

## (2) The Silliest Monster

Once upon a scary night, there was a monster. He had horrifying ears made of dead spiders and three red, spooky eyes. He was gigantic, with long skinny hands and claws. The monster liked scaring people all over the town.

He patiently waited. He waited for children to go to school, for people to go to bed, and for someone to drink a cup of coffee. He waited a bit longer... and suddenly he would jump out of nowhere! "BOO!" he roared, relishing in the loud screams and wide eyes of his victims.

One day, the monster got flamingo pox and lost his scariness. Flamingo pox is a terrible disease which causes monsters to get funny blisters and grow pink feathers. Instead of saying 'BOO!', monsters will go 'HONK!' Tiny red clown noses grow everywhere on their faces.

As the monster hid in the supermarket, waiting to scare unsuspecting shoppers, he prepared his scare. He practice 'HONK!' under his breath. But when he finally jumped out, all the shoppers did was laugh. "Ha! Look at you!" someone giggled, pointing at his pink feathers.

"They're laughing at me?" the monster muttered, confused. "No more 'BOO!', just 'HONK!' for you!" someone teased, doubling over with laughter.

This continued for weeks. Finally, the monster was feeling better. The tiny clown noses disappeared, and the pink feathers were gone! He could say 'BOO' again. The monster was ready to scare people, and this time he wanted to make them jump 10,000 times more than before.

In the middle of the night, he startled a nurse at the hospital. "BOO!" he shouted, only to see her burst into giggles. "What on earth are you supposed to be?" she laughed, wiping away tears. He also tiptoed to the people in the park, waited a bit longer...and jumped at them!

During these encounters, he somehow began to enjoy the laughter. He became confused. Soon he realized that scaring people could be fun, but making people laugh made him even happier.

He decided to go to town and buy some silly hats, funny shoes, and a very big red clown nose. He also found a jacket, a T-shirt and a pair of trousers that were bright orange with green polka dots.

He came back, jumping through the streets. "Look at me! I'm the silliest monster in town!" he shouted, doing a hilarious dance. He made funny faces. He tickled children. He told all the jokes he knew.

"Who knew monsters could be so funny?" someone exclaimed through fits of laughter. "That's it. I'm inviting you to my next birthday party!" another declared, clapping in delight.

That was the day when he became the laughing monster. For the first time in his life, he had lots and lots of friends. He made so many people laugh at a party. His name was written on the cover of every newspaper. People just could not stop giggling when the monster was doing the funniest things. Everybody absolutely loved him.