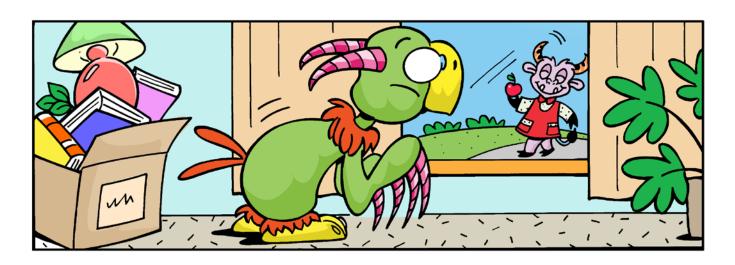


Hide and Seek with Zog



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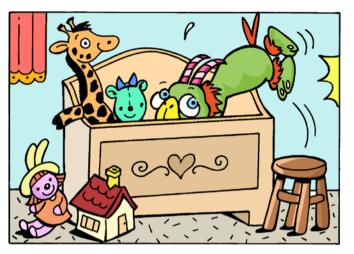


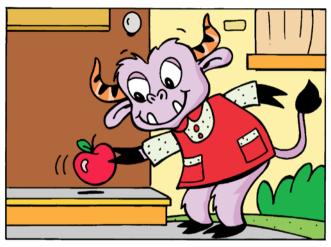
A new monster moves into a house by Jupe.

Her name is Zog.

Zog is shy.

She hides when anyone comes to see her.





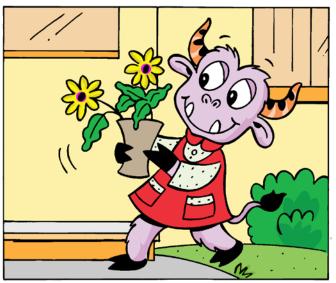
Jupe goes to meet Zog.

She knocks on the door.

Zog hides inside her toy box.

Jupe puts an apple by the door.





The next day, Jupe knocks on the door.

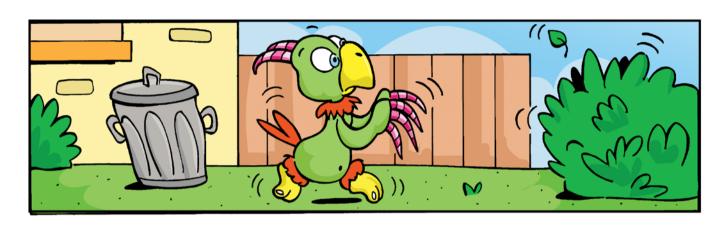
Zog hides behind the drapes.

Jupe puts flowers by the door.



For many days, Jupe knocks on the door. Zog hides, but Jupe puts a present by the door.





Zog looks to see who knocked on the door.

She tiptoes around the house.

She tiptoes around the yard.

Then Zog hears a giggle.

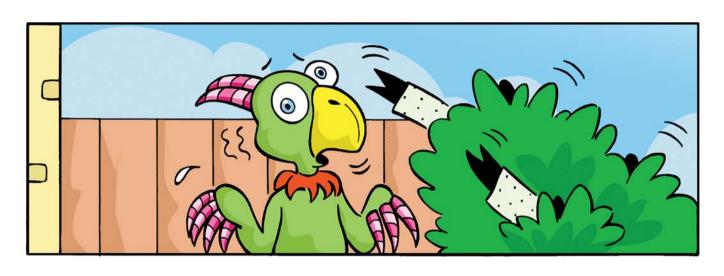
It is coming from the bush.



Zog steps closer to the bush.

It giggles again.

"Do bushes giggle?" Zog wonders.



A funny hand comes out of the bush.

It waves to Zog.

Another hand comes out of the bush.

It pats Zog on her head.

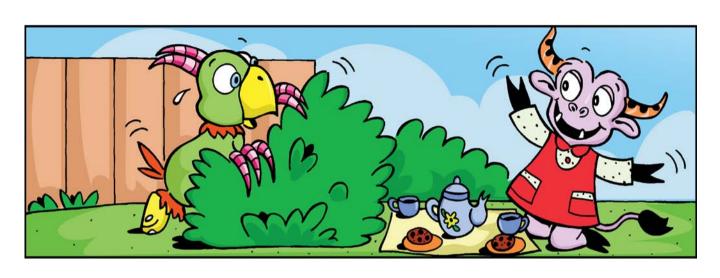


Zog is scared.

Should she run and hide?

Then the funny hands go away.

Zog peeks behind the bush.



"It's me!" says Jupe.

Jupe has a tea party set up on the grass.

There are two cups,

two plates, and two cookies.



"Is the tea party for a friend?" asks Zog.

"Yes," says Jupe.

"That friend is you."

After tea, Zog says,

"Do you want to play a fun game?"



"Is it tag?" says Jupe.

"No," says Zog.

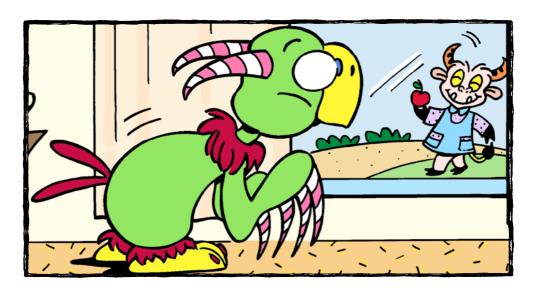
"Is it kickball?" says Jupe.

"No," says Zog, smiling.

"The fun game is hide and seek!"

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