

Harry the Hug Monster

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Harry



Head nurse



Purple monster

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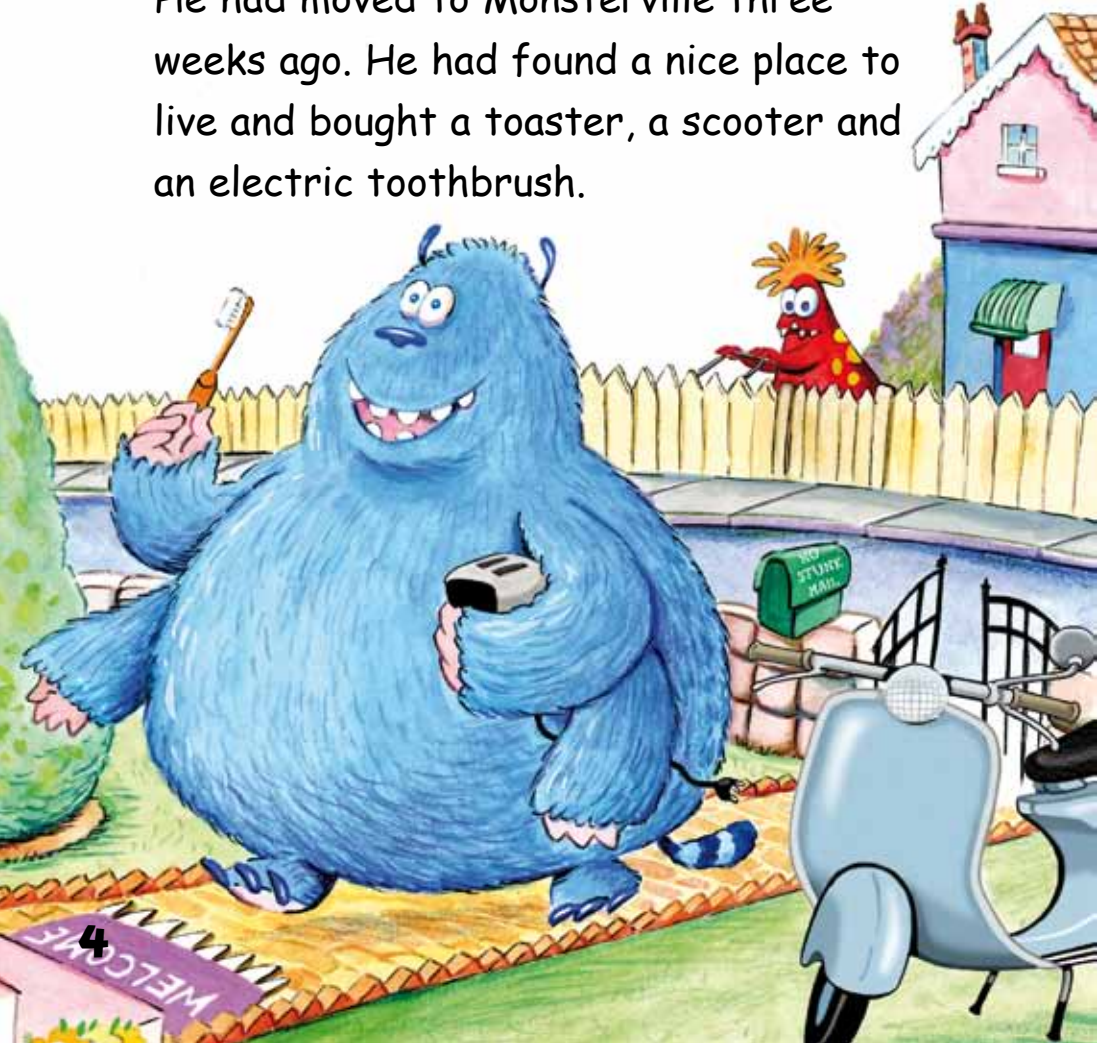


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Hug Meters

Harry was blue.

He had moved to Monsterville three weeks ago. He had found a nice place to live and bought a toaster, a scooter and an electric toothbrush.



But Harry still had not found a job. He hadn't made any friends either. Worst of all, he hadn't had a hug in ... well, Harry couldn't remember his last hug.

Hug Monsters are like hug meters. They change colour with their moods and they need hugs to stay happy.

They are normally purple, but they turn red when they are very happy and blue when they are sad. The sadder a Hug Monster is, the lighter the shade of blue. Without hugs, a Hug Monster finally turns white and fades away — to nothing.

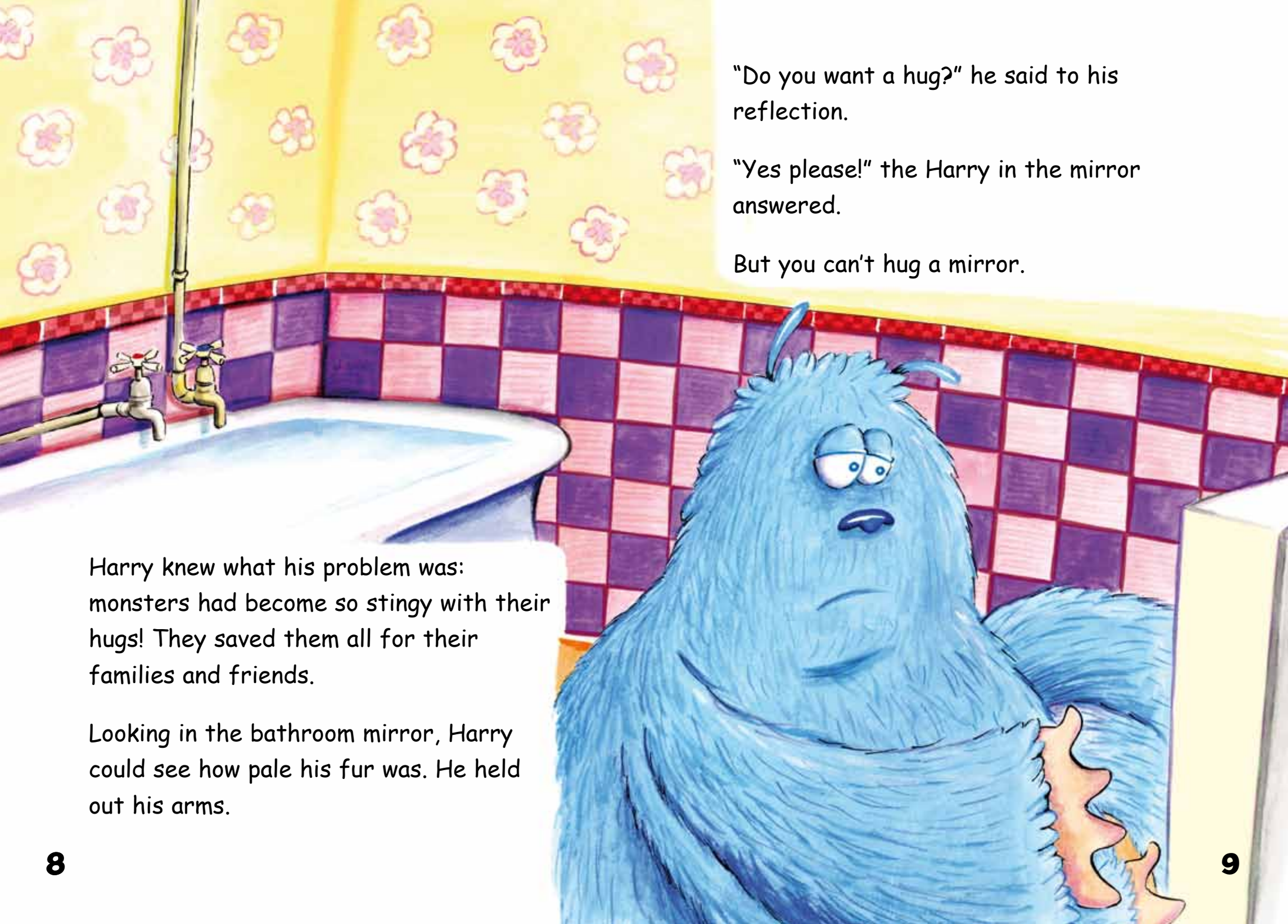


Harry's fur was now dull blue, and he was getting lighter every day.

He could feel himself fading, like he was only halfway inside his body.

He could smell himself fading. His fur stank like a wet rug.

Harry could even taste himself fading. His mouth tasted like green cheese. Harry brushed his teeth ten times a day, with the toothbrush set on top speed. But it made no difference.



"Do you want a hug?" he said to his reflection.

"Yes please!" the Harry in the mirror answered.

But you can't hug a mirror.

Harry knew what his problem was: monsters had become so stingy with their hugs! They saved them all for their families and friends.

Looking in the bathroom mirror, Harry could see how pale his fur was. He held out his arms.