

"G'Noo The Baby Roo's First Fright Night"

NARRATOR, the one who tells the story
G'NOO THE ROO, a baby kangaroo, otherwise known as a "Joey"

G'HAPPY, G'Noo's friend

MR. FEEDSUM, part of the zoo staff, and friend to all the zoo animals

MR. SPIDER

MR. PUMPKIN

MR. BAT

MR. OWL

MS. CAT

(NARRATOR Enters from sr as G'NOO the baby kangaroo Enters hopping in from sl)

NARRATOR - It had been a wonderfully exciting day at the zoo. It was a fine crisp autumn evening, as the zoo closed and little G'Noo the baby kangaroo was bouncing merrily along her way.

G'NOO - Bounce, bounce, bounce, bounce...

NARRATOR - G'Noo suddenly she saw Mr. Feedsum, who was part of the zoo staff, walking along the compound and throwing various kinds of food to the many different animals in their respective habitats. It was something Mr. Feedsum did most everyday for the animals. And he always had a smile on his face and a song to be hummed.

G'NOO - There's Mr. Feedsum. I wonder what sort of treats he has for me today.

MR. FEEDSUM - (Humming) Hmm-hmm-hmm (Stops. Sees G'NOO) G'Day, G'noo. What's new with you? (Throws food into feeding area) How's my little joey today?

NARRATOR – A "joey" is another name for a baby kangaroo. Although G'Noo could not really understand what Mr. Feedsum was saying, she sensed nothing but kind words and intentions from the man. So, G'Noo went over and ate her food, as she usually did at this time of day.

MR. FEEDSUM - Very special day today, G'noo. It was a special "Trick or Treat" weekend at the zoo, and the zoo arranged for a special "Fright Night" exhibit arranged for all the children (pointing) on the North side.

NARRATOR - As mentioned, G'Noo only could only recognize part of what Mr. Feedsum was saying. But, for some reason, two words stood out the most to G'Noo.

G'NOO - "Fright night". What's that?

NARRATOR - As if understanding the baby kangaroo, Mr. Feedsum responded with the following answer.

MR. FEEDSUM - Every kind of spooky, scary, eerie creature associated with the eve of "Trick or Treat" was on display. The children had a lot of fun, and then played games and had the special treats we handed out to them.

G'NOO - He feeds humans, as well? I didn't know that.

MR. FEEDSUM - Well, it's been a long day, and I must be on my way. I lost my watch, and must find it before I go home. G'Day, G'Noo. You have a pleasant night. (Exits)

NARRATOR - The words Mr. Feedsum spoke were all so new and unfamiliar to G'Noo. But, there was a feeling of mystery surrounding what Mr. Feedsum described.

G'NOO - It sounds like something very mysterious is happening beyond where all the kangaroos live. Mr. Feedsum was pointing far off into the distance, away from the kangaroo habitat. I wonder what it is there?

NARRATOR - At that moment, G'Noo's friend, G'Happy, bounced onto the scene with his usual blinding speed.

G'HAPPY - Bouncybouncybouncybouncybouncy...

NARRATOR - G'Happy stopped as soon as he reached the baby Roo, G'Noo. (NARRATOR exits)

G'HAPPY - G'Day, G'Noo. What's new with you?

G'NOO - G'Day, G'Happy. I just saw Mr. Feedsum.

G'HAPPY - (Excited, talking really fast) Really? I like Mr. Feedsum. He brings food to us every single day, (starts to eat the food off the ground, also very fast) and sometimes he sees me and he'll talk real nice to me, and then he'll sometimes give me extra food, for no reason! I think he's terrific.

G'NOO - Yes, he is. He was pointing over to the far side of the zoo. I guess there is something going on over there. What is there?

G'HAPPY - (Shudders, stops eating and starts shaking) Oh, nothing we want to know about, G'Noo. I've heard there are strange and scary things over on the far side of the zoo. The older kangaroos call it the "Fright Night". I guess there are all sorts of creatures over there, with hair all over them and big white fangs, and...and sharp claws...creatures that only are seen over there once every year at this time.

G'NOO - Goodness...Really? (Thinking) "Fright Night". That's what Mr. Feedsum called it, as well. What is a "creature"?

G'HAPPY - (Thinking) I'm not sure. It's what the older kangaroos called them. But I guess "creatures" can eat you all up in one bite!

G'NOO - Had they ever seen one?

G'HAPPY - Come to think of it, no. I don't think so.

G'NOO - Then how can they be sure of that?

G'HAPPY - I don't know, G'Noo. But they are the elder kangaroos. So, they should know.

G'NOO - But, then how come these creatures have always stayed on the North side of the zoo? How come they've never come over here to eat us up?

G'HAPPY - I don't know that, either. I'm just glad they stay on their side and we stay on ours.

G'NOO - But aren't you curious about what these "creatures" are or what they look like?

G'HAPPY - Oh, no. Not me. Not in the least. The thought never crossed my mind. Yes. I am curious. Very curious, as a matter of fact. (shuddering) But, I'm too scared to travel over there by myself.

G'NOO - Well, do you think it would be less scary if we were to go together on the journey over there?

G'HAPPY - I guess not, G'Noo. But, it's getting dark. Shouldn't we let our parents know where we're going?

G'NOO - We'll only be gone a short time. Just a quick look to see what's over on the North side. We'll be back in a little while. C'mon, G'Happy...Let's go!

(BOTH KANGAROOS pantomime the following as the NARRATOR returns)

NARRATOR - So, our two mates found the low point of the wall, and hopped over it. They went past the zebras and giraffes exhibits, to make their way over to the "Fright Night" exhibit.

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(Scene change to the exhibit, where all sorts of scary paraphernalia, "Trick or Treat" and "Fright Night" posters adorning the area. The stage lights dim, and scary sounding animal noises are played in the background, including the sounds of a cat, an owl, and a bat)

NARRATOR - As the two young kangaroos reached the North side of the zoo, where the "Fright Night" exhibit was set up, they heard a number of eerie sounds, including the sounds of a cat, an owl, and a bat. Sounds they had never heard before. The two became quite frightened. (Exits)

G'HAPPY - (Shuddering) You know, G-G-G'Noo... p-p-perhaps this wasn't such a g-g-great idea.

G'NOO - Maybe you're right, G'Happy. Maybe we should go back home.

G'HAPPY - Great. (BOTH look around) Which way did we come from, again, G'Noo?

G'NOO - You mean you don't know, either?

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G'HAPPY - (Shaking head, faintly says) No.

G'NOO - Well (gulps) I guess, since we can't go backward, we'll have to go forward and see where that leads us.

G'HAPPY - (Even more meekly) I was afraid you'd say that.

NARRATOR - (Returns) As our two quite frightened travelers made their way forward, each step became more and more ominous, as they delved deeper into this strange new land. The sounds grew closer. Louder. (A hand reaches out from behind a tree and reaches onto G'Noo) Then, all of a sudden, a hand reached out and tapped G'Noo on the shoulder. G'Noo shouted. (Exits)

G'NOO - Yikes!

G'HAPPY - (Even more frightened) YAHHHH!! A CREATURE! PLEASE! DON'T EAT US!

(MR. FEEDSUM comes from behind the tree)

MR. FEEDSUM - G'Noo. G'Happy. What are you two doing here? How did you get out of the kangaroo habitat?

G'NOO and G'HAPPY - Mr. Feedsum! Hooray!

MR. FEEDSUM - Coming to visit the "Fright Night" animals, huh? I was looking for my watch, and when I found it back here, I saw you two. Do your parents know that you're out this late?

G'NOO - (To G'HAPPY) What's he saying, G'Happy?

G'HAPPY - I don't know, G'Noo. Maybe we're in trouble?

(The TWO look teary-eyed at MR. FEEDSUM)

MR. FEEDSUM - Oh, now are you two afraid? There's nothing to be afraid of here. Come on, I'll show you some of the animals here and you can see that they're harmless creatures, juts like yourselves.

G'NOO & G'HAPPY - (To EACH OTHER)
CREATURES!?! (Start to hop away, but FEEDSUM
is still holding them)

MR. FEEDSUM - (Calming them down) Now, now.
Nothing to worry about. (Sighs & Laughs) Well,
seems as though you understand part of what I'm
saying, anyway. Come with me, my young friends. I'll
show you around, and then I'll take you home.

G'NOO - What's he saying now, G'Happy?

G'HAPPY - I'm not sure. What should we do?

G'NOO - Let's stay with him. Mr. Feedsum is a good
person, for a human. He'll take us home soon. I still
would like to see at least one of these "creatures",
though, before we go home.

NARRATOR - (Returns on stage) So, with their well-
known and trusted friend, the kindly Mr. Feedsum,
leading the way, our duo, now a threesome, entered
into the "Fright Night" sanctuary of the zoo.

(MR. FEEDSUM leads the trio to the far right of the
stage, where a large assortment of displays is seen,
each containing a "scary creature" of some sort)

NARRATOR - As they ventured further into the area,
all of a sudden there appeared before the trio a small
black creature with eight long legs. It dropped down
before them at great speed. (A SPIDER drops down,
suspended by a rope of webbing. NARRATOR exits)

SPIDER - What is this? Who dares enter "Fright
Night"?

G'NOO and G'HAPPY - AAAHH! A CREATURE!!
(THEY hop around)

SPIDER - (Calming the two kangaroos down) Don't
be afraid. I'm not a creature. I'm a spider.

G'HAPPY - (Still hopping around) Wha-What do you
mean?

SPIDER - I'm a spider. I'm not a creature.

G'NOO - You m-m-mean...you won't bite us?

SPIDER – Certainly not! I only bite when I'm being attacked...or (licking his lips as an insect passes) when it's time to eat.

G'HAPPY - (Screams) AHHH!!! HE'S GONNA EAT US!! (The TWO hop around wildly again. MR. FEEDSUM tries to settle them down)

MR. FEEDSUM - Whoa! Whoa Nelly! Whoa!

SPIDER - Please! Don't be afraid! Spiders don't eat kangaroos.

G'NOO and G'HAPPY - AHHH!! (Stop. Calmly)
They don't?

SPIDER - (Laughing) Of course not. We only eat insects. Some spiders feed off vegetation, plants and grass.

G'NOO - Say...you're not really scary at all, are you?

SPIDER - Told you so.

G'HAPPY - (Not admitting to being afraid now) Told you so, G'Noo.

MR. FEEDSUM - (Wiping his brow) Well, Now that it seems you two have settled down some, we better continue on our way. Say G'Bye to Mr. Spider, now.

G'NOO – G'Bye, Mr. Spider. Sorry we were frightened of you.

G'HAPPY - (Admitting) Yeah. Guess we didn't understand.

SPIDER - No problem. Now, you better be getting home. It's getting late and your parents might be getting worried about you.

G'NOO - You're right. So long, Mr. Spider.

(NARRATOR comes on as G'NOO and G'HAPPY are continued to be led by MR. FEEDSUM)

NARRATOR - As the trio continued, G'Noo all of a sudden spotted a strange orange object off to the side. (The TRIO come across a carved out PUMPKIN with a candle in it) G'Noo didn't know what to make of it.

PUMPKIN - Hello, young ones!

G'NOO and G'HAPPY - AHHHH!!! A creature!!
(THEY hop around)

MR. FEEDSUM - Oh, no. Not again?

PUMPKIN - Calm down, young ones. I'm not a creature.

G'NOO - You're not?

PUMPKIN – Certainly not! I'm only a pumpkin.

MR. FEEDSUM - Pumpkins aren't dangerous, G'Noo and G'Happy. They're only decorations.

PUMPKIN - I come from a pumpkin patch, and people can have fun making "Fright Night" decorations out of me, and enjoy my delicious pumpkin seeds for snacks. Mmmm.

G'HAPPY - So, you're not gonna eat us, either?

G'NOO - Or scare us?

PUMPKIN - Of course not. I'm as friendly as friendly can be.

MR. FEEDSUM - We better be going, you two.

G'NOO - Well, we'd better be going, Mr. Pumpkin. It was awfully nice meeting you, though.

PUMPKIN - My pleasure, young ones. Have a nice night.

(The TRIO continues on their way)

G'NOO - (To G'HAPPY) Gosh, G'Happy...we haven't seen any "creatures" yet.

G'HAPPY - I wonder why not?

MR. FEEDSUM - I wonder what we'll come across next? (A BAT lowers, fluttering it's wings) Hey. What're you doing out of your tree display?

G'NOO and G'HAPPY - (Still startled, but not as much as before) A creature! Ahhh!! (They don't hop around as much)

BAT - Wait a minute, my friends! I'm not a creature.

G'NOO - You mean...you're not a creature, either?

BAT - Nope.

G'HAPPY - Awww...nuts! We haven't seen a creature all night.

BAT - I'm a bat.

G'NOO - What is that you're doing?

BAT - I'm flying. I flap my wings so I can fly from here to there.

G'HAPPY - From where to where?

BAT - From there being that tree over there where my home is...where I perch myself at night with my family.

G'NOO - Awww...you have a family?

BAT - Yes, and many children. So, there's nothing to be afraid of, my friends.

G'HAPPY - I guess you're right, Mr. Bat. Well, we better be getting home.

G'NOO - Take care, Mr. Bat.

BAT - Bye-bye. Have a pleasant evening, my friends.

(The TRIO continue on their way, when they hear an owl hooting offstage)

OWL - Who. Who. Who.

G'HAPPY - (Scared) Wha-wha-what was that?

OWL - Who. Who. Who.

G'HAPPY - Okay. Who-who-who was that?

OWL - (Appearing on a tree branch) Who. Me. Who.

G'NOO - "Me, who?"

OWL - No. Who. Me. Who.

MR. FEEDSUM - That's an owl, my young friends. He won't harm you. He just likes to hoot all night.

OWL - Who. Who. Who.

G'HAPPY - (Whispers to G'NOO) Hey...He's not scary, either. He's just annoying.

G'NOO - (To G'HAPPY) Yeah. We better keep moving, though. G'Bye, Mr. Owl. Thanks for not scaring us.

OWL - Who. You're welcome. Who. (Sneezes) Ach-ch-who!

G'NOO, G'HAPPY and MR. FEEDSUM - Bless you.

OWL - Thank Youwho.

(The TRIO continue heading left and then a big black cat enters and crosses their path)

CAT - Meeooowwww....

MR. FEEDSUM - (Jokingly) Uh-oh, my young companions. We better be careful. It's bad luck when a creature like THAT crosses your path. Heh-heh.

G'NOO and G'HAPPY – YOU! You are a creature?

CAT - (Brushes up against them, weaving in and out in a "figure 8" pattern) Meeooowwww....no. Don't be silly. He's just teasing you. I'm a cat. Ms. Cat, to you.

G'HAPPY - A cat? But, didn't Mr. Feedsum say something about you being bad luck?

G'NOO - I thought he said something like that.

CAT - (Annoyed) Sheesh. One little co-incidence and cats get blamed for it for centuries. Listen, mrooww my friends, cats aren't bad luck. Not now. Not ever. We're can just be very private animals sometimes, which some people don't like. So, they lay blame on us for everything.

G'NOO - Wow. That doesn't seem fair.

CAT - It's not. But, we don't mind.

G'HAPPY - What else do cats do?

CAT – Oh, we can do LOTS of fun things. We can lay around. We can purr. We can play with our food.

G'HAPPY - That sounds like fun.

CAT - Sometimes, although the food doesn't always feel the same way. (Licking it's paw)

G'NOO - So, cats aren't scary either, huh?

CAT – Meeoowww, of course not. Well, I better be off. I'm trying to track down supper. (A MOUSE runs across from sr to sl and off) And there it goes now. (Bolts off sl)

MR. FEEDSUM - Run, Mousey, run!

G'NOO - I don't know G'Happy. Doesn't seem like there's anything to this "Fright Night" after all.

G'HAPPY - No. We better get home, G'Noo. It's late.

MR. FEEDSUM - Well, G'Noo and G'Happy, we're almost out to the other side of the exhibit. I hope you had a good time at "Fright Night" and weren't too scared. (The TWO kangaroos look up at him and shake their heads) I'll take you home now. (The TRIO start heading sl and out of the exhibit. LIGHTS OUT to scene change and then BACK UP FULL to the Kangaroo compound far left)

NARRATOR - (Enters) So, the trio made their way back to the kangaroo compound. And, as Mr. Feedsum said his “G’Night” (MR. FEEDSUM releases the kangaroos and then tips his hat to them), the kangaroos continued hopping on their way to their individual homes. At G’Noo’s house, as G’Noo was saying “G’Bye” to G’Happy, she reflected to her friend about the day’s events...(Exits)

G’NOO - You know, I don’t know why they call it "Fright Night", G’Happy. Nothing seemed scary about the night at all.

G’HAPPY - That’s true, G’Noo. I wasn’t scared in the least.

G’NOO - Maybe, once you get to know something that’s SUPPOSED to be scary, it isn’t as scary as you thought it was supposed be, after all.

G’HAPPY - Yeah. Well, G’Night, G’Noo. Pleasant dreams.

G’NOO - You too, G’Happy. G’Night. (G’NOO bounces into her home, and G’HAPPY bounces off right. A moment passes, then there are the sounds of a cat, an owl, and a bat.G’NOO opens her door and then says)

G’NOO – G’Night, "scary creatures". Wherever you are! (Goes back into the house. Another moment passes, and as the lights fade, scary ghosts appear center and then quickly fly off left)

(BLACKOUT)

THE END