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The Horrible Bag of Terrible Things by Rob Renzetti



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What's It About?

When Zenith finds a strange, unsettling bag at his front door, he's not sure where it came from or who sent it to him. He knows better than to expect his overprotective older sister Apogee to help him figure it out, because ever since she became a teenager, she's been acting more like a parent to him than a sibling. But he certainly did not expect for a horrifying spider like creature to emerge from the bag, kidnap Apogee, and drag her inside to the equally horrifying and unsettling world of GrahBhag. Zenith sets off into the bag to bring her back but soon finds a bizarre realm where malicious forests, a trio of blood-drinking mouths, and a sentient sawdust-stuffed giant are lurking within the seams. And from every corner of the world come whispers of the Great Wurm, an eldritch horror with a godlike hold over the creatures of GrahBhag, who seems to have a dark, insidious purpose for Apogee. With the help of a greedy, earwax-nibbling gargoyle, Zenith will have to save Apogee from the Great Wurm and help them both escape the horrible bag before it's too late.

Who Wrote It?

Rob Renzetti is a veteran of TV animation, whose work on Cartoon Network's *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends* earned him an Emmy Award. He created *My Life as a Teenage Robot* for Nickelodeon, and has worked on various shows as a storyboard artist, writer, story editor, director, and producer. His most recent credits include co-executive producer for Netflix's *Kid Cosmic*, executive producer on the first two seasons of Disney's *Big City Greens*, and supervising producer for Disney's *Gravity Falls*. Other notable credits include *The Powerpuff Girls*, *Samurai Jack*, *My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic*, and *Family Guy*. Growing up in the Chicago suburbs, Rob spent his time watching cartoons, drawing cartoons, and dreaming of going to cartoon college. After getting a degree in art history from the University of Illinois, he discovered that cartoon college was real. He promptly shredded his diploma, and drove cross-country to study animation at the California Institute of the



Arts. When he's not coming up with stories for cartoons and books, Rob spends his time playing board games and watching horror movies. He resides in Southern California with his wife and their mischievous rabbit, Digby Flopwell. You can learn more about Rob on his website: www.robrenzetti.com.

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