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## Message From The Head of The Center for Book Affairs

Hello, bright and cheerful children of Indonesia!

Do you all enjoy reading? Here's a collection of fun and exciting books for you to read. Stories of all kinds, each one filled with wonderful illustrations.

Choose books that spark the joy in reading. One of them is the one you're holding right now. Invite your friends and parents to read along with you! Hopefully, you'll grow to love reading even more.

My dear children, never stop reading! Reading can soften your heart while also broaden your knowledge and spark your creativity.

Happy reading!

Jakarta, Oktober 2025

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## Foreword

Did you know? To reach our goals, we have to work hard and overcome challenges.

It's the same for Gempol, the package courier. He faces many challenges at work. Gempol's body grew heavy because of his unhealthy habits. That made him slow on the job.

By reading Gempol's story, we hope you will be inspired to stay healthy and fit, and also learn the meaning of perseverance in chasing your dreams.

Happy reading!

Oktober 2025,

Dian Rahmawan and  
Herry Prihamdani



# Hurry Up, Gempol!



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Today is Gempol's first day on the job.  
He works as Monster Town's delivery courier.  
Oh no, the clock is ticking!  
He'd better get kicking.





Gempol rushes in the office door.  
No time to wait, not anymore!



At last, he makes it there.  
He grabs the package with speedy care.



But oops, his packages hit the floor.  
Tumbled packages lay by the door.

Oh, no! What should he do?  
The customers are waiting too!





All his deliveries are late.  
Gempol says sorry, though it's not great.

Back at the office, the other couriers cheer.  
The scoreboard shows who leads this year.  
Gempol's name is stuck in the rear.

At that moment, Gempol makes up his mind:  
He'll be the fastest of monster-kind!



The next day comes, and Gempol tries  
To rise from bed before sunrise.  
He washes his face, brushes his teeth,  
Then walks outside to the street beneath.  
But wait...



Not five minutes go by,

\* **BUAH**

\* **FRUIT**

Before  
something  
yummy catches  
Gempol's eye.

A meatball cart! He can't resist.  
This delicious smell Gempol just can't miss.

- ① **Iced Boba Tea**
- ② **Meatballs**
- ③ **SWEET SOY SAUCE**
- ④ **CHILLI SAUCE**

After breakfast,  
Gempol rushed to the office right away.  
Could he be the fastest courier today?



## \* PAPAN SKOR



## \* SCORE BOARD

His deliveries still arrive too late.  
Being known as a slow courier stays his fate.





Gempol tries again the next day.  
He sorts each package in a careful way.



When suddenly...



# CRASH!

A mighty sound.  
His pile tumbles to the ground.



Gempol, Gempol! Mrs Boss did roar,  
He shook with fear and nearly peed on the floor!



Because of him, the team is delayed.  
Late deliveries again today!



Time to go home, the day is through.  
Gempol's friends have all gone ahead.  
But Gempol still has work to do.  
Mrs Boss says to clean up that messy spread.



But Gempol won't quit, he won't be beat.  
He's fired up now, from his head to his feet.  
He wants to be the fastest courier on the street.



Each morning, Gempol walks with a steady pace.  
But not too fast, it's not a race.



He eats good food, some greens and grains.



And after a few weeks, he's feeling strong again.





Gempol is the slowest courier no more.



Now all his deliveries arrive right on time.



\* SCORE BOARD

Gempol delivers each package  
to the address with no worry.  
He's the fastest now, fast as can be.  
*Knock, knock, knock... delivery!*



### Author



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### Illustrator



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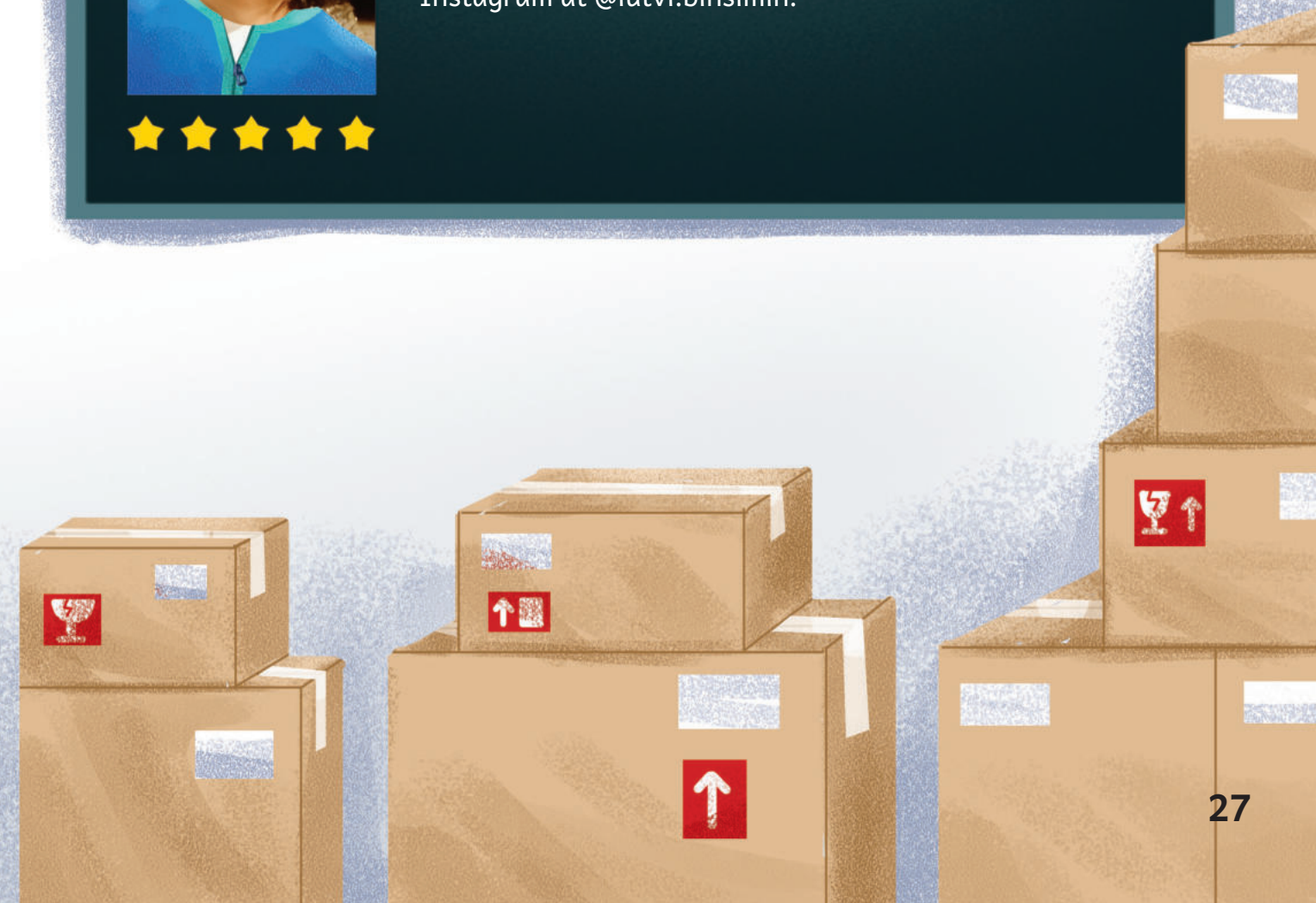


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