

WEST VIRGINIA, MONSTER MAMA



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There once was an alien named Mika, from the planet Blorkadork. She had lived there her whole life, learning the alien ways. She wanted to learn about human ways, too. So, she made a travel machine. She decided to test it out in a place called West Virginia.



She touched a red button and was standing on a beautiful hillside in Flatwoods, West Virginia. The sun was shining, and the grass was green. All seemed well until a weird, ten foot tall, triangle-headed, green-clothed creature appeared. Mika was shocked! Without making a sound, she touched the button again.



Mika was sent to a place called Greenbrier County. She saw a faded girl in a high neck dress floating. She was muttering in a faint, ghostly voice, "It was Trout." Mika trembled with fear. Whatever this girl was, she was definitely not human, or at least not at the moment. Mika quickly pushed the button.



She was in Point Pleasant. She heard a shrill sound and saw a new creature. It was black, with big wings, and glowing red eyes. She immediately pressed the button and ended up in a cafe in Thomas.

Mika walked up to a little girl standing by the counter with a name tag that said “Ruthie.” Mika's heart was still pounding ten times faster than usual.

“Aren’t you scared?” Mika asked.

Ruthie shook her head. “Why would I be scared?”

Mika stared at Ruthie. “There are so many creepy, chilling monsters in this state!”

Ruthie grinned. “Every state has their own myths and folktales. We have lots of scary monsters, but look on the bright side.”



Ruthie pushed the button, and Mika was staring at a waterfall. “This is Blackwater Falls,” said Ruthie.

Mika marveled at the water gushing down the rocky hillside. Trees grew in all directions around it. “This is beautiful,” said Mika.

As the sun set, Mika got back in her machine. She looked back at Ruthie, who was now misty eyed, and waved. Maybe human ways weren’t so scary after all.

“I will come back soon,” said Mika.