

Bonk's New Bike



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Bonk has dreams about the bike he wants.

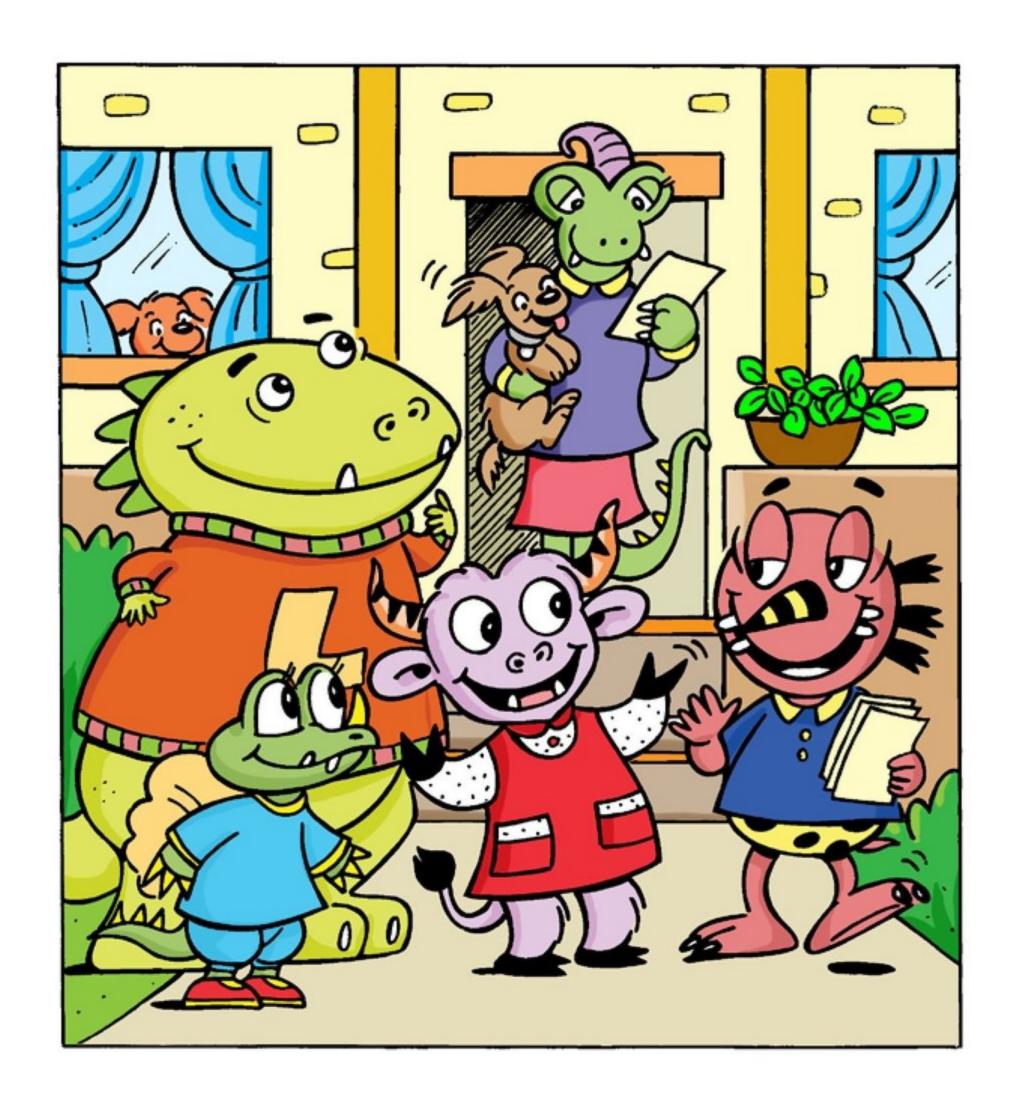
It is red with cool handlebars and spokes.

Bonk sees the bike on TV. He sees it in the newspaper, too. He opens his monster bank. He has only five pennies.

"I have to earn enough money for my new bike," says Bonk.

"I will start a dog walking business," he says.





He goes door to door asking people if he can walk their dogs.

"Can we help walk dogs, too?" asks Jupe.

"I'll do it by myself," Bonk says.

"I'm saving my money for a new bike."



Soon, Bonk's phone begins to ring. People knock on his door.
They all want Bonk to walk

"This will be a fun and easy way to earn money," Bonk says.

their dogs!

On Saturday, Bonk picks up each dog.

There are big dogs, little dogs, fancy dogs, and plain dogs.
The dogs are barking, jumping, and running around.



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Bonk gets all their leashes together and begins to walk.

One dog tangles up his leash.

Another dog rolls in the mud.

Another dog chases a cat!

"This is not fun!" Bonk says. "It is not easy either!"

Lurk, Uzzle, and Jupe ride their scooters past Bonk.

"Do you want some help now, Bonk?" Jupe asks.

Bonk gives each of the monsters a dog to walk.





When they are finished walking, the dog owners pay the monsters. "I'm sorry I said you couldn't help with the dog walking," says Bonk. "I couldn't have done it without you."

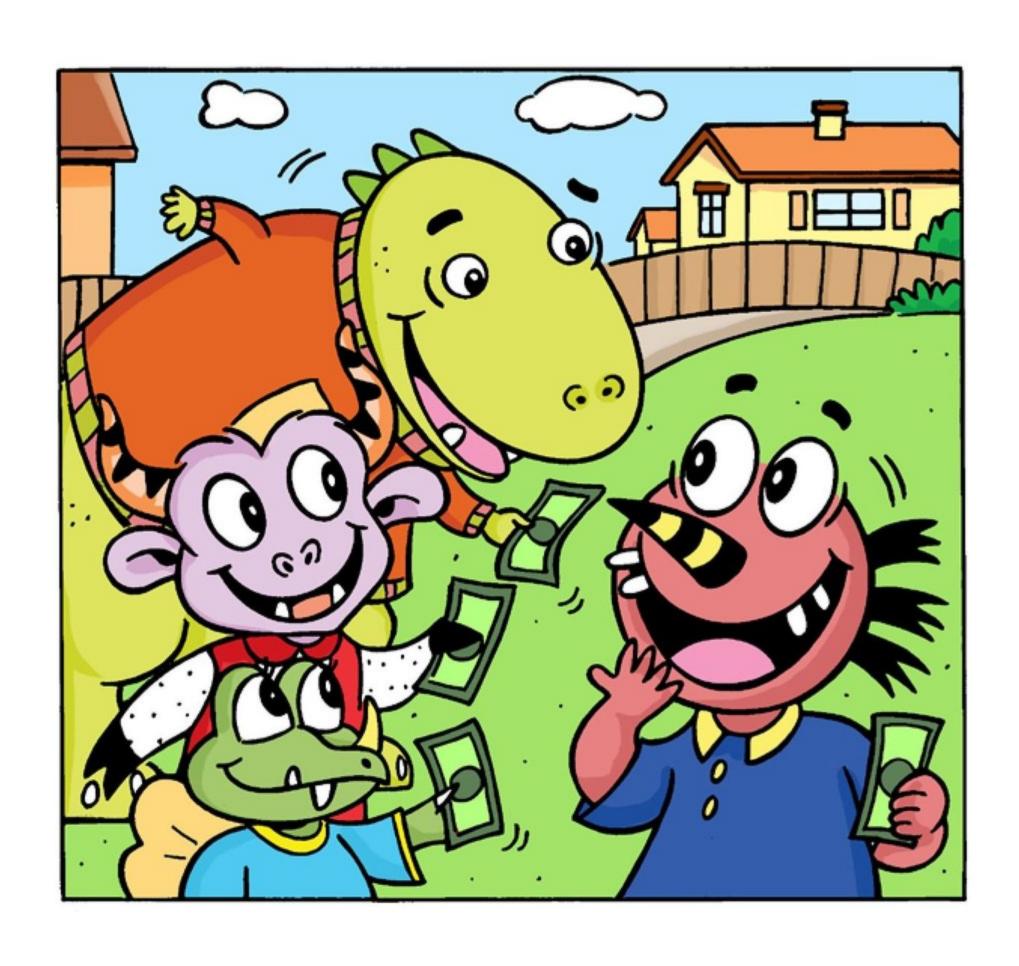
Jupe, Lurk, and Uzzle talk.

They give their money to Bonk.

"This is for your new bike," says Jupe.

"But you earned this money, too," says Bonk.

"We want something other than money," says Lurk.





"Anything you want," Bonk says.

"When you get your new bike,
we want to take turns riding it!"
says Jupe.

"It's a deal!" says Bonk.

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