LO – To identify toolbox elements of a suspense story.

Colour Code	Elements of a suspense story
	Show the character's feelings by reactions: e.g. she stepped back, she gasped
	Short, punchy sentences for suspense.
	Rhetorical questions
	Use dramatic connectives to introduce suspense and drama – suddenly, at that moment.
	Powerful verbs – crept, smothered.
	Use scary sound effects, e.g. something hissed
	Use empty words to hide the threat – something, somebody, it, a silhouette

Can you find examples of all of the features of a suspense story in the Nightmare Man?