

# A Terrible Thing Happened



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**S**herman Smith saw the most terrible thing.  
He was very upset. It really scared Sherman  
to see such a terrible thing.

Sherman did not like feeling so afraid. He did not want to remember what happened. So Sherman decided not to think about the terrible thing he saw.

Sherman thought that would make him feel better.





At first the plan seemed to work.  
Sherman woke up every morning.  
He brushed his teeth and he went to school.

Sherman played with his friends.  
He teased his sister and he walked his dog.





Everything seemed all right for a while.  
But something inside of Sherman was starting to bother him.