Where the Wild Things Are
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Characters (6): NARRATOR CHILD 1 CHILD 2 CHILD 3 CHILD 4 MAX

NARRATOR: THE NIGHT MAX WORE HIS WOLF SUIT

CHILD 1: AND MADE MISCHIEF

CHILD 2: OF ONE KIND

CHILD 3: AND ANOTHER.

NARRATOR: HIS MOTHER CALLED HIM

CHILD 4: "WILD THING!"

NARRATOR: AND MAX SAID:

MAX: "I'LL EAT YOU UP!!"

CHILD 1: SO HE WAS SENT TO BED

CHILD 2: WITHOUT EATING ANYTHING.

NARRATOR: THAT VERY NIGHT IN MAX'S ROOM

MAX: A FOREST GREW, AND GREW, AND GREW UNTIL THE CEILING HUNG WITH VINES

CHILD 3: AND THE WALLS BECAME THE WORLD ALL AROUND

CHILD 4: AND AN OCEAN TUMBLED BY

MAX: "WITH A PRIVATE BOAT!"

NARRATOR: FOR MAX. AND HE SAILED OFF THROUGH NIGHT AND DAY

CHILD 1: AND IN AND OUT OF WEEKS CHILD 2: AND ALMOST OVER A YEAR

MAX: TO WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE!

NARRATOR: AND WHEN HE CAME TO THE PLACE WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE THEY

CHILD 3: ROARED THEIR TERRIBLE ROARS! (ALL ROAR)

CHILD 4: AND GNASHED THEIR TERRIBLE TEETH! (ALL GNASH TEETH)

CHILD 1: AND ROLLED THEIR TERRIBLE EYES! (ALL ROLL EYES)

CHILD 2: AND SHOWED THEIR TERRIBLE CLAWS! (ALL SHOW CLAWS)

NARRATOR: TILL MAX SAID:

MAX: "BE STILL!"
CHILD 3: AND TAMED THEM
CHILD 4: WITH THE MAGIC TRICK
MAX: OF STARING INTO ALL THEIR YELLOW EYES
CHILD 1: WITHOUT BLINKING ONCE
NARRATOR: AND THEY WERE FRIGHTENED AND CALLED HIM
ALL: THE MOST WILD THING OF ALL!!
NARRATOR: AND MADE HIM KING OF ALL WILD THINGS.
MAX: "AND NOW, LET THE WILD RUMPUS START!! (PAUSE) NOW, STOP!"
CHILD 3: AND SENT THE WILD THINGS OFF TO BED
CHILD 4: WITHOUT THEIR SUPPER....AND MAX
CHILD 1: THE KING OF ALL WILD THINGS, SAID:
MAX: "I'M LONELY!"
NARRATOR: AND WANTED TO BE WHERE SOMEONE LOVED HIM BEST OF ALL
CHILD 2: THEN, ALL AROUND, FROM FAR AWAY, ACROSS THE WORLD
NARRATOR: HE SMELLED GOOD THINGS TO EAT!! SO HE SAID:
MAX: "I'LL GIVE UP BEING KING OF WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE."
CHILD 3: BUT THE WILD THINGS CRIED
CHILD 4: OH, PLEASE DON'T GO
CHILD 1: WE'LL EAT YOU UP
CHILD 2: WE LOVE YOU SO
NARRATOR: AND MAX SAID:
MAX: "NO!"
CHILD 1: THE WILD THINGS ROARED THEIR TERRIBLE ROARS (ALL ROAR)
CHILD 2: AND GNASHED THEIR TERRIBLE TEETH (ALL SHOW TEETH)
CHILD 3: AND ROLLED THEIR TERRIBLE EYES (ALL ROLL EYES)
CHILD 4: AND SHOWED THEIR TERRIBLE CLAWS (ALL SHOW CLAWS)
NARRATOR: BUT MAX STEPPED INTO HIS PRIVATE BOAT
CHILD 1: AND WAVED GOOD-BYE (MAX WAVES)
CHILD 2: AND SAILED BACK

CHILD 3: ALMOST OVER A YEAR AND IN AND OUT OF WEEKS AND THROUGH A DAY

MAX: AND INTO THE NIGHT OF MY OWN ROOM

CHILD 4: WHERE HE FOUND HIS SUPPER WAITING FOR HIM

MAX: "AND IT WAS STILL HOT!"