

Suddenly she froze there was something coming up the street on the opposite side. Filled with terror Sophie watched and held her breath. In the moonlight, Sophie caught a glimpse of an enormous, long, pale, wrinkly face with the most enormous ears. The nose was as sharp as a knife, and above the nose there were two bright flashing eyes, and the eyes were staring straight at Sophie. There was a fierce and devilish look about them. Sophie gave a yelp and pulled back from the window. She flew across the dormitory and jumped into her bed and hid under the blanket. And there she crouched, as still as a mouse and tingling all over. Under the blanket Sophie waited. After a minute or so, she lifted a corner of the blanket and peeped out. For the second time that night, her blood froze to ice and she wanted to scream, but no sound came out. There at the window, was the enormous, long, pale, wrinkly face of the Giant Person, staring in. The flashing black eyes were fixed on Sophie's bed. The next moment, a huge hand with pale fingers came in snaking through the window. This was followed by an arm, as thick as a tree trunk, and the arm, the hand, the fingers were reaching out across the room towards Sophie's bed. This time, Sophie really did scream, but only for a second because very quickly the huge hand clamped down over her blanket and the scream was smothered by the bedclothes. Sophie, crouching under the blanket, felt the strong fingers grasping hold of her, and then she was lifted up from her bed, blanket and all and whisked out of the window.