

ONCE UPON A NIGHTMARE (INTRO AND TUTORIAL CUTSCENES)

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INT. JAMIE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

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JAMIE is lying in bed, ready to sleep. His FATHER stands next to the closet and begrudgingly opens it.

FATHER

...and nothing here. Just like last night.

(quietly)

Just like every other night.

FATHER walks to the door.

FATHER (CONT'D)

(exiting the room)

Now get to sleep. I don't want to hear a single peep coming from this room.

FATHER leaves the room and closes the door.

JAMIE

(to FUZZY, on the bed)

Night Fuzzy.

JAMIE's eyes begin to shut down and he falls asleep.

FADE TO BLACK.

JAMIE wakes up abruptly upon hearing noises coming from the closet.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

(shouting)

Dad!?

A shadowy figure stretches out from inside the closet towards JAMIE.

SHADOW

Finally, I get my hands on you.

The SHADOW grabs FUZZY and disappears back into the closet. FATHER opens the door just as the SHADOW disappears.

FATHER

(angry)

What's with all the noise? I thought I told you to sleep and be quiet!

JAMIE
 (confused)
 But...

FATHER
 (yelling)
 Lights OUT!!!

The door slams shut.

GRANDMA (O.S.)
 Whatever happened to my boy...

JAMIE is startled by the glowing presence next to his bed as he turns around.

JAMIE
 (confused)
 Nan!?

GRANDMA
 Yes my dear. I would love to have tea and biscuits but I believe we have a certain bear to rescue and time is of the essence.

JAMIE
 ...How do you know?

GRANDMA
 Grandma knows all the things, knowledge comes with the glasses!

JAMIE
 But how can we get Fuzzy back? That thing it's gone!

GRANDMA
 How? Just like any story starts. By stepping out of bed.

[GAMEPLAY] JAMIE GETS OUT OF BED AND WALKS THROUGH THE ROOM, EVENTUALLY REACHING THE FOREST NEAR THEIR HOUSE.

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EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

2

GRANDMA is floating around looking for something

GRANDMA
 (mumbling)
 Now where was it?

JAMIE
 What now Grandma?

GRANDMA floats toward a small mound of soil

GRANDMA

Yes... Over here! Dig a little over here and you will see, my dear. I would help but soil just goes right through me

JAMIE digs into the fresh soil to find an old time capsule box.

JAMIE

What's going on Nana? How is a dirty box going to heal me rescue Fuzzy?

GRANDMA

Let's head back to your room. I'll explain everything once we are safe and comfy.

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INT. JAMIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

3

GRANDMA is looking pensively through the window.

JAMIE (O.S.)

(startled)

A sketchbook?

She sighs and moves next to JAMIE.

GRANDMA

Don't open it just yet! Please, be careful!

JAMIE

Enough with the carefals! I want to know, what's with this thing?

GRANDMA

Sit with me and I'll tell you.

(both sit on the bed side by side)

Where do I start... I guess you would call this... a dream journal? Your father kept it while growing up.

JAMIE

What does that have to do with getting Fuzzy back?

GRANDMA

Don't skip ahead! I have a whole speech planned!

(grandma shakes her head in a funnily annoyed way)

You see, your father drew his nightmares in here...

(MORE)

GRANDMA (CONT'D)

Now, I am not one to peek into other people's business TOO much, but soon after I first discovered it... I started recognising some of my nightmares in there too... and also...

(grandma hesitates)

JAMIE

Also?

GRANDMA

Also the ones of his unborn child... you, my dear.

JAMIE

(in disbelief)

...how?

GRANDMA

Well... see...

(looks around and takes off her glasses)

That I still don't know... but I know that we can use the sketchbook to open a portal to enter that odd world full of horrors. You really get into portals, séances and the occult when you turn into a floating spirit.

(looking at the sketchbook, seriously)

The key to get Fuzzy back lies within these old sullied pages.

JAMIE

I don't really understand...

GRANDMA

My, my, we ought to get you a pair of glasses my dear.

GRANDMA takes the book and floats it to a nearby table, where it opens on the very first page.

GRANDMA (CONT'D)

I know it's a lot to take in. But when you are ready, come take a look. I will be there to guide you.

GRANDMA dives head first into the open book and disappears in a flash of light.

[GAMEPLAY] JAMIE CAN NOW WALK AROUND THE ROOM, AND UPON EXAMINING THE BOOK THEY CAN CHOOSE LEVELS.