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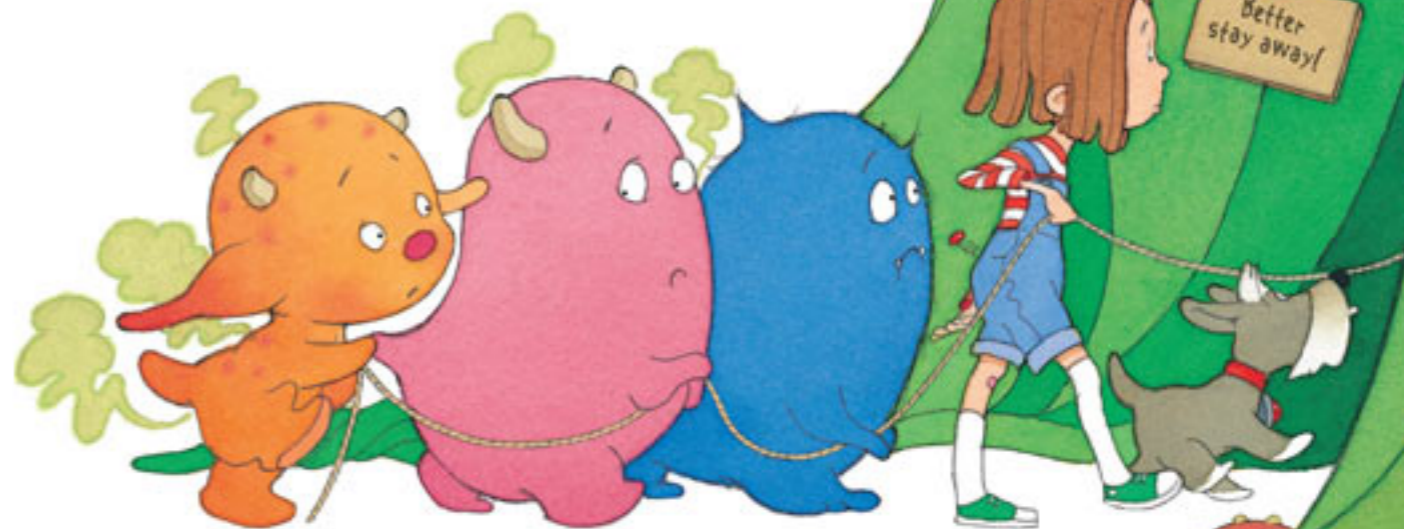
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It was early morning  
in Smallsbury.

Molly Maybe was  
up in her tree house  
with her dog,  
Waggy Burns.

They were taking it in  
turns with a paintbrush  
when they smelt  
A TERRIBLE SMELL.

'Pooh! Was that you?' asked Molly.  
'Woof, woof, woof!' said Waggy, pointing to Mr Buster-Pipe,  
the drain cleaner, who was driving into town.  
'Oh!' said Molly. 'The drains must be blocked.'



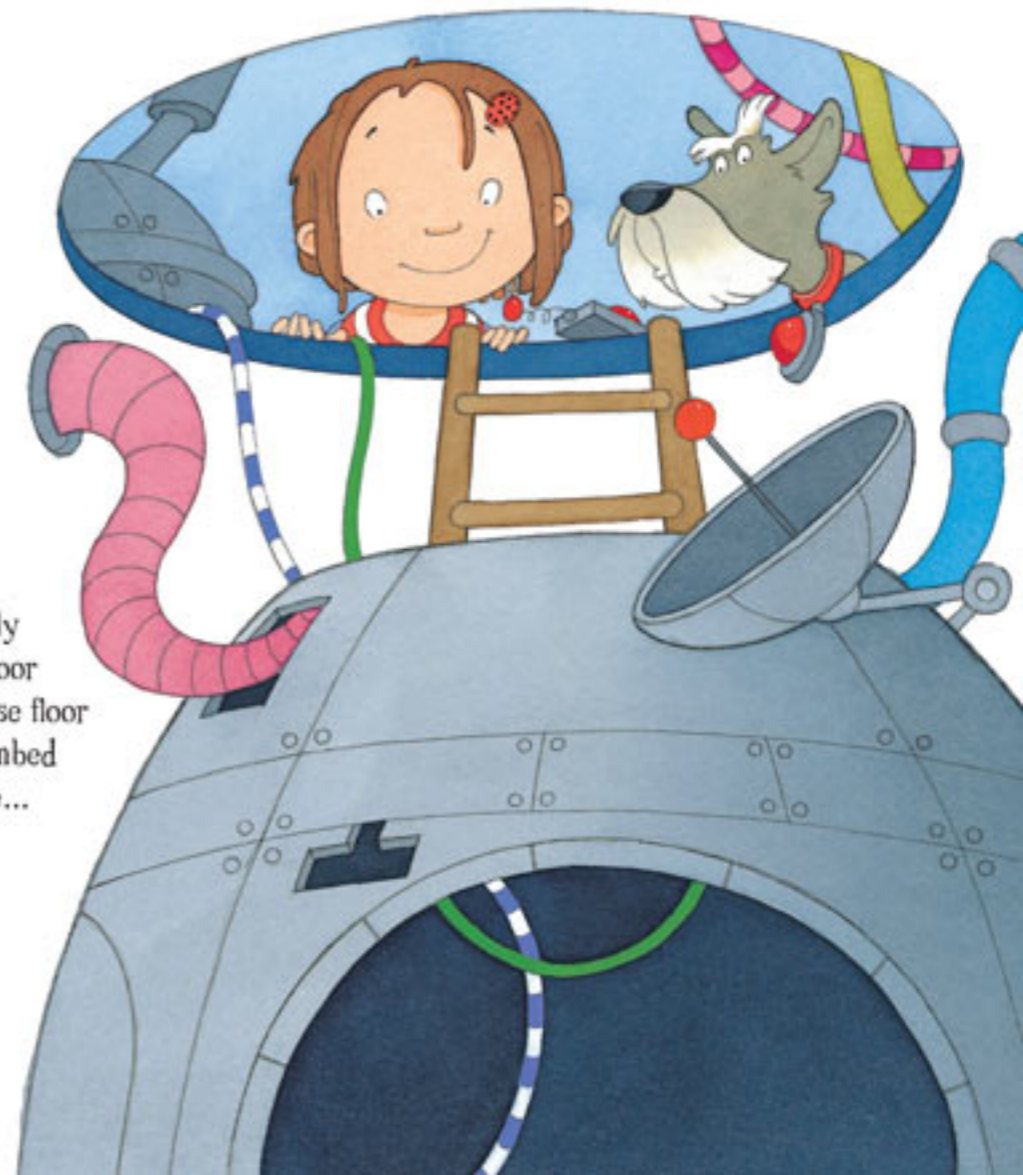
By the end of the day Mr Buster-Pipe was finished but the smell was worse than before.

'Maybe it's not the drains,' said Molly thoughtfully. She took down a large book and read for a few moments.

'Listen to this,' she said to Waggy Burns. 'When monsters are frightened they give off a pong.'

'If the monsters are scared,' said Molly, 'we need to find out why. It's time to go underground Waggy Burns.' Waggy wiggled his wiry whiskers and waggled off to fetch his special Walkie-Talkie Collar.

Then Molly opened a door in the tree house floor and they climbed aboard the...





## ... MUNDERVATOR.

You see Molly had an amazing secret. Her tree house led to a monster world deep beneath the ground and this marvellous, moving, mechanical machine was the only way to get there.



Down,



down,



round the bend



and into...

Bumpity-  
bump!

## UNDERMUNDER!



# THE HAUNTED HOLLOW

The Mundervator had arrived at the edge of The Haunted Hollow where three terrified little monsters were pumping out a pong.

'Woof, woof, woof,' said Waggy Burns, trying to tell Molly something.

Molly switched on his Walkie-Talkie Collar so her clever companion could speak.

'I've come to the canine conclusion,' said Waggy, 'we've found the source of the smell.'

KEEP OUT!

DO NOT ENTER!

Better stay away!

