



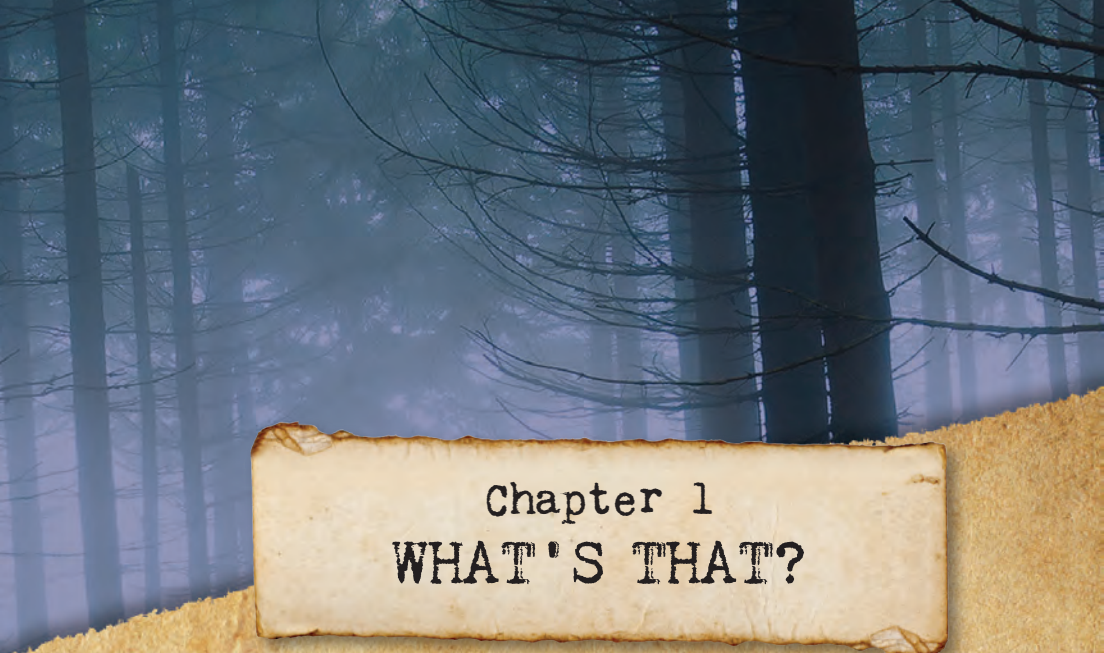
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MONSTERS
on Land

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Chapter 1
WHAT'S THAT?

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Dogs bark.

Their howls fill the air.

A woman looks out the window.

It's dark.

Too dark to see.

Something *shrieks*.

Dogs growl.

Their cries *scare* the woman.

Something is out there.

But what?

The woman walks outside.

She sees something.

It is in the woods!

What is it?

A shadow?

It looks like an animal.

Could it be a bobcat?

No. It's too big.

The woman goes inside.

She hides in bed.

She is scared.

She can't sleep.

The dogs cry.

Then they stop.

All is silent.



Rap! Rap! Rap!

It is morning.

Someone is at the woman's door.

She opens it.

Police officers stand there.

They want to know about last night.

They ask if she heard anything.

She tells them about the dogs.

She says she saw a large cat.



POLICE LINE

They shake their heads.
They tell her the news.
Four dogs are dead.

The dogs were killed.
Their jaws were broken.
Their blood was *drained*.
The woman gasps.
“Was it the Beast of Bladenboro?” she asks.
“Did it strike again?”

“There’s no such thing,” a cop says.
The woman knows better.

DO NOT CROSS



Everyone in Bladenboro,
North Carolina, knows better.
They all know about the monster.
They fear it.



AN EVIL BEAST

People say it's a *vampire*.
It drinks animals' blood.
It rips their skin.
It crushes their heads.

The woman is sure.
The beast killed those dogs.

Did it?
Is the Beast of Bladenboro real?
Maybe.
Maybe not.
You decide.



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Are monsters real?

Do you like to be scared?

What is Mothman?

What does Bigfoot sound like?

Would you want to hunt monsters?

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