

SPACEMAN

BREN

AND

THE

SLIME

MONSTER

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Color in the slimy letters

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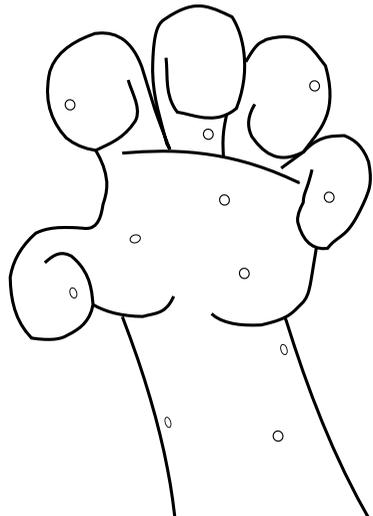
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For Brennan,
May you reach higher heights than you
ever thought possible



Color in the spaceship

Draw Bren flying through space in his spaceship

Everybody in the galaxy knew that Spaceman Bren was the best bad-guy beater ever. No bad-guy was tougher or smarter than the famous Spaceman Bren. So anytime the Space Federation had a particularly difficult bad-guy problem, they always sent Bren.

That's how today's story begins, with Spaceman Bren cruising through space at light speed, on his way to Planet Zorg to sort out another bad-guy problem. The Federation had heard that an evil slime monster was gobbling up the Frog people.

So they sent their best.

Draw big dragonflies flying over the swamp

Planet Zorg was covered in swamp. There was water everywhere, with swamp grass growing out of it and lily pads floating on top. Slimy fish swam through the water and bugs darted over the surface. The dragonflies that buzzed through the air were huge. The whole planet was warm and wet and misty.

It was on Planet Zorg that the Frog people lived. They were a peaceful folk, hopping about and swimming around in their swampy planet. They liked the water and the bugs. And they preferred to avoid trouble rather than confront it.

Draw the nasty slime monster with pointy sharp teeth

One day, a nasty slime monster showed up. Nobody knew where it came from, but it caused all sorts of trouble as soon as it arrived.

The slime monster looked like a gigantic booger, all green and yellow. Its whole body was slimy except for its sharp teeth, like the way your boogers can be sharp and pointy when you pick your nose. The monster was nasty and mean, and it gobbled up anything that came near.

The Frog people sent word to the Space Federation, asking for help to deal with the evil slime monster. The Federation sent none other than the famous Spaceman Bren.

As you know, Spaceman Bren always went everywhere with his trusty monkey sidekick Astro. He was a very smart monkey who could speak in a monkey language that nobody could understand except Bren (and other monkeys).

Draw Spaceman Bren looking through his binoculars

Bren arrived at Planet Zorg and cruised down to the surface. Hovering in place, he cracked open the glass dome on top.

KSSHHHHHT.

Bren stepped out on the wing into the thick swampy air.

Spaceman Bren scanned the horizon with his special binoculars. He didn't see any slime monsters. He didn't see any Frogs either. He just saw marsh and lily pads everywhere, with tiny fish darting around in the water.

“Where is everyone?”

All the Frogs were hiding. They were so frightened of the slime monster that they stayed hidden in the mud so they wouldn't be eaten.

Now, Astro was a very smart monkey, with a very good sense of danger. Astro felt like this was a dangerous situation.

And he was right.

Draw a slimy hand reaching up at the spaceship

Bren jumped back into the cockpit and said, “Well, Astro, what do you think? Should we keep flying or put on our scuba suits and go for a swim?”

Astro definitely thought the scuba suit was a bad idea. He didn’t want to go down in the water when there was a giant booger monster gobbling everything up.

But as Bren was thinking about what to do, a big...

... green...

... slimy...

... hand started coming up out of the water in front of them.

“Oh my goodness!” Bren shouted.
“There’s a snot monster reaching up to get us!”

Draw the slimy hand exploding into a million boogery bits

The big slimy hand started reaching towards the spaceship. But Spaceman Bren was always quick on the trigger. He pulled out his space blaster and fired.

PAKEW!

went the blaster.

POW!

went the slimy hand.

As soon as the laser hit the booger hand, it exploded into a million boogery pieces and flew everywhere. Snot flew backwards, snot flew upwards, snot flew downwards. It even flew onto Astro and Spaceman Bren, covering them with nasty slimy boogers!

Draw Bren and Astro covered in yellowy-green snot

“Ewww!” said Bren. “This is disgusting! I’m covered in snot!”

He was just trying to shake off some of the snot from his head when another big yellowy-green hand came up from behind the ship.

Astro saw it coming and said, “Ooh-ooh! Ahh-ahh!”

He grabbed Spaceman Bren’s sleeve and turned his head.

“Oh no! Another hand!” said Bren.

PAKEW!

He blasted it again.

POW!

The second hand exploded into a thousand tiny snot balls, flying all over the place and covering Bren and Astro and their spaceship with even *more* snot!

“Ew! This is gross!”

Draw Spaceman Bren blasting the slimy hands with his space blaster

Then there was another slimy hand! And another! And *another*! They started grabbing on to the wings of the spaceship, onto the fuselage, and onto the rocket. They were grabbing everything!

“Oh no!” says Bren. “These things are everywhere!”

Spaceman Bren started blasting away.

PEW! PEW! PEW!

The snotty hands exploded as soon as they were hit.

POP! POP! POW!

Snot flew everywhere! Their spaceship was covered!

Bren knew that if he didn't keep blasting, the slime monster was going to drag them under the water. And that's exactly what started happening! There were just too many snotty hands to blast! As soon as he shot one, another would come up behind him. His blaster was running out of power!

Bren and Astro were in real trouble.

Draw Astro with the hair dryer

Suddenly, Astro had an idea. He reached behind the seat and pulled out...

A HAIR DRYER!

Wait, a *hair dryer*? Spaceman Bren took one look at it and said, “Astro! What are you doing?! This is no time to be styling our hair! We’ve gotta take care of this slime monster!”

Astro rolled his eyes, because he knew the hair dryer was the key to defeating the slime monster.

I’m sure you know what he was getting at. What happens when snot dries out? It gets all hard and crusty. And can it move when it’s crusty? No way! It’s completely stuck in place.

So, while Bren was blasting away at the giant snot hands, Astro plugged in the hair dryer and turned it on.

BRRGGGHHHH!

“Astro!” said Bren. “Your hair looks great already! Put that away!”

Draw the dried snotty hand stuck in place

All of a sudden, the space blaster ran out of power.

“Oh no!” cried Bren. “My gun’s dead! Now *we’re* gonna be dead!”

Astro passed him the hair dryer, but Bren said, “Astro! We don’t need this right now! We need to figure out a way to beat this slime monster!”

Bren was just about to throw the hair dryer away when it happened to blow on one of the snotty arms. Instantly, the hot air dried it out, fixing it in place.

CRCRKCKC

The slimy arm couldn’t move at all!

When Spaceman Bren saw what had happened, he exclaimed, “Astro, look! The hair dryer can stop the slime monster!”

Astro rolled his eyes.

Draw ten snotty arms all frozen in place around the spaceship

Bren aimed at the next arm and it dried up too!

CRCKCKRCK

Then the next arm got stuck! And another! Pretty soon there were ten crusty hands stuck in place all around the spaceship, and no other limbs came up from the swamp.

You see, as soon as Spaceman Bren blasted the first snotty arm, the slime monster absorbed all his slime again from the water. But when Spaceman Bren dried all limbs in place, the monster ran out of slime because it was all cracked and dry.

Astro's plan was brilliant. However, the slime monster didn't like being stuck in place.

Draw the slime monster getting angry

GROWLLLLLL

Bren and Astro heard a roar from beneath them. The monster's arms were stuck, but not for long. Water started seeping up into the limbs and the snot started getting soft again.

“Oh no!” Spaceman Bren thought. “What are we going to do! This isn't going to hold it forever!”

Then Spaceman Bren had an idea.

Draw the spaceship blasting off into space

What makes spaceships fly through space?

Fire!

And what does the fire come out of?

Rockets!

“I’ve got it!” said Spaceman Bren. “I’m going to blast this slime monster once and for all!”

He jumped down into his seat, put on his seatbelt.

“Astro! Put your seatbelt on too!”

Bren maneuvered his rockets so they were aimed straight down and the front of the spaceship was aimed straight up. He closed the glass dome and said, “Hold on, Astro!”

He cranked the thrusters to full blast.

KA-POW!

Huge flares from the rockets fired down into the swamp, right on top of the slime monster!

Draw the Frog people coming out of the swamp

WHOOSH!

The spaceship blasted off into the atmosphere. Once it was up in the air, Bren turned around and flew back down to the swamp. All that was left of the slime monster was a big crater, which was completely incinerated.

Soon, the water started seeping in from the swamp and filled in the blackened crater. Before long, it was just swampy marsh again.

Bren hovered over the water and popped open his glass dome. He wanted to make sure the slime monster was completely destroyed. As he was looking, big green heads popped up from the water.

“Look, the Frog people!”

Draw Bren and Astro cleaning their spaceship with tissues

The Frog people cautiously came out of the water. They'd seen everything.

“Hey! Are you Spaceman Bren, the greatest bad-guy beater in the universe?!”

“Why, yes I am,” Bren replied. “Do you have any more slime monsters I have to incinerate?”

All the Frogs cheered for their heroes.

*“Hooray for Spaceman Bren!
Hooray for Astro the Monkey!”*

As a token of their appreciation, the Frog people gave Spaceman Bren a special gift: a magical box of tissues. Anytime Bren or Astro had a snotty nose, they could take as many tissues as they liked and the box never ran out. It was a very thoughtful gift because Bren sometimes caught a cold on his long journeys through the galaxy. Plus, it was going to take an awful lot of tissues to clean off his spaceship.

Draw Bren and Astro flying away from Planet Zorg

The Frog people threw a big party for Bren and Astro. They ate all sorts of strange Frog food - crickets and flies and slimy fish.

Then Bren and Astro said goodbye and blasted off into space. They flew across the galaxy at light speed to their next mission for the Space Federation.

And that is the story of how Spaceman Bren saved the Frog people of Planet Zorg from the slime monster, the biggest and meanest pile of snot the universe had ever seen.

The end.

Hey Kids!

You've probably noticed that there are no pictures in this book. That's because kids always do a better job at imagining stories than adults. So go back and draw all the pictures. Get your parents to scan and email them to me and we'll post the best ones on our website! Be sure to include your name and age.

Enjoy!

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