

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Sophie believed she was a monster? Have you ever felt that you were different from other people? How did those feelings affect you?
2. Sophie was faced with bullies at school. Have you ever been bullied? What can you do if you see someone being bullied?
3. Sophie was excited to be friends with Autumn since she didn't have friends at her last school. What might be a good way for you to make a new friend? Do you know anyone who might be feeling left out or lonely who might need more friends? How can you help them?
4. Sophie practiced her sleight of hand and magic tricks every day. What are your talents and interests? Are any of them things that your classmates might not know about you?
5. Sophie saw a world that was full of magical and mythical

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- creatures. Are there actual creatures or places in our world that amaze or inspire you?
6. If you could transform into any mythical creature, what would it be and why?
 7. Have you ever been afraid of monsters? Who or what do you think some of the “real” monsters in our world are? Why?
 8. People don’t always know how to act around Sophie because of the growth on her face. How do you think people should act when they meet someone who looks different or has a disability? How would you want to be treated?
 9. Taggart, Sophie, and Autumn’s families all face different problems. Have you ever helped your family through a hard time?
 10. Sophie is afraid of having surgery. Have you ever been afraid of something you needed to do? What helped you be brave?
 11. How did Sophie the Monster become Sophie the Magnificent? What can you do to remind yourself that you are magnificent just the way you are?