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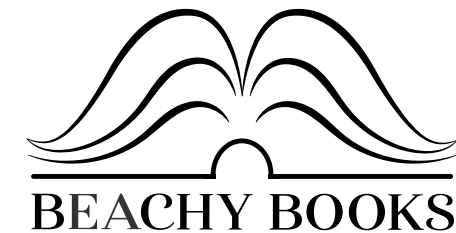
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THINGAMANOSE

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## THE THING UP ROSE'S NOSE...

Rose pointed to a 'Thing' that was moving **about**.  
It was making a home in her slippery **snout**.

***IT'S A  
THINGAMANOSE!!!***

But her mother and father dismissed the girl's **cries**,  
thinking her grumbles were little white **lies**.

***DON'T BE SO SILLY, ROSE!  
STOP TELLING FIBS!  
A NOSTRIL IS NOT A PLACE  
ANYTHING LIVES!***





But Rose still **insisted** that the Thingamanose **existed**.

Believing their wishes were being ignored,  
the frustrated parents breathed deeply and **roared**...

**PUT ON YOUR COAT, ROSE!  
WE'RE TAKING YOU OUT  
AND GETTING A DOCTOR  
TO LOOK UP YOUR SNOUT!**

Then off they all trotted,  
the parents and **Rose**,  
and the doctor examined  
and studied the **nose**...



**IT'S CERTAINLY BLOCKED,  
BUT I CAN'T SEE QUITE WHERE. THERE'S A DEFINITE  
BLOCKAGE OF SOMETHING UP THERE.**

**IT'LL WORK ITS WAY OUT.  
IT WON'T BE IN A HURRY.  
IT'LL TAKE ITS OWN TIME, SO THERE'S NO  
NEED TO WORRY, BUT...**

**THERE'S NO  
THINGAMANOSE!**



# THINGAMANOSE PLOPS OUT!

Rose lay in her bed.

As she started to **doze**  
she heard a peculiar sound in her **nose**.

**CHIP! CHOP!**  
**CHIP! CHOP!**

Rose sat bolt upright and she rubbed at her **snout**.

(You wouldn't believe what was trying to get **out**!)





Then she ran to the bathroom to study her **nose**...

Was that the leg of a **Thingamanose**?

Rose reached for the limb,  
but it quickly **withdrew**  
and all that remained  
was solidified **goo**.

Rose went back to her pillow  
and tried not to **think**  
about what she had seen  
on her trip to the **sink**.



**CHIP! CHOP!**  
**CHIP! CHOP!**

Rose started to panic;  
her face turned bright red.

**THERE IS SOMETHING  
LIVING INSIDE OF  
MY HEAD!**



She raced to the mirror and, to her **alarm**,  
observed, dangling out of her nostril,  
an **arm**.

It was slimy and thin  
and it had the odd **hair**,  
and Rose gaped, open mouthed,  
as it waved in the **air**.

Then a head slithered out!  
It was horribly **mean**  
and ugly and warty and  
gooseberry **green**!

And it grinned at poor Rose  
with a grimace so **foul**  
that she let out a

terrible...

petrified...

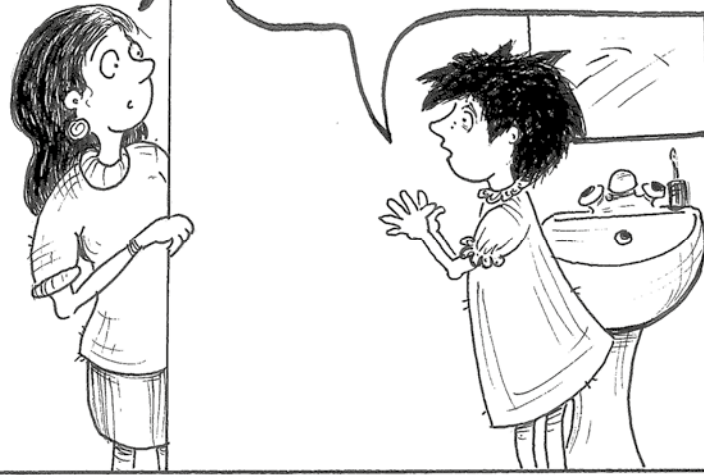
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**WHATEVER IS THE  
MATTER DEAR?**

**THINGAMANOSE IS TRYING  
TO GET OUT. IT'S TUNNELLED  
ITS WAY THROUGH THE  
SLIME IN MY SNOUT!**



**WILL YOU STOP  
TELLING TALES!**



At that very same moment, it fell from her **nose**;  
it plopped onto the floor; it unwound like a **hose**.

From a wet slimy bundle, so seemingly **small**,  
the creature expanded to six inches **tall**.

**"MUM! DAD! COME QUICKLY!  
THINGAMANOSE FELL OUT!"**



Rose studied the 'Thing' as it stood on the **floor**.  
She hadn't seen anything like it **before**!  
It looked back at her and it hissed and it **sneered**  
then it scuttled away and the 'Thing' **disappeared**.