

Bumps in the Night!!!!

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Who is the Thin Man?

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When talking about paranormal experiences, some stories seem to come up time and again. Numerous people report that they see a shadow out of the corner of their eye and when they turn their head to see what it is, it is no longer there. Others see "shadow figures" and have the figure look back at them, however the figure is usually faceless. This would be scary to anyone who has these experiences. These figures have shown up in dreams as well. One question remains: Could this be the "Tall Man"?

I researched "Tall Man" online and I found he actually has several names. He is known as Tall Man, Shadow Man, The Thin Man and Slender Man. He is abnormally tall and actually appears like a shadow, with no distinct facial features. Several reports claim that he has extremely long arms that elongate as needed. Others also report a feeling of pending doom or extreme fright. Once you see "Tall Man", he supposedly keeps visiting you for the rest of your life. The frequency from person to person varies.

The first sighting of "Tall Man" in photographs dates back to 2009, when one online forum started a thread for phony paranormal entities. The idea was to see who could make the best photo with faked paranormal activity and post it in other paranormal forums, trying to pass it off as real. On June 9, 2009, one picture and story succeeded at fooling everyone... or did it? A user by the name of Victor Surge posted 2 pictures and came up with a horrific story of this tall shadow man who stalks and kidnaps children. This is how the urban legend was started.

The story tells of a very "Tall Man" who appears only in shadow. He supposedly appears in a photo prior to a child being abducted. In the particular picture posted in the forum, there were several children in that particular picture. The report was that 14 children were abducted from that town in one day. The picture featuring "Tall Man" was supposedly found in a library, and that library was to have burned down the following week.

When reading individual accounts of personal experiences with "Tall Man", the child may or may not have actually seen the "Tall Man" prior to the picture being taken. The only discrepancy I found in the story was some claim once they saw him; they shut their eyes and wished him gone. While this worked for some, others reported they kept their eyes on "Tall Man" until they backed away or got themselves to a safe place. They reported feeling if they turned their back to "Tall Man", he would have used that opportunity to grab them.

Once the picture circulated and the story was out there, forums were receiving stories from many followers who claimed to have had "Tall Man" experiences prior to this picture being posted. How could these people have experiences similar to those in the made up story, when that story was admittedly fake? Could the story have been made up, but based on an experience the author had in the past? Other stories made "Tall Man" have more features of an alien than a shadow person. Could "Tall Man" have been an alien instead of a shadow? Does "Tall Man" really exist? Does a phony picture and a fake story evoke enough fear that certain individuals actually believe they have had experiences with this entity? Maybe you have an experience of your own you would like to share. I will let you decide for yourself if "Tall Man" is real or urban legend.

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