

Age 5-8 Category Winner:

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What's under the bed?

Freya was afraid to go to sleep because she was worried there were monsters under her bed.

Freya was scared that the monsters were huge and terrifying. That they had gigantic, sharp teeth, scaly slimy skin and loud, vibrating voices.

She liked to keep the light on when she went to bed as she had heard from stories, if you keep the light on, the monsters won't come.

Freya's mummy and daddy always let her keep the light on. They believed her. When they were little they had to have the light off and thought they saw slimy scary monsters in the shadows.

One evening, Freya's Nana was babysitting. Freya's Nana didn't believe in monsters. She didn't believe Freya's mummy either when she saw monsters, when she was a little girl.

When Freya was asleep her Nana turned the light off!

The monster came.

The monster crept her claws from under the bed, scuttled quietly and quickly out and on top of the bed where Freya was sleeping.

The monster was called Boggggy, a baby. Boggggy was rainbow. Her fur was prickly. She had twelve eyes, eight arms and was actually very cute. Almost as cute as Freya's baby brother Freddie-Samuel. (He is very cute).

Freya woke up because she felt something on her bed.

She saw a slimy shadow like her mum had seen when she was small. Freya was frightened, she started to shake and her breathing got faster and louder.

She was very brave and reached to turn on her lamp.

Freya saw Boggggy on her bed.

Boggggy was shaking. Her breathing fast and loud.

She was frightened of what she saw on top of the bed. A human! And she was scared of the light.

Freya and Boggggy stared at each other for one whole minute. Freya looked at Boggggy's face; she could tell the baby monster was just as frightened as she was. Freya said to Boggggy: 'it's going to be ok, I won't hurt you'.

But Boggggy didn't understand. She didn't speak English-she was a French monster.

Freya noticed this as Boggggy tried to speak. Freya knew a little French as she had been learning it with her tutor Angela. She didn't know what Boggggy was trying to say though.

Freya had an idea!

Although Boggggy and Freya couldn't speak the same language they both understood a hug!

Freya and Boggggy hugged tightly and warmly.

No one was ever frightened again.

They became best friends forever. Boggggy, visiting Freya often.

She didn't need the light on for bed anymore, she knew she had Boggggy.

One night Freya's Nana was babysitting her.

Nana came into Freya's room to check on her.

All Nana saw was a slimy shadow on Freya's bed as the light was off.

Nana fainted in the doorway with a thud.

When she woke, Freya was checking on her, giving her ice to put on her forehead.

Nana always believed Freya from that moment on