

**Sleep Tight**

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Scene – A little boy's bedroom. DAD puts NICK, 6, to sleep.

DAD  
Good night, sport.

NICK  
G'night, Dad.

DAD  
I love you.

NICK  
Love you, too.

DAD  
I'm gonna turn off the light now, okay?

NICK  
Kay.

DAD  
That's a big boy. Nothing to be afraid of.

NICK  
Nope.  
(yawns)

DAD  
Great. Y'know these shadows on the wall are just shadows. Not monsters.

NICK  
I know.

DAD  
And no monsters in your closet either, right?  
Nothing to worry about.

NICK  
Okay.

DAD  
No giant bugs will drop on you at night while you sleep -

NICK

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What?

DAD

And crawl in your ears - and eat your brains or anything -

NICK

Wait - what - ?

DAD

What?

NICK

What did you say?

DAD

No giant bugs are going to -

NICK

Why would they do that?

DAD

They wouldn't.

NICK

Do we have giant bugs?

DAD

No, no - I'm saying we don't.

NICK

Oh. Okay.

DAD

And no monsters in the closet. No evil clowns hiding in the dresser -

NICK

What?

DAD

- with broken, glow-in-the-dark teeth.

NICK

What?!

DAD

Fangs -

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NICK

What are you -

DAD

Honey! Nothing's going to happen. It's all shadows! Relax. It's just the mind playing tricks.

NICK

Oh, oh, okay -

DAD

You okay?

NICK

Mm-hmm.

DAD

Alright. I love you.

(he gets up.)

Sleep tight. Turning off the lights now.

NICK

Kay.

DAD

And no Dracula in the basement.

He turns off the lights. BLACKOUT

NICK

AHHHHHHH!