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Amaris Christmas

Richmond Community High School

A teenage couple was out for a night on the town, drinking and smoking illegally. They heard a police car, so they quickly ran into an alley. They waited for the police car to pass and continued through the streets on their merry way. As they were walking, they heard another police siren. The girl pulled the boy into another alley and waited for the police to pass by. This happened two more times until the boy and girl became frustrated. They decided to stay in that alley. As the girl and the boy smoked, they smelled something else wafting into the air besides the cigarettes and alcohol. The boy took out his phone and shined his light around. What they saw made their jaws drop and the girl screamed. There on the brick wall of the alley hung five dead bodies of teenagers. They all had their throats slit with cigarettes in their mouths. On the wall written above them in blood was "don't grow up too fast kiddies".

Kenique Brown

Franklin Military Academy

My mother once said, "Don't sit in front of the computer too long. Someone is watching you." I neglected to even try to understand what she was telling me.

I was on the computer late one night, trying to do some work, and I started to nod off. To wake up, I went to get a glass of water. When I returned, my computer wouldn't turn on. It was dark in the room, so I used the light on my phone to check the cords. Everything was plugged in. I looked back the screen, and a man and little girl were staring at me. The child had blood running from her ears. They reached out at me...

Coming in the room, my mother turned on the light. When I looked back at the screen, the faces were gone.

Nakhil Finch

Sophie Hampton

Richmond Community High School

Open High School

A principal would tell his students to not leave the school if they stayed back for after school activities. Every student who did was "expelled". Students walking past the boiler room always said that it smelled weird but assumed it was just because the machinery was old. One day, the custodians were mopping the floors and a mop broke. They asked a passing student if he could go to the boiler room and get a new one out of the closet through the back. The student goes to get the mop opened the closet not to be greeted by mops and brooms, but by ten dead students who attended the school. They had left during after school activities.

One night, a girl snuck out of her summer camp cabin around 3am. She decided she would take a walk, because she couldn't sleep. After walking around for a little while, realized she was lost. So, she wandered, failing to dodge the big, sticky spider webs, nearly tripping over big, rough tree roots. She finally came across a fallen tree. There was a man sitting on it, holding something in his hand. It was pitch black. She called out, telling him she was lost. Unknown to her, the figure was deaf, and when he didn't reply she moved closer. Sensing something coming toward him, the man swung the object that was in his hand: an old and rusty ax. She screamed until her soul left her body. The man heard none of this and decided to walk back to the old cabin he lived in. That night, the girl's body was devoured by various forest creatures. Nobody ever found out what happened to her.



Sasha Hanks

Franklin Military Academy

On day, my cousin decided he didn't need to brush his teeth. After a few weeks, one of them fell out. He said it really hurt, but he thought maybe it was just another loose tooth. Another couple weeks went by, and I finally took him to the dentist. Looking around his mouth, the dentist noticed something strange. He took the dental hook to look at where the tooth had fallen out. Something moved. As he got closer, maggots started coming out of his mouth like a family of ants. My cousin turned to me and whispered, "I am a dead man walking".

Jazmine Harris

Open High School

There once was a girl with long, dark hair, claws for nails, and eyes that could kill even the slightest thing. She would lurk the forest of the unknown and scare children's souls out of them. Some even say she lived to harm children. No one ever roamed the forest of the unknown. Until one lonely day, a little girl with roses for cheeks and a smile that could calm a sea wanted to know more about the forbidden forest. So, she wandered about alone. As she walked, she heard rattles in the bushes and faint whispers in the wind, but she never once looked back.

As she kept walking about, she came across a beautiful path of roses and followed it. When she came to the end of the path, she found her eyes locked in the eyes of the unknown girl of the forest.

The unknown girl of the forest captured the girl and took her to her mystical cave and the little girl was never seen again.

Dante Jbarah

Open High School

There was a boy who always carried his phone around. One day he updated the phone, and when it turned back on, there was a small black dot on the top right on the screen. The boy chose to ignore it. Over the days the dot got bigger and bigger, until it almost covered the screen. He went out with his friends one night. There was a man driving his truck to drop off a delivery. There was a lot of traffic and he was on a tight schedule, so he took a side road. The road ran through a tall forest and ended in a circular field. The men exited his car to investigate and find out where he was. He turned on his radio and only got static. He tried his phone but got no signal.

Charles Patillo

Franklin Military Academy

At football practice, my friend was wearing different people's helmets without cleaning them. After we finished, he kept scratching at his hair. He finally decided, well, let me wash my it. As he rinsed the shampoo out, he realized his hair was falling out with it, and that it was had turned pink. He called his mom, and she took him to the hospital. When they looked at him, they found little bugs on his hair and told him that he had microscopic parasites that were eating his pigment and making it fall out.

Jada Keeve

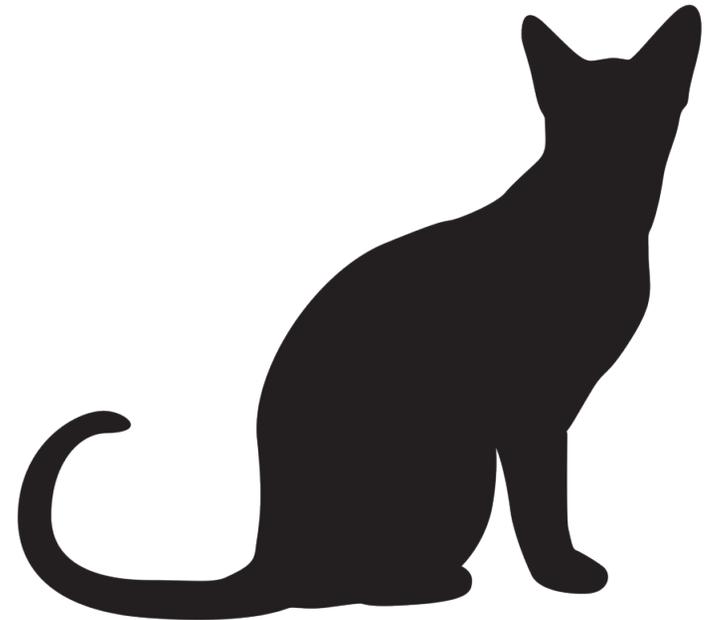
Open High School

One day, a group of teenagers, who happened to all be siblings, went to school. When they got there, they caught up with their friend, Steward. Since halloween was around the corner, people were starting to tell spooky stories. So, Steward told his friends his spooky story to his friends.

“One day in 1854, a young girl named Abigail was headed to school. At her school, she was bullied a lot for the way she looked and dressed. Abigail was fed up with it. So one day she disappeared, and was nowhere to be found. The police searched everywhere but came across nothing. They thought that she ran away or something.

“The next day, one of her friends went to go use the bathroom and smelled an awful smell. She checked each of the stalls to find out what it was. In the big stall, she found a dead body hanging from the back of the stall. When she looked closer at the body, she screamed ‘Abigail!’ and ran to tell the principal. When the principal saw the body she immediately called the police for further information.

“The next day, the group of boys who bullied Abigail, all went to the bathroom to chit-chat. When they were leaving, the door was locked and they had no way to get out. Then, they heard a voice. ‘Come play with me boys, come plaaaaay...’ One of the boys said, ‘NO!’ and after that, she appeared. The other boys screamed ‘ABIGAIL!’ and just like that, all three of them died in that bathroom, with one remaining, the main bully. The voice came back. ‘I have a special treat for you, Timmy,’ she said. Timmy replied, ‘What do you want?’”
Nobody has ever heard from him since.



Georgia LeipoldVitiello

Open High School

There is a Farm in Glenn Allen, Virginia. Back in the 1960's, a mother and her young daughter lived there. One night while they were asleep, someone snuck into their house and kidnapped them. They were taken into the woods behind their property and brutally murdered. The little girl never really left.

A family has lived on this farm for many years now. A few years after the murder (which has never reported), a husband and wife moved in and started a horse farm. Now the youngest daughter of this couple lives on the farm with her family and continues the riding school. If you go to the furthest field, at the edge of the property you can sometimes spot the murdered girl. Everyone who has seen her describes her as blonde with a pink dress, and bouncing a ball.

Currently a little blonde girl does live on this farm, she is the daughter of the owner. When the ghost girl is spotted, people assume this is the child they have seen, so they ask the owner of the farm if her daughter was down there, but it's always proven that they really did see the

murdered girl. This child never does harm, but she never leaves. Once her mother was spotted by the farm's owner, late at night. She is a vengeful spirit and the one you should really be afraid of. Never go down to the bottom field alone late at night, or you might just anger her.

Charles Patillo

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Zion Perry

Open High School

There was a woman jogging in an area by her house at night, when she saw a new path in the woods that she decided to take. She was running along the path when she saw something in the corner of the eye. She started to get a strange feeling in the pit of her stomach, but she brushed it off. Something started rustling in the trees, her gut was telling her to head back to her house. The wind started blowing and she heard a whistling noise. She looked around and thought she saw a man with a rope. She looked up and saw a woman hanging from a tree. She was frozen in fear when she heard a deep voice whisper in her ear, "You're next." She ran away and never looked back.

Crystal Taylor

Richmond Community High School

It was a warm summer night. A young girl and her mother were riding home in the car. You see, the girl was coming home from a sleepover. She was so embarrassed at having thrown up all over her best friend's, or soon to be best friend's, Hello Kitty pillow. She cried the whole time that she was waiting for her mom to pick her up. This continued the whole time she was in the car. She started to calm down, and her mom was about to promise her something for being such a big girl, but she couldn't hear it over the sound of glass shattering and metal bending. Everything went black. She woke up to the sound of beeping and heard the doctors talking about something called drunk drivers...



Toby Weaver

Open High School

Cell Phones

A man buys an old cell phone from a person selling them for cheap. He puts the cellphone in his jeans pocket. Through the day his thigh starts to hurt but he ignores it. When he gets home he takes off his pants to find burns and blisters all along his thigh where his phone his thigh where his phone had been.

Water

A woman decides to take a shower. As she turns on the water she hears her water heater whistling from downstairs. It had been making that noise for a few days but she didn't think it was that big of a deal. When she gets in the shower, it's extremely cold, so she turns up the heat. Suddenly boiling water comes through the showerhead. The woman survives but with third degree burns.

Abby Wood

Open High School

There was a girl who wanted to join an online group chat, but her parents wouldn't let her. But when her parents weren't home, she would login and chat to kids. The girl made friends with another girl her age, and they would talk a lot after school. One day the girls decided they wanted to meet in person. They discuss where to meet and when, and that other girl says her dad would pick them up. A week later the little girl runs outside to meet her friend and notices just a man in a car. The man rolls down the window and say "Hi, I'm Lucy's dad; She's waiting for you at the house." The little girl hops in and they drive away. When they get to the house the little girl runs into the house, and runs from room to room screaming her friend's name. But Lucy was nowhere in sight. She runs down to the front of the house and finds the man pointing a gun at her and says, "I'm Lucy."

Desireé Green

Richmond Community High School

Once there was a dating couple. They liked to watch anime and other shows together. For Valentine's Day, the girl decided that they weren't going to do anything special. They figured that they were going to go over to the boyfriend's house and binge watch the Walking Dead because the newest episode came out that night. They met up at a pizza place, because it was having a special. The girl was there for a little longer than the boy. When they placed their order, the girl began to get an uncomfortable feeling like she was forgetting something. The boy said not to worry and they paid for the pizza and went to his house. They were cuddling and watching the Walking Dead all night. The girl kept jumping from fear and the boy kept trying to comfort her. She asked him to get her another slice of pizza. While he was out of the room, the scene of the Walking Dead showed someone being killed so there was screaming. But it sounded like it was too loud to be coming from the tv. After her boyfriend didn't come back, she went to check on him. She went into the kitchen and found his dead body near the pizza box with cuts on his chest that read "you forgot to add pepperonis".

Destiny HallHarper

Richmond Community High School

On the seventh hour, on the seventh day in May, there was a party. A grand affair to be remembered by everyone in attendance. Except of course, the young occupant on the second floor playing with barbies. Her parents were the hosts of said party and left her alone with the nanny. They sat and plated tea party during the party. The guests downstairs suddenly heard a scream the the music cut. Thinking it was the family dog, they music blared again. This sequence happened two additional times. Scared out of their wits, the parents called off the party and the guests dispersed. Walking to their daughter's room, they cautiously opened the door. Gathered in a circle was the family dog and the nanny (both lifeless) and the little girl, seemingly having a tea party. The little girl stared with innocence in her eyes and said "It's not nice to interrupt".

Phillisha Hopson

Richmond Community High School

Every night, a girl would go to her bathroom at 11:00 and get ready for bed. She would take her shower and clean her bifocals in her mirror. Every time she took her glasses off and looked in the mirror she could see a dark figure rush past the doorway behind her. She would run after it but once it turned a corner, it was gone. When it began, she used to call the police, but now there was no point, they labeled her as crazy. She finally decided that it was just her eyes playing tricks on her when she took her glasses off to clean them. Besides, that was the only time she saw the figure.

One night, a year after she moved there, she cleaned her glasses. Once again, she saw the figure, but it did not rush past her doorway like it usually did. It just stood there, and watched her. She was already used to it so she just continued to clean her glasses. Once she put her glasses back on, it was usually gone, but tonight she could see it clearly. It was old and wrinkly.

She screamed and turned around.

The next morning she decided to pack up her things and leave. When everything was out of the house, she checked everywhere for things that she might have forgotten when she hap-

pened upon 2 holes in her closet. She slid her fingers in the holes and pulled it and it pulled the whole wall open like a door. It led to a room which had a dirty cover, and old cans of food. A living area. The girl hurried and rushed out of the house, never to return again.

Missing

Stephanie Martin

Richmond Community HS

One girl was sitting in her bedroom waiting on her husband to come home. She fell asleep while waiting on him. She woke up to home not being there still. She turned on the tv and saw that someone went missing last night in a deep black hole.

She wondered if her husband was the missing man.

