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This book is dedicated to my daughter. The Dream Avenger is a character, that I created to help my daughter overcome her fear of the dark and encourage a restful worry free sleep. The events are true.

"A father's love of his daughter, will go unmatched."

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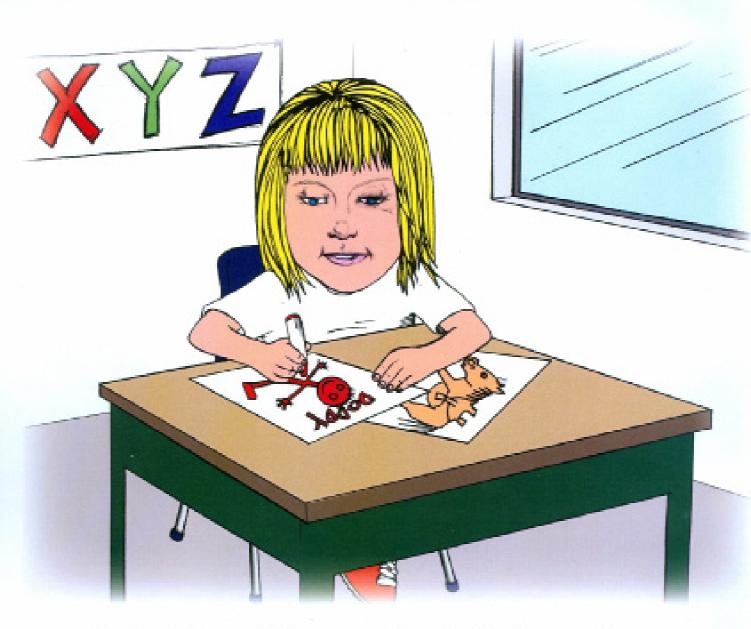
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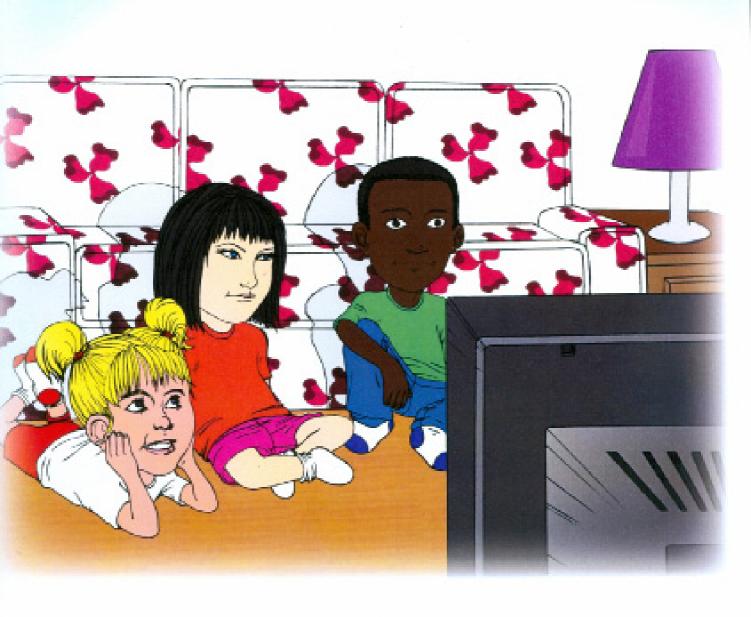
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Brittany was 4 years old and a happy young girl. She had long golden hair and blue eyes.



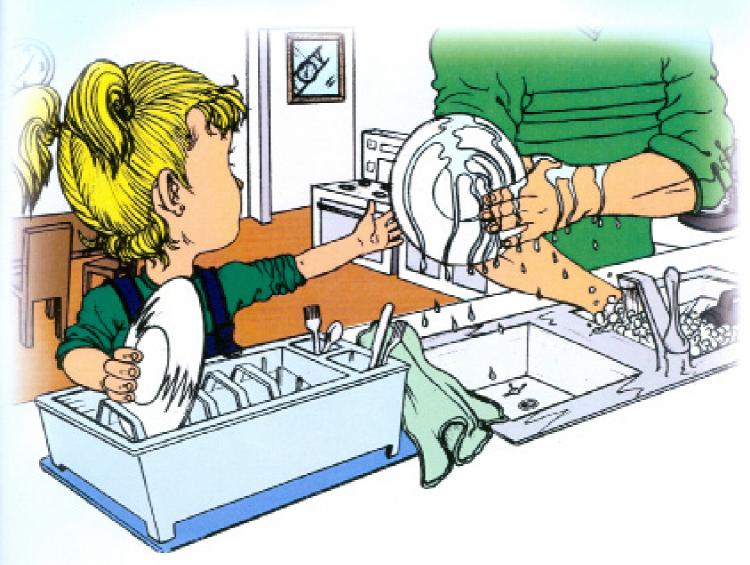
She had lots of fun at school playing with her friends, talking to the teachers, reading, printing and drawing pictures. Her favourite type of sandwich was peanut butter and jam.



After school, Brittany liked to play in her backyard or watch television with her friends. She enjoyed laughing at her favorite cartoons.



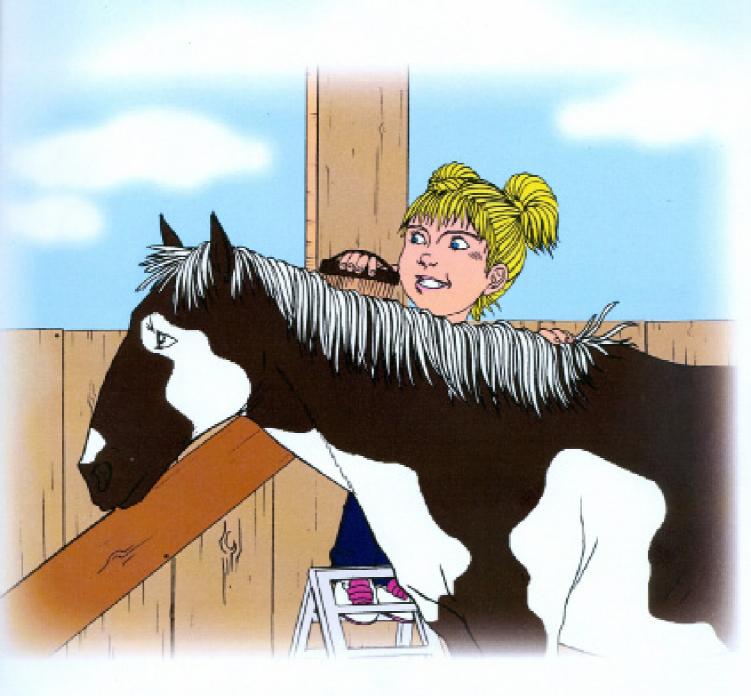
When her Mom or Dad called out "supper," Brittany would wash her hands, then go to the supper table to eat. Brittany really liked sitting down and eating her supper with her parents. They would each talk about how their day went.



After they had eaten, Brittany helped with the cleaning up of the dishes. She would stand on a stool and dry the dishes. Brittany was a little short to put them in the cupboards, so she handed the dried dishes to her parents and they would put them away into the cupboards.



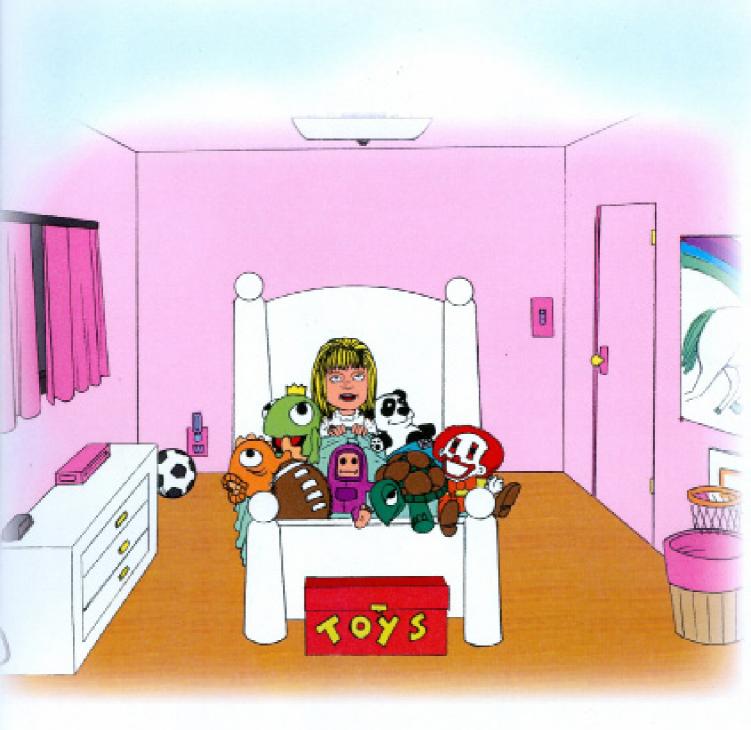
After supper, Brittany would go for a walk and then play soccer in the front yard with her Dad.



Brittany had a pony that she loved and looked after, all the time.



When it was time to go to bed, Brittany would wash up, brush her teeth and comb her hair. She liked to wear her favorite night gown to bed. It was covered in little ponies.



Brittany had a nice big room, with a nice big bed full of stuffed animals. She felt safe in her bed, with the lights on.



When Brittany's big bedroom lights were shut off and her night light turned on, Brittany became a little scared. She did not want to tell her parents, because she was a big girl.



Finally, one night she told her Dad that she was scared when her big lights were turned out and it made it hard for her to fall to sleep. Brittany said sometimes she dreamed about scarey monsters in her room.



Her Dad said, "Brittany there is no need to worry or be scared. The Dream Avenger will protect you while you are sleeping." Brittany asked who the Dream Avenger was.



"The Dream Avenger is a cute and cuddly bear who comes to you in your Dreams. The Dream Avenger will protect you from all bad things that children are afraid of at night," said her Dad.



"Will I see the Dream Avenger tonight in my Dreams?" asked Brittany. "Yes, if you think about the Dream Avenger, you will meet him in your Dreams," said Brittany's Dad.



Brittany then whispered "will the Dream Avenger help give me Sweet Dreams?" Her Daddy said "yes, the Dream Avenger will help give you Sweet Dreams."



Brittany was very happy. "OK Daddy, I do not mind if you shut off the lights, I am no longer afraid," said Brittany.



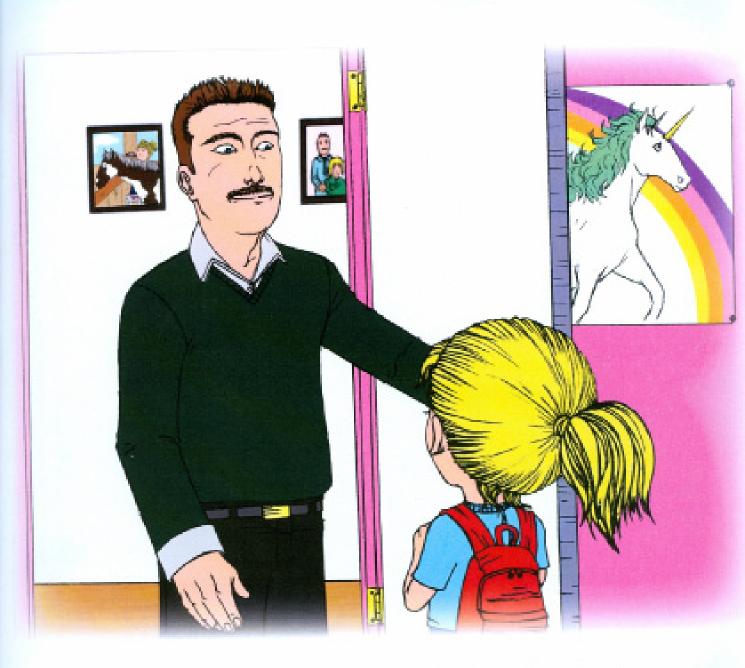
Brittany's Dad bent over and kissed Brittany on her forehead. "Sweet Dreams," he whispered.



As he left the room, Brittany's Dad turned to look at Brittany. Her eyes were closed and she had a big smile on her face. He shut off the light and whispered "Sweet Dreams."



Brittany had a wonderful sleep. She met the Dream Avenger. They played soccer and catch, ate cookies and drank milk.



When Brittany's Dad opened up her bedroom door in the morning, Brittany was dressed and ready for school.



"How did you sleep?" asked Brittany's Dad. "Like an angel," said Brittany.



And down the stairs Brittany walked, fully rested and ready to start a whole new day.