

The Mine Shaft

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One nice day three friends went out to an abandoned mine without telling their parents. Their names were Beau, Rob, and Dakota. Beau was 11 Rob was 12 and Dakota was 13. when the three boys got there they were scared and Beau said "hay guys I don't think we should go back I heard a guy died in there". "Don't be a scaredy-cat no one ever died in there" said Dakota. I don't know, I'm pretty sure someone died in there" said Rob." I don't care, let's just go in" said Dakota. So they went in and took out their flashlights. It was extremely dark, about five minutes after they got in they heard a loud crash. CRASH!! They all ran to the entrance but they were all surprised to see that the entrance had collapsed! They all cried **HELP!!!** But it didn't work, then Beau said "I knew we shouldn't have come here then Rob said "we should find another way out. They all agreed so they started walking but then they heard someone say "**GET OUT!!!**" They all screamed "ah!" and started running. Rob tripped on a rock and got dragged away screaming. "Don't you see, it's the ghost of the miner who died here" said Rob. then they started running before they knew it the floor fell and so did Rob, Dakota just kept running and running. Until he thought he had run far enough, meanwhile Beau was dragged into a different tunnel. It was pitch black and Beau had dropped his flashlight, he was really scared and didn't know what to do so he put his hands in front of him and started walking. Soon he touched something soft then his hands slipped right through, he thought it was a Pearson Beau said "Rob is that you" then all he heard was a soft whisper saying "no". He immediately knew that it was the same voice from earlier. He took off running saying "ghost ghost ghost!" then he got snatched up and the screaming stopped and it was dead silent. Elsewhere Rob was knocked out from the fall but when he finally woke up we ran as fast as he could so he wouldn't get killed by the ghost. A few minutes later he heard the ghost say "come back here **NOW!**". Just as soon as he was near the exit he got pulled towards the ghost without it even touching him he screamed and cried "let me go!" but the ghost Kept pulling him. Rob tried running but the ghost just kept pulling until he grabbed Rob's ankle. the screaming got louder and louder... then just as soon as it was there it stopped. Dakota could hear the screams from where he was he started running and running but then he saw light, it was an exist. He was so relieved but out of nowhere he heard the voice of the ghost, he ran as fast as he could. When the ghost was about to grab him Dakota jumped out then it all stopped, he ran all the way home then he told Beau and Rob's parents that they had drowned in the lake. Now every night when he lies in bed he can't sleep because every time he closes his eyes he hears the screams of the ghost. "**GET OUT**" and he wishes that every night he listened to the ghost's warnings so his friends would still be alive...**THE END**

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In the darkest place during the dark hour, there is a typewriter that types on her typewriter every single night. The typewriter's name was Shadow Mitsuru. Her typing skills were loud because she had long nails. At night, Femc heard loud typing so she got up and ran outside to the Time Castle. Mitsuru was worried that Femc was going to turn evil because of how evil Shadow Mitsuru was. Femc ran fast as a runner. She finally made it to the Time Castle! Femc walked inside the Time Castle and she saw Shadow Mitsuru typing so loudly. Femc was terrified of her typing movements. Shadow Mitsuru turned Femc evil and Femc turned scary. She decided to defeat Shadow Mitsuru. Long FingerNails were on the ground and they turned into slime monsters. Slime Monsters covered Femc. Femc Screamed and she was gone. Her scream was terrifying and it scared the whole neighborhood. Femc stood up with the creepiest smile and she became the typewriter. She typed on the typewriter all day and night. Mitsuru was shaking and trembling with fear. She didn't realize Femc was the typewriter. Akihiko, Shinjiro, and Ken were crying because they missed Femc so much. The three of them wished she didn't go into the Time Castle just to turn evil at all for no reason. Aigis was worried about her. Femc did the loudest evil laugh ever! Femc summoned her skeletons so that she can scare everyone! Everyone passed out on the ground. The end.

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Chapter One: "La Luna"

On one cloudless night the ship "la luna" was out on her smoothest ride and the crew was shining her up when captain blackbeard rushed out of his quarters and said that he has found out where some treasure is. He told the crew "Set sail for 90 degrees south and 178 degrees west and go full speed ahead" so they did as they were told.

Then they all heard a bunch of commotion coming from down below in the hull so two of the crewmates and blackbeard went down there and they found a hole from a cannon ball and water was coming in quite fast. The captain rushed to the deck and pulled out his telescope there he saw their nemesis ship the "sea spook" and she was on full speed towards them. He quickly told the crew to start firing at them and then told his right hand man sir "Tobias Vista" to stay on their course.

The crew started to fire all the power they had when all of a sudden the rookie shot one right at their stern it sent them spinning around the waves but then someone hit la luna and the crew went flying. When they got up another one hit her but she held her ground and the crew shot back as fast as they could but then a cannon ball hit the side of the captains quarter and Tobias went flying off board.

They now had no way to turn the ship so they dropped anchor and started aiming for the sea spook's hull when they were done she was a disaster, but their captain "sir richington" shot a cannon ball back and hit the deck. They went flying but then the sea spook started to sink!!!!, and then she was underwater...but little did blackbeard and his crew know that the hole in her hull had gotten larger and then they started to sink!!!!.

The captain quickly ordered the row boats down into the water the crew were already on it but one noticed the captain rush to his quarter's when he asked him why he said "a captain always goes down with his ship" and then he told the crewmate that he is their new captain.

The crewmate understood and then ran back to the boats and they left their captain, boat, and treasure to sink, when he told the rest of the crewmates he was captain they trusted him to lead them but then they heard an explosion!!!. It was followed by a huge splash of salt water, when they looked behind them, their ship was now in pieces, they had now lost their treasure.

The new captain didn't know what to do since all the treasure maps were now gone until something fell out of his pocket it was a map!!!, they decided to set sail to the treasure when quietly a hand grabbed a hold onto one of the boats!!!!... it was the right hand man!

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the ghosts are here

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one day there was a girl who loved Halloween and dressing up, she always made her own costumes instead of buying those cheap old gross costumes at the store. this Halloween was a little different though, first, you have to wear gloves and a mask, and even worse you have to have clear bags to show that they're clean, but Emma was determined to have a good Halloween even if she won't look the best. the day before Halloween rolled around very quickly. Emma was fast asleep and with a startling thought, she woke up thinking that her brother just scared her. so she went downstairs to eat and finish the final touches of her costumes and then it hit, her costume was missing? she started to panic as she screamed mom "where is my costume!!" as her mom walked in with her whole costume was ripped and torn what did you do ??? she said. her mom said I did not do anything it was in the garage sitting there. Emma thought a ghost did it, but her mom thinks it was just the wind. so when her mom left she called her friend who has a dad is a hunter of ghosts. he looked everywhere except for the garage and when he did he almost fainted. Emma said omg are you ok "" as he woke up he said "NEVER GO IN THERE!! there is the deadliest ghost. well, thank you so much Emma said. once as he left she went and got her ouligo bored. once as she started she saw that her books fell to the ground. a few hours later, she saw a very white figure. and herd it say come here so she did. it said I need your help I've been stuck here for a year. please help. she said how ? and the ghost said to use the bored. so she did and all her stuff started to fall and BOOM the ghoat came out and said thank you so much it smelt so bad it their. so then at the end of the day they are now friends and the ghoasts name is kat, and he helped her put her costume together and be safe but cute

the end

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**Halloween story!**

4 messages

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On a Friday night, I was just sitting on my couch wondering what to do. As I was thinking to myself, I came across the thought of going out for a midnight walk. But something told me not to go, but I thought nothing of it and still decided to go, so I stood up and walked to my door. I slowly unlocked it, expecting there to be something on the other side. Like almost always, there was nothing. I walked out onto the sidewalk and look out towards the street. It was barely lit up by the moonlight. "I should have grabbed a flashlight," I thought to myself as I continued walking down the barley light sidewalk. I was looking around once more, something caught my attention in the trees to the right. I ignored it thinking it was just an animal or something. I continued walking as I noticed only one street lamp was on that night. Something was definitely off, but I couldn't quite put my finger on it. I tried to ignore the thought that anything was wrong, and something was going to happen to me. As I was deep in my thoughts, something ran and made a loud noise in the forest nearby. Chills ran down my back and arms. "Hello?" I said out loud. Nothing or no one answered. "What do I do now?" I thought to myself, my heartbeat going faster with every minute. I looked around again to see what to do. Then I realized: I was lost. I only moved here three months ago, and I hadn't gotten the chance to explore the neighborhood because I had been trying to find a job here. And when I finally found a job, I had to start working the very day after. But they did need someone desperately. As I looked back from where I came from, I realized that I was kinda far from any houses. "Think, Think," I thought to myself. But I couldn't quite think of how to get back to my house. Then I thought what if I just try to walk back where I came from? Would that work? So I turned around and started to walk back where I think I came from. Then came a monsteris scream. Like a deep growl, but loud. It scared me so bad I lost my balance and fell onto the ground. I heard the creature came running, and it sounded like it was coming fast. So as I crawled to my feet, I dropped something. But I didn't want to turn around to pick it up, because I was afraid of whatever this was, getting to me. I picked up speed quickly as my adrenaline was pumping quickly. I ran as quickly as I could. I raced back the way I think I came from. And I was right. I saw my house in the distance. I had a moment of celebration, but it was interrupted by another loud scream. I snapped back to reality and kept running. As I was running, I put my hand into my pocket to see what I had dropped. I realized it was my phone. "No, I'm not going back to grab it," I thought to myself. "maybe I'll drive around here on Monday in early in the morning to see where it's at" I kept running, and I got closer to my house. I reached into my pocket again and got out my keys. As I ran, I struggled to get out the right key. I soon figured out which one it was, and I made double sure it was the right one. Sure enough, it was. I ran onto my porch and jammed the key into the keyhole, trying to get inside as fast as I could. And as soon as I got in, I locked the front door back up, and I ran to the back door to make sure it was locked. Next, I called the police, but they didn't do anything, and just said to make sure to get more sleep tomorrow. I begged them to search the area, and they did, but they didn't find anything. After they were gone, I laid in bed, thinking to myself "what- just- happened-" I soon fell asleep as I was tired from running. The next day I kinda forgot what happened and went on with my day.

Thanks for reading this, It was made up so I hope that is allowed.

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One day a girl came up on a weird house and she approached the house with a little hesitation. A man came outside "What are you doing on my lawn" the man said. The girl was frightened but she wasn't mean instead she said "well sir i was going for a walk but i am sorry for disturbing you". The man shrugged his arms as if the girl didn't exist. The girl was confused but kept walking. A little later the man tapped her on the shoulder and asked her the same question. Before the girl could answer the man disappeared out of thin air. She was in a creepy woods and the woods sounded like the trees were talking to the girl as if there were people there. The girl got frightened but kept walking. She kept hearing the voices so much that she ran out of the creepy dark woods. She looked back at the woods and turned back she was at the house again! How could this happen? The same man walked out of the house and said "congratulations you have survived". The girl was very confused but she asked how she survived. Then the man said "when people go through here they were never seen again" she gasped and was shocked but she thanked the man and went home the next morning she forgot all about what had happened. They say the girl actually died there and she was never seen again.

Backstory: The girl died from suicide she had a major depression and when the man congratulated her he actually meant congrats on surviving the devil house because the voices she was hearing was all in her head the demon talking to her and basically the demon was trying to get her to kill herself but the demon didn't know that she was already dead and she couldn't hear the demon and kept walking the man congratulated her because she made it to heaven and not the devil's layer.

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The skull with 2 meanings

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It was halloween night,when lucy fell asleep.When she woke up she was on a ship.Lucy didnt live on a ship.She freaked out and she was so confused.She explored the ship.As lucy explored she kept finding weird symbols but the most common one was a skull.She thought it was halloween decor but she later finds out what it actually means.After a while she was hungry so she went to go look for some food.She found pieces of bread and some tuna."I dont like tuna!"yelled lucy.Lucy ate the bread slowly.Then as she was finishing she heard something clatter.She went to go look and she saw ghost pirates.Around 1 am that night she screamed.Lucy couldnt move.She was paralyzed."WHAT!!MY BODY IS UNDER ME!!WHY AM I FLOATING!!"Lucy was frightened.She got killed.Lucy woke up the next morning.She said"I will never forget this nightmare."When Lucy got up she was in her room,but she noticed her house was too quiet.She went outside of her room and she wasnt in her house.As she looked around she realized she was on the same ship from the night before."WHAT I'M NOT HOME?"Lucy exclaimed.Lucy was confused but all this thinking made her hungry so she went to go look for breakfast.She was shocked when she saw lots of food.She was shocked because earlier that night she looked for food and there was only bread and water."OMG yes i'm starving!"She yelled.Lucy ate waffles and coffee that morning but little did she know that would be her last meal .After that she wondered around the ship for hours.Then she saw something in the water.It was huge...The ship moved around and lucy couldnt move.The ship flipped over and Lucy didnt know how to swim.Lucy was struggling when she felt something tug on her legs.She felt chills going down her spine.All she felt was her body going down,down and down into the ocean as it kept getting darker.Lucy took alot of water in and she had drowned.You might

The old Man's Mansion

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It was on a dark Halloween night as Cathy and Sam waited in the cold street for their parents. In their sugar rush, they'd ran off into the western part of town, where the houses themselves looked like rotting halloween displays. The house they stood in front of was an old two-story, with cracked wooden boards covering the windows, peeling black paint struggling to cover what was once a majestic mansion.

"Mommy told us to stay away from that house..." Sam tugged on Cathy's sleeve and began to head back from where they came.

"Are you kidding?! This street has the best candy! At least go to one house!" Cathy pulled away from Sam, bolting up the driveway of the old mansion.

As soon as she rang the doorbell, the ground began to shake, and the floorboards split. A deep rumble resonated from within the house, and a scratchy old voice answered,

"What do you want?"

Cathy flashed a smile and held up her bag, "Trick or treat!"

"The man shifted, then cracked the door open and put a fistful of candy into the bag."

"Thank you!" Cathy grinned and walked back down the driveway, where Sam waited.

"See, it wasn't that bad!" Sam nodded, and they continued to wait. Soon, their Mother came into view, and they bolted down the street. Sam Squacked,

"Mommy, Cathy went to a Super Scary house and got candy. But I waited for you!" He pointed to the old mansion. Mom laughed,

"Honey, the old man that lived in that house... he died three years ago."

The End?

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The Clown girl

Chapter 1

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Chapter 2

It has been 2 years since the first incident in 1927. The year is now 2020 and no one has seen the clown girl in 93 years. But tonight is Halloween on the same exact day in 1927. The kids now are a girl named Remy she's the smart one. Logan is the muscle of their group and there is Ethan is the leader of their group. And I am the clown girl. Tonight I'm going hunting again and this time is going to be funnier than last time. They always go in the forest (Not this time) I jumped right in front of them and all screamed and ran for the city. I filled them with fear now they are scared and this will be easier. They are going to the store well. I'm going there too. (I hear them now to gut the power so the doors lock.) now to get them one by one okay they are going down this aisle so i will surprise them. The light will flicker off then on then stay off in 3... 2... 1. "What just happened said" Logan I don't know said Remy "same"said Ethan. As they walked down the aisle and I ate Ethan he was soooooooo good. Now Logan and Remy dont know what to do.

Horrific Haunted House Trip

One lovely fall afternoon Anderson and his little sister Stacie were outside riding their bikes, they lived on a peaceful street. Not many people drove down and Anderson and Stacie were just able to ride their bikes with no worries in the world.

Later that night at dinner their parents told them that they had bought tickets for a haunted house. Their parents also said that the tickets were for Friday the thirteenth. Never once in Anderson's twelve years of life had he ever gone to a haunted house. He was very ecstatic that they were going to a real haunted house. He has wanted to go for years but his parents always said that it would be too scary for him. He was very confused on why his six-year-old sister was going but he couldn't go when he was ten.

Anderson thought that they should make a mini vacation because it has been years since the whole family went on a vacation. Mom thought that it was an outstanding idea. That same night, the whole house was as loud as an elephant stampede while the whole family was busy packing.

The next morning, the whole family reviewed the plan. Anderson said that he really wanted to go see the capitol building before the haunted house if they had time. Stacie also had an idea of going to a history museum.

The drive to the capitol was beautiful. All of the leaves were different colors. Most were red with a little bit of orange and yellow mixed in. When they got to their hotel, it was decorated for Halloween and the lobby and even the pool had tons of decorations. The pool had a lot of cardboard cut outs of stuff like zombies, ghosts, and skeletons. Also, the pool was colored by lights of many different colors. After the family settled in their hotel room they got ready to go to an all you can eat Chinese buffet. Once they all finished eating all anybody could think of was going to sleep.

The next day was Friday the thirteenth and that's when it got scary. The family started to see people in all sorts of costumes. They were so eager to get to the haunted house, but their tickets weren't until six o'clock p.m. that meant they had to wait for six hours. The first place they went for the day was the capitol building. Mom had booked a tour for that day the previous night. After the two-hour tour they went to get lunch, at a really good burger joint.

They got to the haunted house right at six o'clock. When the family entered they walked past a really scary science lab and a maze full of skeletons and zombies. When they got to people who chase you with a chainsaw Stacie lost it and started running away. Mom and dad found her right by a wall of vines. Anderson decided to look behind the vines and Anderson found a secret door.

Anderson thought that it was a secret room that very few people knew about. They decided to go in and they fell onto the ground. When they looked around they saw a vast field of nothingness, nothing but really big mushrooms. It looked like the mushrooms were about twenty feet tall. When the family started walking and they all heard a moaning sound as they walked. Anderson pointed out a person with no eyes but when the person like creature opened its mouth there was an eyeball. The monster started running towards them and when it started running they all started running. It sounded like it was howling, then it said I will get you! That really startled them so they ran faster and found a tall mushroom as they started climbing the monster came to a halt.

Anderson started to think that they were not on earth anymore. Then Anderson said that in every really good sci-fie movie the people get teleported some how to another dimension. So now they are the main characters but they have to hurry to find a way out before something tries to eat them. When Anderson heard another howl he looked back towards the monster and he saw nine more of them. He told mom and dad and the whole family started to see, that one of them was trying to break down the mushroom that they were on. They decided to

jump off and just run that is about the same time they ran into a human. The human said to come with him and he would keep them safe. When the whole family and the other human got to a cottage the person took off his face. But it was just a mask, he was faking!!!

Anderson started to run out the front door followed by Stacie mom and eventually dad. They got out and ran for what seemed like hours. When Anderson came upon a wall with a lot of vines Anderson noticed that it is where they entered the dimension. The whole family went through the door and fell onto another floor and this time it was all rocky with a lot of red plant looking things. That is about the same time Anderson and Stacie went back though the door they went in though because one of the plants tried to eat them. But when they went though the monster pack with no eyes was right there. As Anderson ran he noticed that the monsters had the cornered. Stacie started to scream, and the monsters backed up. Anderson said that maybe their ears were super sensitive and that is why they backed up. After Stacie stopped Anderson joined in and eventually mom and dad did too.

When the monsters scrambled Anderson ran back to the wall of vines to check if the door was still there. There ended up being two doors and he had no idea which one to pick. After he opened both he finally found the one to earth. When they went in there were police officers everywhere looking for them. As it turns out the haunted house manager never saw them exit the haunted house and they called the police. Anderson, Stacie, mom, and dad had missed one month of time in only one day of the other dimensions. Once the whole family came out everyone wanted to know what happened and mom and dad told everyone to gather in a circle.

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The Corn Maze

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I was reading my book when I saw a commercial for a haunted corn maze. Normally I'm not someone that's interested in scary things but my best friend was leaving in a few weeks to Texas, so I decided that this would be something fun for us to do. So I called him, and he answered within a few seconds "Hey Raul, how is packing going?"

"Oh hey Abbi, eh it's going... Whats up?"

"Um I was wondering if you were free sometime this week or weekend, because there's a haunted corn maze that I thought would be fun for us to go to..."

"Ohhhhhhhh that yeah I've seen that commercial all week. But I thought you would be too scared to go. Ummm let me check.... I'm free tomorrow night"

"Rudee... Ummm are you free during the day or evening? I don't really want to go at night those things scare me..."

"Well duh those things are supposed to scare you. It wouldn't be a haunted corn maze if it didn't scare you. And that's the only time I can..."

"Ugh.. Finee I'll suck it up..."

"Ha lets goo"

"Whatever.. Bye bestie"

"Bye dork"

The next day I was getting ready while listening to "Spooky Scary Skeletons" and I heard a honk outside so I checked who it was and I saw my impatient bestfriend honking his car horn. When I was finished getting ready I made sure to lock my door. When I got to his car he continued honking.

"Calm down jeez" I said when I got in.

"Hey slowpoke, ready to get scared?"

"What?! I never get scared pfft"

"Mhm sure"

"Can we just go? Your drive like a grandpa"

"No I don't"

"Sure meany"

After that I smacked him. "Ouch!"

"Now drive"

When we arrived 20 minutes later, I reluctantly unbuckled my seat belt. Raul had to drag me out of the car and I reluctantly allowed him to. He continued to drag me to the ticket stand.

"Pay up" he said.

"Wow I see you."

After I paid we went to go wait in the line. "Wow this line reminds me of someone I know" I said

"Who's that?" he said.

"You might know him... He has the same name as you"

"..."

"Speechless?"

"Be quiet, oh by the way Imma use you as a shield to protect me"

"No you aren't, I'll leave right now."

"Whos gonna drive you home?"

I thought for awhile just before he was going to say something smart I had cut him off. "One word. uber"

That left him speechless. When we finally arrived at the entrance to the corn field. We gave the guy our tickets.

When we entered the corn maze I grabbed Rauls hand because I was scared, he held it to "protect" me. When we started walking through it nothing was happening. So I let go of his hand. When we continued to walk through the maze we

heard screams behind us, so I thought we turned the wrong way. So when we turned around to look behind us I heard

rustling in the corn stocks. I thought it was the wind but I didn't feel anything. So when I turned around I screamed

louder than a two year old getting candy taken from him.

What I saw was a clown, vampire, and bat all mixed together. I

was horrified, I hate clowns and it was so scary. Once I

screamed Raul turned around so fast his head spun. I never

heard him scream and still didnt hear him scream. When the

thing left I was shivering not because I was cold but because I

was scared. We were almost done with the maze when we

heard laughing. I regretted the last time I turned around so I

made Raul do it. When he turned around he screamed so I

thought it was bad. But I was like you've never seen him scream so this is your chance now, no matter how scary it could be. So when I turned around I did not expect what I saw, a cat, he was screaming at a cat. I asked him "Your really scared of a cat?"

"No- its-s b-behind the cat t-that I-lm s-creaming a-at."

I looked up, I saw the same creature but floating upside down. I screamed so loud that Florida could hear me. The creature wasn't staring at me but behind me when I turned around I saw the exact same creature staring at me. I screamed again that I almost fainted. I closed my eyes so I wouldn't see them when I opened my eyes they were gone. When we left he dropped me off at my house.

"Well that was fun" he said.

Still terrified I said "Mhm"

"What's wrong?"

"Raul I'm scared..."

"It's going to be oka-"

"No I checked the screenshots and it showed all of the characters that were playing tonight. That thing wasn't supposed to be on tonight."

"Maybe they got confus-"

"To think about it they aren't even apart of the cast..."

"It's probably nothi-"

"Raul I'm not like you... I can't just shrug things off like it's nothing. Those things we saw tonight weren't even a part of the padlet." Tears start to run down my face because of how scared I am.

"Abbi-" He hugs me.

"Those things scared me too. Look, I'll stay the night and you'll probably forget about them tomorrow. Okay?"

"Okay. Thanks bestie."

"Anything for you dork"

Later that night when we went to sleep; I had a dream more like a nightmare. It was about the creatures I saw just a few hours ago. I shot up, and went downstairs to the couch where Raul was sleeping or so I thought. I searched the whole house and he was nowhere to be found. So just out of curiosity I checked to see if his car was still there, when it wasn't I thought that he went home. So I decided to call him. It rang for what seemed like forever when he didn't answer. I wasn't surprised because he was a heavy sleeper. I was worried so I decided to drive to his house, when I arrived there I didn't see his car parked. So I drove home knowing he'd call me back tomorrow. When I went home my front door was locked, I looked for my spare keys but they weren't anywhere to be found. So I went around back and the back door was unlocked and open. I was scared but thought that I must've forgotten to close it when I looked for Raul out there. When I

went inside I heard "Spooky Scary Skeletons" playing. "That's weird" I mumbled. I went to my room to stop the music. When I entered my room I saw the thing fiddling around with my stuff and I saw Raul right next to me, I screamed. I was being shaken to wake up. When I woke up I saw Raul looking at me.

"Are you okay?!" He asked, I then hugged Raul like my life depended on it. The next day I woke up and saw Raul's car parked in my driveway. I then offered to go to his house and help him pack. He gave me a quizzed look "What do you mean?"

"I'll help you pack"

"You're kicking me out?"

"What?!"

"Abbi were roommates"

"But-"

"What happened in your dream last night?"

"Raul yesterday we went to a haunted corn maze and saw some things, and your leaving in a few weeks to Texas."

"Abbi. No, I'm not." Tears started to run down my face "So you're not leaving me?"

"No not now not ever" He gave me a hug. It turned out to be a dream all along.

The Girl And The Ghosts

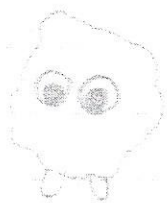
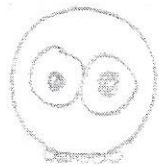
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Julia had grown up a normal teenage girl, until the day of the accident. Julia had only been 17 at the time, and she fell from the roof of her house and hit her head hard. Her mother and father rushed her to the hospital. She was put into a coma and woke up 3 days later with brain damage that the doctors had never seen before. The doctors decided to check it out and when they cut her open her brain looked perfectly fine, so they figured that the machine was faulty. But what the doctors didn't know was that the machine was correct; Julia's accident had turned her evil. Julia escaped the hospital and robbed a pawn shop. She stole a knife and some expensive jewelry. Julia ran on and when a man stopped her and said "Hey! You're that girl that fell from her roof! How are you out of the hospital? Didn't you just get out of that coma? Why are you running with a knife?" Julia glared at him and stabbed him to death. She kept running and running until she got back to her house. She grabbed her backpack and stuffed some clothes and food into it. Julia ran out the door and murdered her neighbor who asked if she was okay. She ran down the street and stabbed her neighbors one by one until the whole street was lying on their front lawns dead. Julia went back to her house, stole her mother's car and drove to Hawkins, Indiana. She rented an apartment, but the ghosts of the people that she killed were already waiting for her there. She called the manager and asked for a different apartment because hers was haunted. The manager came to her room and Julia said "See! Right over there! All those ghosts!", but

the woman replied "I'm sorry ma'am, but I'm afraid I don't see anything." Meanwhile back at home her parents were worried sick. They put up missing person flyers and contacted the police. The police had knocked on the door just after they had gotten off the phone with the station and asked them if they had seen anybody suspicious around because all their neighbors were dead. Julia's parents said no and were terrified and wondered if they would be killed next. Back in Hawkins, Julia could not get rid of her ghost problem. The ghosts would write messages on the wall in what Julia thought was blood that said "We're here to suck up your soul, Julia!!!" and "You killed us, so now we will kill you!!". Julia was so scared, but she could not leave the apartment complex because she had used all of her money. Whenever the ghosts wrote on the wall she would run down the stairs to the lobby and ask for the manager. The manager would come up the stairs, but there wouldn't be anything on the wall. This happened so many times that the police were called for Julia's mental health. When the police got to the apartment complex they ran a background check and found out that she was the crazy girl who broke out of the hospital three months ago. Then they got a report that someone's outside cameras caught Julia stabbing all of her neighbors, so the police took her down to the station to book her. The detectives were asking her questions and finally figured out that because of her fall and her guilty conscience, she had been imagining all of these ghosts and writings on the wall.

The Pom Pom Creeps

By- Jennifer Hoffmann



I had alwaysse been suspicious of the little pom pom fluff balls with googly eyes that I made for my window sill. I'd place them somewhere but when I wake up they'd be somewhere completely different. I alwaysse loved those pom pom creeps. This is the story of The pom pom Creeps.

One day I was reading my Favorite book series when I heard a strange squeaking noise and being me a million worries filled my head and I could hear my heart pounding in my ears. I wanted to just curl up in a ball and never move again, but I tiptoed to my room and saw nothing but the pom poms were in different places and I had a mohawk wich I did not remember doing. So I figured some one was messing with me. But everyone thought I was crazy. The next day I woke up at 1:00 pm and they were moving!!!

The Pom Pom Creeps

I noticed they had a glowing circle on the floor that was neon yellow. And They were pushing a pile of my stuff into it and it disappeared, then one of them a purple pom looked at me and said "about someone erase the girls mind" in a deep raspy voice. And then I said "No and what are you doing to my stuff". The orange mohawk dude said "We are simply getting rid of the things you've forgotten about". "Well you never asked me and in my opinion and any other reasonable person think its creepy". "You wouldn't think its creepy if you followed us to see what we do". "I'll pa-" I was cut off because they pulled me into the dot. Then I appeared in tunnels, a yellow pom said "We take the stuff people don't want and regift it to others". "So your not a creepy robber" I said, "Yes", "Can you make me a deal though, that you will not take my things and... maybe be my friend" I said nervously. "They all huddled together and murmured then they

all said in a union "yes we'd love that!" Then we went through the tunnels to my room and I climbed in bed and went to sleep like nothing happened.

The end

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The house

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As Ally ran down the forest path she saw a glowing light outlining a patch of dirt that had looked to be not watered in ages. She and her plush ,yoyo, were shaking Ally had no clue what to do a crazy clown had just attacked her. The clown had a crazy hair or small pig tails she never saw and a utterly disgusting costume that looked as it been stained with dirt and grime. That may have been scary but that was not what had her scared it was the thing behind the clown. A man hanging on the old trees' branches but it wasn't a man it looked as a animal but sounded like a man. What could it be? She didn't care anymore she just had to hide. They said not to go in the forest especially not on halloween. She could hear her father screaming at her when she got back "Ally i told you not to go out at night!?!?" his musky voice echoed in her horror filled head. While wondering around the white rusty house she saw it had a green trim she loved those kinds of house's ,they looked like little fairy cottages. She eventually found an old rusty door handle as soon as she touched the door though shivers were sent down her back. She then from there on jolted at all the little sounds she heard. Yoyo was her comfort toy her father told her that hes the best protector in the entire universe. She believed that when she was young but now? Now she wanted to yell at her father for all the lies he said. Ally and yoyo inched there way down the hall trying to find a person to talk to when something so huge shook the house to make Ally fall and lose track of where things were. Until she saw it the not quite man animal, he was holding yoyo in the strangest way help he by the leg but shook her head to make it seem like yoyo was the real monster and the man animal was the hero in this story. She felt like running but knew if she ran yoyo would be lost. She then felt to speak but the words she wanted to mutter at the monster couldn't form. He mouthed run when suddenly she saw it the red. The red in the eyes. Not the man animal. But yoyo the stuffed animal that protected her from demons at night. The plush she held on to when she was scared was to one she should be scared of not the man- animal but the one thing she trusted was her enemy. Grandma told the story as if it was the best thing ever. Like nothing could beat it not even the story of the camo hawk could beat it. I held onto the stuffy that i had when i was little girl we finally found it after 10 years of it being stuck somewhere unknown. But

The house

By Alyssa Charleston

gramma said it was the creepiest thing in the world the way its ears looked like it should be a bear not a rabbit. And the way the stuffing inside was chunky sometimes so you had to fluff it up every now and then. Then there was the obvious of how creepy it was it was the red eyes and how it always seemed to watch you no matter where you went. It was kinda like how an animal always stalks its prey before jumping out and attacking. One thing my grandfather made clear though was that the animal was his other granddaughters and it was her favorite until the night he finally met her she seemed scared of it and how the eye glowed red when he held it. But i never worried about that because there are always stories that get made up. Every. Single. Halloween.

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Mirror

As I run. Before I tell you why I'm running, how about I tell you the story. Im max hensely and me and my friends were playing at the park and a person in all black came and started to cycle the park and stare at us so we left with my mom. When we came back to the park the next day and me and my other friend went to the bathroom and when we got back my other 2 friends were gone.

My mom said " i looked everywhere they are not here" so we looked a while more and we still couldn't find them. When we got home my mom called their parents and told them then we called the police .

It's about 6 years later and I'm now 14 and I still wanna know what happened to them. We moved houses and now we live in the house of the random black outfit person. We never went to the park again after that day. I still know the other girl but we don't talk a lot. One day me and 2 other girls decided to buy a mirror and play ouija with it. The girls names were , jenees , alex , and here come beth she's the girl i was friends with when we were younger.

Anyways, as we were playing ouija and the mirror broke out of nowhere everybody screamed but me. You're probably wondering why I didn't scream. The reason I didn't scream is because I saw her in the mirror of my friend who went missing. I screams for my mom she didnt come so I knew something was wrong so I told all my friends to climb out the window but that was the one thing they should have not done there was the black outfit person again but there was more and they took all of them and killed them right there in front of me.

It's about 2 months later and more kids and teens are going missing or being found dead. My mother and father were both found dead the same day the mirror broke. I was walking home from school one day and saw another girl get taken right there in front of me. I watched as they left in their black truck.

I didn't know what to do at the time because I was only 15. More and more kids started going missing all through the year but for some reason I didn't. I lived alone in this old abandoned house nobody knew was there but it was . I started taking the bus home because the police found me and I had to be taken home with one everyday. I ended up being the only teen in the town there was 3 babys 4 toddlers and 5 19 - 20 year olds .

One day adults started going missing but I was still there. One day I looked in the mirror and all I saw was 4 girls that I knew that went missing , they kept saying " it's your fault we're dead " I didn't know what to do so I ran out. I kept running till i had no choice to stop or i would collapse the only thing i could see was this small little building it looked abandoned till i walked closer and i heard screams then they just stopped

I heard a voice behind me say " welcome we have been waiting" then everything went dark and i couldn't see anything . A light turned on and there stood a tall woman in all black I couldn't make sure who but they looked familiar to me. This went on for about 3 weeks. I don't know why or how I'm still alive but still I'm happy I am. I would only get fed once a day and sometimes twice till one day.

This woman said " time's almost up child " i don't know what she meant by it but i sure knew it probably wasn't a good thing to be thinking about right now. What I should be thinning of is a way to get out of her safe. So i waited for 3 more days then i found out that there was a window in the room i was in but it was really small i could barely fit in it.

After a while i finally got out the window and i started running as fast as i could but even though i was running i couldn't see anything behind me it just all disappeared. I thought I was going crazy so once I got to town I walked around and I got stared at until a woman came up to me and went " miss your bleeding " I didn't know what she meant till I looked down and there was a pencil in my left foot . i didn't know what to do because i was still young but i passed out.

It was 3 months later i was told but it didn't seem like that because so much was different. Once i got out of the hospital they told me i was adopted by the woman who told me i was bleeding so i was happy because i finally had a family again . She has a husband and two daughters . I was normally playing with them until the older one came in and said for me to run. So this is the part that i said in the beginning how i was running . as i'm running i look behind and see the woman in all black running after me and all her teammates running to .

I was running as fast as i can and hey still kept running after me so i kept running until i turned around and i said : stop moving “ then all of a sudden they stopped if i said something they would do what i told them to until when i said “ what did you do with all of the children “ they said “ we did nothing you are the one who killed them’ then they said “ we came to get our children back” i asked them “ what's my name then “ they said “ max hensler queen of mind control “

I turned around and said “ look at you using your brain “ I smirked and said “ little sister “ . She ran at me with a knife and stabbed me right in the stomach. Then a mirror piece came out and went up and exploded me and my sister to death . Nobody knows what happend or nobody wants to know.

The end

Age 12 / 7 grade

Hailey was always trying to do as much as she could for the people around her. "Sir you look scared." Hailey said as she was out on her nightly walk in the woods. It smelled like dew, looked all fogged up and had a new shine from the full moon in the night sky. Hailey tried to get him to come with her but the man would not move. He was cold to the touch and looked as if he could not move. Hailey tried to stand him up but he fell after Hailey stood him up. He just fell each time Hailey stood the man up until she was fed up. Hailey just went on with her walk. Hailey wanted to go back to him and help the man so she did but this time when she stood him up, his head fell off. She shouted out a blood curdling scream and ran until she found her house. When Hailey got home she opened the door and slammed it shut as she was certain that something had followed her home. Hailey locked the doors and grabbed a huge knife from the kitchen. All that she could hear was her breathing and the sound of someone clicking their tongue then nothing. That was the pattern until, a laugh? She had never heard this laugh before so she turned around. Something was standing behind her and she knew it, but what? She had to find out. So she turned around. The man from the forest was there, missing head and all. The super pale skin that looked as if it was rotting off the bone. The dark sunken in eyes as he was holding the head. "Why are you here." she asked, shaking. She was terrified. There was no point in hiding the fear in her eyes he already knew. "You knocked it off. So you need to put it on." She did not know what he was talking about until he held out his head, but it was not her fault it was an accident. "No. I didn't mean to." Just as she was about to turn back she felt cold run down her back. "You will have the same fate as me." She felt something hit her in the throat then it was gone. "Am I safe." "Omg Sweetie are

you ok." her mom yelled as she was not in the same room. " Yea
I'm fine." she then went to the bathroom to take a shower.

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

The Legend of the Marauder

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I love ghost stories. They make your heart race, pleasantly spooky, with an element of unknown, just enough to send chills running down your back. And yet, until now, there was always security in them; ghosts can't hurt you because they're not real. Never did I think that that would change.

We were camping. My mom, dad, brother, and me. We'd finished setting up our huge 5 person tent (even though there were only 4 of us), and by then it was around 8:00 pm. The sky was dark, the forest alive. Perfect for ghost stories.

"Hey Domino, help me light the campfire," I ordered my younger brother. His name was Dominic, but I liked calling him Domino to annoy him.

"Fine, but I'm getting first dibs on the s'mores!"
After the fire was lit, and marshmallows wrestled from the car, I got my parents sitting down in front of the dancing flame of the merry campfire.

"Mom, Dad, you got any good ones?" My parents had a full archive of ghost stories and assorted urban legends between them, because Mom volunteered at the library, and Dad had collected them from the Army. Usually Mom had more stories to share, but this time it was Dad that spoke up. I wonder what would have happened if it had been the other way around.

"As a matter of fact, I think I've got a good legend from when I was your age, and this one's from this area to boot! I think. Anyway, it's called 'The Legend of the Marauder'," my dad said.

I shivered involuntarily. What a perfect title! I wondered what the story was about.

"Tell the story!", Dominic cried.
"Ok. Listen," my dad said. I listened.

"So, pretty much, the Marauder of Souls- yes, that's what they call him- is a phantom that lives in these woods. Creepy, huh? So, he lives in these woods, and sleeps most of the time, but when he wakes up, he's very, VERY, hungry. Hungry for people. It's said that he only wakes up every Halloween night."

All of us looked at each other. Dominic laughed nervously. It was because tonight was Halloween. Because of COVID, we had decided to not trick-or-treat, and instead spend Halloween camping.

After a dramatic pause, my dad went on.
"Some say the Marauder is 10 feet tall, others say he's the size of a dwarf, but nobody knows for sure."

"He's a poltergeist; ghosts who can affect the environment around them. It's said he's the hungry phantom of an escaped convict who starved to death in these woods. They say the escapee was a kidnapper, and today he calls you by your name if you're his next victim, and even then, only the future victim has the pleasure of hearing him."

At that moment, I heard a singsong voice calling my name.
"Aaaaaiiidaaaaaan..."

I wondered how Dad had pulled it off. Mom didn't appear to have heard anything, but I just assumed that she was in on the joke. I kept listening to Dad.

"He especially likes children," Dad whispered conspiratorially while looking around at Dominic and me. We were both on the edge of our seats.

"What else?," I asked Dad.

"When his ghost is ready to eat you up," he responded, "You can often hear his footsteps in the distance, getting closer... closer... closer... until... well, nobody really knows what he does after he takes you. You are just... never seen again. Although, there is some speculation that he *EATS YOU!*" At this, he jumped up, grabbed Dominic, picked him up, and proceeded to spin him around and around. Dominic laughed. I wished I were small enough for him to do it to me.

"Hey dad, was that it?," I asked him. For the sake of honesty, I was a bit disappointed. But then Dad thought for a moment, and replied,

"Well, I was going to end the story there, but if you insist..."

He looked around at us. Dominic and I nodded eagerly, and even Mom looked hooked.

"So, I think that a few years back there was some kid named Stellamina who tried to prove that the Marauder of Souls wasn't real. Apparently her friends had called her a baby after she refused to go into the forest that night. It was Halloween, see, and the forest was behind their house. They could go in while trick-or-treating.

"So, her friends called Stellamina chicken, and she got mad. She said she'd go. Her friends, who were probably fearful themselves but refused to admit it, told her that they'd wait just outside the wood for her. I don't know why, but Stellamina agreed. Her friends waited for hours, but Stellamina didn't come back.

"Finally her friends called the police, but Stellamina was never found. It's said that she got lost in the forest, and when she heard the Marauder calling her name, she went towards him. When she heard his footsteps, she didn't run. It's said that the Marauder of Souls took poor Stellamina that night."

Poor Stellamina indeed. I imagined her going through the wood, looking for the way she'd come through. I imagined Stellamina hearing her name being called, thinking a search party had come for her. I imagined her hearing footsteps, and thinking it was her rescue.

"Wow. Did that really happen?," I asked Dad.

"I guess so, from what I hear," Dad said. He shrugged.

"Well, to shake off that morbid mood, how about some s'mores?," Mom asked. Obviously Dad, Dominic, and I immediately agreed. That night, we pigged out on s'mores like, well, pigs.

"Wow, what a great night," Dominic said after we were stuffed with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers.

"Yeah," I agreed. A good ghost story, wilderness, s'mores, and hot chocolate. What a way to spend Halloween in quarantine.

Mom and Dad got the sleeping bags ready in the tent, while Dominic and I fished our pajamas out of the car. After changing and brushing our teeth in

the little bathroom near our campsite, I remembered a question I wanted to ask my dad. I waited until he emerged from the tent.

"What is it, Aidan?," he asked me.

"I forgot to ask you this sooner," I said, "but how did you manage to make it seem like someone said my name from the forest? Did you use a remote control sound recorder or something? 'Cause it sounded really realistic."

Dad frowned.

"What do you mean? I didn't do anything of the sorts."

My mouth hung open. I was thoroughly spooked. If Dad hadn't done it, who had?

"You heard someone say your name? It might be one the other campers, but how would they know your name? Maybe a kid from school... I can call the police or something, if you like."

The police?

"Nah, it's fine, Dad. I was probably just tired." I pretended to yawn. Dad looked me over.

"All right, I guess." He went back to fixing the sleeping bags. I couldn't shake the thought of the eerie voice as I got ready for bed. Who called me? Why? How?

I lay awake in my sleeping bag, listening to the crickets chirp in the background. I started to drift off. *Chirp, chirp, chirp.* I was more asleep than awake... *Chirp, chirp, chirp.* That was when I heard the footsteps. *Thump, thump, thump.*

Forest Mystery

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"Let's do it!" I said to Peter "Hopefully he will say yes. I really want to go hunting with him." Of course by him I meant my step dad. Me and my brother Peter were planning on asking him to take us hunting in a nearby forest. The bell rang and we were let out of school. Me and Peter started to make bets on who will kill more animals. "Hey Landon I bet I'll kill at least 2 deer," he said to me. "Well I'll get 3." I responded. I'm Landon by the way, Landon Wittleberg .

When we arrived home me and Peter immediately dashed to my mom's room to ask my step dad if he can take us hunting. We begged and begged until he finally caved in. He said he would take us Saturday which was the next day.

Dinner that night went by so slow and the family movie even slower and when it was finally time for bed I could hardly sleep because of the anticipation. When I finally fell asleep I dreamt of hunting and when I woke up it felt like Christmas. I woke up very early and I had lots of time so I pretended to be hunting while I walked down the hall. "BOO!" Peter screamed which made me scream my socks off. "Not funny man." I said back, "Ready to go hunting!" He nodded his head so hard I thought his head was going to fall off. We walked down stairs to see our step dad wearing full camouflage with 3 different guns. "WOW!" me and Peter both yelled. "Well no time to waste, let's get in the car." he said.

On the ride there I was so excited. Me and Peter started to study the movements and cations of animals and when we got there we were ready. We planned our route and decided to run around in a big circle to push the animals to the middle where we would kill them. After we had finished running around we went to the middle to kill the animals and holy cow we

hit the MOTHER LOAD! Once we killed all the animals we could I noticed that our step dad wasn't with us. "Hey Peter where's Fredrick?" I asked him. He just shrugged and said to wait for him to come back. But we waited for half an hour and he didn't come so we decided to look for him.

After a while Peter noticed that part of the ground was shining so we took a closer look and saw that it was metal! In fact it was a hidden bunker! We opened it up and inside we saw a dark pathway but we heard someone walking and then we heard some struggling and we realized that our step dad was in there! We ran after him but we ran into a wall. Suddenly more walls appeared around us and spikes started coming from them! We looked for a way out but it seemed hopeless. But Peter saw that we could fit in between the gaps of spikes so we stood very still under a gap and the spikes went right past us. Suddenly the walls disappeared as fast as the blink of an eye.

We kept running towards our step dad but stopped when we saw a pit. The walls started to push us into the pit and we were going to fall. Then I saw a knife on the ground and got an idea. I stuck the knife in the wall of the pit and held on. Peter found another knife and did the same thing. We had survived the second obstacle. We kept running and suddenly stopped. We could see light and we thought we had found our step dad. But it was a distraction and as we went closer a bag was thrown over our heads and we were dragged away. When we woke up, we were in a room with the door locked and nothing else in there but some old rusty pipes. I was furious and threw a broken piece of pipe at the wall. When I did that however a part of the wall caved in and our step dad was on the other side.

We ran over and gave him a hug. We asked if he knew a way out. He said no. We were scared and we thought it was the end of us. But right then the door opened and a man walked in. It was our real dad! "Come on get up let's go," he said. We were chained up and walked down the hall to what appeared to be a pot. When we got closer we noticed it was full of boiling water. Our dad got three glasses, filled them up, and told us to drink it and if we don't he would kill us. We drank it and survived. He brought us

to a tiger cage and told us to get in. We did as he said but we were able to get away from the tigers. Then I realised that he was going to torture us until we die. So when he brought us to a room full of flamethrowers and told us to get in I wrapped the chain around his neck, pushed him in there and watched him die.

We looked around his body when the flamethrowers went off to see if he had the key. When we found it in his pocket we unlocked the chains and ran out. When we got back outside we put all the animals we killed before in a bag and drove away. When we got back home we put the bag in the backyard and went to a doctor to see if we were okay to live our normal lives. He told us that we should go to therapy and that's what we did. We talked for a while and went back multiple times. But other than that things are back to normal around here. Except for the fact that we and Peter are never going to go hunting again. So I can finally live a good, safe life.