

Horror stories are great - but nothing like that happens in real life!

My friend Lucy told me she preferred romantic stories - the kind boy meets girl. She says stories should always be about lovers and have a happy ending.

As for me, I like adventure stories - stories with a lot of action set in exotic places. A good story - whether it's a book or a film - has to be exciting.

I enjoy horror stories. When I was a kid, I found horror stories terrifying - I remember I was too frightened to go to bed after reading Dracula. I always had to check the closets and under my bed if there were any monsters waiting to attack me in the night.

<p>horror: shock as for me: personally exotic: unusual exciting: thrilling terrifying: scary, frightened closet: cupboard</p>



But now I like horror stories because they're amusing - they make me laugh. I know for sure that there aren't any ghosts or monsters in real life.

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"There aren't any monsters," my mother said to me.

"I've seen a ghost in the closet," he said.

We knew for sure: There aren't any monsters in real life.

"I enjoy horror stories," Lucy's friend said.

"I'll tell you when I see a real monster," she promised.

"The story I'll write will have a happy ending," Lucy told me.

A Short Ghost Story

After a long and lonely march through the dark forest I finally found shelter in some ruined castle. It was around midnight when I woke up from a deep sleep. The night was black and as quiet as a grave. I reached for a candle. But I couldn't find my lighter. Then it was suddenly placed in my hand.