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DANIEL LAVERDURE Author

A born painter, illustrator and graphic designer, animator, author, storyteller, and hobbyist gardener, Daniel Laverdure is full of surprises. He lives in a charming house near a small river, surrounded by forest, wildlife and birds where he imagines many projects and dreams that he intends to realize. Daniel writes for young people because he never knew how to age. He writes for the pleasure it gives him and for the moments of sharing with his readers. He seeks to entertain, arouse curiosity, inform and provide experiences that go beyond words. Since *Ma Mère Poule*, a novel for children aged seven and over, was published in 1999 by Éditions Michel Quintin, several other stories have emerged under his colorful pen. Daniel has written nearly fifty books, most of which he says he has read. His stories are enriched with a touch of emotions, intrigue, humour, sarcasm and irony and are, in a secret way, a commentary on our society. Each of his books are small moments that, he hopes, could make forests grow into great adventures. In 2010, he won the *Personality Award* presented by the *Association Québécoise des Salons du livre*. When Daniel Laverdure retires... he will continue to do exactly the same thing.

JEAN-PHILIPPE MORIN Illustrator

Jean-Philippe Morin began his foray into graphic novels in 1993 when he published *Barnabé et compagnie* (Barnaby and Friends) through *Éditions Studio Montaq*. This first comic book won him the *L'Espoir québécois award* for most promising Quebec author during the 6th edition of the *Quebec francophone comic book festival* (FBDFQ). Over the years, he has illustrated various comic strip columns and series for magazines like *Safarir*, *Délire*, *Pignouf* and the prestigious *Spirou* magazine. He also illustrated the comic series *La Tribu* (The Tribe), which is scripted by Lapuss'.

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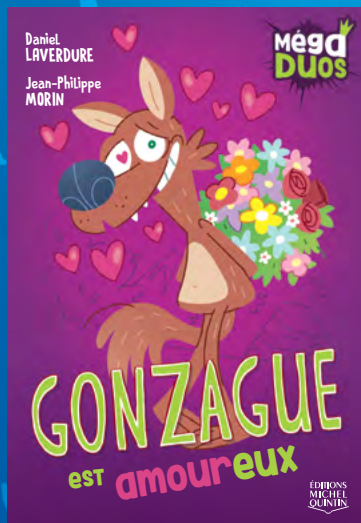
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STORY

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Gonzague Makes Friends





Chapter 1

A Really Odd Wolf

Once upon a time
there was a **wOLF**.
A **BIG, BAD wOLF** of
course. He loved
FRIGHTENING
little pigs and a little
girl clad in red who

didn't know the way
to her grandma's.
But this **wolf** was
not very lucky in



life and his stories
**always
ENDED
BADLY.**

So, this is the story
of another wolf.

He's a rather

 **SPECIAL** 

wolf, this one.



FIRSTLY, his
name is Gonzague.
Nobody's ever heard
of a wolf named
Gonzague.

SECONDLY,

Gonzague spends
much of his time

**day-
dreaming**

and spotting oddly
shaped **CLOUDS**.

He also tries to
count the number

of **ANTS** as
they enter or
leave their anthill
and name each
one.

THIRDLY, this
wolf loves lying
in the fresh grass
to breathe in the



appetizing scent
of dew-soaked
dandelions, violet-
flowered clovers,
and blue-tinged
daisies. And yes!
Gonzague is a
vegetarian
wolf.

Why tire yourself
out chasing after
hare and deer?

EATING like them
is much better! It's
delightful and
so **gooooood**.

“Today, it'll
be a salad of

yellow violets

with **nuts**

or even

fern

leaves

seasoned with

thistle

FLOWERS."

Our budding chef
is very creative and
concocts all sorts
of recipes guided
by imagination and
appetite.

Unfortunately, his
mother insists that
her cub eat like the
other wolves do.

She always tries to
CONVINCE him that
he's got his menus
mixed up.



“Listen, son! A
good wolf must eat
all his **MEAT**,
without leaving any
leftovers, and lick
his chops after each
meal.”

Gonzague just
smiles at her and
then runs off to

PIROUETTE

around a flowery
meadow. His mother
claps her forehead
with her right
paw and wonders
what she did to
deserve such a
pea-brained son.

But it's bigger than
him, he can't help
but *love* plants.

He even has

a **CACTUS**



collection. He says
it's convenient
for SCRATCHING
YOUR back!

Naturally the other
wolves in the pack
look at Gonzague
sideways.
At first, they thought

he would change.
But time has passed
and Gonzague has
not changed. The
elder wolves
have become
annoyed by his
behaviour, which
shows no respect for
TRADITION!

Soon, everyone
has had enough
of watching this
carnivore
caring for his
garden and roam
the woods in search
of some tender
MUSHROOMS
or wild strawberries.



Every day, there's
a wolf, especially
among the younger

ones, that **MOCKS**
him mercilessly.

— Hey
cabbagehead!
You're completely
out to Lunch!

— He looks like he's
got **squash**
for brains!

— Hey, Gonzague!
Are you ashamed
of your roots?



Some even
throw tomatoes
at him:

— Here, Gonzague!
Come reap what
you sow.

But Gonzague pays
no attention to these

BITTER JOKES,

they won't fill his

belly. He prefers

instead to continue

his **tastings.**

He believes his

fellow cubs are

simply a little
jealous.



To know the end.
ask for the
original version.



Gonzague is no **ORDINARY** wolf. First, his name is Gonzague, which is unusual. Second... well, he's a **vegetarian**.

His dietary preferences earn him many **insults**, but Gonzague pays them no mind.

However, Romeo, another wolf in the pack, is **jealous** and would love to make him swallow his dandelions root and all.

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