BLOOD MONSTER

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I'll tell them a story, if you like.

Great. Great. Hear that, kids? Go to your daddy.

Wooooo!

Right. A story. Well... once upon a time there were two little children and their names were Ben and Lucy.

Yeah! Is it a story about when we saw the two little squirrels who went on the river?

It's a story about a blood monster!

Nope.
Once upon a time there was a huge blood monster and it saw Ben and Lucy in town, and it thought "mmm-mmm, delectable, delicious!"

So it followed them home...

"No! They didn't let it in! Blood monsters can't get in if you don't invite them. So the blood monster went away and killed a policeman and sucked out his insides and climbed inside the empty skin..."

"And he knocked at the door. Ben and Lucy's mummy opened the door and she said, oh, Mr. Policeman, please come in and have some tea. The children knew it was the blood monster..."

They warned her, but she wouldn't believe them. She made the blood monster a cup of tea, she thought it was a policeman.

Oh, soddammit! I tell you, if either of the kids have nightmares tonight you can deal with them!

I'm not going to!
RIGHT
SO THE KIDS TOOK A PENCIL AND SHARPENED IT AND SHARPENED IT
AND THEY RAN INTO THE KITCHEN AND PLUNGED IT DEEP INTO THE MONSTER'S BACK!
BLOOD SQUIRTED OUT, A PELICAN OF BLOOD IN UNIMAGINABLE QUANTITIES.
AW, THAT'S DISGUSTING! GOD DAMMIT! I WARNED YOU!

LUCY WOKE UP TWICE THIS EVENING, CRYING.

NIGHTMARES?
I DON'T KNOW SHE WAS JUST SOBBING IN HER SLEEP.

SHE DOES THAT MOST NIGHTS.

OH, DO YOU FEEL LIKE, UH...?
FORGET IT.

THIS WAS WORSE.
Once upon a time there was a blood monster who ate a policeman, and it knocked on the door of a house and a woman answered. And she gave it tea, because she didn't know her children knew it was a blood monster and they hid in their room.

As she handed him the tea, the policeman's face dissolved into Cody strands and stabbed into her face, sought her eyes, shot up her nostrils, filled her mouth...

Please! Shut up! You know how much I hate that stuff!

Are you going to turn your light off? I need to sleep?

Yes, in a minute.