

LEONARDO THE TERRIBLE MONSTER

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Leonardo was a terrible monster...he couldn't scare anyone. He didn't have 1,642 teeth like Tony. He wasn't big, like Eleanor. And he wasn't just plain weird like Hector.

Leonardo tried very hard to be scary. But...he just wasn't. One day, Leonardo had an idea. He would find the most scaredy-cat kid in the whole world...and scare the tuna salad out of him!

Leonardo researched until he found the perfect candidate...Sam.

Leonardo snuck up on the poor, unsuspecting boy. And the monster gave it all he had...until the little boy cried. "Yes!" cheered Leonardo. "I did it! I've finally scared the tuna salad out of someone!"

"No you didn't!" snapped Sam.

"Oh, yeah?" replied Leonardo. "Then why are you crying?"

"My mean big brother stole my action figure right out of my hands while I was still playing with it, and then he broke it on purpose, and it was my favorite toy, and I tried to fix it but I couldn't and I got so mad I kicked the table and I stubbed my toe on the same foot that I hurt last month when I accidentally slipped in the bathtub after I got soap in my eyes trying to wash out the bird poo that my brother's cockatoo pooped on my head and I don't have any friends and my tummy hurts!" "That's why."

Then Leonardo made a very BIG decision. Instead of being a terrible monster, he would become a wonderful friend.

But that didn't mean that he couldn't try to scare his friend every now and then! Boo!