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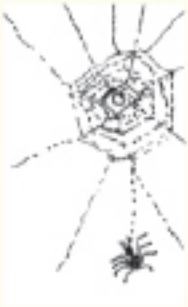


Chapter 1
Cowardy Custard

It was the holidays. And the best thing about the holidays was the fun fair.

Rosa loved fun fairs. She loved candy floss, roller coasters and Ferris wheels. But, most of all, Rosa loved ghost trains.


GHOST TRAIN
ENTRANCE

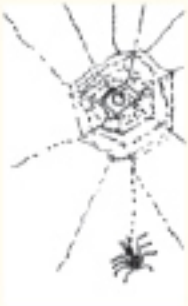
Rosa loved the ghosts, the monsters and the rattly skeletons. She loved the scuttly spiders and the creepy crawlies.

The fun fair came to town just after school closed for the holidays. Rosa went along with her best friend, Ivan. They ate some candy floss and went on all the new rides. Last of all, they went to the ghost train.

Rosa jumped up and down with joy. "Wow!" she said. "Look how scary it is this year."

"I've got goose bumps already," Ivan said. "I don't like the look of that big monster mouth at all. It's too scary."

"Cowardy custard," Rosa said. "If you're too yellow, I'll go by myself. I'm not scared – I'm a monster buster!"



The same thing happened every year. Ivan wouldn't go anywhere near the ghost train. So Rosa left him standing there. She got her ticket and climbed into the train. The big monster mouth swallowed her up and she vanished into the darkness.

All around her, Rosa could hear groans and moans and sighs. A skeleton grabbed her hair. A massive spider's web swung into her face.

Rosa's skin went all goose-bumpy.

"Ooh, it's even more horrible this year!" she said. "I hope they still have the big snake, and the vampire and – Oh!"

Rosa stared in surprise. There was something new. It was a disgusting monster with the longest arms Rosa had ever seen. It leaned out of the darkness

