

SPOOKY STORY

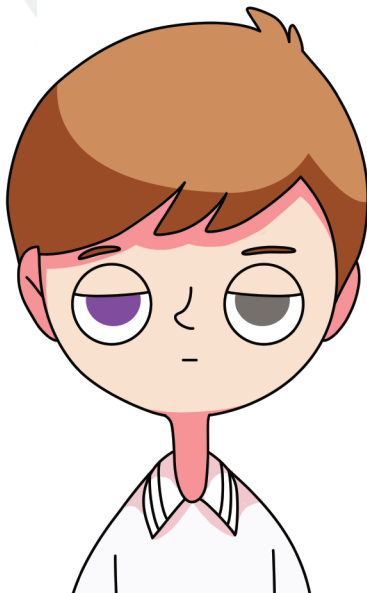
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HI!
MY NAME'S DANTE, AND I LIVE IN A HOUSE WITH MONSTERS.
I KNOW, IT SOUNDS STRANGE, BUT I'LL TRY TO EXPLAIN.



LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING.

MY PARENTS ARE ARCHAEOLOGISTS, BUT THEY CALL THEMSELVES "TREASURE HUNTERS". THEY EXAGGERATE, OF COURSE, AS THEY'VE NEVER MADE ANY MAJOR DISCOVERIES. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE BEST THINGS ARE AWAITING. I GREW UP AT ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES AND NEVER LIKED THE CONSTANT DUST AND STRANGE PEOPLE. THAT IS WHY I WAS MORE THAN HAPPY TO FIND OUT THAT MY PARENTS ARE NOT TAKING ME ON THEIR NEW TRIP. THEY'VE RAISED A LOT OF NOISE AROUND THIS NEW DIG. I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT WAS A SECRET.

SINCE I WAS NOT GOING TO THE SITE THIS TIME, I ENDED UP WITH MY GRANDMA, AND NOW I FEEL LIKE THOSE TRIPS WERE A BLAST!

WHAT CAN BE SO TERRIBLE ABOUT MY GRANDMA'S HOUSE, YOU ASK? I'LL TELL YOU - EVERYTHING!





**PUFFY, MEET MY
GRANDSON.
DON'T WE LOOK
ALIKE?**

DANTE ABOUT SPADES

MY GRANDMA IS A WITCH. SHE LIKES TO SAY THAT HER ANCESTORS WERE SALEM WITCHES, BUT I DON'T BUY IT. VIOLET LIKES EMBELLISH AND EXAGGERATE THINGS. WE'D NEVER HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. TO BE HONEST, I ALWAYS THOUGHT MY GRANDMA WAS A BIT CREEPY.

AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, SHE'S ALWAYS LOOKED THE SAME. DESPITE HER YOUNG LOOKS, SHE WAS CONSTANTLY WORRIED ABOUT GETTING OLD AND WAS BREWING POTIONS TO HELP HER STAY YOUNG. NOW HER WHOLE HOUSE SMELLS AND IS FULL OF SMOKE.

MOST OF ALL I HATE HER NEVER-ENDING POKER NIGHTS AND PARTIES FOR EVIL SPIRITS. IF IT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH THAT THEY MAKE LOTS OF NOISE AND DISTRACT ME FROM READING, WORSE STILL IS MY GRANDMA KEEPS TRYING TO INTRODUCE ME TO HER DEMON FRIENDS.

ALSO, THE ADULTS OFTEN CALL HER A LIGHT-O'-LOVE, BUT I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THAT MEANS.

SPADES ABOUT DANTE

HOW MANY HUSBANDS HAVE I HAD?

A TRUE LADY ALWAYS KEEPS THIS NUMBER A SECRET. BUT REAL LOVE, I HAVE EXPERIENCED ONLY ONCE - WITH DANTE'S GRANDFATHER. THE OTHERS WERE JUST FLINGS.

BY THE WAY, DANTE LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE HIM. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON. LIKE ME, HIS GRANDFATHER WAS SO CHEERFUL AND LIGHT. BUT MY GRANDSON IS A VERY RESERVED BOY.

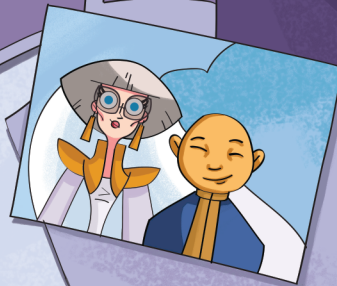
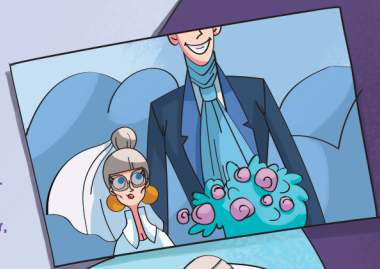
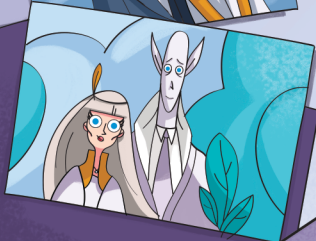
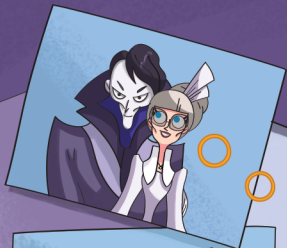
NEVERTHELESS, AFTER HAVING LIVED WITH ME, I THINK HE'LL CHANGE. I CONSIDER MYSELF AN EXCELLENT ROLE MODEL.

EVERY DAY SHOULD BE SPENT IN A WAY THAT BRINGS YOU JOY. THERE ARE ONLY TWO INDESTRUCTIBLE RULES. FIRST, DON'T TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY. SECOND, SPARE NOTHING TO MAKE YOURSELF HAPPY. THEREFORE, I SPEND MONEY EASILY AND DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE POINT OF SAVING. MONEY COMES AND GOES, BUT A BEAUTIFUL VINTAGE DRESS STAYS WITH YOU FOREVER. EVEN IF I'M COMPLETELY BROKE, I CAN ALWAYS THINK OF SOMETHING.

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED, BUT IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS 25. WITH AGE, MAGICAL RITUALS TAKE MORE AND MORE ENERGY, SO YOU HAVE TO PRIORITIZE THINGS. I DON'T WORK MORE THAN NECESSARY, SO THAT I HAVE ENERGY FOR PLEASURABLE THINGS.

I USE MAGIC EXCLUSIVELY FOR MY COMFORT. THAT'S WHAT IT'S FOR, RIGHT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MAGICIANS WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIFE, STRUGGLING FOR GOOD OR EVIL. THEY CREATE SOME IDEALS FOR THEMSELVES AND WASTE THEIR TIME.

HONESTLY, I'VE NEVER CHOSEN EITHER SIDE. AMONG THE ANGELS THERE ARE ENTERTAINING CHARACTERS AND AMONG DEMONS THERE'S VERY INTERESTING COMPANY. SO I'M FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE. I CHOOSE FRIENDS ONLY ON THIS ONE PRINCIPLE - THEY HAVE TO BE FUN AT PARTIES.







IN HER TIME MY GRANDMA GAVE SHELTER TO THE MOST UNBEARABLE CREATURES IN THIS WORLD - A GHOST RAVEN AND A VENTRILOQUIST PUPPET LOUIS.

DANTE ABOUT RAVEN

IF YOU CONSIDER ME STRANGE, THEN I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE RAVEN! WE HAVE A TERRIBLE RELATIONSHIP. SOMETIMES IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ALL SHE DOES IS COMES UP WITH NEW WAYS TO MOCK ME. DESPITE THIS, I FEEL SORRY FOR HER. RAVEN'S SURVIVED A NIGHTMARISH STORY...

SHE DIED 20 YEARS AGO. THE POOR GIRL WAS FOUND IN HER ROOM, LYING ON THE BED DEAD, WITHOUT ANY INJURIES. THE STRANGEST THING IS THAT RAVEN DOESN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE DAY OF HER DEATH.

IT WAS UNBEARABLE TO STAY IN THE HOUSE WHERE THEIR DAUGHTER DIED, SO HER PARENTS PUT THEIR HOUSE UP FOR SALE. AFTER THAT, THE PLACE WAS EMPTY FOR A LONG TIME.

AT THAT TIME, MY GRANDMA, AS ALWAYS, WAS SHORT OF CASH. SHE EVEN MANAGED TO LOSE HER MANSION PLAYING POKER. OF COURSE, THE GLORY OF THE "HAUNTED HOUSE" DID NOT SCARE HER, SO VIOLET GOT IT FOR ALMOST NOTHING. THIS WAY RAVEN GOT A NEW FAMILY.

OH, I NEARLY FORGOT TO WARN YOU - IF YOU ARE UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET HER, DON'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE NINETIES. SHE'LL TORTURE YOU TO DEATH UNTIL YOU ADMIT THAT HER GENERATION IS THE BEST IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE HUMANKIND.



RAVEN ABOUT DANTE

JEEZ GUYS, DON'T EVEN START ABOUT THIS SWELLHEAD. HE'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE WITH, HE DOESN'T LIKE THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER. IT'S TOO NOISY, TOO UNCOMFORTABLE, IT STINKS, HE ALWAYS FINDS MILLION REASONS TO COMPLAIN.

AND DANTE KEEPS CORRECTING EVERYONE'S GRAMMAR. WELL, I SAID SOMETHING WRONG THERE, BUT YOU STILL UNDERSTOOD IT. WHY START SHOWING OFF YOUR INTELLIGENCE? IT'S DRIVING ME INSANE!

ONLY LOUIS AND I CAN SEE THIS UPSTART THROUGH, THE GROWNUPS SEEM NOT TO NOTICE HOW DISGUSTING HE IS. THEY MAKE A BIG FUSS OVER HIM - SASHA'S ALWAYS ASKING WHAT DANTE WANTS FOR BREAKFAST, AND THE GRANDMA'S GIVEN HIM HER BEST ROOM.

BEFORE, I USED TO BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING I WANTED, AND NOW I CAN'T EVEN PLAY MUSIC LOUDLY BECAUSE IT DISTURBS DANTE. HE THINKS THAT MY MUSIC IS TASTELESS, CAN YOU IMAGINE? WHO GAVE THIS LOOSER THE RIGHT TO THINK SO? IT'S NOW THAT MUSIC IS TASTELESS; THE 90'S WERE THE ERA OF MASTERPIECES. IN MY GENERATION, EVERYTHING WAS BETTER.

THESE MILLENNIALS OR WHOEVER THEY ARE - THE Z GENERATION, IT'S JUST TRASH. BOY-BANDS AND GIRL-BANDS ARE ALMOST GONE. THEY'RE LISTENING TO SOME NONSENSE ALL THE TIME. NOT DANTE OF COURSE, HE IS A CONNOISSEUR OF ART. HE LISTENS TO DULL CLASSICS OR SOME WEIRD BANDS WITH UNKNOWN NAMES.

THE FILMS NOWADAYS ARE NIGHTMARISH TOO. WHERE IS THE NEW "TITANIC" OR "HOME ALONE"? NOWHERE! SO I DON'T WATCH THE NEW FILMS, AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ABOUT SMARTPHONES AND THESE EMOJIS. THESE CHILDREN EVEN FORGOT HOW TO SPEAK.

THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT ME, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT LOUIS.



RAVEN ABOUT LOUIS

LOUIS IS A VENTRILOQUIST PUPPET,
SO HE CAN'T TALK,
AT LEAST IN THE NORMAL WAY.
WE HAVE A SPECIAL CONNECTION AND
IT TURNED OUT I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS HIM.
ONCE HE FILLED OUT MY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR FRIENDS, MAYBE THIS WILL
HELP YOU GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER.

QUESTIONNAIRE

FIRST NAME - LOUIS

AGE - SEVEN

FAVORITE COLOR - WHITE

FAVORITE MOVIE - TRANSFORMERS

YOUR BEST FRIEND - RAVEN

FAVORITE FOOD - PIZZA

FAVORITE ACTOR - AL PACINO

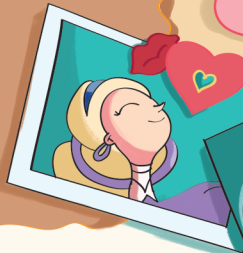
WHAT YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF - MY SENSE OF STYLE

FAVORITE BOOK - BOOKS ARE FOR GEEKS

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY - FOOD AND WHEN IT RAINS

HOBBY - TO MAKE UP OFFENSIVE RHYMES USING DANTE'S NAME

WHAT YOU ARE AFRAID OF - RED HEADS



LOUIS IS A REALLY COOL DUDE,
HE'S MY PARTNER IN CRIME AND WE HAVE A
TRUE BROMANCE. HE ALWAYS SUPPORTS ME
AND HELPS ME OUT.

I REMEMBER WHEN MY GRANDMA BROUGHT
HIM HOME, HE WAS SO SCARED AND TIRED.
SHE TOOK LOUIS FROM
HIS "MASTER" WHO FORCED HIM
TO PERFORM AT FAIRS FOR DAYS ON END,
MAKING HIM STARVE AND CALLING HIM
A LITTLE FREAK. BECAUSE OF THIS,
LOUIS HATES FAIRS AND LARGE CROWDS.

DANTE ABOUT LOUIS

HE REALLY SCARES ME, REALLY. WHEN LOUIS IS ANGRY, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT AND I JUST FREEZE. BEFORE I MET HIM, I'D NEVER SEEN SUCH A CLUMSY AGGRESSION IN MY LIFE. WHEN HE STARTS TO GET WORKED UP, I WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO GET HIM OFF MY BACK.

WHEN LOUIS IS HUNGRY, IT IS BETTER NOT TO CATCH HIS EYE BECAUSE HE BECOMES A LIVING MONSTER. IT REMAINS A MYSTERY TO ME HOW HE MANAGES TO EAT SO MUCH EVEN THOUGH HE'S SO SMALL.

LOUIS COMMUNICATES USING GESTICULATION AND DISTINCTIVE INARTICULATE SOUNDS. WITHOUT THE "TRANSLATION" BY RAVEN IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANS.

IN A NUTSHELL, I THINK HE'S A STUPID, AGGRESSIVE HOODLUM AND I TRY TO AVOID HIM.



I THINK HE WANTS YOUR SANDWICH

DANTE ABOUT SASHA

SASHA'S REALLY TACTFUL AND RESERVED, THAT'S WHY I LIKE HIM. HE SERVED AS A BUTLER FOR MANY OUTSTANDING WIZARDS AND HE WILL USE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO TELL US ABOUT IT. MOST OF ALL HE LIKES TO BORE US WITH HIS STORIES ABOUT WORKING IN DRACULA'S CASTLE WHERE HE CONSTANTLY ARRANGED MAGNIFICENT RECEPTIONS, MANAGED THE SERVANTS.

SASHA'S HAVING A HARD TIME AT VIOLET'S HOUSE BECAUSE MY GRANDMA IS STINGY IN REGARD TO THE AMOUNT OF SERVANTS NEEDED. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR SASHA TO COPE WITH THE HOUSE ON HIS OWN AND IT LOOKS A BIT LITTERED TO BE HONEST.

BECAUSE HE IS SO FORMAL, FOR HIM IT'S HARD TO LIVE AND WORK IN SUCH CONDITIONS, SO HE OFTEN THREATENS TO RETIRE. BUT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT HE WON'T GO ANYWHERE, BECAUSE HE'S STILL GRATEFUL TO VIOLET FOR WHAT HAPPENED LONG TIME AGO.



SASHA ABOUT DANTE

I MET MRS. SPADES IN BADEN-BADEN, ON THAT FATEFUL DAY OF 1878 WHEN I WAS SERVING TO THE COUNT OF BATHORY AND WAS ARRANGING A VERY IMPORTANT RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF HIS GREAT-GREAT- GRANDMOTHER. EVERYTHING WAS GOING PERFECTLY, UNTIL THE MURDER HAPPENED...

MY LORD TRAMPLED ALL OVER THE HONOR AND PRIDE OF HIS FAITHFUL BUTLER, ACCUSING ME OF THIS TERRIBLE CRIME. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE BECAUSE THE ACCUSATIONS OF THE COUNT BATHORY WERE CONFIRMED BY THE DETECTIVE SHERLOCK HOLMES. IT WAS THE WILL OF GOD THAT MRS. SPADES WAS AT THE PARTY. SHE UNDERTOOK THE INVESTIGATION AND WAS ABLE TO CLEAR MY GOOD NAME BY HERSELF.

VIOLET SAVED MY MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE - MY REPUTATION. THAT IS WHY, AS A TRUE GENTLEMAN, I HAVE DECIDED TO THANK HER AND SINCE THAT TIME HAVE COME TO THE ETERNAL SERVICE OF MRS. SPADES. OF COURSE I HAD NO IDEA HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE FOR ME IN THIS HOUSE WITHOUT MY WELL-TRAINED SERVANTS, BUT DUTY IS DUTY.

LATER, I FOUND A NEW HOBBY FOR MYSELF - GARDENING. I LOVE EXPERIMENTING WITH PLANTS AND GROWING UP NEW SPECIES. ONE OF MY RECENT CREATIONS, WAS A ROSE WITH ONE KILOMETER LONG SPIKES AND TALKING BEANS. MODESTY ASIDE, I ADMIT, I AM CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST BREEDERS IN MAGICAL CIRCLES. TO GIANTS I SUPPLY GIANT POTATOES, AND TO VAMPIRE VEGETARIANS, MY BLOOD-TASTING TOMATOES.

WHAT CHANGED AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF DANTE?

NOTHING MUCH. HE IS A WELL-BRED BOY AND DOES NOT CAUSE ME ANY TROUBLE. IN ADDITION, HE LOVES TO LISTEN TO MY STORIES ABOUT THE TIME I SERVED FOR COUNT DRACULA.

Murder





DANTE ABOUT JAKE

DESPITE MY STRANGE FAMILY, THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT ME. I LOVE STUDYING, AND GENERALLY I'M MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN BOOKS THAN PEOPLE. I CONSIDER MYSELF WELL-EDUCATED, ALTHOUGH AT SCHOOL I'M CALLED A GEEK. IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME BECAUSE THE OPINION OF MY PEERS MEANS LITTLE TO ME.

THE NEW SCHOOL ISN'T VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE OLD ONE. HERE THEY'RE AFRAID OF ME BECAUSE MY GRANDMA'S GLORY HAS BEEN KNOWN AROUND THE CITY FOR A LONG TIME. JUST LIKE AT THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL, I DON'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS. MORE PRECISELY, I HAVE ONLY ONE FRIEND - JAKE. EVEN THEN, I BEGAN TO HANG OUT WITH HIM ONLY BECAUSE HE'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET RID OF. HE'S ALSO CONSIDERED AN OUTCAST BUT JAKE IS SMART ENOUGH SO IT'S COOL WITH ME. FRANKLY SPEAKING, HE HAS A VERY IMPRESSIONABLE PERSONALITY. HE CAN CRY AT A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET. BESIDES THIS AND HIS LOVE FOR SONGWRITING, I LIKE JAKE.

JAKE ABOUT DANTE

DANTE IS MY DEAR FRIEND. THEREFORE, IT'S EMBARRASSING THAT I BEGAN TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM FOR SELFISH REASONS. IT'S A SECRET, SO DON'T TELL HIM.

WHEN DANTE FIRST CAME TO OUR SCHOOL, THE PRINCIPAL ASKED LISA TO PROVIDE HIM WITH ASSISTANCE TO HELP HIM ADAPT TO THE NEW PLACE EASIER. THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED - THIS IS MY CHANCE. IF I MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE NEWCOMER, LISA WILL DEFINITELY NOTICE ME. WAIT, YOU DON'T KNOW LISA YET, DO YOU?

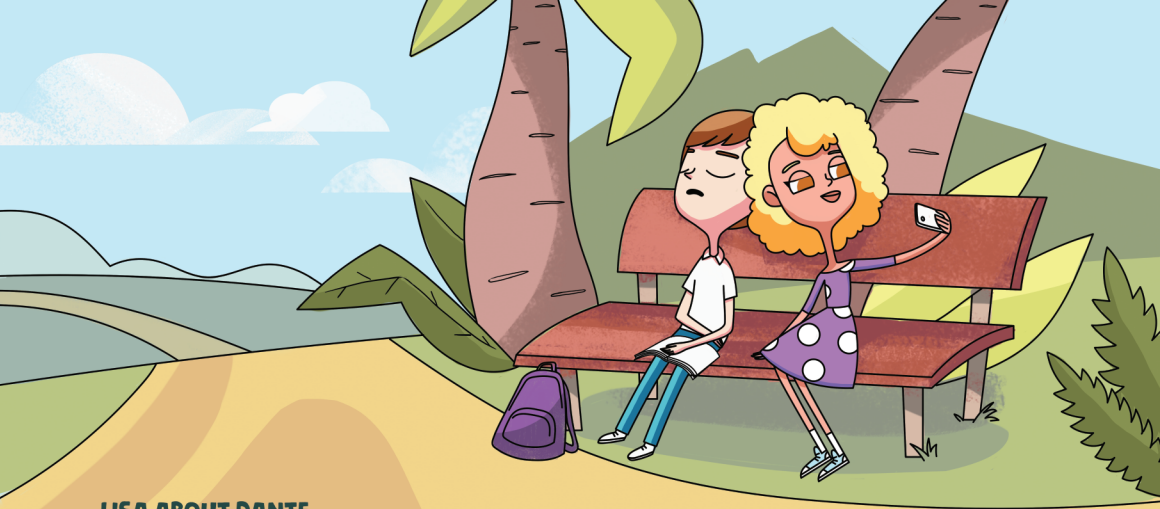
OH, WELL, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE HER IN WORDS. YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IT ALL WHEN YOU SEE THIS ANGEL. SHE'S THE STAR OF MY LIFE, THE ROSE OF MY HEART AND THE LIGHT OF MY SOUL. LISA'S EYES ARE LIKE PURE MORNING DEW, HER HAIR IS AS IF KISSED BY THE SUN.

IT SEEMS THAT I'VE LOVED THIS DIVINE CREATURE FOR ALL MY SINFUL LIFE. I WAS SURE THAT LISA WOULD UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING WHEN I STARTED POSTING THE LOVE SONGS (THAT I'D BEEN SECRETLY WRITING ABOUT HER) ON YOUTUBE. BUT THESE GIRLS ARE KIND OF SLOW-WITTED IN AFFECTIONATE MATTERS. PROBABLY THAT'S WHY SHE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING.

ANYWAY, I'M NOT UPSET BECAUSE NOW EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO MY PLAN AND THE CUPID'S BOW WILL SURELY HIT HER HEART SOON, AS IT HAS STRUCK MINE.

IN ANY CASE, I'M GLAD THAT DANTE BECAME MY FRIEND, EVEN IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE MAY SEEM RESERVED TO YOU BUT BEHIND THIS MASK OF GLOOM, HE HIDES HIS KIND AND SYMPATHETIC HEART. YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE IN FATE AND I THINK THAT OUR MEETING WITH DANTE WAS PREORDAINED.





LISA ABOUT DANTE

DANTE IS A NEW KID AT SCHOOL. USUALLY HE'S VERY QUIET AND RESERVED. ALTHOUGH WE'RE FRIENDS, I DON'T KNOW HIM THAT MUCH. I KNOW THAT «THE CATCHER IN THE RYE», IS HIS FAVORITE BOOK, ALSO HE'S NEVER LATE. HE LIKES DR. PERER AND HE LIKES RED COLOR (HE ONCE COMPLIMENTED ME ON MY FAVORITE RED SWEATER).

DANTE'S VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A HELPFUL FRIEND AS ME. SINCE I AM THE PRESIDENT OF MANY SCHOOL CLUBS - I HAVE MANY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES. LITTLE BY LITTLE I WANT TO INTRODUCE DANTE TO EVERYONE SO THAT HE CAN FULLY PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL LIFE AND NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED ECCENTRIC.

I'M USED TO THE FACT THAT EVERYONE WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME, BUT DANTE ISN'T LIKE THAT. THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM THAT DISTINGUISHES HIM FROM THE OTHERS. I KNOW THAT I LIKE HIM, BUT SINCE DANTE IS VERY SHY, I THINK HE'S WAITING FOR A SPECIAL MOMENT TO DECLARE HIS FEELINGS FOR ME.

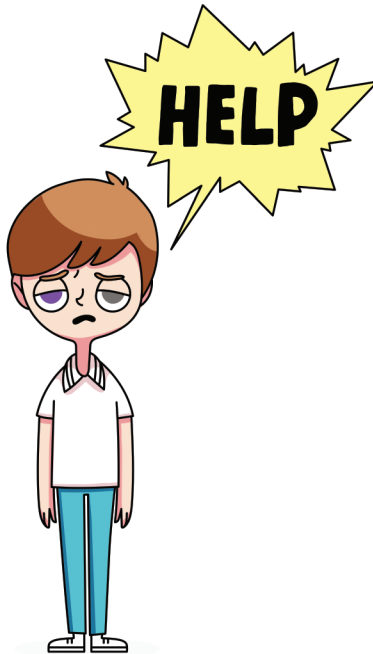
TO SPEED UP THIS PROCESS, I PRETENDED THAT I HAD PROBLEMS WITH MATH AND ASKED DANTE TO HELP ME AFTER SCHOOL. I THINK IT'LL BRING US EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER.

COOL IDEA, ISN'T IT? I'M SURE WE'LL ROCK AS A COUPLE.



THE END

OUR FAMILY TREE WAS NEVER KEPT SECRET FROM ME, BUT IT DOESN'T HELP ME, EITHER WAY. I HAVE CREEPY RELATIVES, IT'S NOT EASY TO GET USED TO THAT. EVERY YEAR ME WITH MY PARENTS USED TO COME HERE FOR CHRISTMAS AND IT WAS WORSE THAN ANY HORROR MOVIE. SINCE MY PARENTS ARE SO BUSY, WE, FORTUNATELY, HAD TO VISIT GRANDMA ONLY ONCE A YEAR. NOW I AM STUCK HERE FOREVER.





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DANTE'S HOUSE



SCHOOL



CHARACTER DESIGN

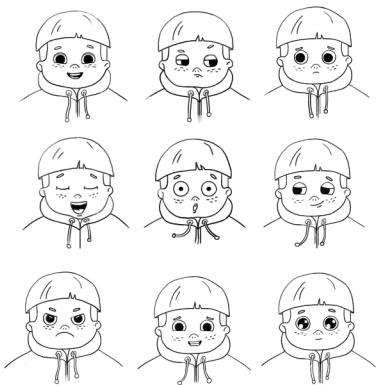
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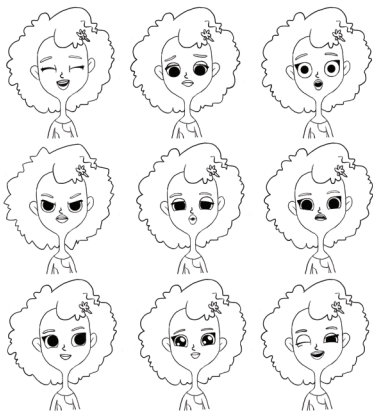
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JAKE



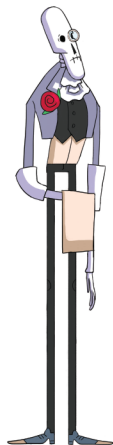
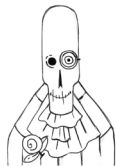
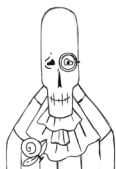
LISA



RAVEN



SASHA



VIOLET



EPISODES

The background is a dark, atmospheric illustration of a room. In the center, a dark wooden table holds a large, dark vase with dried flowers and two books. To the left, a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue dress and a crown, is shown in profile, looking towards the right. To the right, a young boy with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, is sitting on the floor, looking up at the woman. The overall tone is mysterious and slightly ominous, fitting for a Halloween-themed story.

EPISODE #1

HALLOWEEN

RAVEN IS AWAITING HALLOWEEN. THIS IS THE ONLY DAY OF THE YEAR WHEN SHE CAN WALK THE STREETS WITHOUT A FEAR OF EXPOSURE. AFTER ALL, ON HALLOWEEN PEOPLE ARE NOT IMPRESSED EASILY, SO HER LOOK CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A VERY REALISTIC ONE. HOWEVER, MRS. SPADES LETS HER GO ONLY IF SHE CAN PERSUADE DANTE TO GO WITH HER. DANTE IS VERY MUCH AGAINST THIS IDEA, BUT RAVEN'S OFFER SOUNDS TOO TEMPTING TO REFUSE. RAVEN PROMISED, IN RETURN FOR HIS HELP, TO TAKE THE BOY TO A SECRET ANNUAL MEETING OF DEAD WRITERS, AMONG WHOM THERE MUST BE DANTE'S FAVORITE - JEROME SALINGER.



EPISODE #2

FAIR

A BIG PART OF THE HOUSE IS THOROUGHLY DAMAGED BY TERMITES, SO AN URGENT MAJOR OVERHAUL IS REQUIRED. SINCE MRS. SPADES SPENT HER LAST SAVINGS DURING THE LAST GAME OF POKER, THERE IS NO MONEY TO PAY THE WORKERS. WHILE SASHA IS LEARNING THE VOCABULARY OF COMMON HANDYMEN AND AT THE SAME TIME TRIES NOT TO GIVE HIMSELF COMPLETELY, SPADES AND DANTE ARE TRYING TO GET MONEY AT THE TOWN FAIR. MRS. SPADES SUGGESTS TO SET UP A "FORTUNE SHOP" AND DANTE HAS TO BECOME HIM GRANDMA'S PARTNER IN CRIME.



EPISODE #3

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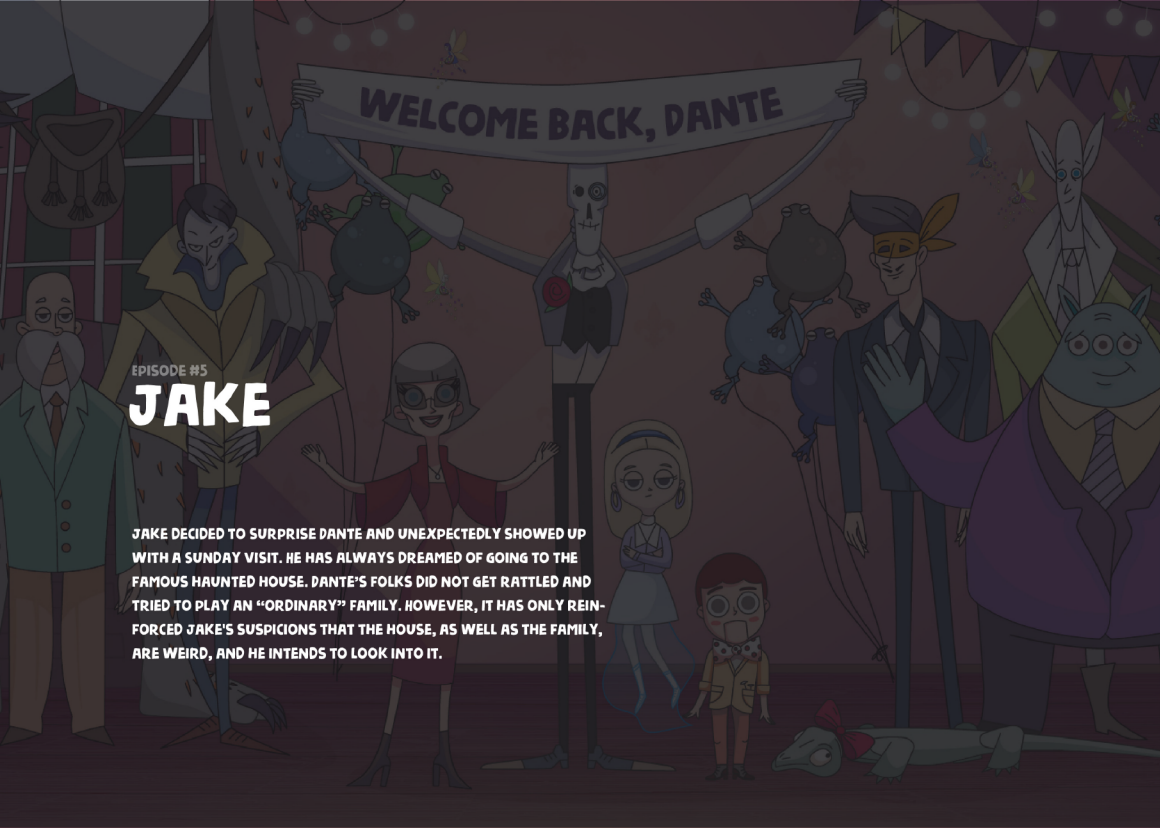
AS ALWAYS, DANTE AND RAVEN HAD A QUARREL EARLY IN THE MORNING. DUE TO THE CONSTANT YELLING SASHA HAS AN AGGRAVATING MIGRAINE, AND SINCE CAN NOT BEAR IT ANY LONGER HE WANTS TO PUNISH THE CHILDREN. HE INSTRUCTS THEM TO CLEAN UP THE ATTIC, WHERE NO ONE HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS. DURING THE CLEANING, RAVEN FINDS HER OLD THINGS THAT DREDGE UP THE MEMORIES OF HER PAST, AND DANTE GETS TO SEE HER SOFTER SIDE.



EPISODE #4

LITTLE TOMATO

DANTE COMES HOME AND IS TAKEN HOSTAGE BY THE TOMATO MUTANTS GROWN BY SASHA. IN THE MEANTIME, THE BUTLER, MRS. SPADES AND LOUIS ARE HIDING IN THE BASEMENT, WHILE RAVEN PLAYS THE ROLE OF A NEGOTIATOR. DANTE HAS TO PLAY FOR TIME UNTIL THEY FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET RID OF THE TOMATOES. THE BOY WILL HAVE TO ENDURE "TORTURES OF TOMATOES" AND TO FILL THE LIST OF DEMANDS FROM "TERRORISTS".



EPISODE #5

JAKE

JAKE DECIDED TO SURPRISE DANTE AND UNEXPECTEDLY SHOWED UP WITH A SUNDAY VISIT. HE HAS ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING TO THE FAMOUS HAUNTED HOUSE. DANTE'S FOLKS DID NOT GET RATTLED AND TRIED TO PLAY AN "ORDINARY" FAMILY. HOWEVER, IT HAS ONLY REINFORCED JAKE'S SUSPICIONS THAT THE HOUSE, AS WELL AS THE FAMILY, ARE WEIRD, AND HE INTENDS TO LOOK INTO IT.



EPISODE #6

HOLMES

MANY YEARS AGO, VIOLET SPADES STAYED WITH HER GOOD FRIEND AT A VILLA IN BADEN-BADEN. IN THE MORNING, AFTER A NOISY PARTY, ONE OF THE GUESTS WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM. SUSPICIONS FELL ON THE MASTER'S BUTLER - SASHA. AND THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM WERE PUT FORWARD BY A WELL-KNOWN DETECTIVE, BASED ON A WELL-STRUCTURED DEDUCTIVE CHAIN OF FACTS. SPADES IS OUTRAGED WITH WHAT IS GOING ON AND SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND CLEAR THE GOOD NAME OF THE BUTLER.



EPISODE #7

ROAD TRIP

MRS. SPADES URGENTLY HAS TO TAKE DANTE TO HER SORCERESS. DANTE MISTAKENLY (THANKS TO RAVEN AND LOUIS) DRANK A "YOUTH COCKTAIL" THAT VIOLET MADE TO KEEP HER SKIN ELASTIC. AS A RESULT, THE BOY'S FACE TURNED INTO A STRAINED, IMMOBILIZED MASK. THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, BECAUSE THE HEALER LIVES IN SOLITUDE AND SHE IS NOT EASY TO REACH. DURING THIS JOURNEY DANTE AND VIOLET WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AND RAISE ALL THE COMPLAINTS THAT THEY'VE ACCUMULATED OVER A LONG TIME.



EPISODE #8

THE WORLD OF GIANTS

SASHA HAS STARTED GOING SOMEWHERE "TO DO BUSINESS", AND RAVEN AND LUIS DECIDED TO FOLLOW HIM. DANTE, SUSPICIOUS OF THE STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF THESE TWO, DECIDED TO FOLLOW THEM. THROUGH THE PORTAL DOOR, THE GUYS ENDED UP IN THE WORLD OF GIANTS. THEY HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT "BUSINESS" SASHA HAS HERE AND LOOK FOR THEIR WAY BACK.



EPISODE #9

SCHOOL TRIP

ON A SCHOOL TRIP, DANTE GOES TO THE FOREST TO RECONSTRUCT A BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR. ON THEIR WAY LISA "ACCIDENTALLY" SPRAINS HER ANKLE, AND GUYS STAY BEHIND THE REST OF THE GROUP. LISA IS DELIGHTED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN ALONE WITH THE BOY, BUT DANTE HAS AN UNPLEASANT FEELING THAT SOMEONE IS WATCHING THEM IN THIS FOREST...

A dark, stylized cartoon illustration of two werewolves. The werewolf on the left is shown in profile, facing right, with its mouth open as if howling or speaking. The werewolf on the right is facing forward, looking slightly to the left with a mischievous or smug expression. Above them, a stylized skull with large, empty eye sockets and a wide, toothy grin is visible. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a night scene or a cave. The overall tone is mysterious and slightly ominous.

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PRINCIPAL

BECAUSE OF RAVEN'S PRANK, DANTE NEARLY BURNED THE WHOLE SCHOOL DOWN. MRS. SPADES IS CALLED TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE FOR A SERIOUS TALK ABOUT THE BOY'S BEHAVIOR. BUT AFTER SEEING VIOLET, PRINCIPAL JOHNSON COMPLETELY FORGETS THE REASON FOR THEIR MEETING AND FALLS IN LOVE LIKE A SCHOOLBOY. NOW HE INTENDS TO GET RECIPROCITY AT ALL COSTS. AND DANTE HAS TO HELP HIM, OR ELSE THE BOY WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHOOL FOR ARSON.



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