

THE MONSTER

Introduction:

Draw, paint or sculpt the “**Monster**” that appears in the story.

What you need:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Watercolor paint set
- Clay or play dough



Steps:**1. Read again the following excerpt taken from Jacoba's glasses:**

Jacoba hadn't been in the alley the entire time. Twice she ventured out of the shadows and into this strange world. The first time, she walked out onto the road happily. She watched people go by, no one noticed her. She thought she found a place where she could be one of those characters. One of the graphic heroes that she loved to read. She felt a power in herself. She was ready to leap high, move fast, and fight evil. Then, the monster flew by and changed everything.

Jacoba cowered in the alley. She could still see the beast in her mind. Its four limbs barely touched the ground. It propelled itself forward, four furry feet at a time. It was so fast that the colors of the animal came off in streaks behind it like streamers on a kite. The streaks lingered in the background, obscuring the buildings and streets behind them. The beast was massive and moved in two shades, purple and gray. It was tethered to some boy, or maybe the boy was tethered to it. The monster pulled him along, swinging him far left and right as it turned. He, too, was a blur, a blur that Jacoba saw a second before he would have hit her. She dove for the sidewalk, curling in a ball. She slammed into a café table. The boy and his darting animal were gone before she could clear the spilt coffee off her torn pants.

- 2. Use your preferred materials and draw, paint or sculpt the "monster" described above.**
- 3. Share your artwork with other participants; you can even arrange your masterpieces as an art gallery in your classroom.**
- 4. Don't forget to tag us on Instagram @picknlearn and #picknlearn**