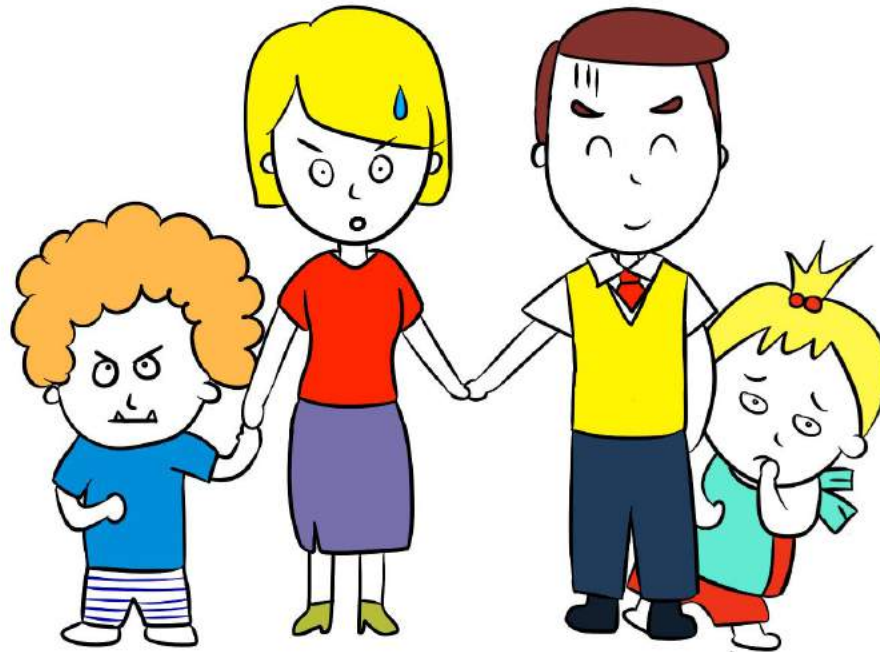


# Rantersitter



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The Ranterino in...

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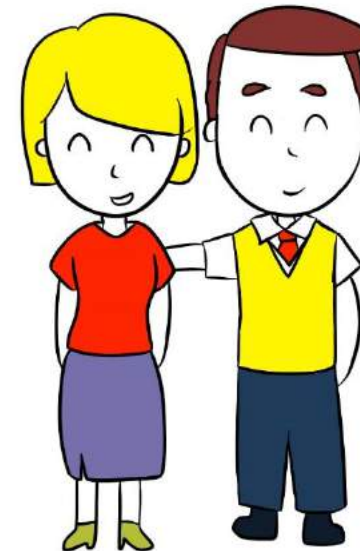
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Mom and Dad said,  
'We're going out tonight,  
So be good for the new babysitter.  
Be nice and please don't fight  
And at 9pm go to bed.'



Little sister looked at older brother  
As he was cutting up a book cover.  
She laughed and pulled a devil's face.  
'We'll put that new babysitter in her place!'



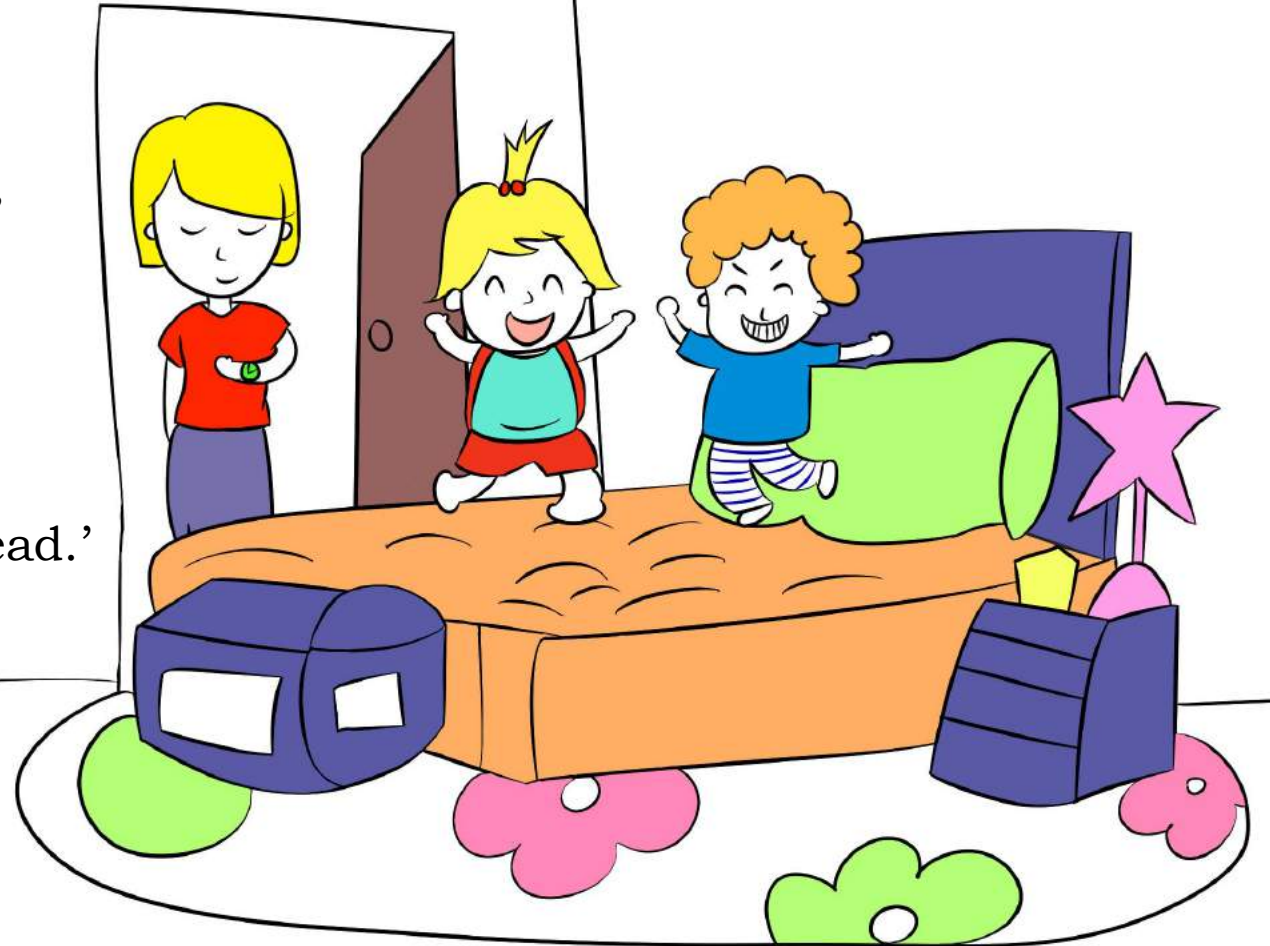
She and her older brother

Always liked it when there was a new babysitter.

They liked to hit her.



Jumping up and down on the bed  
Both the children jumped and said,  
'I wonder if this one tonight will be one that cries.'  
But tonight they were in for a big surprise.  
Night time came and Mom said,  
'The babysitter promised to be here at 7 o'clock dead.'



The doorbell rang, crisp and clear.

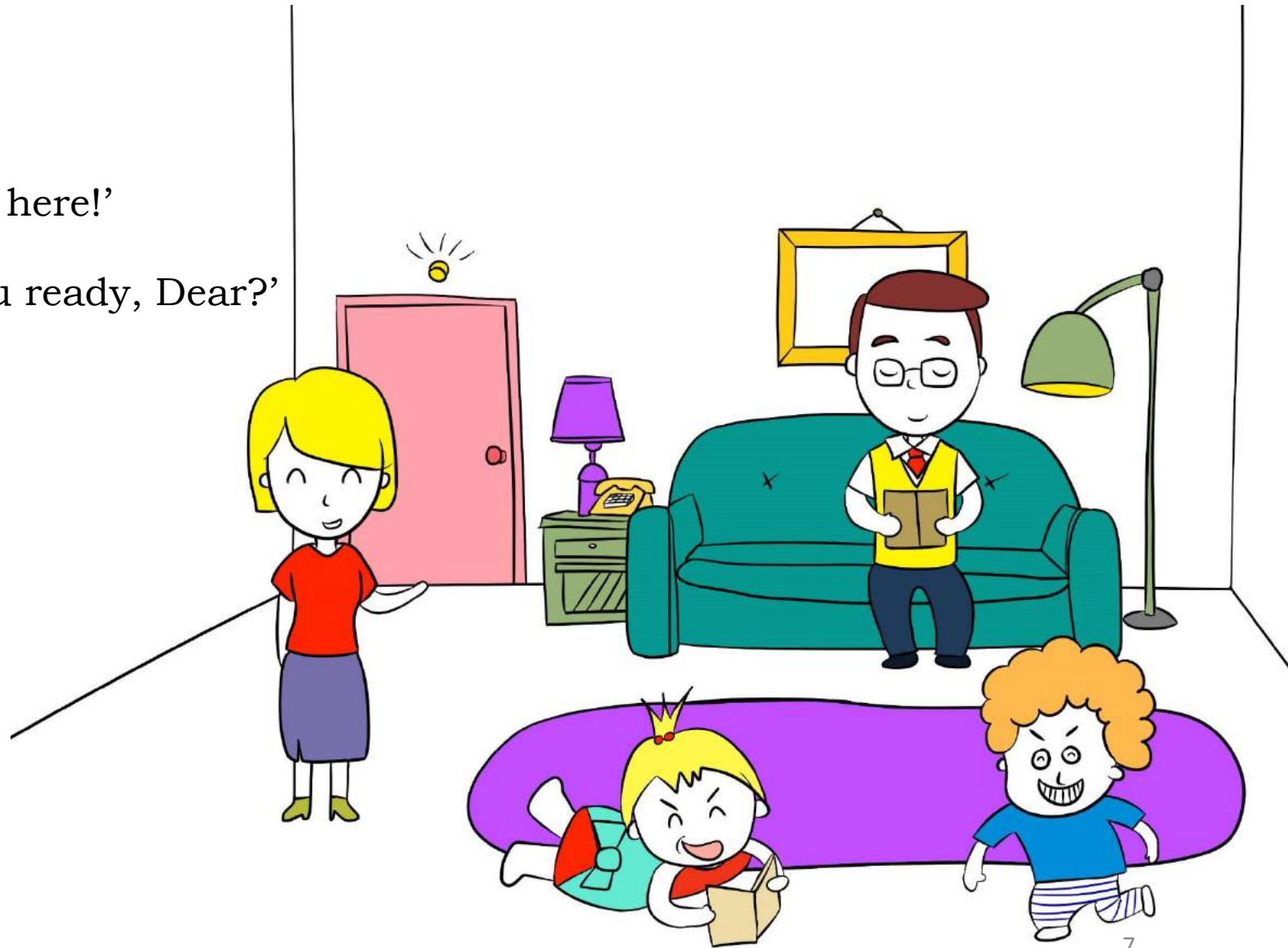
Mom smiled and said, 'The babysitter's here!'

As she turned to Dad and said, 'Are you ready, Dear?'

The kids came running to the hall.

The family opened the big front door

And do you know what they saw?

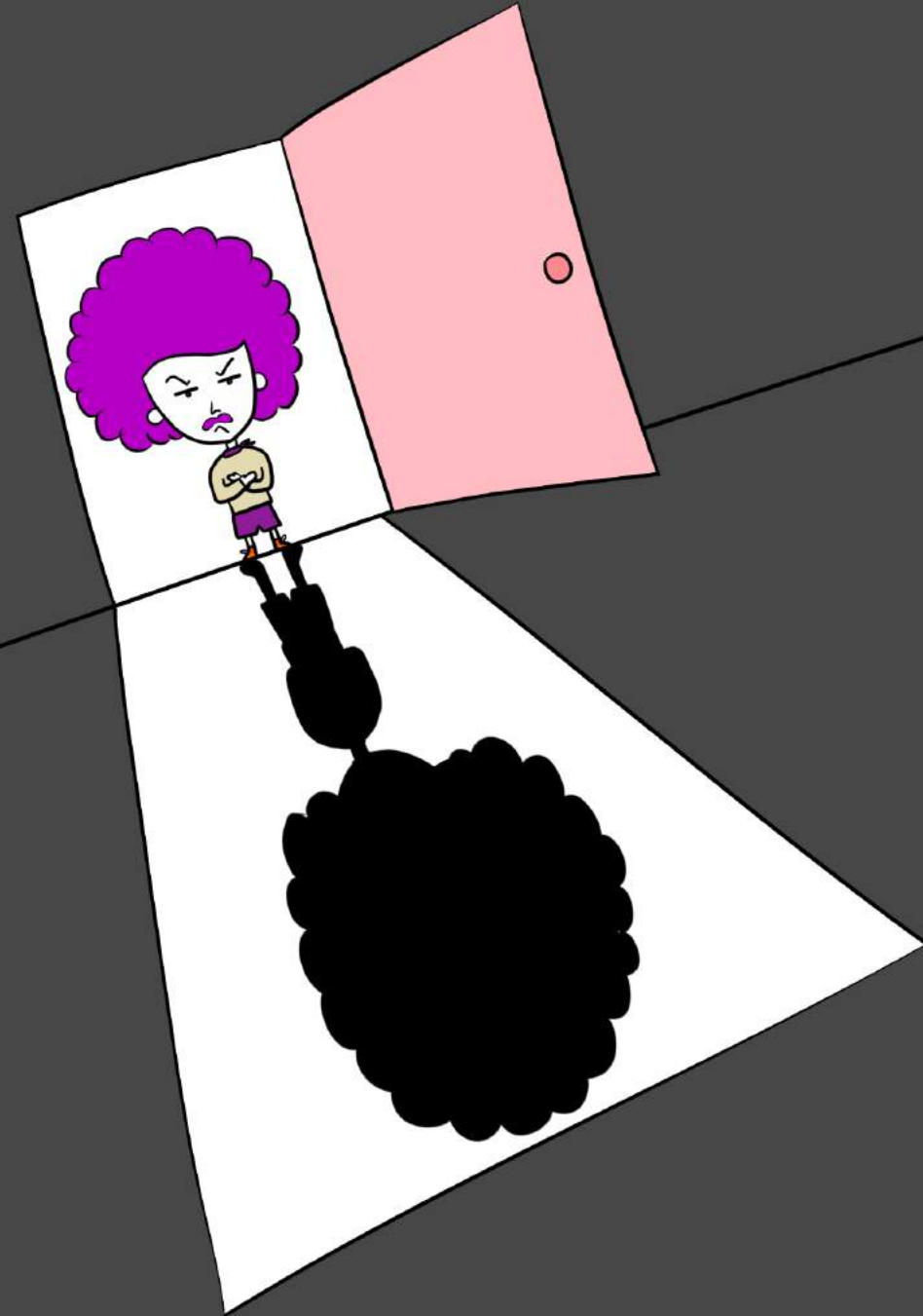


I think they saw a scary babysitter!!!!





The babysitter was standing there  
With a down-turned mouth and purple hair.  
His purple eyes were thin with an icy stare.  
'Tonight, I believe your kids are in my care.'





‘Are you the babysitter?’ The whole family said.

The Ranterino slowly nodded his purple head.

Dad smiled nervously and slowly said

‘Well, I guess you are.’

The Ranterino nodded once more

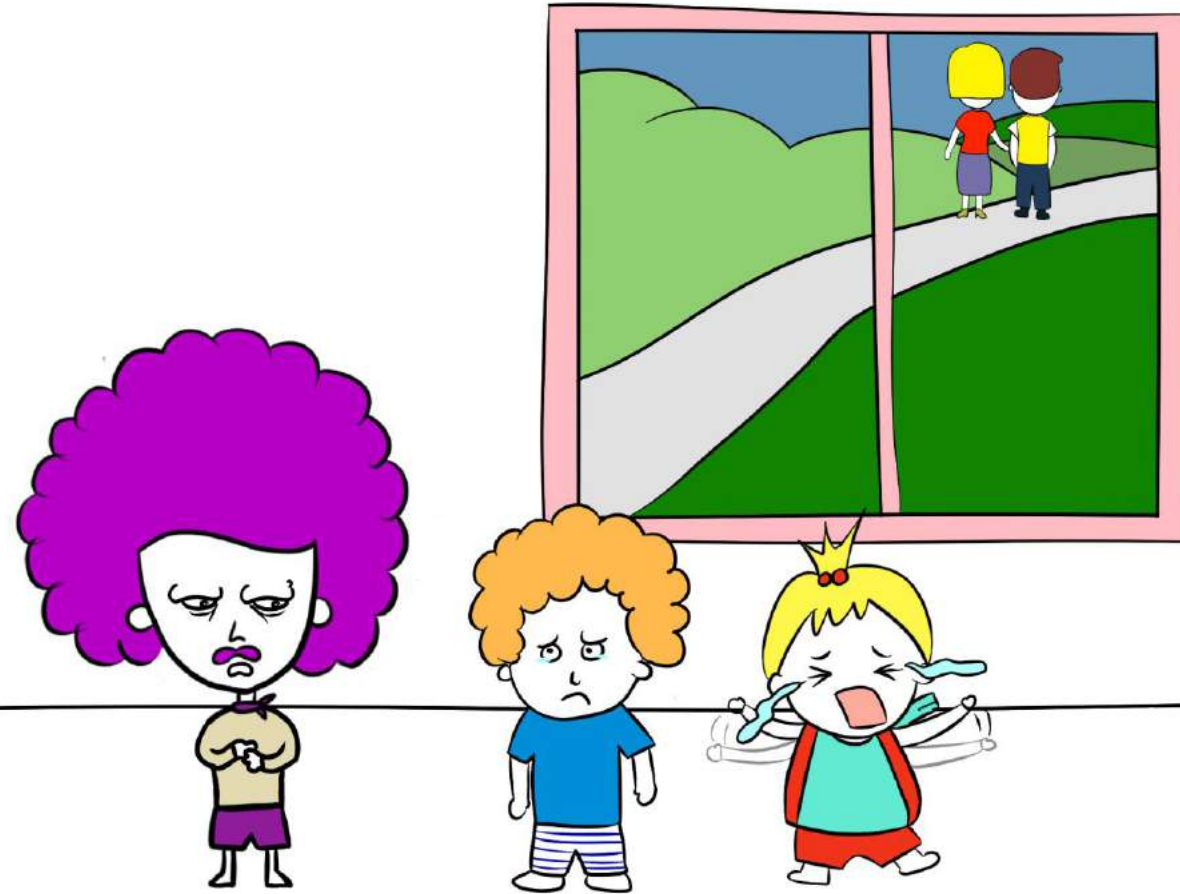
As he stood there staring at the floor.

‘Blah, blah, blah.’

The Ranterino marched on through the door  
And kicked his purple shoes right off  
On the living room floor.  
'Are you sure that's the babysitter?'  
The older brother said.  
Mom just shrugged her shoulders  
And with a shake she nodded her head.



The parents kissed their kids goodnight  
And waved until they were out of sight.  
The Ranterino stood there looking as mean  
And as nasty and as terrible  
As anything the kids had ever seen.  
They both looked up at him  
As he gave a tired sigh.  
Little sister and older brother  
Both began to cry.



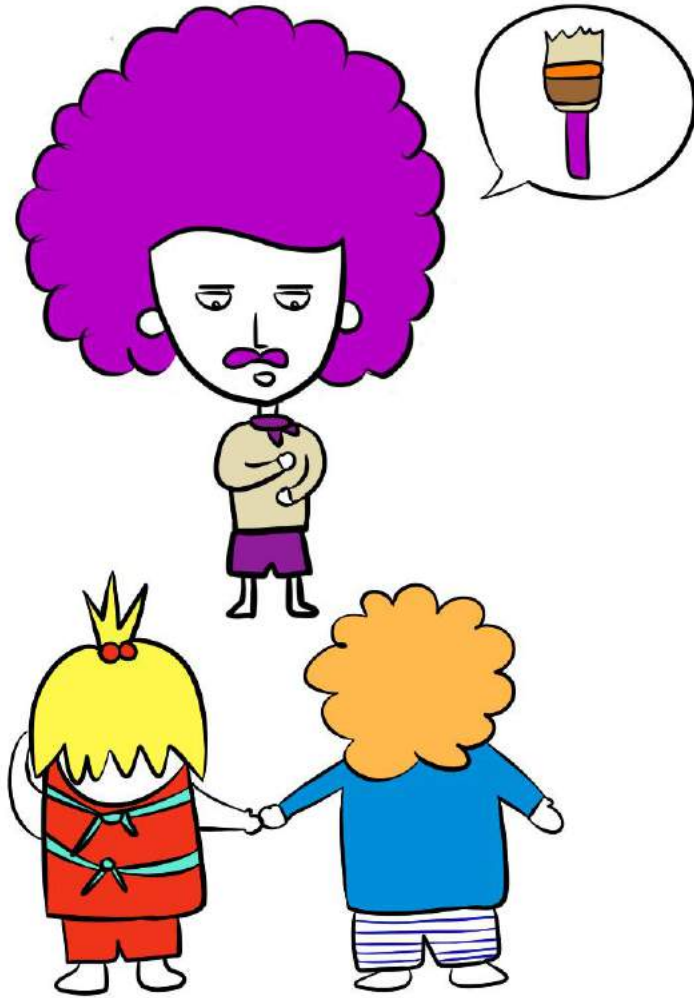
The Ranterino looked down at them both  
And clasped his hands around his throat.  
Then he clapped his boney purple hands and said,  
‘Don't be rude!  
Now, where's the food?’



**GULP!!!!**

Marching to the kitchen,  
Looking in the cupboards,  
Throwing things everywhere,  
The Ranterino started laughing  
As the little sister and older brother  
Just stood there.





After the kitchen was a total mess

The Ranterino turned and said,

‘I have something to confess.’

‘What's that?’ The frightened older brother said.

‘I want to paint your head.

But first I need to dump the trash.

Now tell me, where's the bath!’





He took the big, full rubbish bin

Out of the kitchen

And walked upstairs and found the bath

And threw it in with a cackling laugh.

Then he went back down the stairs

And took the little sister

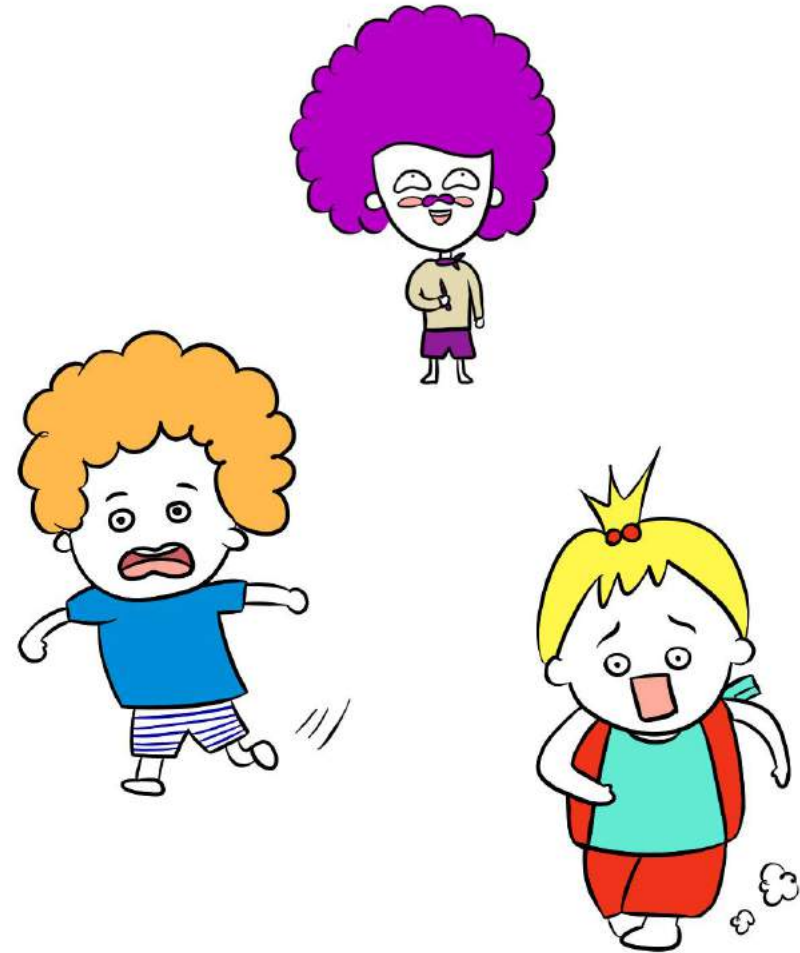
And showed her a purple pen.

He started to write upon the wall

In a *spidery*, childish scrawl.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO BED!

The little sister looked and said,  
'Why are you writing on the walls?'  
To which the Ranterino replied...  
'If I were you I'd shut up and hide.'  
Then he turned to the older brother  
Who quickly turned and ran.  
'That's it, my boy, as fast as you can.'



Both little sister and older brother  
Ran to another room and hid  
As the Ranterino put the purple pen  
Back into its purple lid.  
He sat down on the sofa,  
Stretched his purple legs and with a smile  
He turned the TV on for a while.

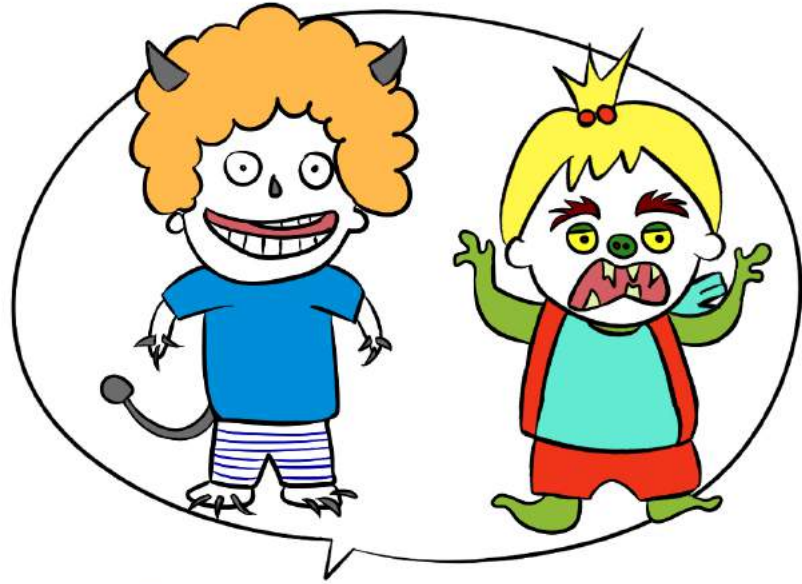




Later on he heard the door.  
Mom and Dad were in the hall.  
He quickly jumped on the floor  
And lay there shaking and crying.  
As mom and dad walked in they screamed  
‘Oh my God! Is he dying?’  
They ran over and picked him up  
And said ‘Oh dear, what’s happened here?’

I don't understand!!!!  
What is the Ranterino doing????





'It's your children, they are monsters, the both of them.

Look what they have gone and done.'

The Ranterino said

As he held onto his head.

'They did ALL of this?' asked dad

As he looked into the kitchen and at his watch.

'But it's only a quarter to ten!

This place is like a pigsty, it looks like some kind of zoo!'

The Ranterino looked sheepishly up and said,

'They've been in the bathroom too.'



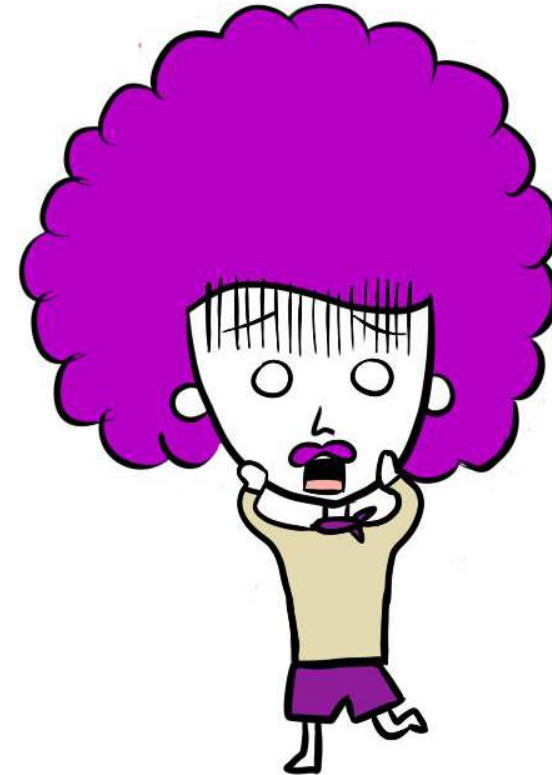
Weeping and shaking, looking so full of fear

The Ranterino continued to speak

As he shed a crocodile tear.

‘They are monsters, little monsters,’ he cried.

‘I tried to stop them, I tried...I tried.’





'Ok, don't worry,' Dad grumpily said.  
'Are those little monsters now in bed?'  
The Ranterino weakly and meekly nodded his head.  
'I think so but I don't want to see them again.  
Can I go home now?' he said,  
Looking in considerable pain.





‘Of course you can, we're so sorry about all of this.

Please forgive our children and take all of this.’

Dad pulled out his wallet from his coat

And gave the Ranterino

A very big, crisp and shiny bank note.



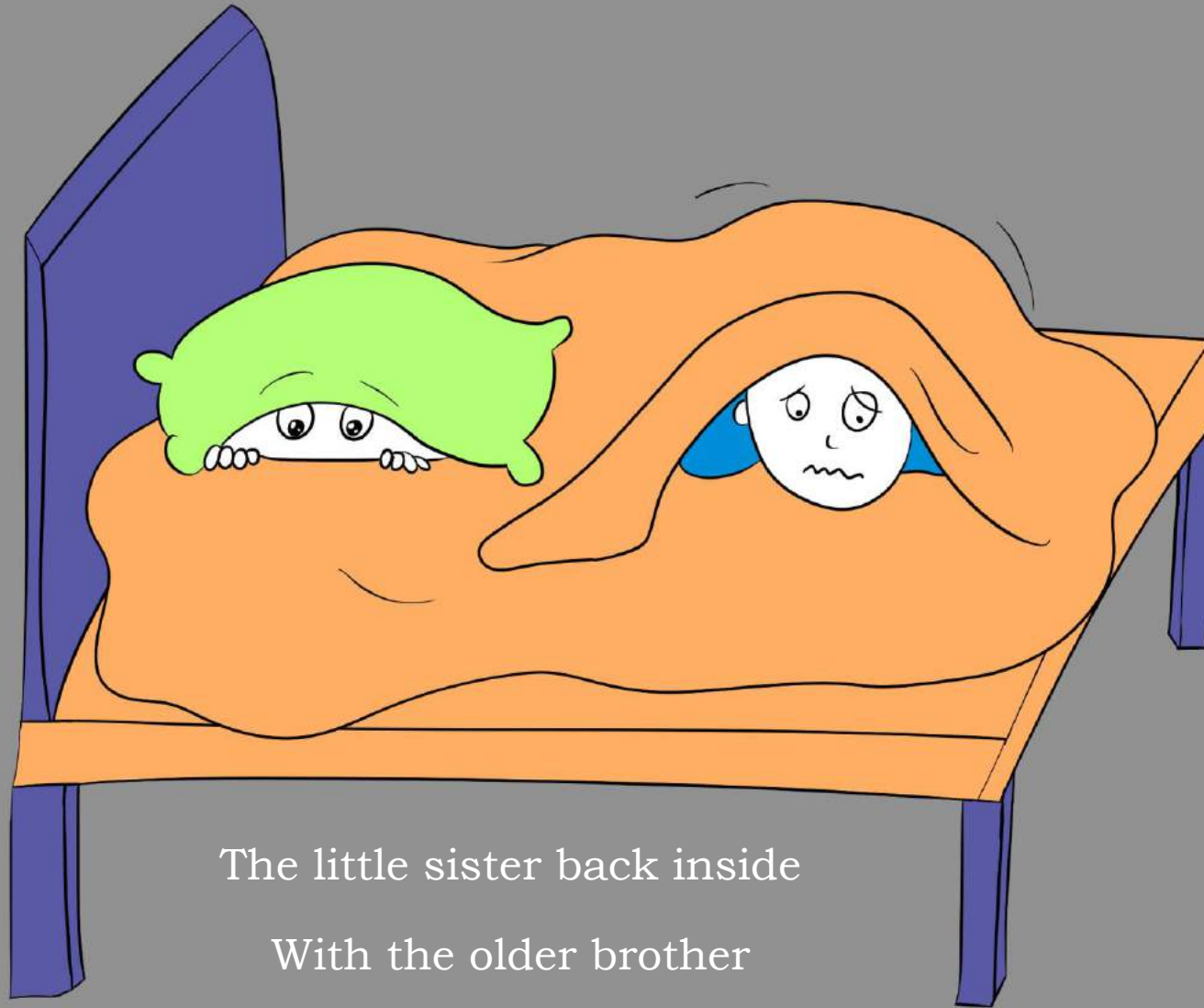
The Ranterino bowed and took the money

And walked out to his purple car

Laughing to himself a 'Ha, ha, ha,'

And saying, of course,

'Blah, blah, blah.'



The little sister back inside  
With the older brother  
Continued to tremble and hide  
Under the bed cover.

Ah!!!!  
Clever Ranterino!!!!



The End

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