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Burglary in Lakeville

I never thought that a lantern parade day would be the most adventurous day of my life. Let me tell you our story.

It all started a year ago in October, when someone gave me an advertising paper which announced a lantern parade in a small town. My friend, Lane said: "We shouldn't go, I heard a lot of rumors about that town. They say it's haunted!" "Oh Lane, don't be that naïve-said David-those rumors are probably not true, someone was just bored and made up a story to scare people like you."

David is my best friend since 3rd grade. He always says: "The things we can't see aren't important. Be aware of the things that are in front of us." But Lane is like his opposite, she believes in everything you can imagine: ghosts, mystical creatures, Friday the 13th, she's literally the most credulous person I've ever met.

"Hey Lane, don't worry, we'll be fine. It's just a lantern parade, nothing else. After that, we'll head back home, and buy some chocolate to those children who want to come trick or treating to our house, okay?"-I smiled at her and I saw on her face that she started to calm down.

"Okay, my father said we can borrow his car, but only if we're careful. He doesn't want to buy a new one"-informed us David.

On the 31st of October, the day of the lantern parade has arrived. In the morning me and my mother bought some Halloween decorations, and a pumpkin. "Your father will carve it to us"-said my mother excitedly. At 4.p.m David came to my house by his father's car.

"Hey David!-I looked inside of the car-Where's Lane? I thought you would come here with her and we would leave together to the parade." David smiled at me and said "Don't worry, Lane and her father already left to the parade."-It was kind of strange for me because Lane would phone me if the plans would get changed. David noticed that I'm zoned out so he laughed and asked "Jenny you're not scared, are you?"-he gave me that typical face when he's trying to fool me. I rolled my eyes, "No, I'm not. Let's go. If Lane's at the parade, we will find her and we'll enjoy this night together."

We hopped in the car, and started our 40 minutes long drive to Lakeville. When we arrived, there were still 2 hours until the start of the parade. We started looking for Lane, and luckily, we found her with her dad. They were buying a cup of tea when they noticed us. "Oh hey guys, I'm so sorry I didn't call you, I left my phone at home"-said Lane with a sorry face.

"But we thought we'd come together as we discussed it!"-I said

"I know, I'm sorry, my father just had to buy something in the town so I came with him"- David stood between us-"Okay girls, don't argue, the point is that everyone's here, let's just have a great time! "The young man is right-started Lane's father-It's Halloween! Enjoy it, okay? If you guys need me, look for me in a coffeehouse haha."-Lane's father joked.

After he left, we decided to take a walk before the parade starts, because the town was absolutely gorgeous. Everywhere there were red, orange and brown leaves lying on the ground, which had fallen from the trees. I just adore Autumn. While we were walking, we moved further and further away from the inner town. We found an old school next to a forest. "We shouldn't go inside"-said Lane. "Oh come on Lane, it will be fun! I bet Jenny would come inside with me-he smiled at me. I wasn't sure if it would be safe to enter an abandoned old school in the dark. But Lane changed her mind, "You know what? Let's go Jenny"-she grabbed my arm and pulled me with herself.

"Now that's what I'm talking about!-David was so excited that he ran into the building, and disappeared in the cloud of dust that appeared when he opened the big gate to enter the school. We all started coughing when suddenly the gate behind us slammed and we found ourselves in the darkness. " Come on let's turn on our flashlights on our phones"- said David. Me and Lane shared phones so we could barely see anything in the darkness. We looked around in the foreground, but the inside of the building didn't look like a school at all, more like an old castle. It was full of rooms, there were doors everywhere, old paintings on the walls of families who seemed to be royals once upon a time. We were staring at a royal portrait when we heard a screeching noise behind us. A door opened. And in the doorway an old woman with long gray hair and a long white dress was staring at us! David shouted so loud that his yelling scared me more than the woman. "Guys she has something in his hand!"-the woman came closer to us, so we started running up the stairs, but luck left us because we tripped over in each other's feet and ended up at the bottom of the stairs. Suddenly, the lady turned on the lamps of the building and she was standing in front of us. "I like your costumes!-she said-here you go, eat some roasted chestnuts! I made it just for the kids who came trick or treating! Now take one and leave quickly! We have to leave these for the other children too, right?"-We were a bit confused about the lady and what she was saying but we couldn't ask her anything, she told us to leave so we walked out of the castle with quick steps (but of course we thanked the chestnut). David turned to us with a confused face, "This lady really thought we came trick or treating?"-Instead of an answer, we all laughed at the situation and quickly left for the parade, which was organized on the main square. When the parade started we got into a real Halloween mood, and everyone had a great time. In the evening we left home, and as planned, we went to buy chocolates to the children. The streets were full of children dressed in costumes and we gave almost all the sweets to the kids.

It later turned out that the building really used to be a castle, but no one lives in it anymore, except for the woman we met. She is the last member of the royal family who's still alive. She's more than 100 years old, so we can say that this can explain her strange behavior. And the moral of the story is that we never enter an old building again, even if it looks like it's abandoned. Who knows, maybe you will meet a member of a royal family, like me and my friends did. :)

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