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“Let’s go fishing!” says Bonk.

Jupe, Uzzle, and Snag dig for worms.

They find their fishing poles.

The pond is a long hike away.

Snag’s tummy grumbles.

“I can’t wait to eat the fish we catch,”
he says.



Bonk casts his pole and waits.

He reels in his line.

“What did you catch?” asks Uzzle.

“A shoe!” says Bonk.



“Wait!” says Lurk.

“I think I have a fish.”

He reels in his line.

“I caught a salad!” Lurk says.

“That’s not a salad,” says Jupe.

“Those are weeds from the pond.”



Next, Snag catches a tin can.
Uzzle catches a rusty bucket.
Lurk's tummy grumbles, too.
“I’m hungry,” he says.
“You are ALWAYS hungry,” says Snag.



The air is hot.

Flies buzz all around them.

“Fishing is kind of boring,” says Uzzle.

Just then, Bonk feels a tug.

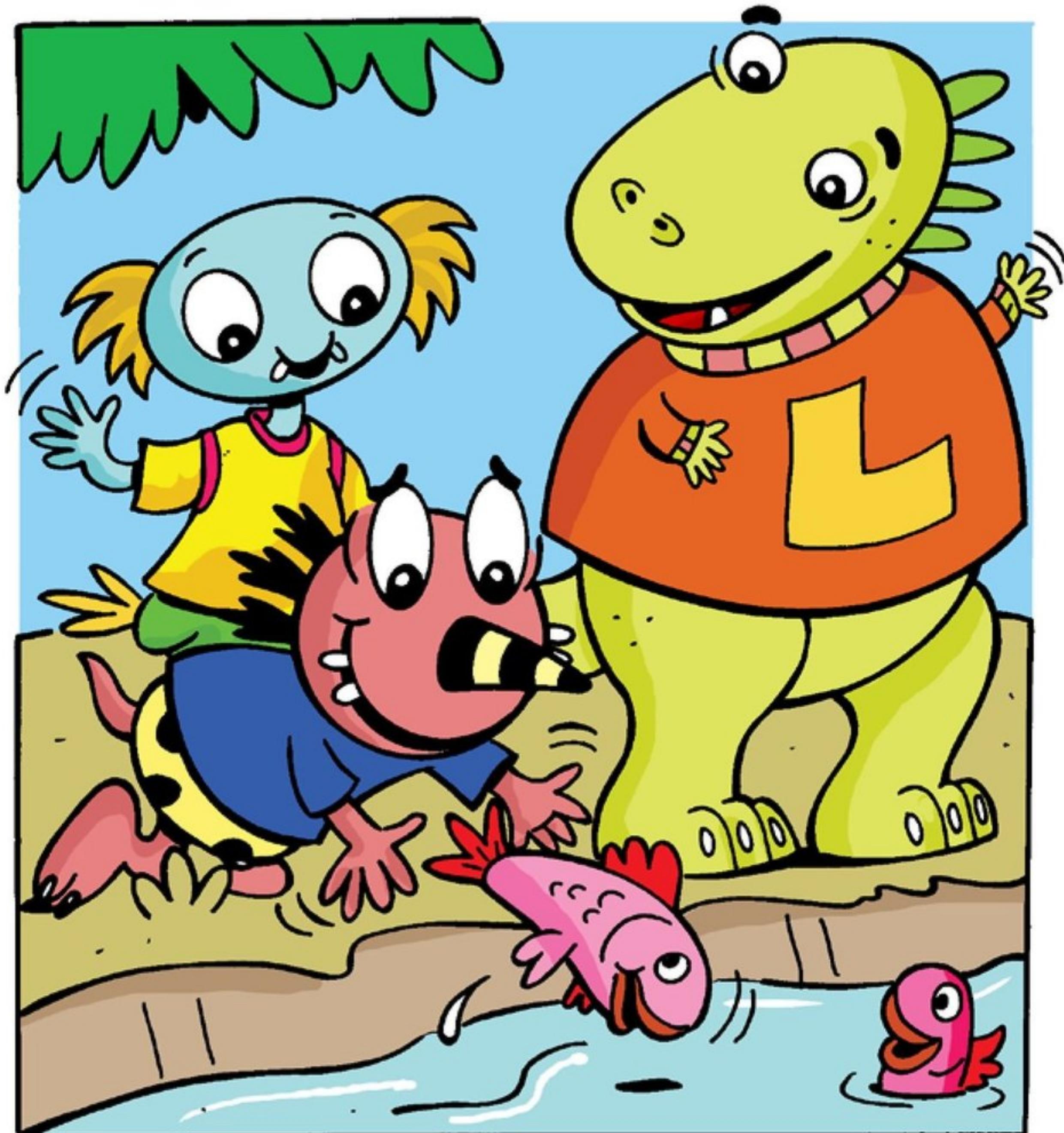
“I have a bite,” he says.

He feels another tug.

Bonk catches a fish!



The fish flops and wiggles on the grass.
“He’ll be good to eat,” says Bonk.
Jupe looks at the fish.
Uzzle sniffs.
Lurk stares at the ground.



“What’s the matter?” asks Bonk.

“I’m not hungry for fish anymore,”
says Snag.

“Let’s let him go,” says Lurk.

Bonk puts the fish back in the water.
It swims away.



Bonk's tummy grumbles.

"But what will we eat?" he asks.

"Follow me," says Jupe.



The monsters follow Jupe on a hike.
They find wild raspberries.
They find nuts.
They even find tasty ladybugs!
The monsters eat until they are full.



“That was better than a fish fry,”
says Lurk.

“Do you know what I like best?”
asks Bonk.

“The berries?” asks Snag.

“The nuts?” asks Jupe.

“No,” says Bonk.

“There are no dishes to wash!”

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