

BORIS THE HUNGRY MONSTER

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Bethany and her little brother, Ben, loved playing in the woods. One day, they were having a great time playing while their dad was setting up a picnic. All they could hear was their own laughter and the snap of twigs under their feet. 🗣️

Suddenly, Ben realised something. He turned to Bethany and said 'Don't you think it's strange that we haven't seen or heard any animals in the wood today?'

Bethany thought for a moment. She agreed, but decided to play a trick on her little brother. 'Ben,' she said, 'there are no animals in this part of the woods. Do you know why?' Ben shook his head and waited in suspense for his sister to tell him. 'Because a big monster has moved in and gobbled all of them up!'

Ben gulped and looked scared, then all of a sudden they both heard a loud roar! 🗣️ Bethany and Ben screamed, 'Aaaaaahhhhhh!' They turned around and saw that, thankfully, it was their dad. He had overheard Bethany's lie and decided to play a joke on both of them.

'I am the only monster in these woods. 🗣️ Now shall we play a game of hide and seek before lunch?' The children nodded excitedly and scampered off into the trees. Little did they know, they were being watched by a real monster called Boris.

Boris was a Snuggle Monster. He had long green fur that made him blend in with the green leaves of the trees. He had very big feet and a shiny black snout for sniffing out yummy food. This came in very useful indeed, because Boris was always hungry!

Boris was hiding behind a bush, waiting until Bethany, Ben and their dad were out of sight. He knew he could smell something tasty... and yes, after a quick peek around the bush, he was right! A picnic basket was just a few feet away, practically spilling over with food!

The Snuggle Monster checked the coast was clear, and then made a dash for the picnic basket. 🗣️ Boris wasn't exactly light-footed, and he was also clumsy. 🗣️ Before he could reach the basket, he tripped over a fallen branch and landed on his head! 🗣️

Oh no! Boris was hurt and started to cry. 🗣️ He rubbed his head better and looked up to see that he had landed right beside the picnic basket!

Boris felt dazed and a bit confused, 🗣️ but all he could think about was gobbling up the yummy food. He reached both of his big furry hands into the basket and started stuffing in all the food into his mouth as fast as he could. Nom, nom, nom!

Boris ate so much so fast, he needed a drink to wash it all down. He happily gulped down a whole bottle of lemonade - gulp, gulp, gulp - then smiled and let out a big burp. 🗣️

Boris was very full now and had eaten so much that he could barely move. He started feeling very dozy, and just as he was about to drop off, he heard a noise - it was the humans returning! Boris dashed back to the bush as fast as his legs would carry him and made it just in time.

Bethany, Ben and their Dad walked back to their picnic spot to see that everything was gone! The picnic basket was on its side, there were bits of leftover food everywhere, and large muddy footprints suspiciously all over the picnic blanket.

Ben suddenly looked terrified. He shouted 'THE MONSTER!!! IT ATE ALL OF OUR FOOD!!!'

Even Bethany wasn't laughing now... 'WHA-WHA-WHA-WHAT HAPPENED, DAD?'

'Don't be silly kids, there's no such thing as monsters!' said Dad, scratching his head, looking very confused. 'I think there must have been some very hungry foxes around here...'

Just then they all heard a loud hiccup 🗣️ from the bushes, and another! 🗣️

Bethany, Ben and their dad turned around to see who or what was making all of the noise.

Boris came out from behind the bush to say hello and tell them he wasn't a mean monster. He was just hungry. He really wanted to thank them for all of the food, but when he tried to get the words out, all he could do was hiccup! 🗣️

The family just stared at him; they were too scared to speak, so Boris decided to run away. He had plenty of energy from all the food he'd eaten, so gave them a quick wave and then off he stomped 🗣️ back into the woods.

As soon as Boris was out of sight, their dad packed up the picnic basket and grabbed Ben and Bethany's hands. 'Come on kids, I think it's time to find a new picnic spot... and a new picnic!'

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