

Chapter 1

Not all old ladies are nice

Let's talk about *grandmas*...

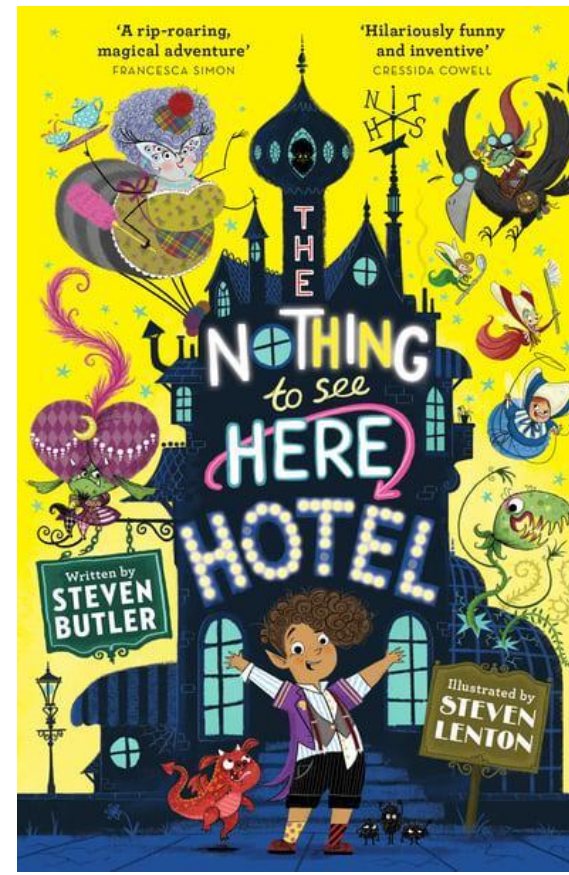
In storybooks, grandmas or grannies or nannies are *sweet* and *short* dumplings of fun that give you extra pocket money when your mum and dad aren't looking, and need to be rescued from the occasional big bad wolf.

BUT... this isn't a storybook. This is really-real life, and *my grandma* isn't anything like that. My granny would terrify the big bad wolf. She'd beat him to a pulp. She'd gulp him down, chewing and slobbering as she did so, and belch out his bones before breakfast.

Oh... I should probably tell you...

My granny is a **TROLL**.

A mean one.



**'The Nothing to See Here
Hotel'**
By Steven Butler.

Read Chapter 1 and answer the following questions.

1. What sort of physical stature does '*dumpling*' suggest?
2. Find examples of onomatopoeia.
3. What story is the big bad wolf that the author is referring to from?
4. What is the narrator's granny?
5. What is the effect of the narrator constantly addressing the audience directly?