

## **WORLD BEDWETTING DAY** TIME TO TAKE ACTION

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It's the start of a brand new day. Adam rubs his eyes and sits up in bed. He slowly moves his hand down under the bedcovers to check for wet patches.



With a smile on his face Adam looks at his bedside clock and lies back down again.



Hello Adam. Can I talk to you?

Adam opens his eyes and turns his head. There, lying on the pillow, is a boy he has never seen; Adam thinks he looks like a potato with a smiling face, tiny arms and legs, and wearing a baseball cap.



Why me? What makes me so special?

My name is Ingolf, and I've travelled from a different world to speak with you.

Well, although my people are different from you humans in most ways, there are two ways we are the same: we speak the same language and we also wet the bed. We've heard that you're getting better and I'd like to know how, so I can help myself and my people. Gosh, I can tell you a little, but I'm still learning. My special friend Captain Drybed can tell you more. She's helped me a lot. I'll give her a call.

At the mention of Captain Drybed's name, the magic poster she had given Adam before appears on his bedroom wall. Adam places his hand on the poster and chants...



There's a sudden flash, and Adam and Ingolf find themselves on a sofa at Captain Drybed's base. Adam tells Captain Drybed about the bedwetting problem on Ingolf's planet.



After a short flight with Captain Drybed, they arrive at a colourful market place. Their first stop is a fruit and vegetable stall where some of the produce is covered with signs!



Captain Drybed explains that eating watery fruits, such as melons and apples, just before bedtime is as bad as drinking water or juice. This is because the fruits fill people with liquid, making it more likely they will wet the bed.

> Gosh, I love grapes but I guess I better not eat them in the evening!

The next stall they pass is selling all sorts of drinks.



before bedtime.

As they turn a corner Ingolf suddenly runs on ahead, jumping up and down with excitement.

Don't play with us before bedtime

Please, please let me go in. On my planet we play with these a lot at bedtime

DR

Ingolf is standing in front of an electronics shop with dozens of bright shiny gadgets in the window, some making strange loud noises.

And that could be one of your problems. Playing with gadgets like these at bedtime can stop you getting a good night's sleep

We're nearly done. There's just one very important place left to visit...

After another short flight, the three of them are standing outside a doctor's office.

Whichever planet you live on your doctor will give you help and advice which may include some treatment for your bedwetting. MD

Remember: always take your medicine when your doctor has told you to

DB

At this point a parrot lands on Captain Drybed's shoulder and squawks..



## Adam suddenly hears his mother shouting his name and wakes with a start. He is still in his bed.



## Tips to help resolve bedwetting

- Bedwetting is a medical problem and talking to your doctor can help
- Don't drink before bedtime, especially fizzy drinks
- Stay away from watery foods such as melons and apples before bedtime
- Too much noise and bright light in the night can stop you sleeping, so avoid bright screens from computers, tablets, and phones before bedtime
- Bedwetting is common, and lots of other children go through this problem too
- If your doctor gives you medicine, it's important always to take it at the times your doctor has told you
- Your doctor may also give you a bedwetting alarm. If they do, you should use it as they say
- Pee time before bedtime always remember to try to pee just before you go to bed
- Find out more about Ingolf's story at the Dry Dawn website <a href="http://www.drydawn.com/">http://www.drydawn.com/</a>
- Prepare for your visit to the doctor and monitor your progress by downloading the DryDawn App
- Stay calm, and remember bedwetting problems can be solved!



