

# *Haunted Heroes*

**A radio drama**

**Characters:**

- **Alex:** a hard-working and environmentally conscious student
- **Charlie:** a hard-working and environmentally conscious student
- **Harper:** A bully, rude, loud and aggressive
- **Jo:** An old resident who pretends to be a ghost

**Sound effects:**

- Birds singing
- Harper eating
- Wind blowing
- Witch cackling
- Ghost noises
- Door opening and closing
- Knocking on a door
- Pushing and fighting

**Scene 1**

**Sound effect:** *birds singing*

**Alex:** What a beautiful day to be in the forest.

**Charlie:** You are right. It is perfect. Look at that beautiful bird.

**Sound effect:** *birds singing*

**Alex:** And we have managed to collect two bags of rubbish. Why is there so much rubbish here?

**Charlie:** I can't believe people leave so much rubbish here.

**Alex:** At least we can do a little bit to help nature.

**Charlie:** Let's do one more bag each.

**Alex:** Ok. Where should we go? Up the hill?

**Charlie:** But isn't that where the Old House is?

**Alex:** Old House?

**Alex:** Yeah, I read about it in the newspapers a few years ago.

**Charlie:** What happened?

**Alex:** I heard it was haunted. It is full of ghosts. Students won't go near it anymore.

**Charlie:** Oh I don't believe in ghosts.

**Harper:** *(from far away)* Oooooooooooh!

**Alex:** What was that?

**Harper:** *(from far away)* Oooooooooooh!

**Charlie:** It sounds like a ghost!

**Alex:** In the middle of the day?

**Harper:** *(closer)* Oooooooooooh!

**Charlie:** It's coming from behind that tree

**Harper:** Boo! Hahaha! You looked so scared!

**Charlie:** Harper! What are you doing here?

**Harper:** *(eating crisps)* I should be asking you the same question. Are you following me?

**Alex:** No, we are here collecting rubbish and helping protect the environment.

**Harper:** *(eating crisps)* Sounds boring. You guys are losers.

**Alex:** What are you eating? Please don't talk and eat at the same time. It is disgusting.

**Harper:** *(eating crisps)* I finished now anyway!

**Charlie:** Hey! Don't throw your rubbish on the ground. Pick it up!

**Harper:** Make me!

**Alex:** Calm down. Calm down.

**Charlie:** Harper, you can't just throw rubbish around. Animals live here. We have been trying to clean up all day.

**Harper:** *(copying his voice childishly)* We have been trying to clean it up all day! I have better things to do than pick up rubbish.

**Charlie:** Like what?

**Harper:** I'm heading up to the Old House now. I want to take some photos of ghosts.

**Alex:** There is no such thing as ghosts.

**Harper:** Sure, there is! Just not easy to find like rubbish in this forest

**Charlie:** You think there are ghosts in the Old House?

**Harper:** I *know* there are. I'm going to get photos and sell them and make a lot of money. While you losers pick up rubbish.

**Alex:** Nonsense. Harper, you really do waste time. Why don't you help us clean up instead of chasing ghosts?

**Harper:** Why don't you come with me instead of chasing rubbish?

**Charlie:** Come with you to the Old House?

**Harper:** Yeah, or are you scared? You are a hero who can pick up crisp packets but won't go into an old house?

**Charlie:** I'm not scared.

**Harper:** Come on then.

**Charlie:** We are busy cleaning up.

**Harper:** Tell you what. If you come with me to the old house, then I'll help you clean up *all* the rubbish in this forest.

**Alex:** Yeah right.

**Harper:** I'm serious. Come on losers. Let's go.

## Scene 2

**Alex:** (*whispering*) I'm not sure this is a good idea.

**Charlie:** (*whispering*) Ghosts aren't real. We will be ok.

**Alex:** (*whispering*) Harper is a bit scary. Maybe scarier than the ghosts.

**Charlie:** (*whispering*) Yeah, but imagine how good it will be to have him picking up rubbish!

**Harper:** What are you to whispering about?

**Alex & Charlie:** (*together*) Nothing!

**Harper:** Here we are.

**Alex:** Big old door.

**Charlie:** It seems locked. Oh well, we can't go in. Let's go back to the forest.

**Harper:** Wait wait wait.

**Sound effect:** *knocking on door*

**Charlie:** You think someone will answer?

**Harper:** Shhhhh!

**Sound effect:** *knocking on door*

**Alex:** Nobody is home. I don't think anybody lives here.

**Harper:** Well, they aren't home now anyway. Let's see if it is unlocked.

**Alex:** No I don't –

**Harper:** It is open!

**Sound effect:** *old door creaking open*

**Harper:** Get your cameras ready! Let's find some ghosts, come on.

**Charlie:** I'll wait outside.

**Alex:** Me too!

**Harper:** Get in there you two.

**Sound effect:** *they push and fight*

**Alex:** Let me go!

**Sound effect:** *door slamming shut*

**Charlie:** You locked us in!

**Harper:** Don't be such chickens. Let's take a look around.

**Alex:** I can't open the door!

**Charlie:** *(teeth chattering)* It is rather cold in here. Very cold.

**Alex:** *(teeth chattering)* Yes it is!

**Harper:** Of course it is cold. No heating.

**Alex:** But it is the middle of summer and it is daytime!

**Harper:** Quiet! Let's explore this place.

**Charlie:** It's so big in here. It looks smaller on the outside.

**Harper:** Let's go into these rooms here.

**Charlie:** *(whispering)* This is crazy.

**Alex:** *(whispering)* I know, but just think how good it will be when he is cleaning up rubbish with us!

**Sound effect:** *a ghostly 'wooooooo'*

**Alex:** Harper, stop it!

**Harper:** It's not me! It's coming from over there.

**Sound effect:** *a high-pitched singing tune like a ghost 'doooo da dooo'*

**Charlie:** I don't like this!

**Sound effect:** *a witch cackling loudly*

**Alex:** Who was that?!

**Charlie:** Sounded like a witch!

**Harper:** Or a ghost witch. I'm going to get my camera ready.

**Sound effect:** *wind blowing*

**Sound effect:** *ghost noises*

**Sound effect:** *witch cackling*

**Alex:** It's all coming from behind that door.

**Harper:** You open it! I'll take a photo as soon as it is open.

**Charlie:** Ok, I admit it. I am sc-sc-sc-sc-scared.

**Harper:** I thought you said ghosts weren't real.

**Alex:** Let's forget it. We'll pick up the rubbish for you.

**Harper:** If you two don't open that door I am going to give you a knuckle sandwich.

**Charlie:** Ok, ok.

**Alex:** One...two... three!

**Sound effect:** *the noises stop – silence*

**Harper:** Say cheese!

**Alex:** It's empty. Just an empty bed.

**Charlie:** Nothing in here.

**Harper:** Oh well. I guess you two will have to wait here and see what comes.

**Alex:** Get off of me!

**Charlie:** What are you doing?

**Harper:** I'm going to lock you in. Enjoy your stay, nerds!

**Alex:** He has locked the door from the outside!

**Sound effect:** *door slamming shut.*

**Sound effect:** Alex and Charlie knocking on the door

**Charlie:** (*shouting*) Let us out!

**Alex:** (*shouting*) Let us out!

**Sound effect:** *Ghost sounds gradually fade out*

### **Scene 3**

**Charlie:** (*tired*) How long have been in here now?

**Alex:** 20 minutes, I think.

**Charlie:** It will be dark outside soon.

**Alex:** Our parents will never think to come here.

**Charlie:** We are going to die. All because of Harper.

**Alex:** Why is he such a bully?

**Charlie:** I don't know.

**Sound effect:** *ghost sounds, and witch sounds*

**Alex:** Oh no! What was that?

**Charlie:** It came from *in* here!

**Sound effect:** *ghost sounds, and witch sounds*

**Alex:** I can't see anything.

**Charlie:** Nothing.

**Alex:** Nothing except.

**Charlie:** What's that?

**Alex:** It looks like a speaker!

**Charlie:** Strange

**Alex:** It's a Bluetooth speaker! That isn't old. It's newer than my speaker.

**Charlie:** This is weird.

**Sound effect:** *knock at the door*

**Jo:** *(in the distance, slowly)* Ok children. Come out now!

**Alex:** Who is that?

**Jo:** Don't be scared. It's ok. I am not going to hurt you.

**Alex:** There is someone behind the door!

**Charlie:** Are you a gh-gh-gh-gh-ghost?

**Alex:** Let's hide under the bed!

**Jo:** No no. No such things as ghosts. I am going to unlock this door.

**Sound effect:** *door opening*

**Alex:** You are real. You are an old man.

**Charlie:** That's rude.

**Alex:** I am sorry, I mean an elderly man.

**Jo:** That's right and you two are in my home. What are you doing here?

**Charlie:** You live here?

**Jo:** That's right.

**Alex:** But it's empty.



**Jo:** Empty? Oh, I don't need much. Most of my things are upstairs. It's too cold down here. My heating is upstairs.

**Charlie:** Oh. How long have you lived here?

**Jo:** Most of my life. I went to school nearby.

**Alex:** You went to The Griffin School?

**Jo:** That's right. Who is the other person with you?

**Charlie:** That's Harper. He said he wanted to come here and take photos of ghosts.

**Jo:** Ghosts? *(laughs)* Did he find any?

**Alex:** I don't think so. Such a mean person. We were stuck in that room because they locked it.

**Jo:** A bully?

**Charlie:** Yeah. You could say that.

**Alex:** He laughed at us for picking up rubbish in the forest. He made us come in your home else he would beat us up.

**Jo:** Oh it's you that has been cleaning up the forest?

**Charlie:** Yeah, a summer project.

**Jo:** That's very good of you. The pollution gets worse every year. I tried to clean it once but the students, well, they just keep coming and leaving rubbish. You are heroes.

**Alex:** I wish Harper thought that. He said we were losers for cleaning up.

**Jo:** Sounds like somebody who needs to be taught a lesson.

**Charlie:** What are you doing?

**Jo:** I am going to take this big white bedsheet and have some fun!

#### Scene 4

**Sound effect:** *Harper whistling*

**Harper:** Nothing here. Stupid empty rooms. I think I need to check upstairs. Then I'm going to start a little fire. What a waste of time.

**Sound effect:** *Ghost noises*

**Harper:** Ah ha! A ghost!

**Sound effect:** *ghost noises*

**Harper:** It is coming from the top of the stairs!

**Sound effect:** *Ghost noises*

**Harper:** Oh my word! A real ghost!

**Jo:** What do you want?

**Harper:** A real ghost! Cool! Stay still I want to take a photo!

**Jo:** Why are you in my home?

**Harper:** You're a ghost. This isn't your home anymore.

**Jo:** Harper Smith. That isn't very polite.

**Harper:** Wait. How do you know my name?

**Jo:** I know everything about you Harper Smith. I know you are a bully. I know you leave rubbish in the forest. I know you live at 10, King Road. I know you are very selfish too.

**Harper:** How do you know all this?

**Jo:** I am a ghost, Harper. I can see everything.

**Sound effect:** *wind blowing*

**Harper:** (*scared*) Wh-wh-wh-wh-wh-what are you doing?

**Jo:** You are in my home. I control everything here.

**Sound effect:** *witch laughing*

**Jo:** Those two boys you were with...

**Harper:** Yeah?

**Jo:** I *ate* them!

**Harper:** Wh-wh-wh-wh-wh-what?

**Jo:** That's right. I ate them. I would like to eat you for dessert.

**Harper:** What? No, no!

**Sound effect:** *wind blowing*

**Jo:** Come here Harper.

**Harper:** No wait! Please. I'll do anything!

**Jo:** Anything?

**Harper:** Yes, anything!

**Jo:** Very well. Clean up the rubbish in the forest.

**Harper:** What?

**Jo:** You heard me. Clean it up. All of it. If you don't, I will come to your home and haunt you and eat you!

**Harper:** Ok! Ok!

**Jo:** Now, get out of here!

**Harper:** Ok! Aaaarghhhh!

## Scene 5

**Sound effect:** *birds singing*

**Alex:** *(laughing)* Jo, that was so funny.

**Charlie:** I've never seen someone run so fast in my life.

**Jo:** Oh, you are welcome boys.

**Alex:** So why do you have sound effects playing from a speaker?

**Jo:** Well, kids always come up here and bother me. They play in my garden and leave rubbish everywhere. I wanted some peace. About five years ago I bought a speaker and started playing some scary sound effects. They soon ran away!

**Charlie:** That's so funny!

**Alex:** Look I can see Harper down there! He is picking up rubbish.

**Jo:** Maybe he can be good after all. Boys, I appreciate you coming to pick up rubbish in this forest.

**Charlie:** You are welcome.

**Alex:** Welcome, Jo.

**Jo:** We need heroes like you to make this forest better.

**Alex:** Thank you.

**Charlie:** Thanks!

**Jo:** Now, let's go have some tea and watch Harper pick up rubbish until the sun goes down!

**The End**