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A short horror story posted by Allie Brosh on the /r/NoSleep subreddit on Reddit.

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From Reader Review Cologne for online ebook

Vicky N. says

A super short story from the r/NoSleep subreddit in reddit.

As a frequent reader of this section I knew what to expect, it still freaked me out though. Read it if you want to read something different.

Link: <https://www.reddit.com/r/nosleep/comm...>

Jennifer Jimenez says

This was ok, and I know it was just meant to be an online story, but should have been longer. The idea is creepy enough, but wasn't very fleshed out.

Amy (Other Amy) says

Allie Brosh! Allie Brosh has committed flash fiction! It is nothing like Hyperbole and a Half! It is not even in the same solar system! It's like the scary stories I used collect when I was a screwed up kid! Go read it on Reddit now! Do not scroll down; it's super short and you will spoil it! OK I'm going to stop shouting now even though Allie Brosh has made contact with the world and I can worry about her a little less! (AND it's old, so no lessening in the worry after all. But still. Go read! Do not read anything about it before you read on GR or anywhere else! It will be spoilt!)

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P.S. Thanks karen!

Nadine Jones says

As a person whose secret fear is finding an assailant lurking in my home, as someone who does check all the closets and hiding spaces each time I get home Well, holy crap, maybe I shouldn't have read this.

Go ahead, you know you want to. It'll take you maybe three minutes to read.

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Julie says

[The basic frightening conceit doesn't actually work for me, because I grew up with European beds and thus have never owned a box spring ever. All of my mattresses are narrow things that would be literally physically impossible for someone to hide inside, so this story do

Peter Derk says

Pet peeve: " It smells like desperation..." No. Desperation isn't a smell. It's the name of my new fragrance, for sure, but not descriptive of a smell. I know this is wordplay, and that's why I'm saying this is a pet peeve as opposed to something that's horribly wrong with the world. I'm probably wrong, and I just don't like this thing, where someone says something smells like an emotion or, you know, "I ate one of those protein pack lunches from Starbucks. It tasted like commerce and defeat." No, it tasted like an egg that was hard boiled 800 years ago and cooled off in front of a swamp cooler.

Also, this story featured a portable CD player with speakers and stuff? That has batteries in it? Is Allie Brosh an 80's punk with a boombox, walking down the street, trailing a dude holding a huge piece of cardboard for breakin'? Or is she the classier version, trailing a dude holding a huge piece of vinyl flooring?

Who is Allie Brosh, really. That's the haunting question this story will leave you with.

karen says

like the moron that i am, as soon as i saw ellen gail's review of this pop up on my feed, i roared WHAT IS THIS??, immediately clicked the link and reflexively scrolled down to see if i had time to read it before i was needed elsewhere, and these damnable fast-reading eyes zoomed right to the last line of the story, ruining the surprise for me.

so i probably would have found this creepier if i hadn't been such a moron.

don't be a moron.

don't scroll down.

it's wicked short, you have time to read it, that's all you need to know.

read it for yourself here:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/nosleep/comm...>

Kenya Wright says

Browsing Goodreads, I hear everyone raving about this 2-minute read short that is super creepy and free on

reddit.

I tried it.

And. . .

Prepare to be freaked out for a few minutes.

Here is the story COLOGNE by Allie Brosh:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/nosleep/comm...>

Will Byrnes says

[Really, the narrator would not have felt the presence of someone *there*? Nope, but a nice lead up. (hide spoiler)]

Sterlingcindysu says

A shortie-shorty. Again, is this really a true "book" to review? But who am I to judge.

Remember Goldilocks--she checked the oatmeal, the chairs and the ...

Ellen Gail says

Allie Brosh, author of Hyperbole and a Half: Unfortunate Situations, Flawed Coping Mechanisms, Mayhem, and Other Things That Happened one of my favorite books EVER, wrote a *very* short horror story and posted it online a few years back. It's far from perfect but it takes literally a minute to read and does evoke a creep or two, depending on what scares you.

Read it here!

Jennifer Varnadore says

I related to this protagonist. They go around checking their security out in an OCD manner. They've done this for years. They even have a routine made out. The one day that they didn't close a door all the way, because it malfunctioned, and it backfires on them. THAT would be my luck.

Florencia says

Allie Brosh, who made me laugh all the time while I was reading her *Hyperbole and a Half: Unfortunate Situations, Flawed Coping Mechanisms, Mayhem, and Other Things That Happened*, actually unsettled me a bit with this really short story. It wasn't a perfectly believable story but creepy anyway, as her fears, her paranoia, it all was too palpable.

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Anya says

I love Allie. I love Reddit. I'm sort of embarrassed that I didn't know this existed until I saw Karen's review. It's short and scary (more so for a person with anxiety). I liked it. Not the best NoSleep story out there, but still.

Zoeytron says

Sometimes the monster isn't hiding in the closet or under the bed . . .
