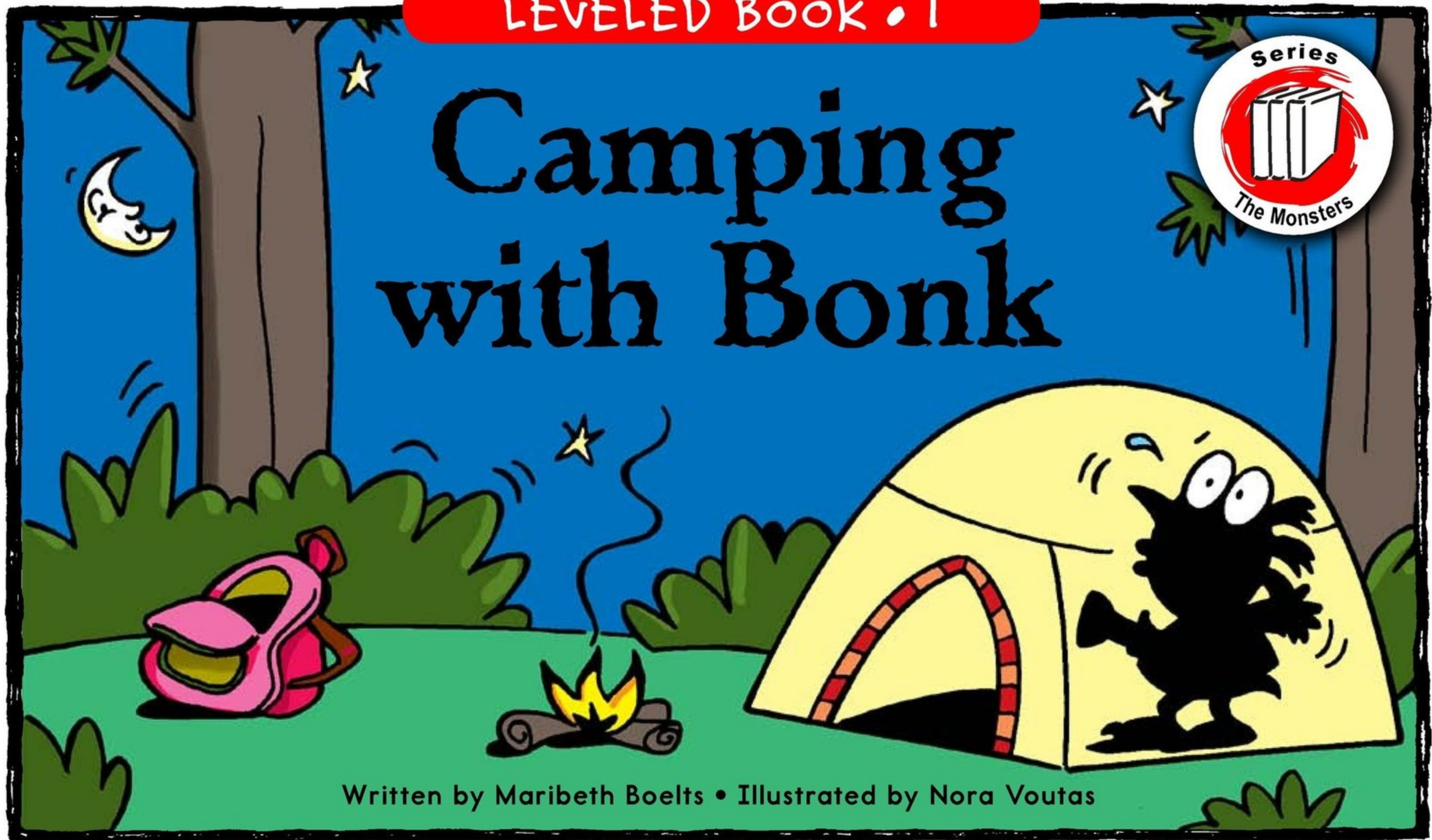


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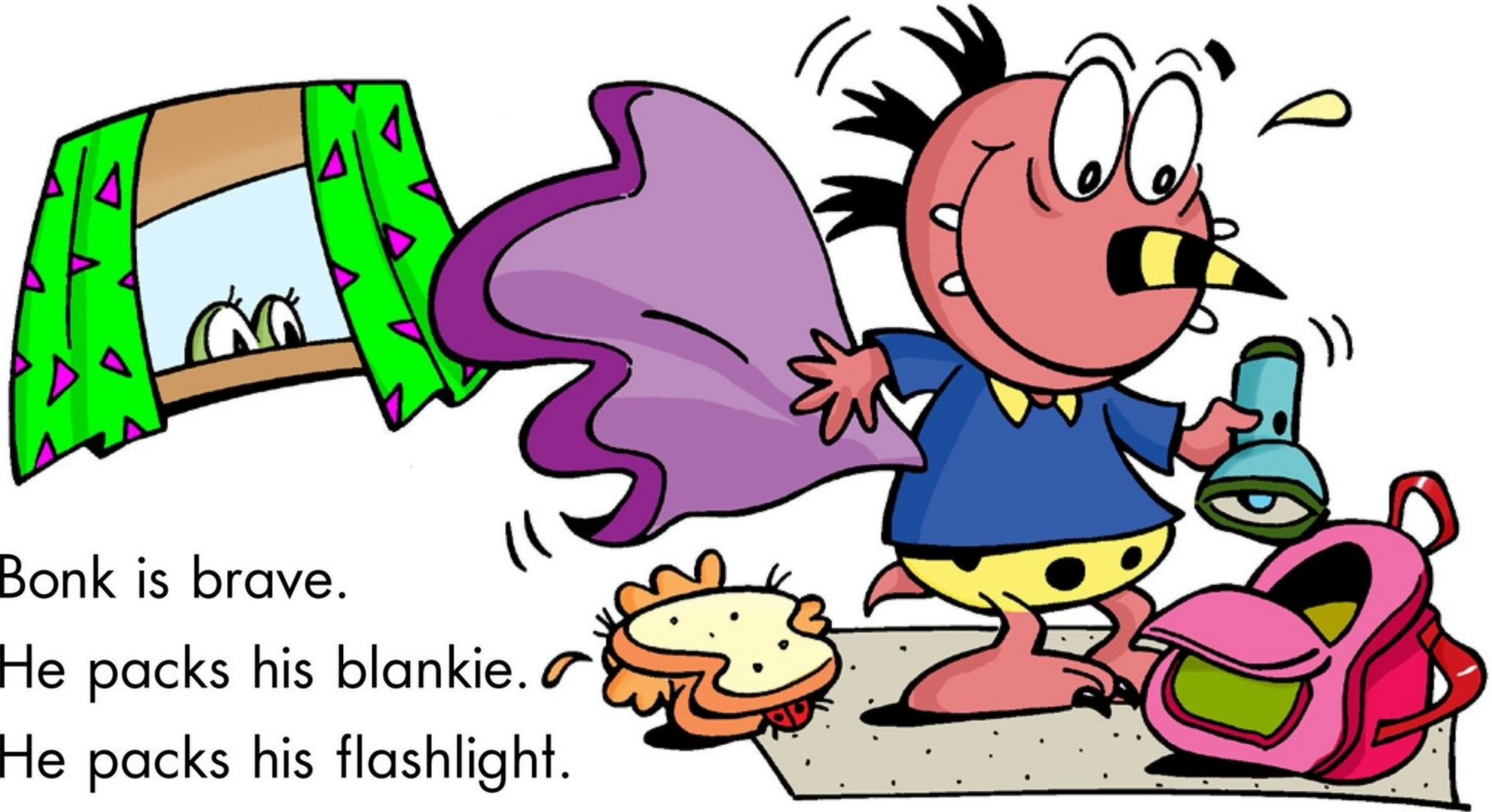
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Bonk is brave.

He packs his blankie.

He packs his flashlight.

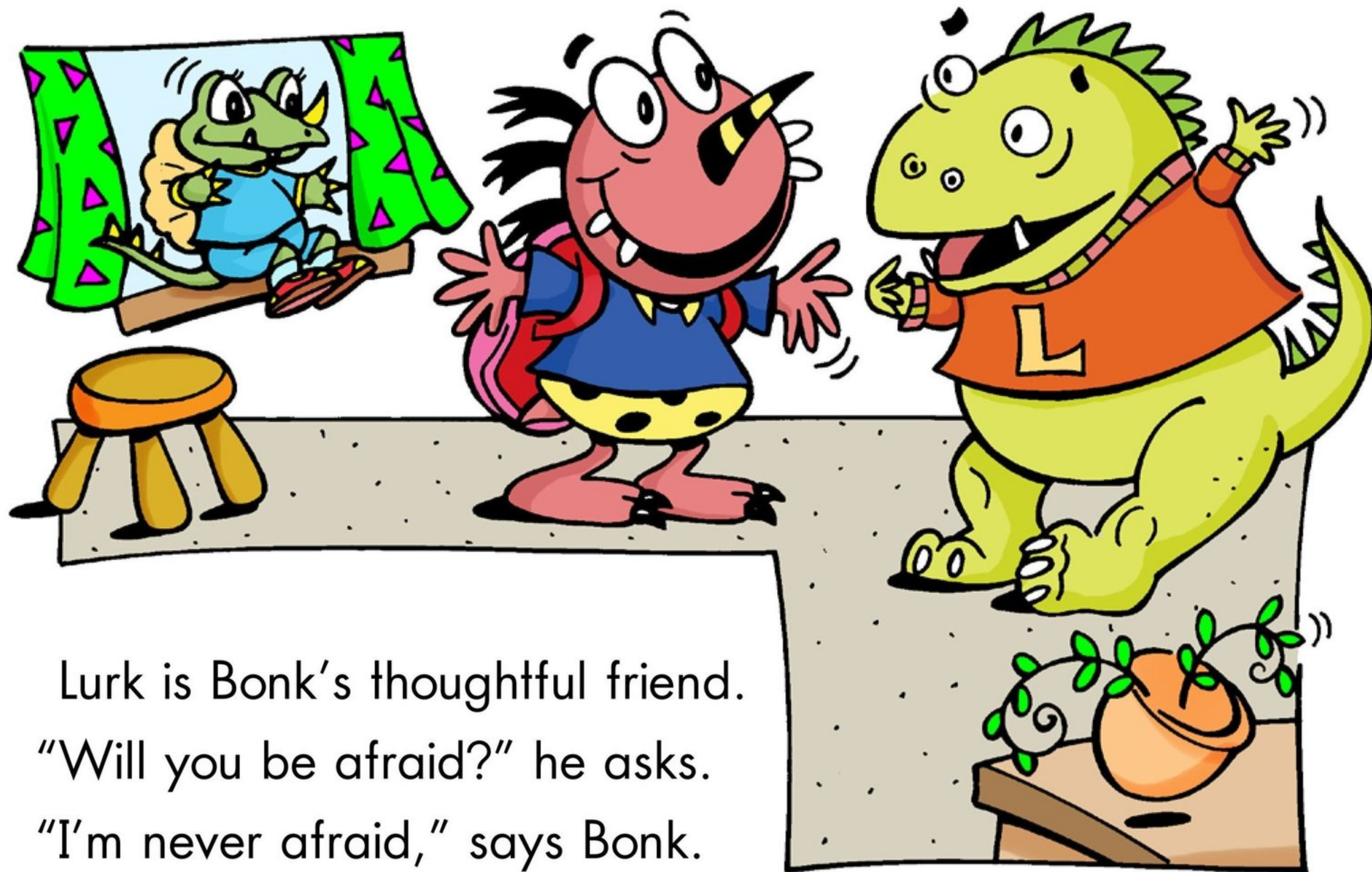
He packs a peanut butter and ladybug sandwich.

"I'm going camping," says Bonk.



Uzzle is Bonk's friend.
Uzzle always worries.
"All by yourself?" he asks.
"All by myself," says Bonk.

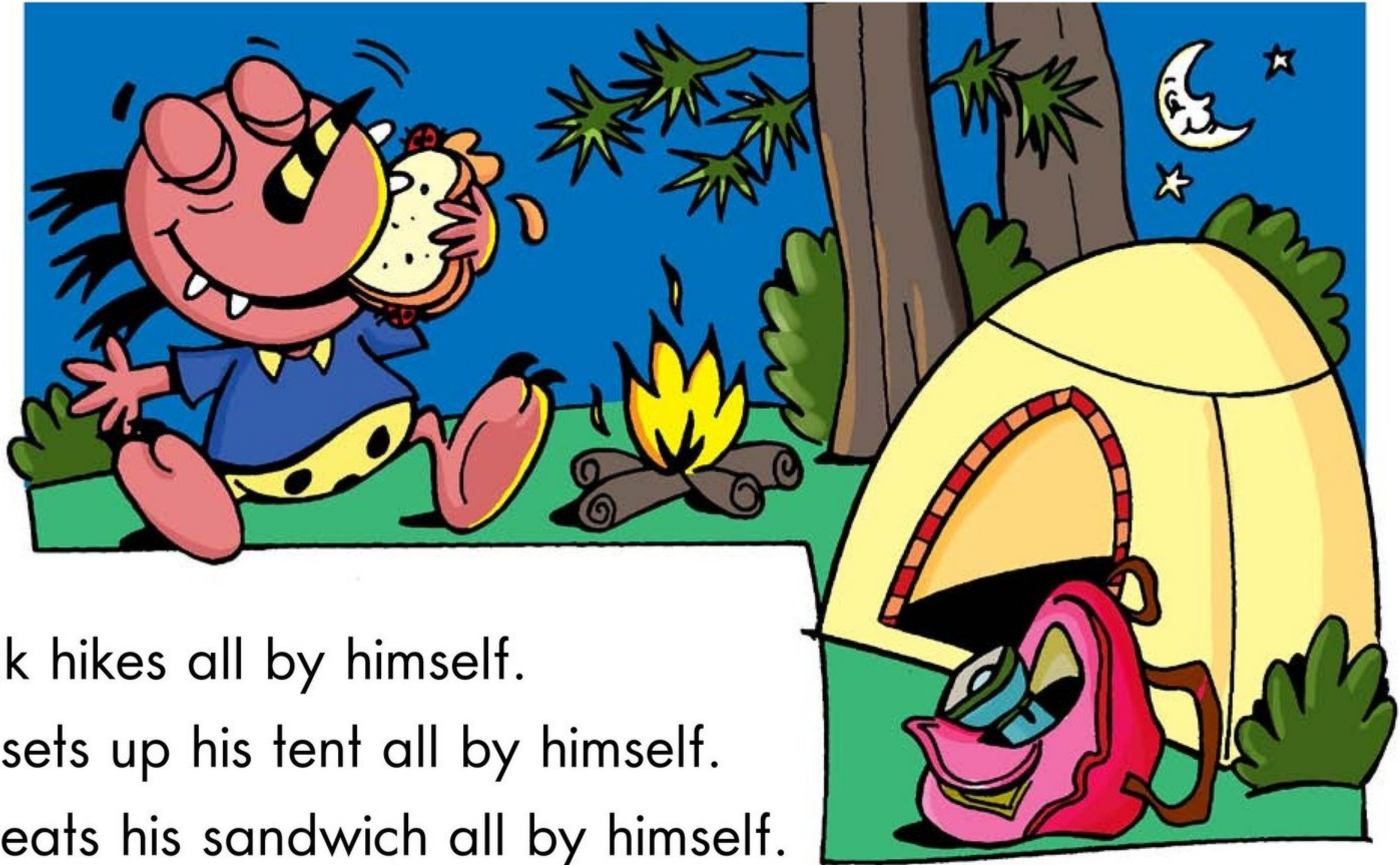




Lurk is Bonk's thoughtful friend.
"Will you be afraid?" he asks.
"I'm never afraid," says Bonk.



Snag is Bonk's friend, too.
Snag is happy.
"That sounds fun!" he says.



Bonk hikes all by himself.
He sets up his tent all by himself.
He eats his sandwich all by himself.
Soon it is very dark.



Bonk shivers.

He hears grunting.

"Maybe it's the fireflies," says Bonk.

"Wait, fireflies don't grunt!" says Bonk.



He hears stomping.

"Maybe it's a tree branch," says Bonk.

"Wait, tree branches don't stomp!" says Bonk.



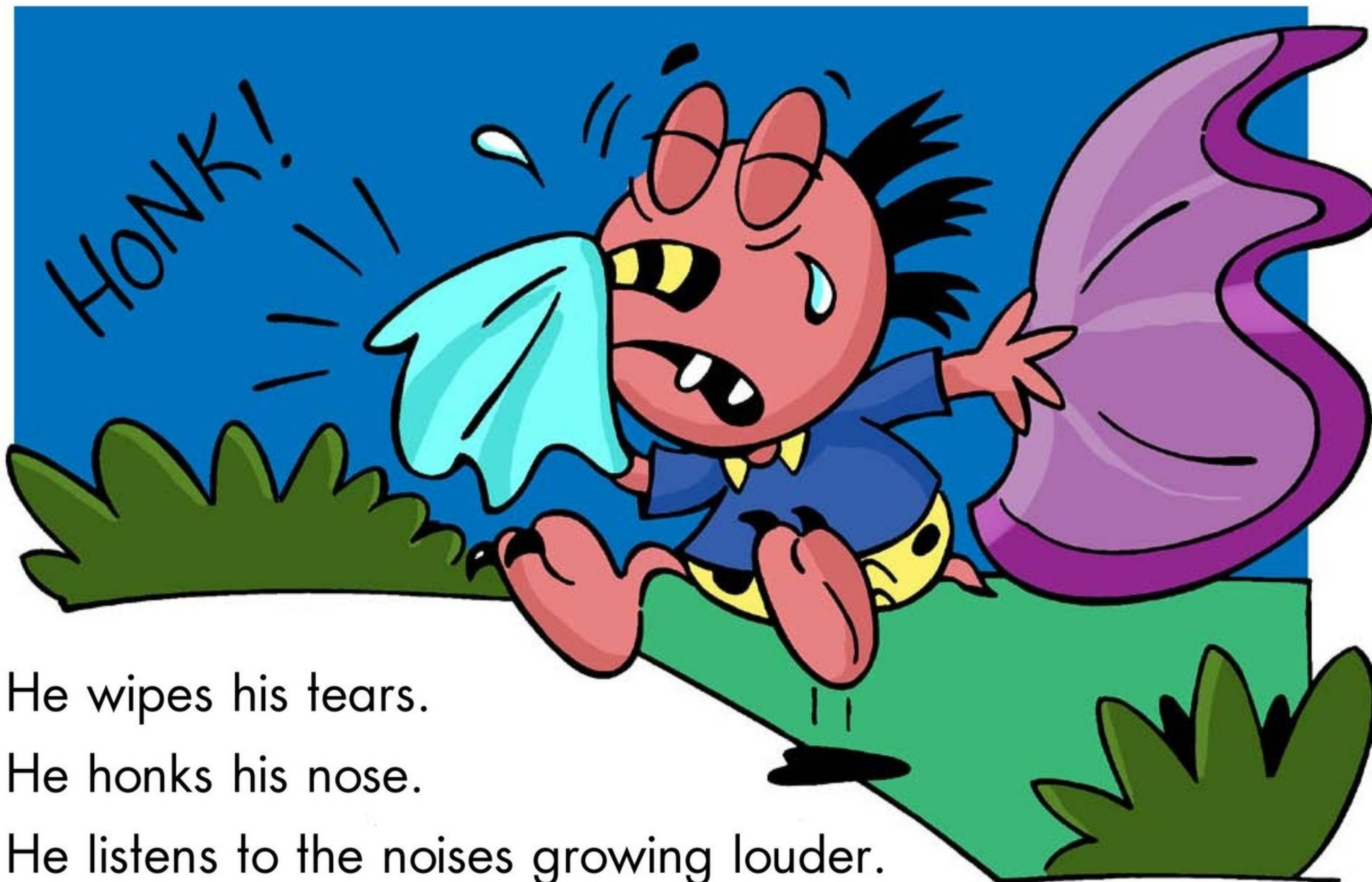
He hears screeching.

"Maybe it's the moon," says Bonk.

"Wait, the moon doesn't screech!" says Bonk.



Bonk is afraid.
His flashlight is broken.
His sandwich is gone.
Bonk hides under his blankie.



He wipes his tears.

He honks his nose.

He listens to the noises growing louder.



Soon, there is grunting, stomping,
and screeching all around the tent.
Bonk jumps.

"Who is there?" asks Bonk.



"It's me!" says Uzzle.

"It's me!" says Lurk.

"It's me!" says Snag.

"Can we camp with you?" they ask.



"But my flashlight doesn't work," says Bonk.

"I have no sandwich."

"My blankie is too small to share."

"That's okay," says Snag.



Uzzle, Lurk, and Snag open their backpacks.
Uzzle has a flashlight.
Lurk has cheese and cricket sandwiches.
Snag has a big, warm blanket.





Bonk, Uzzle, Lurk, and Snag sing around the campfire.
They wish on a star.
They howl at the moon.



"Do you know what I like most about camping?" asks Bonk.

"What?" asks Uzzle.

"Camping with my friends," says Bonk.

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