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TWO-SENTENCE HORROR STORIES

I would like to make a sacrifice offering to be featured in the October runes. Please let me know if it pleases the gods.

- JOEY SEIBER

He turned the doorknob and pushed open the door, finding the hallway empty. He breathed a sigh of relief, and the door fell off its hinge.

- ELISE FARMER

My hair was growing at a rather quick pace. I only wish it was growing out instead of in

- ELISE FARMER

I googled to see if overworking yourself caused memory loss. All the links were purple.

- DANNI CHAPMAN



LYDIA LINDSAY

She put the sample of the hair follicle under the telescope to see if she could find something. That is when she saw the teeth.

- ALICE LAVENDAR



MERLETH MUNOZ

FLASH HORROR

Me and my friend wanted to go get some coffee-this time she offered to order and purchase it. I took a sip.

"Does this have peanut oil in it? You know I'm deathly allergic to peanuts..."

"Yes, I do," my friend said, grinning.

- JORDYN BURMINGHAM

A COLLABORATIVE STORY BY RYAN ARAGON, LUCK COPLIN, ELSIE BUCK, & KAITT NELSON

I walked to my brother's house to find him setting up Halloween decorations.

"Wow!" I said. "Those are some amazing decorations. They look so real!"

"Thanks," he mumbled.

"Hey, just out of curiosity, why'd you decide to go with a clown theme?"

He looked up slowly, his big red frown matching his spherical nose. Painted just below his left eye was a single green tear. He glared at me through the pink strands of his beehive wig.

"Oh, you know..."

"That's not really an answer," I replied.

"I suppose that I don't really know why I chose a clown theme," he said.

"Well maybe you should've thought that one through, because isn't your fiance terrified of clowns?"

My brother's face went white. Well, whiter, considering the bright white face paint.

"You're right, she absolutely is terrified of clowns! We've got to take this all down before she gets home and kills me, thinking I was trying to scare her purposely," he yelled, and began scrambling about, grabbing random decorations.

"There's no way you'll be able to clean this all up in time, she'll be back from the grocery store in like 20 minutes!" I said.

As it turns out, me and my brother got every decoration except one before she got home.

The smile of the tall clown statue seemed to taunt me and my brother, too high up on the roof to take down without equipment.

"How in the world did you even get that thing up there?" I asked. "You don't even own a big enough ladder, and there's no other way to get up there."

My brother looked at me confusedly, still looking like a clown. "What do you mean? We got all of the decorations that I had put up."



A chuckling noise came from the roof, as we turned and saw that the statue had started moving. It pulled the fake balloon decoration off of the pole it was holding, revealing a blood-stained spear.

The last thing I heard was the scream of my brother, as everything went dark.

Where I'm From by Isabel Snyder

I am made of music,
Old CDS played on repeat
Till they didn't work.

I am a figure of speech,
Laughter and excitement,
Popsicles with friends
In the summer.

I am made from quilts,
Mismatch patterns and
Love,
A dedicated hand.

I am the dirt road,
That bicycle sped down,
The wind that blew through her hair,
And their laughter.

I'm from the garden,
Freshly tilled soil and bees,
I am the sweet peas and
Gardening tools,

The hot July day,
And the ice water,
And long nights rest.

I'm from a library,
Long nights spent reading,
Craving more of that story,
Desperate to see how it ends-

And I am a letter,
Written by a mother
Who wants to see her child succeed,
And know she is loved.

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