



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

# GRONK

*a monster's story*

hi! i'm  
gronk!

...do you like  
kitties?

like as pets,  
not to eat.

i'm not that kind  
of monster.



FEATURING  
**NERO  
CATS**  
Of Stellar City

SO... I USED TO LIVE DEEP IN THE WOODS...



THERE WAS NO INTERNET. IT WAS VERY DEPRESSING.

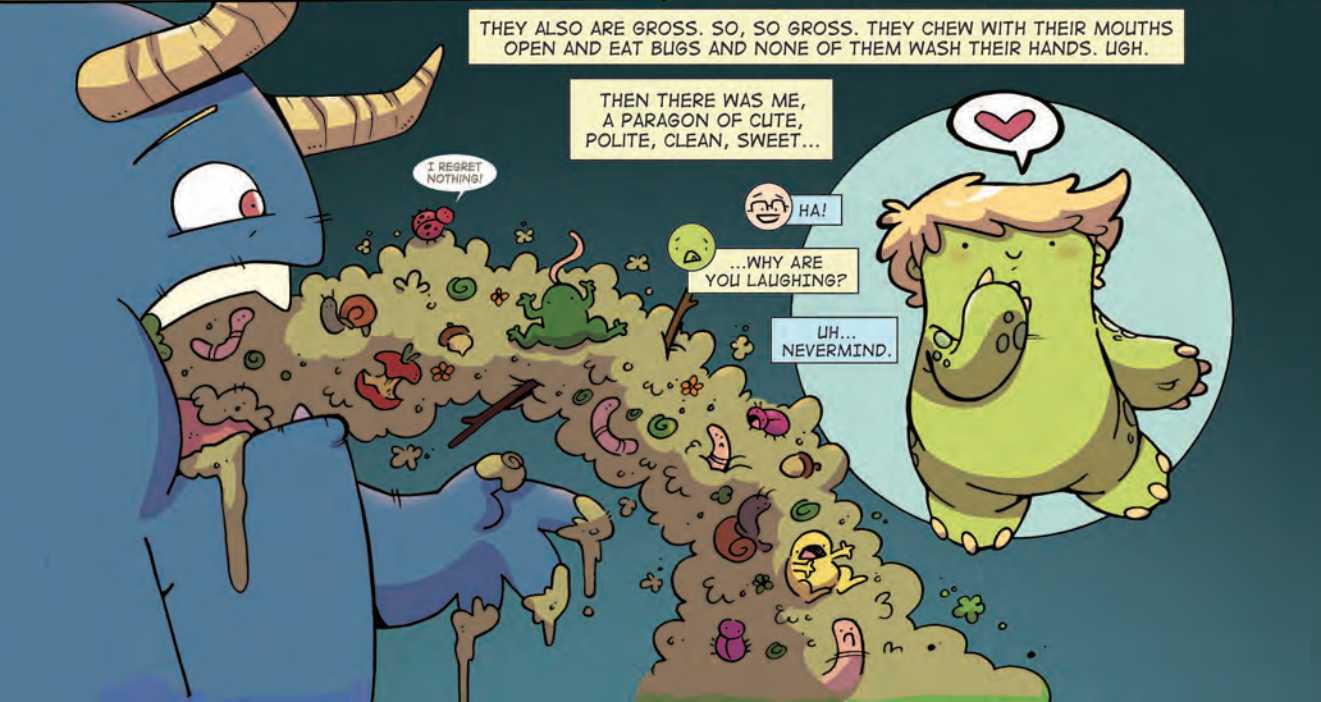
MOST MONSTERS ARE TALL.



AND LOUD.

THEY ALSO ARE GROSS. SO, SO GROSS. THEY CHEW WITH THEIR MOUTHS OPEN AND EAT BUGS AND NONE OF THEM WASH THEIR HANDS. UGH.

THEN THERE WAS ME, A PARAGON OF CLUTE, POLITE, CLEAN, SWEET...



I REGRET NOTHING!

HA!

...WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?

UH... NEVERMIND.



I TRIED EVERYTHING TO FIT IN, BUT...

I'M NOT SLIMY OR GROSS.

I DON'T HAVE HORNS.

I CAN'T FLY.



I'M NOT TERRIBLY FUZZY. I TRIED ONCE.

I SMELLED LIKE A SKUNK FOR MONTHS.

AND I'M A BIT OF A FRAIDY-CAT.



MOSTLY, I JUST SPENT A LOT OF TIME ALONE.



THAT'S SO SAD!  
LIKE A LITTLE,  
LONELY DORK!

SHH! I'M  
NOT DONE!



ONE DAY, I FOUND  
AN OLD MAGAZINE  
ABOUT BAKING.

IT WAS THE FIRST  
TIME I'D SEEN FOOD  
THAT WASN'T BUGS.

THERE WERE PIES.

COOKIES.

CLIPCAKES...

WAIT... YOU  
COULDN'T READ  
BACK THEN! I  
TAUGHT YOU!

NUANCE.

NUANCE MY  
BUTT. YEESH.

YOU  
WANT A  
PIECE OF  
CAKE?  
AND RECIPES  
MORE



SORRY  
BIRDS...

FLOUR? IS  
THIS RIGHT?

OH, THE CLIPCAKES. THEY LOOKED SO GOOD.  
SO I DECIDED TO TRY AND MAKE THEM.

I FORAGED THROUGH THE  
FOREST FOR INGREDIENTS.

I FOUND LOADS OF STUFF LIKE EGGS,  
PLANTS, NUTS, BERRIES, AND MORE.  
NO SLIME. NO TREE BARK.  
I GOT A BOWL AND MIXED IT ALL UP.

WHERE DID YOU  
GET A BOWL?

ZIP IT!



THE BATTER DIDN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT I BAKED THEM.

...AND NOW YOU HAD AN OVEN?

JIMINY CRICKETS! JUST LET ME TELL THE STORY!



GIMMIE DOS!

EEP!

KICK!

THE SMELL OF THE CUPCAKES BROUGHT ALL THE OTHER MONSTERS RIGHT TO ME.

AND OF COURSE I SHARED THEM.



THE OTHER MONSTERS LIKED THEM SO MUCH, THEY...ER... POLITELY ASKED FOR MORE.

YOU'S GUN'A MAKE MORE A' 'DOS RIGHT NOWS' OR I'NNA' STUFF YOU'S INNA' BADGER HOLE. GOT'S IT?

EKK.

NOM NOW