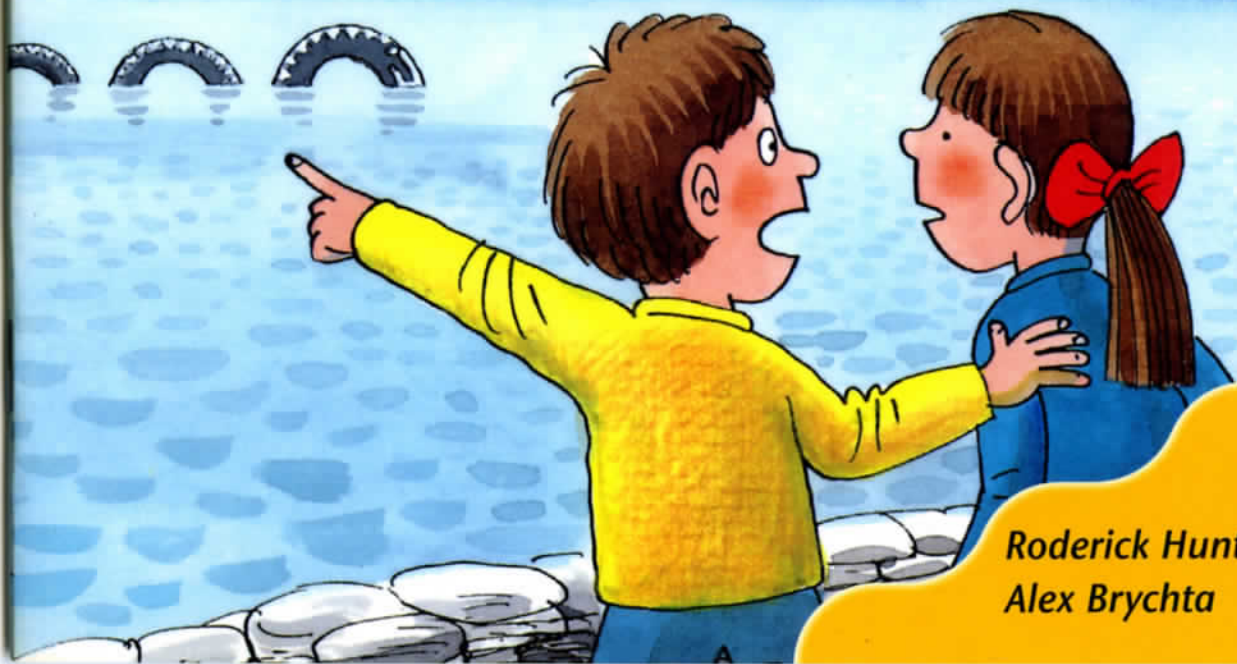




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A Monster Mistake



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What's this story about?

Gran, Mum and the children go to Scotland. Gran puts a model monster in a lake. People think it's real and call the newspapers. Gran has to explain!

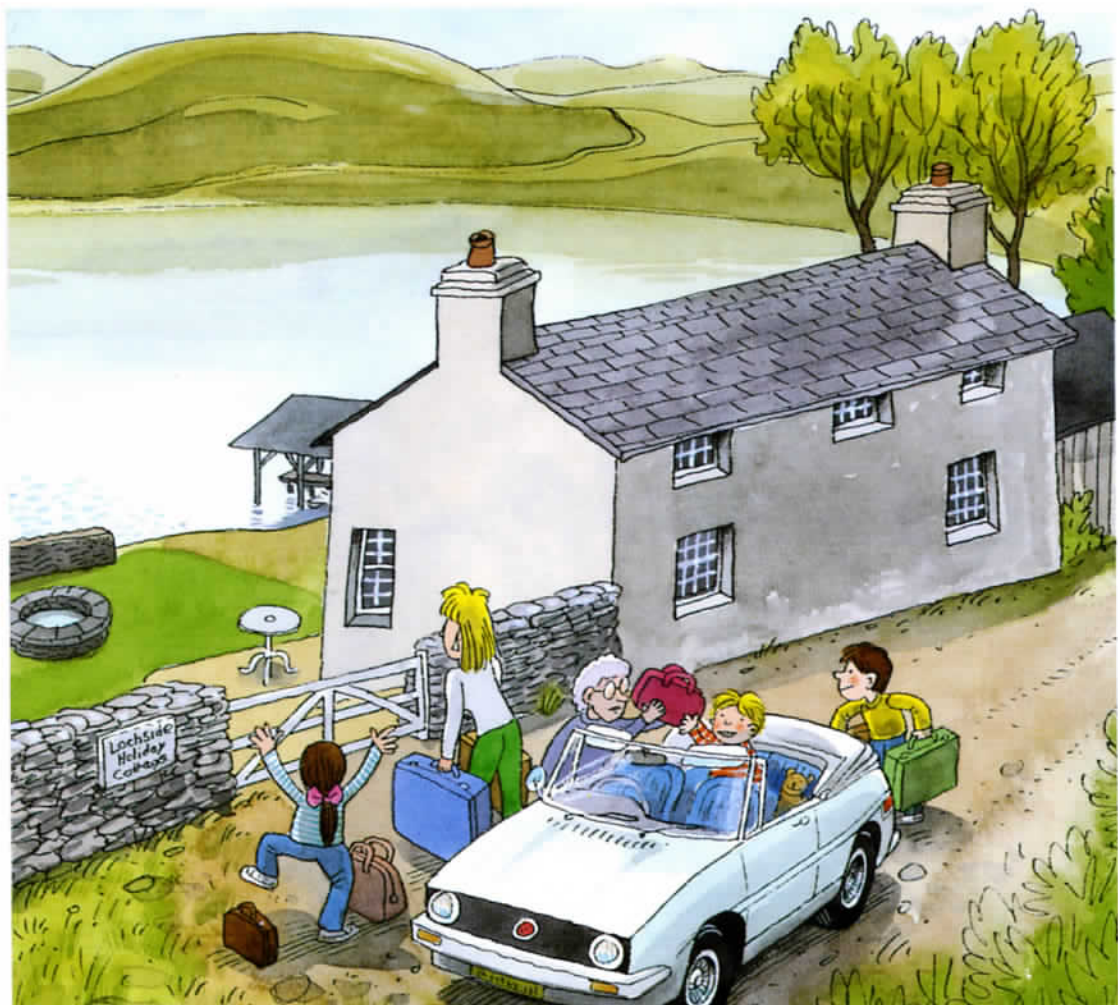
Talk together

Read the title and look at the cover picture. Explain the mystery of the Loch Ness monster.

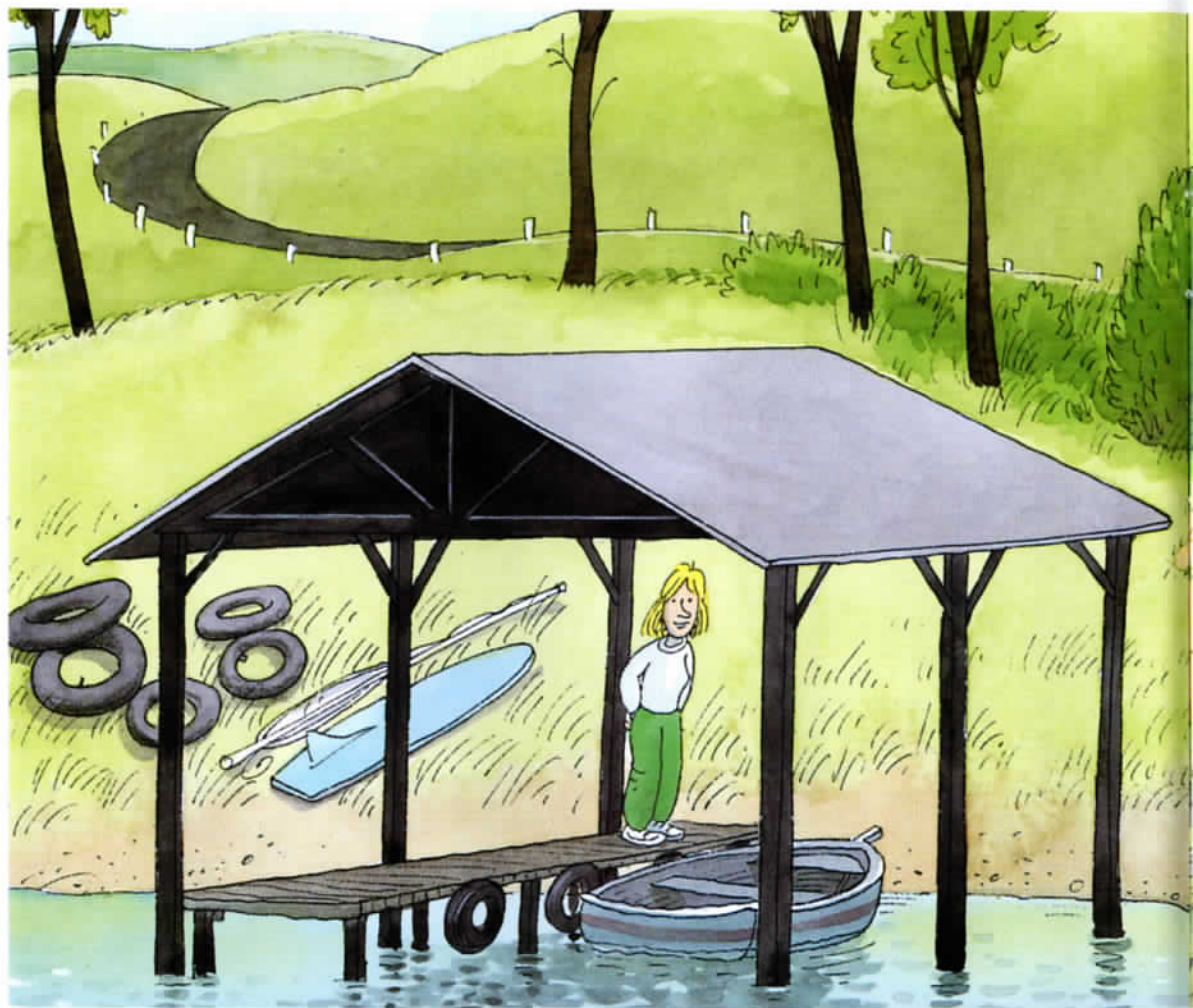
Read the story

W = Word recognition **C** = Language comprehension

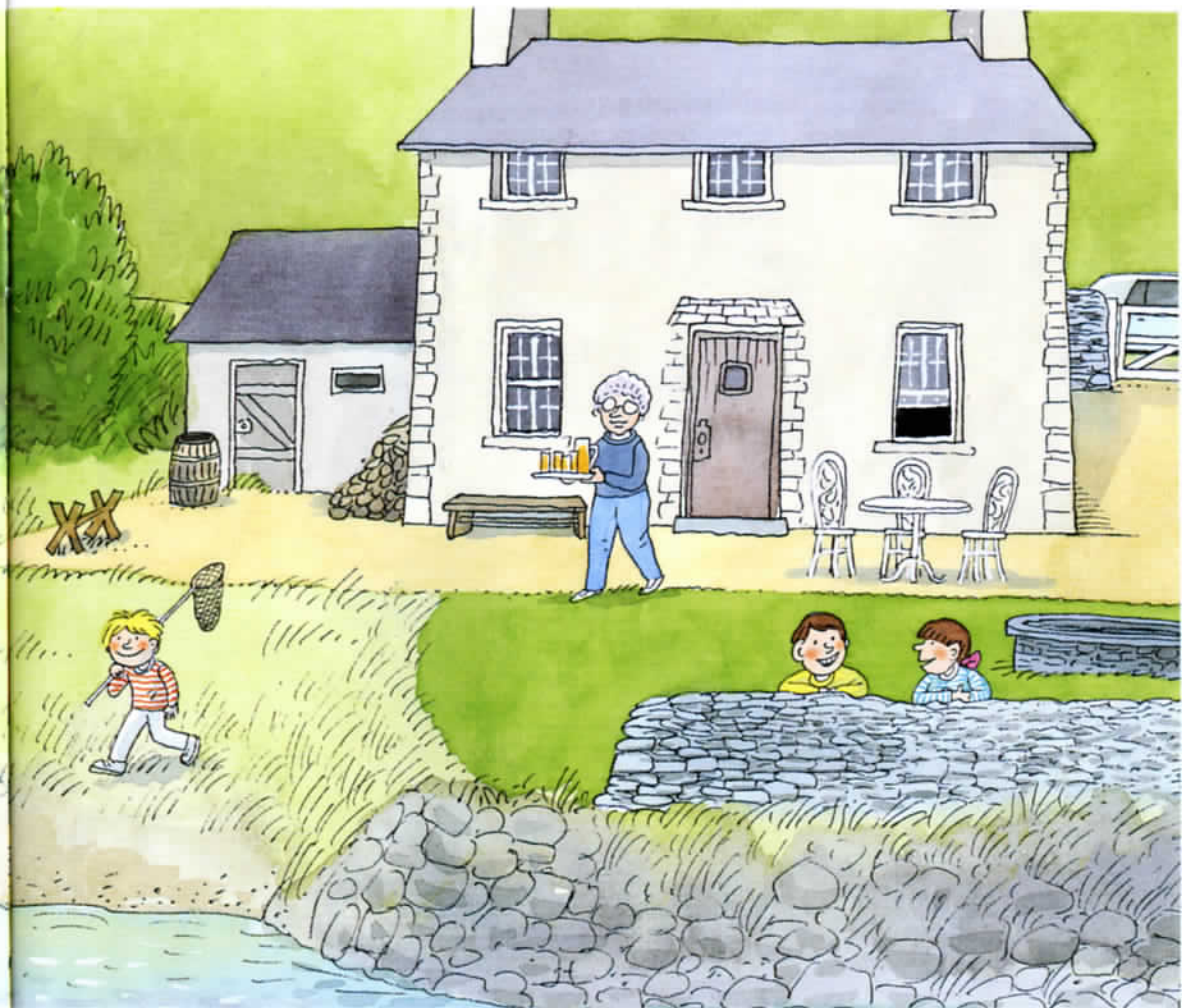
- C** After reading page 3, ask, "Why did the children like the cottage?"
- C** Page 11, ask, "What do you think Kipper wrote on the postcard?"
- C** Page 19, ask, "Why did Biff groan?"
- C** Page 21, ask, "Why did so many people come?"
- W** Choose difficult words. Use letter sounds or break them into parts, e.g. 'cott-age', 'post-card', 'photo-graph'.



Mum and Gran went on holiday. They went to Scotland. They took the children.



They stayed in a cottage. The cottage was by a lake. It had a boat.

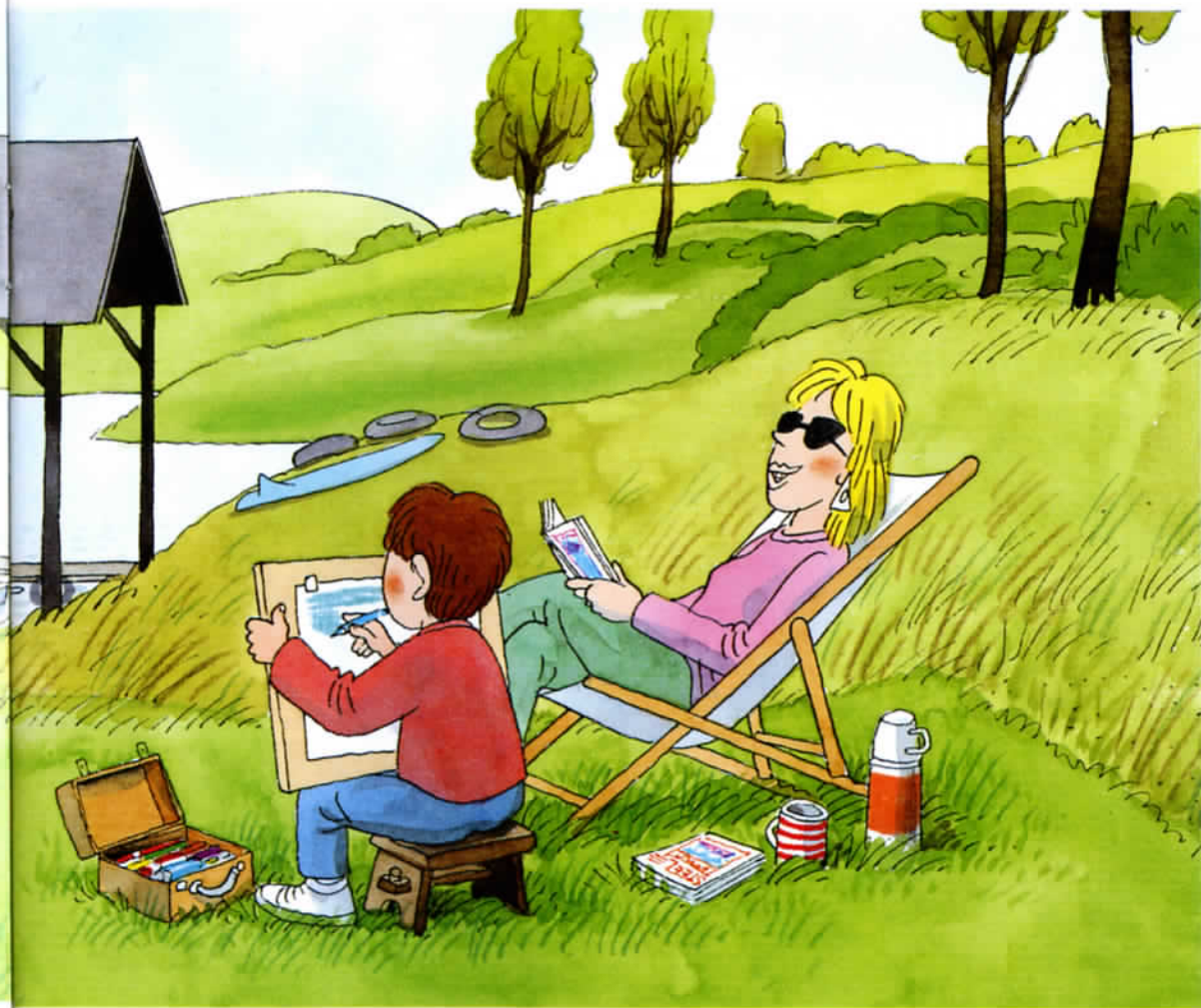


“I like it here,” said Biff. “We can go sailing.”

“And fishing,” said Kipper.



Everyone had a good time. Biff and Kipper went fishing.



Gran and Chip painted a picture.
Mum sat in the sun and read a book.
“This is fun,” she said.

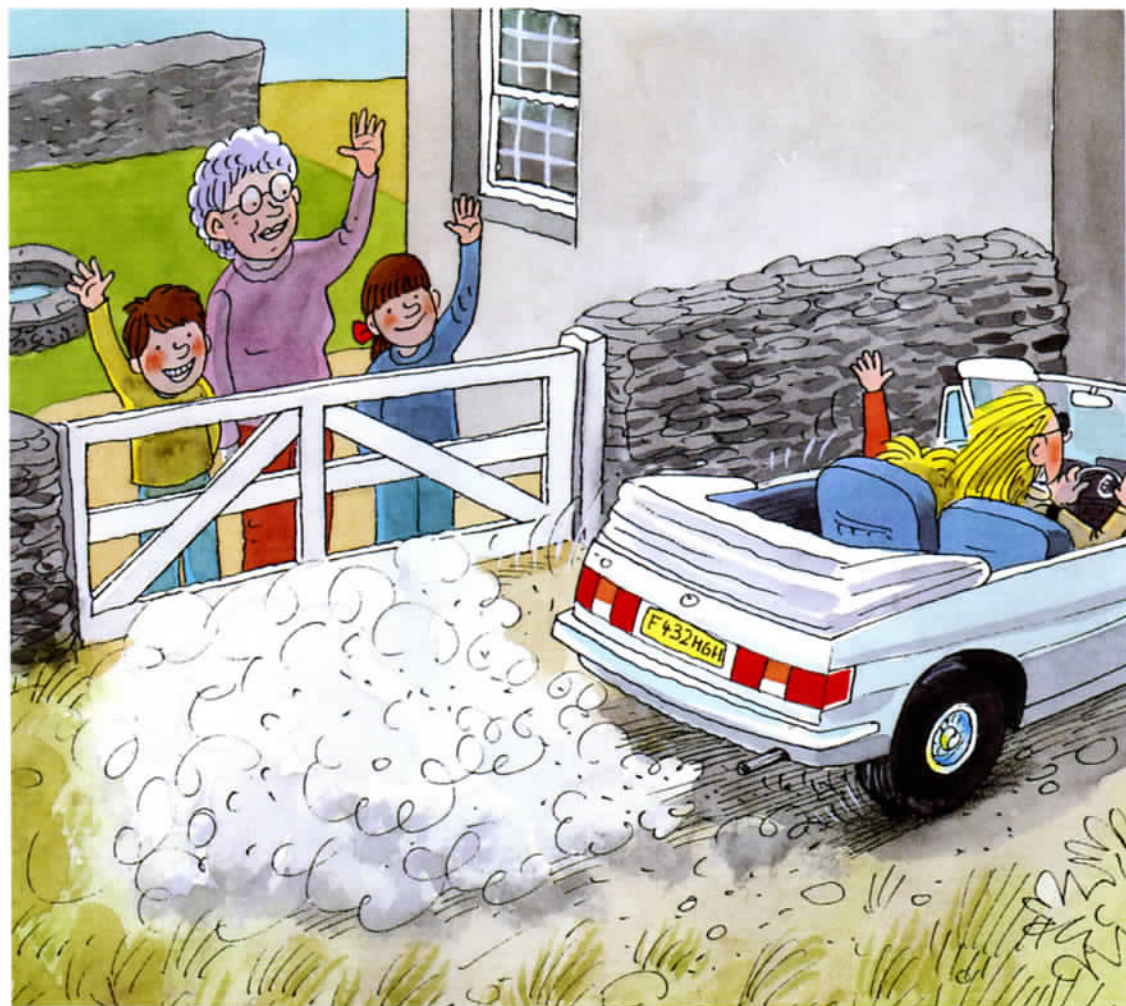


Everyone looked at Gran's picture.
"Oh Gran!" said Chip.
She had painted a monster.

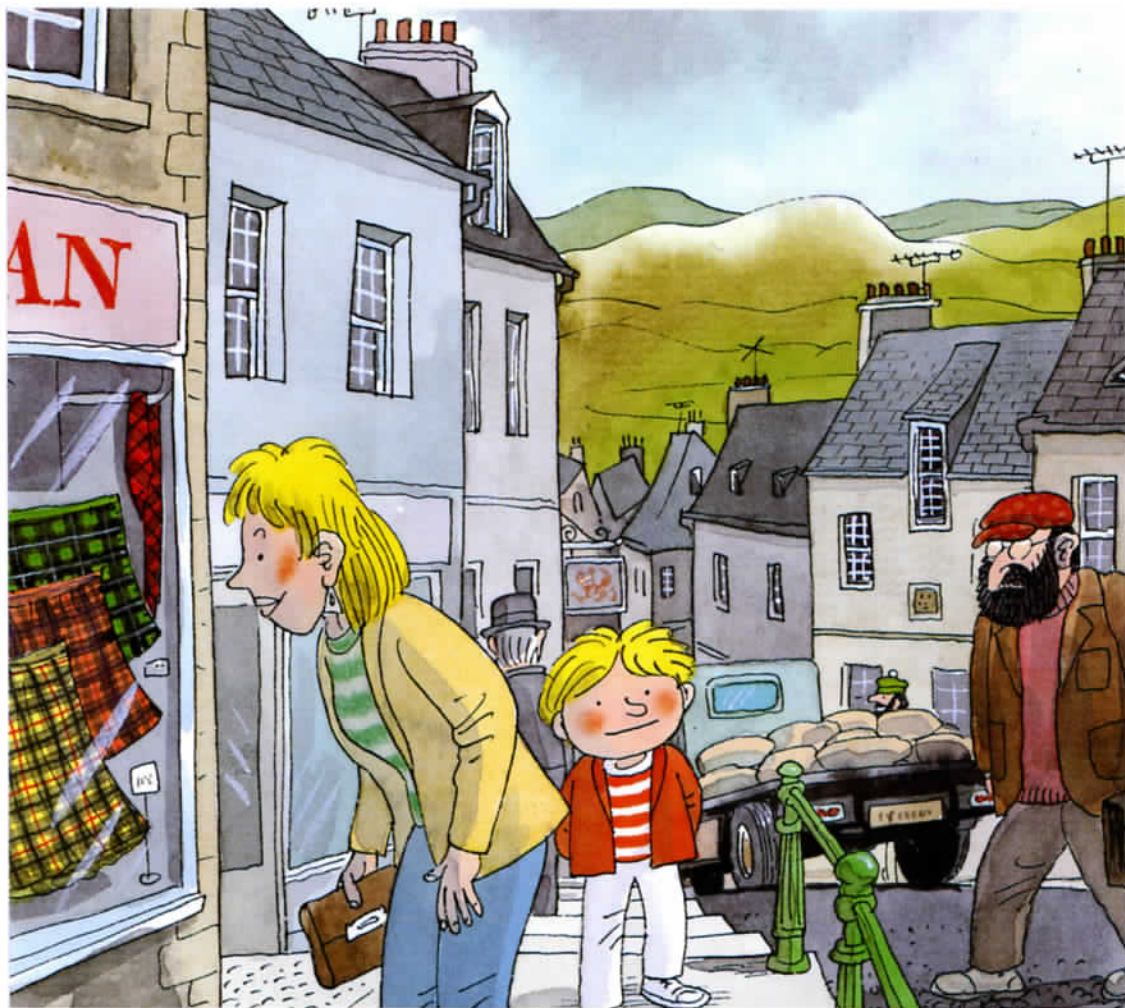


Kipper looked at the monster. Gran laughed.

“There’s no such thing,” she said.



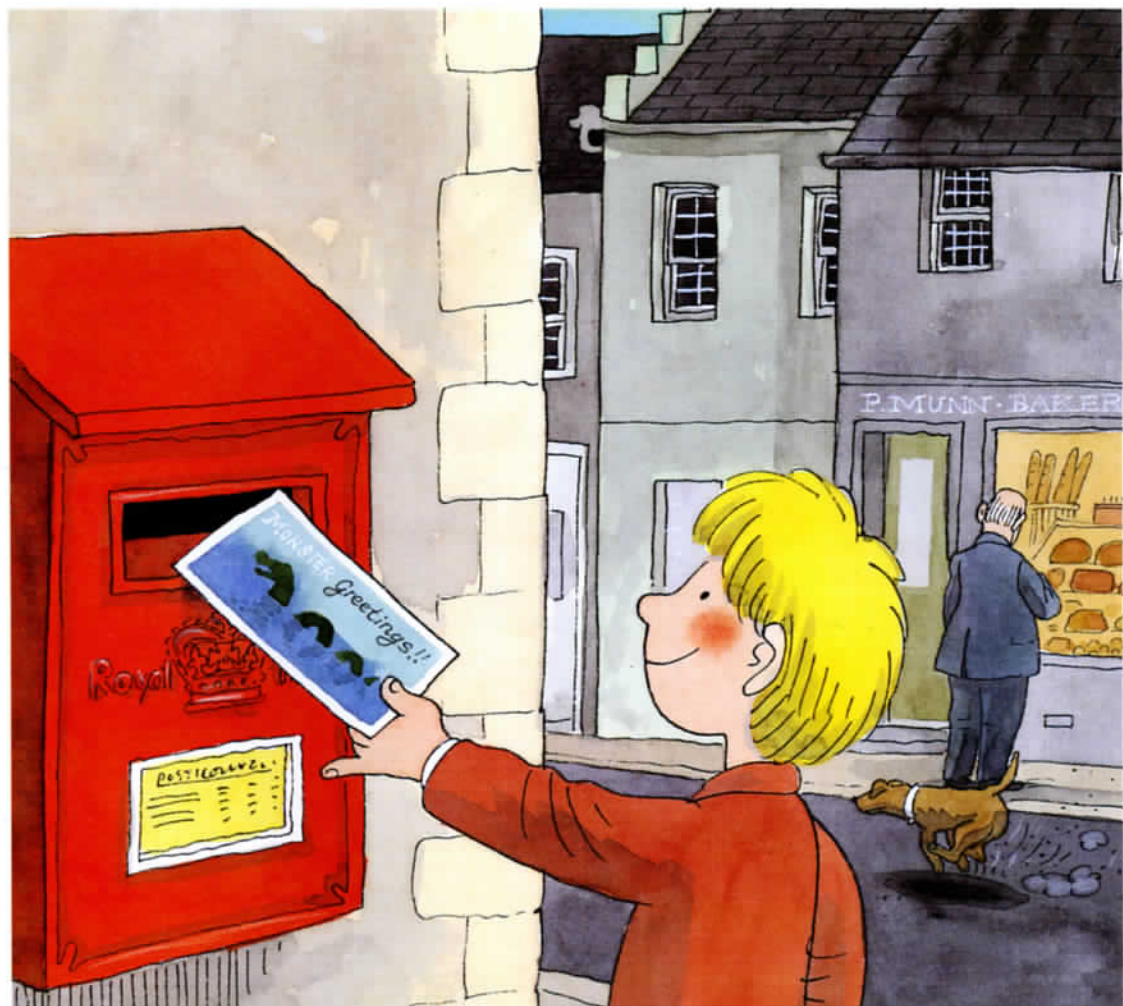
Mum went shopping. She took Kipper.
Biff and Chip stayed with Gran.



Mum looked at the shops.
“Let’s get Dad a postcard,” she said.



Kipper went into a shop.
“I want a monster for me and a
postcard for Dad,” he said.



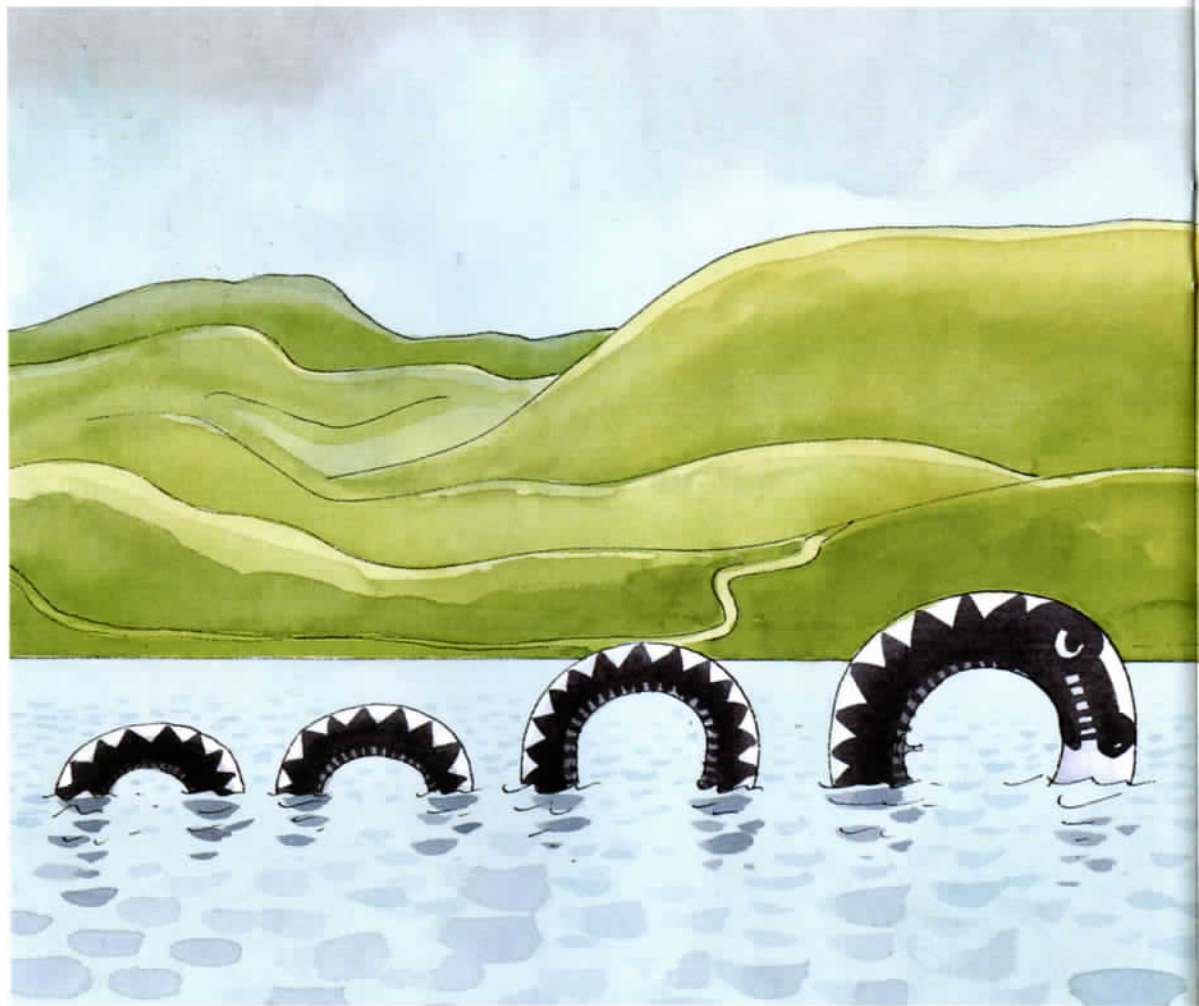
Kipper posted the card to Dad.
"I wish Dad was here," he said.



Gran wanted to play a joke on Mum.
“Let’s make a monster,” she said.



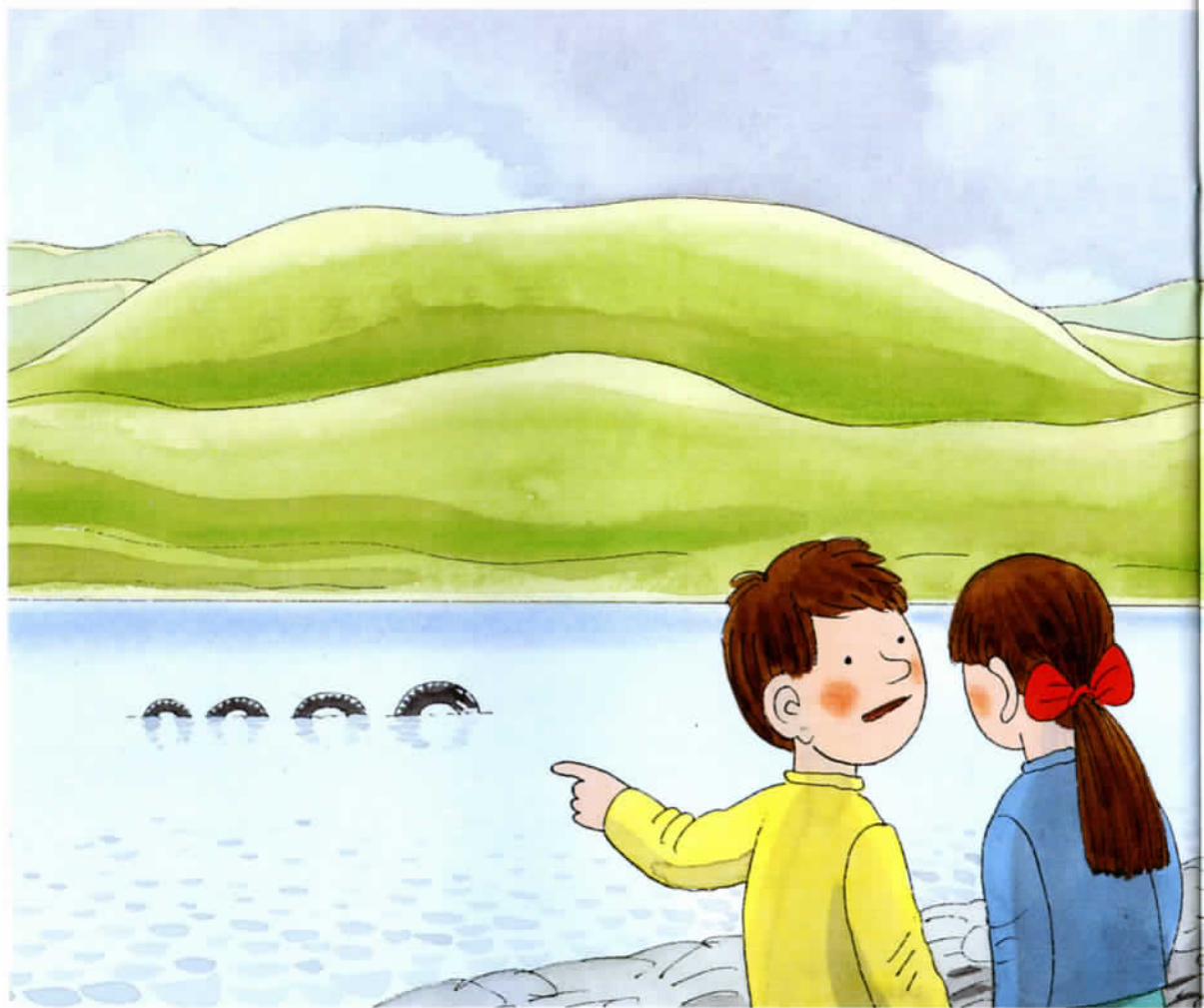
"I don't get it," said Biff.
"Wait and see," said Gran.



They put the monster in the lake. It
made the children laugh.
“It looks brilliant!” said Chip.



“What a good joke,” said Biff. “What a good joke to play on Mum.”



Mum and Kipper came back. Gran pulled the rope. The monster went across the lake.

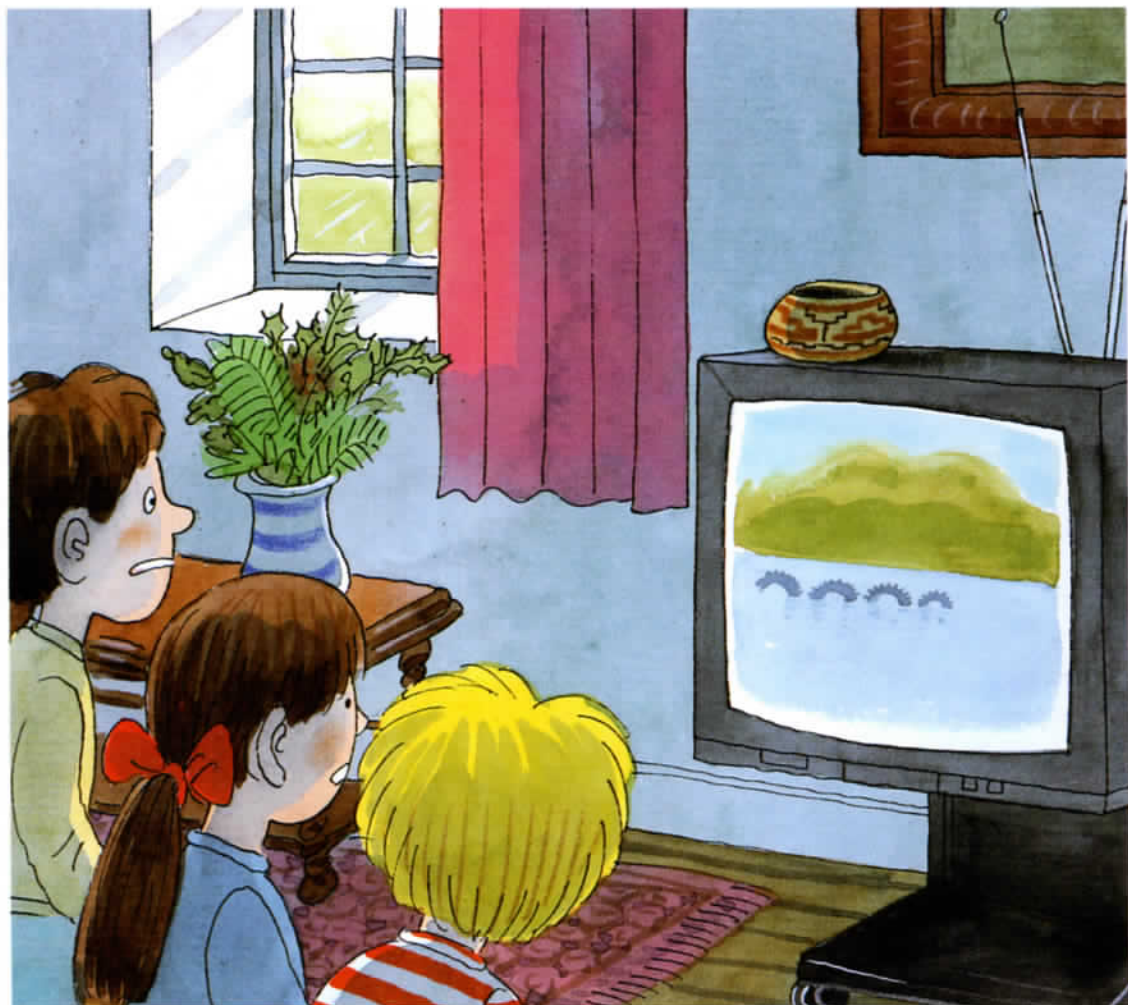


“A real monster,” said Kipper.

“I don’t believe it,” said Mum. “There’s no such thing.”



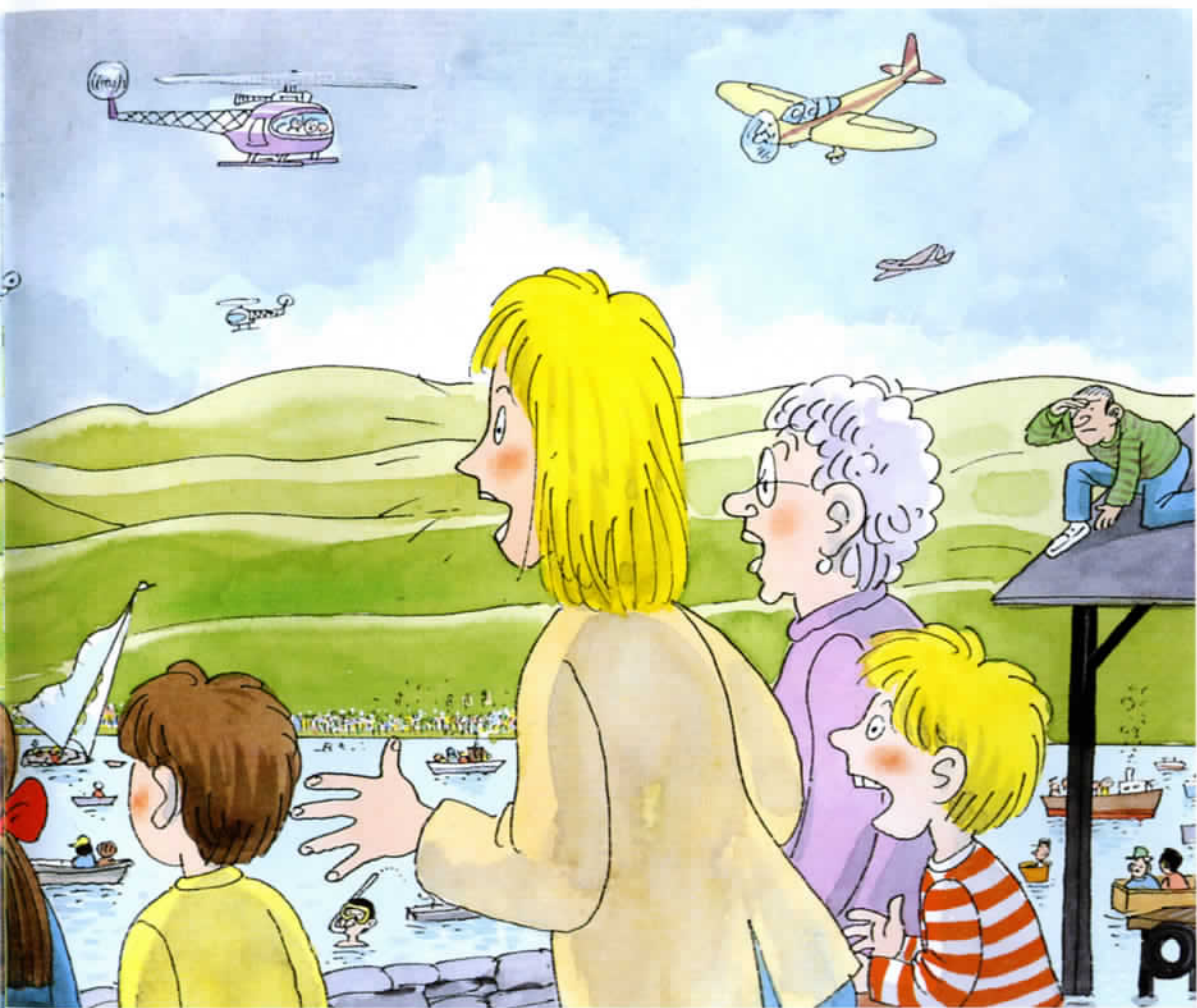
Some people saw Gran's monster.
They were amazed. They took
photographs.



The children watched television.
“Gran’s monster!” said Chip.
“Oh no!” groaned Biff.



The next day lots of people came.
There were lots and lots and lots
of people.

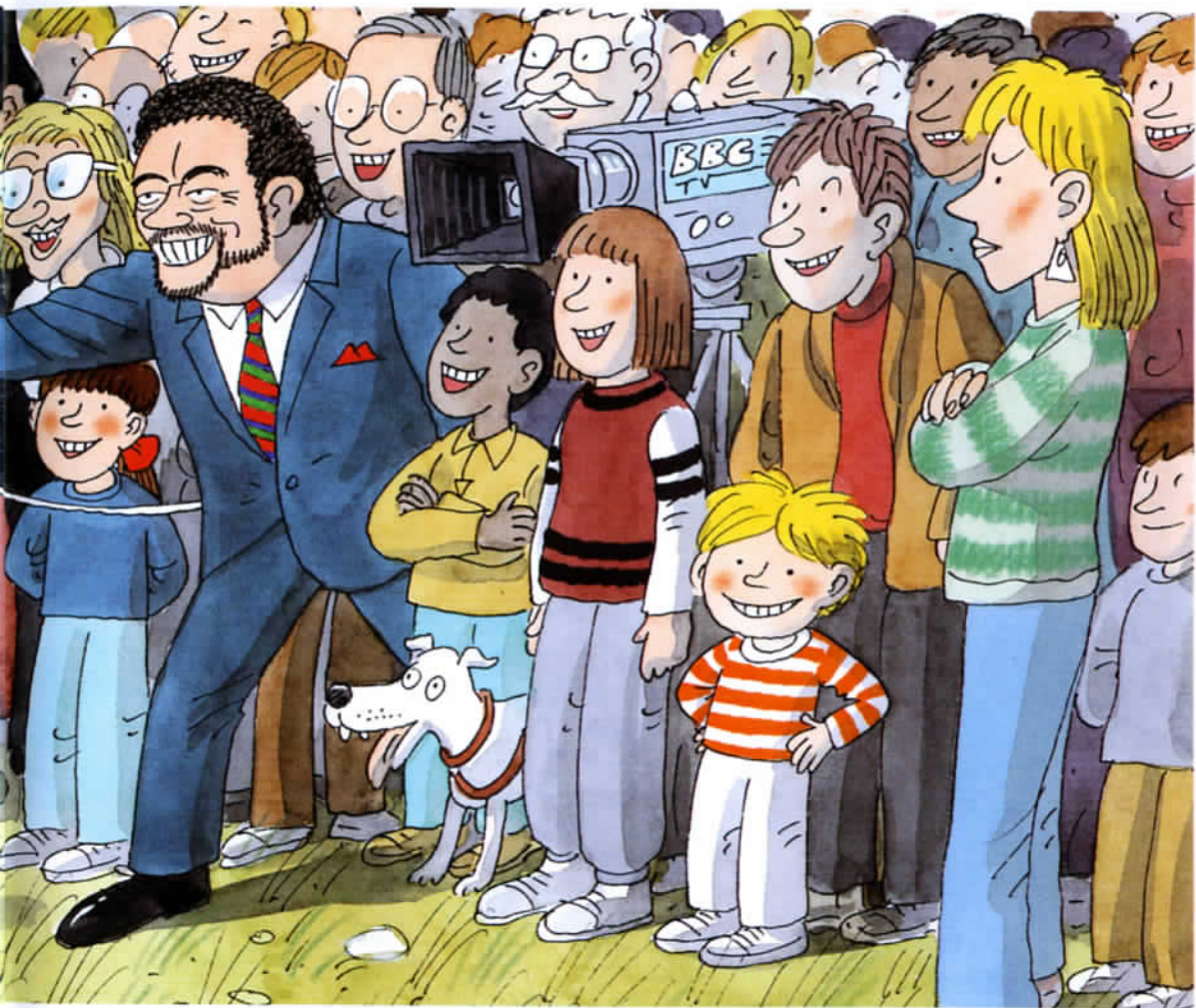


They wanted to see the monster.
“Oh Gran!” said Mum. “Now look
what you’ve done.”

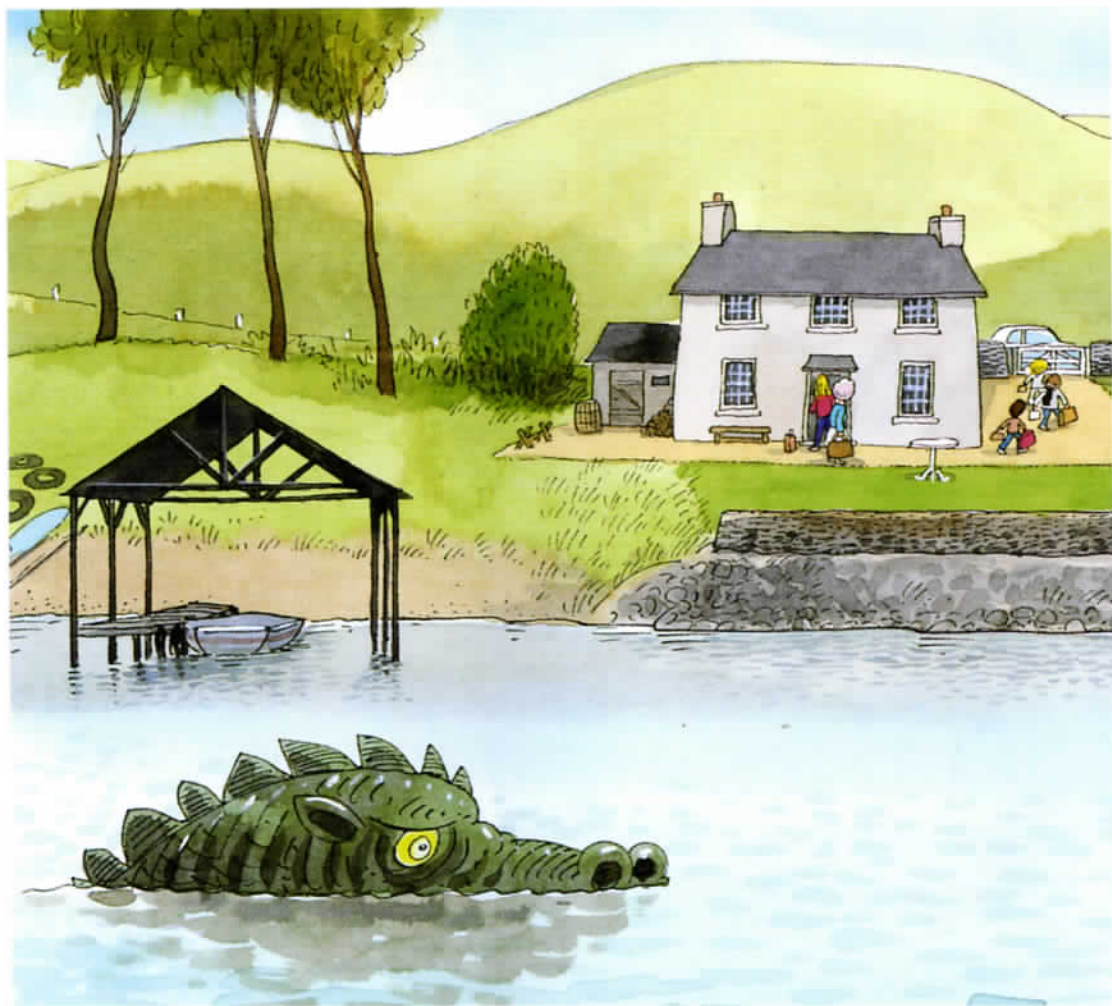


Gran told everyone about the monster.

“It was just a joke,” she said.



A man from the television came.
Mum was cross with Gran but
everyone laughed.



Gran was sorry.

“A monster?” she said. “There is no such thing.”

Play a game

Picture i-spy

This helps children with letter sounds and observation skills.

- Choose an object in a picture, such as Teddy on page 1, and say, "I spy with my little eye, something beginning with 't'."
- The child finds the right word, then asks you to find an object beginning with another letter.

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Find 'television' on page 19. Think of other words that begin with 'tele' ('telephone', 'telescope').
- Find out more about the Loch Ness Monster at the library or on the Internet.

A Monster Mistake

The children go on a Scottish holiday.

This story practises these words:

about back but by came don't from
good had here just laugh(ed) made
make man next now people pull(ed)
put saw some there time took
want(ed) were what with



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