

The Monster in the Barn

Bobby was preparing to go to bed one night when he heard a shrill screech coming from the barn outside. What could be making such a loud noise so late in the evening? He had trouble falling asleep and tossed and turned all night long dreaming about the noisy monster in the barn. When Bobby woke the next morning, he ran to the barn to discover what caused the loud noise the night prior. Bobby was baffled. He could not figure out what would make such a noise. That evening after dinner, Bobby gathered his courage, grabbed a flashlight and headed out to the barn.

“Where are you going?” Bobby’s father asked as Bobby made his way through the kitchen to the back door.

“I am going to find the monster in the barn that was making such a commotion last night,” Bobby replied bravely.

“If you are going to look for a monster, you might need some assistance,” Bobby’s dad responded as he walked with Bobby out to the barn.

“What did this monster sound like?” Bobby’s dad asked.

“It was a screeching noise,” Bobby said, “and it was coming from the barn. I know it!”

Bobby’s dad began to chuckle as they approached the barn, and he took the flashlight from Bobby. Shining the flashlight up at the roof of the barn, Bobby and his dad saw a small brown owl in the rafters of the roof.

“It was only a barn owl that you heard last night,” Bobby’s dad said. “They are nocturnal predators so that is why you only heard him at night. He must have been hunting.”

Bobby was relieved that it wasn’t really a monster. He thanked his dad as they walked back to the house. As they reached the door they heard a loud screech and looked up just in time to see the barn owl flying away into the night sky.

- 1) The noise Bobby heard the first night was
 - a. The barn owl flying
 - b. The barn owl screeching
 - c. A monster in the barn
 - d. The barn owl building a nest

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