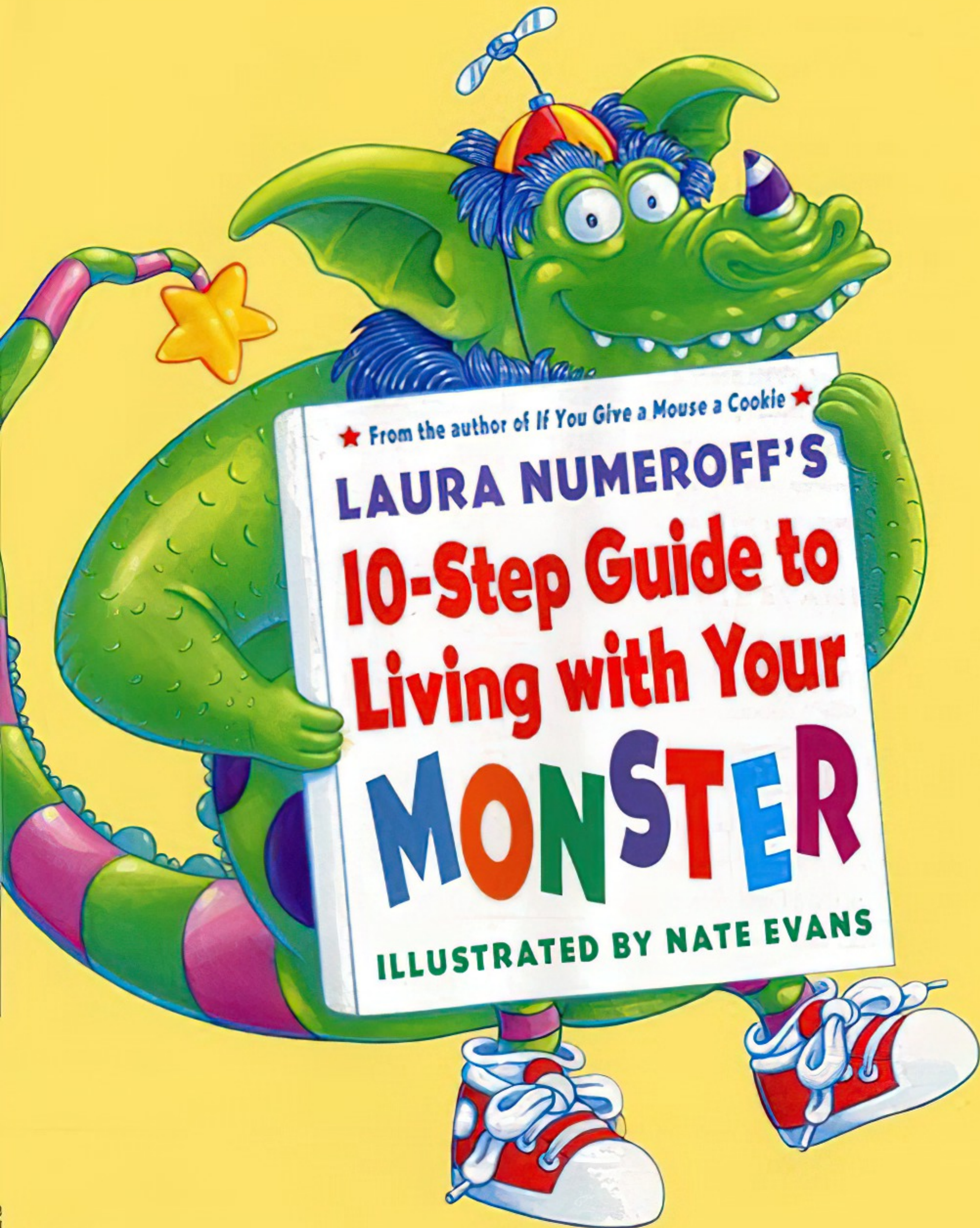




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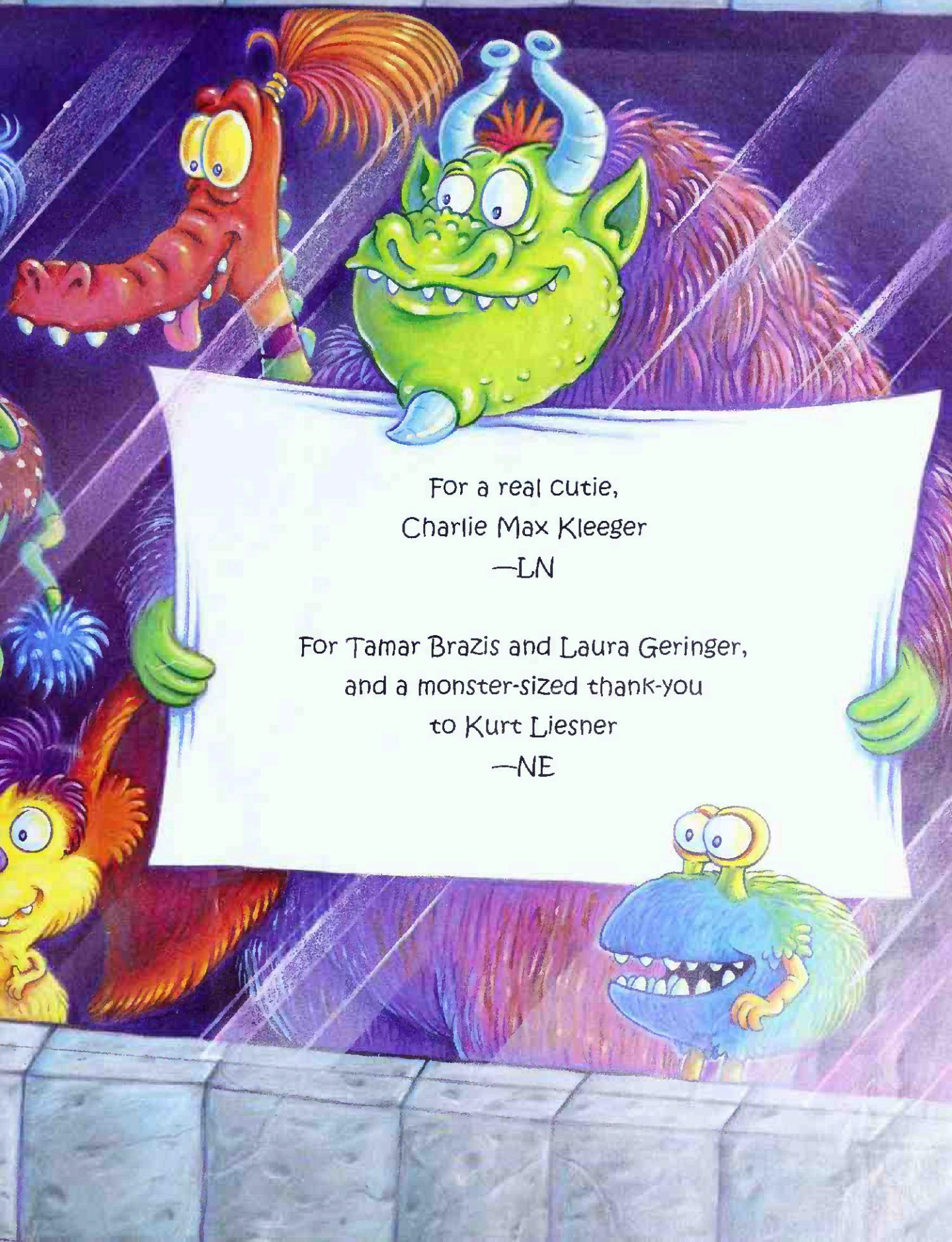
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For a real cutie,
Charlie Max Kleegeer
—LN

For Tamar Brazis and Laura Geringer,
and a monster-sized thank-you
to Kurt Liesner
—NE



STEP
1

BUYING YOUR MONSTER

When choosing a monster, do not pick one who grabs you and starts to eat your shirt.



Pick the monster who can play the banjo
and tie his own shoes.





STEP 2

TAKING YOUR MONSTER TO THE VET

On the way home, be sure to get your monster a checkup.

Hold his hand and make sure he gets a lollipop. Do not give him green lollipops. Give those to your dad.





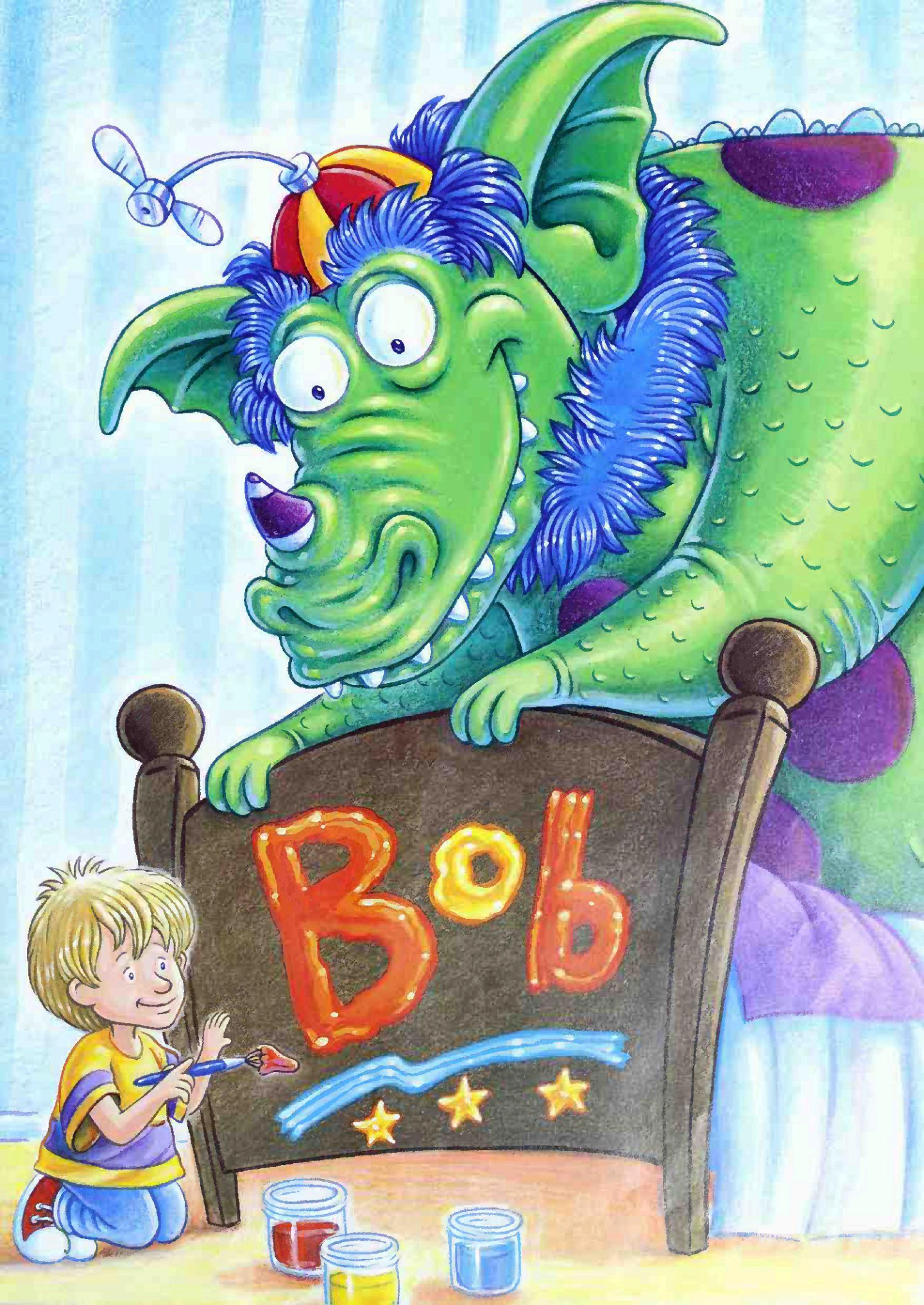
STEP 3

NAMING YOUR MONSTER

When you get home, you'll want to give your monster a name. Give him one that everyone in the family likes. You don't want to call him Hercules when your sister calls him Fluffy.

Some good monster names are Ed, Bob, and Biff.

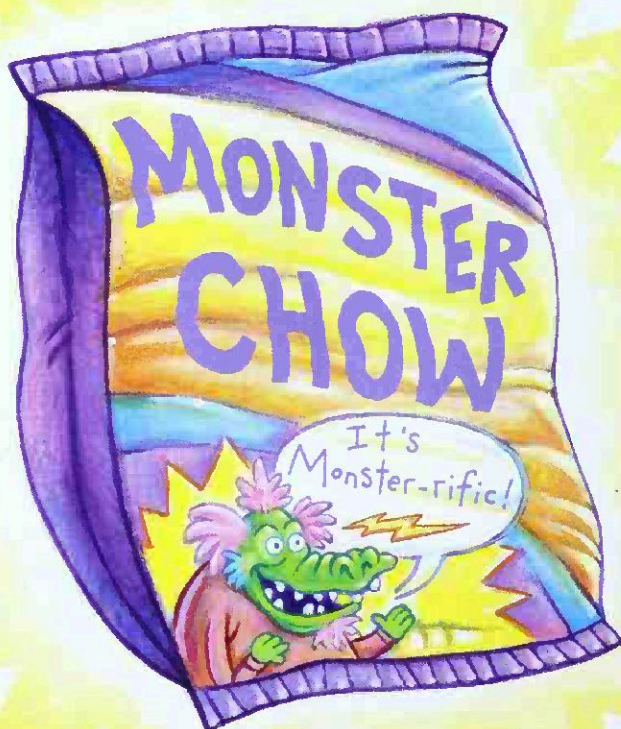


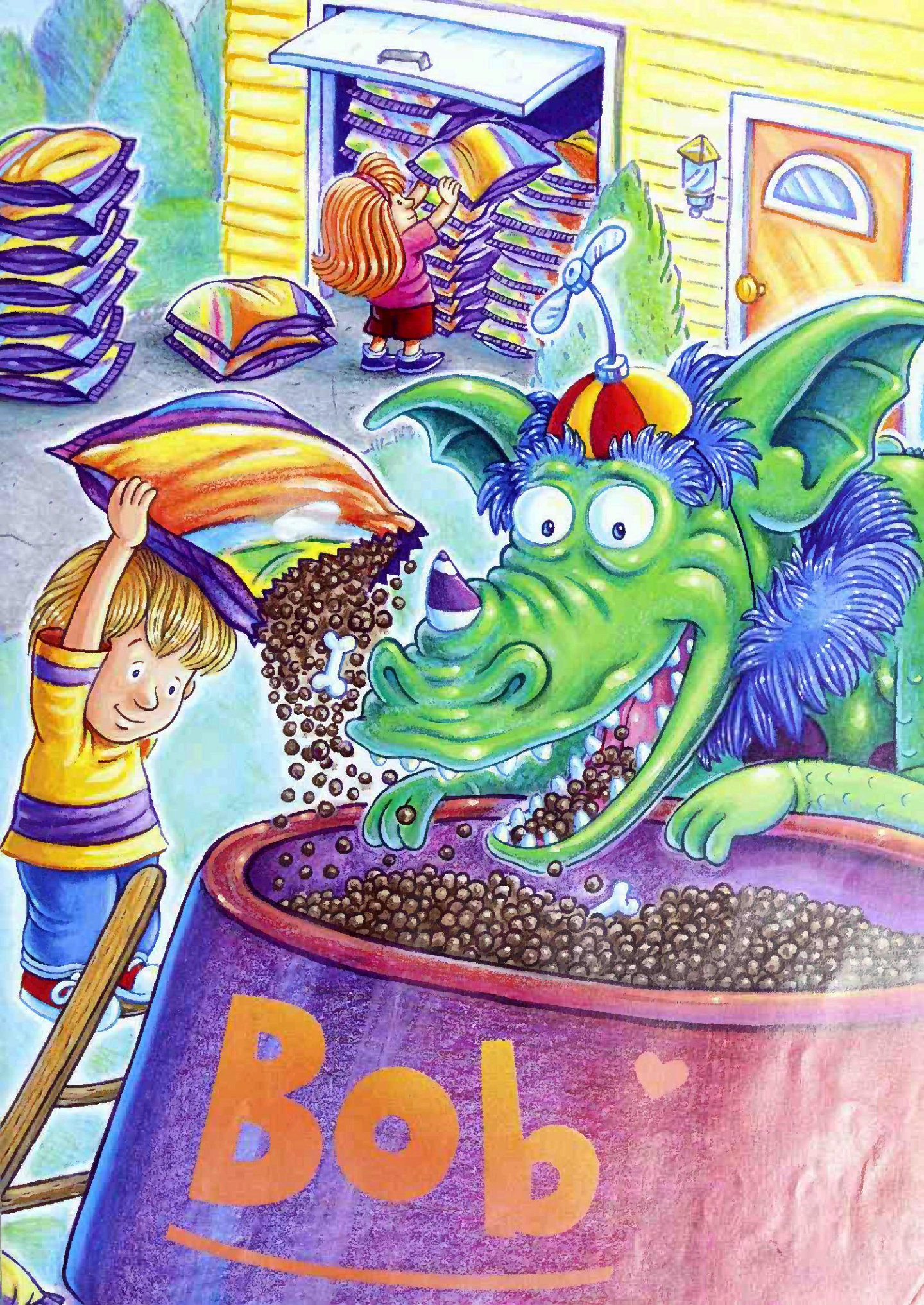


STEP 4

FEEDING YOUR MONSTER

Monsters eat a lot. To save time, it might be easier for your family to move next door to the pet store.





Bob



Your monster will also need a water dish.

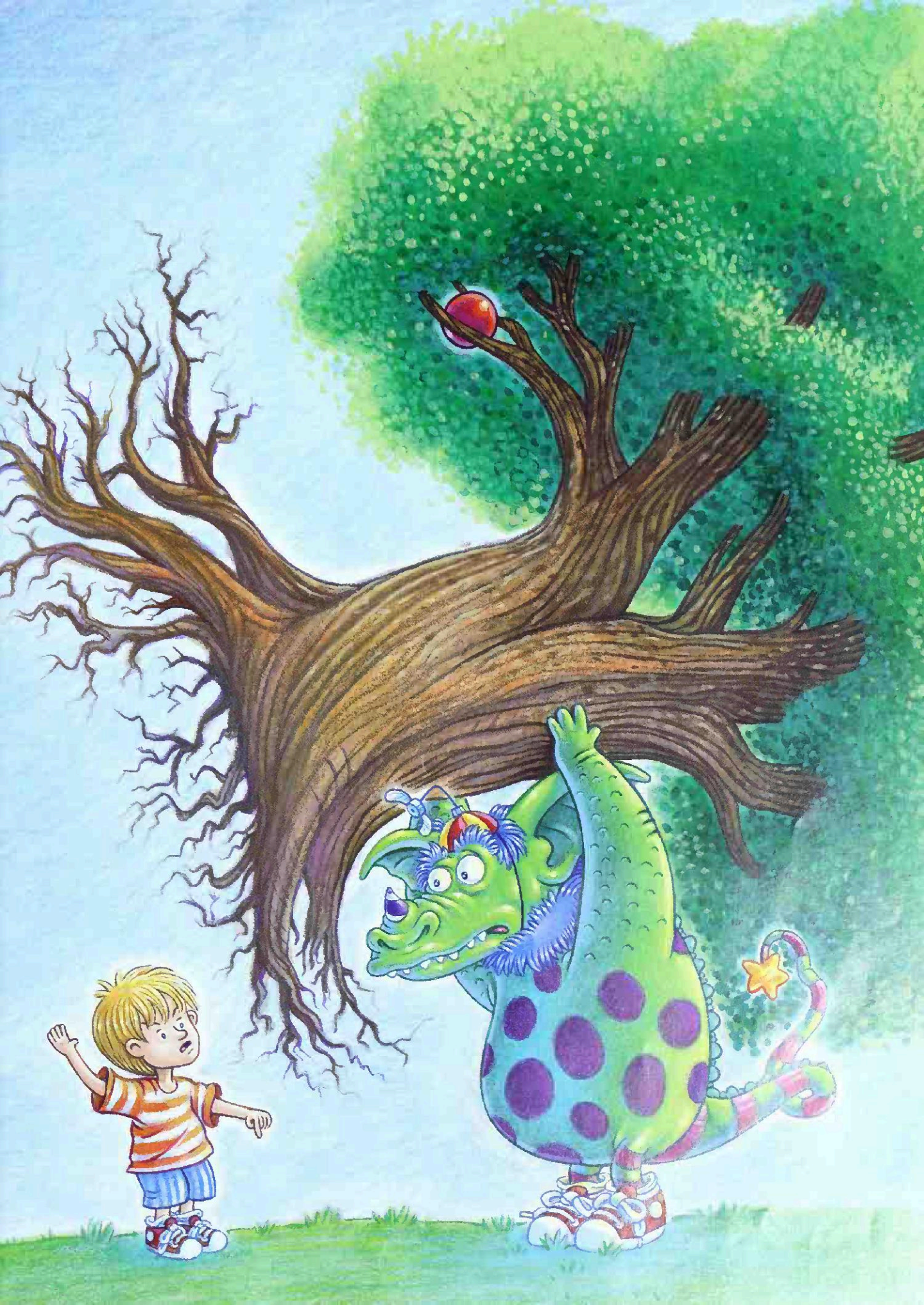


STEP 5

PLAYING WITH YOUR MONSTER

Do not play fetch with your monster.
Save this for your dog or little brother.



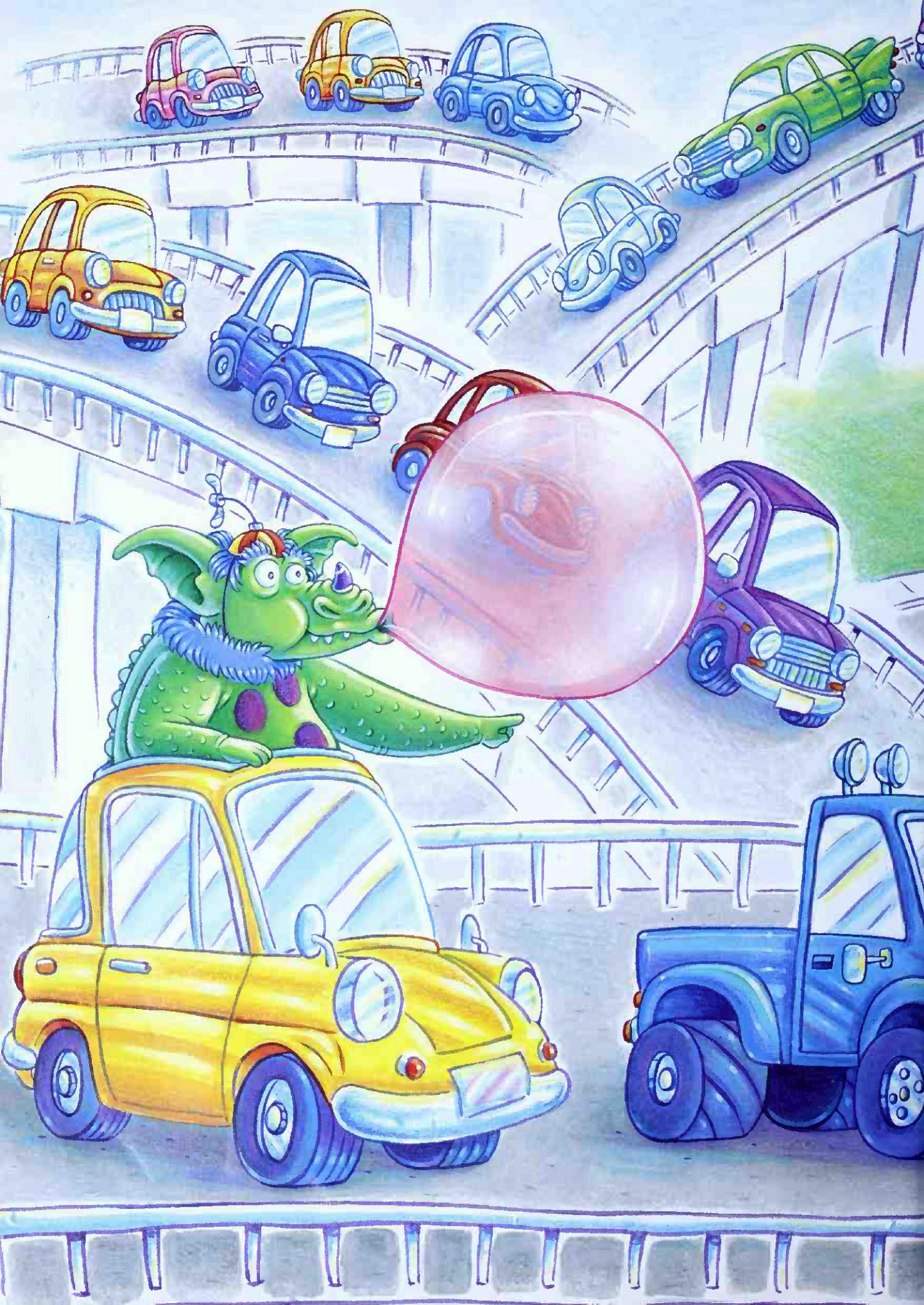


Set up a hoop for your monster to jump through.



Make sure the hoop is bigger than your monster.

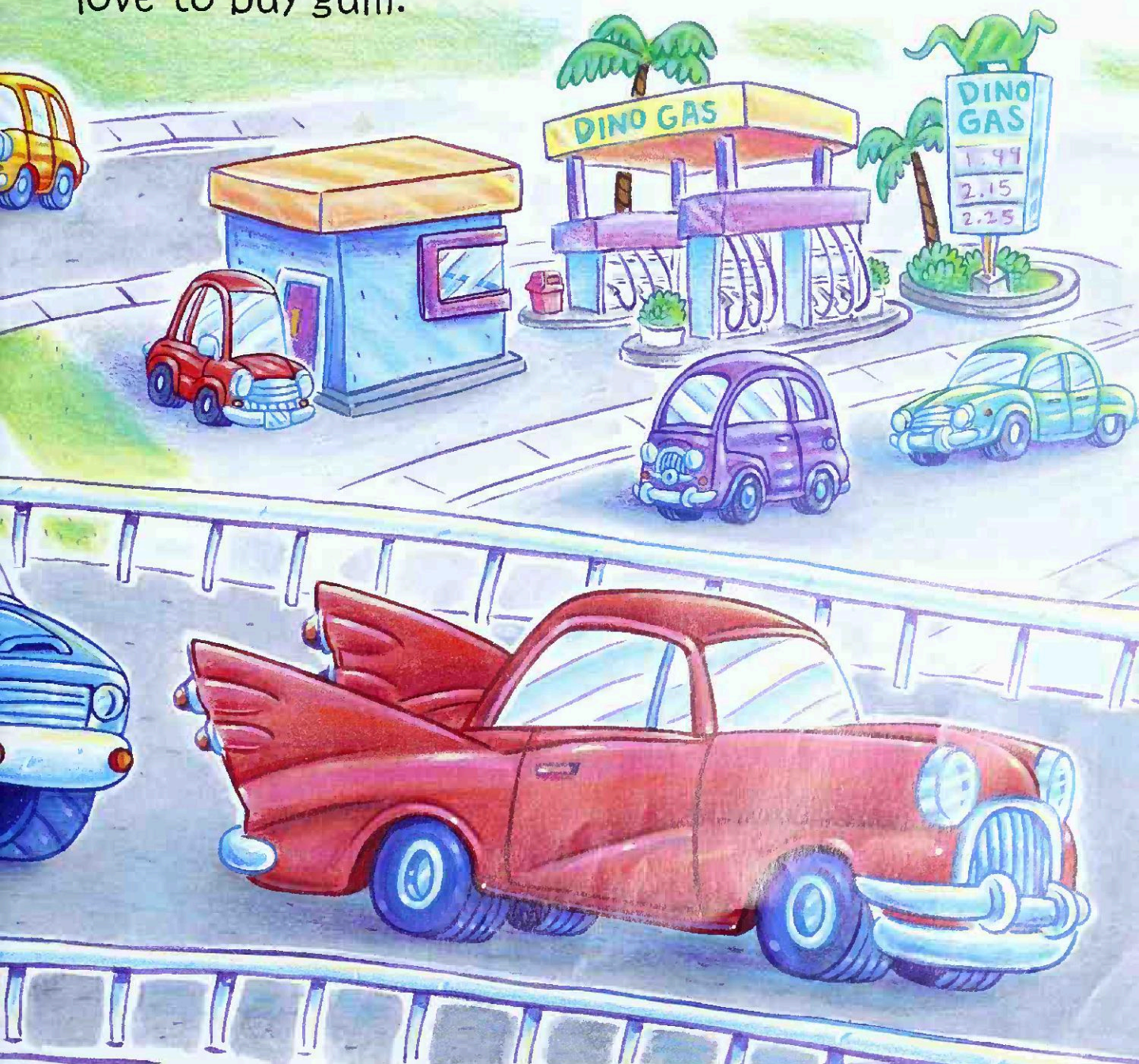




STEP 6

GOING PLACES WITH YOUR MONSTER

Take your monster for a drive and stop at all the gas stations along the way. Monsters love to buy gum.



STEP
7

TRAINING YOUR MONSTER

Teach your monster to sit. (Say, "Sit.")
This may take some time.





STEP
8

SINGING WITH
YOUR MONSTER



Monsters love country-and-western music.





STEP 9

GROOMING YOUR MONSTER

Get your monster used to brushing his teeth. This won't be easy.



Give your monster a bubble bath every month.

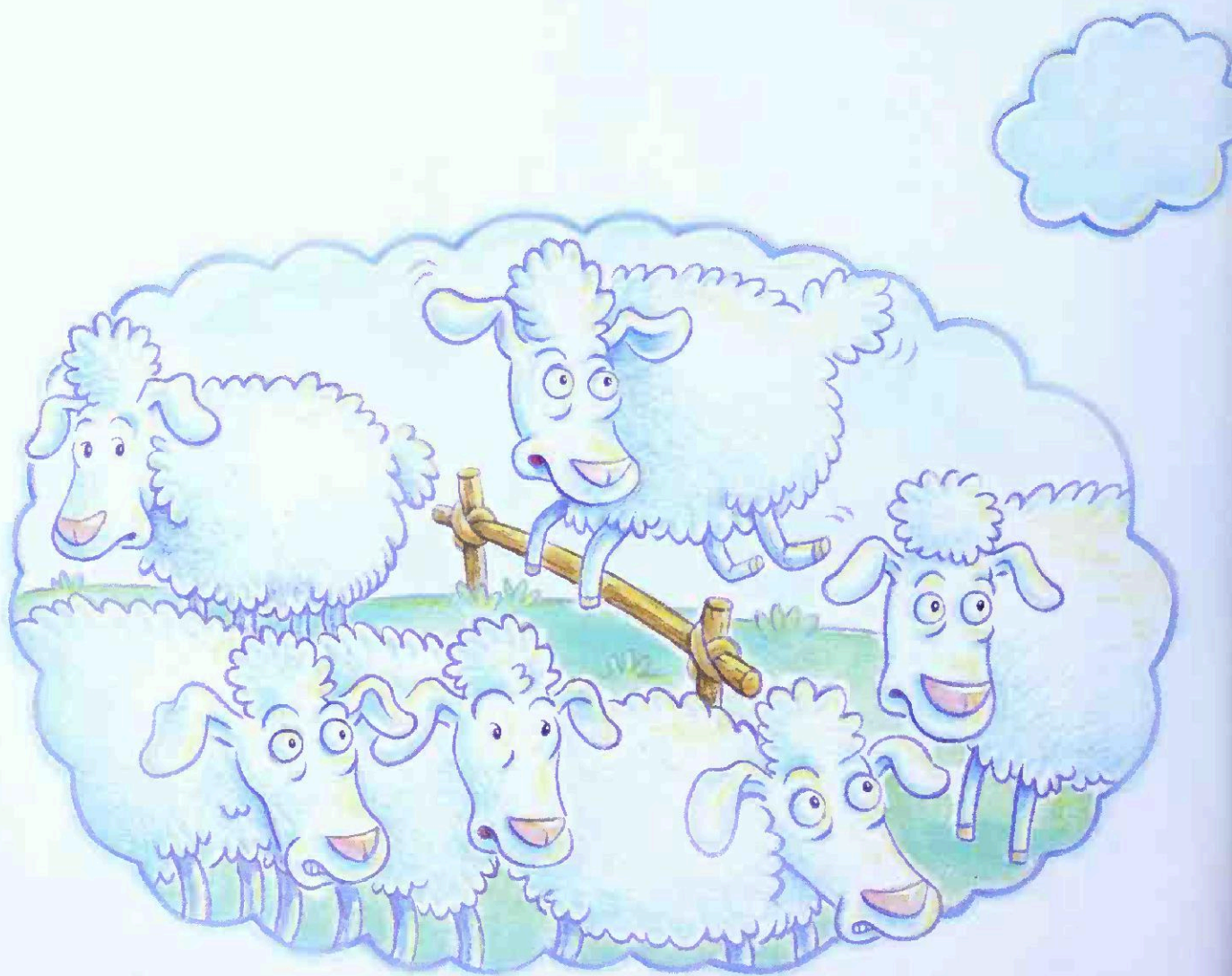




STEP 10

PUTTING YOUR MONSTER TO BED

Always read your monster a bedtime story.
Do not tell your monster to count sheep.
Counting sheep will make him hungry.







Tuck him in, turn out his light,
and give him a big kiss good night.

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