

The Monsters of Warren Road

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Chapter 1

Have you ever wondered how to defeat monsters? Well, until recently, so had I, and now I'm here to help.

The sun was shining over Warren Road. Alex looked out of his window; it was going to be a good day. Warren Road looked normal, like always. The row of brick houses stood tall, each with their own garage and neat front garden, like a chain of soldiers standing for duty.

Alex wasn't one of those fancy kids you see in movies. He was a normal kid just like Warren Road was a normal road. He was tall for his age, and had green eyes like emeralds. His short, brown hair looked like he had been dragged through a bush, but he didn't mind that at all. In fact, he preferred his hair that way.

Alex grabbed his backpack full of trusty supplies (and school supplies too). He always had that backpack on him just in case there was going to be an adventure. In his backpack was a flint knife, so he could cut bushes out of his path. He also had a compass to track where he was going, as well as a long rope to help him through places. Finally, he had a notebook and all his school supplies.

It was a school day. Alex hated school, and he hated it more than ever because he had to finish the homework he hadn't completed. He was wandering through school thinking about this, when suddenly, CRASH! He had bumped into a small girl.

The girl looked about Alex's age, but definitely a lot shorter. She had short ginger hair and sky-blue eyes like diamonds. Out from the girl's bag came a waterfall of books!

"Are you going to the library?" asked Alex.

"Yes" replied the girl.

"I'm going there too, to return some books. Should we go together?" said Alex, casually.

"Okay" replied the girl, happily.

So, off they went to the library. On the way, Alex asked what the girl's name was, and she replied "Lola."

Lola was putting her books back on the shelves, and so was Alex, when, suddenly, Lola's book somehow made a magical portal! It was a gigantic portal with purple bricks around it. The portal swirled around the floor like a death trap. It was just waiting for someone to fall in and get taken away. Alex jumped into the portal straight away because he just couldn't resist an adventure. This was his chance! But Lola was a bit more anxious. She slowly put her left foot in, and whoooosh! She suddenly got sucked in too!

Chapter 2

On the other side of the portal was... a forest. There were rotten apples lying around and the red and orange leaves were scattered about like lava. It smelt like crumbled up hazelnuts. The whistling of the wind through the trees blew into their faces and the dirty mud on the ground was almost rising up into their mouths.

In front of them was a sign stuck on a wall, saying 'Please help your town defeat the attacking monsters!'

Accompanying the sign was a picture of a little flower. Lola pulled the picture off the sign and put it in her pocket. Alex was confused...What town? What monsters? But Lola was reading the sign more closely and it said Warren Road was being attacked by monsters!

“WE HAVE TO HELP!” shouted Alex!

“Why...?” asked Lola, quietly.

“Its OUR town!” said Alex

So, they were off on their adventure. It turned out that the picture was of a special flower called a Prodidgium. It was quite a big name for a small flower, but they didn't really care. All they wanted was to get the flower, defeat the monsters, and go home. The flower was a special flower that could do one thing and one thing only, defeat monsters. That's why the children were so desperate to find the flower, and also, because they would be heroes!

Alex was about to get some supplies out of his backpack when suddenly he realised something: he had left his bag at the library. What was he going to do? Without the backpack he wouldn't be able to use the flint knife and the camera! Lola peered over and giggled a little because she actually found it all funny. Alex was getting annoyed with Lola, so faced the other way and walked over to the left but then...

SQUISH!

Alex had stepped in an enormous pile of mud and he was becoming more grumpy by the minute.

They continued walking, but slowly this time, as Alex was walking with one shoe on and one shoe in his hand.

After a while, Alex started to get hungry and found an apple tree. He stepped on a very curly stone to reach some apples from a high branch for the two of them to snack on.

When Alex jumped down, the curly stone grabbed his leg and, at that moment, Alex realised it was actually a snake!

“EEEEEEK!” exclaimed Lola!

“WHY IS IT ALWAYS ME?” Alex groaned.

They carried on with their quest, with Alex feeling miserable about his backpack being left at the library. They were still searching for the flower, when suddenly, CRASH! Lola had fallen into, what looked like, a giant footprint with eight toes.

“GET ME OUT!” shouted Lola!

Was this what they thought it was? If it was, these big hairy creatures were massive!

“We need to find the flower before the monsters destroy the town! Or else, there might not be any Warren Road left!”

So, off they went again, this time at a faster and stronger pace.

They were heading over a steep hill, and the sun was beating down on them. They didn't know what would be over the crest of the hill, but hopefully it would be what they had been looking for.

They came to a little field in the forest, which was packed full of scary-looking Venus Flytraps. These weren't the flowers they were looking for.

There was a little path between the flowers that they quickly made their way through. In the field ahead, were some small flowers with white dots and pink petals. Were these the flowers they were looking for?

Lola pulled out the picture from her pocket that she had taken from the sign and...it was the same flower!

Alex was very happy, and so was Lola!

"Finally!" cried Lola.

"It wasn't too hard," said Alex with a smile on his face.

Safely, with a few of the flowers in their pockets, they started to walk back to Warren Road, to defeat the monsters at last.



Chapter 3

Dusk was falling rapidly, so the kids decided to stop for a bit and have a break. They found some logs and made a fire so they would be warm. Lola started to get cold. Alex took off his jumper and gave it to her so that he could look strong, not needing a jumper, even though it was only about five degrees.

It soon turned morning and Alex and Lola set off at dawn in quite a cheerful mood. This time they were more cautious about the holes and other dangers, though strangely they didn't encounter any this time.

Where the monster's footprint had been was now just thick, lush grass. Where the mud had been, there were now cornfields. How could this be?

Although this was all very odd, the kids didn't care at all! It was so much better with no dangers. The only thing worrying them was the fact that there might not be a Warren Road anymore, and that all of their family and friends might have been destroyed.

However, they forgot about all their worries when ahead of them, they could see something extraordinary. It was a beautiful, and huge waterfall! But it was blocking the path ahead of them, so they had to find a way to get past it.

Nearby, was a local villager chopping some wood. Alex and Lola asked him for some help and the man politely agreed. Soon, they were set to work chopping wood to make a bridge. After several hours, they finished the bridge and had to try to cross it... one step at a time.

Alex was half-way across when Lola joined him on the bridge. Alex quickly went all the way across, and Lola crossed safely too. Then they saw it – the portal home! It was like the one that had brought them there, with the same purple bricks that were swirling around the ground. They quickly waved to the villager, checked they still had the flowers in their pockets, and then jumped into the portal...

Landing right in the middle of Warren Road, the kids were relieved to find it was still there. However, in front of them was a crowd of enormous green monsters with huge red eyes, stepping on and crushing the gardens and garages. All you could hear was screaming from petrified people.

Alex placed the flowers down on the ground, and suddenly all the monsters, instantly attracted to the flower, stopped what they were doing and came over to pick them up. However, when the first monster picked up a flower, it vanished, along with all of the other monsters too.

And that's how you defeat monsters!

The road was saved and now it was covered in a blanket of stunning flowers. It was no longer the boring Warren Road it used to be. Now, it was a very special sight indeed. Everyone was so happy, and very relieved. Alex and Lola were carried on their parents' shoulders and people waved and clapped at them. They were heroes!

That was the end of the monsters, thank goodness.

Alex went back to the library to check if his backpack was still there, just in case there might be some more adventures in the future. Of course, he forgot to return his library books, again...

Chapter 4

Later that day, there was a knock on Alex's front door. He opened the yellow door to see his friend Lola standing on the step. He had been expecting her.

"I returned your library books for you," she said, quietly.

"Thanks very much," said Alex, and then he turned around and took something from behind him...

It was a bouquet of the same pink and white flowers that had saved Warren Road from the monsters.

I thought you might like these, to remind you of our adventure?" he said nervously, offering the bouquet to Lola.

Lola took the flowers and blushed.

"Perhaps we could go on another adventure sometime soon?" he asked.

"That would be brilliant," she said through a smile.

"Somehow I don't feel so scared of everything anymore. Another adventure sounds perfect to me. But maybe not with enormous monsters this time?"



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Monsters are attacking Warren Road, and Alex and Lola have a special quest to save the day. The two of them have to face challenges on the way, but will all their hard work pay off?

Will the two of them be able to save Warren Road and defeat the monsters before they destroy their houses and families?