



KEEP- AWAKES

It is the Keep-awakes who **cause you to drink** too much coffee, tea, or alcohol before you go to bed or make sure that you have too much food in your stomach to be able to sleep (1) _____. They **encourage overstimulation** or **bad conscience**. And watching television for too long is (2) _____ the kind of thing they like, and they **rub their hands in glee** when someone is **jerked** awake by pain, worry, or **grief**.

I'll tell you where they come from. Long, long ago, the **evil spirit** Nigbur (3) _____ out of Chaos and from him sprang **countless races** of Keep-awakes. Once Nigbur had gained power (4) _____ humans and animals, he *passed it on* to his **descendants** and *withdrew into* a cave in the Caucasus Mountains, (5) _____ he lay watching the world like a **monster** waiting to spring. (6) _____ his **evil** mind fed all the Keep-awakes in the world with **nasty ideas**.

When the Sandman came into being (7) _____ one of the good spirits, he was given **the task of bringing the comfort of sleep to** all living beings. Nigbur **pursued him bitterly** and tried to destroy him. But the Sandman was always quicker and **nimbler** than Nigbur even though Nigbur tried every kind of **ruse** to get him. Nigbur himself (8) _____ see and hear the Sandman and move around **at the speed of thought**. Once he tried to fool the Sandman (9) _____ posing as a chick that had fallen out of its **nest**. When the chick suddenly **turned into** a huge monster, the Sandman, whose **suspensions** (10) _____ **already been aroused**, threw a **generous helping of** sleeping sand in the monster's eyes to **slow him down** while he **made his getaway**.



- a) Along
- b) By
- c) Came
- d) Can
- e) Exactly

- f) Had
- g) Like
- h) Meanwhile
- i) Over
- j) Well
- k) Where