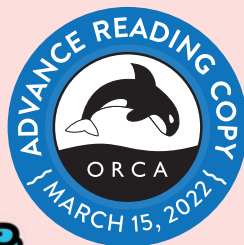
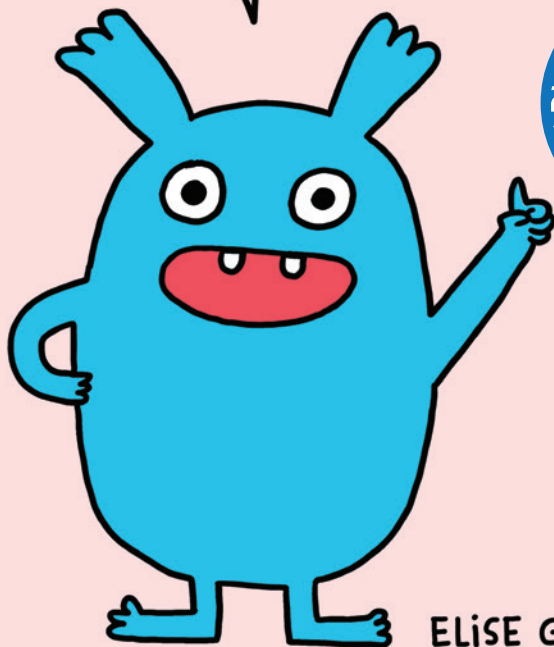


I'm the
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ELISE GRAVEL

I'm the Boss!

Author and illustrator: Elise Gravel

Translated by: Charles Simard

March 15, 2022

A quirky board book about a little monster who wants to be the boss and makes demands of the adult in their life.

FORMAT:

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Board Book

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KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Elise Gravel won the 2012 Governor General's Award for Children's Literature—Illustration, French titles, and she is well known for her quirky sense of humor and illustrative style.
- Similar in humor and style to *A Potato on a Bike*, which received starred reviews from *Quill & Quire* and *Kirkus*.
- Will appeal to strong-willed children and their parents. Fun monster characters are universally appealing (no gender or age).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



ELISE GRAVEL is an award-winning author and illustrator. Well-known for her odd critters and unusual drawing style, Elise creates books that are popular with adults and children alike, such as the Disgusting Critters and Olga series. In 2012 she won the Governor General's Award for Children's Literature—Illustration (French) for *La clé à molette*. Her books *A Potato on a Bike*, *I Am Scary* and *The Wrench* are also available from Orca. Elise lives in Montreal with her family.

PRAISE FOR ELISE GRAVEL:

★ "Simple but versatile, wacky yet charming, the board-book world is lucky Gravel came to play."
—*Quill & Quire*, starred review for *A Potato on a Bike*

★ "A read-aloud delight for tots and caregivers alike...Lighthearted and wholly engaging nonsense of the first order."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review for *A Potato on a Bike*

"Gravel captures humor and heart in a simple dialogue."
—*Booklist* for *I Am Scary*

"Beguiling...This book feels like a comedy skit lovingly performed for an intimate audience."
—*Publishers Weekly* for *I Am Scary*

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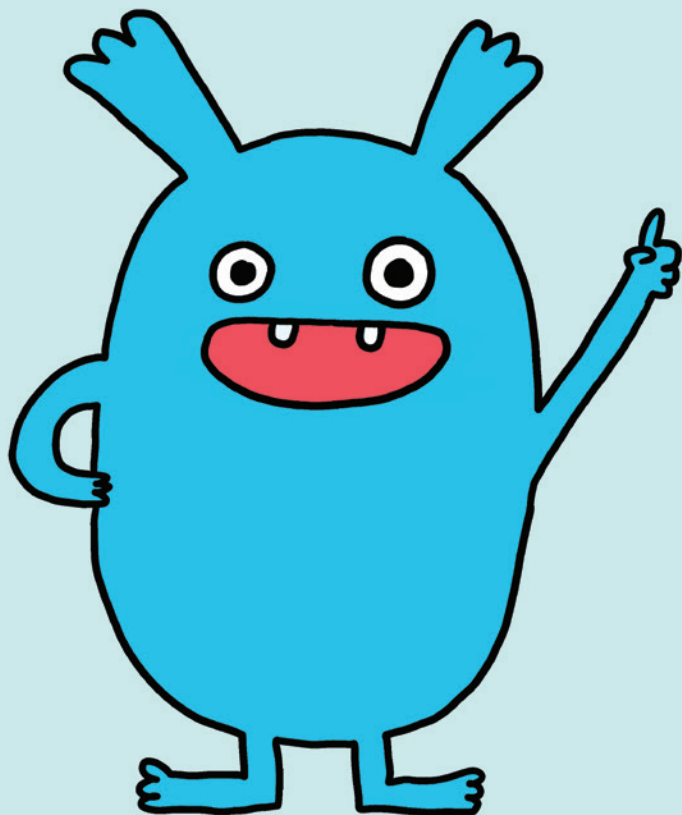
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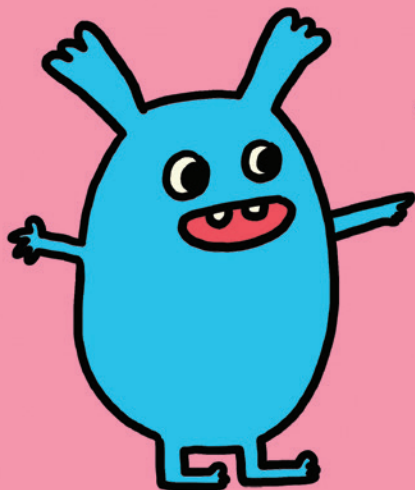
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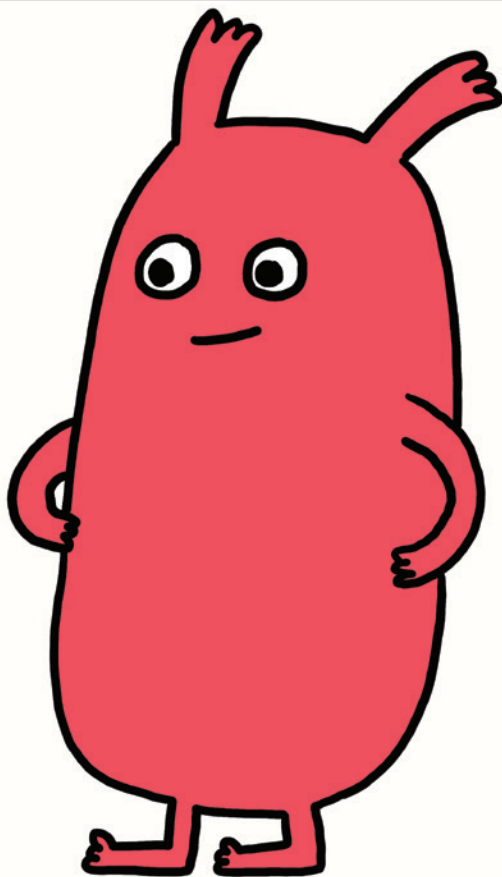
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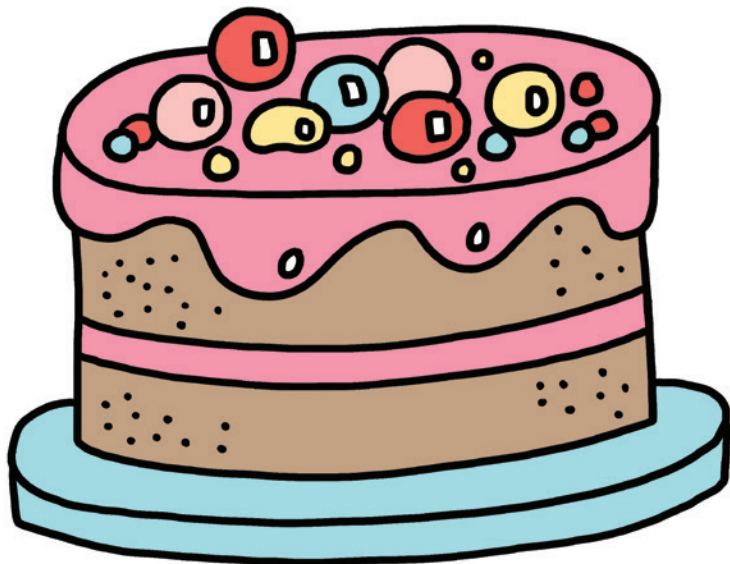
Your job is to give me
everything I ask for, okay?



Good,
let's start.

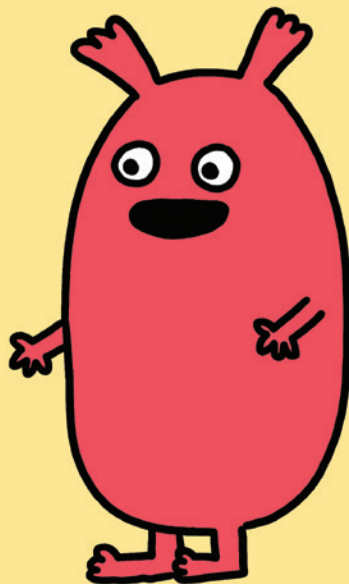


I want a cake with
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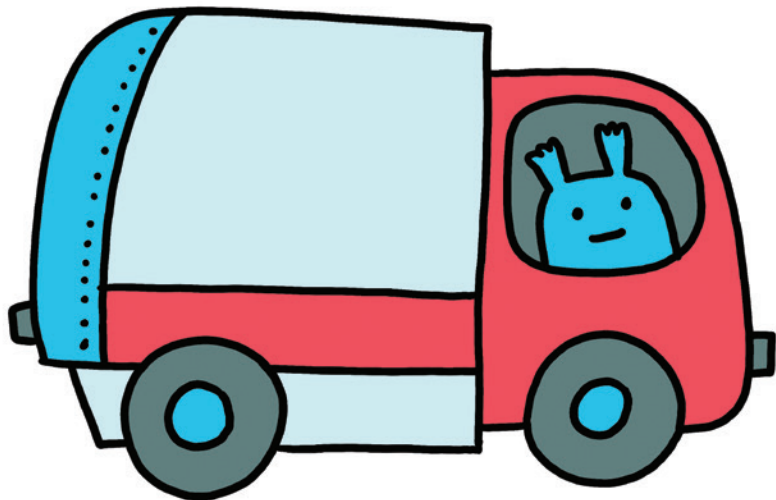


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No, Lulu, I can't give you a
cake with lots of candy on top!

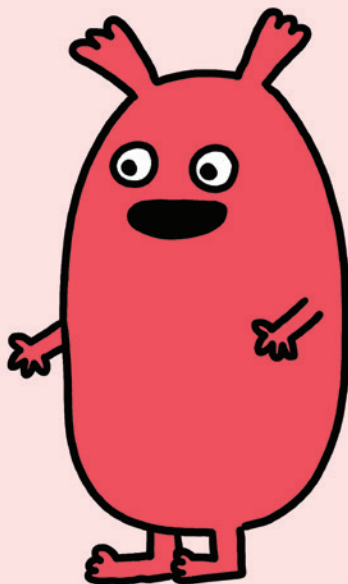


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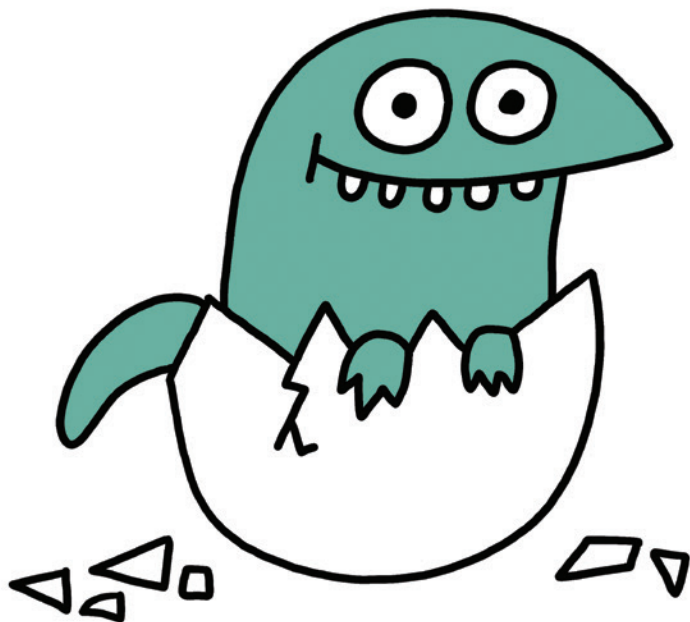


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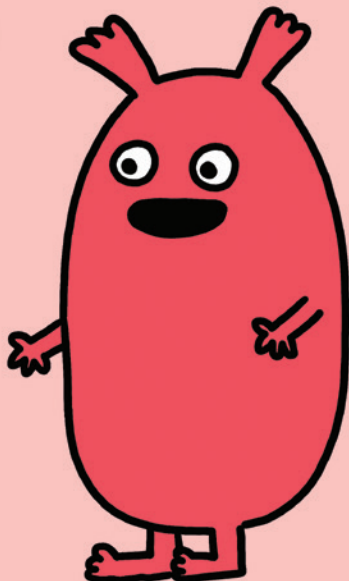


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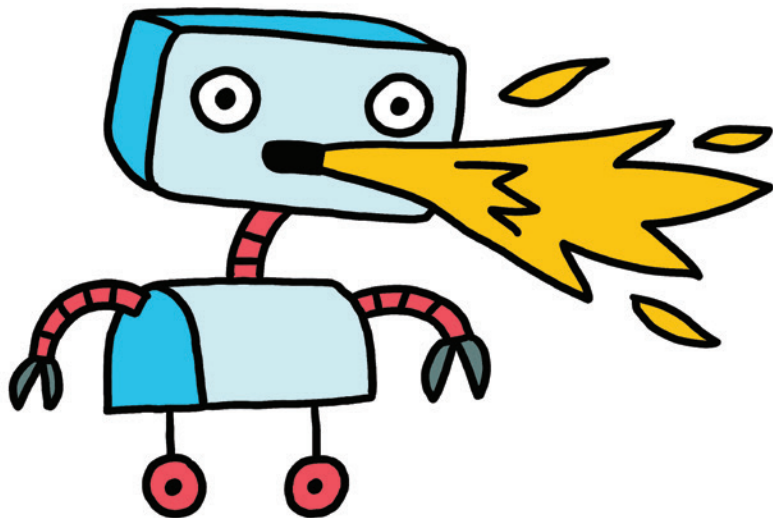


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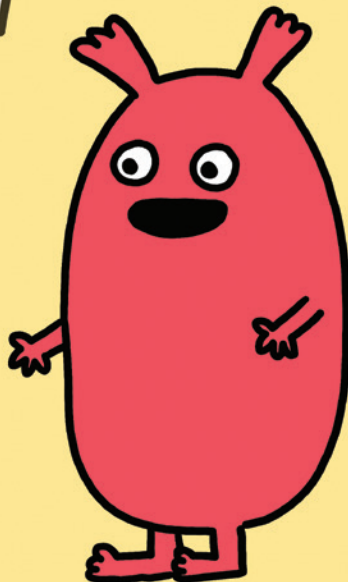


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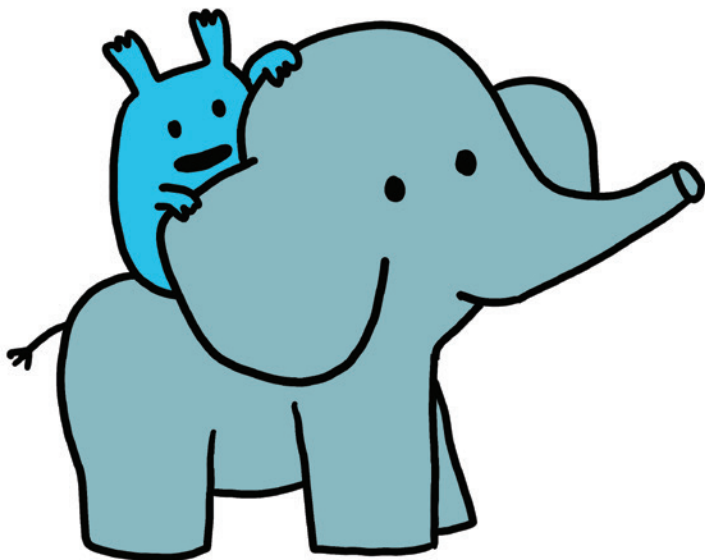


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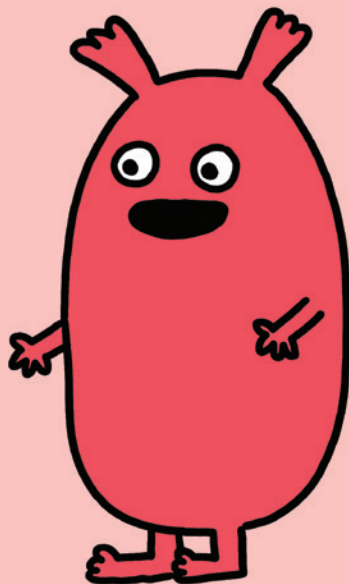


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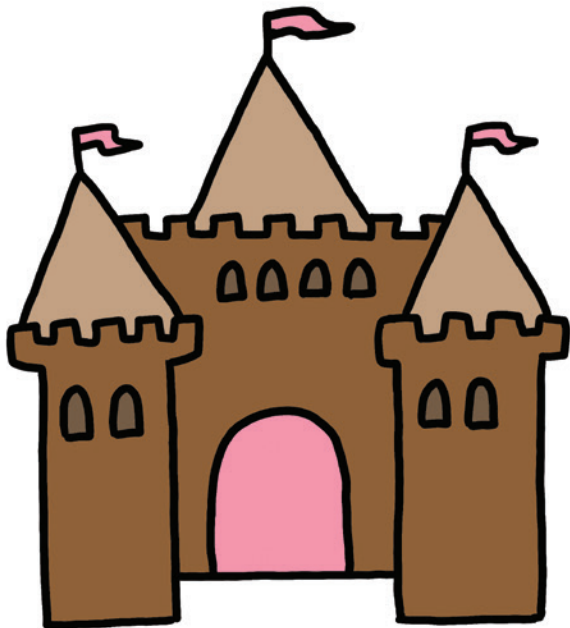


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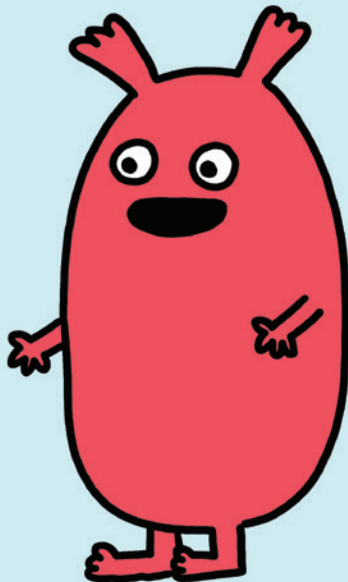


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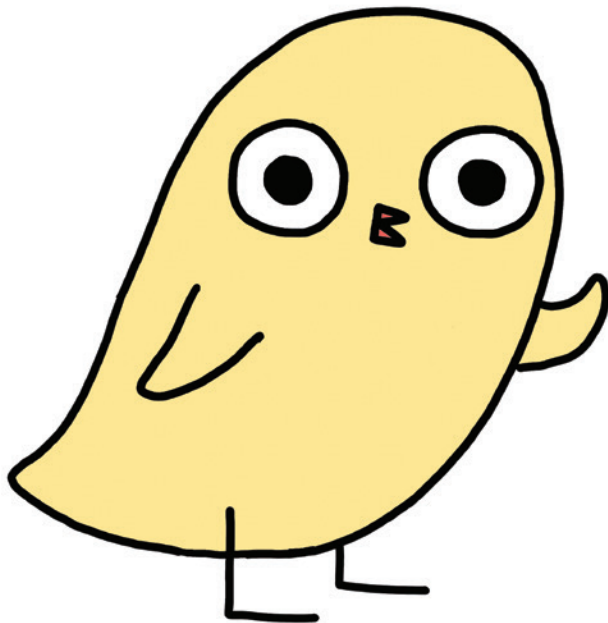


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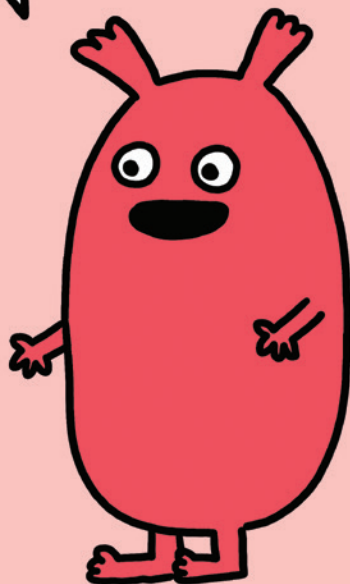


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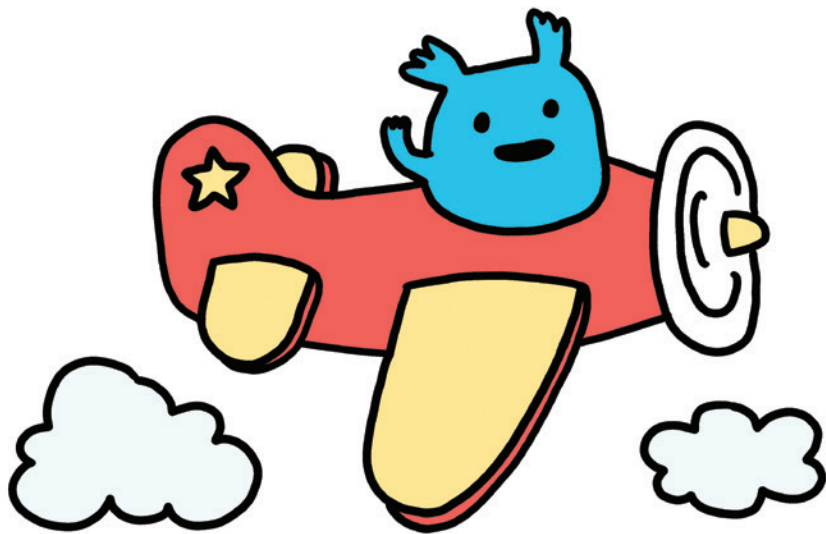


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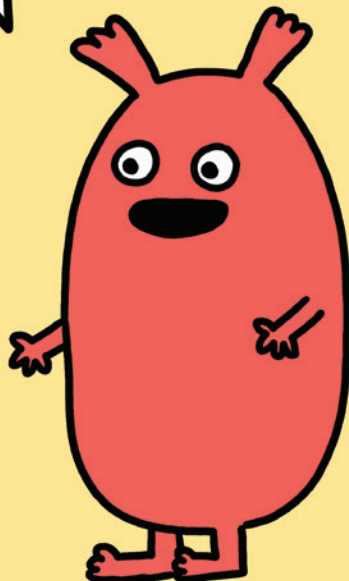


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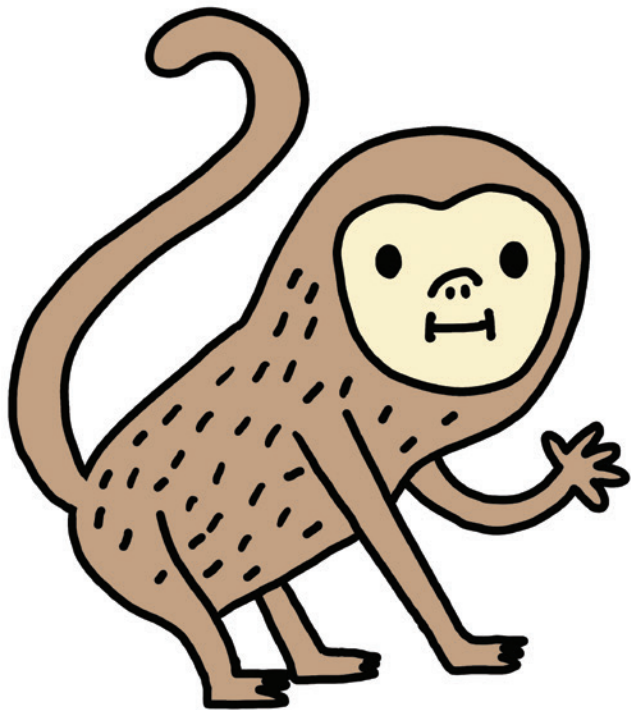


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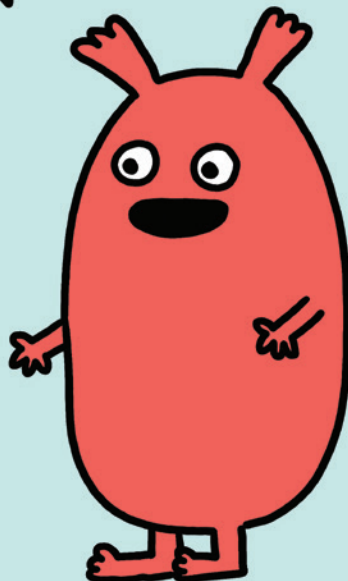


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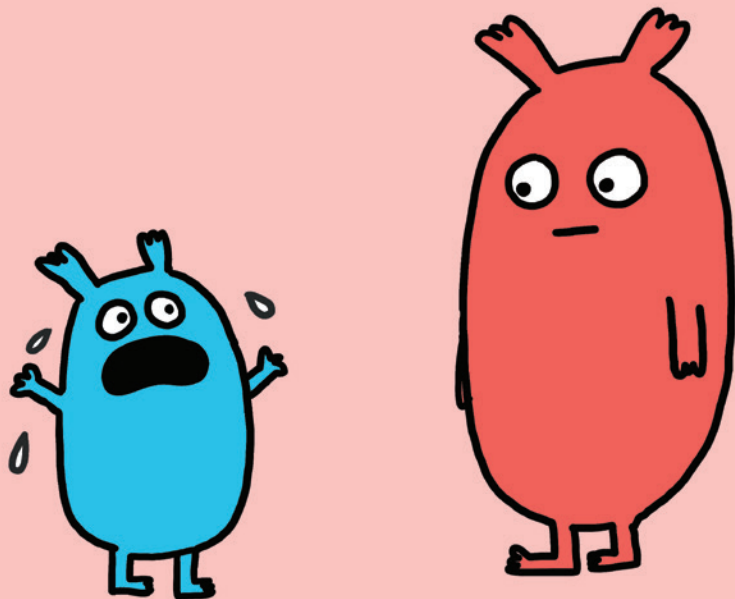
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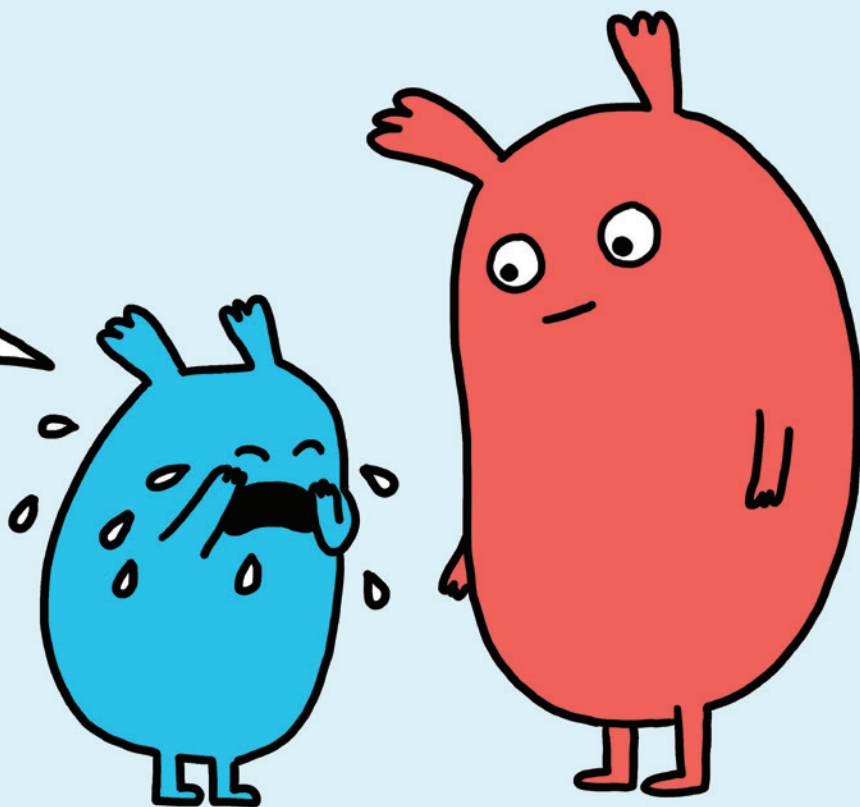
It's not
FAIR!

You always say
NO!

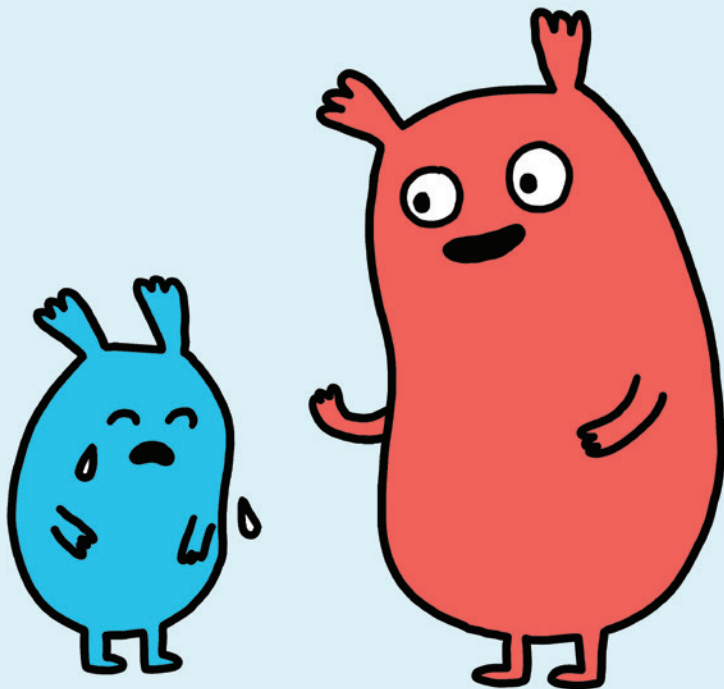


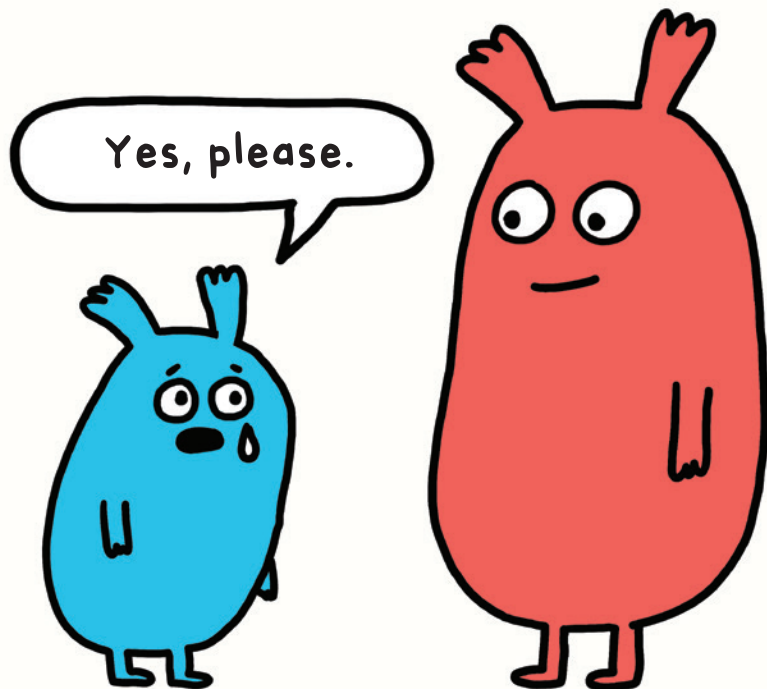
I'm
SAD.

I want a
HUG.



A big one? Right now?



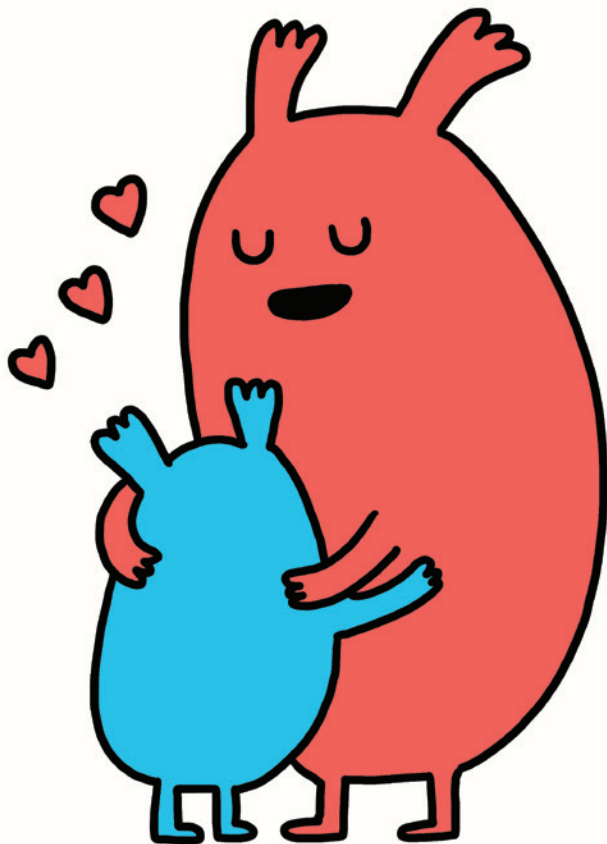


YES,

Lulu, I can give you a

BIG
HUG.





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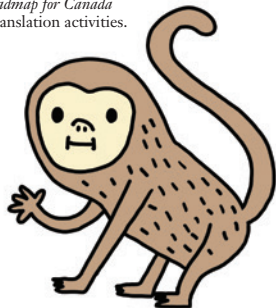
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You have to give me everything I want!



Readers of all ages will understand how this tiny monster feels. For once in their life, this small beast wants to get everything it wants, RIGHT NOW! While their grown-up monster can't give them a plane they can fly or a cake with lots of candy on top, they can give them a big hug when they feel upset.

This delightful board book will make the little tyrants in your life giggle at the ridiculousness of the demands. And the text's repetition of "A big one! Right now!" will have toddlers hollering along with glee.

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