

# A Strange Fellow

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## Ondemand

It started to spread like an plague amongst the children. The day after little Bill's disappearance. The rumor about the thing called Ondemand.

No one knew the meaning of the name of the thing. Well, why bother with details like that when you have a common thing to fear.

Bill had been the first one to see it. He had awoken in the late of night, by knockings on his closet door. Under the spell of sleepiness he mumbled to his summoner to enter.

And out of the closet came the most odd looking thing he swore he had ever seen. Bill was frozen by fear of what he did see. It had walked up to the foot of Bill's bed and uttered in a sardonic tone the strange phrase:

*"If thou wish i shall school ye well and if not i will ring yer bell."*

Bill thought that he must be wise to not end up like a rolling die. He said to the thing that he required more time.

To Bill's relief, his wish was granted. Bill was told that he would be visited after the hours of the peering eye. And the thing left through the way it came.

On the next day at school Bill told of the thing who he had been visited by and his description was:

*"An ancient man who looked to be older than the sky. And skinny he was. Also taller then my bedroom door. Wearing clothes like the outfit of the men on old photos. On his head he did have a crooked old high hat. And in his right hand he had a black cane. From his chest pocket there was a rusty clock chain attached to his coat. The coat he had on him was gray and long, quite dusty and patched but were still in one piece. The thing's hair was long and pale also ill kept."*

Many wondered of this sorcerer of time. But Bill couldn't answer them and was called a liar. Bill's talk was soon forgotten with time.

But the next day the news came that Bill was missing without a trace.

Two days later, Bill's body was found. In a cleaning closet at a hospital in our town. The oddest detail was that there was no blood in the closet but was weird message written by the boy in his own blood. The message read "Ondemand".