

### Nightmare Puppet Show

Child	Mommy!
Mother	What is it, sweetie?
Child	I'm scared of the dark.
Mother	You've been scared a lot since Daddy died.
Child	That's because of dreams. Bad ones.
Mother	I'm right here with you. Cuddling you close.
Child	Mom?
Mother	Yes, honey?
Child	Are you ever scared of the dark?
Mother	I was when I was little, like you. But I'm not any more.
Child	You were scared, too? Just like me?
Mother	I sure was.
Child	What were you scared of?
Mother	My sister used to snore. I thought she was a monster.
Child	<i>(laughs)</i> That's funny! You thought your sister was a monster.
Mother	She snored really loud, like this... <i>(snores extremely loudly)</i>
Child	That's funny, Mom! <i>(snores loudly, too)</i>
Mother	Hey, stop it, you're scaring me! <i>(laughs)</i>
Child	Hey, Mom?
Mother	Yes, honey?
Child	Do you want to hear my bad dream?
Mother	Yes. Tell me about it while I cuddle you.
Child	Well, I feel safe when you're here, but when you leave me my imagination starts imagining and I get really, really scared.
Mother	Well, tell me what you were imagining tonight.
Child	I imagined that my dresser was really a dragon. It ate up my daddy and it wanted to eat me!
Mother	Well, maybe I can help you with that. Let's imagine that your dresser is a dragon, but it's made out of chocolate and caramel and bubblegum, and just as it comes to try to eat us, WE EAT THE

	DRAGON!!!! Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum!!!!
Child	<i>(laughs)</i> Yum, yummy in my tummy! What a delicious dragon!!!
Mother	Quite yummy. Don't forget to lick your fingers!!
Child	I won't, Mom. <i>(laughs)</i> Mom?
Mother	Yes, honey?
Child	Are you going to die?
Mother	Everybody dies someday. That's a part of life. But most people live a very long time. Daddy's body got very, very sick and stopped working, so he didn't get to live so long. But my doctor says I'm very healthy and your doctor says you are, too. So I expect to be around a long time to hold you and love you and be your mommy.
Child	That's good, Mommy. A long, long time. Will you stay with me until I get sleepy again, just in case I get scared?
Mother	I sure will. And if that dragon comes back, I'm going to bite off his nose!
Child	And I'll bite off his teeth!
Mother	And I'll bite off his ears!
Child	And I'll bite off his tail!
Mother	And I'll bite off his eyeballs!
Child	And I'll bite off his toenails! <i>(yawns)</i>
Mother	<i>(whispers)</i> And I'll bite off his knees.
Child	And I'll bite off his.... <i>(snores)</i>
Mother	Good night my little one. Sweet dreams... <i>(kisses child)</i>

The End