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Bonk carries a lucky nut in his pocket.
It is a buckeye nut.

“This nut brings me good luck,”
Bonk says.



“It was with me when I found a nickel,” Bonk says.



“It was with me when I won the spelling bee,” Bonk says.



One night, Bonk takes the nut
out of his pocket.

He puts it on his dresser.



In the morning, Bonk's lucky nut
is gone!

"Oh, no!" Bonk says.



That day, Bonk has bad luck.
He drops his toast on the jelly side
at breakfast.
He breaks his best pencil at school.



He talks to Lurk, Jupe, and Uzzle.

“Did you take my lucky nut?”

“No,” they all say.



“This is a mystery,” says Jupe.
Then she has an idea.



That night, Jupe, Lurk, and Uzzle
go to Bonk's house.
Jupe puts an acorn on Bonk's dresser.



They turn off the lights and wait.
Everyone falls asleep except Jupe.



Something crawls in the window.
It is a squirrel!
The squirrel takes the acorn.



Jupe wakes up the monsters.
“Follow that squirrel!” she says.
The monsters follow the squirrel.



They spy from the bushes.
The squirrel digs and digs.
It hides the acorn and runs
into the woods.



Bonk and the monsters dig, too.
They find Bonk's lucky buckeye nut!
"We solved the mystery," says Jupe.
"That's good luck!" says Bonk.

Author Note

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Editor’s Note

The Ohio buckeye is the state tree of Ohio, which is in the central United States. Buckeye trees can be found throughout Ohio, and the state’s nickname is the Buckeye State. The seed (or nut) of the Ohio buckeye is said to get its name because it looks like the eye of a deer buck. The seed (or nut) is said to bring good luck, like a rabbit’s foot or other charm.

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