

Mystery Mansion

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Aaron, his sister Olivia, and their friends Anna and Paul were out trick or treating on Candy Corn Lane when all of a sudden a giant mansion rose out of the swirling mist on the hill at the end of the lane. At that moment all of the dogs in the neighborhood stopped barking and everything fell silent.

"Uhhh...What's that?" Aaron asked nervously.

"I dunno, but let's go check it out," Paul said excitedly, since he always loved adventure.

"I guess we could," Aaron mumbled nervously.

Then Olivia who had been quiet the whole time spoke up, "Why have we never seen this old mansion before?"

They timidly walked through the silent street, toward the mysterious mansion.

"It's locked," said Anna when they tried the door.

"Anna since you dressed up as a cat burglar, I assume you brought your lock picking kit?" asked Paul.

"Do you think we should really pick the lock?" Aaron stammered.

Nobody listened.

"Yep! I got my lock picking kit" Anna confirmed. She got out the kit from her pocket and picked the lock on the door. It slowly creaked open and lifted up a cloud of dust. (cough* cough*)

"Well, come on, what are you waiting for," Paul said already inside.

The mansion was huge. They looked up and there was door after door along the hallway on both sides of the second floor.

"Here let's try these doors," Paul said cautiously climbing the stairs. They tried the doors but they were all locked.

"Why don't you see if you can pick the lock on this door, Anna," Olivia said.

The huge, ornate door stood at the end of the hall. Anna worked on the lock for a good 5 minutes before they heard it click. Anna opened the door cautiously and peeked in. She gave a yelpish squeak and closed the door quickly.

Then they heard footsteps coming down the hallway almost around the bend, so Aaron who didn't want to be caught shoved open the door and ran inside. The rest of the group ran inside after him, just in time.

The footsteps rounded the bend. They looked around the room, it was pretty dark, but all of a sudden they screamed. There was a pair of glowing eyes, then another, then another until there were all at least ten sets of glowing eyes. They backed toward the door as eyes moved closer. Then Olivia heard a door open and close and realized the footsteps had quieted.

"Come on let's go!" she whisper-shouted.

So they moved towards the door opened it a crack and then when they saw the coast was clear, slipped out. They ran to the end of the hall and down the stairs, not wanting to see any other horrors that night. When they safely reached the street they turned around. The mysterious mansion was already fading back into the mist. They never saw the mansion again.