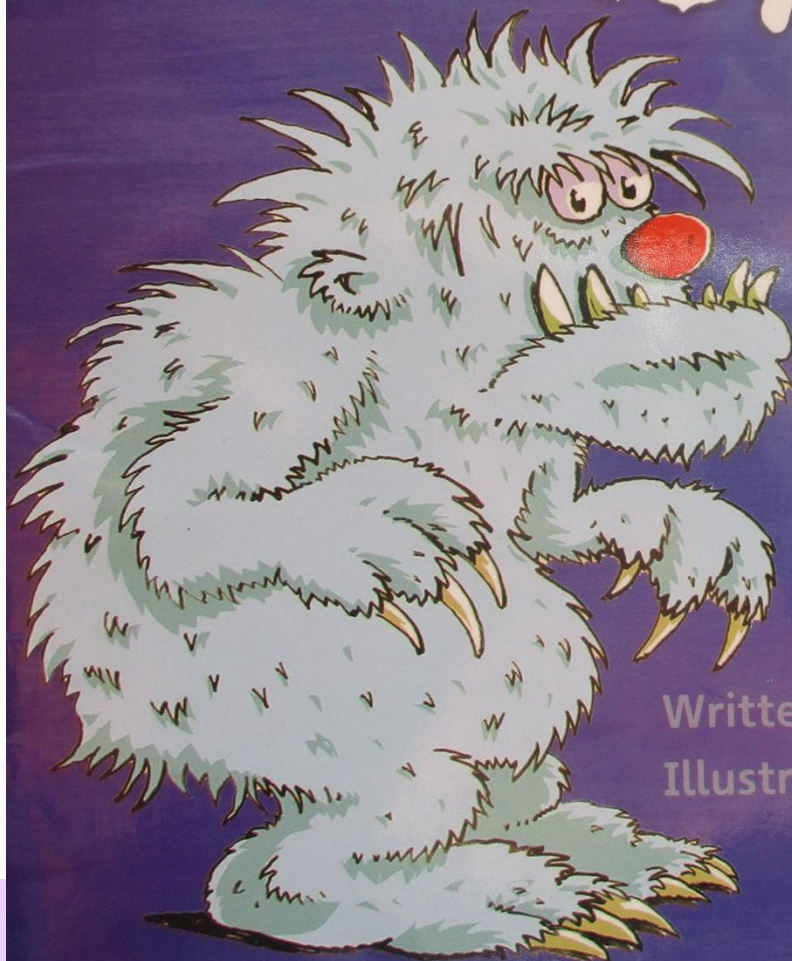


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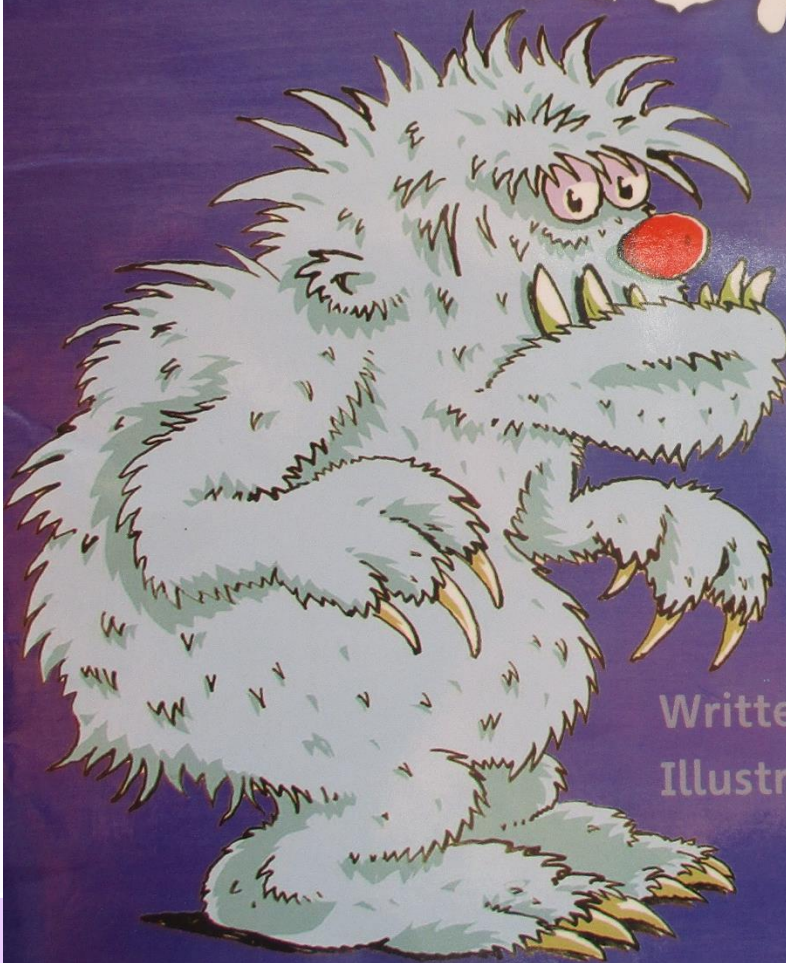
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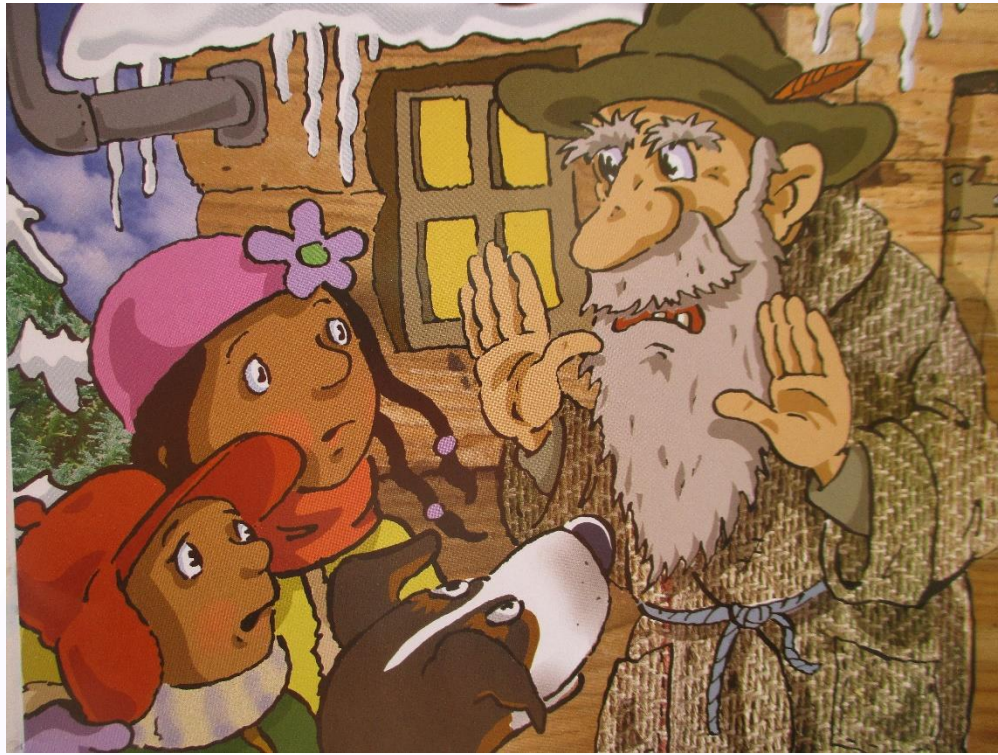
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Joe and his sister Jade liked the snow. They were going to the hill to play.



“Do not go to the hill!” said an old man.

“Why not?” asked Jade.



“The snow monster’s home is near there,” the old man told them.



“Who is the snow monster?” asked Joe.

He is a beast with long hair,” said the old man.



The snow monster's teeth grow sharp," said the old man. "His nose is as red as glowing coal."



“The snow monster is only a story,”
said Jade.
Jade and Joe strode away.



Soon it was snowing again.
A cold wind was blowing.
“We have to go home,” said Joe.



Just then, there was a bellow
from the trees.
Both children froze in fear.



A light was glowing.
A big shadow came nearer....



Yikes! The snow monster! He showed his rows of sharp teeth.



“We HAVE to go home!” said Joe again.
But Jade spoke to the monster,
“Hello.”



“Hello,” he bellowed.
“Why are you so angry?”
asked Jade.



The Snow Monster groaned. “I have grown up on this hill. But ...



... my toes are FREEZING! It is too cold!”

“Come home with us,” said the children.

“We can make hot toast.”



The children strolled down the hill with the Snow Monster. “Hello,” they said to the old man.

Use the text to help you answer these questions. Remember to be a Rocket Retriever or a Crimson Clue Hunter.

Choose the correct answer for the first two questions

1. What does the word 'strolled' mean?

2. What does the word 'bellowed' mean?

3. Why do you think the children froze in fear when they heard a bellow from the trees?

4. Why did the snow monster say that he was angry?

5. Why was the old man surprised to see the children with the Snow Monster?

6. What does the test suggest the children will make for the Snow monster when they get home?

7. Do you think you would like to meet the Snow Monster? Why/why not?