



This is a story about a boy named Johnny who was afraid to go to bed. The thought of going to sleep by himself was something that he dread.

Johnny lives in San Francisco and just turned nine years old. He is a good kid who generally does what he is told.

Johnny likes to go to school and is unusually bright. But whenever Johnny is told to go to sleep, he gets extremely uptight. Johnny stalls and stalls and has a different excuse night after night.



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Johnny enjoys being told stories, especially if they are about witches. He also loves tales of pirates and treasure hunts that end up in riches.

It's hard for Johnny to understand why he gets so excited but yet so scared. He's not quite sure, if that is crazy or just plain weird.

To Johnny, fairy tales have always been a form of relaxation. Johnny has always had a very vivid imagination. He would listen to story after story, with endless fascination.



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Alone in a dark room for Johnny was ever so creepy. Many children are frightened of the dark and have trouble going to sleep, no matter how sleepy.

Thoughts of monsters or the boogeyman trying to grab them from under the bed. Imagining them trying to pull you down by your arms or your legs or even your head.

That kind of thinking can certainly give anyone a huge scare. Those are some of the spooky and uneasy feelings that kids really fear. Although they kind of know that there is probably no one there.



Johnny was nervous and uncomfortable whenever he was alone.

That is not unusual for kids who have not yet fully grown.

Frightening thoughts make it really hard for most kids to go to sleep.

Johnny listens for and hears noises in his room, under his bed and in the street.

Witches and dragons are in make believe stories, but certainly are not real.

They cannot or will not eat you up and have you for a meal. Do you think most kids have this problem, how do you feel?