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This story was told by Betty Ann who was the member of the Midnight society in the famous series Are You Afraid Of The Dark. Before starting the story, she said the magic words-“submitted for the approval of the midnight society I call this story...” and then, she started the story named “the tale of laughing in the dark”.

There are three kids who were hanging out in an amusement park named Playland. Among them, one is Josh, the second person is Josh’s friend Weegee, and the third one is Weegee’s little sister named Kathy. There was a haunted house in the park named “laughing in the dark” and three of them went near the haunted house, however they did not go inside.

That haunted house was hypothetically haunted by the ghost of a person named Zeebo who was a clown. The other day, three of them investigate about the details of that haunted house and found that circus was played previously at that place and once a clown named Zeebo stole the amount of four thousand dollars of the owner. Then, Zeebo hid himself in that place and with in some time, the whole place was burnt with fire due to sparks of his cigars and he had also burnt and died. After this incident, the “laughing in the dark” was built again with a dummy of Zeebo and from then on people think that the place was haunted.

Then, in Are You Afraid Of The Dark series, Josh compared his friend and sister with the chickens as he feels that they are frightened by the ghost of Zeebo. This makes Weegee angry and he challenges Josh to enter the haunted place. Josh agrees with the Weegee but he bet with the Weegee that he will bring the Zeebo’s nose and if he gets success, then Weegee will have to wear the nose to school for a period of one week. Then, Josh enters the “laughing in the dark” and brought the Zeebo’s nose. As decided, Josh gives the clown’s nose to Weegee because he has to wear it the next day but the Weegee throws the nose in the bushes of the park. Immediately, Josh ran to get it back and he finds it but observes the smell of cigars in the bushes. He looks here and there, finds nothing and came back.

All the scenes were very well pictured in the Are You Afraid Of The Dark series. Finally, Weegee, Kathy, and Josh reached their homes and Josh was alone at home as his parents were gone to the theatre. Josh gets his food and hears some sound that makes him to drop the pudding. At the same time, the telephone rings and Weegee speak from the other side. After Weegee’s call, another call rings and the caller asks the Josh the three words that are “give it back”. Josh puts the receiver off and goes to the kitchen again to get his food. Then, he saw that there is a mark of “Z” on his dropped pudding, and, he thinks that Weegee tries to scare him with tricks and for confirming, he calls Weegee. When the conversation was going on between the two, Josh hears a voice saying the same words “give it back” in the telephone. After hearing these words, Josh immediately goes back to the “Laughing in the Dark” and places the Zeebo’s nose back on his face. He also gets along with his box of cigars and left the box there as a peace offering. This ends the story with a happy ending.

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