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The Grocery Store

Long ago, there was a regular guy named Fred. But one day, regular Fred walked into a weird grocery store. But as soon as Fred entered, he noticed rustling. Odd, there was nobody inside the store. Then, quite suddenly, the produce section came to life and trapped him inside. Fred attempted to break free, but in the end, the store engulfed him.

Some people may have just forgotten him, but his brother, Aaron, discovered Fred was missing. He went to the construction site, stole a bulldozer, and trampled the store.

He pulled Fred out and trapped the monster there forever.

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The Story Of The Aquamotics

Many years ago, about 120 years, when the Titanic sank, along with thousands of lives, but there is a completely different background that people have never unearthed. These strange nasty creatures lurk in the chilly waters of the freezing Atlantic Ocean. They have gills and fins and are half human and half tentacles. They were created by the souls of the people who died on the Titanic. They dread anyone who survived the sinking and seek revenge.
One day, they were found by a submarine and were captured and sent to an underwater cavern and forever wish for freedom once more.

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Sazzy's Candy Pig

Sazzy drew a candy pig and she wrote 'Mr. Candyline'. She was so happy when she fell asleep... but when she woke up, her drawing was gone. But soon, she forgot about it. It was almost Halloween. She was counting down the days like a hawk.

Soon, she started trick or treating with her best friend, Jam. They went to play a video game, but when they came back, their candy was gone! They were devastated! When Sazzy saw an ice cream cone, she realized her drawing had come to life!

But the population of candy pigs grew! Candy was extinct FOREVER because of Sazzy...

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The Monsterous Puff Balls

No one has yet discovered the entrance to the middle of the Earth. But, below the Grand Turk Islands over 2,000 feet into the depths of the Pacific Ocean, is a secret chamber leading into a mysterious world of Puff Balls. These cute, soft creatures are disguised as charming little animals, but if they make contact with anything other than their species, they are deadly. Although, in a secret vault is a prophecy that can only be broken by one person. If the person finds it, the Puff Balls will recognize the soul and the curse will break. It's still very mysterious.

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Red And Black

Centuries ago, Trigonon was walking on Olympus Hill, admiring the gods. Suddenly, he nearly fell off the cliff! Then someone in a black cloak pushed him off the cliff. He had no wings, but he had a springy tail. He was wondering who the black-cloaked thing was. Then Trigonon saw 'Black Cloak' (what he called the thing). He was aware of his appearance. They fought... But then Trigonon, with a mighty sweep, took off the cloak...
Black Cloak was actually a hydra too! She had no friends. Trigonon felt sorry for her, so he decided to become her friend.

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The Girl And The Nymphs

In the Bermuda Triangle, there lives a tribe of evil water nymphs. These creatures have long flowing gowns of seaweed and crowns of pearls. They attack planes, ships, and humans. One night, a small girl named Crystal had lost her parents to these monsters. She sought to seek revenge. She took a plane, knowing she would crash. It was the only way to reach their lair. She died trying to kill these monsters. But we still honor her bravery. Because of her courage, many other people have tried, but still no one has managed to kill them. These monsters still exist.

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The Cuddle Monster

Suzy has a pet monster named Cutie. One day, they got sucked into a pink hole and swirled around until they fell on a planet. They wondered how they could escape until an alien came along and rescued them. In return, Cutie gave him a hug.
When they arrived home, they were relieved. They realized that they were in a dream. When they woke up, Suzy's mom called for breakfast. Everything was back to normal. They shared a BIG hug.
"Everything is normal and snuggly again!" said Suzy. Cutie gave her a hug. Together, they played forever.

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Josephine And The Monster

A little girl hated her name, Josephine. One morning, she awoke and there was no one in her town. All of a sudden, something crept behind her. She looked in the mirror, but no one was there!

One night, as she fell asleep, she had a dream.

All of a sudden, a creepy voice said, "Josephine!"

She was startled because no one had called her that.

A monster appeared with brownish-green hair. It said, "Josephine, I plan to take away everything that you have left!"

She awoke the next morning, and everything was back to normal.

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Pinky Puff

There are many monsters that haunt houses and follow people around. But there is one terrible monster named Pinky Puff. But Pinky Puff pretends to be a good monster. Pinky Puff never gets discovered by anyone. He is a very mysterious, cute fluffball.
One day, there is a girl who feels very suspicious. She follows Pinky Puff around the city. But then Pinky Puff sees the girl and starts to jump away.
The girl desperately runs after it, desperate to save everyone from the city. The girl catches Pinky, and she is so happy that she has saved the city.

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The Dream Dragon

Have you ever wondered where dreams come from? Well, your answer is the Dream Dragon. The Dream Dragon flew over the world every night, giving dreams to everyone. You may be wondering, *how does the Dream Dragon legacy carry on?* Well, at least once a year, one kid wakes up and sees the Dream Dragon. The next day, the kid feels a change, and whatever they touch changes as well. After a few weeks, the person (and people they touched) turns into a Dream Dragon, and continues the job of giving dreams. Next time you fall asleep, wish for good dreams!

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The Chicken Monster

One day, Mr. Chicken Monster was eating at his favourite fast food restaurant. He was very hungry, so he ordered 800 fries and 50 burgers and 20 shakes! He gobbled them up and went to catch the train. He got on the train and went to his house in the forest. It took about three hours to get to the forest. When he went into the forest, he saw some people camping. He was very hungry again, so he decided to raid the camp! He did raid their camp and the only thing he found was a chicken—only a chicken! So he started eating it and he fell asleep.

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The Weirdest Creature

Today, Vera was going on a hike to the mountains. She loved to see nature, like bugs, animals, trees, and plants, but not when some strange and weird creature was following her. This strange creature had a cloak and weird hair with green snakes. The higher Vera went up the mountain, the closer it got to her. When she was really high, it was... right behind her! Vera got so scared, she thought it was going to eat her, but instead, it took her back home and said to Vera, *"Do not ever climb on mountains alone! It's dangerous!"*

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The Minder

Deep in a hidden forest lab, a small, forgotten creature escaped its cage without a sound. It vanished underground, and soon after, the nightmares began.

My friends stopped sleeping. They came to school pale and shaken. Then it reached me.

I dreamed it had trapped me in an empty room, my worst fear. The walls slowly closed in as I struggled to move.

"Stop!" I screamed, jolting awake. Everything was quiet.

Until I noticed something eerie.

The walls of my room... were still closing in. The minder had caught me.

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The Drawing

Once, there was a boy, and he had a piece of paper and a colored pencil. He was in his bedroom and was drawing a monster. First, he drew two eyes, then his small body, and also his feet and arms.
All of a sudden, the monster's arms moved—then its legs, then arms! It came out of the picture and jumped onto the bed! The boy was shocked, and the monster said, "Hello!"
The boy said hello back and held him. The boy named him Drawing because he came alive from a drawing.
It was a very interesting, funny day for the boy!

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Evil Buggy!

Once there lurked a creature that ate toes and fingers named Buggy. Buggy was getting humungous. Every midnight, he would creep into people's beds and eat their toes and fingers. He especially liked the toes that stank the most. Every time he ate a toe and a finger, the more he would grow and the bigger the problem would be for the people. Soon, the people would have no toes or fingers left, so they decided to go hunting to catch Evil Buggy, bad plan. They lost even more toes and fingers. Nobody could stand this except for Evil Bunny.

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First And Last Time At The Campsite

Have you ever had a dream? I had a dream I'd like to share. My class was at a campsite in the Sequoia Forest. There were a lot of cool plants and giant trees. We went in groups of five to explore. I realized, while we were walking, that there was a bird following us. I saw a necklace on it, and it turned to the color red! I was scared. It had sharp claws and was coming at me, so we ran, but it grabbed my shirt and scratched me! I screamed, then I finally got free and ran to the campsite... I woke up, it was a dream!

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The Knocker

I'm running. To this day, I still don't remember where The Knocker was chasing me. He's the most dangerous monster in all of Plio, my hometown. As he was chasing me, I ducked into an alley, and The Knocker ran past, still looking for me. I still felt like I was being watched. Suddenly, I saw a shadow looming over me. I looked up, and there was The Knocker looking down at me. I did not know how he found me, but I was scared. Suddenly, he lurched and fell. From behind his dead body stepped my little brother.

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The Midnight Menace

In a cave not far from a small town lived a dragon called Phantom, who every night murdered someone from the town. Two years ago, Phantom's family was killed by the town. But Phantom had one weakness: water. One day, Lily and Mia were exploring in the woods when they found his cave. They got scared and ran back to the town. The next day, they came back with a bucket of water. Phantom came out, then the girls splashed him with the water and he disappeared forever. No one knows where he went.

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Saturday The 14th

It was a dark night in Indiana. The wind was howling, or at least I think it was the wind. I went to my fridge to get a snack. I opened my fridge, and I jumped back in surprise. There was a sign written in blood-red letters. It said, 'I SEE YOU'. I turned around and screamed. There was a man with a bag on his head. My heart was racing. "You want Doritos?" he asked. "Cool!" I said, and we sat down, and we watched a show called Sunday the 15th.

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The Pizza Monster

One day in Naples, Italy, at one of the best pizzerias, a kid was with his dad. The kid ordered a pepperoni pizza and, before he took a bite, his dad showed him a shooting star going by! When the kid went back to take a bite, the pizza was gone and there was an empty plate!

They went home and the front door was open with pizza everywhere! They found what they called the Pizza Monster! They gave him to the police, who put him in a pizzeria as a main chef until he died.

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