



John Kenn  
Mortensen



## The Nightmare Factory

### Mareridtsfabrikken

Stunning nightmare drawings alongside darkly comical poems - John Kenn Mortensen is at his best in this gem of a book.

**John Kenn Mortensen**, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.

### SYNOPSIS

34 short poems accompanied by the most elaborate drawings of all sorts of creepy nightmares we might have.

The frame story is a house at night, out of the darkness emerge two scary figures who enter into the house, pick up a sleeping boy and carry him - bed and all - out of the house. Then the different dreams start. Have a look here:

*"I have caught myself a real nuisance of man  
He is blind but has one eye that works on his left hand"*

*"Behind my granny's summer house, there is a secret path  
There lies an extra-terrestrial who could really do with a bath"*

*"Under my seat on the bus to school  
lies a bearded man  
who says he died in a pool"*

*"Oh, I really hope that I am spinning a tale  
I believe there is a living thing underneath my nail".*

### REVIEWS

"It was my recent good fortune to be introduced to the work of John Kenn Mortensen and my even greater fortune to be privileged to publish this work — by turns, playful, funny, wicked, stunningly imaginative, and, of course, masterfully rendered, like a combination of Edward Gorey and Bernie Wrightson, but every bit his own man." – Gary Groth (Publisher of Fantagraphics)



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World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

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