

# **The Monster #2**

## **(The Final Demand)**

Danny’s House.  
Anywhere in America.  
Today.

The Kitchen.

Danny is a young boy (played by a girl) who is very likable, good natured, intelligent – with a big imagination. But he is not someone who is open to trying something new – and he can be rather stubborn about this. He has told his Mom and Dad that he does not like eating vegetables and he has no intention of even trying them.

Dad understand Danny’s big imagination. He has come up with a plan to disguise himself as a monster who might be able to solve the problem of Danny’s refusal to eat his peas.

Here in the kitchen after dinnertime again, Danny is once again faced with a plate of peas. The Monster is back – nastily gleeful that he has caught Danny – again forced to trade. Thus, the Monster now raises the stakes – demanding that Danny trade away his faithful dog Ralph who is Danny’s best friend.

The Monster has not acted threatening. He has been a funny & entertaining – a playful, clever, fun guy. The Monster always loves to put on a show. But he is a phony – a con artist – the devil – masking his real intent to cause some trouble. This villain always has high ‘happy’ energy – but sometimes can let the mask slip and we catch the true nasty side. He is out to fool Danny – making him think that they are friends – so he can con Danny. Thus, he has lost of charm, energy, style, and showmanship. But always smiling devilishly, he is very untrustworthy – the phony, sleezy salesman.

DANNY

Oh no. Peas for dinner – again.

MONSTER

Yep, peas for dinner again!

*(calls out)*

...THANKS, MOM!!!

...I mean –Ain't that too bad, Danny Boy? Guess you're gonna have to trade with me again.

...But hey - what can you do, huh? I mean – Mom and Dad think you've been eating those peas all along, right? And - gosh, you wouldn't want them to know that you've been lying. So, I guess you're stuck trading with me for the rest of your life. Right?

DANNY

Yeah, I guess.

MONSTER

So, what do you say, Danny Boy? Is it 'Trading Time'?

DANNY *(nods yes)*

Yeah. So, what do you want this time?

MONSTER

Hmmm, I don't know. ... Let me think,... What do I want?...Nothing much...How about something simple like...uh...Ralph, your dog!

DANNY

What?! You want Ralph?

MONSTER

That's right.

DANNY

No!

MONSTER

Yes!

DANNY

But I...I...Give me a minute, would ya?!...I gotta think!

MONSTER

C'mon, kid! Quit stalling! What's it going to be, huh? ...Do I get your dog?...Or do you eat those peas?

**END OF SIDE.**