with coconuts!

When humans heard that I was a vegetarian, they opened their doors, they who used to shoot wolves or confine them in pens or zoos.

I have slept by the fireside, wrapped up in blankets, head to tail with the house cat. Who would believe it! A wolf and a cat becoming the best friends in the world?

#### Now, I am old, very old.

The bees give me their honey, the squirrels their nuts, the rabbits their carrots, the mice their grain...

Sometimes I think of my family.

Of course I have sometimes missed Mum, my brothers and sisters, but I have no regrets, I have made so many friends.

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I am Gloupp, the big peace-loving wolf, a wolf not like other wolves, but an old and very happy wolf!



Dear parent, You have just read this album with your child.

Why not keep up the magic of the tale with a game?

Invite your child to tell himself/herself the story.

Start by giving him/her these few words: — "You are the wolf, you wander around. With your wolf's eyes, you see...

Tell me what you see."

### Story of wolves- Children stories.

Imaginary game created by Fan.

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