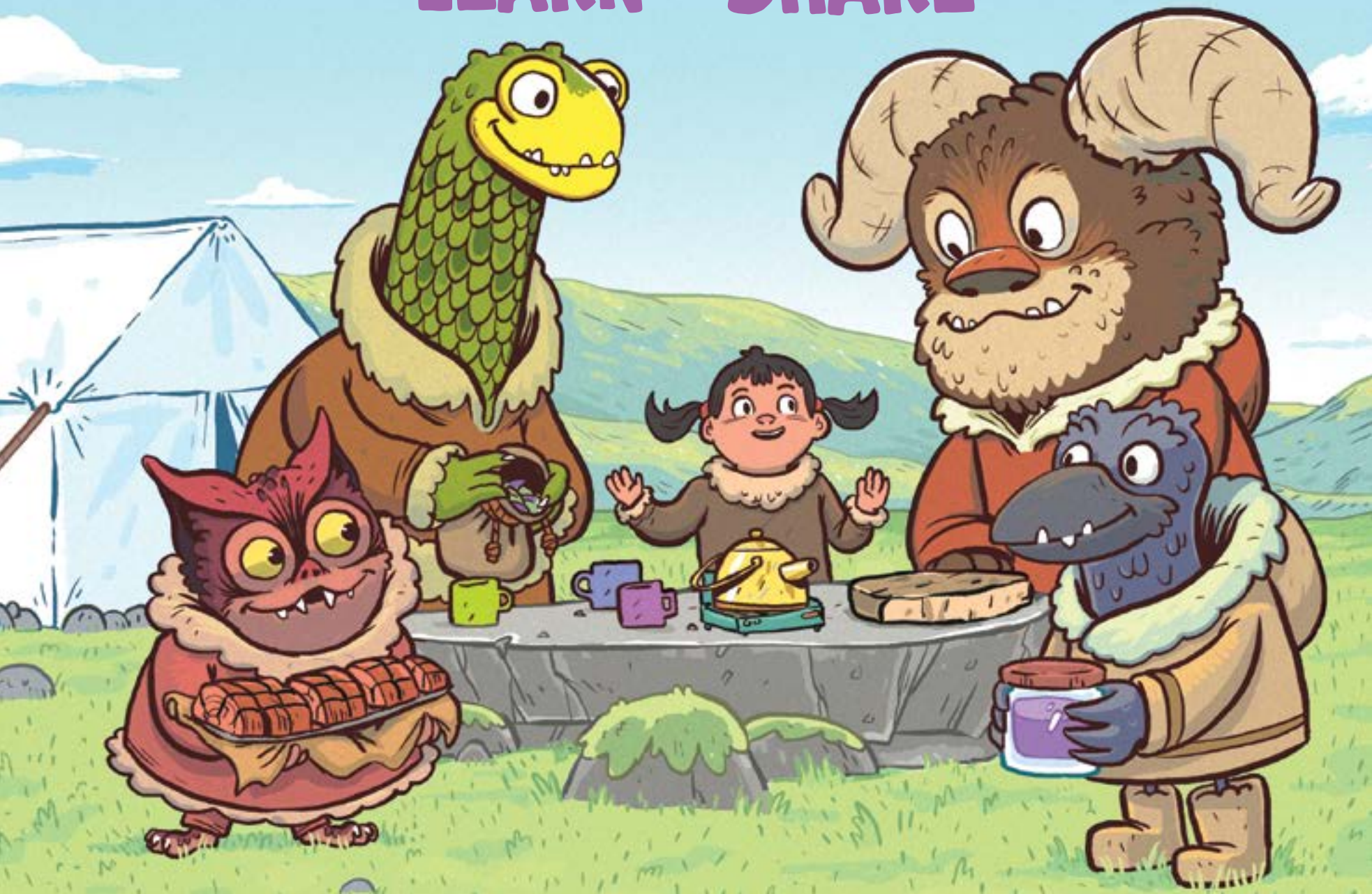


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# Dedicated to Mia-Laure, my little monster...

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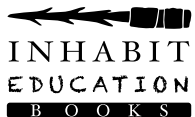
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Mia woke up in her tent. The tent was Mia's favourite place.





It was filled with her favourite things! It had storybooks, musical instruments, lots of toys, and art supplies.

Mia could have fun in her tent all day, but today she wanted to visit her friends.



Mia tidied up her tent and rolled up her sleeping bag.  
Then she put on her boots and jacket.

Now Mia was ready to look for her friends!





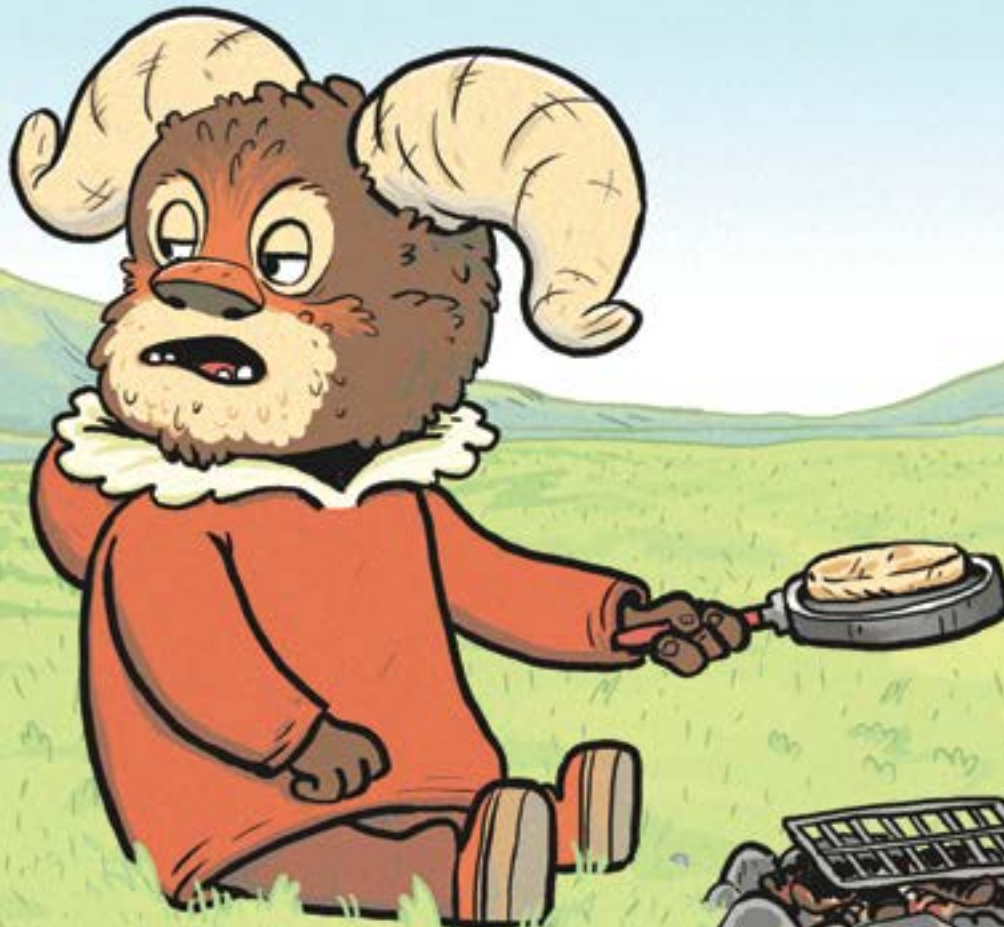
The first monster she found was Muck. He was making bannock.

Muck, that bannock smells so good! Can I have a piece?



**No! The bannock is just for me!**

Mia frowned and decided to keep walking.





The next monster Mia found was Tulu. Tulu had been collecting berries and was making jam. The jam looked delicious, so Mia asked if she could have some.

Tulu didn't want to share with anyone!



Mia decided to keep walking.  
Soon she found Oop drying fish.

Those fish look delicious, Oop!







**My fish! They are only for me!**

Oop didn't want to share the dry fish with anyone.  
So, Mia continued on her walk.

The next monster Mia found was Qallu.  
He was collecting special leaves to make tea.

Hi, Qallu! It's nice to see you. I love tea!



**Mia, the tea is for me!**

Qallu didn't want to share his tea with anyone.



**What is going on? These monsters need to learn to share!**

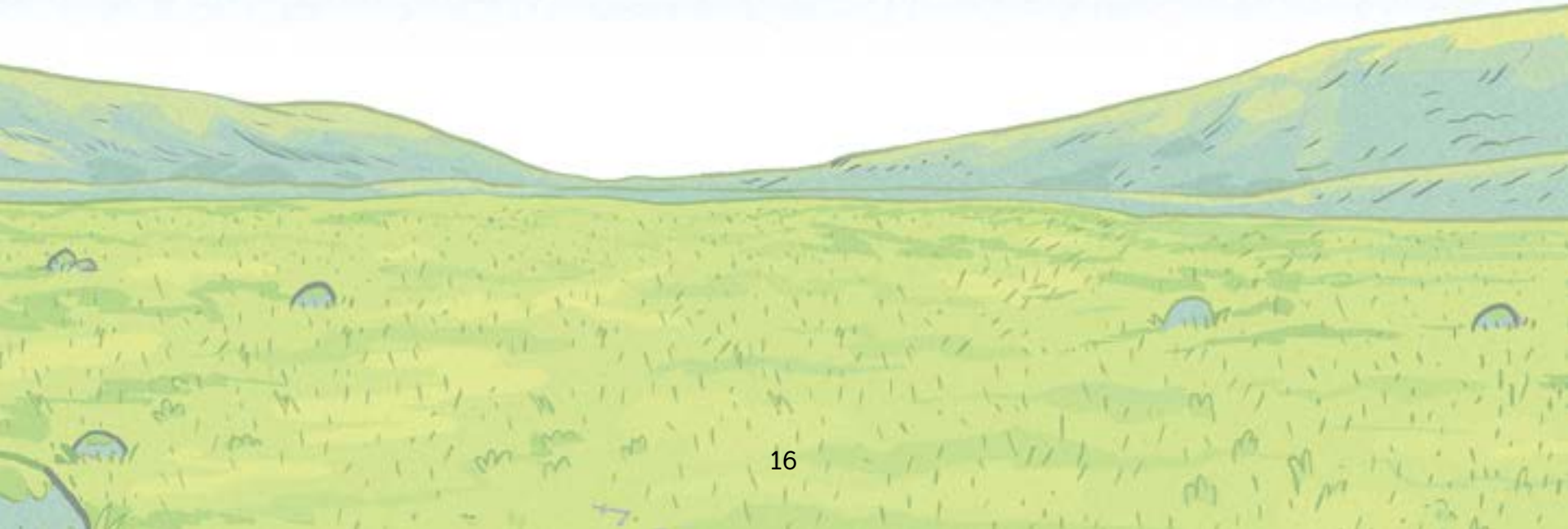
**Mia had an idea!**





**Qallu, pack up some tea leaves and follow me, please.**

**Qallu looked suspiciously at Mia for a moment.  
Then he put his tea leaves in a pouch and followed her.**





As they passed Oop, Mia asked him to gather a bag of dry fish and follow her.





**I am not going to share my dry fish!**

**Okay, Oop. Please just follow me and Qallu.**

So, Oop packed up his fish and followed them.





Mia, Oop, and Qallu walked past Tulu.  
Mia asked Tulu to gather up the jam and  
follow her as well.

**I am not going to share my jam!**

Okay, Tulu, but please follow me.

So, Tulu gathered up his jam and followed them.



Then Mia and the monsters came across Muck.

Muck, please wrap up your bannock and follow us.



**NO!**

Muck didn't want to share any of his bannock.

Please, Muck.

Muck packed up his bannock and followed his friends.



Soon they arrived at Mia's tent.

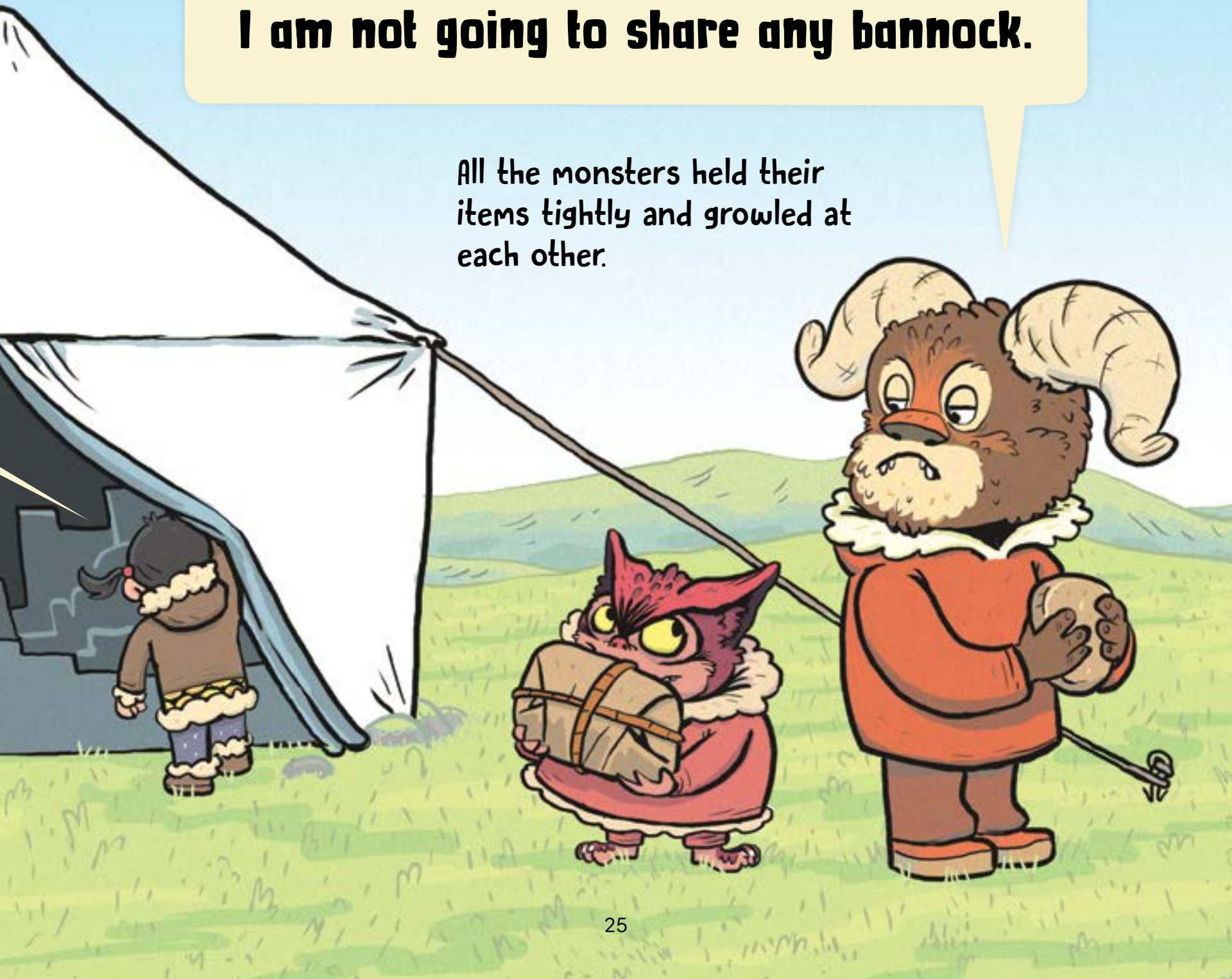
Qallu, Tulu, Oop, and Muck, wait right here.

Mia disappeared into her tent.  
The monsters looked at each other suspiciously.



**I am not going to share any bannock.**

All the monsters held their items tightly and growled at each other.







Mia came stomping out of her tent with cups in her hands.

I don't want to hear any more complaining from any monsters!

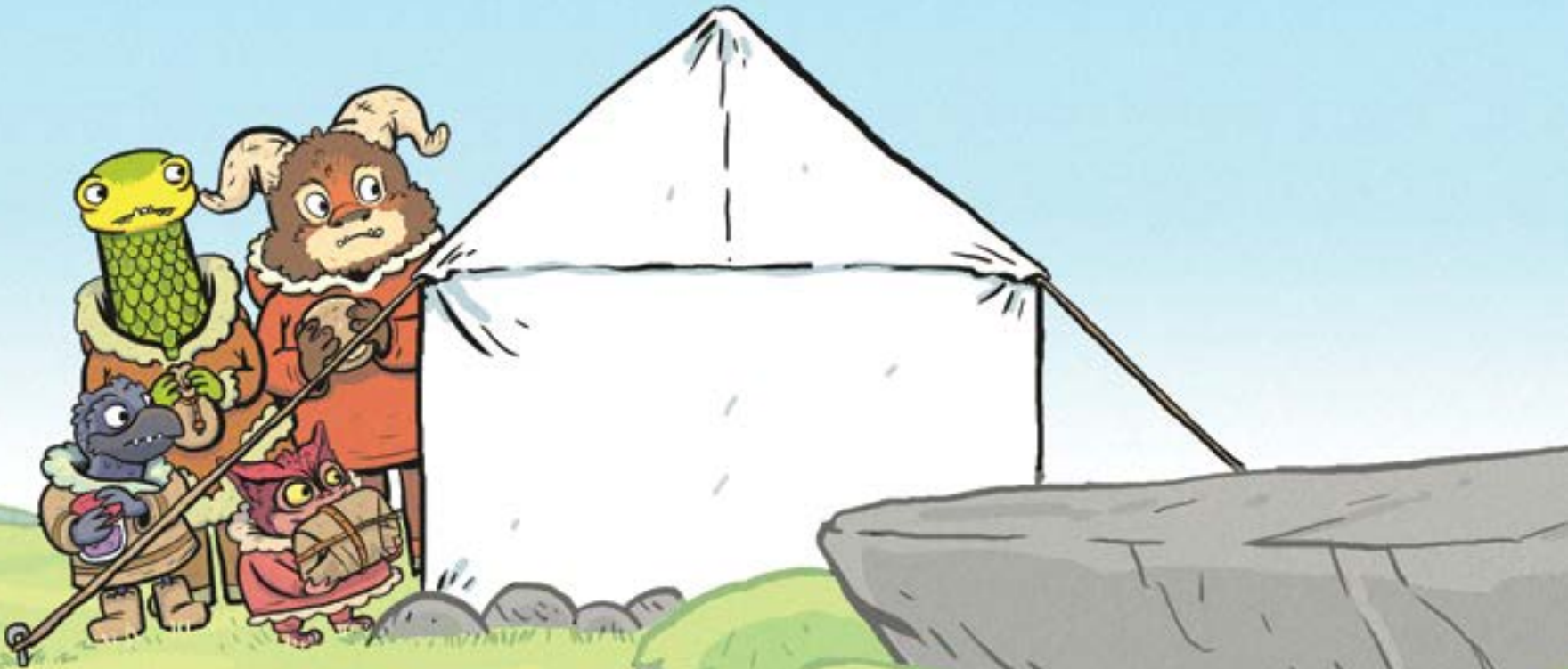
The monsters stopped complaining and looked at their feet.

Mia took a deep breath and then said,

I am inviting you all to a picnic behind my tent.

The monsters peeked around the tent. They saw a table made of rocks with small boulders for chairs.

Water was boiling in a kettle on a camp stove.



**Qallu, if you lend me some tea leaves now I can pick you more later. Would that be okay?**





Qallu thought about it for a moment. Then he dropped some tea leaves into the water, and they all waited.

After a few minutes, Mia poured each monster a cup of tea. All the monsters agreed the tea was delicious! They all thanked Qallu, and he felt proud.



Do you know what goes really well with tea? **BANNOCK!**  
Muck, can we have some of your bannock, please?

Muck was about to roar, "NO!"  
But then he thought about how  
nice Qallu had been.



**Okay.**

Muck handed the group  
some of his bannock.



Hmmm, what makes bannock and tea even better?

Jam?

The monsters all agreed that jam made bannock even better.



**Would you all like to taste my jam?**

They all had delicious berry jam with their bannock.



Oop looked around at his friends. He realized he wanted to share his dry fish.



**would anyone like some dry fish?**

**YES!**

Mia and the monsters spent the whole afternoon eating food and telling stories. It was a really fun day.



When it was time to go home, Mia stood up on a rock to speak to the monsters.

I want to thank you all for sharing your food with me.  
You made this day a very special day.

Then she hopped off the rock and gave each monster a big hug.

All the monsters agreed that it was a very special day indeed.





**I am going to make more  
bannock for our next picnic!**

**I will look for  
more tea leaves.**



**I am going to find more berries for jam.**

**And I will dry even more fish!**

How about we all meet at my tent again on the next sunny day?

The monsters really liked that idea.



The monsters helped Mia clean up. They gathered their things to take back to their homes.

**I think things taste better when you share them.**

All the monsters agreed.

Mia smiled to herself. Her friends had learned an important lesson about sharing.







# ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Asking questions encourages young children to think about the story. Here are a few questions you might want to ask children during or after reading *The Monsters Learn to Share*:

- Why don't the monsters want to share?
- Have you ever felt like the monsters?
- Is there something you do not like to share?
- What lesson did the monsters learn?
- Why is it important to share?
- How do you feel when somebody shares something with you?

## PLAN A PICNIC

Help your child plan a picnic (indoors or outdoors) to invite their siblings or friends to.

Here are some ideas for planning and preparing for the picnic:

- Plan a menu for the picnic. Your child can draw the food and drink items that will be served. Encourage your child to include some of the things Mia and the monsters had at their picnic!
- Make invitations for the picnic to give out to siblings or friends.
- Prepare the food and drink items together.
- Lay out a blanket and set up for the picnic.
- Talk together about the importance of sharing food. Remind your child how happy the monsters were after they shared their food.
- When the guests arrive, encourage your child to serve the food.
- Enjoy the picnic together!

## THE MONSTERS LEARN TO SHARE MATCHING GAME

This game will challenge your child to remember what each monster brought to the picnic. There are two ways to play the game. Choose the option that best fits your child.

### Directions

1. Download and print *The Monsters Learn to Share Matching Game* from the Arvaaq Books website ([www.arvaaqbooks.com](http://www.arvaaqbooks.com)).
2. Have your child cut out the cards. (Assist as needed.)
3. Use the cards to play a matching game:

**Option 1:** Lay all the monster cards face up in a row. Then, give your child a card with a food or drink item. Have the child match it to the monster who brought it to the picnic. Help the child look back in the book to check that the items were matched correctly.

**Option 2:** Lay out all the cards (monsters and food items) face down in two rows of four. Invite your child to flip over two of the cards, attempting to find both a monster and the food item that monster brought to the picnic. If it is a match, the child can keep the cards. If it is not a match, have the child flip over the cards. Take turns with your child, flipping over two cards at a time until all the monsters have been matched with the food or drink item they brought to the picnic.






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**Mia** is hoping to spend time  
with her **monster friends,**  
**but** they are being difficult  
and don't want to **share!**

Follow along with Mia as she tries to bring her  
monster friends together to teach them about the  
importance of sharing.



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