



## Not-So-Silent Nightlight

So here's the scene: It was a nice holiday weekend. A woman visiting her son and daughter-in-law at their beautifully built log-cabin-style house had a bit of a problem. Every night when 'ol mum-in-law got up to use the facilities, it was a bit dark in the hallway. So she decided that a nightlight wasting lumens behind the dining room table would be better in the dark hallway.

Good idea, but there was one hang-up. Mother was having difficulty getting her hands on the light to yank it out of the wall, y'see it's one of them flat ones that are hard to get your fingers around. What she really needed was something flatter to slide behind the light to pry it away from the wall. Sounds logical. Unfortunately the "great idea light bulb" that appeared above her head when she chose her instrument wasn't bright enough for her to see what she was getting herself into.

Mummy grabbed a butter knife from the table and slid it between the light and wall. Just when it was starting to work ... *buzz, crack, aagghhh!* Then *\*poof\** ... all the lights went out. Now I'm sure you're imagining one of those cartoonish scenes where you can see all the bones in her body blinking in an eerie glow, followed by all the hair on her head sticking up in the air. I'm told, however, that the circuit breaker tripped instantly, and she escaped this electrifying lesson unharmed. The only damage ... the knife was permanently welded to the nightlight.

The moral of this story: If you use an object to pry a plug from a wall, and you don't flip the circuit-breaker first, your lights might go out.