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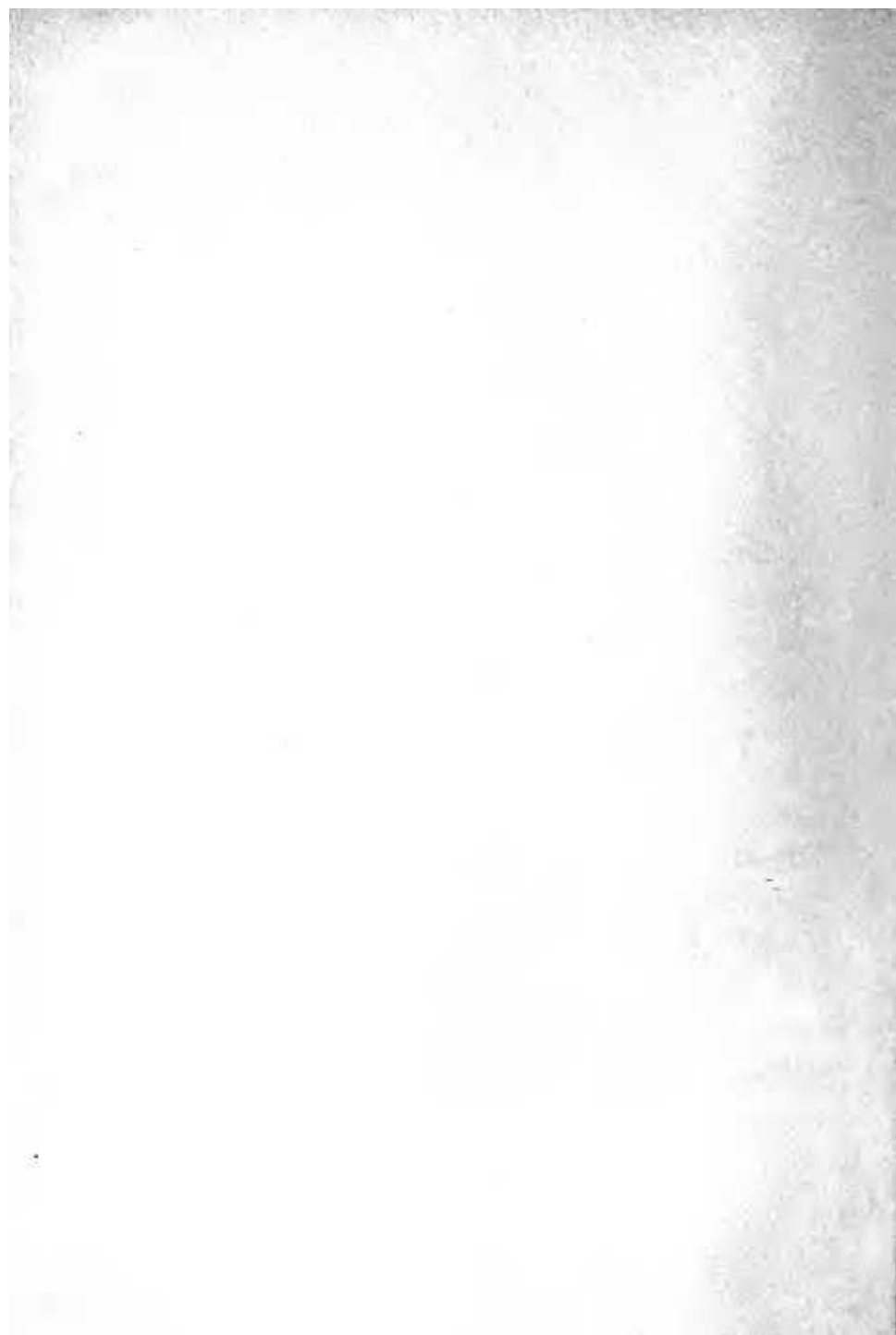
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CHAPTER I

GROOT village was built half moon fashion round the edge of a marsh. The rotting houses humped themselves up a slight incline and squinted at the marsh out of one eye, while the other skewed round to peer over a succession of dips and rises towards Groot Hall. Straight through the heart of the village ran the Roman Road and passed on. It seemed to image forth life triumphant over disease and failure. Groot and the house of Groot had need of their Roman Road, and many a time old Sir Theophilus had looked at it fiercely before he stepped aside after his three sons had died leaving the property to his nephew Roland. This change of