

Tommy's Little Battle

Part II

Yet still his heart beat quickened,
As he tiptoed down the stairs.
The shadows there beneath him,
Made him dream up grizzly bears.

The clock now sang her chorus,
Twelve times she cried with joy.
Her hands now clapped, her face now looked,
On Tom and not the boy.

And as he clutched the handle,
Of that heavy kitchen door.
Out sprang a great kafuffle,
And a smashing on the floor.

Tom knew the Nark was furious,
Having served up such a din.
Bottles smashed, pots, pans had crashed,
Yet still Tom entered in.

But as he did, the cat flap flapped.
The Nark had simply fled.
'What's going on?' a voice cried out.
Tom stood and scratched his head.

'Nothing much, I spilt some milk.'
Tom thought of what he'd done.
He knew he'd won the battle,
But the war was far from won.

For as in life, from time to time,
The drumming tap returned.
But never would old Tom forget,
What that six year old had learned:

As nightmares come and go through life,
The Narks you must destroy.
Stand tall, be bold, and conquer all,
Then life you will enjoy.

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Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
kafuffle	
fled	
bold	
conquer	

1

Think back to Part I. Put the following events in order (1,2,3,4).

Number each box

The noises activate Tommy's imagination

He decides to investigate

Tommy is awoken by a dripping tap

He grows scared and tries to hide

2

List 4 words from verses 3 and 4 which tell you it was noisy.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

3

What time is the story set? Circle one.

This story is set at

midday

midnight

4

What effect does this have on a) the reader and b) Tom?

a) _____

b) _____

5

a) Find the word 'destroy' in the final verse? Is this a strong or a weak word?

b) What does it suggest about how you must treat your nightmares?

6

Tick the words below which come from the same root word as 'destroy'?

destiny	destruction	design
destroyer	desperate	destructive

7

Read lines 1 and 2. How do you know Tommy is still scared.?

8

When Tom enters the kitchen, what does he do that tells us he is confused?

9

How do you think the Nark escaped?

10

Did the Nark leave the kitchen a long time ago or quite recently? What tells you this?

Extension
activity

I think this poem is aimed at young children because _____

Tom felt he'd won the battle but _____

Life is full of challenges so _____
