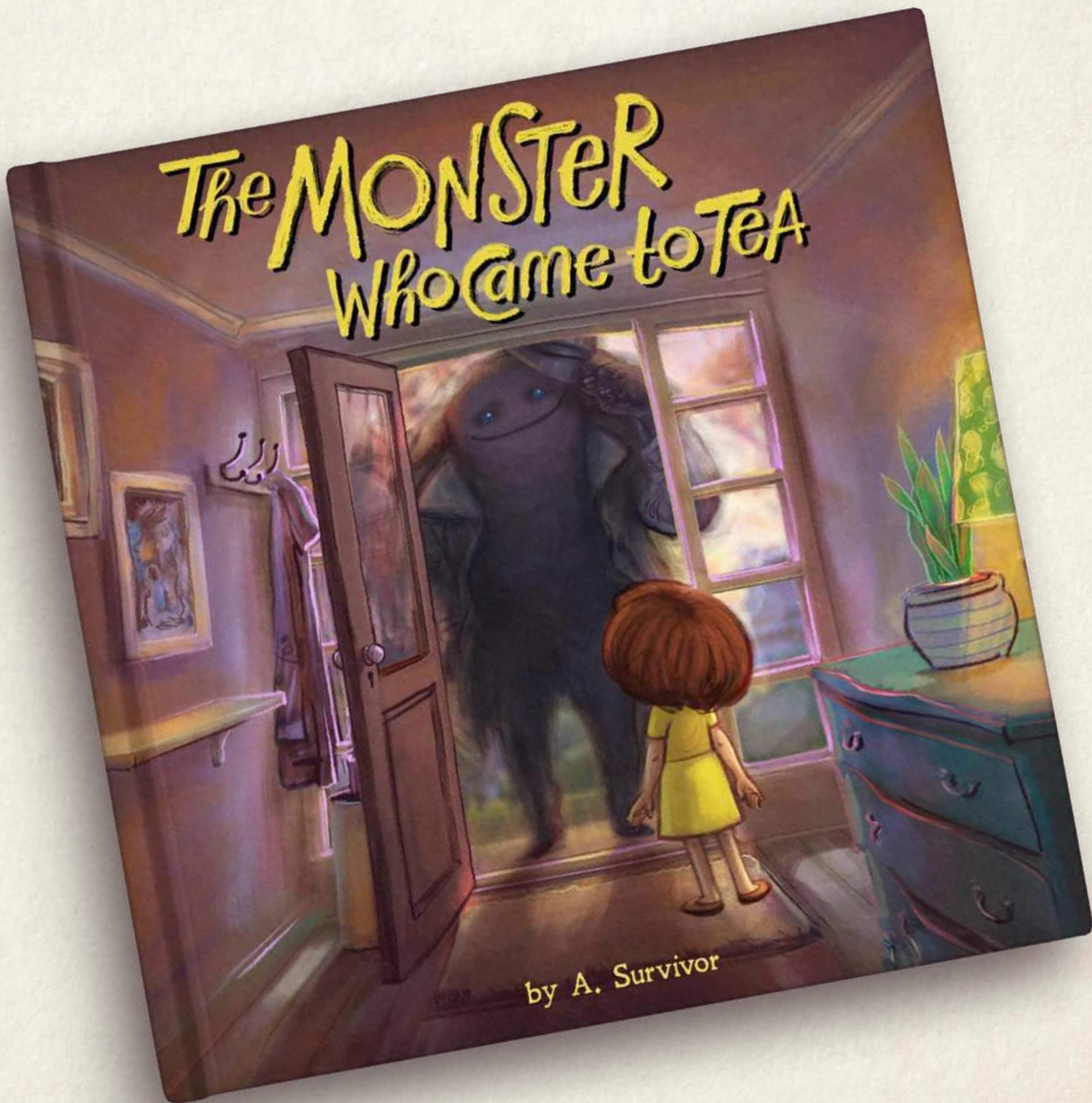


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It was a Thursday, just like any other.



Lily's favourite tea had been made by her mother.



As Lily slurped up wiggly worms galore,



her slurping was disrupted by a knock at the door.



**KNOCK!**  
**KNOCK!!**  
**KNOCK!!!**







Lily opened the door  
and shrieked in surprise...



A close-up illustration of two monsters. The larger monster is purple with a friendly, smiling face and two bright blue eyes. The smaller monster is dark purple with a grumpy expression, a large nose, and a small mouth. They are positioned in front of a glowing orange and yellow background.

...at a charming-looking monster,  
at least **THREE** times her size!





Sniff!  
Sniff!

Sniffing the air and through a disarming, wide grin...





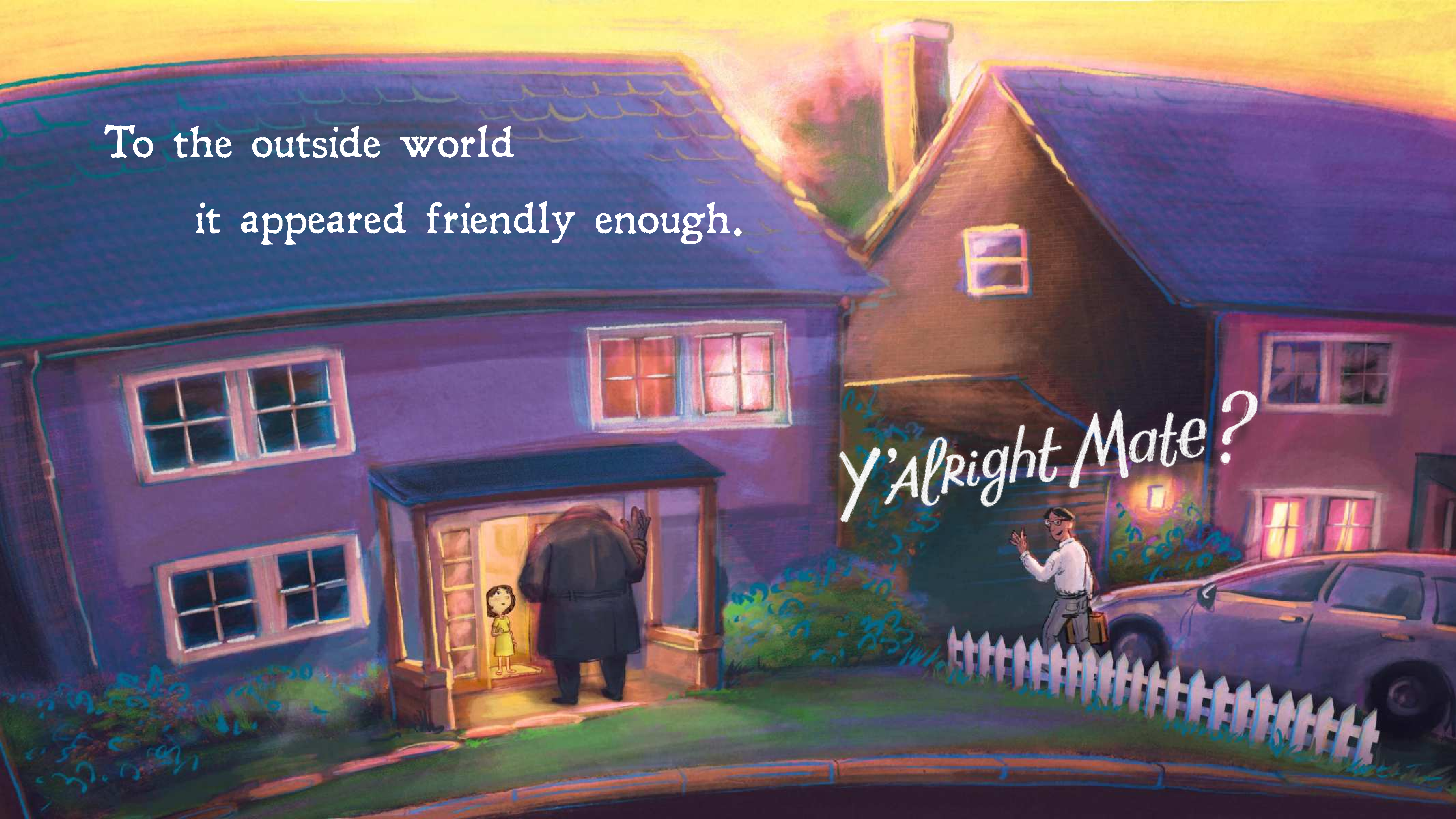
...it said:

*“I Smell Spaghetti,  
Can I Come in?”*



To the outside world  
it appeared friendly enough.

*Y'Alright Mate?*





An illustration of a woman and a young girl in a room. The woman, on the right, has brown hair in a bun and wears a yellow sweater and a pink skirt. The girl, on the left, has short brown hair and wears a yellow dress. They are looking at a large, dark, moody creature that is partially obscured by a large, dark, textured object. The creature has a pale, pinkish face and a single eye. The room features a green lamp with a patterned shade on a table, a potted plant, a framed picture on the wall, and a coat rack with a pink jacket hanging on it. The floor is wooden.

But once behind closed doors  
it grew moody and rough!



They tiptoed nervously  
after the big hairy slob...





SLURRP!!

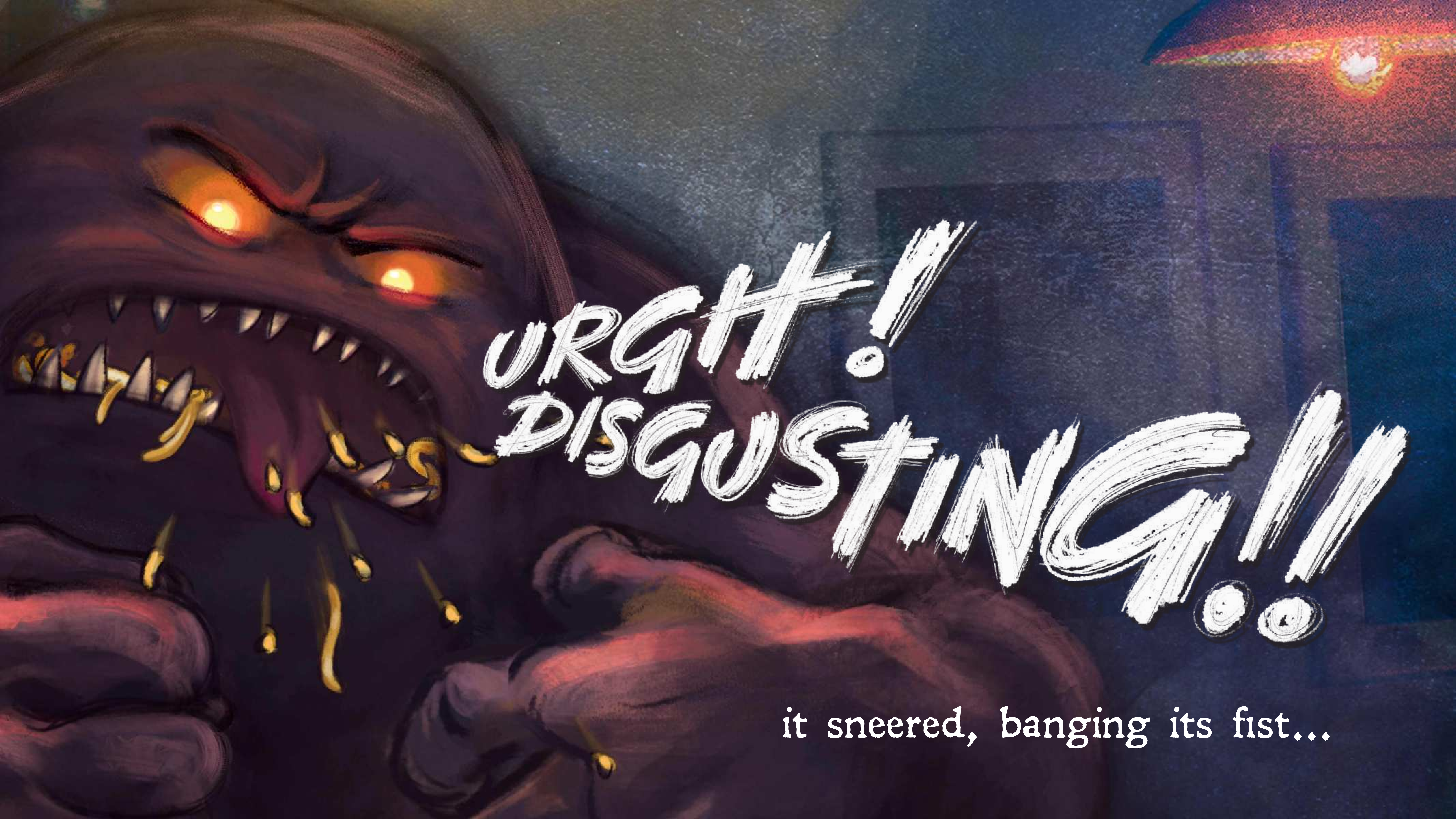




...to find it shoving fistfuls of tea into its gob!







URGH!!  
DISGUSTING!!!

it sneered, banging its fist...





launching a plate at mum's head...





...that only just missed!





As its shards shattered violently...




An illustration in a soft, painterly style. On the left, a woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a yellow cardigan over a pink dress, stands with her hands on the shoulders of a young girl in a yellow dress. The girl has a surprised expression. They are looking towards the right. In the background, a doorway is visible. On the right side of the image, a large, dark, textured shape, possibly a bed or a large object, is partially visible. A small firework is exploding in the dark space between the woman and the large shape. The overall lighting is dim, with some warm tones from the firework and the characters' clothing.

...mum calmly said:

“OK Lily, go get ready for bed.”



A young girl with short, wavy brown hair and a yellow shirt is peeking out from behind a dark wooden door. She has a nervous expression, with wide, dark eyes and a slightly downturned mouth. The background shows a staircase with a wooden railing and a dark, shadowy hallway. The lighting is dim, creating a somber and tense atmosphere.

Lily backed out of the room,  
praying it wouldn't react.

Experience had taught her to avoid eye contact.



Climbing the stairs,







she looked back

once more...



An illustration showing a young girl with brown hair, wearing a yellow dress, sitting on a staircase and looking out with a worried expression. To the right, a dark door is slightly ajar, revealing a large, dark silhouette of a monster with a large, spiky head and a long neck, peering through the gap. The scene is dimly lit, with a blue and purple glow emanating from behind the door.

...to see the monster hurl vile insults,  
through a gap in the door.





WHAT'S WITH THE MAKE-UP?

AND THE REVEALING DRESS?

YOU KNOW I DESPISE IT!!

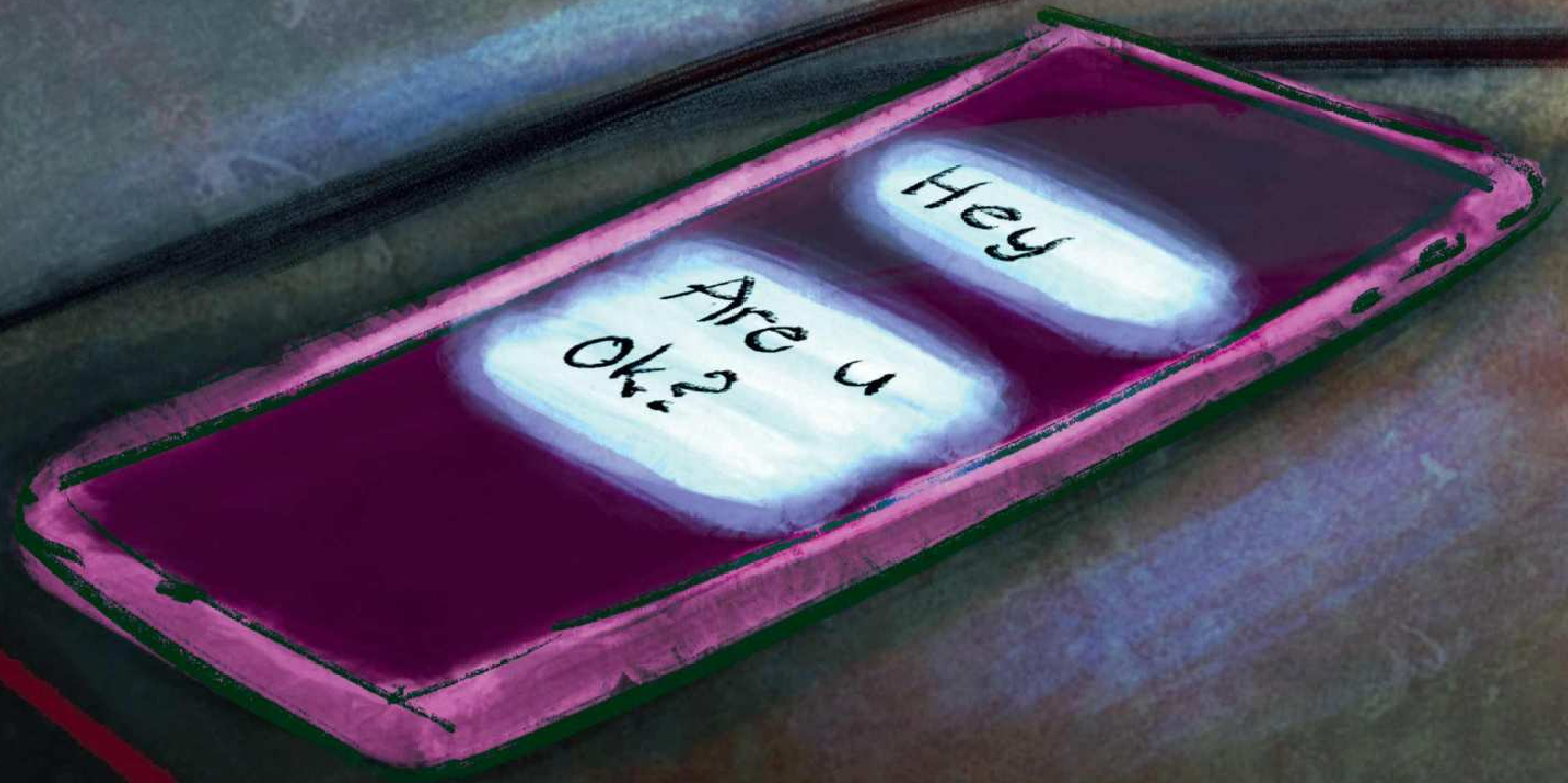
WHO YOU TRYING TO IMPRESS!?





The monster seethed  
at mum's friends sending her texts...





Hey

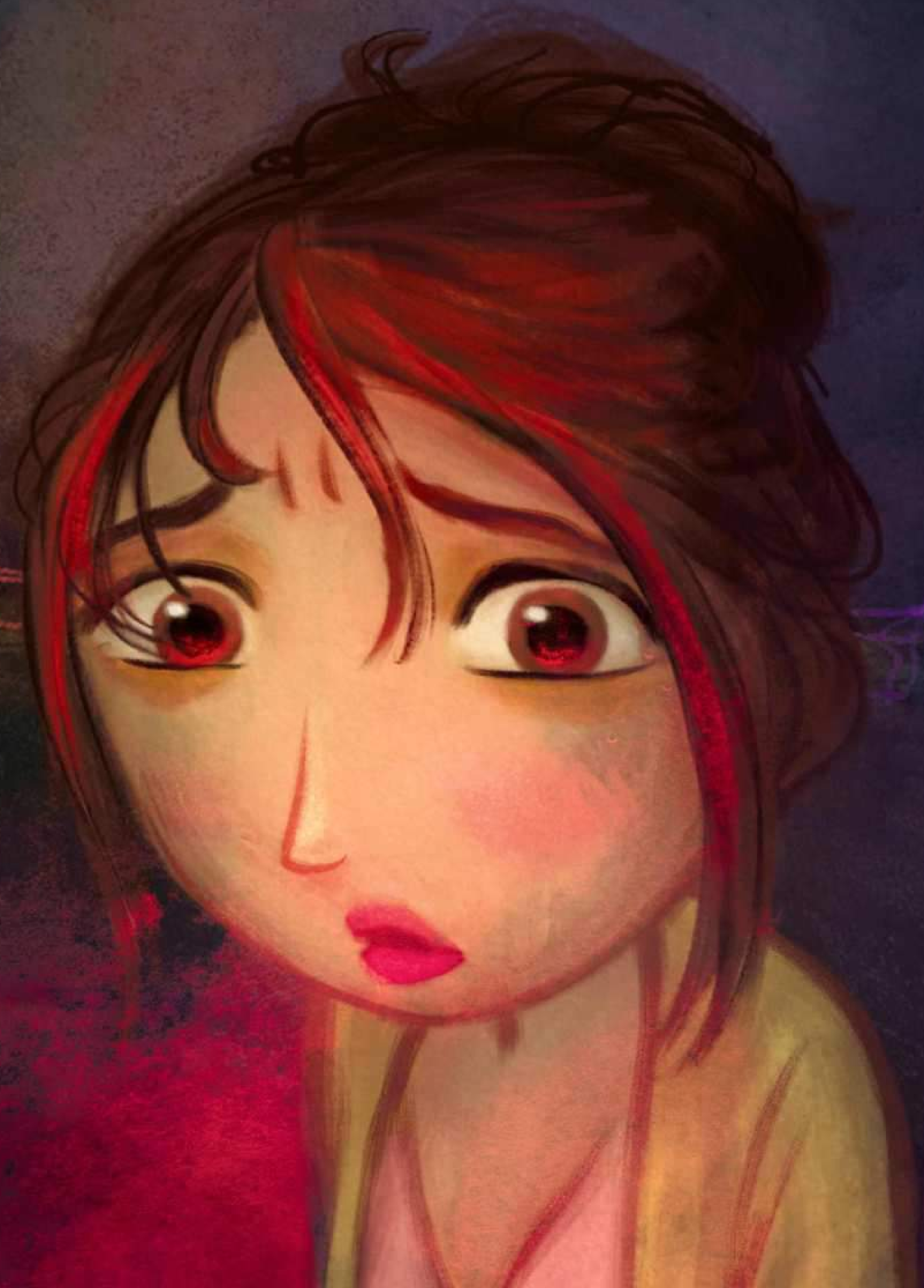
Are u  
ok?







After smashing her phone,  
they both knew...







...what happens next.



The monster's fists tightened,  
its knuckles whitened...





A dark, atmospheric illustration. On the left, a mummy is wrapped in dark, tattered bandages. On the right, a massive, dark, textured creature with glowing yellow eyes and a wide, toothy grin towers over the scene. In the bottom right, a small girl with brown hair in a bun, wearing a green shirt and a light-colored skirt, is running away from the viewer towards the monster, looking back with a terrified expression. The background is dark with some faint, light-colored lines on the left side.

as it towered over mummy,  
who was now **REALLY** frightened!



women's aid  
until women & children are safe