

# I Met a Monster



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On Sunday I met a monster.  
I brought him home with me.  
That monster slammed doors.  
He turned on the TV  
and the stereo at the same time.  
He roared loudly all night.  
My mother said, “That monster  
is too noisy. Get him out of here!”  
So I did.



On Monday I met a monster.  
I brought him home with me.  
That monster dumped jelly on the floor.  
He made peanut-butter fingerprints  
on the walls.  
He sprayed my father's shaving cream  
all over the bathroom.  
When my father saw that, he yelled,  
"That monster is too messy.  
Get him out of here!"  
So I did.



On Tuesday I met a monster.  
I brought him home with me.  
He brought the garden hose  
into the house.  
He gave my mother's houseplants  
way too much water.  
And he used the hose for a skipping rope,  
right in the living room.  
My mother kept yelling,  
"Stop! Stop!"  
But that monster would not listen.  
Then my mother said,  
"That monster does not obey.  
Get him out of here!"  
So I did.

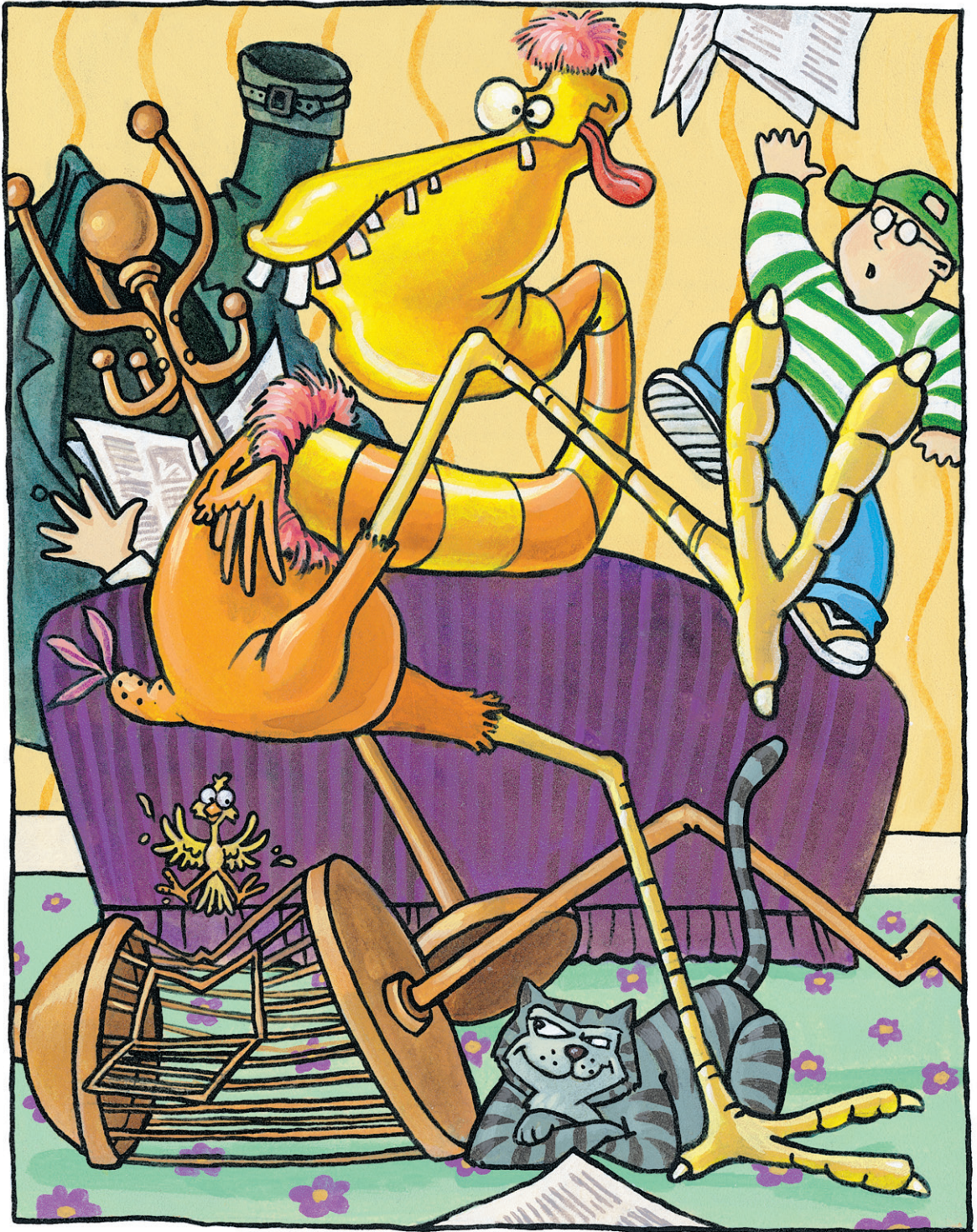


On Wednesday I met a monster.  
I brought him home with me.  
At lunch that monster ate all the sandwiches.  
He drank all the milk, right out of the bottle.  
Then he ate all the bananas, even the peelings.  
My sister said, "That monster is greedy.  
He does not know how to share.  
Get him out of here!"  
So I did.





On Thursday I met a monster.  
I brought him home with me.  
That monster tripped over the cat.  
He fell against the birdcage.  
Then he ran into the coat rack.  
The coats fell on top of my father  
while he was reading.  
My father said,  
“That monster does not know how  
to be careful.  
He never looks where he’s going.  
Get him out of here.”  
So I did.



On Friday I met a monster.  
I brought him home with me.  
That monster grabbed my mother's  
knitting needle out of her hand  
to use as a toothpick.  
He took her balls of yarn  
and tried to juggle them.  
They landed in the fishbowl.  
My mother said,  
"That monster is not polite at all.  
He takes things without asking.  
Get him out of here!"  
So I did.



On Saturday I met a monster.

He was sitting on the steps  
of a school. The school was called  
SCHOOL FOR MONSTERS.

“I would like to take this monster  
home,” I thought.

“But my family does not like monsters.”

I said good-bye to the monster  
and started to leave,

but the monster followed me home.



He walked on tiptoe.

He was careful not to bump into things.

I gave him a candy bar.

The monster gave my mother a bite of it.

We played with my toys.

When my mother said, “Time to clean up,”  
the monster helped me pick up my toys.

Then my mother said,

“I like that monster.

Why don’t you invite him to stay awhile?”

So I did.





# Reading

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