

## **The Monster under the Bed**

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Once, there was a boy who lived in a big house. He had a happy life playing outside in the sunny weather and in winter, he stayed inside drinking hot chocolate.

There was only one small problem. He believed in monsters. He got very scared. At night. In fact, every time he went to bed. He would turn off his light and hide under his covers trying to go to sleep. But he hardly ever could.

One night, when he went to bed, he heard a thud under his bed! Then a growl! Slowly, a green hand rose up over his bed. He screamed as loud as a boom box! Then out came a big, yellow face with green dots on it! Followed by a huge, snotty, pink nose! The monster let out another growl and then a yelp!

The boy realised that the monster was as scared of him as he was of the monster. They both stared at each other for a while in silence.

After a moment, the boy picked up a random Lego figure and threw it, gently. The monster realised that the boy was not a threat.

The boy plucked up courage and said, "Should we be friends?"

The monster growled, "How? I've never had a friend before."

The boy answered, "Basically, you just look out for each other."

The monster replied, "That sounds easy."

So, the boy said, "Okay, now we're friends, we can have some fun. Let's scare my little brother and freak him out!"

The monster asked, "Er, does that mean I will be looking out for you?" The boy nodded.

The monster said, "Let's do it."

They tried to sneak into his brother's bedroom but the big, fat monster's feet were too noisy and they woke the little brother, who started screaming and ran to his Mum.

Mum ran in and saw the monster, "Arggggggh! Get that thing out of my house! I'm calling the council right away!" she screamed.

The council came straight round and they captured the monster in a net. They put him in a big cage and took him away in a van.

Now the boy felt bad because it was his fault that his mum was mad with him and the monster got caught. So he emailed all his friends to tell them they had to help him free the monster and show everyone that he was really okay.

All the children marched down to the Town Hall and stormed it, armed with Nerf guns and bows and arrows. They got the keys to the cage and freed the monster.

The rescuers took the monster back to the boy's house and told his mum what a nice monster he was and how sorry the boy was for scaring his brother. The monster even said he would look out for the boy's mum. So Mum let the monster live under boy's bed and now they have plenty of friends for the rest of their lives.