



HORROR STORY FOR KIDS

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20 Spooky • Fun • Kid-Friendly Stories

For brave readers ages 6-8

INTRODUCTION

Welcome, brave reader! You are about to enter a world of creaky houses, mysterious whispers, friendly ghosts, secret rooms, strange shadows, and curious little mysteries. This book contains 20 original spooky stories created especially for young readers. They are designed to feel exciting and mysterious without becoming too frightening. Some stories may make you look over your shoulder. Some may make you laugh. And some may remind you that even the strangest mystery can have a surprisingly friendly ending. So get cozy, turn the page, and keep your flashlight nearby. Ready? Let the spooky adventures begin!



Turn the page... if you dare.

ABOUT THIS BOOK

Horror Story for Kids is a collection of short, gentle-spooky adventures for children around ages 6–8. Inside you'll meet: • haunted houses and whispering trees • mysterious dolls and magical shadows • friendly ghosts and curious creatures • secret rooms, old radios, strange photographs • spooky surprises that often have a warm or funny explanation Each story is made to be easy to read, with simple sentences, playful suspense, and a clear beginning, middle, and ending. A note for grown-ups: Every story is intentionally kid-friendly. The goal is spooky fun—not graphic or disturbing horror. Best enjoyed with a blanket, a flashlight, and a big imagination! Now choose a story... and let the mystery begin.

20 STORIES • 20 MYSTERIES • 20 ADVENTURES

1. The Haunted House

Sam and Mia found an old house at the edge of town. Everyone said it had been empty for years. One rainy afternoon, they saw a warm yellow light glowing in an upstairs window.

They stepped onto the porch. CREEEAK! The door opened by itself.

Inside, a tiny bell rang somewhere in the dark. "Hello?" Sam called.

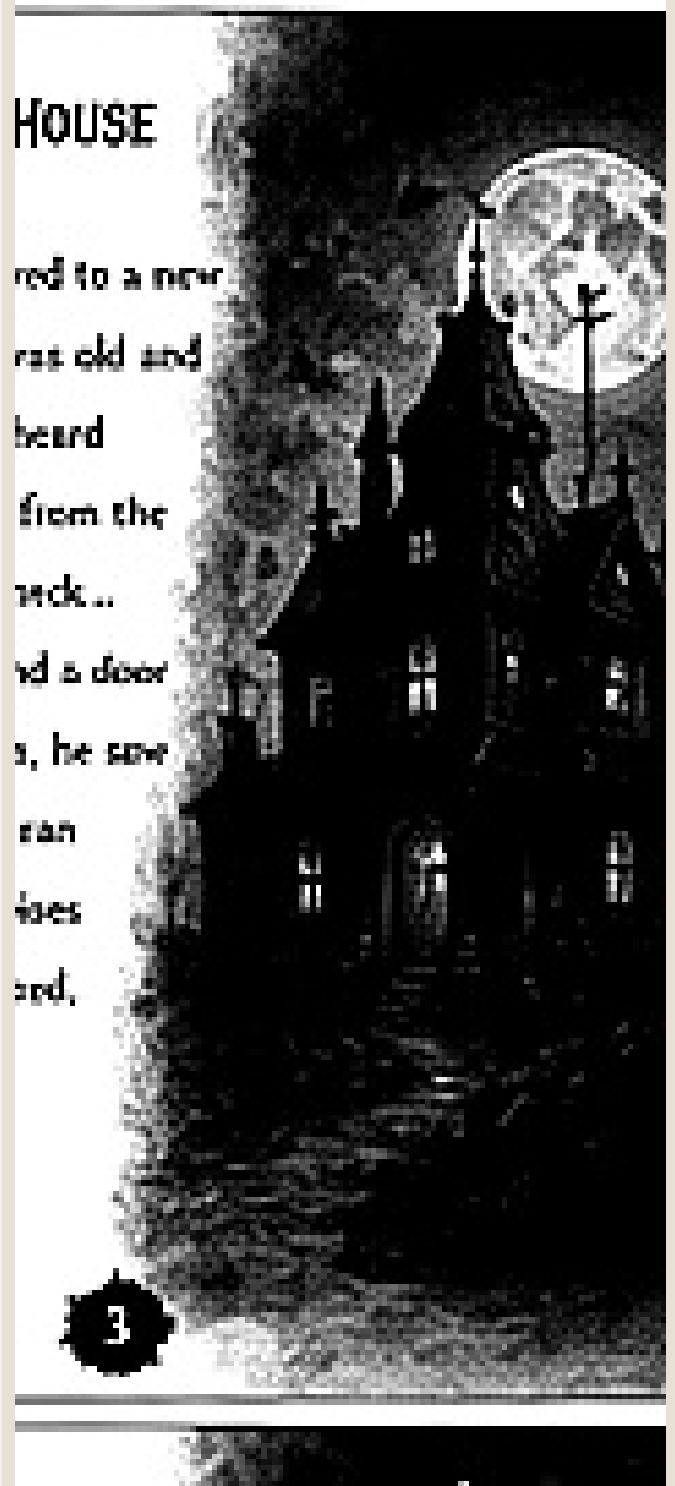
A little ghost floated down the stairs. Sam nearly dropped his flashlight.

"Please don't be scared," the ghost whispered. "I only want someone to play hide-and-seek with."

Sam and Mia smiled. They played until the rain stopped. When they left, the ghost waved from the window.

The next morning, the house looked completely empty again.

But on the porch was a little note: "Come back tomorrow!"



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2. The Whispering Tree

In a quiet village stood a very old tree. During the day it was ordinary, but at night its branches whispered names.

Lily was curious. One evening she stood beneath the tree.

"Lily..." whispered the leaves.

She looked around. Nobody was there.

"Lily... come closer..."

She took one careful step forward. A small silver key dropped from a branch and landed at her feet.

Lily picked it up. Behind the tree she discovered a tiny wooden box.

Inside was a note from a child who had lived in the village long ago. The note said, "If you found this, the tree chose you. Plant this seed and remember me."

Lily planted the seed.

Years later, a new little tree grew beside the old one. On windy nights, both trees whispered together—like two friends telling stories.



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3. The Cursed Doll

Emma found an old doll in a box in her grandmother's attic. The doll wore a blue dress and had one shiny button for an eye.

That night, Emma placed the doll on a chair.

In the morning, it was sitting on her bed.

Emma moved it back.

The next morning, it was sitting beside her breakfast bowl.

"Are you moving?" Emma asked.

The doll's head slowly tilted.

Emma screamed—then noticed a tiny smile stitched onto its face.

Grandma laughed when she heard the story. "Oh, that doll isn't cursed," she said. "Its name is Button. It was made to look after lonely children."

Emma hugged Button.

That night, Emma heard a soft giggle from the chair.

"Goodnight," she whispered.

The doll's button eye seemed to sparkle.

For once, Emma wasn't scared of the attic at all.



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4. The Midnight Footsteps

Every night at exactly midnight, Jake heard footsteps in the hallway.

Tap... tap... tap...

He hid under his blanket.

One night, he decided to be brave. He opened his bedroom door and peeked outside.

The footsteps stopped.

Jake walked slowly down the hallway.

Tap... tap... tap...

The sound came from the kitchen.

He switched on the light.

Nothing.

Then he saw wet footprints on the floor. They led to the back door—and stopped.

Jake called Dad.

Dad looked carefully and laughed. "Those are cat paw prints. Your kitten must have walked through the wet garden."

Jake followed the tiny prints back upstairs.

At midnight, the kitten jumped onto his bed.

Tap... tap... tap...

Jake smiled.

The hallway wasn't haunted.

His little kitten was just the world's smallest midnight walker.



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5. The Bloody Painting

In an old museum hung a strange painting of a girl in a red dress. Everyone said her eyes followed visitors.

Noah didn't believe it.

He stood in front of the painting and waved.

The painted girl seemed to wave back.

Noah stepped left.

Her eyes followed.

He stepped right.

They followed again.

Then a single red drop appeared beneath the frame.

Noah called the museum keeper.

The keeper rushed over and examined it.

"It isn't blood," she said. "It's paint!"

A loose drop of red paint had leaked from an old corner of the picture.

The keeper fixed the frame.

That evening, Noah returned to look at the painting.

The girl's eyes still seemed to follow him.

But this time, he noticed something new.

She was smiling.

Maybe the painting wasn't trying to scare visitors.

Maybe she was simply saying hello.



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6. The Ghost in the Bathroom

Sarah heard a strange sound coming from the bathroom every night.

Drip... drip... drip...

One evening, she opened the door.

The mirror was foggy, even though nobody had taken a shower.

A tiny handprint appeared on the glass.

Sarah called her brother.

Together, they watched the mirror.

Another handprint appeared.

Then a little ghost popped out from behind the shower curtain.

"BOO!"

Sarah screamed.

The ghost screamed too.

They both jumped.

"Why are you scared?" Sarah asked.

"I thought you were a scary ghost!" the ghost replied.

Sarah laughed.

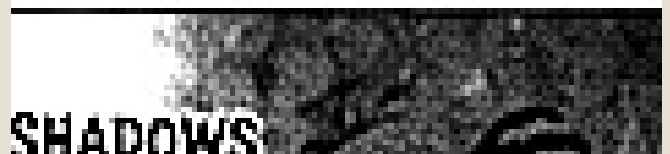
The ghost explained that he lived in the mirror and only wanted a friend.

From then on, Sarah visited him every Friday.

Whenever the bathroom mirror became foggy, she knew her little ghost friend was ready for another silly joke.

And sometimes the mirror whispered:

"BOO!"



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7. The Abandoned School

Tom and his friends dared each other to enter an old school after sunset.

The windows were dusty. The playground was covered in weeds.

Inside, they found a classroom with one desk.

Suddenly, the blackboard squeaked.

"Welcome, new students."

The children froze.

Nobody was writing on it.

Then a little bell rang.

Ding!

The classroom door opened.

A friendly-looking ghost teacher floated inside.

"Sorry," she said. "I was waiting for my class."

Tom smiled nervously. "There hasn't been a class here for years."

The ghost looked surprised.

"Years?"

She checked an old calendar and gasped.

"Oh! I must have missed dismissal!"

The children helped her find the school bell.

When they rang it, the ghost teacher smiled and disappeared into a cloud of sparkles.

The next morning, the old school looked quiet again.

But on the blackboard were four words:

"Thank you, new students!"



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8. The Headless Bicycle

Late one evening, Ben saw a bicycle rolling down the street by itself.

It had no rider.

Ben followed it from a safe distance.

The bicycle turned a corner, stopped beside a lamp post, and rang its bell.

Ring-ring!

A cold little voice said, "Need a ride?"

Ben looked around.

Nobody was there.

Then he noticed a helmet floating above the bicycle.

Ben laughed.

The helmet dropped onto the seat.

A friendly ghost appeared beside it.

"I lost my bike a hundred years ago," the ghost said. "It still remembers how to ride."

Ben helped the ghost guide the bicycle back to the old park.

The ghost thanked him.

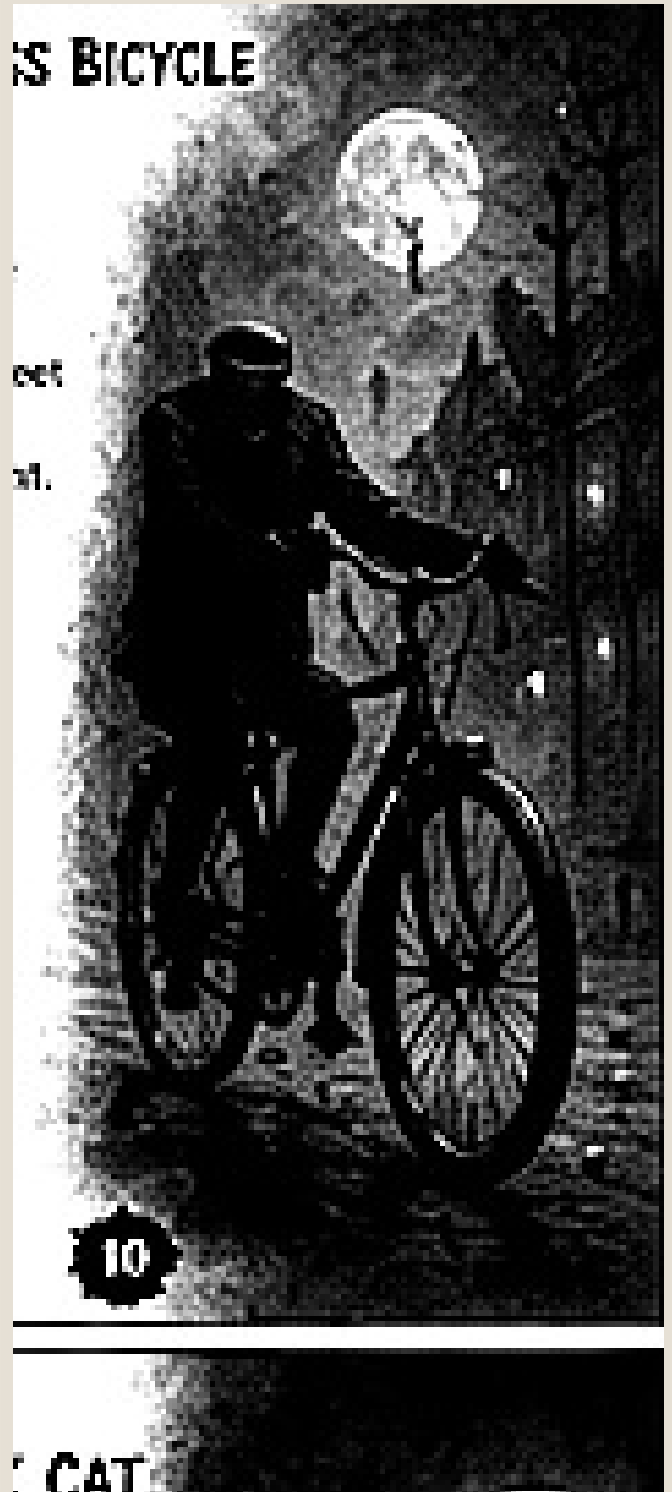
Before disappearing, he rang the bell three times.

Ring! Ring! Ring!

The next morning, Ben found a tiny silver bicycle bell on his doorstep.

Whenever he felt nervous, he rang it.

And somehow, he always felt a little braver.



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10. The Scary Well

At the edge of the village stood a deep stone well.

People said it was haunted.

One evening, Leo heard a tiny voice coming from inside.

“Help!”

Leo looked down.

Two glowing eyes stared back.

He ran to get Grandpa.

Together they returned with a rope and a lantern.

Grandpa lowered the lantern.

They discovered a small owl trapped on a ledge.

Leo carefully helped pull it out.

The owl blinked its big eyes.

“Whooo,” it said.

Leo laughed.

Then he looked into the well again.

The glowing eyes were gone.

The next night, Leo heard a voice from the well once more.

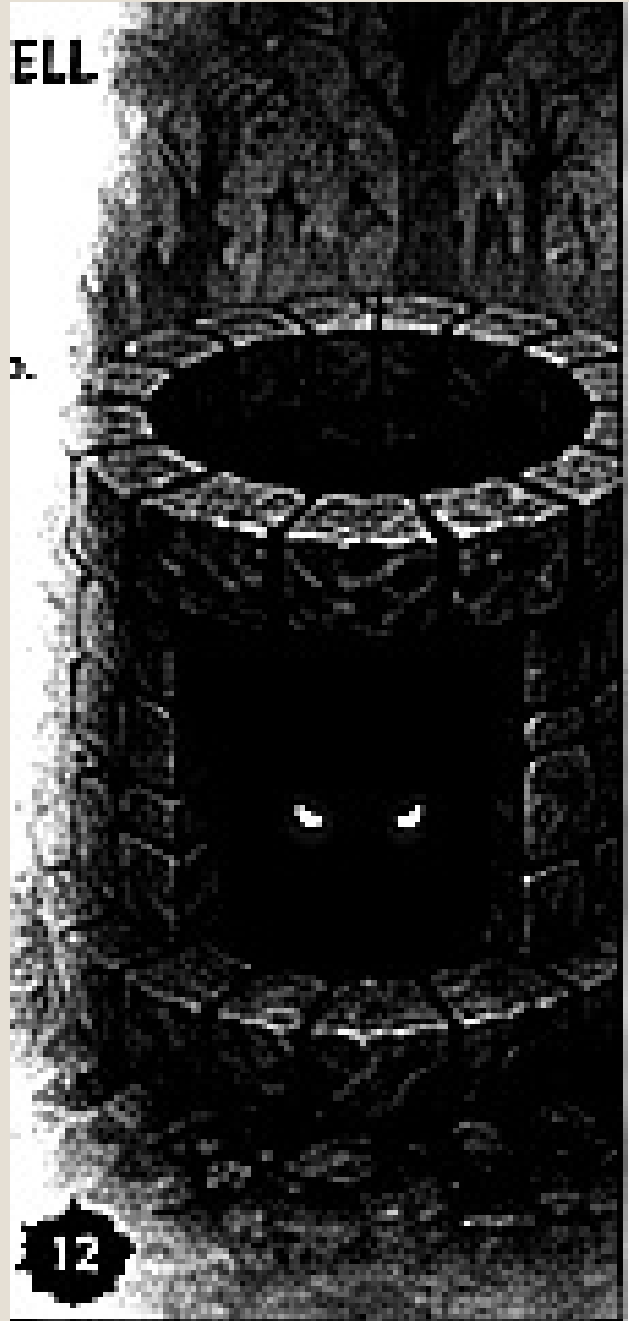
“Thank you...”

He wasn't frightened.

He simply smiled.

Sometimes the scariest sounds have the kindest stories behind them.

And sometimes, being brave means helping someone who cannot help themselves.



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11. The Living Shadows

One evening, Ella noticed something strange on her bedroom wall.

Her shadow moved.

Ella raised her hand.

Her shadow waved first.

She stepped left.

It stepped right.

"Hey!" Ella cried.

The shadow giggled.

Soon, two more shadows appeared beside it.

They danced across the wall.

Ella laughed and copied them.

Then the shadows grew taller.

They reached the ceiling and formed the shape of a giant rabbit.

Ella clapped.

The shadows bowed.

Just then, Mom opened the door.

"What are you doing?"

Ella pointed at the wall.

The shadows were gone.

Mom smiled.

"Maybe they only visit children who aren't afraid of the dark."

That night, Ella turned off her lamp.

For a moment, the wall was completely dark.

Then one tiny shadow appeared.

It made bunny ears.

Ella smiled and whispered, "Goodnight."



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12. The Evil Clown

A strange clown appeared at the town fair.
He wore a black coat and carried one red balloon.
Children stayed away because his smile looked spooky.
But one brave girl named Zoe walked closer.
“Why are you sad?” she asked.
The clown sighed.
“I lost my funny hat.”
Zoe helped him search.
They looked under tables, behind balloons, and
beside the popcorn stand.
Finally, Zoe spotted the hat hanging from a tree.
The clown put it on.
Suddenly, his spooky smile turned into a huge grin.
He pulled a tiny flower from his sleeve.
POP!
The flower sprayed water everywhere.
Zoe laughed.
The clown laughed too.
That night, he gave Zoe the red balloon.
On the balloon was a message:
“Never judge a mystery by its face.”
Zoe kept the balloon.
Sometimes the scariest-looking people are simply
waiting for someone to be kind.



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13. The Black Cat

A black cat appeared outside Nora's window every night.

Its golden eyes glowed in the moonlight.

One evening, the cat scratched at the glass.

Scratch... scratch...

Nora opened the window.

The cat ran toward the garden.

Nora followed.

The cat stopped beside an old tree and looked down.

A tiny kitten was stuck beneath a fallen branch.

Nora carefully called Dad.

Together, they lifted the branch and rescued the kitten.

The black cat rubbed against Nora's leg.

Then something strange happened.

The cat's shadow grew huge.

For one second, it looked like a giant cat with wings.

Nora blinked.

The shadow was normal again.

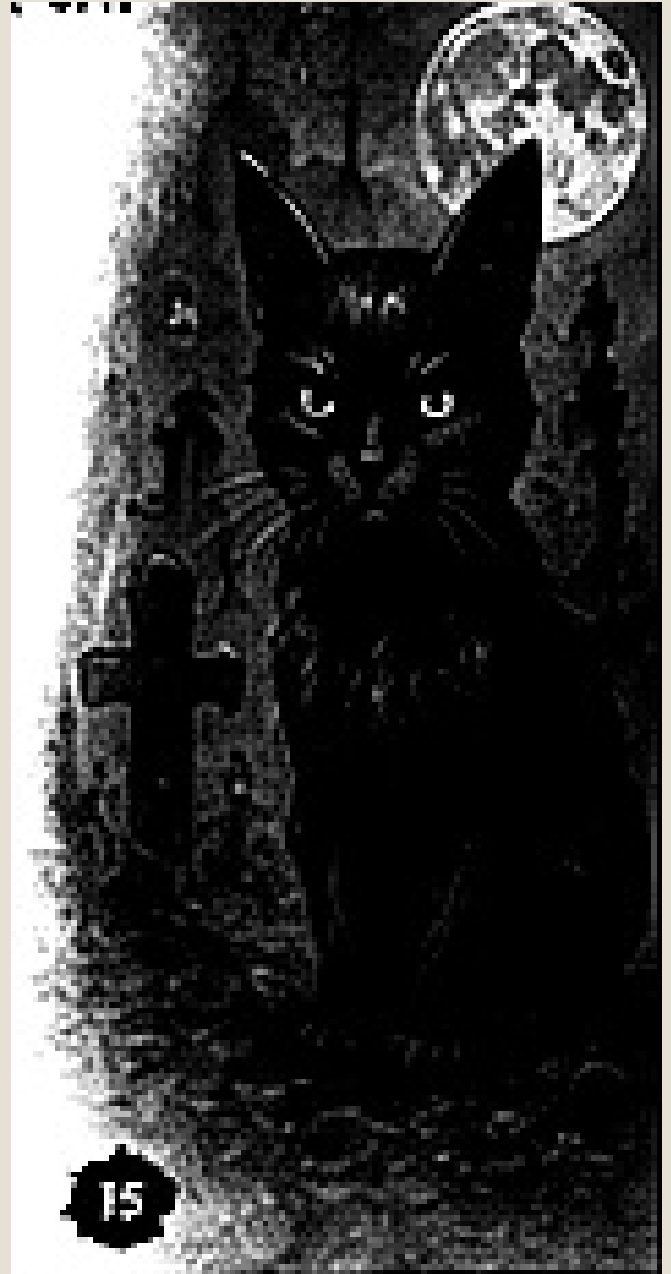
The black cat gave one soft meow and disappeared into the moonlight.

The next morning, Nora found a shiny black feather on her windowsill.

She kept it in a little box.

Whenever she saw a black cat after that, she smiled.

She knew that not every mystery was meant to be solved.



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14. The Haunted Teddy Bear

Eli received an old teddy bear from a mysterious box.

The bear had one loose button and a stitched smile.

That night, Eli heard a voice.

"I'm lonely."

He sat up.

The teddy bear was sitting at the end of the bed.

"Did you talk?" Eli asked.

The bear nodded.

Eli wasn't sure whether to scream or laugh.

"Why are you lonely?"

"I've been waiting for a child to tell me a bedtime story."

So Eli told the bear his favorite story.

When he finished, the bear smiled.

"Thank you."

The next morning, the teddy was back on the shelf.

Eli thought it had all been a dream.

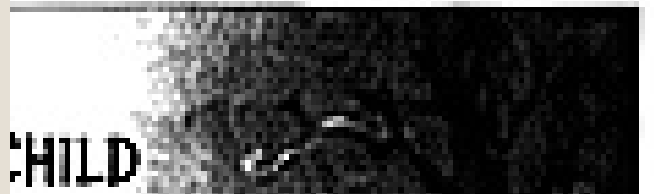
Then he noticed a tiny note beside the bear:

"Same time tonight?"

Eli laughed.

That evening, he climbed into bed with the teddy beside him.

And every night after that, the bear listened to one story before sleeping.



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15. The Old Radio

In Grandpa's attic was an old radio that hadn't worked in years.

One night, Leo heard it playing music.

He climbed upstairs.

The radio crackled.

"This is a message for Leo."

Leo froze.

"How does it know my name?"

A soft voice answered, "Because I know your grandfather."

The radio played an old song.

Grandpa came upstairs and stared at it.

"That was my favorite song when I was a boy."

He smiled.

The radio crackled again.

"Some memories never disappear."

Then it switched off.

Grandpa told Leo about the friends he had when he was young.

They had listened to that same radio together.

Before leaving the attic, Leo touched the radio.

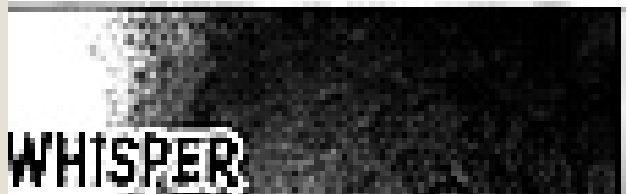
A tiny light blinked.

"Goodnight," whispered the radio.

Leo smiled.

It wasn't a scary voice after all.

It was a memory saying hello.



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16. The Ghostly Photograph

A family took a photograph in front of their new house.

When they looked at it later, there was a strange boy standing behind them.

Nobody remembered seeing him.

The boy wore an old-fashioned coat.

His face looked sad.

Maya zoomed in.

The boy was pointing toward the house.

They checked the garden.

Nothing.

Then Grandpa noticed a loose floorboard inside.

Under it was an old wooden box.

Inside were photographs of the house from long ago.

The strange boy appeared in every picture.

On the back of one photo was his name: Oliver.

The family searched the attic and found a small toy boat.

They placed it beside the old photographs.

That night, Maya looked at the family picture again.

Oliver was gone.

But now there was a tiny smile on his face.

The family kept the photograph.

Sometimes a mystery only needs someone to remember.



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17. The Demon Doll

Lena found a strange doll at a garage sale.

It wore a black dress and had bright red buttons for eyes.

That night, Lena heard a tiny voice.

"I don't like playing alone."

Lena turned on her lamp.

The doll was sitting on the floor.

"Would you like to play a board game?" Lena asked.

The doll nodded.

They played.

The doll always lost.

"I'm terrible at this," it said.

Lena laughed.

The doll laughed too.

Soon, Lena realized the red buttons weren't glowing with anger.

They were simply shiny in the lamp light.

Before bedtime, Lena placed the doll on a shelf.

"Goodnight."

The doll whispered, "Goodnight, Lena."

The next morning, Lena found a paper heart beside her pillow.

On it was written:

"Thank you for being my friend."

Lena smiled.

The mysterious doll wasn't a demon at all.

It was just a lonely little friend waiting to be noticed.



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18. The Strange Neighbor

A tall new neighbor moved into the house at the end of the street.

He wore a long coat and never came outside during the day.

At night, children saw his tall shadow behind the curtains.

One evening, Ava heard a strange sound from his garden.

Clink... clink... clink...

She peeked over the fence.

The neighbor was hanging tiny silver bells from a tree.

"Why are you doing that?" Ava asked.

He turned around.

"I like the sound of bells in the wind."

Then he smiled.

"I am also trying to help the birds."

The bells scared away cats that chased the birds.

Ava helped him hang more.

Soon, the whole garden sparkled with silver bells.

That night, the wind blew.

Clink... clink... clink...

The house no longer seemed scary.

It sounded magical.

Ava learned that sometimes a mysterious neighbor is simply someone with an unusual hobby.



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19. The Lost Child

A little boy was found sitting alone in the forest.

He looked frightened.

A park ranger asked, "Where is your family?"

The boy pointed toward the trees.

"I have to go back."

The ranger followed him carefully.

They reached an old wooden bridge.

The boy disappeared.

The ranger looked around.

Then he heard a child's laughter behind him.

A little ghost appeared.

"My family has been waiting for me for a very long time," the ghost said.

He pointed to a clearing filled with glowing fireflies.

The ranger saw a group of ghostly children playing there.

They waved.

The little ghost smiled.

"Thank you for helping me find my way."

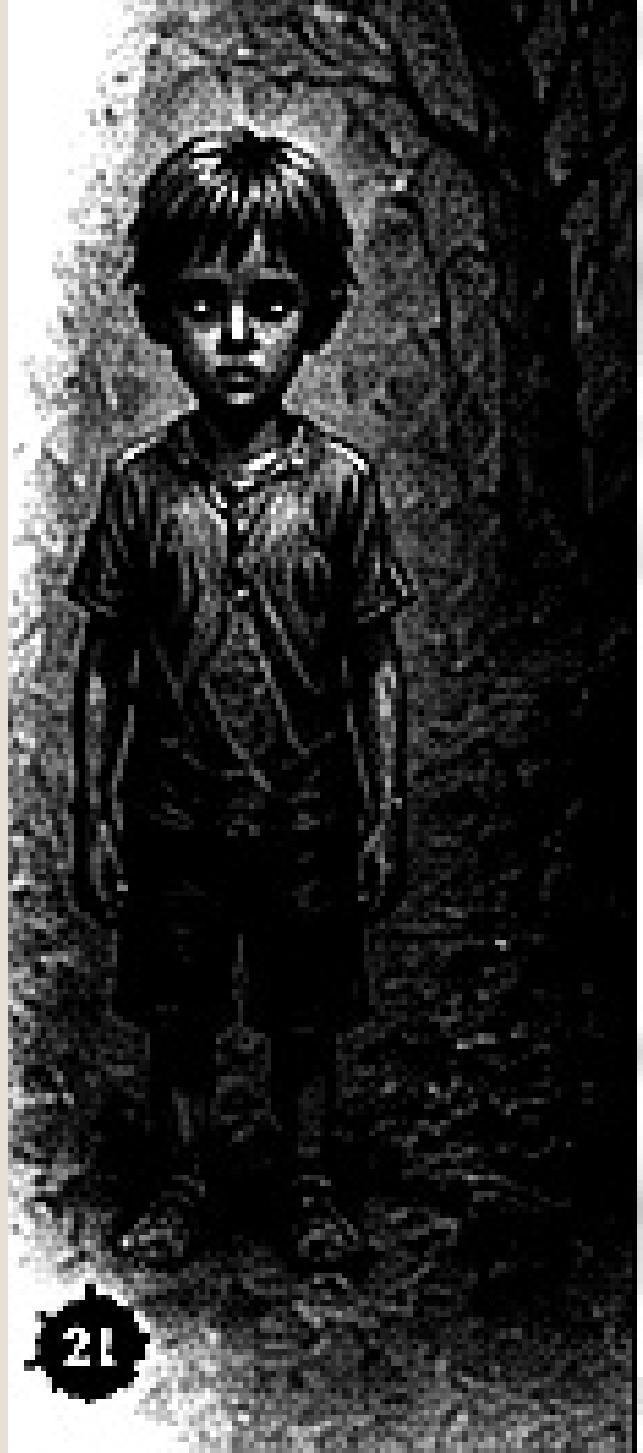
Then the fireflies rose into the night sky.

The ranger returned to the village.

Nobody believed his story.

But the next morning, a tiny silver bell was found beside the bridge.

Whenever it rang in the wind, the ranger remembered the children of the forest.



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20. The Final Whisper

Mia finished reading her spooky storybook just before bedtime.

She closed the book.

The room was quiet.

Then she heard a whisper.

"Turn the page..."

Mia looked at the book.

There was no page left.

She opened it again.

A new page had appeared.

It said:

"Thank you for reading."

Mia smiled.

Then another line appeared.

"But don't look behind you."

Mia froze.

She slowly turned around.

Nothing.

She laughed.

"Nice try!"

The book whispered again.

"Okay... look beside you."

Mia looked beside her.

Her little brother was standing there wearing a silly monster mask.

"BOO!"

Mia screamed, then laughed.

The book's final page changed one last time:

"Sometimes the best horror stories are the ones that make you laugh."

Mia closed the book.

Outside, the wind whispered through the trees.

"Goodnight..."

Mia smiled.

"Goodnight, spooky book."



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THE END... FOR NOW

Did you enjoy your spooky adventure? Remember: a dark room can make ordinary things look mysterious, and the best stories are the ones that let your imagination do the exploring. Keep reading. Keep wondering. And whenever you hear a tiny creak at night... maybe it is only the house saying goodnight.

SWEET DREAMS, BRAVE READER!

The End