

# A Scary Story

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Hi everyone! Welcome back to another English Extravaganza! Next week is finally Halloween so this week, I will tell you a scary story. This is a famous story that people in the U.S. tell small children.



There was an old woman who had no family. Her only friend was a little white dog who went everywhere with her. He followed her around during the day and, at night, he slept next to her bed. They were always together. The dog loved the fireplace (暖炉) in winter, though, and after the old woman went to bed, he would sometimes go and lie in front of the warm fireplace.

Sometimes, during the night, the old woman would have a nightmare (悪夢). She would reach next to her to pet her dog and he would lick (なめる) her hand to comfort her. One night, the woman was reading her newspaper before going to bed. In the newspaper, she read that a criminal (犯人) had escaped. No one knew if the patient was dangerous or not; he was a suspect (容疑者) in the murders (人殺し) of several women who had lived alone.



The woman turned out the lights and tried to sleep, but she was frightened so she reached down to pet (なでる) her dog. Sure enough, a warm tongue began to lick her hand and the woman felt safe. She looked into the other room and saw the fire burning in the fireplace. In front of the fireplace, far away from the old woman, she saw her little white dog. But, something was still licking her hand.

Well, I hope you liked the scary story! That's all for this week. See you next time!

