

# Dennis, Marvin and the tooth fairy



Dennis had a wobbly tooth, it was really wobbly. He kept on picking and poking, trying so hard to loosen it.



You see Dennis had a plan. He knew that if he could pull it out, the tooth fairy would come and visit and leave him some money.

Dennis was saving up for a very special toy, something that he wanted for ages. This was his chance and he wasn't going to waste it!

'Dennis' shouted mum, 'dinner ready'. Dennis usually enthusiastic, especially when it was dinner time would jump and run as fast as he could.

Today was different, Dennis had toothache.



Dennis slowly made his way downstairs. Usually Dennis would jump the stairs as if he was an Olympic athlete but today he felt more of a sloth, slowly, slowly.

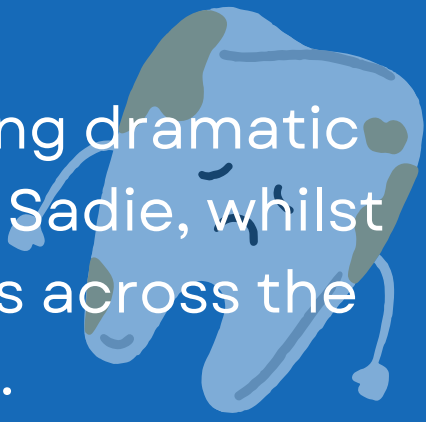
'It's your favourite isn't it Dennis?', said Mum. 'Yes, I do loooovvveee fishfingers and crispy chips', said Dennis.

Mum noticed that whilst Dennis was sat on the table he was unusually quiet. Dinner times were sometimes quite chaotic. There had even been moments when an enthusiastic pea would land on Dennis's big sisters plate...who knew!



'Dennis, you're quiet, are you ok? you seem to be holding your mouth?', Mum asked.

'Oh Dennis is being dramatic again Mum!', said Sadie, whilst glairing at Dennis across the table.



'Is your tooth hurting Dennis', Mum asked.

'Yes Mum, it's really wobbly but it won't come out.'

'Best to leave it Dennis, so it comes out on it's own', said Mum.

'But Mum', exclaimed Dennis. 'No buts Dennis, leave it alone.'

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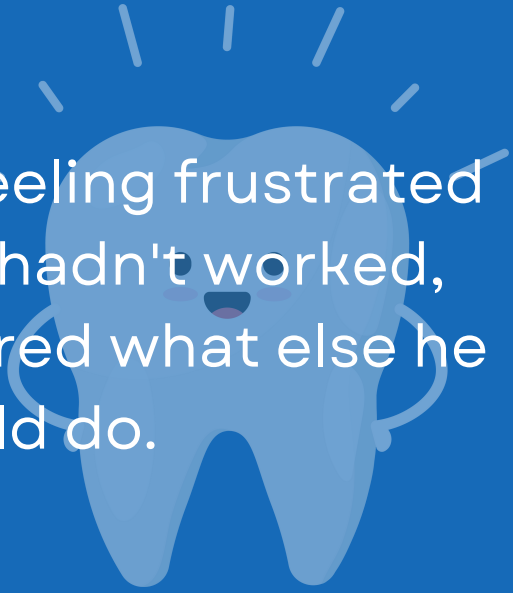
Dennis began to hatch a plan so that his wobbly tooth would fall out. He saw the lovely crispy chips on his plate and wondered that if he bit down it would fall out.

This was an exciting experiment for Dennis. All he could think about was the toy he really wanted.

As they sat together, Dennis began to bite down hard on the chips, nothing happened.

Nothing seemed to work. With only a few chips left on his plate, Dennis tried and tried and tried.

Looking and feeling frustrated that his plan hadn't worked, Dennis wondered what else he could do.



He'd heard about tying string from the door handle to his tooth but he really didn't fancy that. He couldn't ask his big sister Sadie because she would only snitch on him.



Evening time came. 'Right Dennis it's time for bed, off you go and brush your teeth and I'll be right up to read you a story.'



Dennis loved story time, he was currently reading about dinosaurs.

Into the bathroom he went, reaching for his dinosaur toothbrush. As soon as he started brushing, guess what happened...

Dennis's tooth fell out! Dennis rushed to the plug hole before it was lost to the mirky depths. He reached and put it in his pyjama pocket.

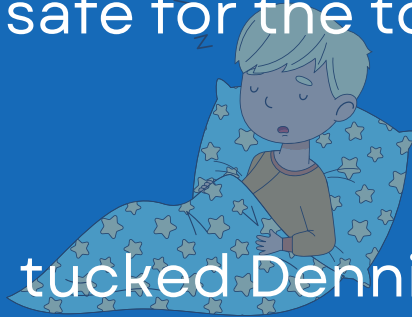


'Mum', Dennis squealed with excitement, 'My tooth has fallen out!' Mum ran from the bottom to the top of the stairs like a rocket. Dennis had never seen his Mum run so fast, he wondered if she could be a superhero in disguise.



Dennis proudly showed his Mum his tooth. Sadie said, 'Mum he's probably been brushing his teeth for hours.' Sadie always exaggerated her words when it was about Dennis.

After checking Dennis out, Mum explained to Dennis that he needed to put it under his pillow, to keep it safe for the tooth fairy.



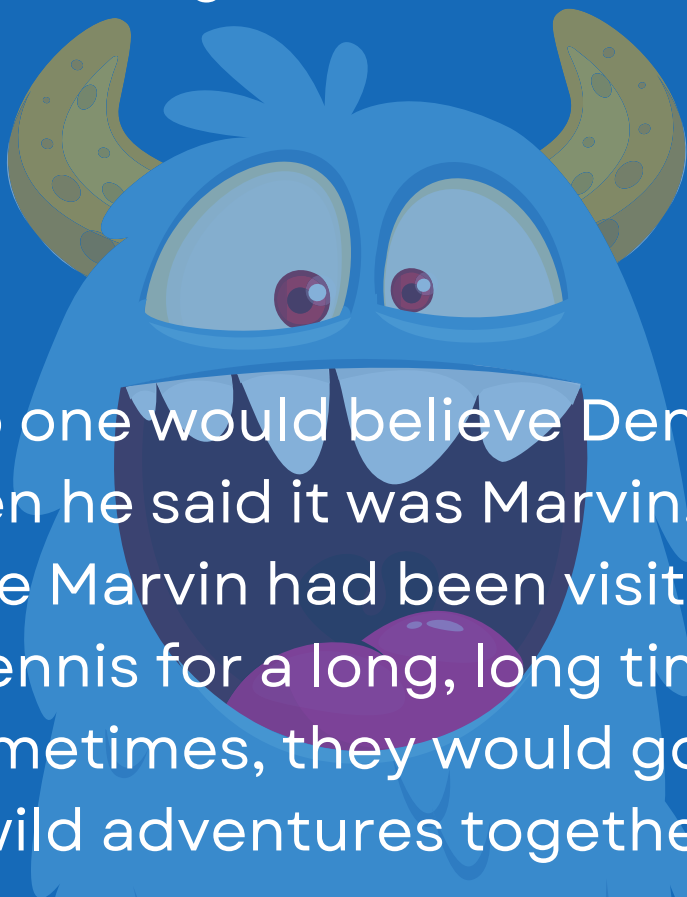
As Mum tucked Dennis up in bed, he wasn't able to stop talking about his tooth and how it magically fell out.

Storytime came and it wasn't long before Dennis drifted off, in the know that his tooth was safely secured and no-one, I mean no-one would be able to get it.



Dennis had only made it to chapter 1, page 5, when he fell asleep. As he drifted off, he wondered if his friend Marvin the monster would pop round to see him.

You see Marvin was a cheeky monster, who liked to cause mischief wherever he went. One time he got toilet roll stuck in his big fluffy feet, which trailed throughout the house. Guess who got the blame?



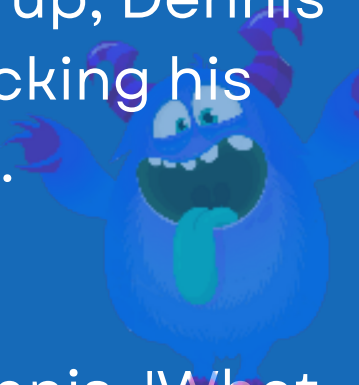
No one would believe Dennis when he said it was Marvin. You see Marvin had been visiting Dennis for a long, long time. Sometimes, they would go on wild adventures together.

Marvin was around the same age as Dennis. He was a quirky little monster.

He was blue and fluffy with horns that stuck out of his head. He always pulled silly faces, he was very playful. Best of all he was invisible, only Dennis could see him.



Whilst the house was quiet,  
Dennis woke up to a tug on his  
blanket. All snuggled up, Dennis  
woke to Marvin sticking his  
tongue out.




'Silly Marvin', said Dennis. 'What  
are you doing?.' 'I've come to see  
you Dennis. I heard that your  
tooth has fallen out.' 'How did you  
know that?' asked Dennis. 'I know  
everything Dennis, has the tooth  
fairy been?.' asked Marvin.

'No, not yet', said Dennis yawning.  
'How do you know Dennis, have  
you checked?' asked Marvin.

'No, i don't need to Marvin, it's still there.'

'Shall we pretend we are asleep when the tooth fairy comes Dennis?'. 'yes!' exclaimed Dennis, ' we will have to really pretend because there is one golden rule that i have to be asleep or else the tooth fairy won't come.'

A stylized illustration of a child with brown hair sleeping peacefully in a bed. The child is wearing a green nightgown with yellow stars and is tucked under a white blanket. The bed has a blue headboard and footboard. On a blue nightstand next to the bed, there is a red alarm clock and a small blue lamp. The background is a solid blue color.

This was all so very interesting for Marvin, they didn't have tooth fairies where he was from.



Marvin's suggestion to pretend that they were asleep began to be a good idea for Dennis, that way he could really find out if the tooth fairy was real.

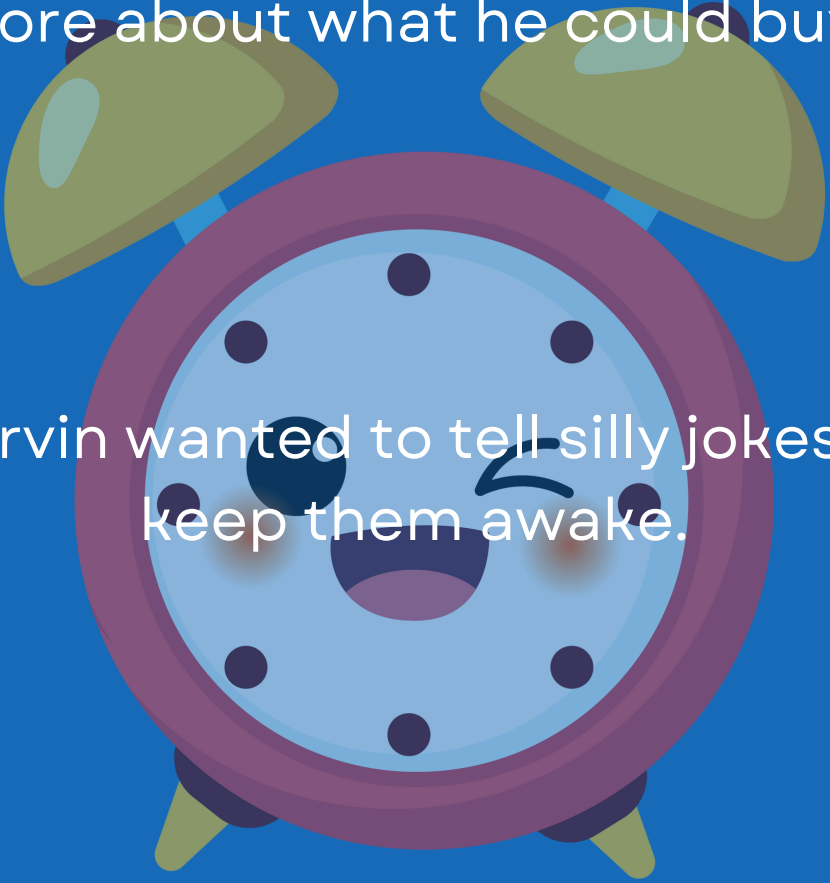
Now Dennis was a little bit impatient, he wanted things yesterday, so this was a huge thing for him to do...to wait!

'Ok Marvin, but we have to be super quiet like mice and really pretend that we are asleep.'

As the minutes passed, both Dennis and Marvin tried to stay awake, Dennis thought more and more about what he could buy.

Marvin wanted to tell silly jokes to keep them awake.

Their eyes became heavier and heavier...that was it, they had fallen asleep...snoring together.



Morning came, Dennis checked under his pillow, it was still there.

Night after night they waited, trying to stay awake.



'Mum, what if the tooth fairy has forgotten where i live?.' 'I'm sure the tooth fairy knows exactly where we live Dennis, she is probably having her wings cleaned.'

Dennis wondered more and more about his tooth, if the tooth fairy didn't visit, he wouldn't get any money, if he didn't get any money he wouldn't be able to buy the toy that he wanted.



Feeling sad, Dennis popped to bed with his fingers crossed. Marvin waited with Dennis, trying their best to stay awake with no luck! They were both so tired they fell asleep.

It was morning, Dennis woke up, realising that he had fallen asleep. He grabbed his pillow and what did he see...

The tooth fairy had visited and swapped his tooth for some money.



Dennis couldn't believe it, he so wanted to see the tooth fairy with Marvin, but he was still asleep snoring.

Dennis also noticed that the tooth fairy had left a little note for him and Marvin. It read...



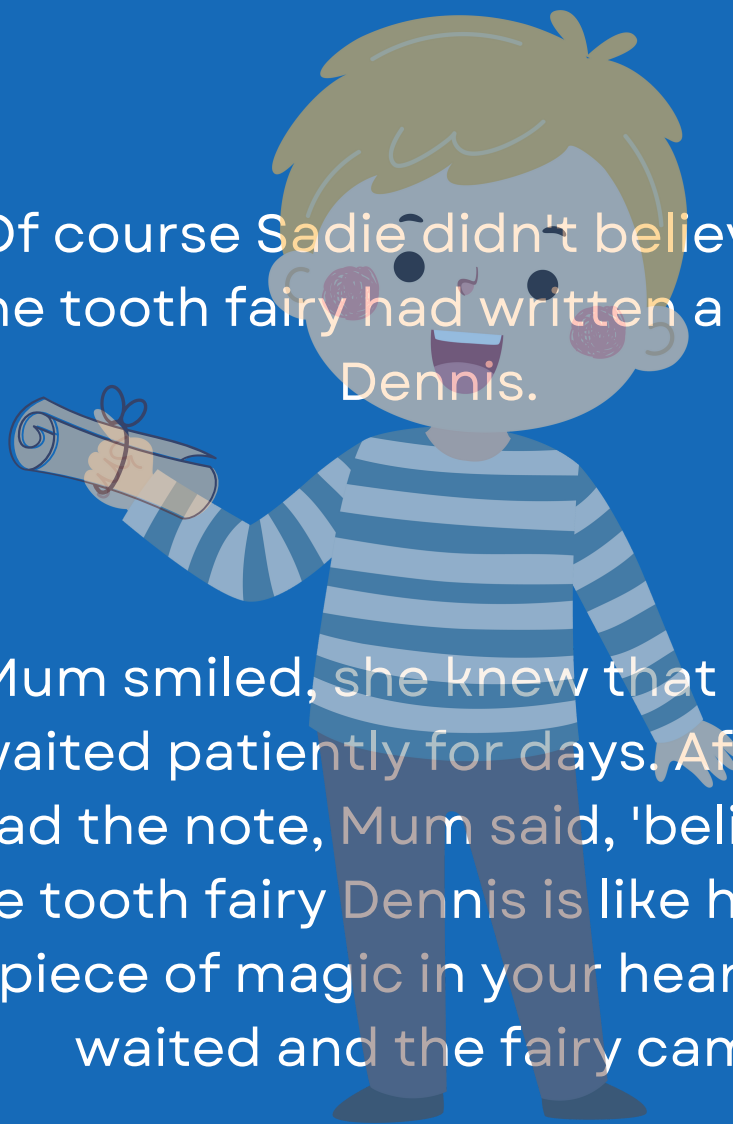
*'I saw you both trying to catch me. You're quite the clever ones! Remember, I work my magic when you're fast asleep and not before. So close those eyes, drift into dreamland, and let the surprises unfold when you wake up.'*

*Sweet dreams!  
The Tooth Fairy*

Dennis couldn't believe it, he ran downstairs with his money and note and showed his Mum.

Of course Sadie didn't believe that the tooth fairy had written a note to Dennis.

Mum smiled, she knew that Dennis waited patiently for days. After she read the note, Mum said, 'believing in the tooth fairy Dennis is like holding a piece of magic in your heart, you waited and the fairy came.'



This story has a sprinkle of excitement, imagination, and helps to teach children that it is important that we learn how to be patient from the adults around them.



*Never stop believing in the magic that surrounds you!*