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Larry just wants to enjoy the first day of his retirement. But there are a couple of obstacles in his way. First, there are the kids next door who insist on racing their dirt bikes through his yard. And then there's his eccentric neighbor Zach, who comes looking for Larry's help, to verify that Zach isn't losing his mind.

Because there is something in his house that couldn't possibly be real...Something terrifying...

Peekers Details

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Karl says

Larry Morgan wanted to enjoy his retirement. Things just got in the way.

This is a short story, well written by Mr. Burke and appears to have been filmed and shown, at which this chapbook was given away.

Watch the film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10diu...>

(Thanks Charlene)

This is copy 100 of 100 printed copies.

FanFiAddict says

Great short story and very original. Only reason for the loss of a star was editing. Really wish the story had kept going as I was just getting into it.

Christy Aldridge says

Great Short Story

The only reason I'm giving it four stars rather than five is because of the length. This is a short story. Not a novella or novel. Just understand this.

However, with that fact dismissed, the writing is impeccable. The story is AMAZING. I loved it for what it was and enjoyed it very much. This is my first book of Burkes and it certainly will not be my last.

Rafael says

Short, concise and terrifying, kealan burke has become one of my favorite horror authors, reading this short story was terrifying and if you some day bump in to the short film based on this hold your self from watching it and read this first because the short film has nothing on this, I often wonder how he does it, to be honest he is inspiring me to write, I love his well written short stories and novellas you definitely get what you where looking for... Get scared to the bones.

Jim Lay says

A creepy premise, not fully realized, with some annoyingly lazy typos.

Patrick McNulty says

Another solid story

Been a fan of Burke for about three days and in that time have devoured SOUR CANDY, BLANKY and now PEEKERS. If you haven't read anything by him you are missing out.

Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

Read Peekers, they said.

It's a good short story, they said.

Well, I read it, and it's a good short story, but what they failed to mention was it was also freaking *disturbing* and now I'm looking at all the corners and edges in my area, like "Where you at? Nope there's nothing there. There's nothing there. There's nothing there." and I swear to Cthulhu if anyone tries to jump out at me today, I'm gonna blame this ruddy short story as my murder defense. OK?

Okay, so now that we have that established...

Read Peekers, I say.

It's a good short story, I say.

MelonFarmer89 says

Enjoyed it. Went into it without reading a blurb so I had no idea what to expect and so was thrilled to see it turn Sinister the way it did. I was disappointed it was as short as it was due to the fact that the idea was so beautifully simple it could easily have been expanded over a bigger scale - not too big mind as that was part of its charm, subtle and small scale. Gave me a shiver though with Agnes on the stairs, I must say. Very creepy.

Bracken says

Another winner from Burke. Damned creepy.

J.B. says

Sucked.

I read "Sour Candy" by Kealan Patrick Burke, and I really enjoyed it. So much so, I thought I would give this one a try. I hated this story! It was boring and stupid. I watched the short film, and it was crap, as well. It should have been free.

Bettie? says

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10diu...>

and whilst we are here, check this one out too

Li says

Ok, even though it was a short read, it was menacing and creepy. Now I'm going to be afraid of looking up my stairs and in the kitchen. Great short read.

Tammy says

So glad I read this short. Thank you free books from Smashwords for introducing me to this author!

This short was absolutely creepy as hell. Gave me a shiver, which is hard to do. I just downloaded a novella, novel, and some more free shorts from Burke. He was a 2005 Stoker finalist and I can see why.

I can't wait to read them all.

Highly recommend to all of my HA and LH friends.

UPDATE

Just read this short for the second time. Still creepy as hell even though I knew what was coming. This may well be my favorite all-time short story.

Ken says

Larry Morgan's mundane plans for the day are disrupted by a reclusive neighbor whose wife has apparently been replaced by a creepy, grinning doppelganger....and that's just the start of something much bigger....and creepier.

This short story is currently being adapted for the big screen and is slated for a 2014 movie release.

4 STARS

John says

This story was like a short visit to..... the twilight zone.
