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The Friendly Monster Next Door

In a quiet neighborhood nestled between rolling hills, there lived a young monster named Monty. Monty was unlike any other monster. He had a big heart and a genuine desire to make friends with the kids in the neighborhood, despite his scary appearance.

Monty had lime-green skin, sharp teeth, and three eyes that blinked in unison. His arms were long and spindly, and his feet resembled large, webbed flippers. To top it off, he had a tail that swayed like a pendulum. All of these features, while perfectly normal for a monster, often scared the kids away.

One sunny day, Monty decided it was time to change that. He put on his best smile, which, despite his sharp teeth, looked quite friendly, and headed outside. The kids were playing in the park, and Monty nervously approached them.

"Hi there," Monty said, trying to sound cheerful. The kids turned and stared, their eyes wide with surprise. Monty's heart sank, but he didn't give up. "I'm Monty," he continued. "I live in the spooky house on the corner. I wanted to know if you'd like to be friends."

The kids exchanged glances, and one brave girl named Emma stepped forward. "I'm Emma," she said with a warm smile. "We've heard stories about the spooky house, but we've never met the monster who lives there."

Monty's heart soared with hope as Emma shook his hand. The other kids slowly approached, and soon they were all talking and laughing together. Monty realized that making friends wasn't about appearances; it was about kindness and acceptance.

As the days passed, Monty and the neighborhood kids became inseparable. They played games, went on adventures, and shared stories. They learned that Monty had a talent for telling spooky but funny tales, which the kids loved.

One evening, as they sat around a campfire in Monty's backyard, Emma spoke up. "You know, Monty, you're not scary at all. You're the friendliest monster we've ever met."

Touched by her words, Monty replied, "And you're the best friends a monster like me could ask for."

From that day forward, Monty's spooky house was no longer spooky. It was a place filled with laughter, friendship, and acceptance. Monty had taught everyone that it's important to look beyond appearances and embrace the goodness in people's hearts.

