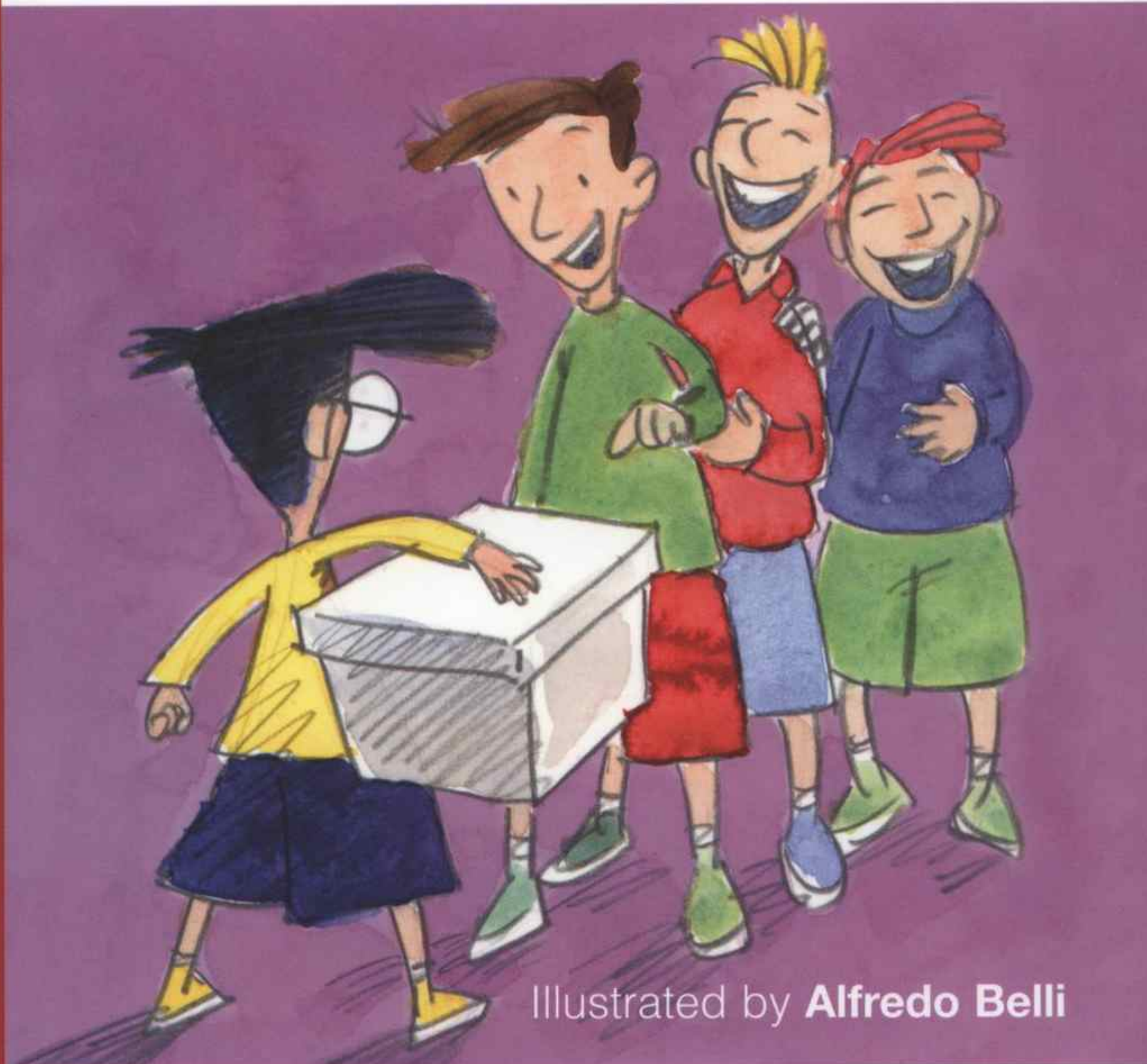


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Monster in the Box



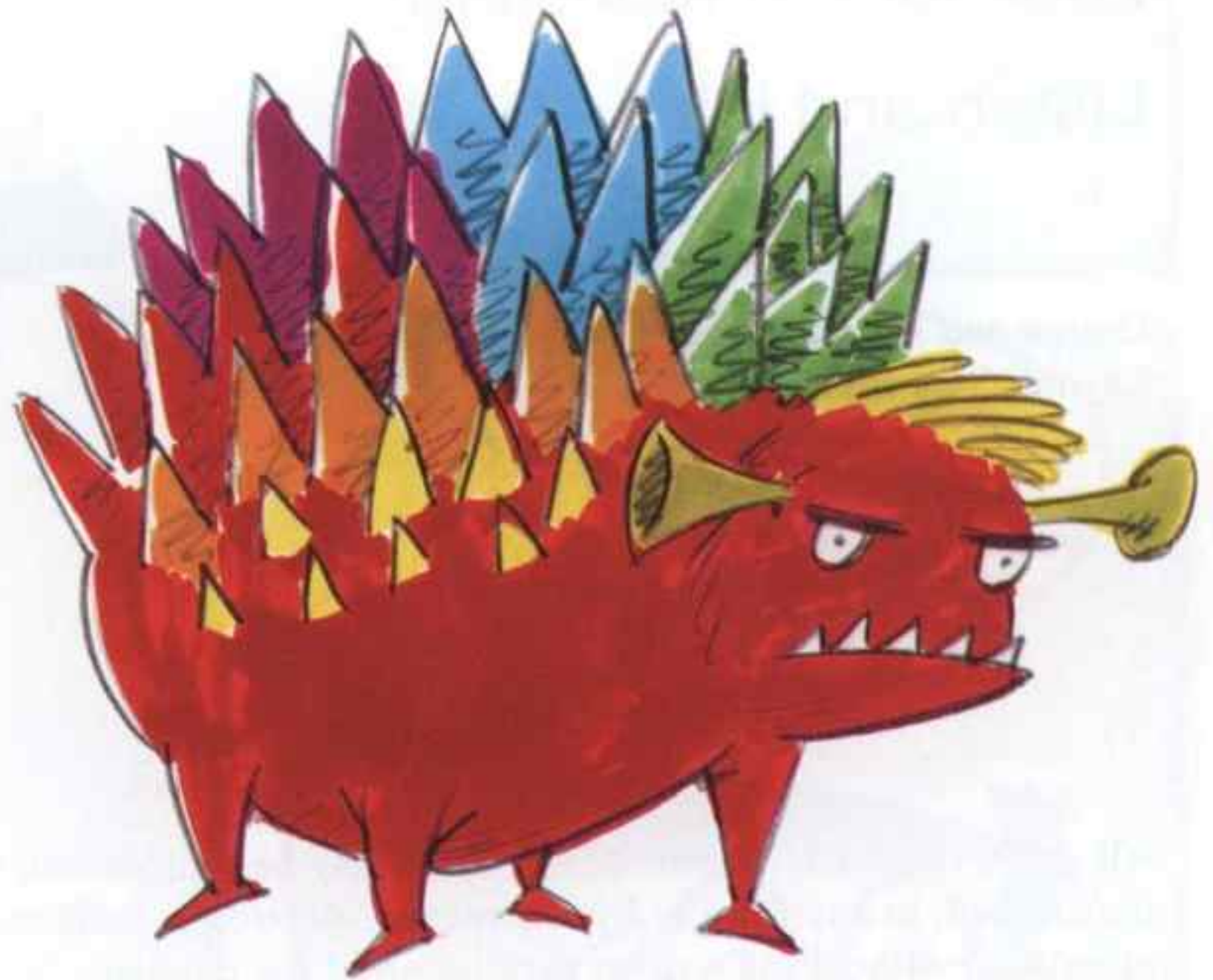
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Monster in the Box



Bobo is a little boy.
He has got short black hair
and he wears glasses. 
He is very nice.




HOW OLD
ARE YOU?

SEVEN.

I'M
EIGHT.



Bobo is eight,
but he is little
for his age.
He is very short
and very thin.



I'M EIGHT
TOO.



EIGHT?
YOU?

Some boys at school are bullies
but Bobo is not scared...



DWARF!



BUG!

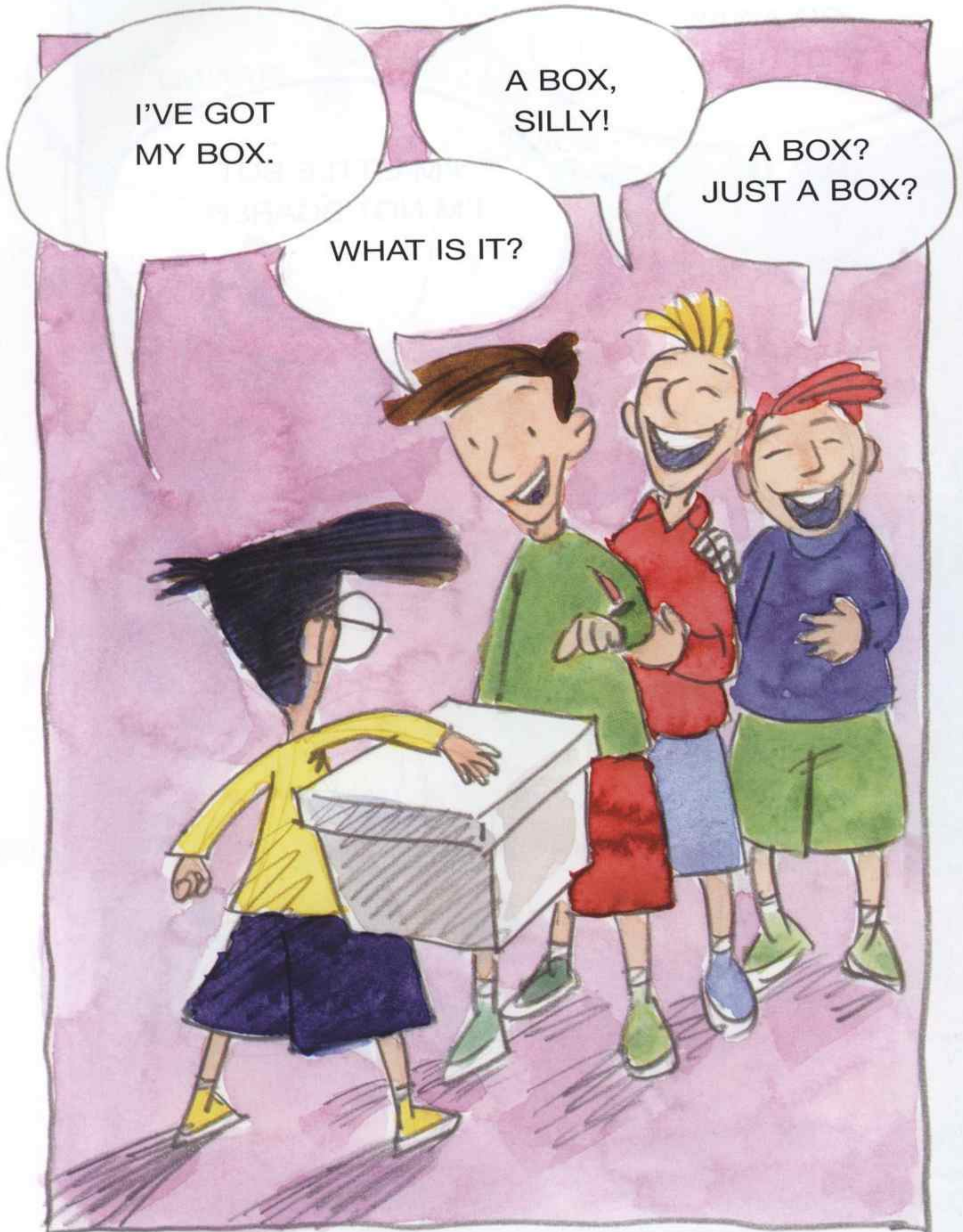


GO AWAY,
LITTLE...

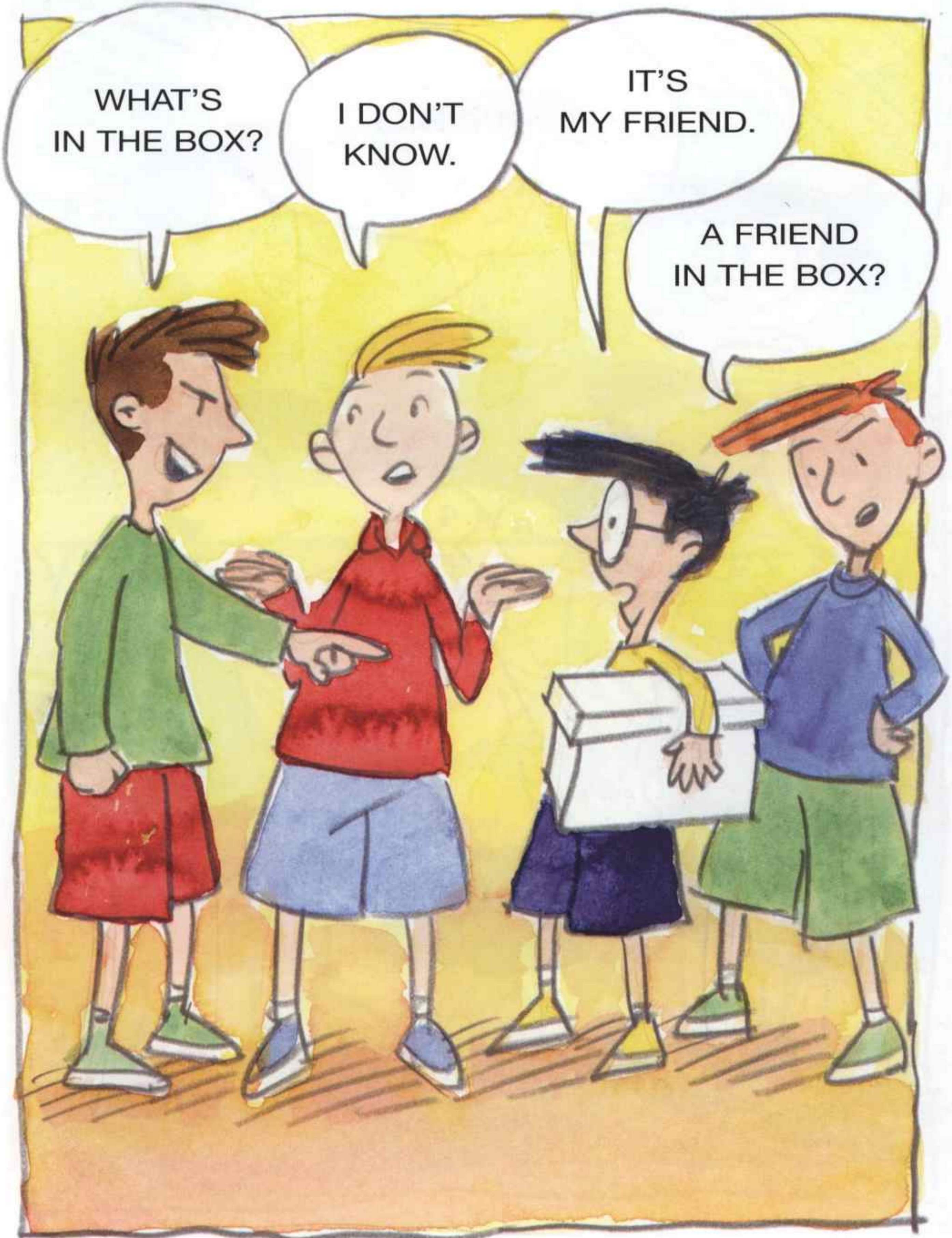
I'M LITTLE BUT
I'M NOT SCARED.



...because he has got his box.
It is a big white box.
It is under his arm.



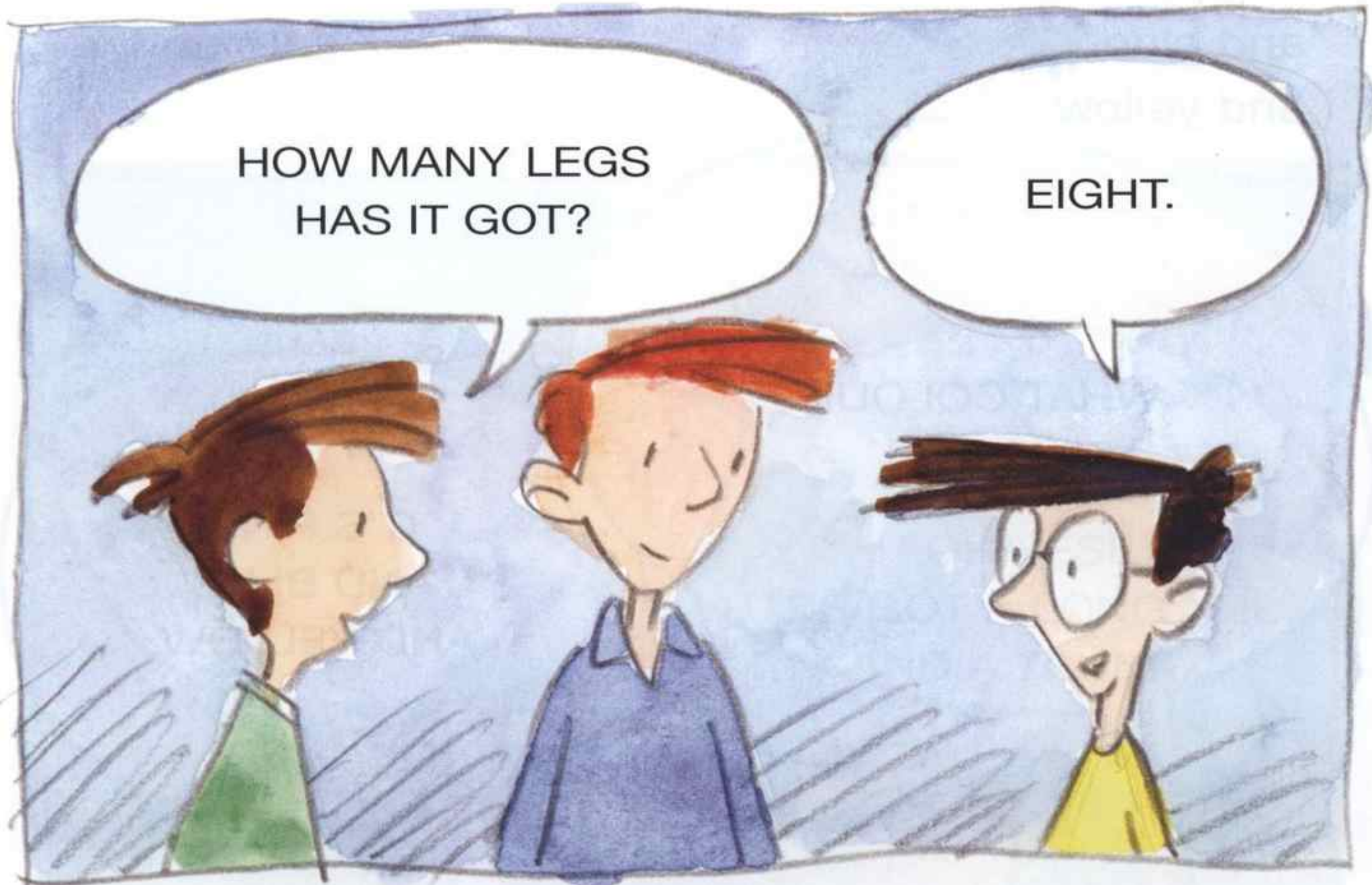
This box is a mystery.
What is in the box?
Bobo says it is his friend.
What friend?



It is big.

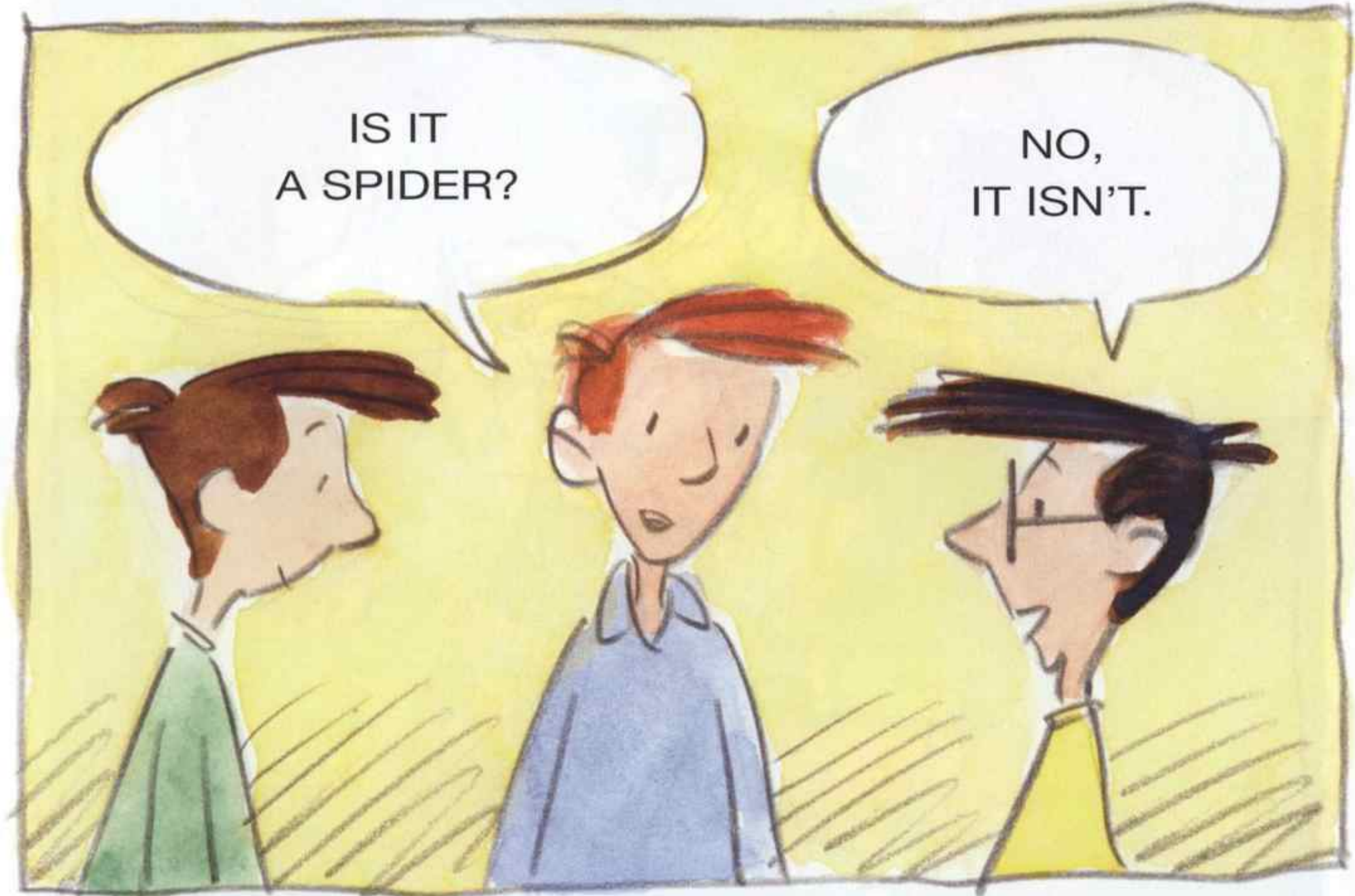
It has got eight legs
but it is not a spider.





HOW MANY LEGS
HAS IT GOT?

EIGHT.



IS IT
A SPIDER?



NO,
IT ISN'T.

It is pink 
and blue 
and yellow. 

WHAT COLOUR
IS IT?

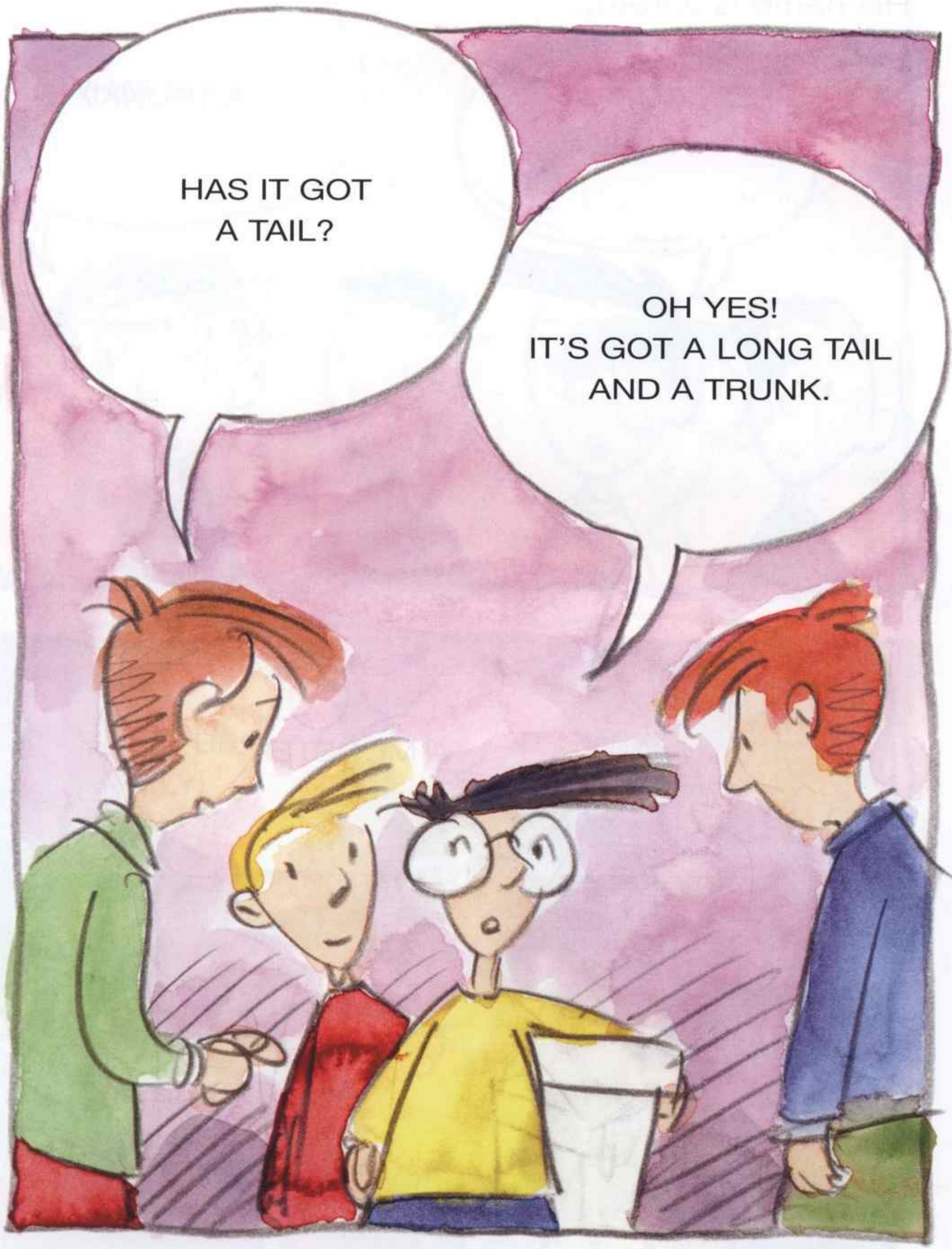
IT'S PINK
AND BLUE
AND YELLOW.



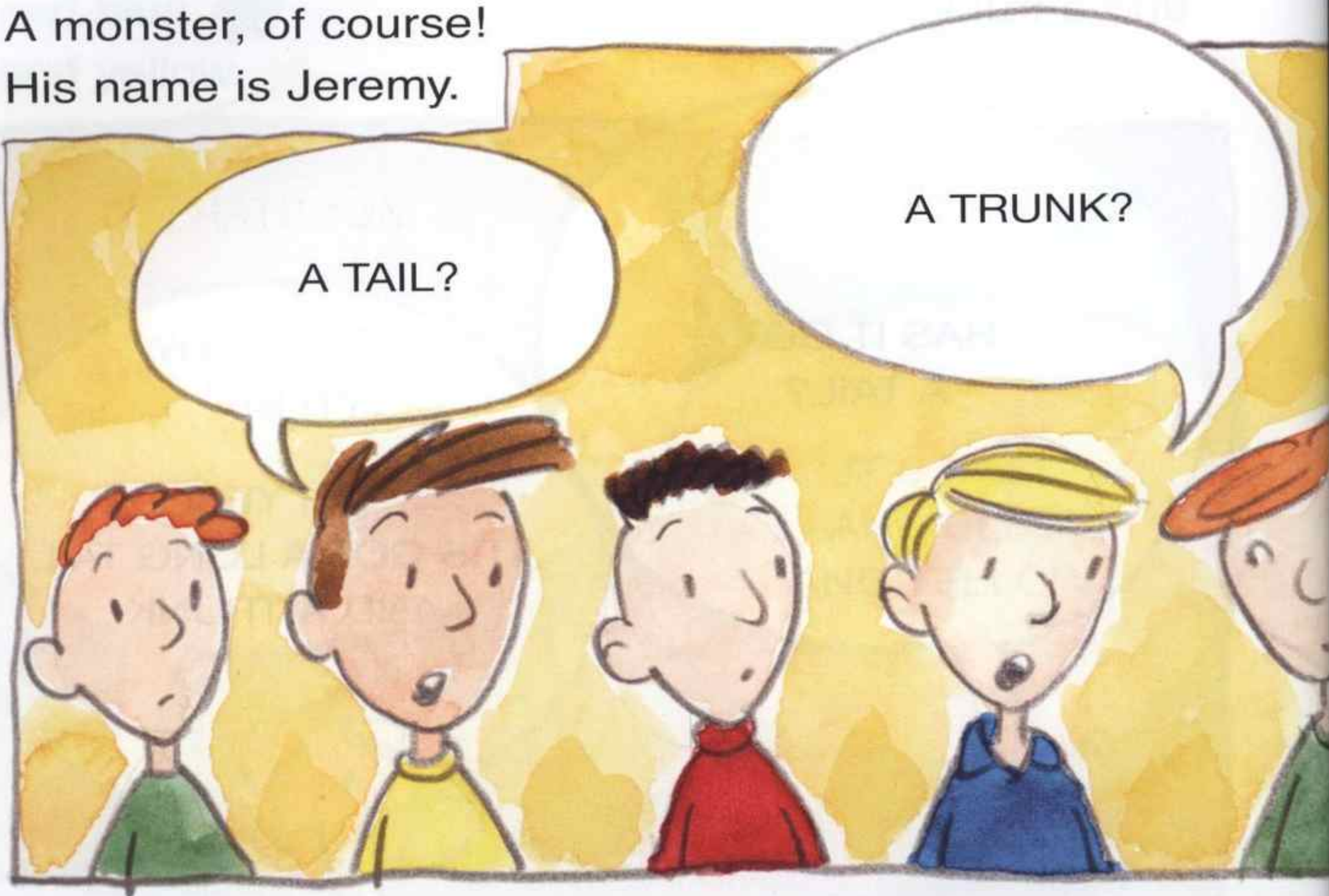
It has got a long tail 
and a trunk. 

HAS IT GOT
A TAIL?

OH YES!
IT'S GOT A LONG TAIL
AND A TRUNK.




A tail and a trunk?
But what is it?
A monster, of course!
His name is Jeremy.





WHAT IS IT?

A MONSTER!



DON'T BE SILLY!

YES,
IT'S A MONSTER.
HIS NAME'S
JEREMY.

Big Macho wants to open the box.
He wants to look inside the box.
But... it is dangerous!

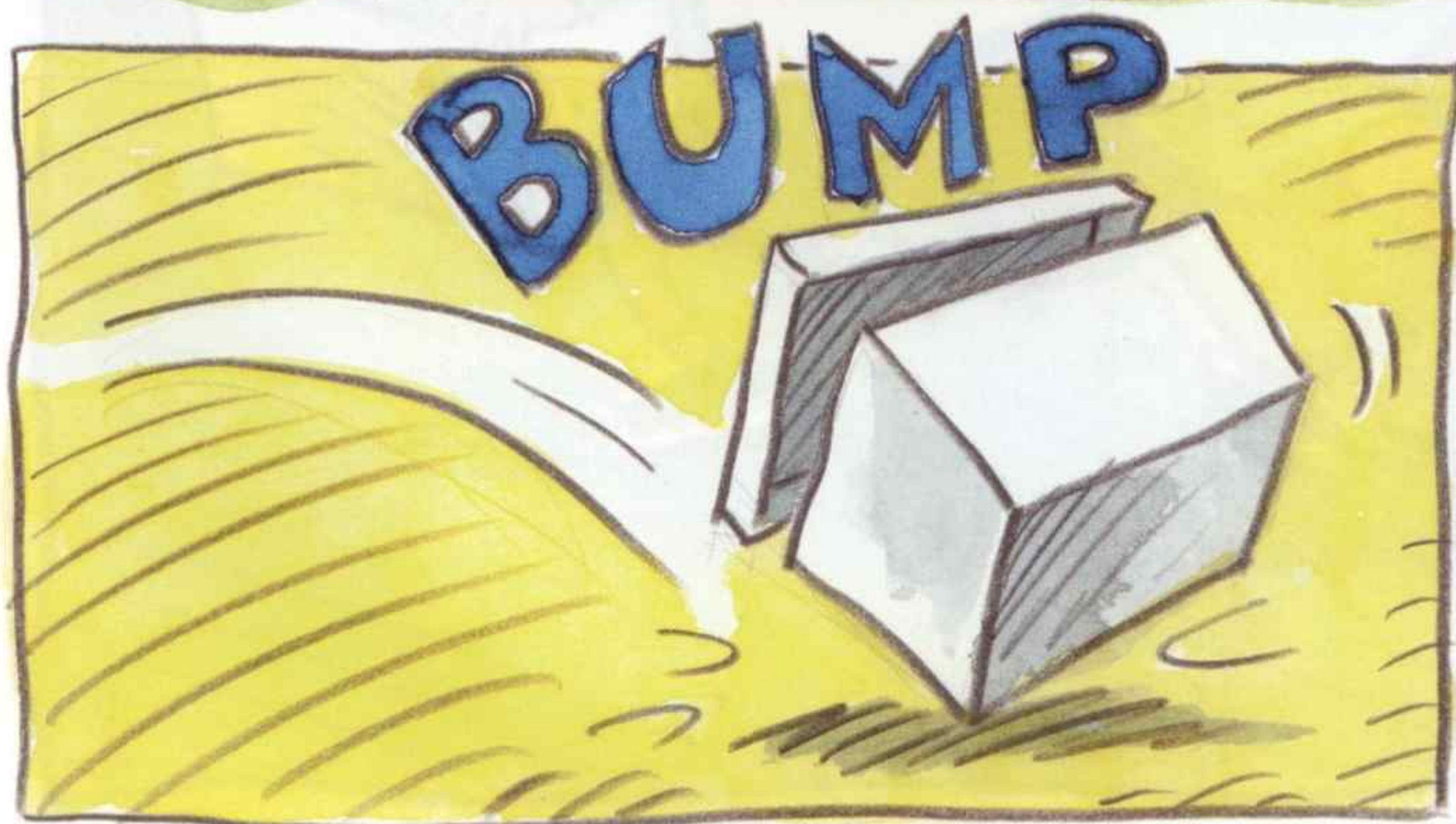


OPEN THE BOX,
BOBO!

NO!
IT'S DANGEROUS!

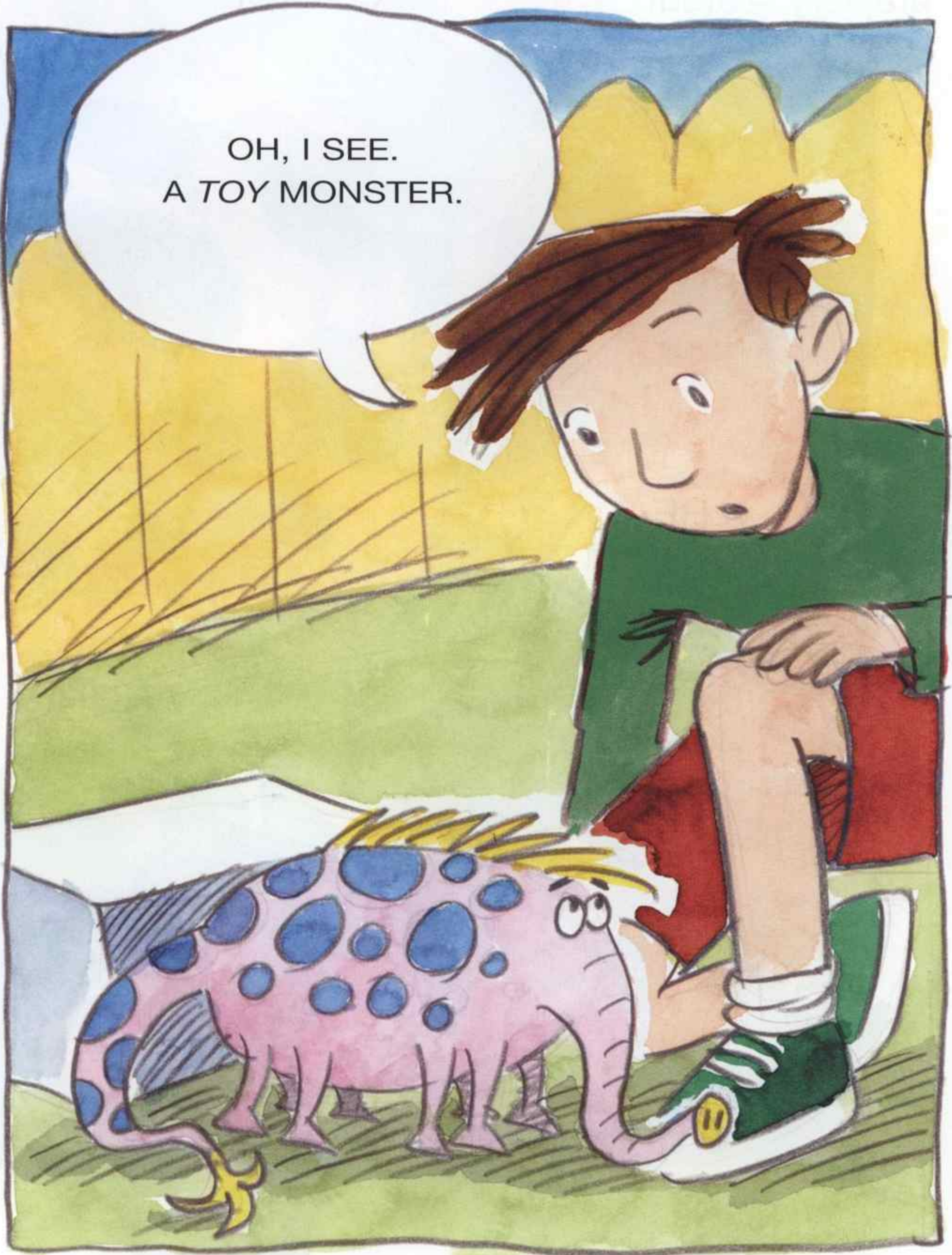


Bobo falls down.
The box falls.



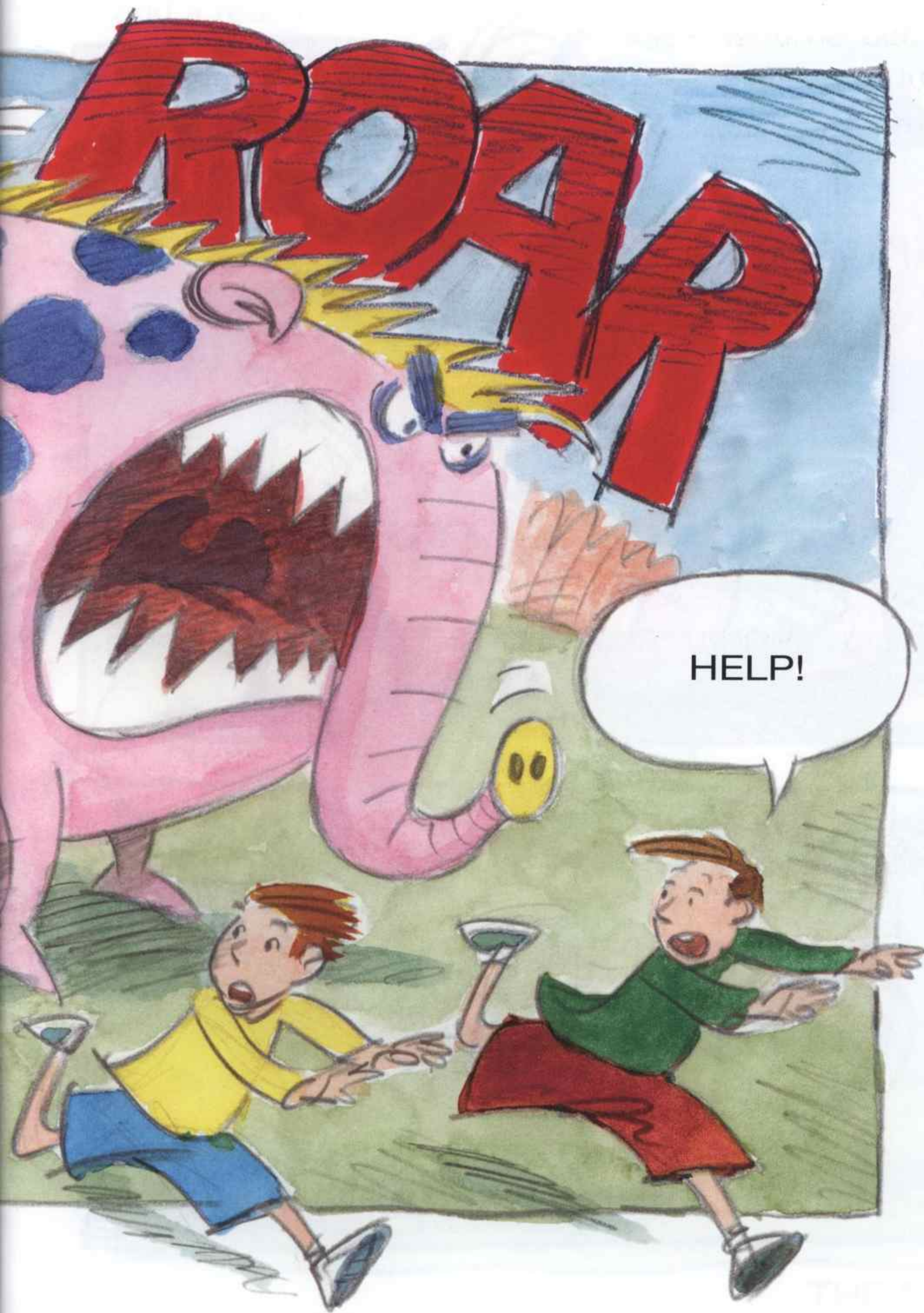
In the box there is
a pink, blue and yellow toy monster
with eight legs,
a tail and a trunk.

OH, I SEE.
A TOY MONSTER.

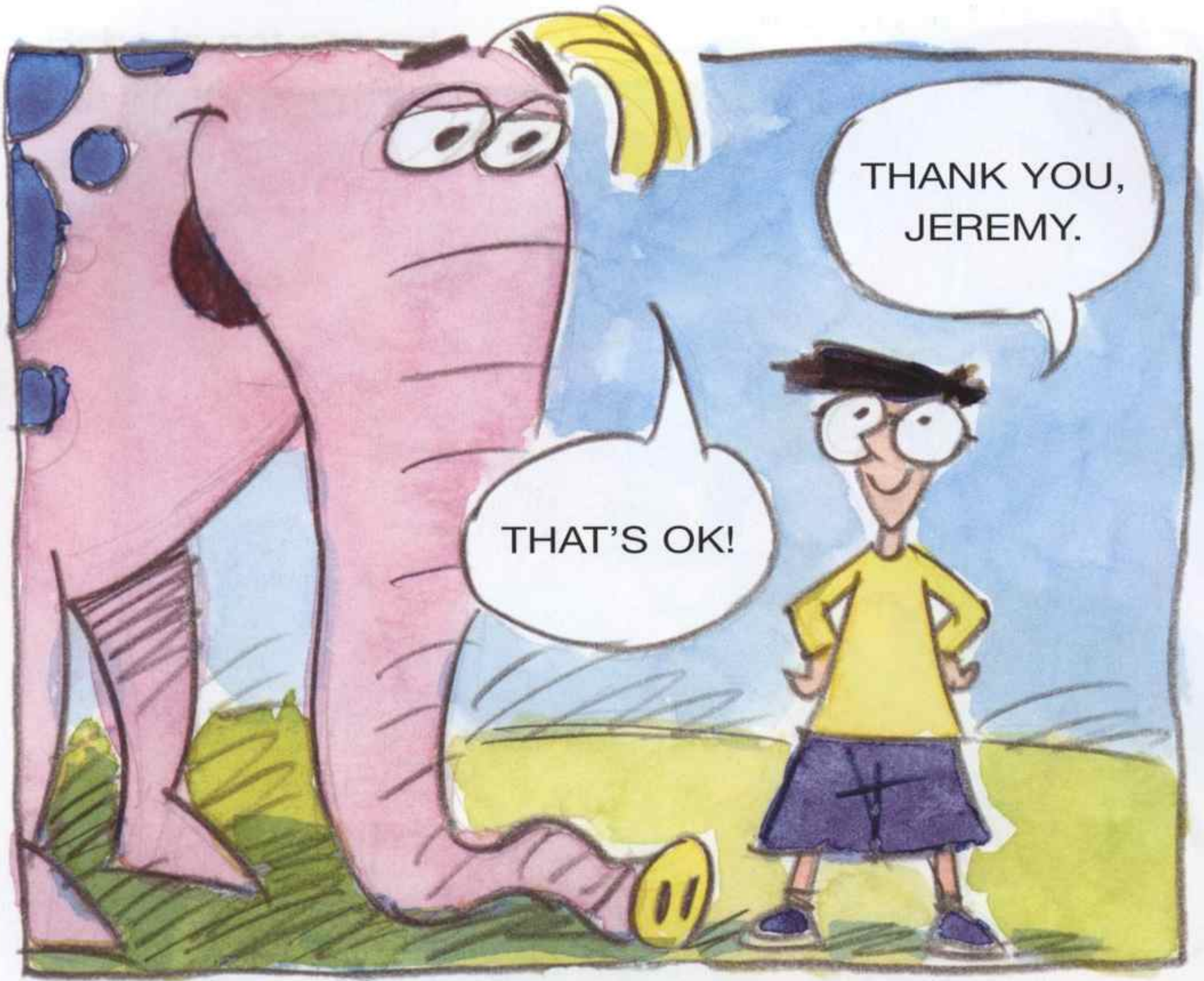


No! It is not a toy!
It is a real monster!
Bobo is not scared
but the boys
are very scared!





Bobo thanks Jeremy.



Jeremy is a real monster
and a real friend too.



THE END