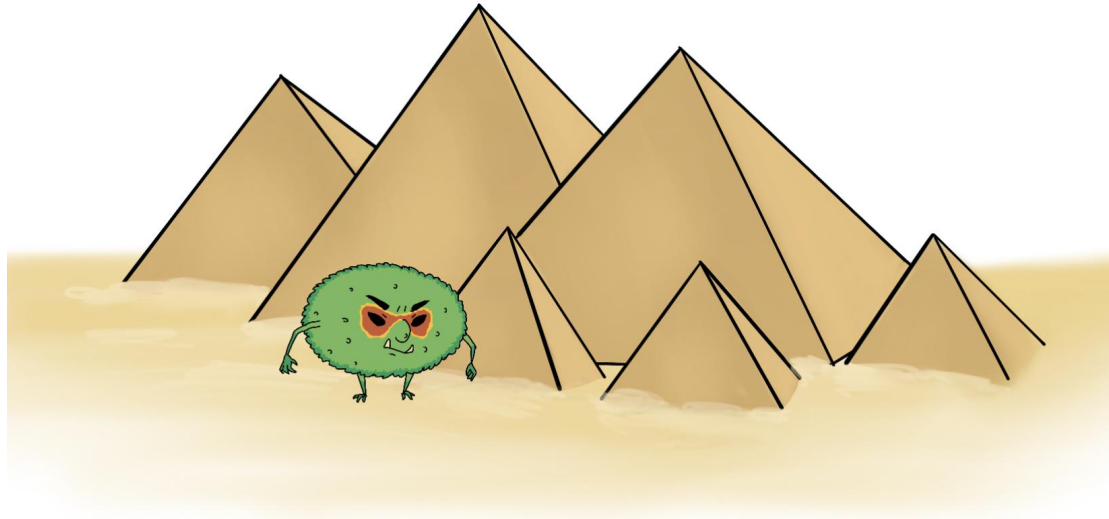


The Adventure of the Speckled Monsters



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For as long as people have walked this planet, viruses have bullied us into getting sick. Our ancient Egyptian friends have dealt with the speckled monster, Smallpox. The speckled monster left its mark on every sick person's face and body. What a disgrace that we couldn't help those who got sick. Not even a little bit.



Humans have always been aware of these bullies. They tried to learn what they do and why they attack us. Is it because humans are being bad? Is it because of the air? Why can't we see them?

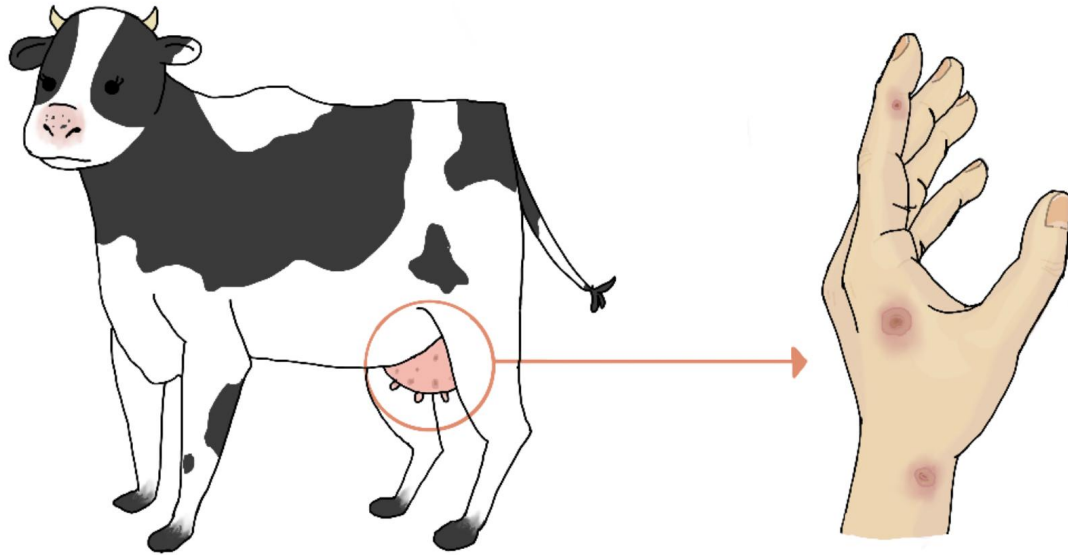


Many historians wrote about the symptoms and how these monsters spread. However, they didn't know how to put an end to the bullies' wrath until much later.

In the 1700s, a curious physician named Edward Jenner stumbled upon the milkmaids who could fight off the bullies with no effort at all! Edward Jenner had to know, was it the milk they sell? The cows they cared after? What he found changed the world anew!

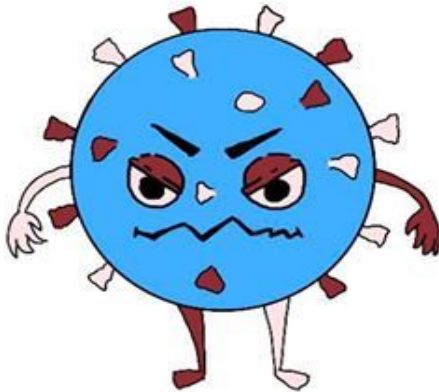


Edward Jenner looked for a milkmaid, one he could trust. He came across Sarah Nelms who was of great help. She had cowpox on her hands, a bully of the cow. Edward took that bully into the arm of a little boy. What happened next changed our fate. The speckled monster tried to bully the boy, but the boy already knew him. He fought him well, so now all is well.

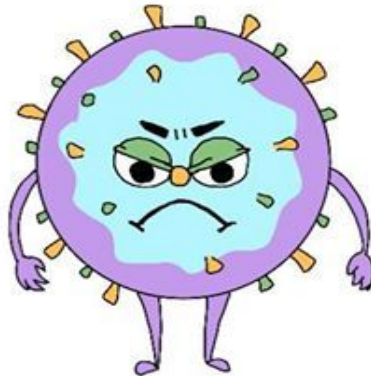


300 years later, we continue to win the fight against the ugly speckled monsters. Our new and improved vaccines scare off germs to stop them from coming back. These vaccines battle measles, mumps, varicella, rubella, and influenza to scare off red spots, fever, bad coughs, sore throat, and rashes.

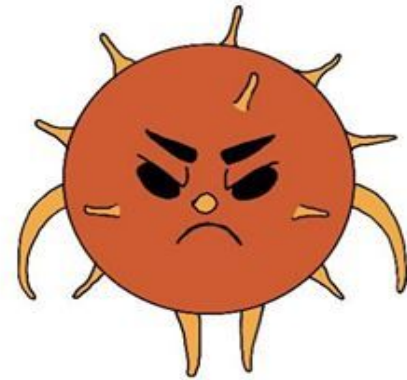
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rubella



There is some good in being evil though! These speckled monsters strengthen your immune system by becoming friends with immune proteins to block their ability to infect us after recovering from them. So what will happen when you get your vaccines?



There will be no more monsters when you get your vaccine. When getting vaccines, a huge needle is involved but don't be scared, just remember you are protecting yourself from the monsters. Close your eyes, count to ten, and whisper "no more monsters". By being brave, you create a forcefield against these nasty germs and diseases.



Vaccines are your number one protector and friend against the speckled monster. Along with getting yearly vaccination shots, make sure you are washing your hands regularly, building your immune system by eating healthy fruits and vegetables, and taking your vitamins. Don't forget to cough or sneeze in your elbow or tissue! Follow these rules and the speckled monster stands no chance against you.

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
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