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Patrick Edward was a wonderful boy. His mother was a monster. She lived in a big cave at the back of the house.

Adapted from the original text *Monster Mama*, by Liz Rosenberg.
She painted, she gardened, and tossed Patrick Edward in the air. He called her Monster Mama.

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Monster Mama had bad moods that scared the neighborhood. When Patrick Edward ran a fever she had the sweetest touch.

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She taught him to roar, jump, climb, and cast a spell to put anyone to sleep. They both were fearless and told him to only use his powers for good.

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When she drove him to school, she hid herself in a big cloak and hood.

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He would have friends over. She would bake and watch them from the cave. She did not meet his friends or teachers. Patrick Edward learned to make friends by himself.

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Monster Mama sent Patrick Edward to the store to get a dessert with strawberries.

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He tried the new market across town and picked out some strawberry tarts.

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In the parking lot three boys circled him and grabbed the grocery bag and waved a baseball bat.

Patrick Edward grabbed the bag and the boys ran after him.

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He ran through the woods. The boys caught up to him. Patrick Edward chanted the spell his mother taught him. It didn't work.

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The boys ate Patrick Edward's strawberry tart and threw his hat and the grocery bag off the mountain.
Patrick Edward and the boys said mean words to each other. The boys made fun of monster Mama. He broke the boys baseball bat and tossed it over his shoulder.

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He chased the boys down the mountain and through the woods. His eyes were bright when he laughed.

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Monster Mama heard Patrick Edwards screams and ran out of her cave and over the creek.

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She told the boys to pick up the grocery bag.

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She told them to get the hat and then asked who broke the baseball bat. Patrick Edward blushed.

Monster Mama still wanted dessert. They all went back to the house.

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They made a strawberry tea cake with whipped cream on top.

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All of them had another piece of cake.

Monster Mama told Patrick Edward she would always be there for him because she loved him.

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It was getting dark outside. Patrick and Edward walked the boys to the gate. The boys said Monster Mama was special.

The End

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