

A Summary of the Story

Monica's mother has sent her to play in the garden. In the garden Monica has no television and no computer – and even her mobile phone isn't working. Monica is bored!

Monica finds a box in the garden – and in the box is a strange man called Goggie. Goggie shows Monica some magic tricks, which she finds fairly interesting. But Monica is still bored. Goggie finds some odd bits and pieces in the garden shed, and builds a rocket, with which he takes Monica to the North Pole. There Monica and Goggie skate on the ice, until they are interrupted by a polar bear (which Goggie creates out of things in the garden shed). Monica runs away from the bear – and then just in time she manages to find some fish for it to eat. While the bear is eating, Monica and Goggie find the North Pole, and then get back into their rocket and fly away.

Now Goggie takes Monica to somewhere warmer – Africa! In Africa they find a zebra, a giraffe and an elephant. Monica feeds the three animals – but then they hear the roar of a lion. Quickly, they fly away on their rocket.

Goggie steers the rocket to the bottom of the sea, where they meet various types of fish – and mermaids! And then they fly on again, and land on the moon. There they find an American flag left there by American spacemen – Goggie changes it so that it now reads “Monica was here”.

After all these adventures, Goggie brings Monica back to her garden. Even Monica has to admit that she has had an exciting day – visiting the North Pole, Africa, the sea-bed and the moon. Goggie can't come and play with Monica tomorrow, because he has to help other children who think life is boring. But that doesn't matter – Monica has learnt her lesson: she has learnt to use her imagination. Tomorrow she has plans for going to the sun... and going to China... and flying with the birds... and going to London...