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The night Max wore his wolf suit and made mischief of one kind



and another



His mother called him "WILD THING!"
and Max said "EAT YOU UP!"
so he was sent to bed without making anything.



That very night in Max's room a funny glow



and green



and soon until his mother being with dawn
and the walls became the world all around



and an ocean touched by still a private boat for Max
and he sailed off through night and day



and to sail out of winks
and about over a year
to where the wild things are.



And when he came to the shore where the wild things are
they roared their terrible roars and grunted their terrible grunts

and called their terrible names and showed their terrible claws



All Max said "BE STILL!"
and bowed them with the magic stick

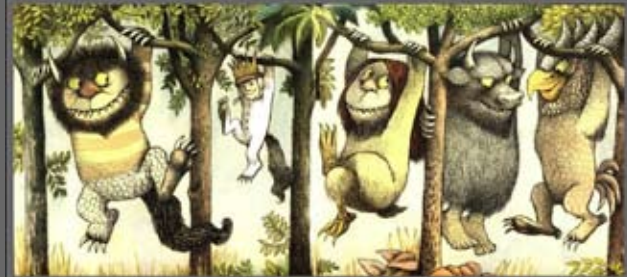
of making like all their yellow eyes without blinking once
and they were frightened and called Max the most wild thing of all



and made him king of all wild things.

"And now," said Max, "be the wild things dead!"





"How easy!" Max said and sent the wild things off to bed without their supper. And then the king of all wild things was lonely and wanted to be where someone loved him best of all.

Then all around him for miles across the world he searched good things to eat, so he gave up being king of where the wild things are.



But the wild things cried, "Oh please don't go—we'll eat you up—we love you so!" And Max said, "No!"

The wild things roared their terrible roars and gnashed their terrible teeth and rolled their terrible eyes and showed their terrible claws but Max stepped into his private boat and rowed good-bye.



and sailed back over a year and a half full of months and through a day



and into the night of his very own room where he found his supper waiting for him



and it was still hot.



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