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MOMMY ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

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In a sleepy village in the middle of England, something strange is happening.

The schoolyard is empty, the neighbor's cats are in fear for their lives, and Mrs. Robertson – the English teacher – has taken to sniffing brains.

Will the intrepid gang find out the secret in Boris' butcher's shop? Will Mrs. Mully forgive Cassandra? Will Jackson survive the Mommy Zombie Apocalypse?

Jacob Smith lay still under the warm bedclothes that he'd twisted into a cozy cocoon during the night. There was a chill in the air and he was intently ignoring his need to pee, not wanting to leave the warmth before morning.

He squinted open one sleepy eye, just enough to judge the time.

It was still dark.

It must still be ages before it's time to get up. He decides that he can't wait any longer.

Jacob huffed a sigh and then whipped the bedcovers over to one side, twisting himself out of bed.

He padded out of his room, barefoot, and made his way down the corridor to the bathroom without turning on any lights, trying not to awaken his senses too much.

After his sit-down pee – not confident in his ability to aim efficiently in the dark – and a cursory splash of water on his hands, he pulled the bathroom door shut behind him and began the short walk back to his room.

As he passed the top of the stairs, he noticed a line of light gleaming from under the kitchen door below. He stopped to listen for a second, wondering who could be awake in the middle of the night.

"SCHLURP!"

A wet sound came from beyond the kitchen door.

"Well, that's new," he thought to himself and decided to investigate.

He made his way down the stairs and pushed open the kitchen door with one hand. His bare foot pressed into something wet and sticky in the doorway, and he looked down, distracted for a moment. Lifting his foot up to get a better look, he could see a dark liquid congealing on his big toe as a drop dripped to the floor.

A small sound made him look up, and the sight before him froze him to the spot, one foot still lifted.

His mum was sitting, splayed legged, on the kitchen floor with her back against the cupboards. Blood covered the front of her nightshirt and her hands and sleeves, all the way to the elbow. Oozing entrails lay across her thighs. Globules of fatty, dripping matter dangled from her blood-caked hair and stuck to the side of her face. The remains of half of what appeared to be a cat lay strewn across the kitchen floor, and his mum was hungrily crunching down on a furry leg, like King Henry the Eight at a court banquet.

"Mum!" Jacob exclaimed, incomprehension not yet forming into fear. "What on Earth are you doing to Mrs. Mully's cat?"

"Oh, good morning darling!" she purred. "You're up early. Shall I get you some breakfast?"

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dawn Burdett is an award-winning Software Expert and Children's Book Author on a mission to simplify the intricate world of coding and technology and make it not only fun, but accessible to the young.

Above all, Dawn is a firm believer of the future and the up-and-coming generation that will help shape it. This is what drives her to educate children through the power of storytelling.

Born in the UK, Dawn's affinity for the written word began early on. During grade school (while living in Germany), she distinctly remembers the moment when the creative spark officially entered her life. Her 4th grade teacher would read "Day of the Triffids," and have his students write alternative endings. From that point forward, putting that pen down was out of the question.

Outside of writing, Dawn serves as the Chief Technical Officer at a prominent software development company. During her free time, she is a voracious reader and avid drummer. Writing and coding aside, her biggest loves, apart from her children and husband, are her furred/feathered children, a Golden Retriever (Alphee), a Labrador (Hunter), two cats (Floki and Ragnar), and three chickens (all named Gertie). Dawn currently calls Melbourne, Australia home.