

THE LITTLEST MONSTER

Characters

Narrator Max Marty Micky Monty Mum Teacher Kid monsters

Narrator Once upon a time, far, far away, there was a land where everyone was a monster. There were mother monsters, father monsters and monster children. The monster kids went to school, of course, because even monsters have to get an education.

(Monster kids of various sizes rush onstage and gallop about, being noisy and playing, as in a playground.)

The monster children didn't mind going to monster school, because they could play with their friends. There was just one problem. Like every school, this one had...

(Enter Max, very big, angry, swaggering)

One monster, who was bigger and uglier and meaner and nastier than all the others. His name was Max.

Max *(Pushing the other monsters aside and stomping around the stage as if he owns the place)* WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

ALL You are, Max!

Narrator None of the other little monsters dared say no to Max. Because if they did, they knew Max would punish them. Here's what happened to Micky.

Max *(Eyeballing Micky)* I didn't hear you! *(Micky tries to sneak away.)*

(Max grabs Micky and pushes him all around the stage. Micky creeps off. Max is triumphant.)

And you, what are you staring at, Monty? *(Monty looks down, paralysed with fear.)* WHATSAMATTER? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE? *(Monty backs away.)*

Narrator Everything was all right as long as all the other monsters did what Max said. Then one day, a new kid came to school. His name was Marty. He was a very small monster. In fact, he was the littlest monster of all.

(Enter Marty, led by his Mum. She kisses him goodbye, waves and he creeps unwillingly into the middle of the stage. He has his eyes down, shuffles, trips. The other monsters laugh at him.)

Max *(Catching sight of Marty)* HELLO. What do we have here? *(He confronts Marty.)* What's your name?