

The birthday

I felt him staring right into my soul.

„Lets go, it's your bedtime already.” Jake told his son. They got to the car, Jake sat him into his car seat and put on the seat belt. „So how did you like your 6th birthday little man?” the father asked. The son replied right away: „love it, love it, it was fun!” Jake got into the car too and started driving: „Alright, then lets get you home and ready for bed.”

„Come on Riley, get out of the car.” Jake said to his kid while knocking on the car window. After he got out of the car, he picked Riley up and started walking towards the house. When Riley suddenly started crying: „Dad, Dad.” The father asked concerned: „What's wrong buddy?” „I forgot Mr. Bubbles in the car.” Riley said. The father told him it's fine, he put Riley down and told him to wait for him. Jake turned around and started heading towards the car. While he was going to the car he thought about putting Riley to bed and hanging out on the couch himself.

He got to the car, opened the door, took the stuffed animal from the backseat, closed the door and locked the car. Jake turned around and noticed in an instant that Riley was gone, he started to panic: „Riley where are you, Riley where have you gone?” He was so worried for his son, that he didn't realize that the front door was open. He started walking to the door as fast as he could.

As soon as he walked in, he heard Riley calling him from upstairs, so that's where he was heading next. Jake walked up and saw his son all dressed in his pyjamas, already brushing his teeth. „Omg Riley you scared me half to death, why didn't you wait for me outside?” Riley responded: „I'm so sorry dad but I'm a big boy now, I wanted to get ready alone today.” The father smiled proudly: „Alright finish up and jump right into your bed, I'll be right there.” Jake went into his bedroom, got clothes out of his wardrobe and changed into his pyjamas. He walked to his sons room because he knew Riley would have trouble sleeping if he didn't come and said good night.”

He entered and found the room almost completely dark, only a little night lamp was shining on the floor by the bed. Riley was grinning which Jake found unusual, because he hated going to bed. „You okay little man?” he asked. Riley was still smiling, before he said: „Dad, can you check under the bed for monsters?” The father looked at him and nodded. He didn't think much about it much more, got down on his knees to take a quick peek under the bed. But there he was, his son, under the bed. Riley looked scared and started to whisper: „Dad, there's a monster on my bed.”