

BOOK KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – THE NOTHING TO SEE HERE HOTEL

Important Information

Plot

Frankie Bannister visits Granny Regurgita in her tower bedroom when a surprise visitor brings news about a special guest who will be making an appearance at the hotel. They panic and prepare ready for the arrival of this new guest but things go from bad to worse as they realise the true reason for his appearance.

Themes

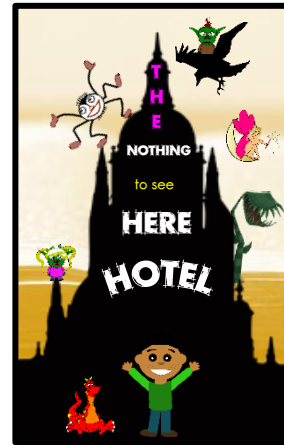
Imagination, Family, Friends, Tourism, Monsters and Preconceptions.

Setting

The Nothing to See Here Hotel is the best secret holiday destination for magical creatures in the whole of England situated at the end of Brighton seafront. It has a shabby, dirty visible front but the rest of the hotel is completely invisible. See pages 14 and 15 for a useful map of the hotel and its rooms. The entire book is set in this hotel and partly on Brighton beach.

Characters

Frankie Bannister	Protagonist - Half-human and half everything else!
Bargeois and Rani Bannister	Frankie's mum and dad who run the hotel and pretend to be angry guests, giving bad reviews to keep human tourists away.
Grandad Abraham	Frankie's 'Grandad Abe' who was a great explorer.
Granny Regurgita	Terrifying gran of Frankie who lives in the tower bedroom.
Gurp	Granny Regurgita's pet thistlewump with very sharp teeth.
Nancy	Scottish hotel cook who is a giant spider.
Lady Leonora Grey	A ghost who usually haunts Hampton Court Palace.
Manglejaw	Goblin who arrives on a raven with a message.
Hoggit	Frankie's pet pygmy soot-dragon.
Mr Croakum	Hotel gardener with a ten-foot-long tongue.
Mrs Venus	Giant fly-trap married to Mr Croakum, found by Grandad Abe.
Mrs Dunch	A very old and wrinkly mermaid who stays every summer.
Reginald Blink	A cyclops staying at the hotel with his family.
Invisible Alf	Made invisible from a science-laboratory accident.
The Molar Sisters	Triplet tooth fairies with terrible dental hygiene.
Prince Grogbah	Antagonist - Small, arrogant and spoiled prince goblin.
The Lawn	A grassghost creature who rarely moves or speaks.
Tempestra Plank	Daughter of Captain Plank who is a goblin sea voyager.
Captain Plank	The most famous goblin sea voyager of them all.



What Can the Book Teach Us?

We can use our imaginations to create weird and wonderful worlds. There is so much we don't see! Try not to be ungrateful and spoil it.

Quotes

"Get on with it you little snot!"
"I bet you didn't know that tooth fairies eat sugar lumps, did you?"
They have the worst dental hygiene in the whole of the magical world."
"I want that big, blue, giant pool and I want it now!"

Folklore Context

Troll - an ugly creature depicted as either a giant or a dwarf
 Cyclops - savage one-eyed giant
 Ghost - the spirit of a dead person or animal which appears to the living
 Mermaid - mythical sea creature with the head of a woman and tail of a fish
 Goblin - mischievous, ugly creature resembling a dwarf
 Dragon - serpent-like legendary creature that breathes fire



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Key Vocabulary

dumplings	a small, fat person / a savoury ball of dough
slobbering	having saliva dripping from the mouth
enchanted	placed under a spell; bewitched
husk	the shell or dry outer covering of something
carbuncle	boil in the skin, typically infected
extinguished	cause a fire or light to stop burning or shining
wafting	move with a gliding motion
plummeted	fall or drop straight down at high speed
nosedive	a steep downward plunge by an aircraft
ornate	elaborately or highly decorated
bedraggled	looking dishevelled with untidy hair/clothes
typewriter	old machine with keys for producing letters on paper
inferno	a large fire that is dangerously out of control
garlands	wreath of flowers / leaves, worn on the head or hung
shrubbery	an area in a garden planted with shrubs
molehill	a small mound of earth thrown up by a burrowing mole
tardy	slow in action or response / late
pompous	when someone is things they are more important
chariot	a two-wheeled vehicle pulled by horses
bamboozle	cheat or fool someone
peasants	ignorant, rude, or unsophisticated person