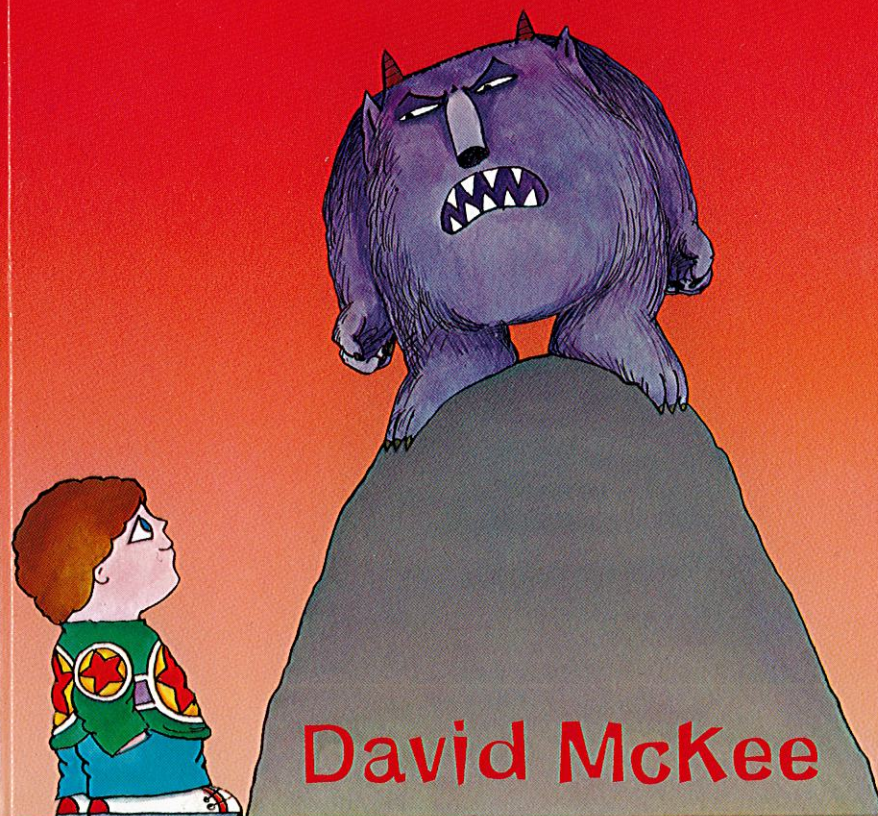
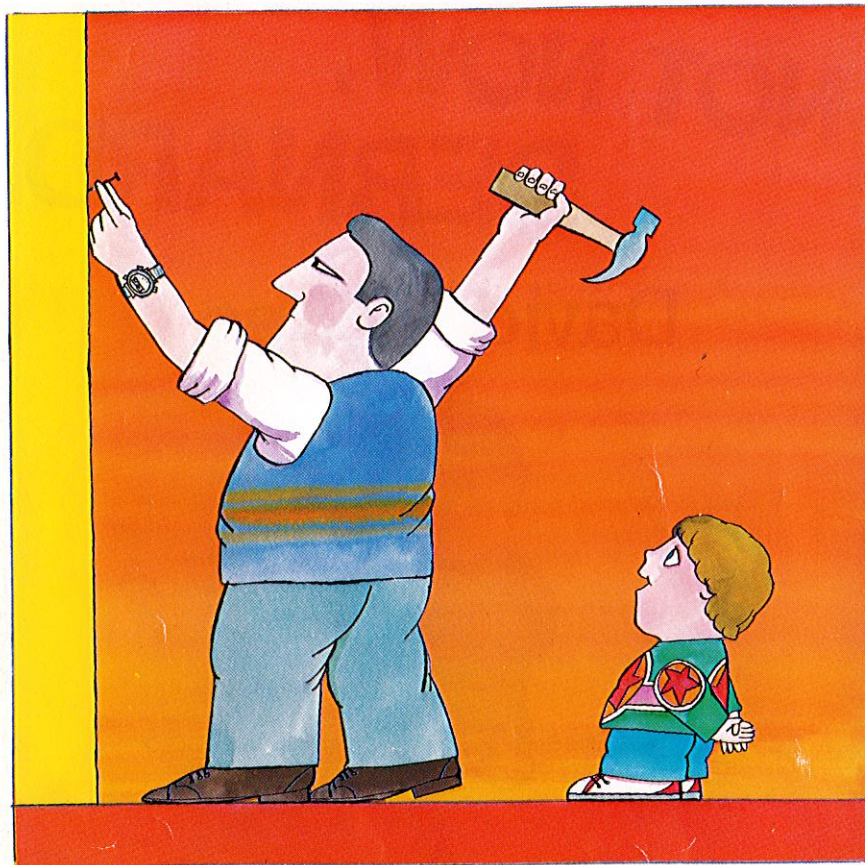


**NOT NOW,
BERNARD**



David McKee



"Hello, Dad," said Bernard.



"Not now, Bernard," said his father.



"Hello, Mum," said Bernard.



"Not now, Bernard," said his mother.



"There's a monster in the garden and it's going to eat me," said Bernard.



"Not now, Bernard," said his mother.



Bernard went into the garden.



"Hello, monster," he said
to the monster.



The monster ate Bernard up,
every bit.



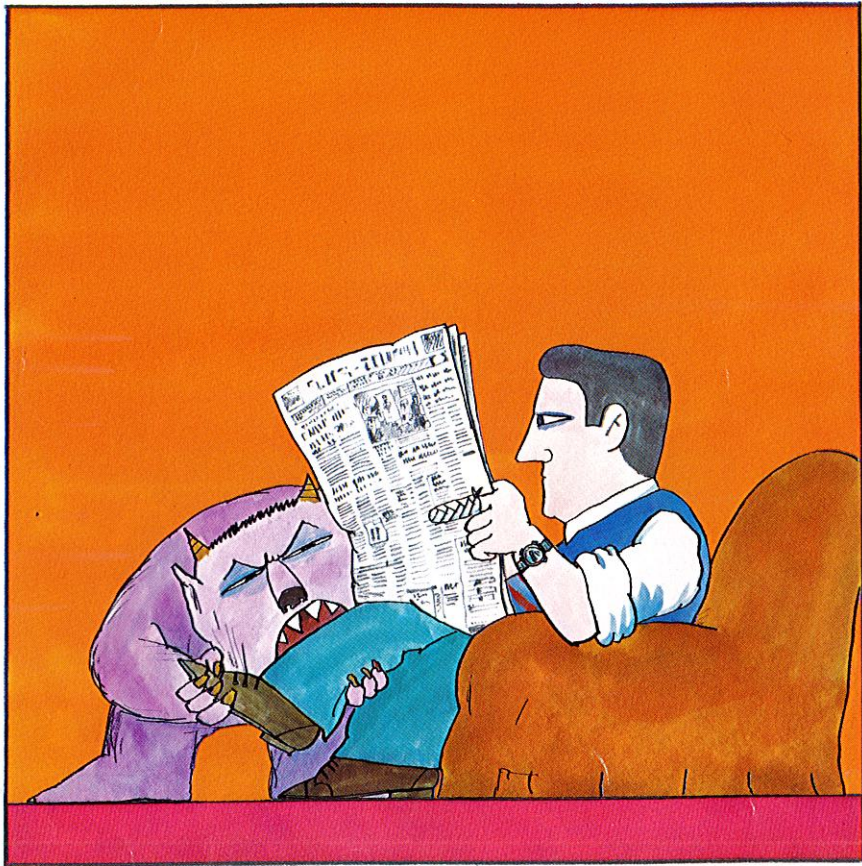
Then the monster went indoors.



"ROAR," went the monster behind
Bernard's mother.



"Not now, Bernard,"
said Bernard's mother.



The monster bit Bernard's father.



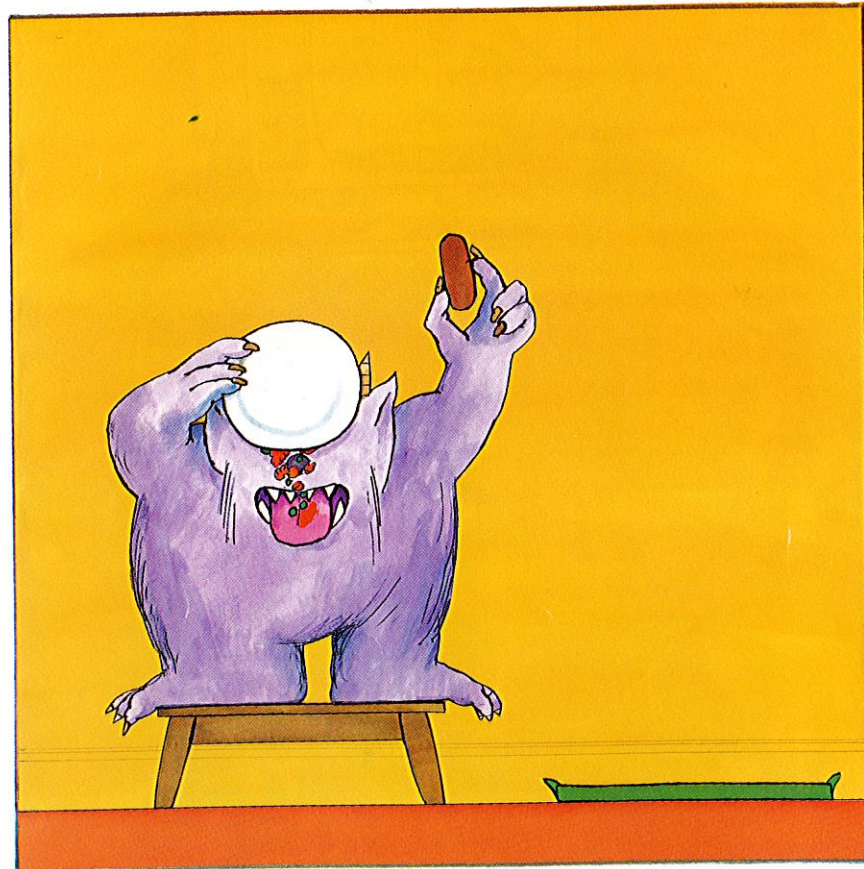
"Not now, Bernard," said Bernard's father.



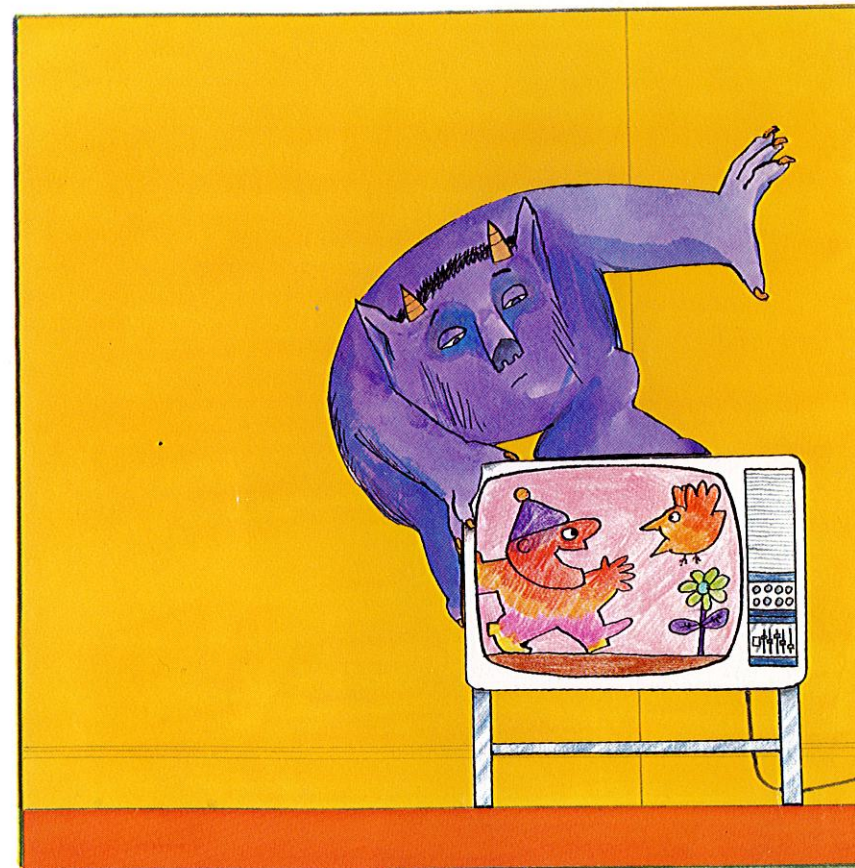
"Your dinner's ready," said
Bernard's mother.



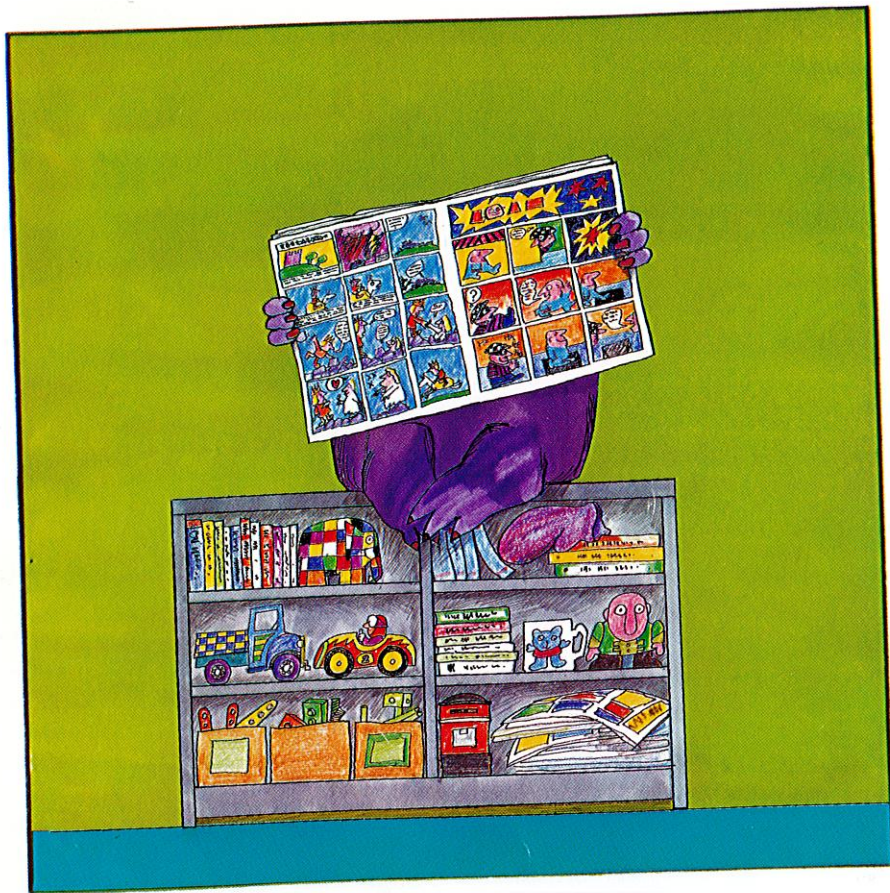
She put the dinner in front
of the television.



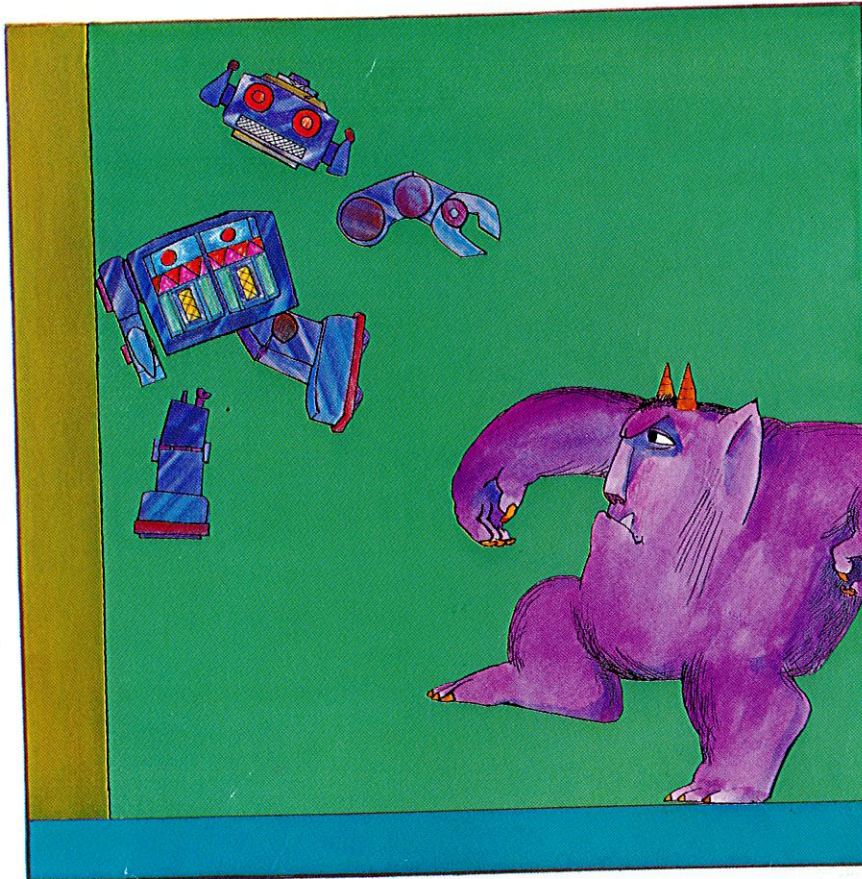
The monster ate the dinner.



Then it watched the television.



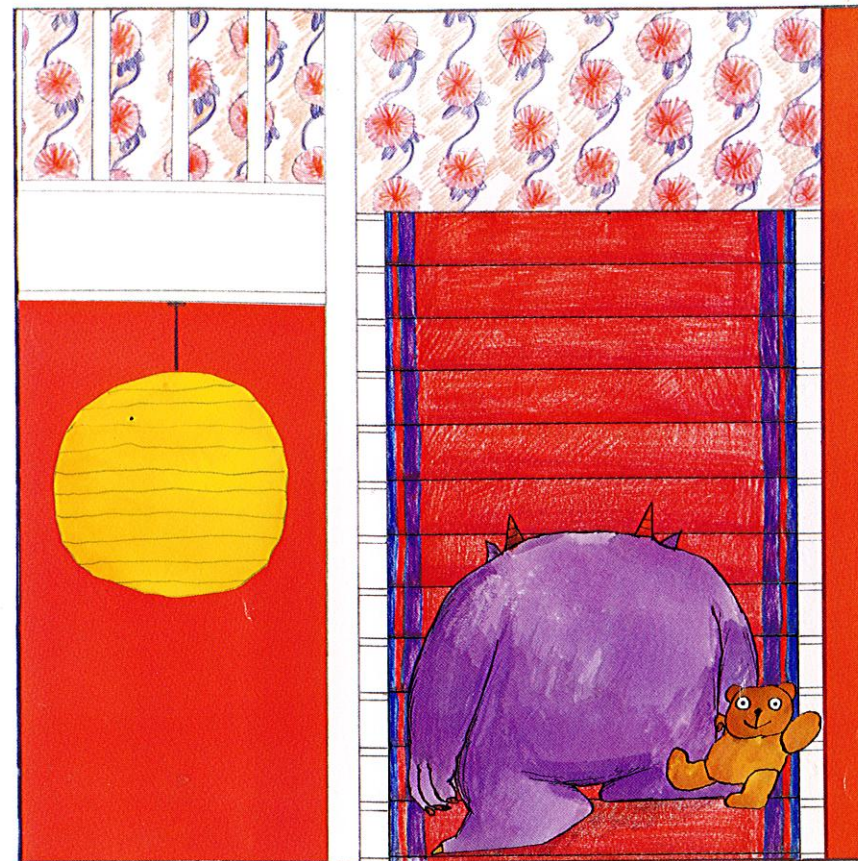
Then it read one of Bernard's comics.



And broke one of his toys.



"Go to bed. I've taken up your milk,"
called Bernard's mother.



The monster went upstairs.



"But I'm a monster," said
the monster.



"Not now, Bernard,"
said Bernard's mother.