Narrator: We are presenting a scene from Dan Poblocki’s *The Nightmrys*. Timothy and Stuart have been best friends since they were little. They live next door to each other and are on the same swim team. One day Timothy accidentally volunteers to be partners with a new girl at the school named Abigail. Even though it was an accident, Stuart is upset that Timothy is not his partner. During a field trip for the project, Stuart decides to play a prank on Abigail and Timothy. He throws a water balloon at them, drenching them both. Then strange and terrible things start to happen to those that were involved in the water balloon incident. Abigail is seeing ghosts at night, Timothy is having nightmares and is being followed by a strange man, and Stuart sees a monster. Then Stuart has a terrible accident. Stuart is read by ____________, Timothy is read by ____________, Abigail is read by ________________, and I am ________________ the narrator.

Abigail: Hi Stuart. Timothy and I came to see how you’re doing.

Stuart: Mom!

Abigail: She is talking with a nurse down the hall. She’ll be back soon.

Stuart: Please. Just take that thing out of here.

Abigail: What did you just call me?

Stuart: Not you. The thing. The *thing* you put in the corner of the room.

Abigail: I’ve never been in this room until me and Timothy came tonight. I promise.
**Timothy:** Is he staring at you right now?

**Stuart:** (nodding)

**Timothy:** Why don’t you just ask him to leave?

**Stuart:** He'll get mad. I know it.

**Abigail:** But there is nothing there.

**Timothy:** We’ve all been seeing scary things this week, Stuart. Not just you.

**Stuart:** You have?

**Abigail:** (nodding) Yes. We have.

**Stuart:** We who?

**Timothy:** Me and Abigail and Mr. Crane.

**Stuart:** Mr. Crane? Why? What kind of scary things?

**Timothy:** A man has been following me. And Abigail has been seeing... ghosts. And Mr. Crane-...

**Stuart:** So you’re not making these things happen to me?

**Abigail:** I wouldn’t even know where to begin to learn something like that.

**Stuart:** Then how? Why?

**Timothy:** That’s what we’re trying to figure out.

**Abigail:** We want to help you.

**Stuart:** Help me? Why would you want to help me?

**Abigail:** Because you obviously need it.

**Stuart:** If you want to help me, please, just accept my apology.

**Abigail:** It was just a stupid water balloon. I’ve already forgotten all about it.

**Stuart:** (frightened) Then why is he still standing there? Why is he still staring at me?
Narrator: Will the man leave Stuart alone? Will Timothy and Abigail continue to be haunted by nightmares and ghosts? Will they figure out who is behind all of these terrible things before it is too late? Join them as they continue to discover what is going on by reading the fantasy book, *The Nightmarys* by Dan Poblocki.