



# The Mystery of the Attic Muncher

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Leo sits upright in bed, eyes wide as a muffled thump-thump-crunch echoes from the ceiling. The moonlight casts long, spooky shadows across his bedroom floor, making his toys look like strange creatures.



He grabs his trusty yellow flashlight and a plastic sword, feeling like a brave knight ready for a quest. With a deep breath, he tiptoes toward the hallway, his heart beating in sync with the mysterious noise.

## LEO'S GRAND ADVENTURE



The attic stairs creak under his feet, sounding like tiny screams in the quiet house. Leo's flashlight beam cuts through the darkness, revealing floating dust motes that look like glowing fairy fire in the air.



At the top of the stairs, the heavy wooden door is slightly open, spilling a faint, flickering orange glow onto the floor. Leo pauses, hearing a strange, rhythmic scratching sound coming from within the dark room.



He peeks through the crack and sees a massive, wobbling shadow stretched across the far wall. The shadow has pointed ears and seems to be dancing a clumsy jig amidst the old trunks and dusty furniture.



A sudden clatter makes Leo jump, and he sees a stack of old books tumble over in the corner. Something is definitely moving behind the big velvet armchair, and it sounds like it is munching on something crunchy.

# LEO



Gulping down his fear, Leo throws the door wide open and clicks his flashlight to its brightest setting. Aha! I've got you now, attic monster! he shouts with all his might, brandishing his plastic sword.



The flashlight beam reveals not a scary monster, but Barnaby the pug, wearing a dusty red towel like a superhero cape. He is sitting in the middle of a pile of spilled biscuits, looking very surprised by the sudden light.

## BARNABY



Barnaby has a single cookie hanging from his mouth and crumbs all over his wrinkled face. He wags his curly tail tentatively, realizing his secret midnight snack spot has been discovered by his best friend.



Leo bursts into giggles and sits down on the dusty floor beside his silly superhero dog. Together, they share the last few cookies under the soft glow of the flashlight, making it their best secret adventure yet.