

Twisted Nightmare

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I had a very weird dream last night. There was this ugly creature that was carrying 2 dead bodies into this big doorway. I was standing behind the creature in fear. Before the creature left, it looked back at me and winked. At that moment, I instantly woke up. I don't really know why I had that dream, but it was pretty terrifying. "Wayne, time for school!", my mom hollered. "Coming mom!", I hollered back. I ran to the front door where my mom was waiting. "Have a good day!", she told me as I walked out the door. I waved back at her and continued walking to school.

When I got to the school grounds, I met up with my friend Peter. "Hi Pete!", I said to him when we met. "Hi dude!", he said to me. We walked into school together, but we were about to be in for a scare! We became shocked when we got into the fifth grade hall. There was a student lying on the floor that looked like as if he fainted. All the other students were watching as the nurse tried to help him. I realized that the kid was actually one of my classmates! I went over to ask him what happened. "What happened, Derek?", I asked him. "It got me!", he said in a terrified voice. "What got you?", I asked him. Before he could respond, the nurse told me to step away so Derek could get some air. I stood there in shock as Derek lied on the floor. I looked at Peter, and he looked back at me. I don't know what just happened to Derek. It's hard to think about what got him. Then, I thought of something that may have happened to Derek. "Peter, meet me in the locker room after gym", I told him. "Why?", he asked. "I'll tell you in the locker room later", I said.

Later after gym, me and Peter met in the locker room like we promised. When Peter finally showed up, I asked him, "What took you so long?". "I had to recover for a while after playing dodgeball", he groaned. "So, what did you wanna talk about?", he asked. "I think I know what may have happened to Derek", I told him. "What do think could've happened to him?", Peter asked. Before I told him anything else, I told him about the rumored monster causing chaos in Madison. "Do you know about the monster that's rumored to be causing chaotic events in our town?", I asked him. He nodded as I continued. "Well, I think the same monster attacked Derek", I said. For a moment I felt stupid, but Peter's response made me feel even more stupid. "Are you crazy, Wayne?!", he yelled at me. "Nothing like that monster could have done that", he said. "Maybe there was a cockroach in his locker that scared him to death", he added. "It couldn't have been because when Derek tried to tell me what got him, he looked VERY terrified!", I said. "Good point", said Peter. "We can figure this out later, okay?", I asked him. "Okay", he said just as I walked out of the locker room.

Later in language arts class, I noticed that Derek was nowhere to be seen. By now, he should've been back in class, but he's still not here. Suddenly, I heard something coming from outside. I looked out the nearest window, but I didn't see anything at first. I looked away and tried to ignore it. I really couldn't help myself. So, I looked back out the window, but this time I saw two, large horns poking out from behind some bushes. I looked away again, but I faced toward the window again. I gasped in horror when I looked out this time, though! I saw a message written in blood on the window that said "I have him with me!". I didn't know who "him" was, but I knew that something wasn't right.

At lunch, I decided to talk to Peter about the message I saw in class, but he wasn't in the cafeteria. I didn't even remember seeing Peter in class! I went home later that day wondering where Peter was. I then remembered the message that I saw at school...HE GOT KIDNAPPED! I just realized that

the message was talking about him! I've gotta find a way to rescue him, but how?! Then, I remembered another friend of mine that could help.

Knock, Knock, Knock! I banged on the door. My friends' mom answered and I told her that I was looking for Susan. I met Susan in her treehouse and told her about the monster. Susan understood what I meant since she believes in monsters. She told me that in one of her books she learned that monsters can mostly only be seen in dreams. She told me to go to sleep in order to face the monster. So, I did what she said and ended up going into the "underworld". After my nap, I woke up feeling weird. I looked at my surroundings and noticed that I WAS in the underworld. I looked up and saw it....IT WAS THE MONSTER! "Hi, I'm Nomed, the friendly demon!", he said. "Here for your friend?", he asked. I looked up and saw Peter dangling in the air. "Wayne, help!", he yelled. "You shall not see your friend anymore!", yelled Nomed. A big bowl of glowing, purple ooze moved underneath Peter. "What are you planning, Nomed?", I asked. "Well, I'm going to fry him up for lunch!", Nomed said suspiciously. "After I cook him, I'll cook up everyone else in Madison!", said Nomed. I'm not going to let that happen! Suddenly, I got an idea, and I used it! I ran toward Nomed and jumped onto his horns and grabbed Peter! I jumped down with Peter, ran through a portal and escaped. Nomed was finally gone!