



“THE OLD GATE”

A BOY NAMED ALEX walks into his backyard to play and finds a baseball and a gold jackknife. He picks up the knife but it falls from his hand and hits the baseball. The baseball breaks open and reveals a tiny key inside of it. When Alex picks up the key, his touch makes the key grow to medium size. Alex walks over to an old gate (not attached to a fence) that is leaning against the garage. He puts the key in the gate’s lock and the gate opens. Beyond the gate is a magical wasteland. Alex sees a river, many trees, and several small houses. He also sees a dark spot of grass and stones, with a creepy haunted house in the middle. Alex walks through the gate and . . .

What happens next?