

# The Misunderstood Monster



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# Characters



Trapp



Krystal (Kaleb's younger sister)



Kaleb

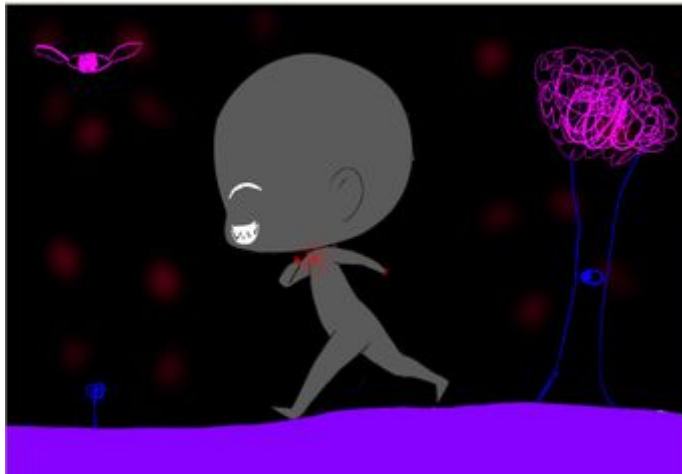


Harry



Jack

One fine afternoon on Planet Quartz, a small monster called Trapp was roaming around aimlessly in his backyard. There were lot of precious and semi precious stones especially Quartz in plenty hence the name Planet Quartz. It was a monstrous looking place with eyes made of Cobalt everywhere .Even the trees had eyes on them. All the living and non living things on Planet Quartz looked monstrous including Trapp. He had pearly white, long teeth with a blood red gemstone glistening on his chest. He scratched his bare head with his long blood red pointy nails pacing back and forth and at times running like crazy.



After running for around an hour and a half, Trapp was exhausted to the core! He went inside for a drink.”Umm trap?” “Your dad and I need to tell you something,” said Trapp’s mom. “What is it?” “It better be quick,I need to run another imaginary marathon,” said Trapp fidgeting with his nails nervously.

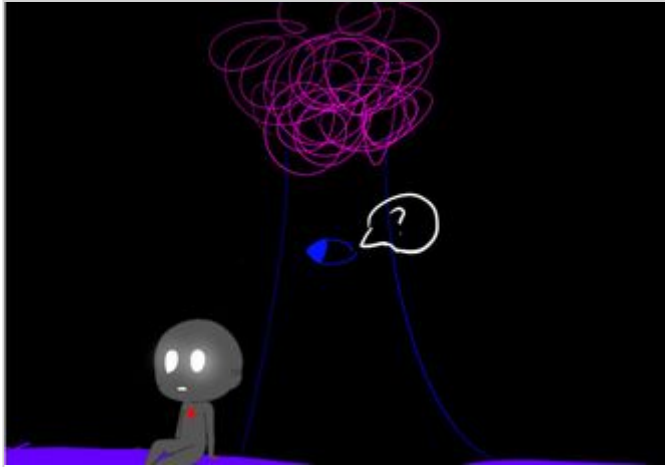
"Well, **we are moving to Earth.**"

"WHAT?" Trapp exclaimed "WE ARE MOVING TO EARTH?" "Yes, we have no choice as we have no money to survive here," said his mother trying to hide her tears.

Trapp didn't know what to feel, happy or sad?

After his mom saw that he finished the imaginary marathon, she called him to choose the things he wanted to bring to Earth. "Woah, calm down mom! It's not like our flight is tomorrow!" Trapp said. "Oh yeah, about that" his mom stuttered. "WE ARE MOVING TOMORROW?" Trapp cut off his mom midway with his gesture. "Uhh yeah," said his mom helplessly.

Trapp packed all the things that he wanted and went to the tree with the eye, in his backyard. He stared at the tree's eye to get its attention. "Well tree, this is the last time I'm going to see you," he said and tree looked puzzled.



"because,well,I'm moving to earth,"  
explained Trapp

The tree was shocked at first  
and then it shed a cobalt blue  
tear!

A fact no one knew about Trapp is  
that he never frowned! He either had  
a neutral face or a smile and no one  
could guess his true feelings.  
He spent the whole day talking  
to flowers and the tree and he  
didn't even notice how much  
time went by.



"Trapp time for bed!"called his  
mom."Coming!" Trapp replied

He then ran and climbed silently into bed  
but couldn't sleep a wink all night.

The next day, Trapp woke up way before dawn to the sound of weeping. He went outside to once again say goodbye to the tree and the flowers, "I will miss you, don't forget me!" Trapp said to the weeping tree and flowers as they shed tears of sorrow. They were his best friends and they knew that even though Trapp showed no emotions he was very sad at heart to leave them behind.

Since Trapp was moving to a different planet, he took a rocket. It was light miles away and even in a rocket it took 10 hours to reach. Trapp slept through the entire journey exhausted.

His mom and dad woke him up after they landed, Trapp got up and said, "OW,my eyes!" He closed them immediately. "Don't worry,just open them," mom said. Trapp opened his eyes and said, "Woah,the trees don't have eyes,neither do the birds!" "A- and its not dark?" Trapp questioned his mom and dad. "Yes,now lets get off, captain Trail who is the pilot of this spacecraft is waiting to go back!" Trapp's mom and dad had been to earth briefly, a long time ago. They went there because they couldn't find a job on Planet quartz initially but then they got lucky and found a job on Planet Quartz itself. But now they again lost their job hence had to go back to Earth to earn a living after loosing all their money in trading. Trapp was now stuck in this mysterious planet Earth.



As soon as they saw Trapp and his family, everyone screamed and ran helter skelter. Trapp was confused, "Why do they look different, and why are they running away from us?" He enquired baffled at their action. "Because we look different from them," mom remarked.

After about a week, Trapp somehow got enrolled into a school called 'Rose Quartz Elementary.' "Hey! That name has the name of my planet!" Trapp said to his mom.

On his first day of school he heard people screaming AHH "EEK" "BAAH, and many other things." "Guys! I'm harmless! I promise I just want some friends!!" Trapp explained, but no one believed him. He sat alone in a corner for lunch each day. One day he couldn't take it anymore he went out of the school and sat under a tree expressionless.



A girl from his class called Krystal felt sorry for Trapp, and was willing to give it a try and be friends with him, so she told her brother Kalep about it .“You shouldn’t risk it Krystal, he could be a demon, exclaimed Kalep in anger. “I don’t care, he could be nice, I want to try and be friends with him.”

The next day Krystal went up to Trapp and said “Hi! Wanna be friends?” “What really, you want to be friends with me?” Trapp asked surprised . “Yeah!”replied Krystal “Oh my god, yes please!” Said Trapp sounding excited but with a neutral face. The twinkle in his eyes didn’t go unnoticed by Krystal.





When Trapp got home from school ,he told his mom and dad about Krystal “That’s great!” Said his mom relieved as she was worried for him after seeing everyone’s reaction on the first day of Trapp’s school.

Krystal and Trapp became the best of friends from then on. She was a beautiful, kind girl with a heart of gold and so much fun to be with.



From then on they were inseparable!

They had sleepovers, play dates, invited each other to their picnics and so much more! After about a month, Krystal convinced her brother Kalep to join the fun!

Now all of them were best friends!

It was not only Trapp, Krystal and Kaleb but everyone else in their class was now nice to Trapp because Krystal and Kaleb were friends with Trapp for so long and nothing bad had happened to them. Now everyone were convinced that he meant no harm and talked to Trapp nicely except for one guy who always made fun of him and sneered whenever Trapp crossed his path. His name was Harry.

Harry always discriminated Trapp for his looks. He mocked, “ha ha look at the weird gem in the middle of your chest! What is that even for? You should be ashamed of your looks!” “Hey! What did Trapp do?” “ He can’t change his looks!” “ He looks fine, and if you think he’s ugly, keep your opinion to yourself”, shouted krystal angrily. “Yeah,” nodded Kaleb in agreement. “Yeah whatever” said Harry mockingly.

It was not only Trapp that was being discriminated at school, another boy named Jack also got bullied for his unusual appearance. Because they both had things in common, Jack and Trapp ended up being friends. Jack also made friends with Krystal and Kaleb. Now they formed a group and wanted to educate all their schoolmates against discrimination based on appearance or any other differences. They named their group One World Family. When Harry wouldn’t listen to them even after repeated attempts to stop him from bullying, they decided to teach him a lesson.

So one day Trapp told everyone to hide while he talked to Harry. And while Harry bullied and treated Trapp nastily, everyone hid behind the big tree in the school backyard trying to record video for proof. While he was bullying Trapp, Harry accidentally hit the wall with his heavy cricket bat. Suddenly there was a loud scream followed by a big splash. "AHHH" screamed Harry as he hit the bottom of the school swimming pool. Trapp almost jumped out of his skin when he heard Harry's shriek and the splash as he had no idea what happened even though it happened before his eyes. He immediately regained his composure, jumped into the pool and frantically searched for Harry in the water. He found him going underwater and surfacing and again going underwater. Since Trapp hadn't gone into the school pool after he joined he had no idea of its depth. Without wasting a single second he jumped into the water while everyone hiding behind the tree gasped in fear. Trapp swam with all his might and reached the drowning boy and swam back to safety with him as the others ran to them. They helped pull Harry out from Trapp's arms and lay him flat. Trapp, who knew first aid gave him CPR. When Harry regained consciousness he felt ashamed of himself for treating Trapp and Jack so badly. "Don't discriminate and bully people based on their looks, Harry," said Krystal while Kaleb nodded in agreement and others agreed too. "O-ok, I-I promise I w-won't do it a-again" said Harry stuttering and shivering in both fear and embarrassment. He realized his mistake and thanked Trapp. Harry became friends with everyone from that day onwards.

Harry learnt a valuable lesson to not discriminate people based on their appearance and not to bully them. Even though Trapp looked different he was the person to help him selflessly when Harry needed him the most. He was ashamed to even think of the incident as he was a changed person now. Harry also joined their group and worked against bullying and discrimination. He gave everyone equal respect after that day onwards.

