

## The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

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### How to Trap the Magnadoddle

Are you kept awake by the sound of something tramping through your garden? Do you lie in your bed trembling at the sound of another fridge magnet being stolen? Do you awake to smashed walls and footprints in the kitchen? Do not despair. Help is at hand. The Magnadoddle is not so hard to defeat, as he is rather dim-witted. Read these step-by-step instructions and soon you too could be rid of this terrible pest.

#### **What you will need:**

- a spade
- a net
- tent pegs
- a sack of leaves
- some branches
- plenty of soil
- a large pile of fridge magnets

#### **What you have to do:**

1 First, you must dig a very large and deep hole. (This needs to be deep enough to hold the Magnadoddle.)

2 Secondly, you must cover the hole with a brown sheet that is pinned securely by tent pegs into the earth's crust.

3 After that, scatter leaves, a few branches and enough soil on top of the sheet to cover it.

4 Now you have to tempt the Magnadoddle by placing a large pile of fridge magnets on top of the sheet.

5 Hide nearby and patiently wait for his arrival.

6 Soon the tempting smell of the magnets warming in the sun will reach the nostrils of his nose.

7 Eventually, the Magnadoddle will come along and try to get the magnets.

8 In the end he will not be able to resist the food and therefore will fall straight into the pit.

#### **Important note**

The Magnadoddle has very long limbs, make sure your pit can contain him.