Scared of the Dark

Boo and the Shape in the Dark



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Rook had left his notebook in Boo's attic.
Boo set her lantern on the floor and picked up the notebook.
"I'll take this back," she said.
Then she turned towards the door.



A huge shape stretched across the wall by the door.
It had a huge head and long arms.
Boo stopped.
The shape stopped too.
Boo held the notebook very tight.



Boo took one step back.
The shape grew bigger.
She took a step to the side.
It moved too!
Boo wanted to climb straight back into bed.



Rook's notebook was still in her hands.
Boo took a slow breath.
"One small step," she whispered.
Her hands were shaky. She took the step anyway.



She stepped towards the wall. The shape shrank a little.
Boo stopped. So did the shape.
She tilted her head.
The shape tilted its head too.
"That's odd," she whispered.



Boo lifted one hand. The shape lifted one hand.
She wiggled it.
The shape wiggled too.
Boo looked behind her.
Her lantern was shining straight at her back.



Boo set down the notebook.
She lifted both arms.
Up went the shadow's arms.
"It's me!" she said. "I'm being scared of myself!"
Then Boo began to giggle.



She stood nearer the lantern.
A giant Boo filled the wall.
She stepped farther away.
A smaller Boo stood there.
Same Boo. Different shadow. The enormous shape had been hers all along.



Boo picked up her lantern and the notebook.
She walked past her shadow and down the stairs.
Rook looked up from his bed.
“My notebook! Thank you.”
Boo handed it over.



“Was the attic scary?” asked Rook.
“For a moment,” said Boo. “I nearly called you.”
“You can,” said Rook.
“I know,” said Boo. “But this time, I’d scared myself!”



Back in the attic, Boo set the lantern down.
A tall shadow rose on the wall.
Boo waved. Her shadow waved back.
"Goodnight, enormous me," she said.
This time, she walked straight past.



Boo curled up in bed.
Her lantern made one small, sleepy shadow.
It belonged to her.
She had been frightened, but she had looked again.
Now there was only Boo, her shadow and a lovely place to sleep.

