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Once upon a time there was a man who lived on a wooden boat.

It was no ordinary wooden boat, as it was long and narrow and was designed especially for the long narrow canals of Europe.

The man was called Bob and he was affectionately known as “Boatman Bob”

Boatman Bob had a loyal friend named Popsicle.

Popsicle was a dog, a little black and white dog with soft tufts of fur and a playful nature.

Boatman Bob and Popsicle travelled the canals of Europe from day to day, taking in the marvellous sites and sounds and chatting to lots of friendly people they met along the way.

One sunny afternoon Boatman Bob and Popsicle motored gently up the canal toward a tiny fishing village that was nestled on the edge of a gently sloping hillside that lead away to the sea.