PAST SIMPLE – READING

1 Look at the picture and the title. What do you think the story is about? Do you have nightmares?

2 Complete the story with the past simple form of the verbs in the brackets.

THE BOY WHO FED ON NIGHTMARES

(Source: It's Okay Not to Be Okay, tvN, Netflix, 2020, text taken from Netflix subtitles)

The boy _____ (**wake up**) from another awful nightmare. Bad memories from the past that he _____ (**want**) to erase from his head _____ (**replay**) in his dreams every night and _____ (**haunt**) him nonstop. The boy was terrified of falling asleep. So one day, he _____ (**go**) to the witch and _____ (**beg**), *'Please get rid of all my bad memories so that I won't ever have a nightmare again. Then I will do everything you ask.'*

Years _____ (**go**) by, and the boy _____ (**become**) an adult. He no longer _____ (**have**) nightmares. But for some strange reason, he _____ (**not be**) happy at all. One night, a blood moon _____ (**fill**) the night sky, and the witch finally _____ (**show up**) again to take what he _____ (**promise**) in return for granting his wish. And he _____ (**shout**) at her with so much resentment. *'All my bad memories are gone. But why... Why can't I become happy?' Then* the witch took his soul as they _____ (**promise**), and _____ (**tell**) him this, *'Hurtful, painful memories. Memories of deep regrets. Memories of hurting others and being hurt. Memories of being abandoned. Only those with such memories _____ (**bury**) in their hearts can become stronger, more passionate and emotionally flexible. And only those can attain happiness.'*

So don't forget any of it. Remember it all and overcome it. If you don't overcome it, you'll always be a kid whose soul never grows.

Vocabulary			
Nightmare – noční můra	***erase*** – vymazat	***replay*** – opakovat se	***haunt*** – strašit
Get rid off – zbavit se	***terrified*** – vyděšený	***adult*** – dospělý	***reason*** – důvod
Shout – křičet	***resentment*** – nenávist	***regret*** – lítost	***abandoned*** – opuštěný
Passionate – nadšený	***flexible*** – přizpůsobivý, pružný	***fulfill*** - splnit	***attain*** – získat
Overcome - překonat	**beg** - prosit		

3 Answer the questions about the story. Use full sentences.

1 What did the boy want to erase and why?

2 Who did he ask for help?

3 When did she come back?

4 What did she get for fulfilling his wish?

5 Why couldn't the boy become happy after she fulfilled his wish?

6 What is the message of the story?

4 Work in pairs. Discuss with your partner.

1 Did you enjoy the story?

2 What did you like/dislike about the story?

3 If you could, would you let a witch take your bad memories? Why yes, why no?