

Transcript of Story On Podcast: The Legend of Boogery Larry - Urban Legends

Chapter 1: Opening

Hello friends, and welcome to Story On! I'm Laura, your host and I am so glad that you're able to join us here today!

This is our third Halloween story of the month! If you are just joining us and you love Halloween, be sure to check out our other Halloween episodes.

We have one more Halloween show after this one.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our final Halloween story, you can let me know in a review on Apple Podcasts or email me laura@storyonpodcast.com

Ok, have you ever heard of an urban legend? An urban legend, also known as an urban myth is kind of like a modern fairy tale. They're usually passed down from person to person and told as if they are true stories.

They often include the words "this happened to a friend of a friend of mine."

If you live in the US or Canada, you have probably heard of Big Foot. There are many stories of this half man, half ape creature that people claim to have spotted living in the woods in North America.

This story is similar to Yeti for our listeners tuning in from Asia. And it's an example of an urban legend.

Today I'm going to share an urban legend that I wrote. After the story, we'll talk about how you can create your own urban legend.

Now it's time for the story.

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Chapter 2: Story

This is The Legend of Boogery Larry

Ok, let me just start by saying that this is a true story. It happened to a friend, of a friend, of a friend, of a friend of mine. Alright, now that that's out of the way, let's get started.

Once upon a time, not far from here, there was a girl named Lydia.

Lydia was an ordinary girl. She lived in an ordinary town, went to an ordinary school and came from an ordinary family.

Then, one morning, her teacher made an announcement. "Boys and girls, we have a new student joining us today. Please welcome... Felix."

A small boy walked in the door. He looked down, intimidated by all of the eyes on him. The teacher asked him a few questions that he answered quickly and quietly. Then, he took a seat.

The empty chair just happened to be next to Lydia. Lydia smiled warmly at Felix as he sat down. He smiled back shyly. Before long, Lydia and Felix became close friends.

They found that not only did they sit at the same table in school, but they also lived in the same neighborhood. As they got to know each other, they discovered that they both loved nerf battles and Shrek movies. They began to spend more and more time together until they became closer and closer friends.

Then one afternoon, just a few days before Halloween, they were hanging out at Felix's house.

"Hey, wanna play a game?" Lydia asked.

Felix grinned. "You bet! What is it!?"

"Have you ever heard of Boogery Larry?" Lydia questioned, her eyes shining and twinkling mischievously.

"Boogery Larry!? Ewww gross! Who's that!?" Felix replied, laughing.

"I heard some kids talking yesterday on the bus and they were saying there's this little kid named Boogery Larry. If you say "Boogery Larry" three times in a mirror, he'll appear! Wanna try it!?" Lydia was wiggling with excitement.

Felix nodded reluctantly. "Ummm ok, I guess so..."

He got freaked out pretty easily. But, he also enjoyed that burst of energy you get when you watch or listen to a scary story. Lydia seemed pretty excited to try it and that helped to convince him.

They walked together to the bathroom mirror.

"So what do we do?" Felix asked, looking at their reflections as they stood in front of the mirror.

“Say Boogery Larry, Boogery Larry, Boogery Larry,” replied Lydia as she smiled at Felix through the mirror. “On three, one...two...”

Just as Lydia was about to say three, the bathroom lights flickered and went out. The afternoon sun shone through the bathroom window so they could still see.

Suddenly, Felix saw movement in the mirror. He screamed.

Lydia followed his gaze and gasped “Ewwww! That is SO GROSS!” she yelled.

Looking out at them from within the mirror was a face. A tiny little toddler face.

He had short curly hair and he would have been cute as a button...were it not for all the boogers.

His nose was booger-tastic. Booger-ific. Booger-ful. It. was. Revolting.

This had to be Boogery Larry.

He looked back and forth from Lydia to Felix. His lips moved but no sound came out.

(Lydia): “Sorry, we can’t hear you. But ummm...you have something on your face. Like in your nose. And around your nose. And a bit on that cheek. Yeah, there’s just a lot going on in the vicinity of your nose. Um actually like everywhere on your face. You may want to..uh...do something about that?”

Lydia was trying to be gentle. She didn’t want to hurt Larry’s feelings. But she was getting uncomfortable looking at all those boogers. “I just remembered...I need to...go to the kitchen for a minute!” Lydia scurried away.

“Hey, wait for me! I’m coming too!” yelled Felix as he ran after her.

Together in the kitchen, they looked at each other with shocked faces.

(Felix): “Well that was weird.”

(Lydia): “And disgusting!” They giggled together. “Let’s stay out of the bathroom for a while. Until he disappears from the mirror”

“Yeah, good call. Hey, are you hungry?” Felix asked. “We’ve got some really crunchy grapes in the fridge.”

Lydia nodded.

Felix walked to the shiny fridge. The kitchen light flickered as he walked over. Lydia and Felix looked up at the light. It flashed back on.

Felix stopped in his tracks. Boogery Larry was on the fridge now! On the stainless steel door! His lips were moving again. But still no sound was coming out. Lydia and Felix looked at each other with surprise.

“How did he get out here?” Lydia whispered.

Felix shrugged. He’d thought Boogery Larry would just kind of disappear after a few minutes. Now he wasn’t so sure. “Hey, Lydia, can I talk to you over in the living room, please?” She nodded and they quickly switched locations.

Clearly they needed to talk about Larry. But it seemed rude to do so right in front of him!

“What is up with this little guy!?” Felix whispered. “How do we make him go away!? I’m getting really tired of his face popping up all around my house!”

Lydia grimaced. “Yeah...sorry about that. I guess we didn’t know what we were getting into.”

(Felix): “Is he gonna be here forever!? I don’t know how much more of that boogery face I can take!” Felix was beginning to wonder how he would explain this to his parents.

(Lydia): “Wait, let’s stay calm, ok? There’s gotta be a way to make him go away...we just need to figure it out!” Lydia was definitely one of those glass half full people. Felix...not so much.

He plunked down on the couch. Then, he noticed the living room light flicker. He looked around quickly for a shiny surface. And there it was. The TV.

Just as Felix was about to announce his prediction to Lydia, the room got a whole lot boogier. (wait, is that a word?) [error buzzer]

Anyway, Larry’s face stretched out over the tv screen. He was talking again but they still couldn’t hear him. Lydia was standing, watching Larry and frowning.

(Lydia): “He’s trying to tell us something, Felix. Maybe if we can figure out what he’s telling us, we can figure out how to make him... go away!”

Felix nodded. Seemed like a good first step.

Felix grabbed the tv remote and turned the volume waaaaay up. It didn’t help.

“Worth a shot!” encouraged Lydia. “Hmmm how else can we make sound louder?” Lydia stroked her chin. “Ooh! Got it! Let’s try a drinking glass! You know how in movies and books people put a glass on the wall and hold it to their ear to spy on people in the other room! Maybe that will work!”

Felix ran into the kitchen and returned seconds later with a glass. He walked cautiously over to the tv. Boogery Larry was still chatting away in there.

Felix carefully placed the glass against the tv and over his ear.

He could hear! He could hear what little Larry was trying to say! He nodded eagerly to Lydia. Then focused his attention back to Larry.

What he was saying actually made total sense.

(Boogery Larry): “Something on my face? Do you have tissue? Need tissue.”

“Aww poor little guy just wants to blow his nose!” Felix explained.

“Of course! A tissue!” replied Lydia, “He’s asking us for a tissue! Maybe if we give him a tissue, he’ll leave!?”

“Yeah...maybe! But...how do we give him a tissue!? He only appears on shiny surfaces. Can we just pass him a regular tissue? Can he just get it through the tv or mirror or whatever!?” Felix wondered, scratching his forehead.

“Let’s give it a try and see.” suggested Lydia, “You stay here while I grab a tissue from the kitchen. Let’s just try to keep him in one spot.” She ran quickly and was back in a flash with the tissues.

Walking slowly over to the tv, Lydia cautiously held out her hand, a tissue waving around in the air. Her heart was pounding. This was definitely the most intense tissue pass she’d ever done.

(Lydia): “Ok little Larry, not sure if you can hear me..but here’s a tissue. I’m going to put it against the tv and see if you can get it, ok?”

Little Larry nodded. He could hear her! He reached his hand up in anticipation.

Lydia held the tissue against the tv and Larry tried to pull it on the other side. But the tissue didn’t go anywhere. It didn’t pass through the tv to Larry. He tried again, unsuccessfully. He frowned.

(Lydia): "Oh, I'm sorry Larry. I guess that isn't working but don't worry! We'll figure it out. That was just our first idea. And we've got lots more! We'll get you that tissue, ok?" Lydia looked back at Felix. They needed another plan.

Suddenly, Felix snapped his fingers. "I'll be right back!"

He ran quickly to his room and returned in a moment with his tablet. "This is a shiny surface that we can draw on! Maybe we can draw a tissue on here and then maybe Larry would get the tissue!?"

"Oooh good thinking! That may just work!" Lydia jumped up and down excitedly.

Felix quickly drew a kind of flowy square. He tilted his head and looked closely. Mmmm It kind of looked like a tissue?

"Yeah, it's a tricky thing to draw but it looks good! Let's give it a try! But how do we get him to come to the tablet?" asked Lydia. "Oh, I know. He follows us around, right? Let's go to a room that has no other shiny surfaces except for the tablet! Then he'll have no choice!"

"Oh! The pantry! There's nothing shiny in there!" Felix yelled.

(Lydia): "To the pantry!" They ran together to the pantry, holding the tablet.

They sat down on the floor and waited. The pantry light flickered, then stayed on. Suddenly, Boogery Larry appeared in the tablet screen.

"He's here!" shouted Lydia excitedly.

Lydia used her nicest talking to a little kid voice, "Ok Larry, see the tissue!? Can you pick it up and blow your nose with it!?"

Felix and Lydia watched closely as Larry's head got closer to the tissue that Felix had drawn.

Then, his tiny hand reached up and gave it a little tug. It worked! The tissue was in his hand now! Lydia and Felix cheered and high fived happily.

Larry blew his nose, and smiled. "Much better!" he said.

Then, he waved and vanished.

"He's gone!" Felix cheered.

“I can’t believe it worked!” yelled Lydia.

The kids ran out of the pantry. They hugged.

“Ok, how about those grapes!?” asked Lydia moments later. Felix smiled and they walked together to the kitchen.

No little faces appeared in the fridge. And they never saw Boogery Larry ever again.

The End

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Chapter 3: Discussion

What did you think of my urban legend about Boogery Larry!?

How would you react if a boogery face showed up in your mirror?

What ideas do you have for your own urban legend?

One important thing about urban legends is that they have to be kind of believable. That means that the characters and setting of the story should seem pretty normal except for something unusual like a boogery face in the mirror.

Think about your life and stories that you know. How could you make changes or add details to create your own urban legend?

Would you like to make your story spooky, silly or gross? Or, maybe all three!?

Share your urban legend with a friend, your family or me laura@storyonpodcast.com

And make sure to tell your audience that it’s a true story and that it happened to a friend of a friend of yours!

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That’s our show for today!

I’d like to say a big thank you to Levi for being the voice for Felix. Thanks Levi!

I’d also like to say thank you to all the kids who have been sharing their stories with me! I love reading your stories and knowing that you are enjoying the show!

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We'll be back next week for another Halloween story. Until next time!

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