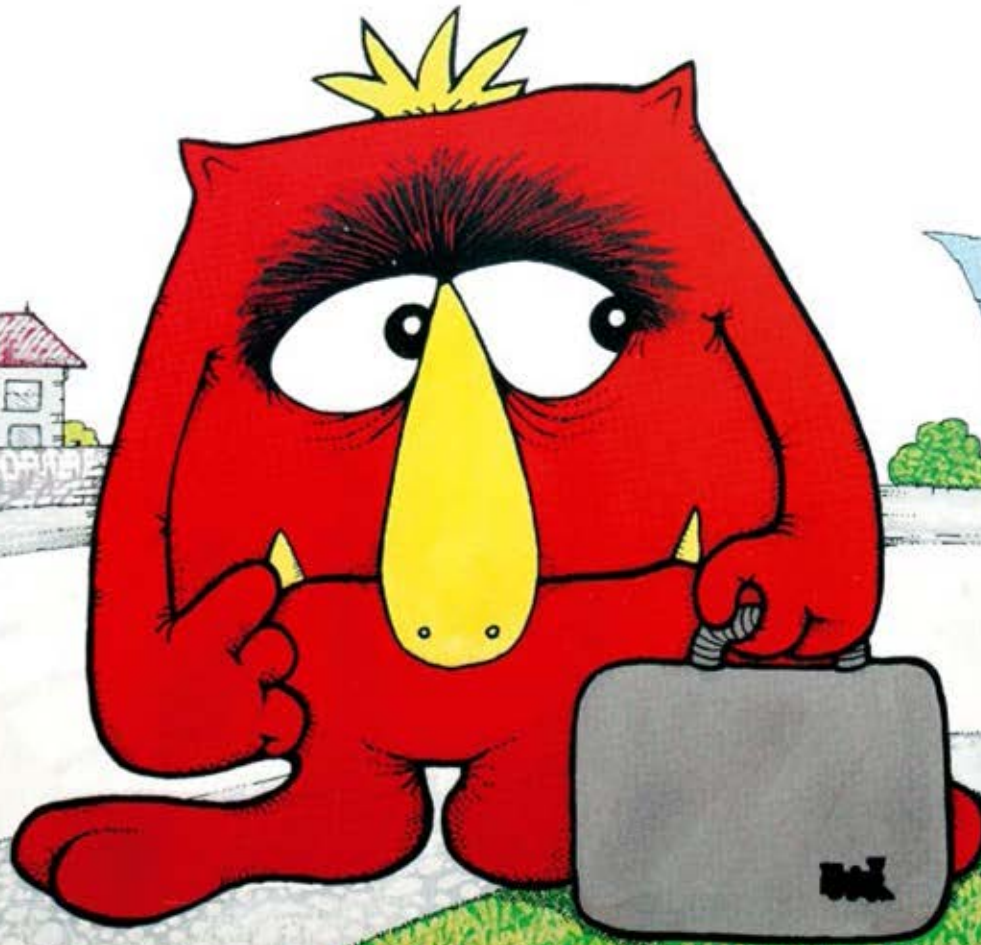


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'My first day of school!' said Grunt.
'Yuk — where can I hide?' He climbed
into the wardrobe. 'Why do I have to go
to school,' he muttered. 'I already know
about all the important things . . .
like train sets, and signal boxes . . .'
'Woof woof!' Bert had found him.
'Sssh,' hissed Grunt. But Bert just
barked all the louder and wagged his
silly tail.



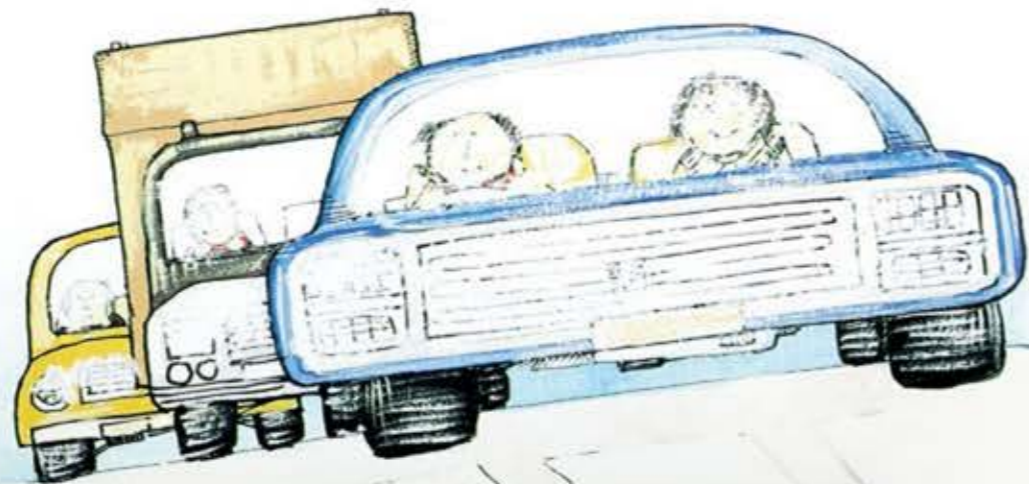
Grunt slid under his bed.
'Miaow miaow,' mewed Jake, rubbing his head against Grunt and purring loudly. 'Stupid cat!' said Grunt, crawling out from under the bed.

There was his mother, holding his schoolbag. 'Don't you want me at home with you anymore?' said Grunt, looking at his mother, then Jake, then Bert. 'Grunt, dear,' said his mother, 'everyone has to go to school someday.'

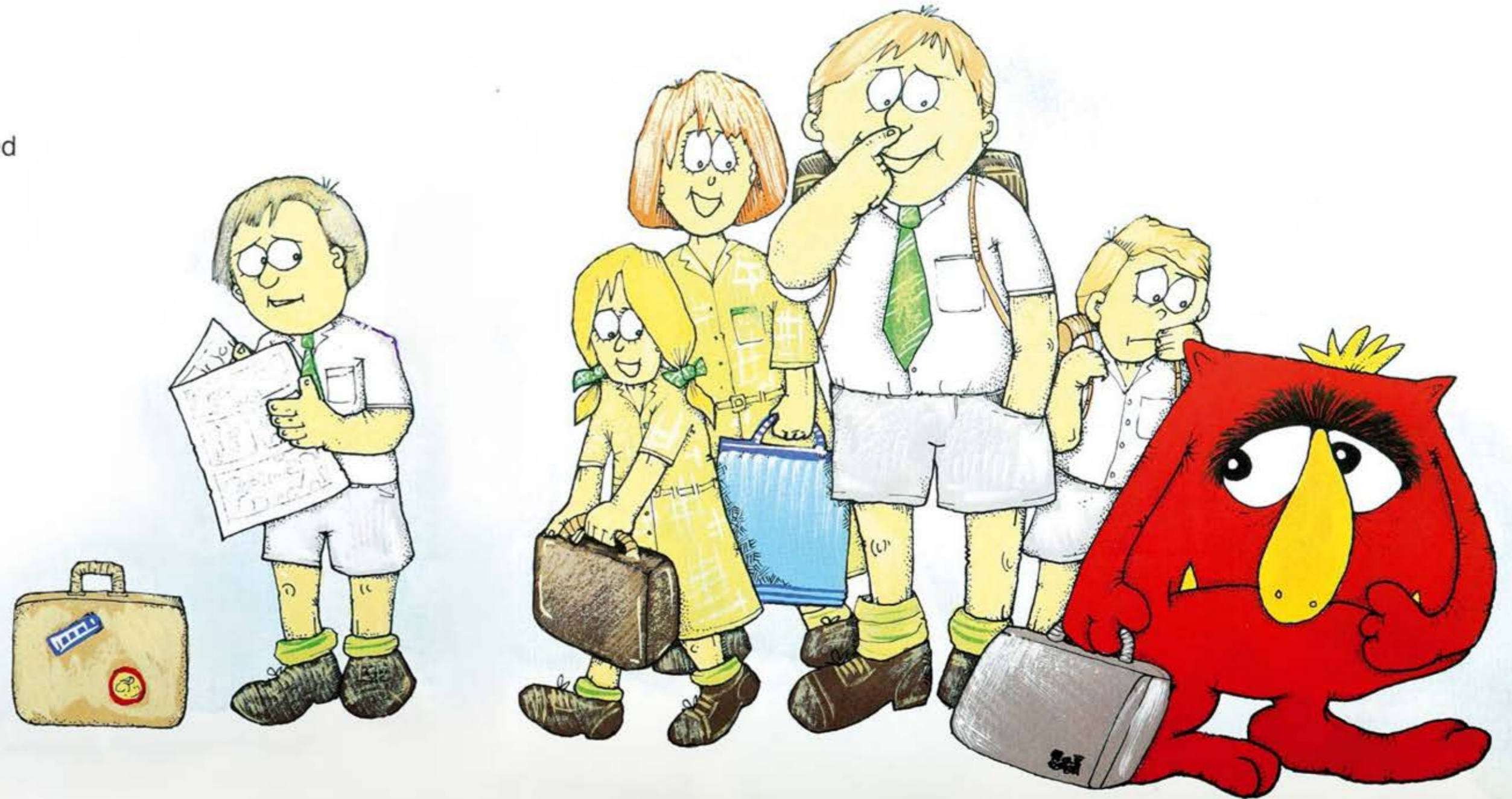




Grunt and his mother walked to the school crossing. 'Goodbye, dear,' she called. 'Remember your hanky — if you sneeze.' Grunt pretended not to hear. How embarrassing! The traffic warden stopped the cars and Grunt hurried across the road with the other children.

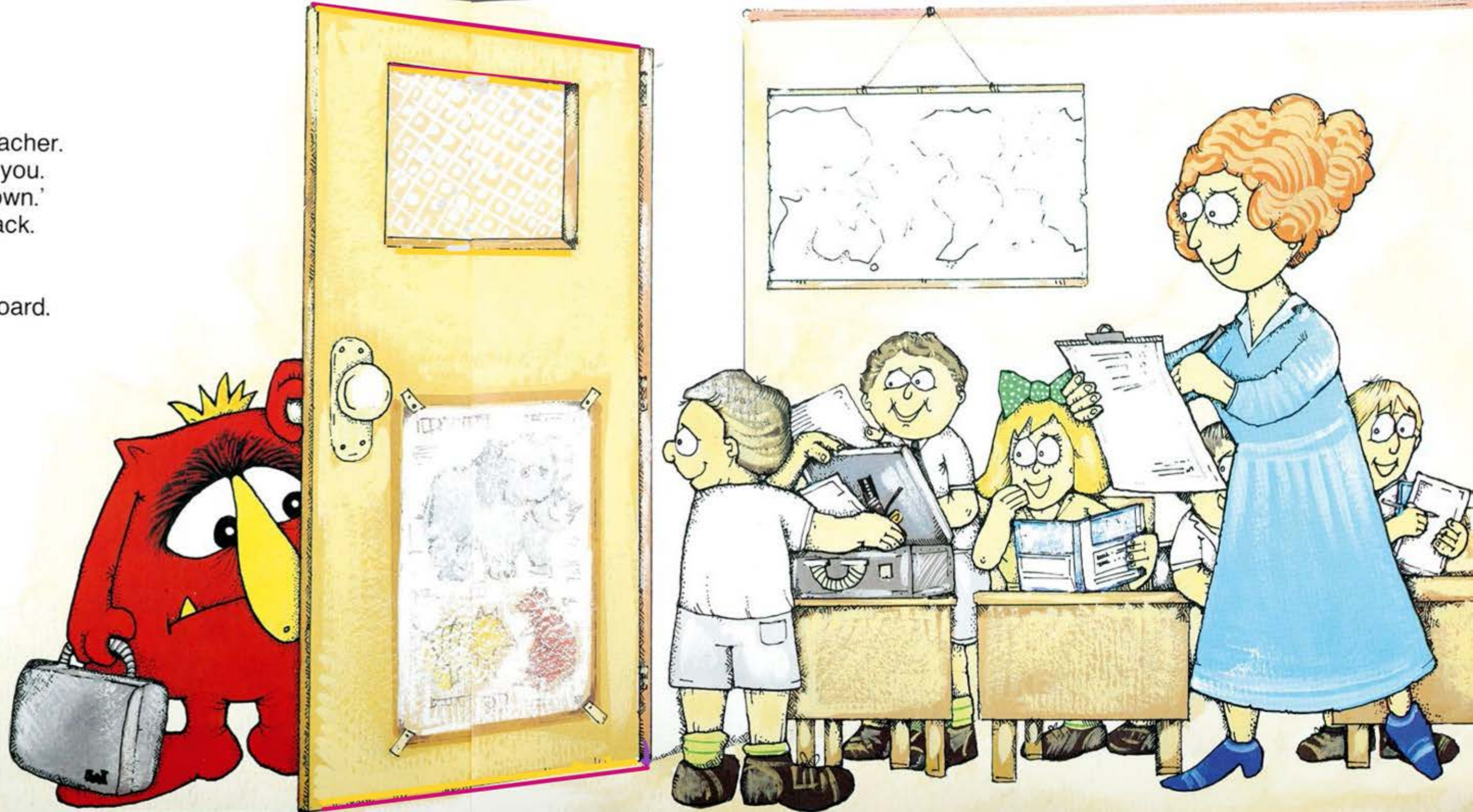


Grunt shuffled across the school yard. There were kids everywhere! 'Hey! Who's the guy with the funny nose?' someone yelled. Grunt scuttled through the first door he could find.



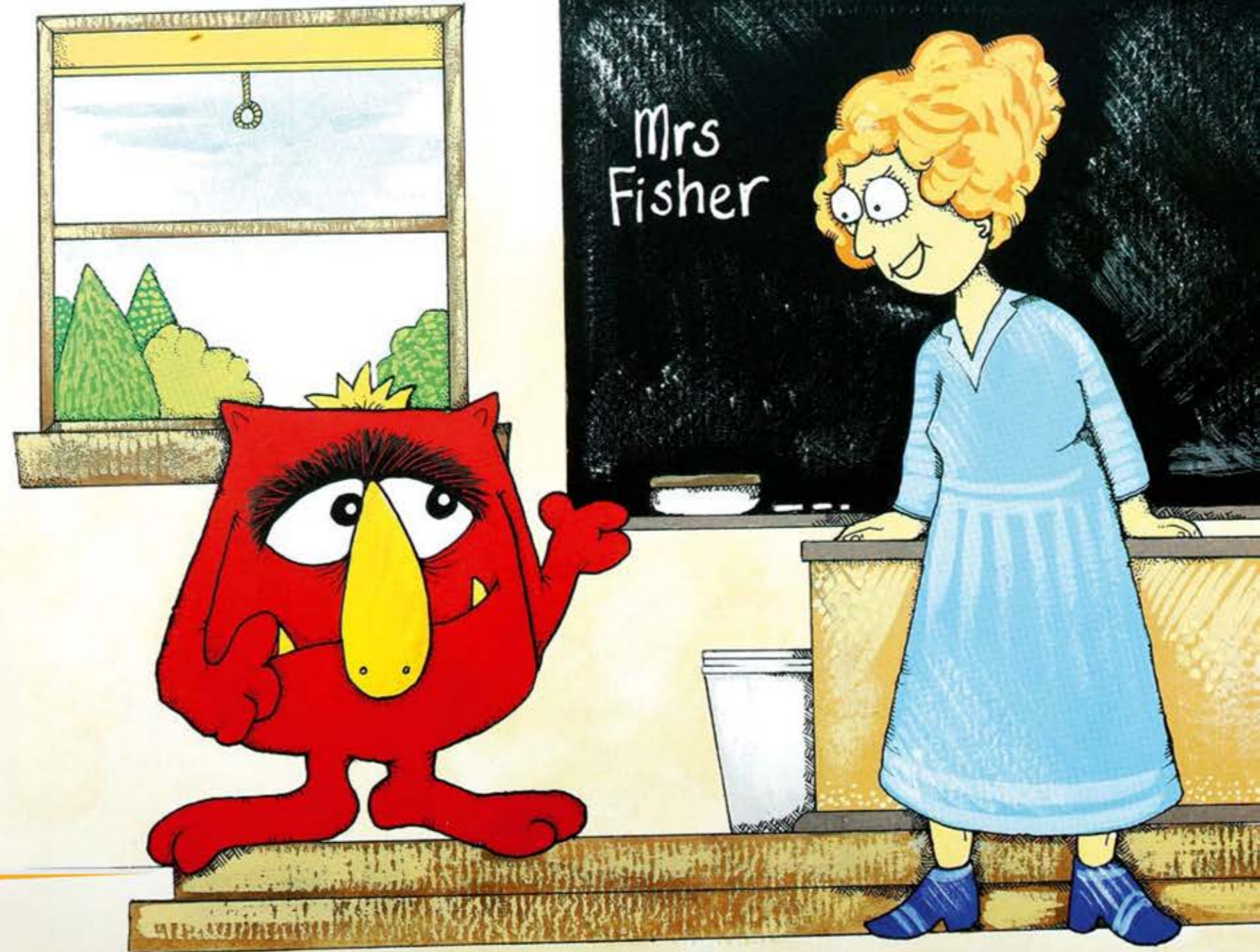
'Ah, you must be Grunt,' said a teacher.
'Come in. We've been waiting for you.
Now, Grunt, find a desk and sit down.'
Grunt chose a desk right at the back.

'My name is Mrs Fisher,' said the
teacher, and she wrote it on the board.



'Now,' said Mrs Fisher, 'I'd like each of you to tell us a little bit about yourselves.' She pointed at Grunt. 'You first, Grunt.'

Grunt gulped nervously. What could he say? 'Um . . . my-name's-Grunt-and-I-like-playing-with-my-trainset-and-my-dog-Bert-and-my-cat-Jake.' It came out in a bit of a rush, but no one seemed to mind.



'Now for some sums' said Mrs Fisher, when the last child had finished speaking. She began to write on the blackboard.

Grunt had heard about sums . . . he didn't like the sound of them one bit. But he copied them into his book.

$$1+1=$$
$$1+2=$$
$$1+3=$$

'Now what?' said Grunt, staring blankly at the sums. 'I know, I'll pretend they're trains!'

Grunt started to draw, and the sums soon made sense.



'Does anyone know the alphabet?' asked Mrs Fisher.

Grunt remembered some letters he'd seen on a train. That must be the alphabet! He stood on a chair and wrote on the blackboard:

'NO SMOKING PLEASE'

Mrs Fisher smiled. 'Very good, Grunt. But it's not the alphabet.'

She took the chalk from Grunt and wrote:

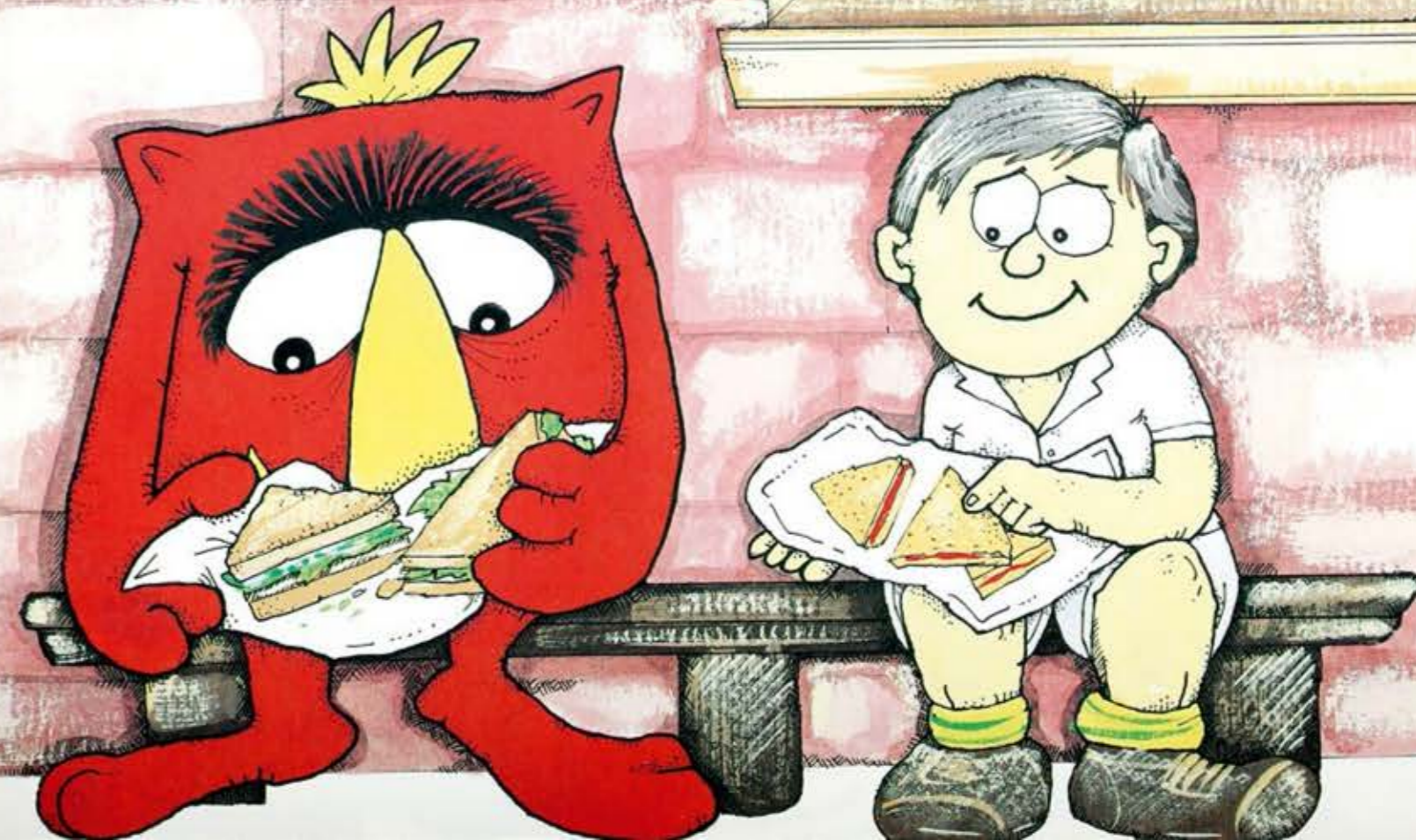
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'So that's the alphabet,' said Grunt.





The lunch bell rang.
Grunt sat down on a bench in the
playground and unwrapped his lunch.
'Yuk! Celery and cucumber
sandwiches,' said Grunt. Keith, a little
boy from his class, had the same
problem. 'Yuk! Jam and chocolate
sprinkles,' said Keith. Grunt looked
at Keith and Keith looked at Grunt.
'Want to swap?'
Grunt had made a new friend.



Mrs Fisher had never seen such a fine painting, especially from such a young student. 'Well done, Grunt,' she said. 'Let's stick your picture on the wall straight away.'

Grunt grinned as everyone gathered around to admire his picture. Even Mr Peabody, the principal, came into have a look. Suddenly the bell rang for the end of school.



'Hey, Mum!' yelled Grunt, rushing up to his mother. 'School's great — I might even go tomorrow.'





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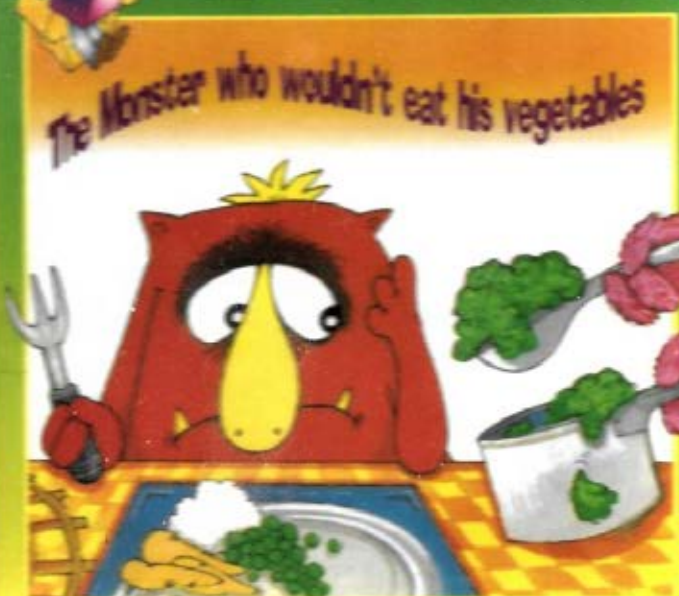
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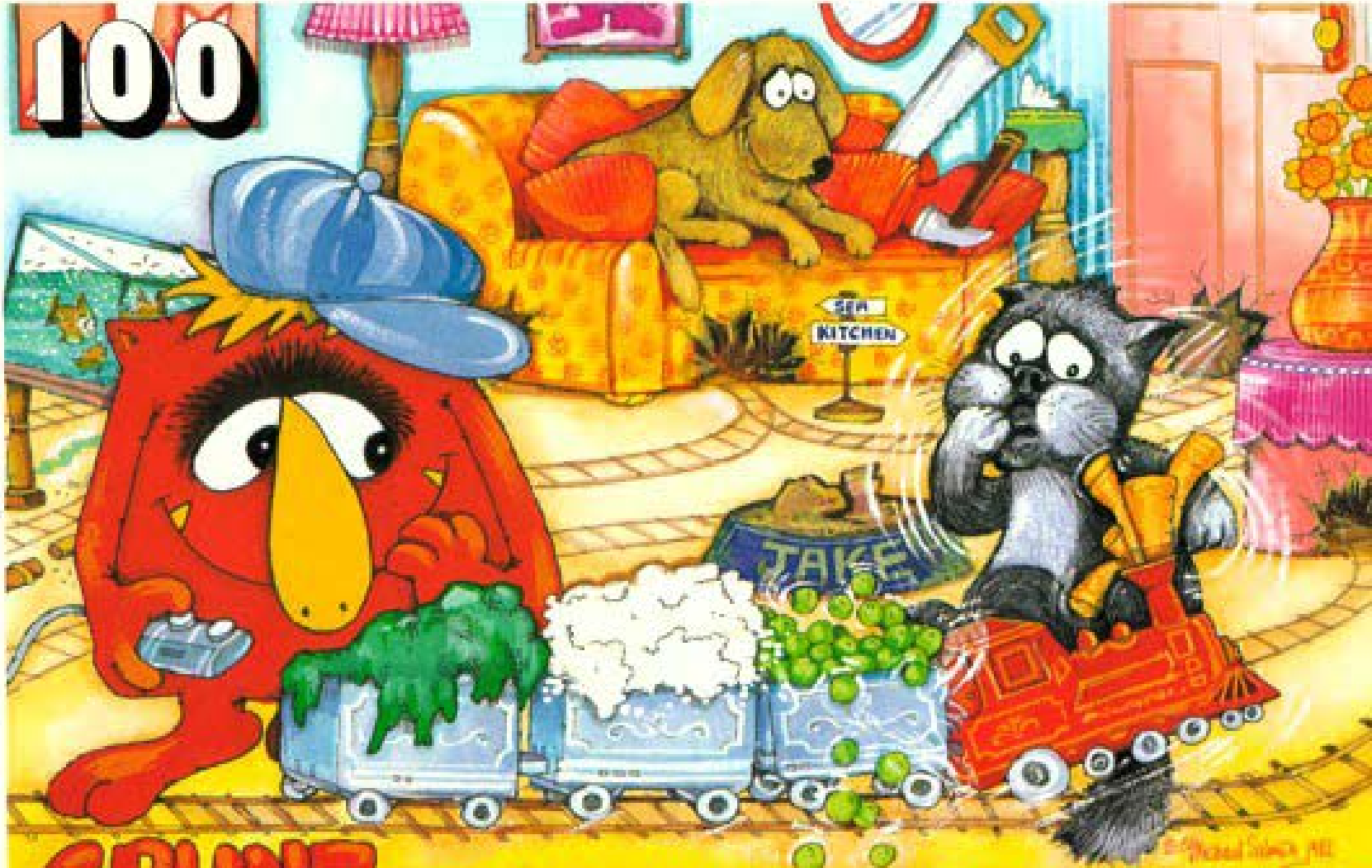


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