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Welcome to **Monsters Ink 2** — another fantastic publication created with the extraordinary talents of fourth grade students from the Albert M. Greenfield School in center city Philadelphia.

The Rosenbach Museum & Library houses Bram Stoker's ghoulish and extremely rare original notes for his famous novel *Dracula*. These notes, filled with facts, figures, timetables, photos, and drawings, are the backbone of Stoker's story. Research on vampire myths from around the world fueled the author's imagination, helping him to create one of the most powerful monster myths of all time.

Fourth grade students from Greenfield School's mentally gifted program have been busy researching their own monster myths, building a storehouse of facts to inspire their own imaginations. The results seen here — brilliantly conceived stories, clay models, and illustrations in the spirit of Bram Stoker — document the creative process of young, terrifying minds.

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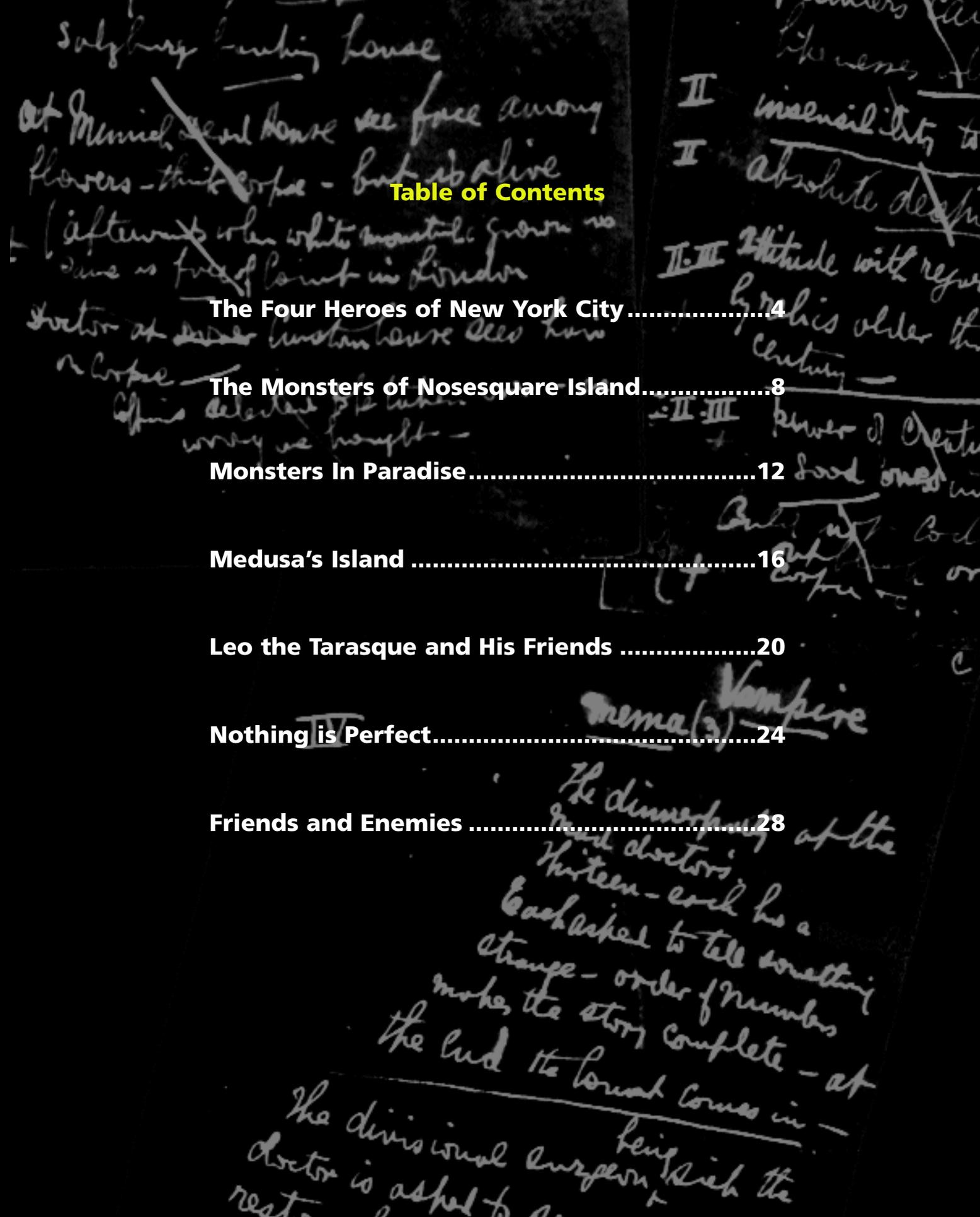
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## The Four Heroes of New York City

There's a place where the wind swirls and the heat is a blistering temperature. Phoenix, the flaming bird of fire, flew over its home in the sands of Egypt, following the North Star. The flaming phoenix traveled thousands of miles and finally reached a place where buildings touched the clouds and the streets were filled with people.

Somewhere far off in the distance, the temperature dropped below zero where no man could survive. In the coldness flew a giant ice breathing frost dragon. The frost dragon flew miles and miles on its quest to find the perfect meal of fish. The frost dragon had arrived at a strange city with restaurants that filled the air with the sweet aroma of fish.

Meanwhile a giant cronos was fighting a werewolf at the statue of liberty. They were fighting because the werewolf had bitten the cronos' hand. "Ouch!" yelled the cronos. The phoenix and frost dragon noticed and flew into the action. Suddenly, "Bonk!" The phoenix and frost dragon hit each other. Everyone fell into the water- "Splash!"

Luckily the phoenix fell on the cronos' stomach. "Your belly is soft," said the phoenix. "I broke a nail," said the frost dragon. "I'm wet!" said the werewolf. "Uhhhhhhhhh," said the cronos.

"Hi, I'm Vicious," said the werewolf.

"Hi Vicious, I'm Blaze," said the phoenix.

"Hi guys! My name is Frostie," said the frost dragon.

"Hello friends, I'm Alfred," said the cronos.

"Now that we're acquainted, I think we should stick together because I think we're the only monsters here," said the phoenix.

"Good idea," said Alfred.

That night the monsters slept on a cloud. The stars twinkled in the sky. The breeze was cool and moist and the moon was like a giant night-light. The next day, the monsters found a ditch in New York City. Frostie had to sleep in an abandoned tunnel because she was so big.

It was perfect.

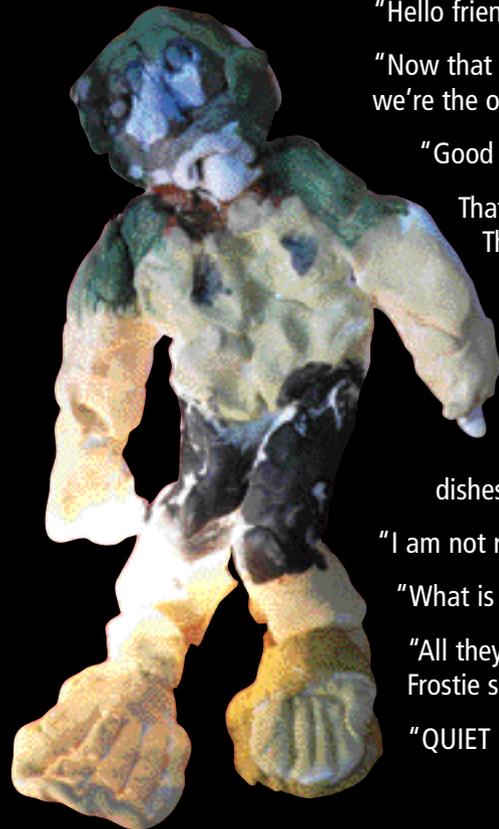
They wanted to do things their own way. "Frostie go wash the dishes!" Vicious said.

"I am not ruining my fingernails!" she replied.

"What is wrong with girls?" Blaze asked.

"All they want to do is put on make-up. They think they're all that!" Frostie said.

"QUIET DOWN!" Alfred screamed.



Suddenly a fight broke out. Vicious tried to hit Alfred, Alfred tried to punch Frostie, Frostie tried to freeze Blaze and Blaze tried to scratch Vicious. "Ouch!" "Stop!" "Ahh!" they all screamed.

"Stop it!" said Alfred.

They all stopped, breathless and tired, then took a nap. When they woke up, they all apologized but they secretly hated each other.

Suddenly they heard someone stomping near the ditch.

"Who is it?" said Alfred.

There was a man with big glasses and crooked teeth. He had brownish blond hair and was tall.

"Hi there," he echoed from the ground to the ditch. "May I see Mr. Vicious," he asked.

"Take him, we don't want him anyway," said Frostie.

"Go with the man, Vicious," Blaze said.

"Vicious can do," grunted Vicious. Vicious climbed up from the ditch.

"So great to see you Mr. Vicious," he said happily. "You won a first class trip on an airplane to Hawaii but before you take hula lessons, you must answer this question. What's dark, has rats, and is almost like a chamber"

"Uhhhhh, me don't know," said Vicious clueless.

"Well let me tell you my stupid friend, the answer is: doggy jail!

hahahahaha," he laughed outrageously.

"Huh?" Vicious grunted.

The crazy guy was in fact a dog catcher and a mad scientist named Professor Alexander Bill Bob. "Why don't you look into this," asked Professor Alexander Bill Bob.

"Okay," said Vicious

Suddenly noxious gas came out of his watch. Vicious collapsed right in the van.

"Alfred, do you hear something," Frostie said.

"Yeah. I do hear something," said Alfred.

"But it's none of your business anyway."

"Enough with the chatterin and let's get to the scatterin," Frostie said.

"Fine, fine, sheesh," yelled Alfred.

When Alfred came up, he saw nothing but a little piece of paper. Alfred picked it up and read it. It said, "You idiots, you've been fooled. I have your beloved Vicious. If you want to save him come to 584 Nutmeg St. 59874."

"You all see what's happening?," said Blazes.

"Ahhh...no," Frostie and Alfred said together.

"It's all our own fault that Vicious got caught. We have to work as one and save him. Come on," said Blaze.

As Alfred walked out the door, he saw Vicious on the ground and immediately screamed, "What the Wakamoli Heads!"

Vicious was unconscious. Alfred, not knowing what to do, started running around in circles. When Frostie and Blaze heard his screaming they snapped into action. They came out looking around questioningly. Instinctively, they asked what was going on. Alfred was so astonished that he couldn't speak. Frostie and Blaze searched frantically to find out what was going on. For a second, right when they started to give up, they saw the same car that got Vicious, except it had a satellite dish on top.

Naturally they followed it. It suddenly stopped in a courtyard. The man came out(not as a prize giver!) but as a dog catcher!

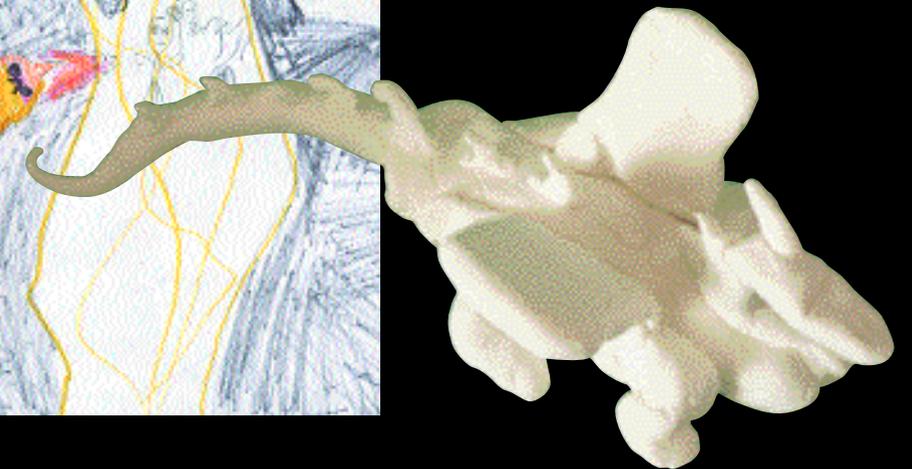
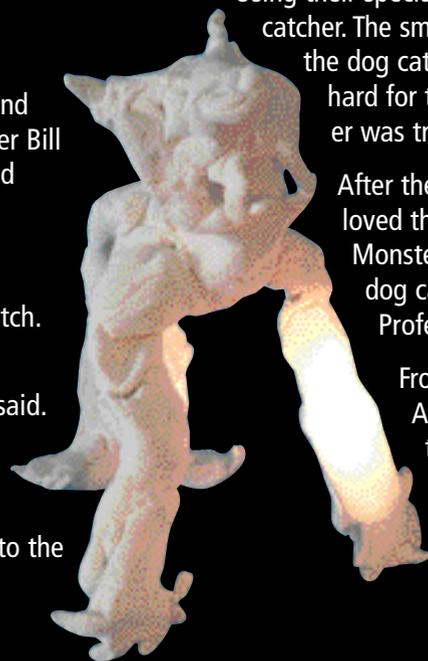
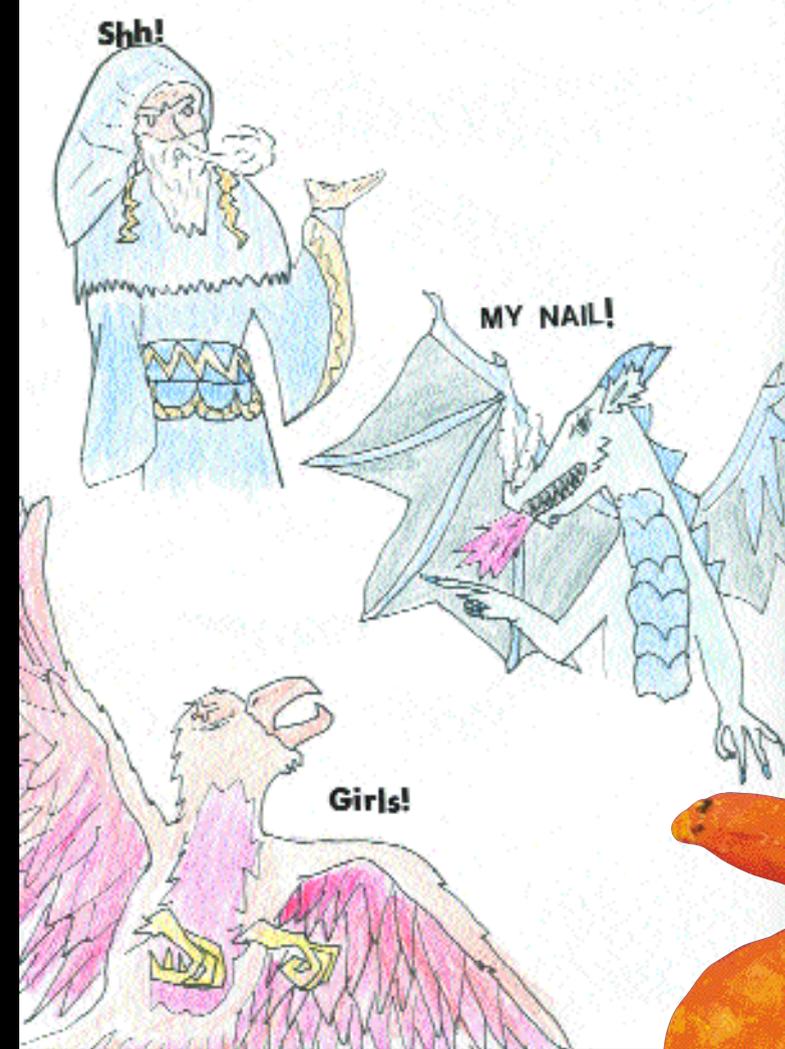
As Blaze, Frostie, and Alfred hid behind the bushes, they watched Vicious get shocked multiple times. They quickly realized that they shouldn't stand for that.

Using their special powers, they dominated the dog catcher. The smoke from Blaze's fire made it difficult for the dog catcher to breathe. Frostie's ice made it hard for the dog catcher to stand. The dog catcher was trapped by Alfred's boulders.

After they won the battle, everyone in New York loved them. T-shirts came out saying, "We Love Monsters" and "MNY." They questioned the dog catcher and found out that his name was Professor Alexander Billy Bob.

From then on, Frostie was a movie star, Alfred was a Boy Scout, Blaze invented the first microwave oven, and Vicious created the character Frankenstein.

\*The moral of the story is that we need to work together.



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## The Monsters of Nosesquare Island

Long ago in Greece on an island in Crete lived a minotaur named Leo. He was alone on the island except for chickens and chicks. The chicks loved to dance with Leo. Everyday at 8:02am they would go out together, put on their matching purple sunglasses, turn on music and dance on the wall of the labyrinth.

Close by in Nemea lived another monster, a Nemean lion named Huggie. At the same time that Leo was dancing on the wall of the labyrinth Huggie was being chased by an angry mob and was chased right into a cave.

Meanwhile in Prague at a synagogue, a golem name Fred was worrying about eating too many bricks from the synagogue. He was worried that it might collapse.

Fred was tempted to take just one more delectable bite, when suddenly POW! a giant earthquake hit! He was hurled across the buckling floor and scrambled to regain his balance. The synagogue began to collapse on top of him. Then he got an idea. Since his arm was really big and powerful, he transformed his arm in to a cannon and shot himself into the middle of the ocean. When he landed in the middle of the ocean, he realized that he had never learned to swim. So he transformed his arm into a boat and Fred drifted to shore.

The same earthquake had shaken Huggie and Leo into the middle of the ocean too. Soon they found themselves on the same shore as Fred, all lying under the same coconut tree. A fierce wind began to blow and the coconuts were shaken off the tree. The coconuts fell on top of their heads and bathed them in sweet coconut milk.

They were all wondering where they had ended up when a man approached them with a flier. It said "Welcome to Nosesquare Island. Free Hula Dancing Lessons Today." They thought that hula dancing sounded quite nice. They agreed to meet there at 5:00pm and then they introduced each other. At the hula dancing lesson they had so much fun that they became best friends.

The hula dancing lessons were coming along very well. Leo was catching up with the rest of the class, Huggie was standing up straighter, and Fred's jerky movements were becoming smoother. It seemed uncanny how much their lives had improved since the terror of the earthquake. Secretly, they all worried that something disastrous must be in store. Their suspicions were confirmed one day when they overheard people plotting to attack all monsters in one week! All day they thought about it. That night they gathered around a campfire and voiced their hearts.

"They're very clever," said Leo. "I can't think of a single way to stop it."

"Why are they ambushing us just because we're monsters," asked Fred. The citizens of Prague didn't hate me until...well...um—"

"I've been thinking about it," interrupted Huggie, "and I've got a plan."

"You do," asked Leo and Fred at the same time, very surprised.

"Yes, I do. We can do good things for the villagers so that they'll believe we're

good and they won't attack."

"What if they still do," asked Leo.

"Do you have a better plan?" asked Huggie

"No."

"I didn't think so."

As Leo and Huggie had been talking, Fred, although he wasn't usually very bright, had been thinking.

"Everyday two of us can each do something nice to help the villagers and one of us can take a break," he said. "Since there are six days to do it, that means that together there will be twelve good things and every third day we will get a break."

"Good," said Huggie. "For thinking of that, you can get the first break and since I thought of the plan in the first place, I'll go second. Then, Leo will get his break for not having gotten a break yet and we'll repeat that cycle."

"Okay," said Leo. "We'll start doing nice things for the villagers tomorrow morning."

The plan seemed to have worked well. Occasionally, whoever had a break overheard something in the villagers' meetings and their comments seemed to be getting less angry. On the sixth and final day, Leo got the break so he tried to overhear the villagers' conversations but to no avail. This was the last day. If the villagers decided to still attack, then the three monsters were done for. Their lives depended on the plan working. All through dinner around the campfire, the only sounds were the crackling of the fire, the crashing of the waves, and the beating of Leo, Huggie, and Fred's own hearts. Only after dinner did they speak.

"I hope we don't get attacked," said Leo that evening, "After this much work, the people have to have some hint that we're not evil."

"It's not too bad doing the nice work," added Fred, "It's actually pretty easy."

"You're right! I'm getting used to tropical food. Soon I may even prefer mango to people," Huggie replied.

"Well, it's getting pretty late," Fred yawned.

"Yippee! Bedtime!" said Huggie enthusiastically.

"Good night," Leo sleepily said.

When they woke up, the monsters looked around in astonishment. Instead of being in a dark, hard, grey, cave, they were in soft, comfortable hammocks, basking in the sun. Around them, villagers were partying and watching parades.

"What's going on," asked Fred.

"We underestimated you," a villager cheered, "You're nice monsters!"

"So this is all for us," asked Leo in disbelief, "Wow...thanks!"

Soon they found five little kids standing next to two gigantic presents and one about the size of a microwave oven. They were wrapped in shining gold paper that reminded them of dazzling sunrays. Leo got the small one, and Fred and Huggie got the big ones. Very shortly afterwards, the monsters were tearing at the golden paper, unable to conceal their excitement. After all, it was the first time anyone had ever given them a present.

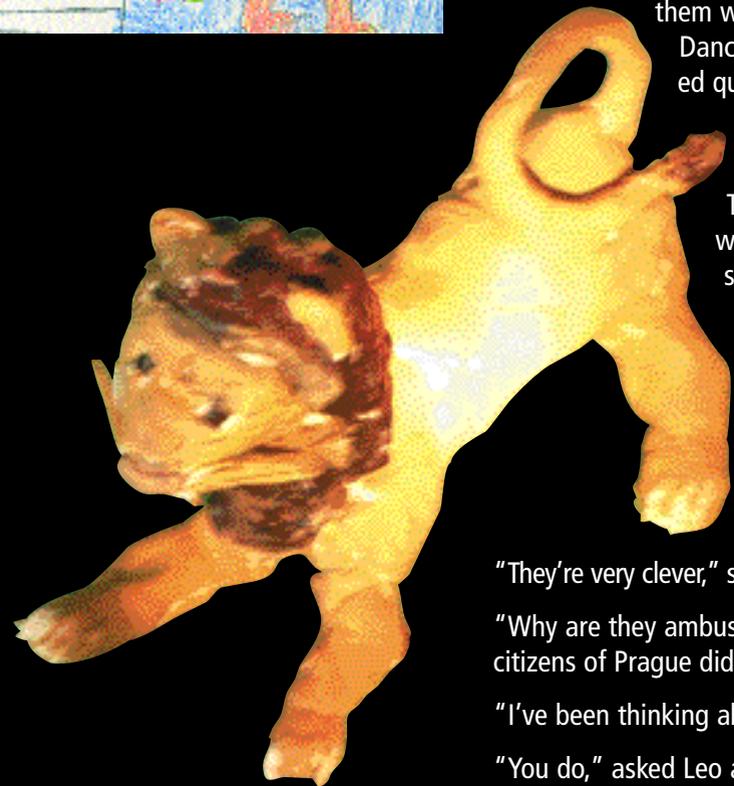
"Oh, thank you, I always wanted one of these! It will be so much easier doing things," exclaimed Fred.

Leo and Huggie peered over his shoulder. He was holding an artificial arm. He tied it onto his left arm so that it was the same length as his right arm and had the same powers.

Leo was the next to gasp in amazement, for he unwrapped a fluffy, yellow chick and a pair of sunglasses so that they could dance like they did in the labyrinth. As for Huggie, he had an enormous, soft blue pillow, which was ideal for napping on.

After they each had several ham-and-cheese sandwiches, Leo started hula-dancing with the chick, Huggie was napping on his pillow, and Fred tested out his new arm by turning it into a shovel and building a sand castle, which he found he was good at. (He used leftover wrapping paper for the flag.)

The monsters were having such a good time, they knew that they were headed for a better life.



THEY WERE HAVING A GREAT TIME





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## Monsters In Paradise

Godzilla was in serious trouble now. He was lying in the dust, and what's worse, he thought he had broken something.

It all happened when Godzilla was sitting on his island. Space Godzilla showed up and knocked him to the ground. He got up and ran for a while but then he fell over again and here he was laying still. Suddenly, a gigantic head blocks the sun from his eyes. "Augh," he screamed, it was Space Godzilla.

"Get up," Space Godzilla said. Godzilla just managed to stagger to his feet. He felt a sharp pain in his right leg. Well, at least he knew what he'd broken.

"You should be thankful I'm not going to kill you."

Wow, that was good, Godzilla thought.

"Instead I'm going to teleport you."

I guess that's bad.

"All I've really wanted to do all these years is to get rid of you and this is the perfect way," Space Godzilla jeered as he led him to a time machine. Suddenly he pushed Godzilla into the time machine. As Space Godzilla was setting the dial to 'Past' and starting the machine, Godzilla was thinking of a way to get out of this mess but it was too late. He heard a strange sound and suddenly felt himself swirling and swirling and finally he felt himself halt. He opened the door of the time machine and saw a strange creature staring at him. He fainted.

When Godzilla woke up, he saw the same strange creature staring at him.

"Augh!"

The strange creature said, "Calm down, my name is Chimera." Godzilla felt weak from looking at the strange creature named Chimera.

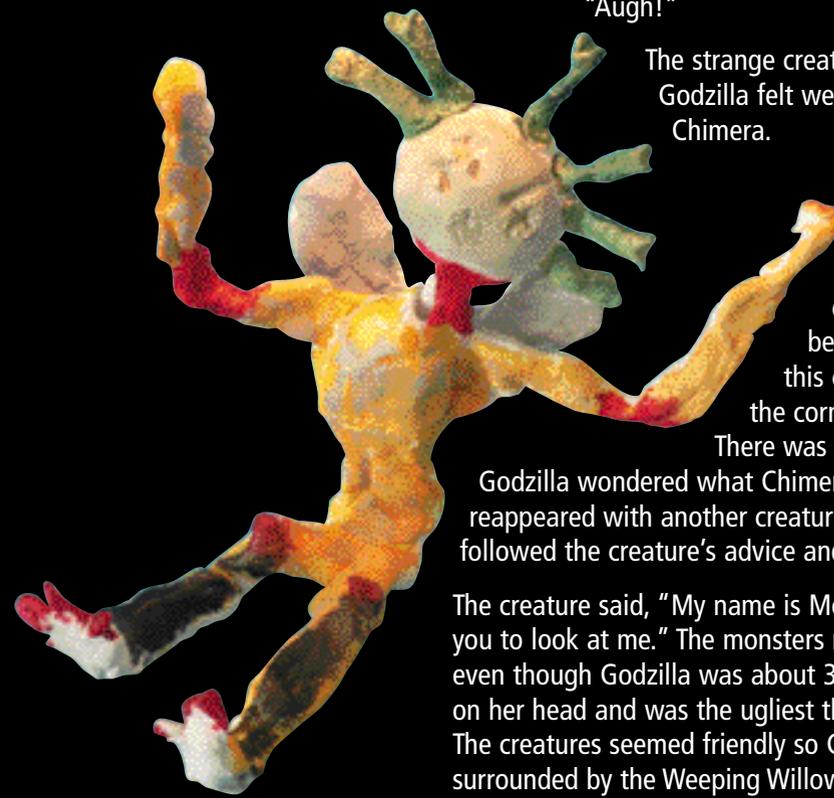
"Come on," Chimera said, "and don't look at me like that."

Godzilla ran after it. He had to trust someone. He emerged through the trees into a huge, beautiful swamp. Godzilla was amazed because this creature lived in paradise. There was a cave at the corner of the swamp which Chimera went into.

There was a meadow in the middle of the swamp too.

Godzilla wondered what Chimera was doing. The creature named Chimera reappeared with another creature with her back turned. Godzilla followed the creature's advice and looked away from her.

The creature said, "My name is Medusa and it's definitely not a good idea for you to look at me." The monsters named Medusa and Chimera looked dangerous even though Godzilla was about 354 feet higher than them. Medusa had snakes on her head and was the ugliest thing in the world and Chimera had 3 heads. The creatures seemed friendly so Godzilla started to tell them about himself, surrounded by the Weeping Willow and Ginkgo trees of the swamp. He was amazed by this place! They lived happily for a while.





But one day the people of Tokyo started sending down messages to the monsters in fancy Japanese writing by bottle. The message said: 'Beware — you are in danger of being attacked.' At first they were all skeptical and Godzilla proclaimed it was rubbish! Chimera argued with its other heads weather it was true or not and Medusa giggled as if it were a joke. The next day, Medusa and Chimera were chatting while Godzilla was climbing a tree.

"Chimera, where are you going," said Medusa.

"Going back to get my shampoo," Chimera replied back.

Chimera jumped into the swamp and found another message in a bottle. It said: 'Prepare to die. Believe us or else.'

Chimera came to the surface of the swamp and showed Medusa.

"Oh my! I think they are telling the truth," said Medusa.

"You may be right," Chimera said. "Let's get Godzilla."

"Godzilla!" "Godzilla!"

"What!"

"There's another threatening message," said Medusa.

Godzilla stared at the message in disbelief. He thought this time it may be true. All of the sudden Godzilla jumped into the swamp. Chimera and Medusa followed. There they saw him constructing something.

"What are you doing and why are you using my shampoo," said Chimera.

"I'm trying to build a trap. I believe the message from the

bottle is true," said Godzilla.

"You're right," said Chimera, "so I'll help."

"So will I," Medusa said.

The three friends worked till dawn. Then Godzilla saw a shiny light. He wanted to figure out what it was so he set off towards it. Medusa and Chimera ran after him. Godzilla was getting closer and closer to the light until he saw what it was- a flashlight. Godzilla started to run back to the swamp but it was too late, the enemies had already caught up with Medusa, Chimera, and Godzilla.

"Charge," yelled the angry monster-hating mob.

The three monsters looked at each other with what-do-we-do faces. Then Medusa spoke up, "Why don't we fight back?"

"Are you crazy!?! We could get killed," Chimera said.

"But it's the only way," replied Medusa.

"She's right," Godzilla said.

Then they looked at each other with you-know-what-to-do faces.

Godzilla started banging his chest then he jumped up and down really hard. When he did that the ground shook terribly and tripped the enemies.

"Nice work, now watch me," said Medusa.

Medusa's snakes started spitting acid everywhere so that no one could get to Medusa. Chimera was amazed at what her friends could do. Now it was her turn. The people ran towards her but Chimera just stared at them. It made them so weak that they couldn't fight. After everyone was dead, there was total silence.

Hurray!!

"Aren't you happy that our enemies are dead," asked Medusa.

"Of course I am," said Chimera.

"I don't know about you two, but I'm really tired. I'm going to sleep like a log tonight," said Godzilla.

"Me too," said Chimera.

"Me three," screamed Medusa.

"Well if we are all tired why are we talking when we could be sleeping," asked Godzilla.

All the monsters then went to sleep. The next morning the monsters woke up and started complaining that they didn't sleep well that night.

"Whenever I turned over, my bed would make these horrible squeaky noises that I just can't stand," yelled Chimera

"Your problem isn't nearly as big as mine? I couldn't even fall asleep because all my snakes were snoring really loud because of the cold," Medusa said.

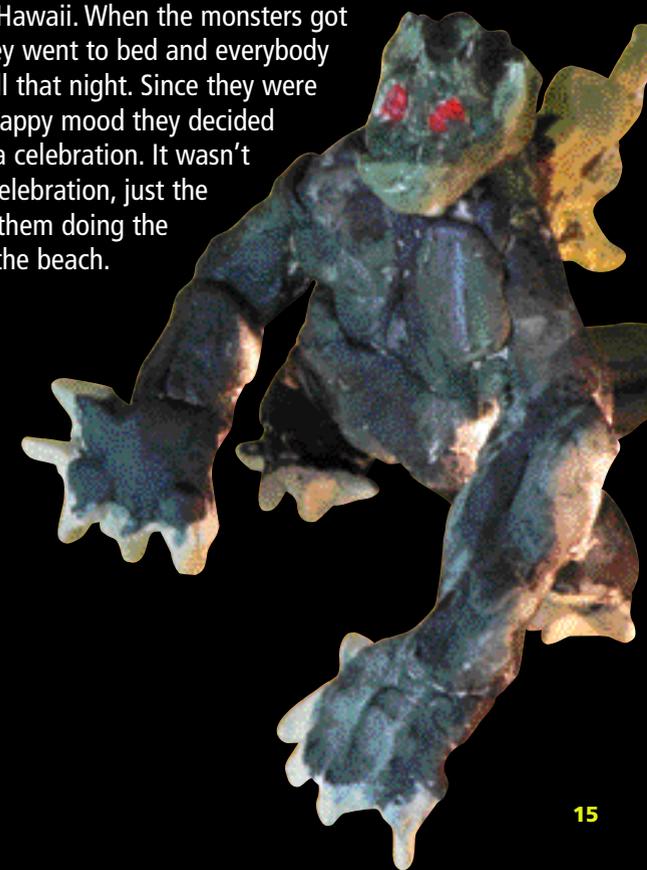
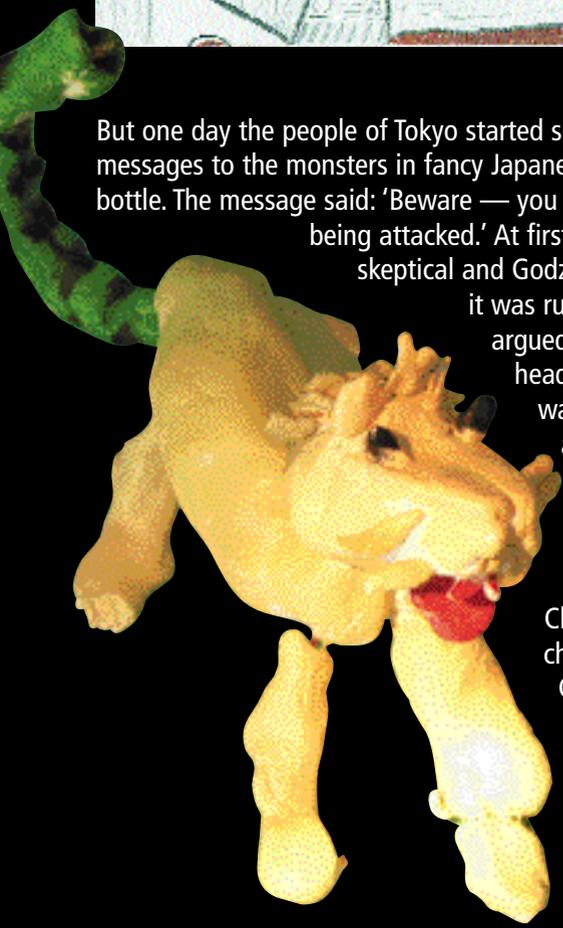
"Well I slept okay, but I think we should move so that you girls can stop complaining! I don't like it when monsters complain," said Godzilla.

After a short discussion the monsters decided to move to Hawaii because when you sleep on the sand it doesn't make squeaky noises that Chimera hates and it's warm there so Medusa's snakes aren't going to snore.

"I have just one more question," said Godzilla, who didn't want to swim to Hawaii with monsters on his back, "how are we going to get there???"

"Oh that's easy," said Medusa, "we are going on the surfboard. I'll go get it."

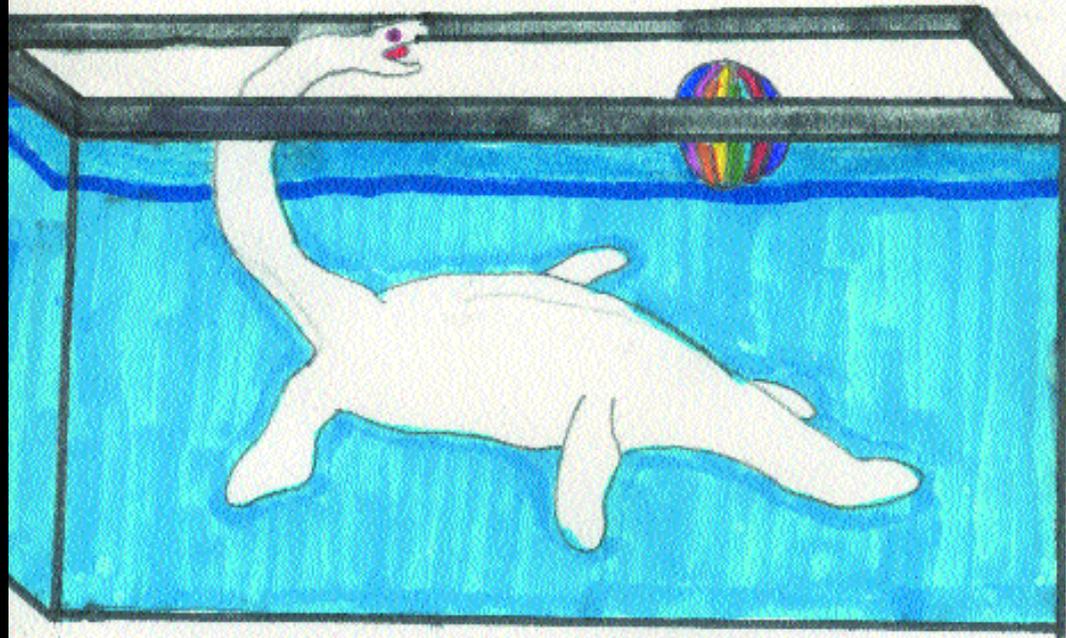
When Medusa found the surfboard it turned out to be broken. Since the monsters didn't have another idea they hopped onto Godzilla's back and Godzilla started swimming to Hawaii. When the monsters got there they went to bed and everybody slept well that night. Since they were all in a happy mood they decided to have a celebration. It wasn't a large celebration, just the three of them doing the hula on the beach.



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it was the best party



## Medusa's Island

It was a great day and the baby griffin, Saphie, and Mothman, who did not know each other at the time, both had ideas on their minds. Saphie was looking for a vacation resort and Mothman was looking for friends. (It's hard to make friends when you look horrifying!) So Saphie found this island on an old, wrinkly map. The island was noted 'MEDUSA'S ISLAND! STAY AWAY! DANGER!'

But Saphie, being a baby, could not read and went to the island anyway.

Meanwhile, Mothman was on his trip around the world to find friends. He came upon Medusa's island and since he didn't have a map he didn't know the island was dangerous. So Mothman flew down to begin this epic journey to meet some different friends.

Saphie was already there when Mothman arrived. She was playing with her mystical orb as she grunted to herself, "Some resort, hurumpf!" As Mothman circled the island the glimmer from the griffin's orb caught his eye, "oohh."

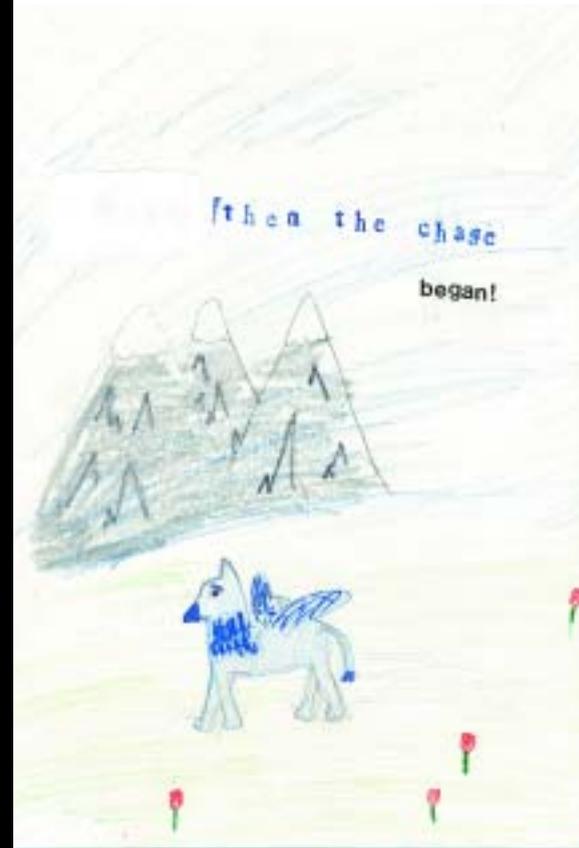
Then the chase began!

All through the magical island they rampaged. The griffin was hotly pursued by Mothman as she ran through the grassy plains. The strong winds attacked Mothman's wings sending him back a little but he pushed on. Next came the mountains -- they stood like giants against the cloudless sky. The griffin started flying, knowing that the mountains were too tall to climb. Mothman was now very tired and was beginning to slow down. Lucky for him, a valley had just begun to appear. The griffin was getting tired so when she saw the valley she swooped down to start running again.

Finally the griffin found a nest and summoning up all her strength flew forward, Mothman at her heels. Mothman and Saphie's weight combined was too much for the nest as it collapsed with a thud, and the griffin's treasure came tumbling after.

Medusa saw Mothman and Saphie nearly killing each other over jewels. Medusa was being mesmerized by the shiny emerald and rainbow colored orbs. Next thing Medusa knew, she was a solid gray rock the shape of a flawless girl with flowing hair and blush marks. Mothman knocked out Saphie with a purple orb. KABOOM! R.I.P. Medusa R.I.P. They were all fighting over hundreds of emeralds and shiny ooooh...very shiny orbs and dark green emeralds.

After Mothman cut off Medusa's head, he lifted her head with his strong wings. Light shined everywhere. It was as bright as fire. Then Saphie awoke to happiness and joy. Light hit



Medusa's head and her head turned back into its old beautiful self, but still in stone and separate from the rest of her body.

People came from all corners of the earth to pay to see Medusa. They were surprised because they thought nobody could kill Medusa. Mothman and Saphie made billions of dollars showing off Medusa's body.

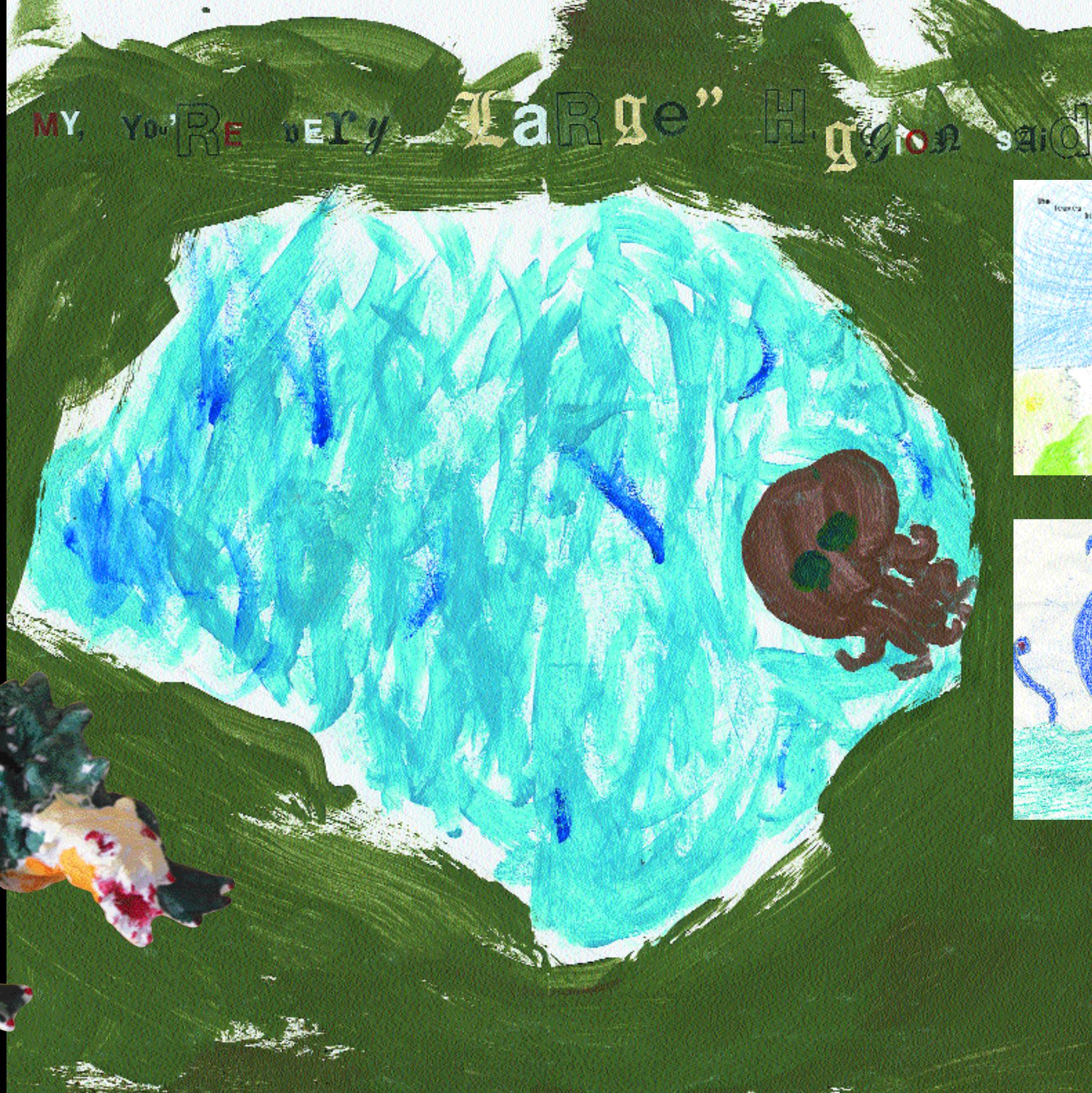
Mothman and Saphie invited Dracula, Frankenstein, and the Loch Ness monster for a 'Medusa's Dead' party. Medusa's head was the centerpiece. The Loch Ness played in his water with a beach ball that had many colors. Dracula was showing off his red and black cape hoping another vampire would like him and live with him. Frankenstein did King Tut's dance while smacking a bat with his neck bolt. Mothman was doing flying tricks while Saphie relaxed on the beach she made.

That is how Mothman made friends and Saphie got the money to change 'MEDUSA'S ISLAND! STAY AWAY! DANGER!' into

'Saphie's Vacation Resort! Come And Have Fun!'



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## Leo the Tarasque and His Friends

One day a tarasque named Leo was walking around his cave when he saw a sign for a new fighting tournament in town- the sign had the location listed on it. So he memorized it, then found it and went in because he loved to hustle and fight up a storm. His match happened to be with a dragon named Ruby, an incredibly formidable foe.

"You don't stand a chance," Ruby yelled.

"You wish," Leo replied calmly.

Ruby then snatched Leo. She was pretty strong, so she lifted him up and began to fly. She went sort of fast and then slammed through the wall and soon enough they were flying over the sea. Ruby spat fire at Leo but it wasn't very effective because he was part dragon and dragons are resistant to fire quite well. Leo then slashed Ruby in the face and gave a triumphant roar, but sadly only to see himself helplessly sinking into the sea

because he fell with her. When Leo woke up, he was on a mysterious island.

Meanwhile, on that island, a kracken named Greth circled the island and searched it for people. Suddenly a manticore named Higgion astonished Greth by jumping up at him.

"Who are you, and why are you in my territory," Higgion screeched.

"I'm just looking for something to eat," Greth replied nervously.

"What do you eat," Higgion asked.

"People," Greth said.

"You're my kind of guy...let's talk for a while."

After a while, they decided to meet in a week, but they didn't realize that they would meet much sooner...

About two days after Greth and Higgion met, Leo was wandering in the forest. He was just looking around and exploring. Nothing much was going on that day so he was kind of sleepy. He was wondering what had happened to Ruby and if she had damaged her wings at all. He had heard that she had a brother. He was supposed to be an ice dragon or something. Oh well, he would never know. Being in this forest was making him sleepier because it was pretty dark. Then, out of nowhere, it got extremely cold and Leo heard a loud cracking sound. Leo turned around to see what was going on. About nine yards away the ground was covered in ice and the rest was freezing fast. Now five yards away, no! four! The ground around him froze. The leaves dropped off the trees and snow covered the branches. Leo ran out of the forest to see the entire island frozen except for the far end where it was freezing quickly. He looked up and saw, to his astonishment, a completely white dragon that seemed to have icicles dripping from him. His breath seemed to be made of frost and Leo realized that was what was freezing the island. Leo watched helplessly as the rest of the island froze over.

That must be Ruby's brother the frost dragon, thought Leo. But why is he freezing the island?

Suddenly, the dragon turned to Leo and yelled, "That's for destroying my sister's wings you scoundrel!"

"I guess Ruby's wings were damaged," supposed Leo, "but it wasn't my fault. It was from falling in the water or something!"

But the dragon had flown off and Leo was left cold and confused and feeling a little guilty. A day later, Leo was once again wandering in the forest. He was wondering how to unfreeze the island. He had to figure out some way to unfreeze it or he would starve. Without raccoons or squirrels and things, he wouldn't have anything to eat. He had to think of something!

Meanwhile, Higgion was sitting in his cave thinking when suddenly he heard a sound like cracking ice. He looked out of his cave and saw Leo: "Have you got any idea how to melt this ice?"

At that moment, (of course Higgion didn't know it) Leo, had just figured out what to do about the frozen island. His mother had told him about a crystal when he was little that could melt anything. It was in an underwater cave near here! Leo had been standing in front of

Higgion for about five minutes figuring all this out. Higgion thought he was a little bit crazy and was just thinking of something to say when the tarasque said, "Actually, yes I do have an idea. What's your name again?"

"It's Higgion. Now let's hear that idea."

Higgion was pretty glad someone had an idea even if he was a complete stranger because all this ice was making his paws hurt.

The monster answered, "I'm Leo and your name is Higgaman, right?"

"No. It's Higgion."

"Oh right. Sorry."

"You were saying something about an idea to unfreeze the island?"

"Oh yeah, right."

Leo proceeded to tell Higgion about the fire crystal and the underwater cave.

"The only problem is, neither of us can swim and the cave is underwater," Leo finished.

"Well," said Higgion, "I have a solution."

A little while later, they were down by the bay near the cliffs. Higgion called to his friend, or rather, companion.

"Greth! Greth! It's Higgion!"

As Leo watched, a large reddish brown tentacle emerged from the water. It waved at them. Then from the water emerged more tentacles and the largest head Leo had ever seen.

Greth had been lounging in the shadows thinking about what had happened. He had just come here to look for food and the next thing he knew, the island had completely frozen over.

"Greth! Greth! It's Higgion!"

He came up out of the water to see his friend standing next to a tarasque.

"Hello," he said.

When Greth had come up, Leo had no idea what he was. Higgion, seeing his look of amazement, had introduced him.

"Leo, this is Greth. He is a kracken."

Leo knew about the kracken! He was the size of a floating island and he wrecked ships and ate their passengers.

"Hello," said Greth.

"Hi," Leo answered.

"Greth," Higgion said, "our friend here has an idea about how to unfreeze the island." Higgion told Greth about the fire crystal with Leo filling in the details.

"To get to the cave," Leo said, "you have to swim and neither Higgion nor I can. We were wondering if you could help us."

"Sure," said Greth. "I don't like the cold much either."

"One more thing," said Leo, "there's this dragon who is mad at me and she got her brother to freeze the island so we might want to watch out for them."

"Which direction is the cave?" asked Greth.

"East. That way," answered Leo.

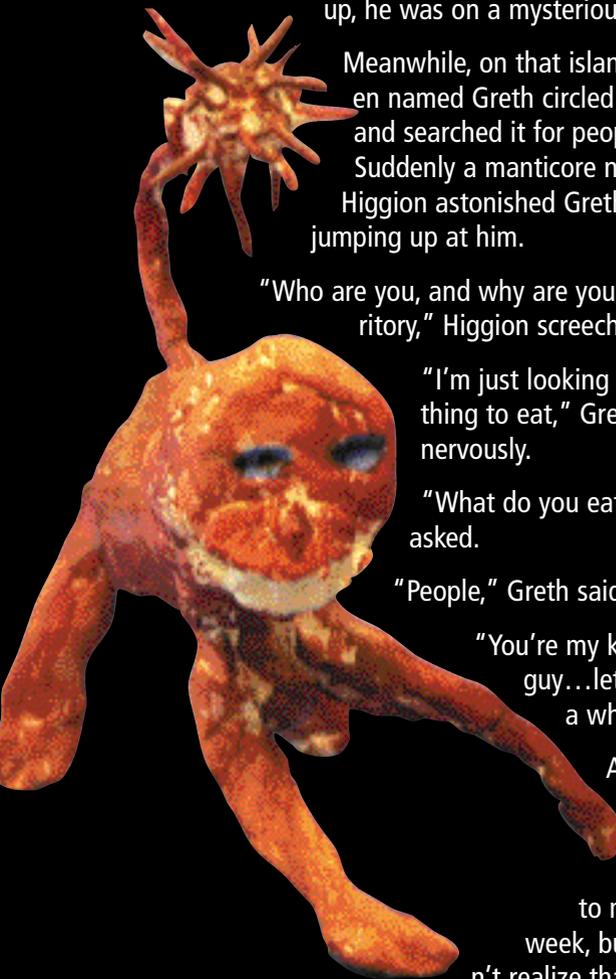
"What are you waiting for!? Hop on," exclaimed Greth.

So they climbed on his back and they were off. Greth, Leo, and Higgion went under the cloudy water, Leo and Higgion holding on to Greth as he darted through the water. Leo could sense that they were getting close to The Cavern of Flames. The coral jewels marked the spot and for once an 'X' did not. Ruby jetted up next to Greth and tries to speed ahead but he doesn't have a chance. Greth sped into the cave and grabbed the crystal. Ruby wouldn't leave without a fight so the battle began. Flames and spikes shooting through the air,

Ruby is now down on the ground while the others swim away.

Back at the island Higgion made a hole just big enough for the crystal. They put it in the hole and just how the ice came it went.

So did the monsters, off to creature forest.



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## Nothing is Perfect

Long ago the plants of Earth grew perfectly straight and strong because of a powerful treasure that kept it that way. This treasure was hidden in a cave guarded by three monsters.

The friendly but shy Sphinx named Thorn could turn into stone by eating thorns of one specific tree. But if she did not eat other thorns she would grow weak and tired. Thorn had a girl's head with a crown, and a lion's body with hawk wings.

Glave the Griffin was big and strong with wings covered in light and dark golden special feathers. Glave was very brave but, if mirrors reflected on him, he instantly became blinded.

Last, but not least, there was Setheren the Cerberus who was covered in tan fur that smelled like that of a dog and had the tail of a dragon. Setheren always spoke in a deep voice and was psychic. However, if laughed at, Setheren would shrink, and the only way to go back to normal would be for Glave and Thorn to touch Setheren at the same time.

The earth was a pretty planet until the monsters grew weak. Glave lost his eyesight from mirrors reflecting on him. Thorn got weak from not eating enough thorns. Setheren was laughed at and shrank. One day Cyclops from another planet stole the treasure to make their horrible dirty planet as beautiful as earth.

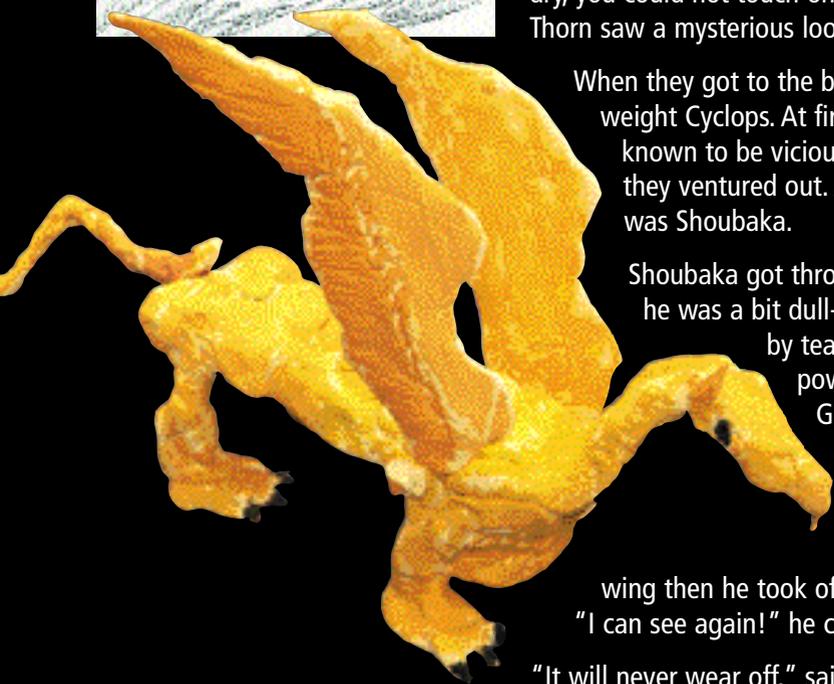
Our story begins when the three monsters got to the end of the cave and saw how dead it had become. "Glave, you have to carry me," said Setheren. Then Thorn and Glave, carrying Setheren, quickly flew out of the cave in search of the treasure. A palm tree outside of the cave was black and the other plants were so dry, you could not touch one without breaking it. As they flew off into space, Thorn saw a mysterious looking planet and they all headed towards it.

When they got to the bare planet to catch their breath they saw a big, over-weight Cyclops. At first they were afraid of him because Cyclops were known to be vicious and violent, but after it didn't try to attack them, they ventured out. As it turned out, the Cyclops was good. His name was Shoubaka.

Shoubaka got thrown off the other Cyclops's ship because they thought he was a bit dull-witted and much too lazy. Shoubaka helped them out by teaching Thorn how to meditate and conjure up her power without her supply of thorns. On the journey, Glave was blinded by light reflecting off space rocks and into his eyes. When he got to the bare, dusty planet, Shoubaka gave him a rock. When Glave cracked open the rock he found shiny, silver dust inside it. Glave sprinkled some of the dust on his wing then he took off an auburn feather and passed it over his eyes. "I can see again!" he cried.

"It will never wear off," said the Cyclops. "You will never have that blinding reflecting light hurt you again."

After they left the planet, they traveled east to where the cyclops' evil lair was.

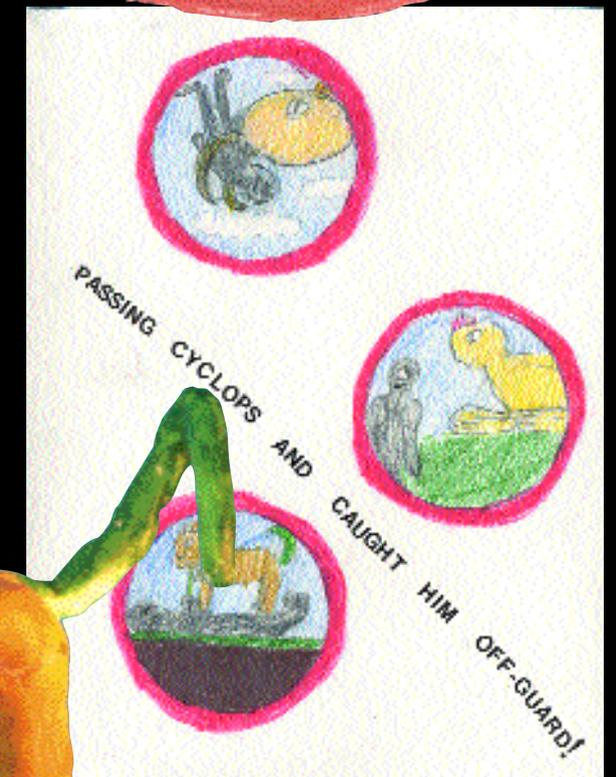


When Thorn, Glave, and Setheren got there, the Cyclops who was guarding the treasure alerted all the other Cyclops. They all came fiercely running. Glave dove at a passing cyclops and caught him off guard. Setheren and Thorn were working as a team to get another three Cyclops. Thorn turned into stone and surprised a cyclops. When two Cyclops came charging straight at Setheren, he just stepped aside, tripped and tackled them as if it was the easiest thing in the world!

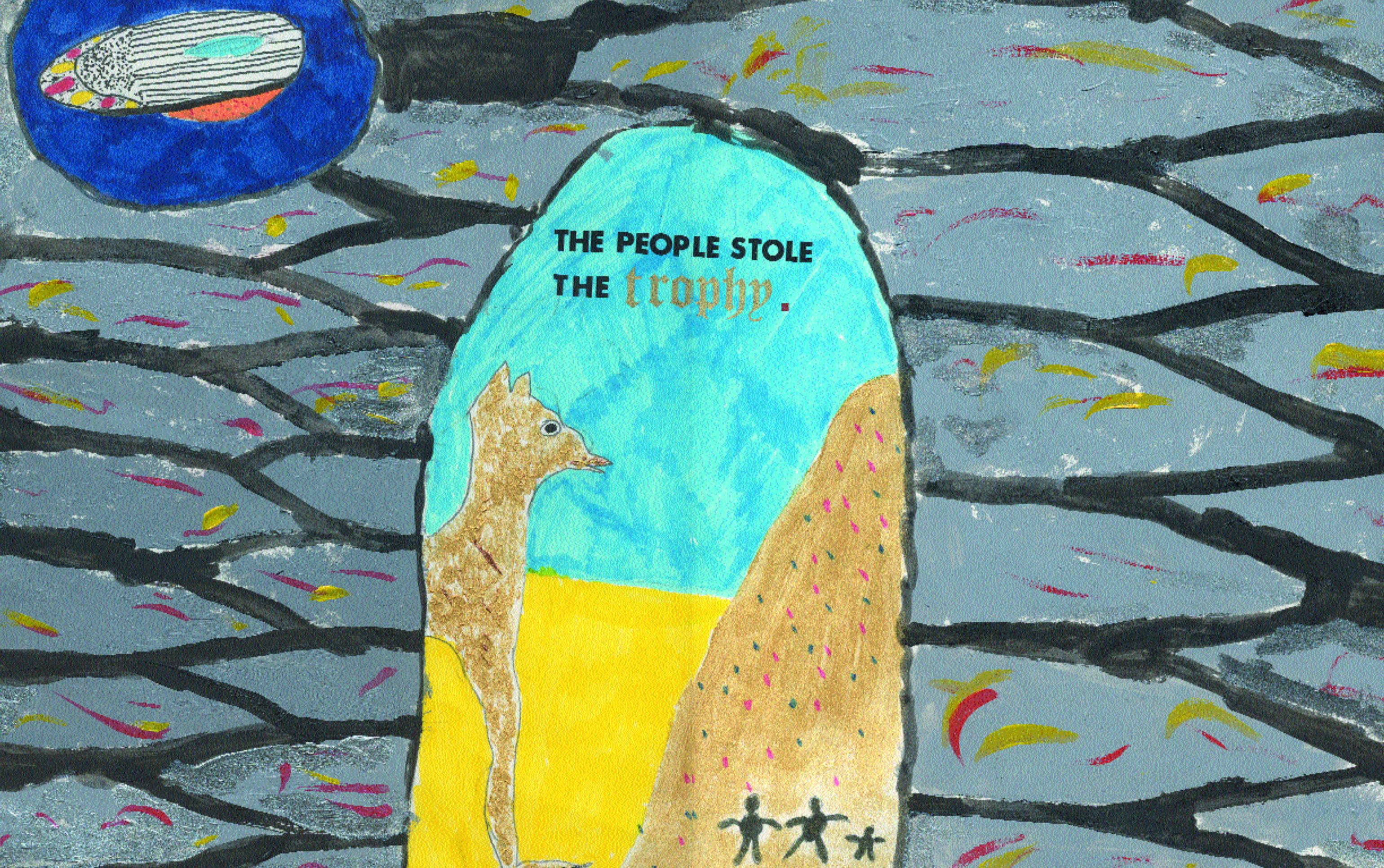
When the battle was over, Thorn, Glave, and Setheren remained victorious! They had each killed five. They were so happy that they had saved the treasure and rejoiced with food, song, laughter, and merriment.

The monsters brought back the world treasure stolen by the Cyclops. They carefully unloaded the treasure. The monsters didn't know that while they were away, humans came into their cave. They did not notice the mess around their cave and some simple drawings on the wall. Some lived in the cave, and it was a home for them. While the monsters stole back the treasure, the humans, undetected, stole the trophy from the top of the pile. This was a special gold trophy with lots of diamonds and engravings of the monsters ancestors. On the bottom, there were the initials S.C.G (Sphinx, Cerberus, Griffin). This is why there are imperfections in all living things and nothing is perfect. From this day on the three monsters are looking for the trophy with no success.

The End.



THE PEOPLE STOLE  
THE trophy.



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## Friends and Enemies

Once upon a time, Medusa, Larry, and Nessie lived together in a mucky, smelly, swamp but the monsters did not realize its smelliness. Medusa is a woman with snakes for her hair and she can turn anything to stone when she looks at it. Larry is the Jersey Devil. He is a devil from New Jersey and he has big, sharp teeth. Nessie is the Loch Ness monster. She is very big and tends to stomp. The swamp smells from all the odors in the swamp. They all try to play Peek and Seek, a really awesome game.

One day, the whole time playing, Medusa kept turning Larry and Nessie to stone. Larry kept biting them and Nessie kept stomping on them. Once they were unstoned from a wave of Medusa's hands and didn't hurt anymore from the bites and stomps, they wanted to put it all to an end.

"Why is it like this, or why does it have to be? And I can't stop my eyes from doing what they do," squeaked Medusa.

"I can't help biting," said Larry.

"I'm just so big I stomp," said Nessie.

"This is silly- we've got to put a stop to it all," squeaked Medusa.

"What can we do?" they all asked at the same time.

Once again, Medusa, Nessie, and Larry tried to play Peek and Seek. First, Nessie stomped on Medusa by accident because she is really big. Nessie let out a tiny "oops" that no one heard but herself. Medusa screamed with pain and rage. She turned around and angrily stared at Nessie and yelled, "You're lucky you didn't squash me!" A second later, Nessie turned to stone. Medusa squeaked "oh no" in a tiny voice. Larry turned around to see what all the screaming was about and saw Medusa turn his friend to stone. Larry leapt on Medusa and bit down hard on her shoulder bone. After everyone recovered, anger was in the air.

Later, Medusa said, "My head hurts."

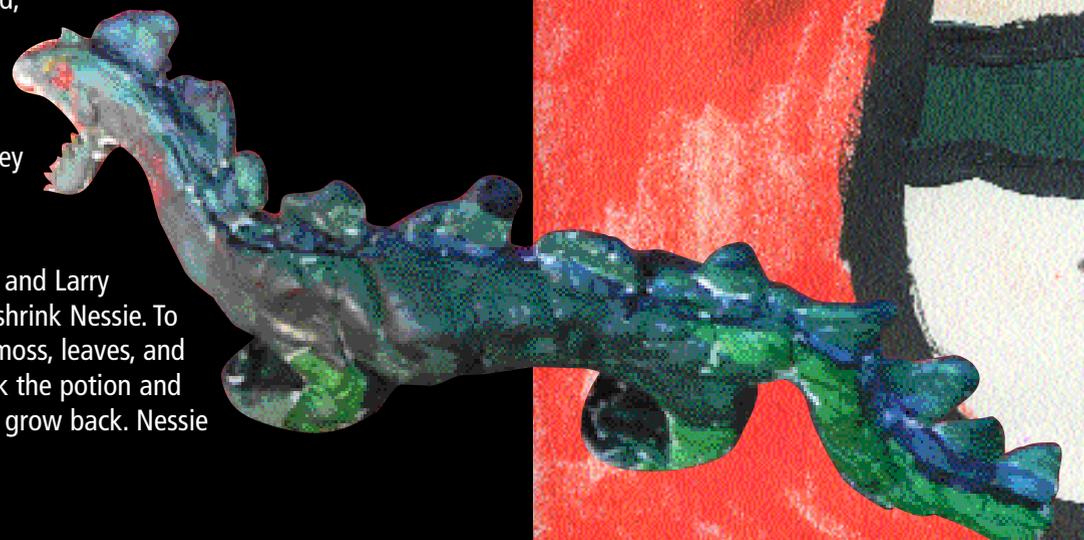
Nessie retorts, "Maybe you shouldn't have been so mean."

"And you didn't help, Larry," Medusa said.

"Maybe you shouldn't have hurt my friend," he said.

A fight was going on inside the cave. When Nessie, Medusa, and Larry stopped fighting, they decided that they can't fight all the time. They had to think of something.

The first problem was Nessie. Medusa and Larry threw together a big bucket of potion to shrink Nessie. To make the potion they used swamp water, moss, leaves, and snake skin. Once it was ready, Nessie drank the potion and shrunk. The potion could also make Nessie grow back. Nessie



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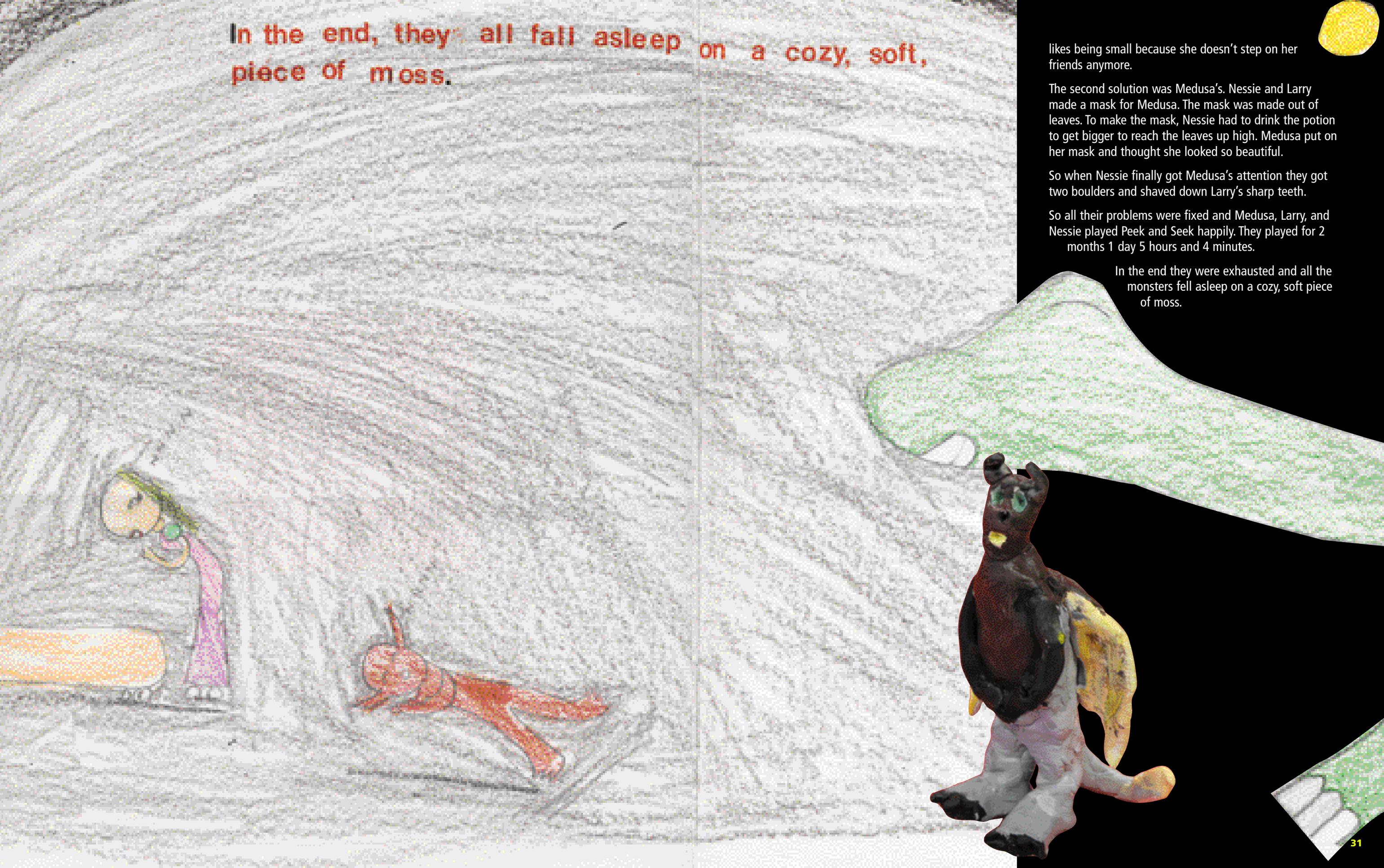
likes being small because she doesn't step on her friends anymore.

The second solution was Medusa's. Nessie and Larry made a mask for Medusa. The mask was made out of leaves. To make the mask, Nessie had to drink the potion to get bigger to reach the leaves up high. Medusa put on her mask and thought she looked so beautiful.

So when Nessie finally got Medusa's attention they got two boulders and shaved down Larry's sharp teeth.

So all their problems were fixed and Medusa, Larry, and Nessie played Peek and Seek happily. They played for 2 months 1 day 5 hours and 4 minutes.

In the end they were exhausted and all the monsters fell asleep on a cozy, soft piece of moss.





Book I

London

2 - <sup>clap</sup> ~~Black~~ visit <sup>trough</sup> ~~Styrene~~ <sup>hennich</sup>

3 - The journey - <sup>wood</sup> ~~wood~~ - blue flower

4 54 - arrive the boat

5 <sup>50</sup> ~~50~~ <sup>London</sup> ~~London~~ the kiss "the man belongs"

6 - old chapel. Carving last th. <sup>Sortes Rigil</sup> notes in letter

7 - ~~The purchase of London~~ <sup>estate</sup> ~~estate~~ <sup>down</sup> ~~down~~

Book II

apex

Chap 1 ~~The auctioneer~~ <sup>with</sup> - <sup>request</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>things</sup>

2 ~~The doctor~~ <sup>with</sup> - <sup>to</sup> <sup>stone</sup> <sup>ship</sup> <sup>axis</sup>

3 ~~The lawyer~~ <sup>Black</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>with</sup> - <sup>sleep</sup>

4 ~~it might be~~ <sup>London</sup> <sup>mini</sup> <sup>wedding</sup>

5 ~~a medical~~ <sup>impose</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>type</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>person</sup> <sup>(wolf</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>sheep</sup> <sup>clothing</sup>

6 ~~The tragedy~~ <sup>is</sup> <sup>medical</sup> <sup>impose</sup> <sup>any</sup> <sup>day</sup>

7 ~~The poor~~ <sup>Priming</sup> <sup>vault</sup> - <sup>the</sup> <sup>poor</sup>

Book III

Discovery

Chap 1 The suspicion - <sup>Harke's</sup> <sup>diary</sup>

2 Inquiries - <sup>the</sup> <sup>Drum</sup> - <sup>the</sup> <sup>suspects</sup>

3 ~~Drum~~ <sup>Mini</sup> <sup>conduct</sup> <sup>Donculla</sup> <sup>Tin</sup>

4 On the track <sup>Tin</sup> - <sup>to</sup> <sup>casualties</sup>

5 <sup>strange</sup> <sup>chases</sup> - <sup>last</sup> <sup>house</sup> <sup>described</sup> <sup>bloody</sup>

6 - a test of sanity (?)

7 - conviction Harke sees the boat - <sup>the</sup> <sup>flow</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup>

Chap 11 ~~the~~ <sup>Drum</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>this</sup> <sup>year</sup>

2 a vigilante committee