

HORROR STORY

MRS. DOWNE



Mary and John decided to spend their holidays in a small village in the middle of a forest far away from the city, its pollution and noise. They wanted a quiet holiday.

Therefore, they arrived at the small village. Everything was beautiful as they had imagined.

When they arrived at the house where they would spend their holidays, they got surprised. It was the house of their dreams. Although it was very old, it was lovely. They entered the old house and they observed that the walls were very damaged but even so, it had a charming appearance.



They unpacked and they immediately went outside to visit the village. John held Mary's hand and they entered the only church of the village. A priest was talking about Jesus, and there were few people listening to him. Mary sat down and John imitated her.

A young couple saw the new strangers so, at the end of the Mass, they came near Mary and John.

-Hello! - said the young girl.

-Hello! – they said at the same time.

***-I am Lilly- said
the young girl.***



***-And, I am Max- he
said .***

***-We are Mary and
John- said Mary.***

.Are you new in the village? - said Max.

***-Oh yes! We have just arrived. We are going to spend our
holidays in this village.-said John.***

-Yes, this village is lovely!-

-And where are you staying? - Asked the young couple.

***.We're staying in the old, big house. Do you know that house?
Mary asked.***

***-Yes, I do, but people say that this house is haunted and that
a ghost lives there. All the people that have lived there have
had to go away and they have finished in a mental hospital. -
said Lilly.***

***-This sounds terrible, but we don't believe in these stories. -
Said John in a confident voice.***

***-It was only a tip but you can do what you want. - Said Max
sincerely.***

***Mary talked about other things, and they went to visit the
village with Max and Lilly. They knew a lot of people and
they became friends very quickly.***

***In the evening they decided to return to the house to have
dinner and go to bed. When Mary was in the bed and John
was brushing his teeth, they heard a noise..***



***-Did you hear that noise,
Mary?-***

-Yes, I did. What is it?-

***John looked through
the window and
suddenly he saw a cat
jumping to the ground.***

-Ah!!- shouted John.

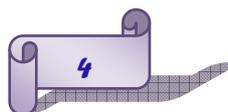
-What happens? – asked Mary frightened

-Don't worry, darling, it was only a cat-

-Come here John. Let's go to bed-

John went to bed and they slept calmly that night.

The next morning, a terrible sound woke the couple up.



-What is that terrible noise? - grunted John

-I don't know, but it seems to be the door. I'm going to have a look.-

Mary stood up, and went to the door. Lilly and Max were knocking on the door to bring them a delicious cake.

-Good morning! - They said at the same time.

Mary was surprised and she replied good morning too.

-Come on, we have brought a cake to have breakfast with you! - Said Max happily.

-Oh thank you! You're so nice!-

-You're welcome, Mary. - Said Lilly.

-What happens? - Asked John who had just woken up.

-They have brought a cake to have breakfast, John. Mary said.

- A cake!! Thank you!-



In the rest of the morning they went shopping. They were having a good time when Lilly saw an old shop. The title of the shop was "Lady McGregor's witchcraft".

-Hey boys, wait a minute!-

-What happens Lilly? - Ask Mary.

- Let's go into the shop for a moment. – Replied Lilly.

-Lilly, our house isn't haunted. - Said John.

-Please! Come with me! - Lilly insisted.

-Ok, we will come with you. - Said Mary.

-Ok! Come into the shop! - Said Max happily.

The shop was in total darkness and had a terrifying, lonely and dirty appearance. It looked as if nobody had cleaned it for ages. There were a lot of things to call ghosts. In the middle of the shop there was a glass case that was containing an Ouija made of wood.

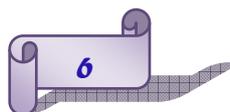
-Who is there? - asked an old lady who looked like a witch.

The boys were surprised when they heard her voice.

-We have come to this shop to buy an Ouija. - Said Max frightened.

-Sh! John keep quiet! - Exclaimed Lilly.

-Are you sure that you want to buy this Ouija? - Asked the witch showing the piece of wood to the boys.





-Yes, we're sure.

- Said Lilly.

-Lilly!?-

*Exclaimed Mary
very frightened.*

*- It seems that
you aren't very
sure.... - Said the
witch.*

*- Oh no! We're v
sure! Could you
sell this object to
us ? - Said Max.*

*- Of course! But,
you have to be
careful with this; it*

might be dangerous if you are not careful.

- I agree, lady. - Reply Lilly.

*John and Mary looked very scared and confused. It
seemed that Lilly and Max were serious.*

*The old lady sold the piece of wood to them and they went
out immediately.*

*-Are you crazy? - Asked Mary to Lilly. – Our house isn't
inhabited by ghosts.-*

- Oh yes! Your house is inhabited by a ghost called Mrs. Downe, she was beautiful when she was alive. Her spirit is in the house because her husband killed her and then he put the dead body in the main room of the house: the bedroom. When he hid the body, he ran away. Three days later, his body appeared in a forest. He had neither eyes nor tongue. These organs didn't appear. The police said that an animal attacked him, but people think that the spirit took away his eyes and his tongue because he loved them. - Said Max.



So, our couple were beginning to be frightened. They exchanged looks and finally John said:

-Oh, we're very confused, but, we think that we're beginning to believe you.-

Mary looked at Lilly and nodded . Mary's look was scared so Lilly tried to calm her.

-We should go to your house now and Lilly and J are going to prepare everything for tonight.-

In the evening when everything was prepared, they tried to relax. Everybody was frightened and nervous; nobody knew what was going to happen that night. Somebody might die or maybe the ghost could appear in the house. Mary prepared a fantastic dinner because they were hungry. They tried to have a great time and they avoided talking about the ghost. They spoke about the village, the river, and even they planned an excursion for the following day.

-If we make the ghost get away from the house tonight , tomorrow we will go to the river to have a picnic, ok?- said John.

-Of course! We will take our girlfriends to have a great time! - Said Max kissing Lilly.

- It is the time. It's a quarter to twelve now. - Said Mary.

-Come on! Hurry up! - Exclaimed Lilly who was looking at the clock.

They turned off the light and they made a circle around the



Ouija. The four were scared but they closed their eyes and Max began to call the ghost.

-Mrs. Downe, show you! We want to liberate you! Please, communicate with us!-

Everything was in a complete silence. Nobody was moving. Our boys began to get nervous. Max tried to call the ghost again. Nothing. Tears came to Mary's eyes. John looked at her and tried to calm her with her look. Suddenly, something was happening. The candles put out; the glass began to move on the Ouija wrote: "G" "O" "A" "W" "A" "Y".

-Go away.... - Said John.

-I'm very scared. - Said Mary.

-Don't worry. - Said Lilly. - It might be a good spirit.-

-Or a wicked spirit. - Added Max.

- You are not helping me very much. – Lilly said angrily.

-Sorry. – replied Max.

-Be quiet! – cried Mary.

-We want you to rest in peace. - Said John to the ghost.

There was no response and the house has a ghostly appearance . It did not look as usual, as the lovely house the had seen.

Suddenly a wind current entered the house; the ghost was about to appear.

-Look at the walls! - Lilly suddenly shouted.

There was something written on the wall of the bedroom,

- What does it say here? - Ask Mary.

-Tonight somebody is going to die. Max cried.

-We'd rather stop. - Said John.

-I'm sorry, but the ghost is wicked and she won't stop until it finishes with one of us. - Said Lilly.

-So we have to finish this. - Finished Max.

Everybody was scared but they understood that they had to finish the ceremony.

The piece of wood stood up and was thrown at the wall staining it with blood. The boys stood up and looked around

them. Everything was flying around the house, and some of the objects were trying to hurt them.

-We have to go away! - Shouted Lilly in horror.

Mary ran to the door and she tried to open it.

-The door is closed! We're trapped! - Said Mary.

John and Max were searching for another exit while Mary and Lilly were trying to open the door.

The ghost was throwing all kinds of objects: lamps, knives, glasses, vases, etc while they avoided them. The windows were closed too, but Max found an exit: The ventilation system.

-Girls, Come here! - Said John.

-Hurry up! - Shouted Max.

A lamp hit Mary's head and fell down unconsciously.



-Mary! - Exclaimed Lilly. -John, Mary is unconscious!-

-Lilly came with Max! I will pick Mary up -Said John crying. - Mary! Mary! Don't die, my love! - Said John while he was trying to pick Mary up.

They finally went out and Lilly and Max hugged them. They looked at the house and everything was quiet. The house turned to look like lovely.

-Could you take me to hospital, please?-Asked John with tears in his eyes.

-Of course John, Follow us. - Said Max nicely.

They got into the car.

-You have to be strong Mary. - Whispered Lilly again and again.

-We have already arrived. - Said Max.

John picked up Mary, and he got into the hospital with Mary.

Max and Lilly followed him.

-Help! Help!- Shouted John.

A young doctor ran towards John, and he took Mary to a room. The rest of

the boys were treated by their wounds which were not serious, then, they waited for a response on Mary's condition. Finally, the young doctor said to them that Mary was fine and that she only needed to rest for a bit. She could go home the following day.

The next morning Mary was awake in the room of the hospital.

-My love! How are you?-Said John kissing her.

-I feel sick, but I can stand it.



-Mary! Thanks God that you are well! - Said Lilly

-Oh Lilly! Are you ok?-Said Mary.

-I'm fine, thank you.-

- Hello Mary! - Said Max with a smile.

-Max! Hello!-Exclaimed Mary laughing. -What happened with the ghost? How did we go out? - Asked Mary confused.

-Max found the way out and you and Lilly were trying to open the door. When you ran with us, a lamp hit you and you fell down. While Max and Lilly were going out, I picked you up and with Max's help I put you outside the house. Then the house was quiet and we went to the hospital. - Explained John.

-We were very scared when you fell down. - Said Lilly.

-Thank you boys. - Said Mary.

-You shouldn't thank us. - Said Max.

-We can go to the river to relax. Right ? - Said John.

-Of course! I need to relax! - Said Lilly.

-Ok, when we go away from the hospital, we will go to the river! - Said Mary happier.

They went away from the hospital, and they went to a shop to buy sandwiches and anything to drink, then, they went to the river.

There, the birds were singing, and the water was very clean.

***They were
having a
fantastic
time
together.***



***-It's
seven
o'clock, we
should go
back. - Said
Max.***

-Can we stay at your house, Lilly? – Asked Mary seriously.

-Yes, of course! - Said Lilly looking at Max.

-Thank you boys. - Said John smiling.

***They were going home when some leaves of the trees
started to move.***

-Oh, the wind it's moving the trees. - Said Lilly.

-Yes, it's begun to be cold. - Said Mary.

-Hurry up, because it's getting dark. - Said Max .

***Everything looks like darker and colder. Mary noticed that
someone or something approaching. She was very frightened
behind the rest.***

-Ahhh!!!!- shouted Mary suddenly.

The rest of the boys looked at Mary and they were surprised; something was dragging Mary.

-Mary! - Shouted John.

-John! help me!-

Max managed to catch Mary, but the supernatural force was pulling her stronger and finally it took her somewhere. Nobody could do anything. Lilly, John and Max were crying and they knew where Mary was.

-We have to go to the house now! - Exclaimed John.

-John, I'm sorry but Mary is dead. - Said Max nervously.

-No! Mary is cleverer than the ghost! She isn't dead! Lilly, Lilly please we should go to the house! - Said John scared.

- I'm sorry John, Max is right. We can't do anything for Mary. - Said Lilly crying.

-Well, then, I will go to the house alone. I won't leave Mary alone.-

Lilly and Max looked at John and decided to go with him. Mary may be alive.

-John, wait! - Said Lilly and Max at the same time.

-Thank you boys. - Said John hugging them.

-We will go in my car, is faster than yours. - Said Max.

-I agree with Max, come on; Mary needs us.-Said John nervously.

They went to the house quickly and entered it.

-Mary! Mary! - Shouted Lilly.

The house was different from the previous night. It was arranged and cleaned, but there was something dirty: the floor. There was blood on the floor, as if someone had been dragged on it, someone with a wound, like the wound that Mary had on her head.



-Look at the floor! It's blood! - Said Max

-Mary.... - whispered John.

They followed the blood and they came to the bedroom. John opened the door

carefully and there was somebody on the bed.

-It's Mary!-Shouted Lilly who ran into the bed.

-Be careful Lilly! - Shouted Max.

-Do not uncover her, it might be the ghost! Leave me.-Said John.

Lilly was frightened and she let John uncover her slowly.

-Oh Mary! - Said John calmly.

-Quickly, go outside this house! - Said Max.

-The door is closed Max! We can't go away!-Said Lilly nervously.

Suddenly Mary opened her eyes. She seemed crazy and she had a terrible and ghostly look.

-Mary! You're alive! - Exclaimed John happily.

But John's happiness vanished quickly. Mary began to fly and she spoke with her mouth closed. She said that everybody would die the same way she had died. Her eyes were bloody and she had the same wound on her head.

-Mrs. Downe is inside Mary!-Said Lilly.

-We should do something. – cried Max .

Mary was manipulating a lamp of the bedroom. She was cutting the electrical rope of the lamp. Then they were bringing it near Lilly. She wanted to electrocute her.

-Mary, I'm John, I'm sure you're stronger than Mrs. Downe, please Mary fight her!-

Mary looked at John, now the electrical rope was near John. He didn't stop to look at her and he had an idea.

-Mary, do you remember when we had an argument? That night I went to your house and I asked you if you wanted to

marry me. Two tears rolled on your face and you said: yes, of course!-

John's story was interrupted by an electrical discharge of the electrical rope, but John continued remembering:

-Mary, Mary, look at me please. Do you remember when we went to the bridge to put a padlock with our names? We made a promise: Our love was forever. Then we threw the key to the river where nobody could find it. Do you remember?-

Then Mary stopped flying. She began to shout and she fell onto the floor.

-Come on Mary! Fight! Fight! - Shouted Lilly.

- Mary you're stronger! Come on Mary! Come on! - Shouted Max.

Suddenly, Mary's body was calm. Then Max started to speak to the ghost.

-Mrs. Downe, you have already killed your husband. Please, don't torment us anymore . We know that you are a good person.-

The ghost turned into a person (Mrs. Downe's body). She looked at Max and suddenly she smiled and wrote something on the wall:

"THANK YOU, MAX. NOW I CAN REST IN PEACE".

-You're welcome Mrs. Downe.-Said Max

Mrs. Downe's spirit disappeared and Mary opened her eyes.

-John, What's happened? - Asked Mary confused.

-Mrs. Downe is resting in peace at last. – Replied John.

- Is that true? - Ask Mary surprising.

*-Yes, Mary, you can live here for a long time if you want. -
Said Lilly.*

*The next morning the two couples decided to go to visit the
Mrs. Downe's grave. They took her flowers and they cleaned
her grave. Then they arranged and cleaned the house because
John and Mary decided to live in this village, in this house.*

*The two couples got married the same day, in the same
church. They were friends and they lived happily ever after.*



THE END

