

A Monster Mistake





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the title and cover. Ask: *What do you think Chip is pointing to?* (the Loch Ness monster in a lake)
- Talk about the Loch Ness Monster and how some people believe that it is a real monster.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

**don't by time about day
made came make here
saw holiday monster**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**oh people looked
laughed believe**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

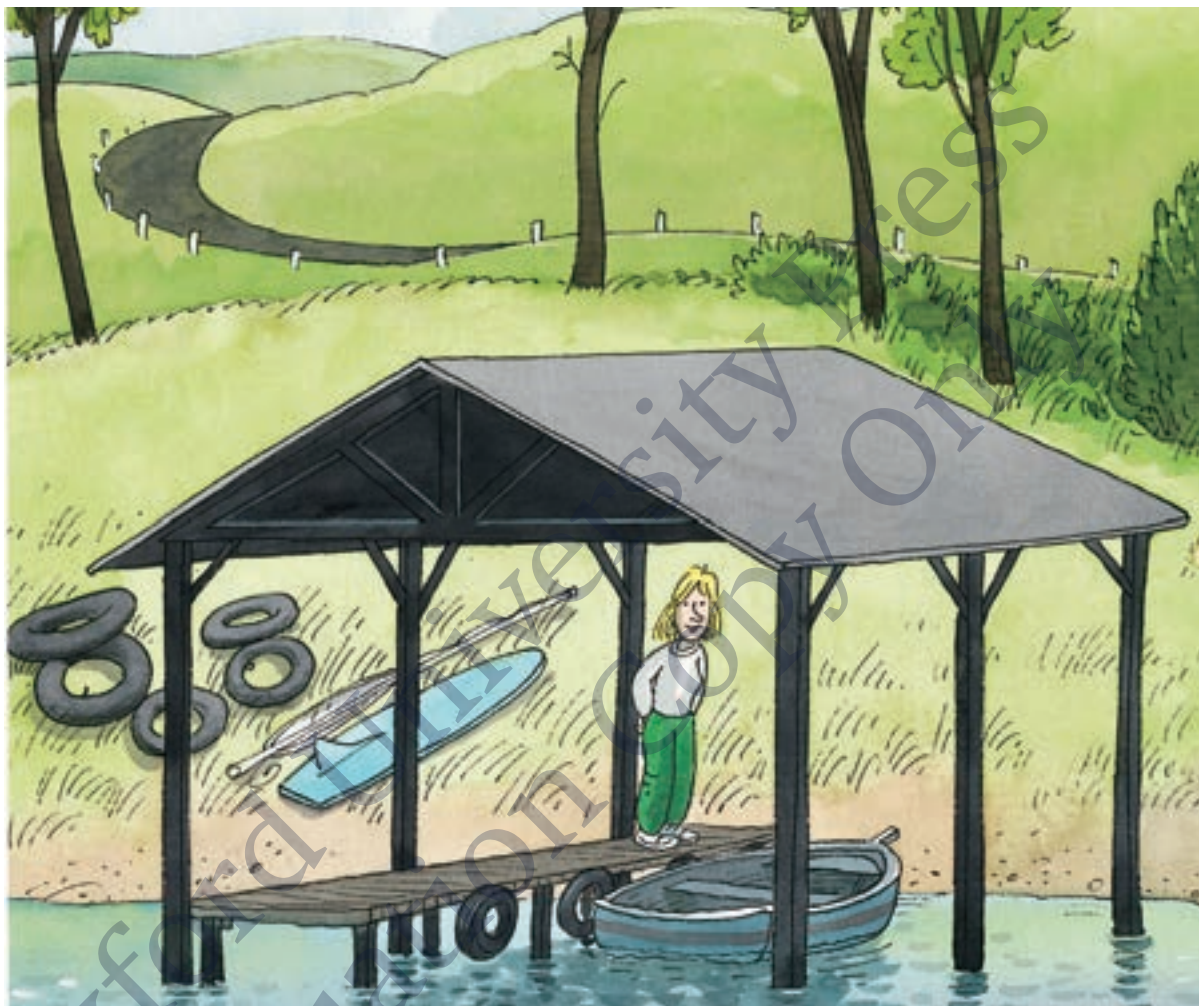
- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



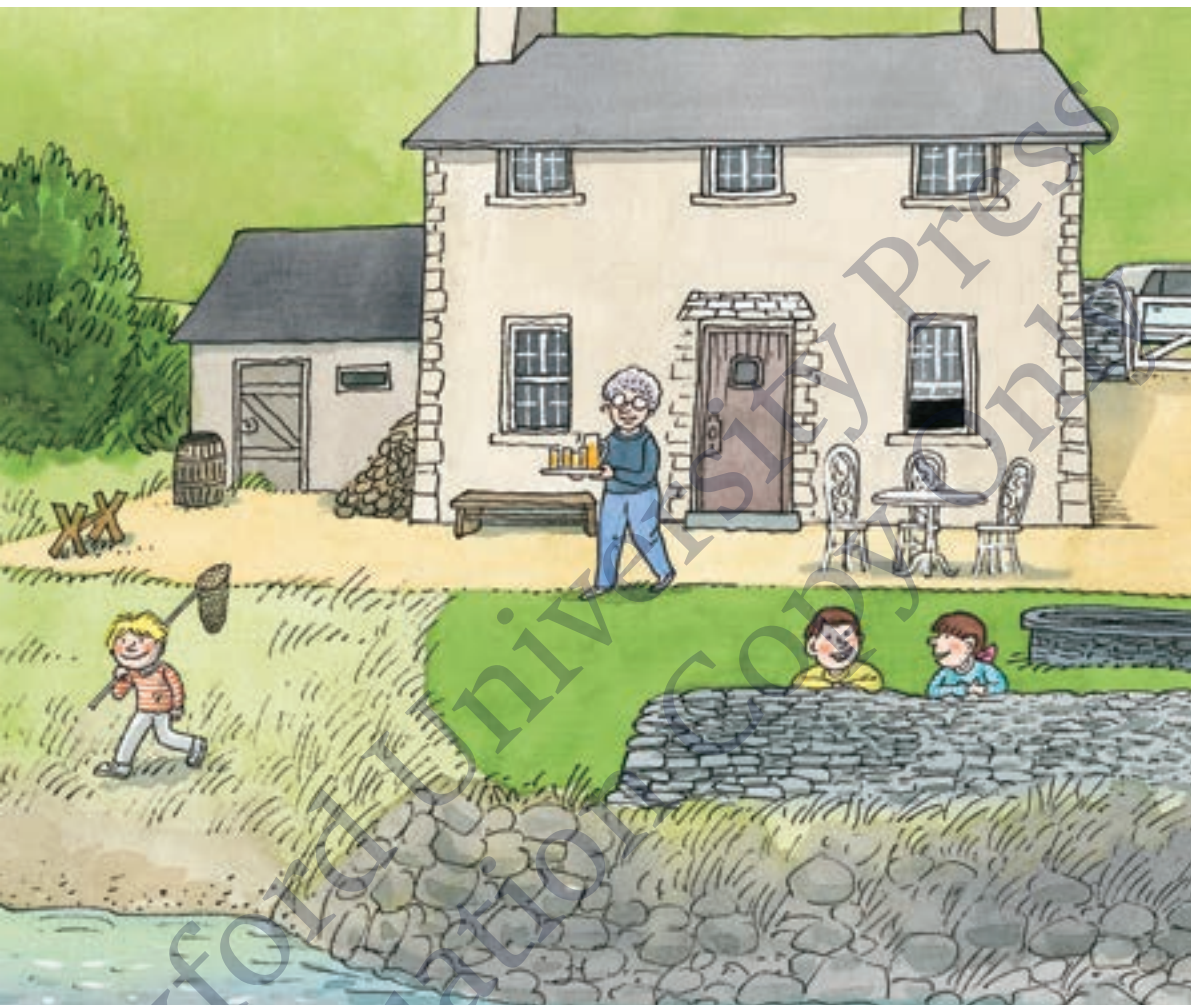
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for more ideas.



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.

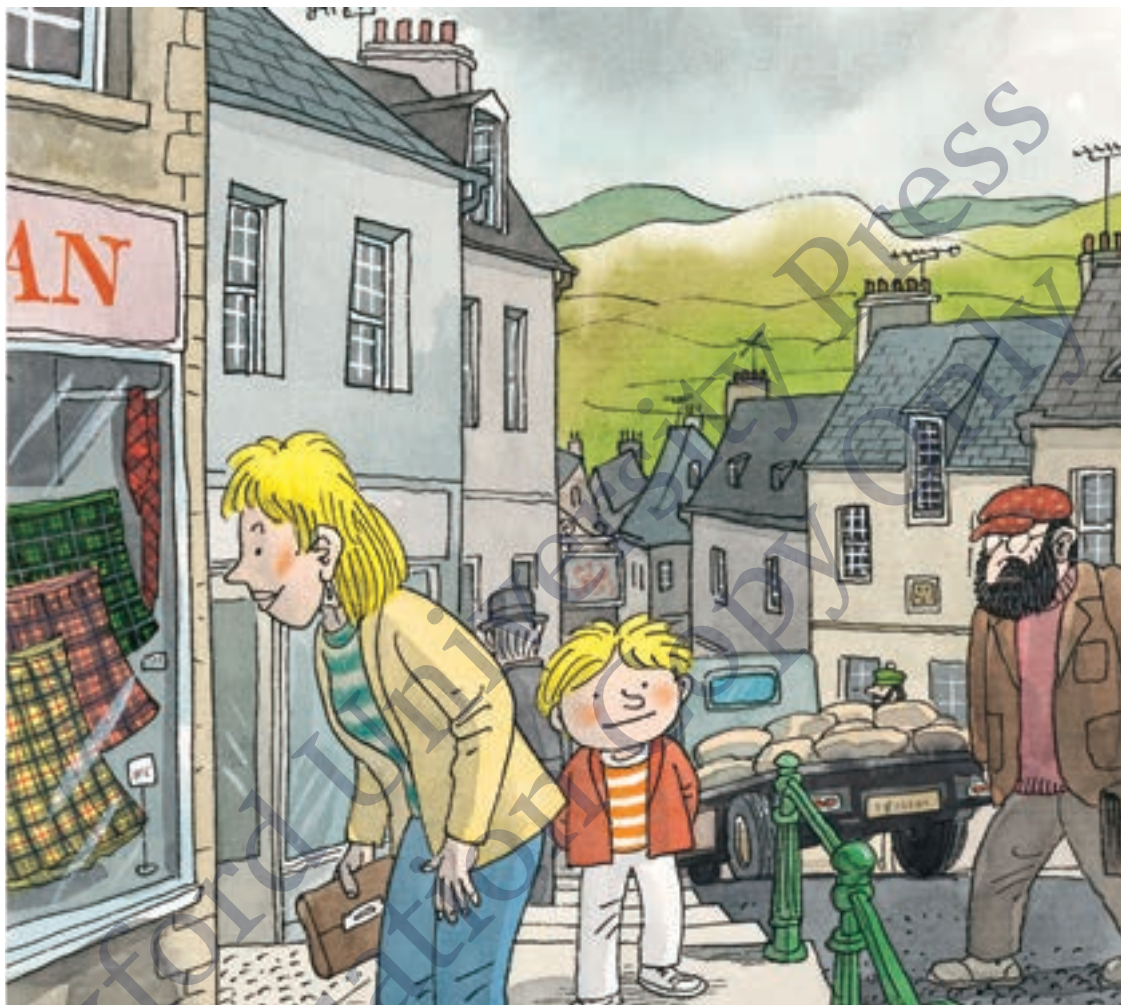


Kipper looked at the monster. Gran laughed.

“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.

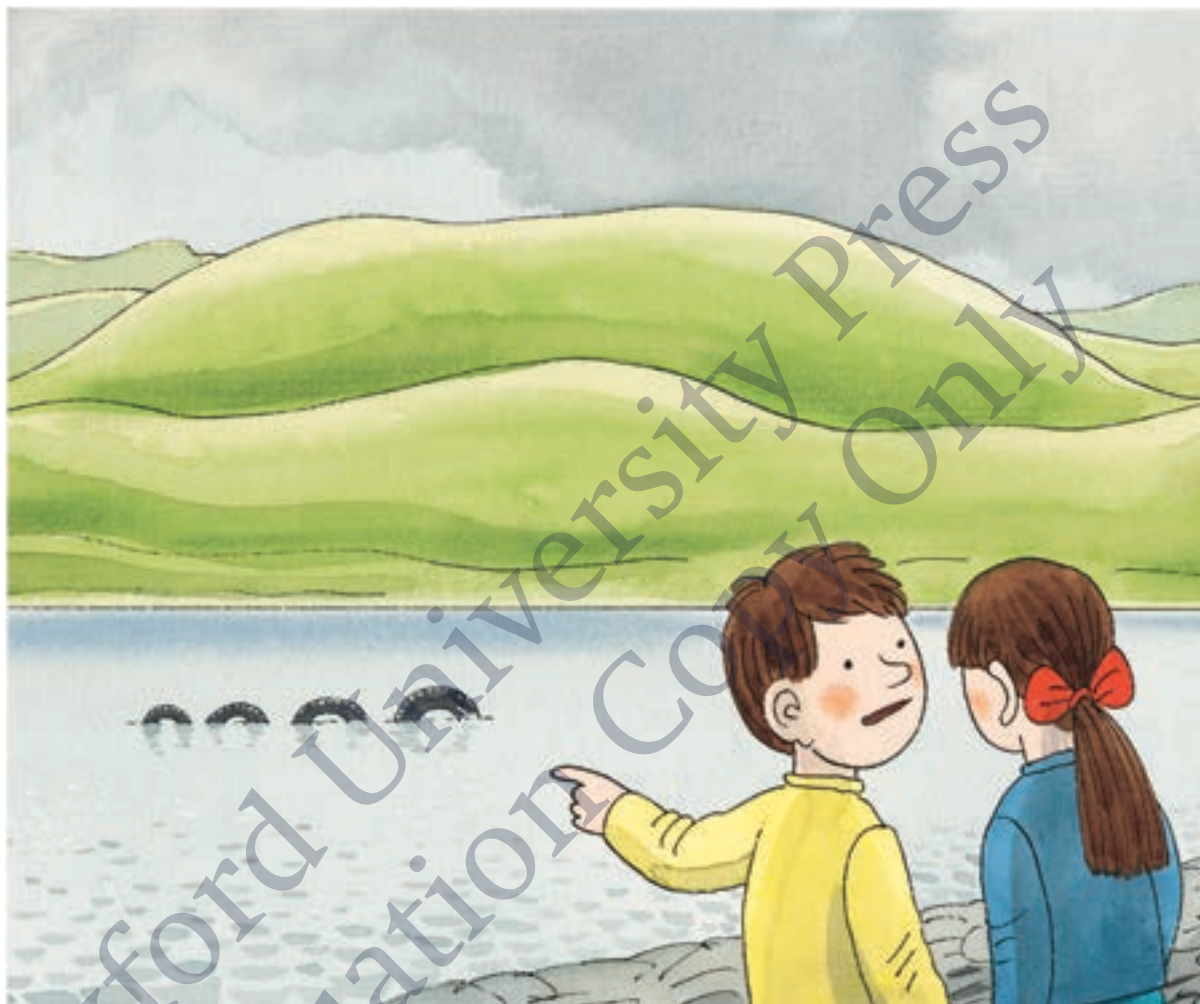


They put the monster in the lake. It
made the children laugh.

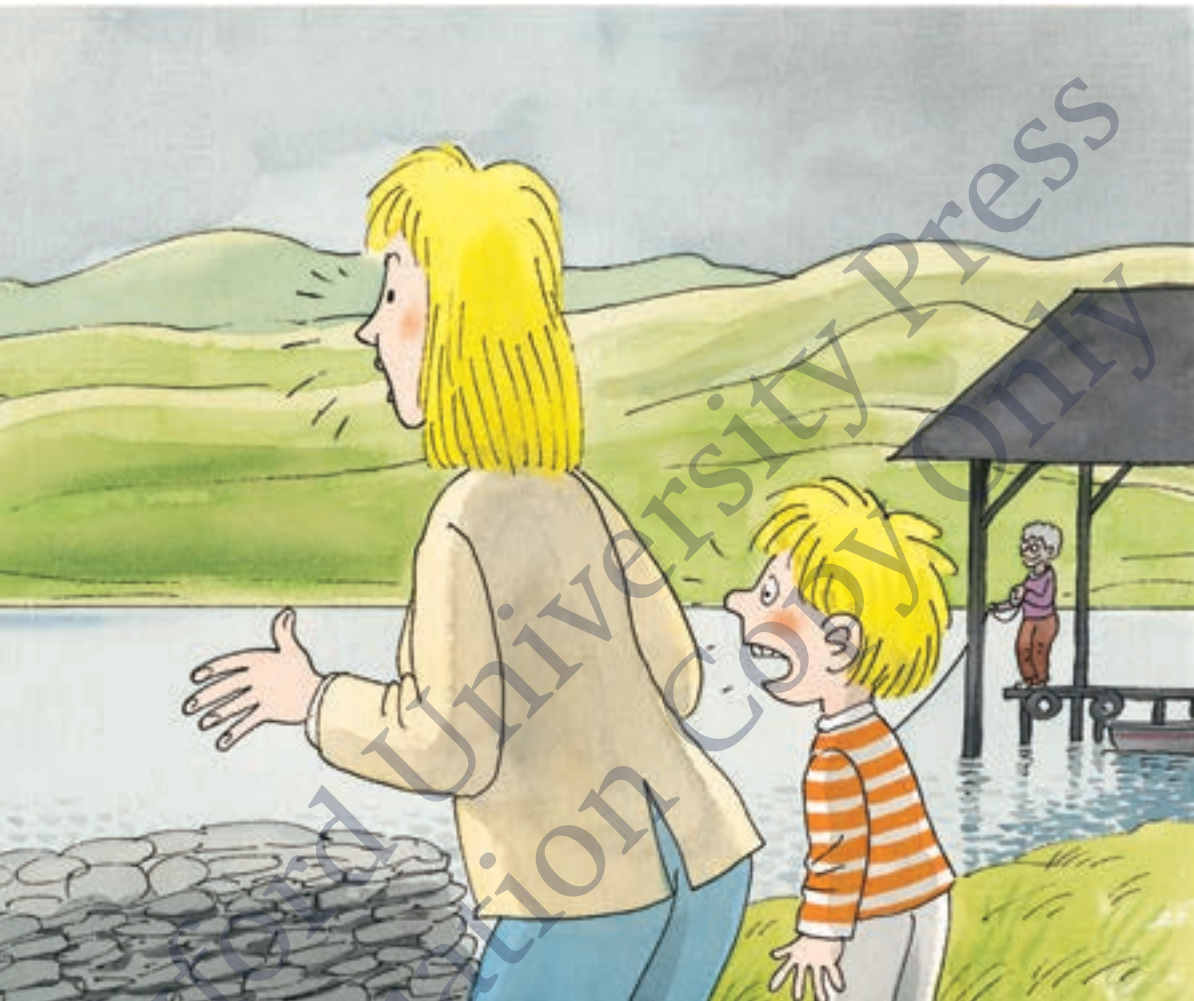
“It looks brilliant!” said Chip.



“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.

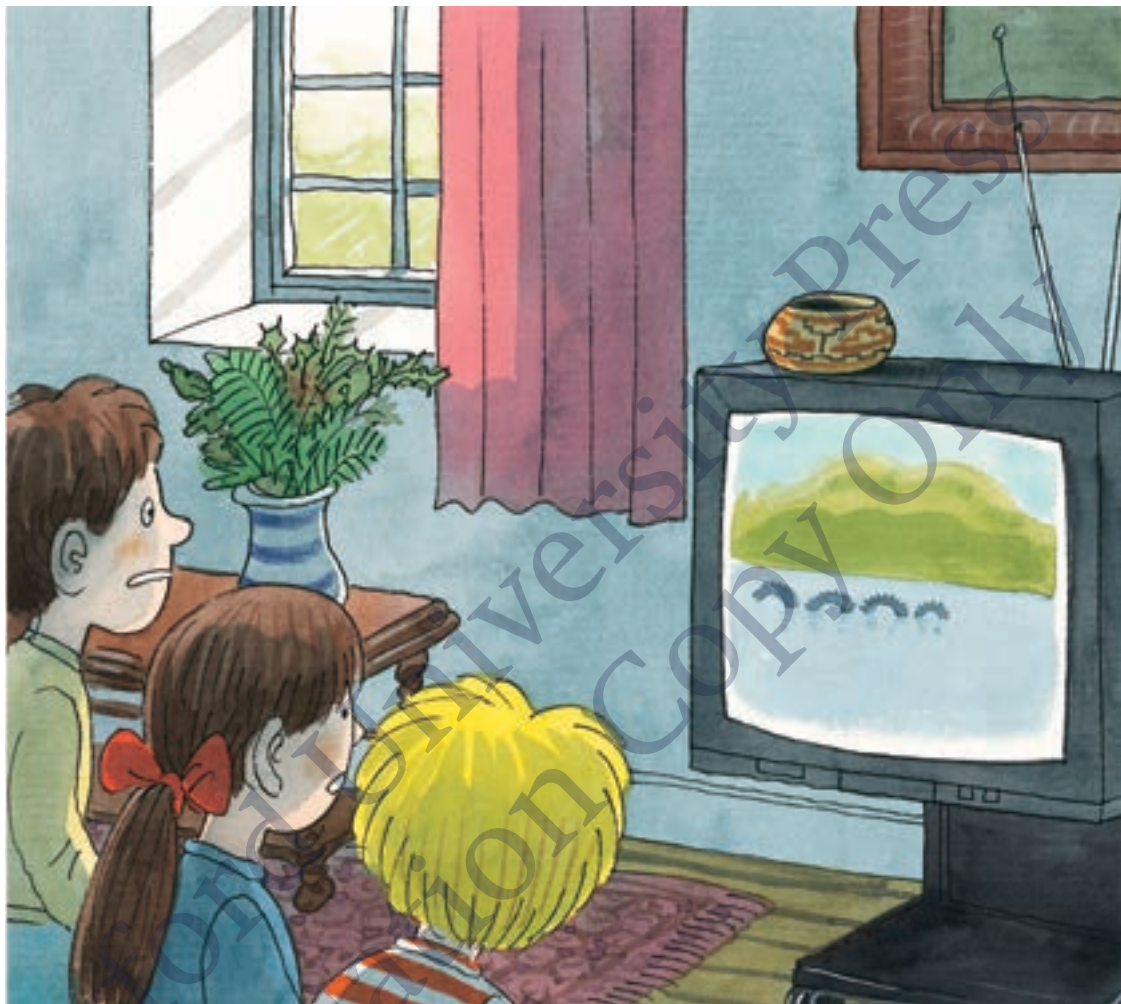


“A real monster,” said Kipper.

“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.”

AFTER READING

- Look at the pictures on pages 12–15. Talk about how Gran made the monster. Point to the picture on page 13. Ask: *What are the stones for?* (to weigh the tyres down in the water)
- Re-read pages 22–23. Ask: *Why was Mum cross with Gran?*
- Ask: *Do you think there might be a real monster in a lake in Scotland?*

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