

# The strange house!

## THRILLER

My high school years are finally over: now we are in second year at different universities in the small town of Clouardiaire. I'm Ashley, I have had my bachelor with As. I want to have my engineer diploma. Since primary school, my friends Alexandra, Estelle, Gevin, Harry and I have been very close but now it's a little complicated to see them. This week end it's my birthday and I will turn 19. We will be together again. My parents leave for three days with my little brother John, to see their friends. I have the house to myself.

Before leaving my mother doesn't forget to say at me: "no stupid ideas and when we come back, on Sunday, the house will be clean!". Everyone knows this sentence! Sometimes, I wonder what happens in her head, I'm 18 and 364 days! And she takes me in her arms and gives me a bear hug! I say that she mustn't be afraid, I'm a big girl. My brother does the same ! I find this very strange because they are leaving for 3 days not a year.

So! For my little party, Alexandra and Estelle bring drinks, Harry pizzas and Gevin a horror movie. Probably one of those movies with the fantastic Jennifer Lawrence: "The house at the end of the street" released on November 21, 2012. He talks about this movie all the time! When I'm finally alone, I do some homework for Monday, I eat and I go to bed because I'm very tired.

The first Saturday when I can have a lie-in, John always plays the guitar to wake me up. I take my breakfast and my shower and I prepare the room where we will be sleep tonight but I think this night will be very short.

At 6 o'clock, Estelle arrives with Gevin and Alexandra. They have a huge smile on their faces, I'm very happy to see them. And at 7 o'clock Harry has finally arrived too with three pizzas. We talk a lot about our different schools and friends during dinner and before watching TV, Harry offers to walk in the forest. We get set and we go into the forest. It is getting darker and colder. Harry and I are laughing a lot because he has strange shoes with a lot of colors; it is very funny. Alexandra doesn't see where she is walking and falls on the ground. When she stands up she finds a box with an inscription but we can read this because though it's dark, it's the full moon. In this box there are a key and a jewel. I find the jewel very beautiful and I put it on my finger.



Suddenly in the middle of the trees, a house appears and very strange noises can be heard. I remove the jewel, I take the box and we run to go to my house! It's sheer madness! We decide to sleep because we can't watch the movie: we are so scared.

When we all wake up, we talk about yesterday night and we want to know more about this box and if there was a house before! We go to the library and we learn that a Murphy family lived there before and they suddenly disappeared more than 600 years ago.

The inscription is written in Latin:

" si habueritis fidem, non fides ad hepar"

He means: "If you are not a believer, for once believe!"

We know that the Murphy family was not accepted in town because people thought they were demons and practiced magic. And the house's nickname was torments' house but we don't understand why!!!

We return to the forest, I put the jewel on my fingers and we wait but nothing happens. Finally we understand, yesterday was at night and the moon was full so the house appears only in those moments.

I tidy the house and my parents come back but we want to keep the secret to ourselves. My friends and I decide to return to the forest during the full moon and we wait 12 days. During these two weeks my family is very attentive to my needs and I find it really very bizarre because my birthday has gone. So 12 days later, we retrace our steps. The house is there. We decide to enter. There is a bizarre atmosphere and we try to find what door is opened by the key. We test all the doors but the key doesn't open any.

Harry is very angry and he exclaims:

“What ? We find a key with this jewel and it doesn't open any door!”

And as he says that he destroys a curtain and finds another door. Estelle takes the key and when she wants to open the door we hear many voices and the voices say: “ Don't open this door, just one! Just one!” We think at first that's our imagination but the voices speak again the same sentences. But we open the door and we see a long staircase. We decide to go back and with our phones' lights we manage to see where we are going! We find a room that is brightly lit though there is no light in there, with an altar and a man sitting at the bottom. We can read on the altar:

### **“you are at the door of death's kingdom”**

-“Hello, I'm the warden of the door, I know you did a lot of things to enter this house and you don't know everything: if you see this house it means one of you will die today! It's destiny. Normally just one person can come into this room and see this house but for the young people we accept the friends of this person”, the man says.

-Who is this person? Estelle asks

- The person who put the jewel on her finger! Answers the warden

- NO.... I CAN'T DIE NOW... I'M SO YOUNG... NO, HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?! I don't accept it” I want to go back but the door is closed and I realize my time has really come!

-“ You have cancer!

-My parents... I must tell them!

-Your parent know this and they asked for my help because they don't know how to explain it to you! The Murphy family doesn't exist: it was just an excuse for you to come. It was the reason of their trip: they wanted you to see the house with your friends the first time because if they don't see the same thing as you, they won't be able to be here now, always just one person can go into the room, and it is when your time has come. It is for this reason that your parents and families had a different attitude this week. They knew you look for information about the house and you want to return. You can't escape your destiny Ashley!”

-Oh... and what mean the inscription on the box?! Harry ask.

-It means if you don't believe in our Creator you can't go to paradise! Answers the man.

-HARRY! Are you serious? Ashley will die... and this is what you could say?! Got mad Estelle.

-Sorry...Ashley!! I miss you... you know!?”

Alexandra and Estelle cry a lot and I take my 2 favorite bracelets and give them.

-“Yes don't worry Harry!

ok... I want to say something before I leave! Gevin, I'm sorry to say that now but ... I don't know why I can... you know ... since that night when we were together... I.. I love you!”

And then I finish my sentence he takes me in his arms and kisses me!!! Like in the movies!!

-“Why are you doing that? Are you crazy ? She is going to die and you love her and you kiss her? interrupts Harry.

-Harry it is you who are crazy! You spoil them kiss!! Alexandra exclaim!

-I don't want her to forget me because I will join her one day... promises Gevin

-This is so cute Gevin! Cried Alexandra and Estelle.”

The man looks deep into my soul, like the wise hat in HP and decides if I should go to hell or heaven.”

I take the man's hand: he says my soul is pure. He doesn't want to let go of my hand and when I return I see my friend disappearing more and more. One last cry reaches my ears: “we'll never forgot you!”

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