

# **“The Forest Demon”**

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In a faraway land lived a little girl and her older brother. The little girl was a kind sweet girl with blonde hair and blue eyes and was called Tilly. Her brother Michael was, of course, completely the opposite; he was rude and nasty with brown hair and black eyes.

One misty morning Tilly and her brother Michael were walking to school when suddenly Tilly lost Michael in the mist. Tilly started to get worried and wanted to know where Michael was so she started walking but because she could not see in the mist she ended up walking in the wrong direction. A few hours later her feet began hurting and as she went to find a place to sit down, she realised she was no longer in her own town or in school in fact there was no sign of her home town anywhere. She sat down on the cold, damp, muddy floor and cried until she could cry no more. Tilly suddenly felt sleepy so she lay down, curled up and fell asleep.

Tilly woke the next morning feeling cold and hungry but no longer tired.

Tilly said to herself “Yesterday I had the strangest dream, I lost my brother within the mist and ended up in a different place.” As she got up she was astonished she was in the place she had dreamt of.

Tilly was scared.

There was not sign of her brother or a way to get safely back home. The strange thing about this place was the fact that there didn’t appear to be any people, so where was she, she did not know, she began to wonder, what sort of place had no sign of any people.

Tilly walked on not having the slightest idea where she was. As little frightened Tilly walked, she heard a loud thud, so she banged her foot in exactly the same spot where the noise was made. Tilly heard the same sound again, the thudding sound, as if there was something under there, but what? What could it be?

Tilly noticed that there were leaves covering the floor so she decided to move them; and right there, under where she was standing, was a trap door. It was a very peculiar shaped door with writing on it she could not understand. Tilly decided she would open the door and find out what was inside it, but what if it was something scary, that ate you Tilly thought. She then said “That is a chance I am willing to take!” She opened the trap door which had a big handle on it and carefully stepped inside, looking all around.

Tilly went down the steps slowly, one by one, when she reached the bottom she took a look around and found herself instantly screaming. She tried to run but could not, as her feet were frozen to the spot because she was so scared of what she could see right in front of her. In front of her was the scariest, most hideous demon in the world. It had eyes like she had never seen before, eyes that seemed to be able to see straight through you.

Its nose was as big as a tree trunk; it had ears on the top of its head which looked like cats ears but much bigger. Its mouth was slimy; its teeth were like sabre fangs when it drooled, it was as if you were watching a water fall, from in a dark cave.

Tilly was petrified, as the demon came closer she tried to step back but still she could not move.

The demon grabbed hold of her “Be My Slave” the demon said with his loud booming voice. “Okay” said Tilly, not knowing what else to say. “Well, go and cook my dinner!” screamed the demon.

Tilly did not know what to say, so she went to cook the demons dinner but all of this was new to her for she had not had the chance to learn to cook yet and the demon wanted pigeon liver and snake eye stew for his dinner, which did not sound very appealing to her but on she went. As she tried to cook the forest demons dinner she heard the forest demon shout, “Bring me my blood drink servant!” “Okay” Tilly whispered.

Tilly finished cooking the meal and brought in the plate with the cooked things on it.

“MMM!” the forest demon said “That looks delicious!”

“Thanks” said Tilly nervously. She looked up at the forest demon who had his mouth open staring at frightened little Tilly who had no idea what was going to happen next.

As Tilly stared back at the forest demon she noticed the skeleton bones behind him in big jars. All of the jars were labelled but she could not read them for it was so dark in the underground cave and the jars were too far away. The skeletons surely looked as if they had been human people’s bodies that had turned into skeletons over the years or had been eaten by the forest demon. Tillys face went white as a ghost; the forest demon noticed this and boomed “What is the matter little scrumptious girl?” Tilly said “Nothing” still staring at the jars with the skeletons in. Then the forest demon said, while his mouth was watering, “Do you know what would go nicely with this meal?”

Tilly stared at the forest demon dreading what he might say but then she seemed to pluck up her courage and said “No, what?”

The forest demon leapt off his giant chair and screamed “You!”

Tilly’s heart started beating like a woodpecker banging on a tree with its beak. Tilly did not know how fats to run away from the forest demon that was running after her; what would she do now? She did not know what she could do to escape from the forest demon.

She ran as fast as she could, hiding in every gap, but the forest demon would always just throw things out of his way and try to get hold of her to try and eat her. Tilly hid under the forest demons chair; he threw it out of the way. Tilly then quickly thought of what she could do to trap the forest demon for a while to enable her to escape. She ran to where the forest demon had thrown the chair and then ran a few steps behind it. As she had hoped the forest demon had spotted her and went to where she was, behind the chair. The forest demon came with such speed that he did not notice the chair and fell straight over. He tried to keep himself up by grabbing on to the nearby cabinet but it went crashing over and landed on top of him.

“ARRGHHH!” shouted the forest demon “You little rat!” he bellowed.

Tilly stepped to the side, out of the way of the forest demons grasp, her heart still pounding with fear and relief. Tilly noticed that when the forest demon had fallen it created a little gap in the wall that she could just squeeze through to get out of the way of the forest demon and be free.

She looked back at the forest demon and said farewell with a grin on her face and was eventually free. Tilly then found her way back home to her family.

Tilly sometimes thought about what happened to the forest demon after she had left, whether he had died, lived or changed his ways but whatever happened to the forest demon, she was glad to be free of him.

The end.