

**Henry Gordon Academy Players, Henry Gordon Academy
Cartwright
presents**

“Ghost Stories Can Come True”

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It takes place on Halloween night. Can ghost stories really come true?

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Setting: 10:00 pm on Halloween night at Katie and Freddy’s house.

Scene 1

Katie, Buffy, Jason and Mike enter from backstage right, eating candy. They enter talking about their evening of Trick or Treating, dump their bags of candy on the floor and begin to sort and trade it. Phone rings and Katie answers)

Katie: This is Katie’s house. If you don’t want to talk, leave a message after the beep. If not, Hello?

Caller: *(Emma, from offstage with a microphone, in a raspy voice)* I’ve got a message for you, Katie. What’s your favourite ghost story? *(Eerie laugh in a deep voice. The rest of the cast continue with their activities, unaware)*

Katie: Who is this? What do you want? *(Silence)* Answer me!

Caller: What’s your favourite ghost story, Katie? *(Laughs evilly)*

Katie: *(Hangs up angrily)* Stupid prank calls! *(Boys laugh)*

Jason: Who was that?

Katie: *(Distantly)* Nobody.

Buffy: *(Dancing from foot to foot)* Man, I gotta go bad! I wish Emma’d hurry up. What is she doing, flushing herself down the toilet?

(Emma enters from backstage right carrying a teddy bear.)

Buffy: *(Huffily)* Finally! *(Leaves to backstage right)*

Jason: *(to Emma)* Do you have to take that stupid bear everywhere?

Emma: Yeah, what’s it to ya?

Mike: Boy, Freddy’s slow. He’s probably still back there trying to get more candy.

Katie: Getting MORE candy? What a pig.

(Freddy enters from backstage right with huge bag of candy.)

Emma: What took ya?

Freddy: Ol' Aunt Mabel was giving out full size candy bars not little ones.

Mike: So?

Freddy: Well, her eyesight ain't so good and I kept going back using different voices. I musta gotten at least ten bars.

(Sound of flushing toilet)

Mike: You're some brazen.

Buffy: *(Enters from backstage right)* Ahhh, I feel so much better.

Katie: We really didn't need to know that.

Jason: *(To Katie, throws candy to her)* Hey Katie, think fast.

Katie: *(Throws arms up to block her face. Candy hits her body)* Quit it, you jerk! Get out and let us party in peace or I'll tell Mom when she gets home!

Freddy: *(Pulling Mike and Jason with him towards door, stage left)* Okay, okay, we're going. Don't have a fit.

(Boys move to stage left, lights go down)

Scene 2

(Lights up. Jason, Mike and Freddy are in Freddy's bedroom)

Jason: Hey Mike! Think fast. *(Throws candy to Mike)*

Mike: *(Instinctively blocking his crotch)* Watch it b'y! *(Pause)* What's eatin' the girls? They cracked or wha?

Freddy: Must be that time of the month again. *(Boys laugh)*

Jason: Hey, I bet if I put a glass to the wall I could hear the girls. I'll listen and letcha know what they're sayin'.

(Lights down on boys, up on girls. Sound: quest 1)

Emma: I'm bored. What can we do?

Katie: Let's tell ghost stories. I know an excellent one.

Buffy: *(Mimicking Katie)* I know an excellent one.

Emma: *(Whining)* No, I'm scared.

Katie: Who cares if you're scared? I'm telling it anyway. Okay listen. Once upon a time long ago there were three girls at a Halloween sleepover.....

(Lights down on girls, up on boys)

Jason: Guys, wait 'til you hear this. They're telling ghost stories on Halloween night.

Mike: Ah, that's deadly. We'll scare them to death.

Freddy: Katie'll tell Mom, so don't do nothin' too bad.

Jason: Oh, we won't get ya in trouble sooky boy. We'll just scare 'em a bit.

Mike: *(To Freddy)* Yeah, we won't get sissy mad at ya, sooky boy.

Freddy: *(To Mike)* Shut up you idiot! *(Shoves Mike, turns to Freddy)* So, what are you gonna do?

Jason: I'm just gonna dress up as a ghost.

Mike: I'll be a goat, too!

Jason: You sure smell like one!

Freddy: *(smacking Mike on the back of the head)* He said ghost, you dork! *(Pause)* Okay, let's be one big three-headed ghost. That'll really scare them.

(Lights down on boys, up on girls. Sound: Quest 1. Boys are putting on ghost costume during this scene.)

Katie: *(Enthusiastically finishing her story)* So, the girl's parents weren't home so it was just the three girls, the pest of a little brother and his two stupid friends.

Buffy: *(Hastily)* That's boring. Let's turn the stereo on instead.

Katie: *(Looks hurt, then snotty)* I don't think you're bored. I think you're scared.

Buffy: And I think you'd better shut up!

Emma: *(Turns on stereo)* Yeah, I've already heard this one before anyway. Let's dance instead.

(Sound: song "I'm Gonna Getcha". Buffy and Emma begin dancing, Katie sulks on the bed, then gets up and dances. The song suddenly stops. Sound: record screech, announcer ditty, mic up)

Announcer: We interrupt our regular programming to bring you this special news bulletin. Charles Manson, the "Halloween Killer" has escaped from the Labrador Penitentiary. He is believed to be armed and dangerous. The RCMP is asking everyone to stay home and lock your windows and doors. If you must leave your house, do not go out alone. *(Pleasantly)* We now return to our regular programming. *(Song continues, Katie turns the stereo down.)*

Emma: Oh no. What ever shall we do?

Katie: My parents aren't home. We'd better tell the boys. *(All three move towards the door. As Buffy reaches for the handle, the door bursts open and the three boys jump into the room under a sheet. The girls jump back more from surprise than fright. Buffy snatches the sheet from off the boys' heads leaving them standing with their arms in the air grinning foolishly.)*

Boys: *(Meekly)* Boo?

Katie: Not funny, children.

Emma: You guys scared us half to death! *(Begins hitting at the boys wimpily.)*

(Another announcement comes on the radio. Sound: announcer ditty)

Buffy: *(Walks to stereo, turns it up)* Hey guys, listen.

Announcer: *(seriously with excitement)* We again interrupt this program to give an update on the escape of Charles Manson, the "Halloween Killer". He was sighted at the corner of 13th and Elm Streets. Beware. The fugitive is believed to be armed and dangerous. We repeat he was sighted a few minutes ago at the corner of Elm Street and 13th. Please be careful. *(Pleasantly)* We now return to our regular programming. *(Music cuts back in and Buffy turns it down.)*

Buffy: *(Swallowing)* That's just a few blocks from here.

(Everyone looks soberly at one another. Suddenly, they hear a loud noise from offstage: a door creaking followed by a slam.)

Katie: *(Accusingly to boys)* Stop it you guys! You had your fun.

Mike: *(Defensively)* We never did nothin'.

Emma: *(Accusingly)* Well, who did then?

Jason: It was probably nothing. Just the wind. Yeah, that's it. The wind in the trees.

(Everyone glares at Jason.)

Freddy: Mike, why don't you go check it out?

Mike: Who me? I'm not going downstairs alone! Buffy, why don't you go check it out?

(Buffy glares at Mike.)

Katie: *(Ordering)* Why don't we all go downstairs and check it out.

(All exit backstage right, lights go down.)

Scene 3

(Mystery music "Pink Panther Theme" begins, lights on dim. In living room. One by one heads appear on either side of the doorway, boys on left, girls on right. They come into the room searching in time to the music. Boys skirt stage left, looking left. Girls skirt stage right, looking right. They meet downstage center, bump into each other and startle each other.)

Buffy: You guys finish checking here. I'm gonna go check the kitchen.

Jason: Yeah, I'm hungry. Me too.

Katie: As long as you're goin', bring me back some food.

Emma: Oh yeah, I wanna go too.

(Emma, Buffy and Jason leave for the kitchen to left stage. Katie, Mike and Freddy continue searching.)

Katie: I hope they come back soon. I'm so hungry, I'm gonna starve.

Mike: Don't worry about it. I'm sure they'll be back soon.....with some food.

Freddy: *(to Katie)* You're more worried about food *(hugs Katie's arm)* than the life of your dear little brother.

Katie: Yeah, and?

(Buffy, Emma and Jason return from left stage)

Jason: *(Throws a drink to Freddy)* There was nothing out there.

Mike: *(To Jason)* What about me?

Jason: Here's some chips.

Emma: *(Passes chips to Katie)* Here's some chips. Want some?

Katie: Of course I do!

Buffy: I wonder what that noise was..... probably nothing. Let's eat.

Katie: *(Screams)* There's a spider in the chips Emma gave me.*(Throws chips down and everyone looks at Emma)*

Emma: Why would I do something like that?

Buffy: I wonder!

Mike: Maybe it's a prize?

Katie: It's a live spider! *(Bends over to look at it)* As a matter of fact, it looks like a Black Widow.

Jason: Don't be so sooky, it's only a spider. Who cares?

Buffy: Black Widows are poisonous!

Freddy: This house is full of spiders, so it could have crawled into the open bag of chips in the cabinet.

Katie: I guess so, but I say it was put there on purpose. *(Glares at Emma)*

Buffy: Sooky Emma couldn't touch a spider, let alone put it in a bag of chips, could you

Emma? (*Emma innocently nods "no". Buffy pulls Katie and Emma along.*) Girls, make up. Let's go to your room and forget this ever happened.

(Lights go down)

Scene 4

(Girls' room. They are doing each other's hair.)

Emma: Katie, do you have a hair dryer?

Katie: Yup, it's on the shelf.

(Emma picks up hair dryer, turns it on, powder comes out. Emma screams.)

Buffy: What is that?

Emma: *(Coughing)* Someone put baby powder in the hair dryer. I have asthma. *(Cough, cough)* I could have been killed! *(Emma looks suspiciously at Katie)*

Katie: That never happened when I was using it. Maybe some baby powder fell off the upper shelf and onto the dryer.

Emma: Yeah, right.

Buffy: Guys this is getting really weird. There's been strange noises, the "Halloween Killer", poisonous spiders, and now this. We need to all stick together. Let's go get the boys.

(Lights go down)

Scene 5

(Boys' room. Girls enter from right stage. Emma with white hair)

Freddy: *(To Emma)* What happened to you?

Emma: Katie's hair dryer.

Mike: *(Goes and touches Emma's hair. Emma pushes him away.)* Looks like it did more than dry your hair.

Katie: Somehow baby powder got inside my hair dryer. When Emma turned it on it blew in her face. *(Boys laugh)* She has asthma. It could have killed her.

Buffy: Guys, this isn't funny anymore.

Jason: We're sorry.

Katie: *(To Emma)* I'm sorry I thought you put that black spider in my chips.

Emma: It's okay. I'm going to wash this out. Be back in a sec. *(Leaves to back stage right)*

Buffy: Boys, we don't want to scare you, but too many strange things have happened.

(Phone rings)

Katie: Probably another prank call. *(Picks up phone)* **What?!** *(Heavy breathing, hangs up)* Ooh, I hate it when people do this.

(Lights down, cast huddles and screams, Freddy jumps into Katie's arms. Lights up)

Buffy: Katie and Freddy, I think you guys should go check the fuse box.

Katie: Yeah, it's in the basement. Come on Freddy.

(Katie and Freddy leave to back stage right)

Mike: What's Emma doing to her hair? I thought she was just washing it.

(Emma comes back, from back stage right)

Jason: Where were you?

Emma: The bathroom. Duh.

(Katie and Freddy return from backstage right)

Katie: There was no one in the basement, but the door to the fuse box was open.

Jason: This is really starting to freak me out.

Mike: Let's go to the girls' room and have a pillow fight to calm our nerves.

Jason: Yeah, that'll be some fun.

(Lights go down)

Scene 6

(Girls' room)

Buffy: I forgot to bring my pillow.

Jason: You're some stunned.

Emma: Here, you can use mine.

Buffy: Thanks.

Emma: I gotta get a drink, there's still some powder in my throat.

(Emma leaves to backstage right. Everyone else gets into the pillow fight. Katie hits Buffy with a pillow and the others gang up on Buffy too. Finally Buffy gets clear, swings at Katie and just misses her, hitting the floor. The pillow breaks and a rock falls out of the pillow. Everyone freezes and stares at the rock.)

Buffy: Oh my gosh, Katie.....I had no idea.....you know I'd never.....

Katie: It's okay Buff. I know you'd never hurt anybody.

Mike: Okay guys, this is getting out of hand.

Freddy: Yeah. Someone is gonna get hurt soon if we don't put a stop to this.

Katie: Oh no! I just realized that this is exactly what happened in the ghost story I was telling the girls.

Jason: But ghost stories can't come true.

Buffy: Guys, I realized Emma is still gone. She must be taking a really long drink!

Katie: I hope she's all right. Let's go see where she is.

(Lights go down)

Scene 7

(In the living room. Katie, Buffy and Freddy are present. Jason and Mike enter from left stage with Emma's teddy.)

Jason: Look what we found. *(Holds up the bear.)*

Mike: Emma never leaves her teddy. Everyone knows that.

Freddy: Where did you find it?

Jason: It was by the sink in the kitchen.

Katie: Oh my goodness! What if it's the killer?

Buffy: *(Trying to reassure herself as well as the others)* It can't be. It's not. She probably just went home. You know how sooky she gets. And she probably blames you for that hair dryer thing. Let's go to bed, all this scary stuff is probably just all the candy going to our heads.

Katie: You're probably right, but let's all sleep here, just in case. *(Everyone arranges their sleeping bags on the floor. They quiet down and the lights go dim. Everyone lays on the floor asleep. Suddenly the phone rings and Katie answers sleepily. Emma enters from left stage with cell phone, evil laugh.)*

Emma: Katie? *(Walks to center stage front)*

Katie: *(Sleepily)* Hello?

Emma: Katie, ghost stories can come true! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

(Everyone else sits up in unison and screams. Stage goes black.)