

EOPY! @
"JUST MORPHIN' AROUND"



CHOMP




AHA! EOPY!
I HAD A HUNCH IT WAS YOU TWO...



ALL CHILDREN FEAR THE DARK! MOST ARE AFRAID OF SOMEONE WAITING THERE TO REACH OUT AND GRAB THEM. BUT A SELECT FEW, THE EXCEPTIONAL ONES, FEAR SOMETHING WORSE--THAT THERE'S NO ONE THERE TO HOLD THEM AT ALL!
FEAST YOUR EYES ON--

SKINNY



I don't really have enemies —
but I don't really have any friends.

I guess Jimmy's
my enemy because
he hates me.

BE A MAN, WHY DONTCHA?
JUST CUZ YOU LOOK LIKE A
GIRL DONT MEAN YOU GOTTA
FIGHT LIKE ONE!

Maybe 'cuz my hair, 'cuz that's what he
picks on and says is stupid and calls
me "girl" and "gay" and stuff.

MAYBE I'M A CALL
YOU MARY, PUT YOU
IN A DRESS--

But Jimmy's
just mad 'cuz
hes an orphan
and he lives at
the Childrens Home.

BOYS--WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE?

NOTHING..

I'd be
mad too.

MARTIN, FOR ONCE--
JUST TRY TO MAKE
GOOD CHOICES,
WOULD YOU?

I know what it's like to not have parents
Sorta 'cuz my dad's not around and my mom
works all night at the hospital.

And so I get myself to school
and I get myself to bed
and I make myself food
and I make myself
take a bath.

So I'm like a grown-up.

I get to make my own decisions
and I get to be in charge.



BUT mom said I couldn't get a dog
And she said I couldn't get a cat.

Because I'm not responsible enough to
take care of them.

But I found Skinny.



And I don't know
what he is.

but he's not a dog,
and he's not a cat.





And I can make my own decisions.

And she doesn't have to know.



But Skinny's sick.

He's sick a bit.

BLEERCH



The only thing that makes him not sick is when he eats.



But when he eats, he throws up. And when he doesn't eat, he throws up then too.



And he cries, and he scratches, and I can't sleep until I get him some food.

and then he throws up, and I clean it up, and I hide it from mom.



But see — that's what it is mom, see, you're wrong.

I'm responsible.



SOME PEOPLE
WILL DO ANYTHING
TO CONNECT, TO BELONG,
DESPERATE TO ATTACH TO
SOMETHING, ANYTHING, SO
LONG AS THEY CAN FREE
THEMSELVES OF LONELINESS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT
IT COSTS, AND THERE
ALWAYS IS ONE,
A COST.



HEY THERE.
YOU'RE GETTING
BIG.

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