

The Silent Hero

This book concludes in 4 chapters this is a short story

Chapter 1: Lone Rider

It was less than a normal day in London, it was the first day of school. David rushed downstairs to grab his breakfast and at last said his goodbyes to his parents, but as of now he didn't know what was to happen in the next hour, so he rushed down to the school grounds and entered his class room. Immediately his teacher Mrs. Lexer gave them several assignments and a color book labeled "Night of the Ghosts" with further instructions - Go to the address at Apartment 146 backyard, wear your spookiest costumes. In fine print at the corner there is an encrypted message that isn't 1's and 0's but something else perhaps a sign.

David asked, "Maam what does the message at the corner say?" Mrs. Lexer answered "Oh! you saw that? Well it's not much, maybe a malfunction in the printing."

Mrs. Lexer thought "If only he knew this will have a bad twist." David noticed her unusual levels of sweat and knew instantly that she was up to something. Something questionable.

David immediately asked, "Why the sudden sweat?" Mrs Lexer was speechless. She quickly retorted, "Why the question, is there something you are concerned about? I'm actually sweating because it's hot in here". David knew if he kept asking he would get detention so he kept quiet. Recess came along quite quickly and David wondered why she kept acting eerie. However, he kept to himself and played along with his friends on the swingsets.

His friends are Daniel, (The funny one whom David preferred out of the other two though David never mentioned that to the other, not even Daniel knows this.) Tyler (The sports one, mocks his own brother for having the same name as him) and Tyler.Jr (His parents got lazy and named him after his older brother; he's the explorer in the group). Together they set out to the bushes to explore the Address on the color book.

Chapter 2: The Ghostly Gasp

On their way, they found a luscious green field, good for play. Tyler said to Daniel "Wanna play football?" Daniel replied "I'm doing something right now, but I guess I could spare some time." Tyler ran down the field and scored "TOUCHDOWN!" Tyler said with joy noticeable on his face. Daniel ran down but got tackled by Tyler and he sprained his ankle in the process. Daniel yelled in throbbing pain and was sent to the medical office. This meant no more Football for Daniel.

David and Tyler.Jr continued the exploration while Tyler stayed with Daniel. On their way, they found something. Tyler.Jr said "Hey David look what I found" David looked and gasped aloud "Is that a chest?" David whispered to himself "What is wrong with this school? First a weird teacher now this?" Tyler.Jr blew out the dust from the chest and said "It needs a key David." Since they were in the bushes east of the swingsets they tried to stay calm, immediately a whimpering spirit came amongst them and said "Your soul will be mine, your teacher has my embodiment and that address is my home I'm going to feast on the whole school soon enough I've waited a thousand years for THIS TO HAPPEN IT'S MY TIME!" Tyler and David immediately said in sync "A GHOST!" The ghost let out an evil laugh and scoffed. They realized the chest was filled with spirits and if they opened it all of them would

take over their bodies so they chose to know better than going around looking for the key just for their souls to be taken.

Chapter 3: The plan

The next day David was mortified by what had happened the previous day and cooked a plan to tell the whole school not to come. Hours passed and David took no effort into saving the school because he knew that if he tried, his possessed teacher would immediately figure it out and take his soul. What would David do, what could he do? David knew if people came to the back of that apartment they would immediately be consumed by the ghost but he chose to tell his closest friends since they have been together so long and he could trust them to keep this a secret. The day of the torment came quickly and David had no choice than to attend. He was burdened by the fact that if he did nothing all the students would be consumed and the consequences would be far too expensive. "Who knows what will happen to the city afterwards" he thought. However, if he attends, the price he would pay is losing his soul but then he could save the others from being consumed by the ghost spirits. He braced up and attended. He and the ghost found one another again. The ghost immediately said "Oh it's you again how glad I am to see you coming. Your soul knows too much about me and my habits so I might as well consume your soul NOW!" David laughed out of spite for he wanted to send this ghost to the depths of the abyss and David knew he had power over the ghost because he had a body but the ghost had an accomplice, his teacher.

Chapter 4: The change of heart

David manipulated the ghost saying “You can have my soul, you’re nothing but a soul consuming creature with no heart” that hit the ghost somewhere he had never felt before he immediately whimpered saying “hope you know I was like you before and then I lost my life hiking, my soul didn’t rest for I had my family to live for until they all died now. I may as well rest and have your teacher’s soul. You know us ghosts need one to live. Once I realise this, I’m gone”. David’s heart changed for the ghost due to the sob story and he made a deal with the ghost saying “Have my soul so you can live, but don’t be in me and be controlling. Rather be a subconscious mind of mine but I don’t want to hear your thoughts or do you really want to go?” The ghost was amazed by such kindness. He never thought humans were this kind and what David had done has proven him wrong. David had offered him a home but did the ghost really want one? The ghost disagreed, he had just lost his oath with his other ghost mates about human kindness. This means he has to return and never come back to bother humans again. The ghost let out his final tear, then was gone for good. The teacher was free and the sun started to rise. David had been there for hours. He was so tired but he fought his way back home saying “what a day!” No one in the school was hurt because of this bravery and no one except his friends knew about his ordeal on that day. **He was a Silent Hero.**

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