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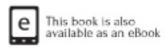
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Then he let out a cry of horror, for standing in the kitchen was the most terrifying thing he had ever seen. More terrifying than the two-headed sea monster of Kroll. More terrifying than the painted cannibals of Caledonia.

It was his son, Thorfinn.

