

Menomonie middle school 8 grade language arts

## The Ghost of The Mabel

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It was a dark and stormy night, Taylor's grandpa Cole was working late at the Mabel Tainter as a custodian. Cole was obsessed with all the ghost stories that have been told, but he had not seen one for himself, but that was going to change tonight. Cole was going to catch the ghost and show everyone what he had found. He had set up cameras all over the Theater so he could catch the ghosts. As he started cleaning, he heard a weird sound coming from the upper level. Cole decided to go check it out, so he grabbed the camera he had in his back pocket and ran quietly up the stairs. As he got closer to the noises they got louder and louder, the noises sounded like whispers in the wind, but only there were no doors open, so there was no wind. As he approached the upper level, he heard a faint sound of the piano playing. Cole was starting to get a little creeped out now, so Cole decided to run out of the room where the piano was playing, but as he turned to run, the door slammed in his face. Cole was not prepared for what he got himself into.

The next day Taylor woke up with a smile on his face, he was going to a play at the Mabel Tainter! He loved the stone archway and how it welcomed him into the theater. When he showered and got dressed he went to his kitchen to eat cereal and watch the news. When he sat down at his table he saw the news saying that someone went missing last night at the Mabel. When Taylor realized the his grandpa worked there, he had a panic attack. Taylor loved his grandpa, they were really close. Taylor decided to take action and look for his missing grandpa.

People had been looking for the ghosts before and never went missing. But this time someone went missing. Taylor loved the Mabel, he loved the smell of old antiques and loved how the paintings looked. He loved how the stone gold archways looked and how carving engraved the theater. But what really made them fall in love with the Mabel, was the ghosts. The Mabel was built in memory of Mabel Tainter who died at the age of 19, from cancer of the side, otherwise known as appendicitis. Ever since her spirit haunts the theater, or so some people think, it is fake. But Taylor and Cole knew the ghost of Mabel was real.

Later that day Taylor got his ghost catching materials ready (Cameras and more cameras, and a EMF meter that he bought at walmart) and he got ready to

look for his grandpa. He wanted to start at the Mabel because that is where Cole went missing. When he got to the Mabel he walked up the stone steps, and opened the old wooden doors he felt a huge gust of wind blow in his face. He started to get the shivers. He did not care though he was going to find his grandpa.

He set up all the cameras, and waited till dark. When dark fell he went to look for his lost grandfather. He decided to go to the piano room because Taylor thought that's where ghosts might be because it is creepy. When he walked in he made sure that the door would not shut behind him he did not know it at first but that was a very smart decision.

When he walked in the room he could see nothing, but darkness and a faint shadow above him. He looked at the shadow and wondered whose shadow it belonged to. He could tell it was not his. His whole body started to shake, but he knew he had to be brave and keep looking. He could not stop wondering what that shadow was. Then he looked up. There was Cole, up on the ceiling floor like a spider waiting to attack his prey. It scared the living daylights out of him and Taylor started to run. Cole was hot on his tail.

"Cole its me!" Taylor said, but no reply, except for a growl that sounded like frankenstein rising from his operating table. Taylor wondered something, Cole would know it was him from the moment Taylor said something, but something was definitely different. He had an idea, he pulled the EMF meter that he had bought from walmart out of his back pocket and turned it on. He pointed it at Cole. The reading were really strong. In Taylor's mind that only meant one thing...

"COLE IS POSSESSED!!!" he yelled. The noise seemed to bother Cole. Taylor saw Cole jerk back when he yelled. Taylor decided to make as much noise as he could. This really bothered Cole. Cole fell to the floor and started shaking like he was having a seizure.

"Are you okay???" Taylor asked. Finally the seizing stopped. He got closer. Cole shot up like a missile!

"Who's there?" Cole asked? When Cole saw it was Taylor, he was relieved. Cole immediately hugged Taylor. They both were relieved. "Let's get out of here!" Cole said. Taylor agreed and they both ran out of the theater as fast as they could. When they got out they were out of breath. They decided it was time to go home.

The next day their morning was the usual, breakfast and news while they were still in their pajamas. They did not one bring up what happened the last few nights, but they could both agree that neither of them was going to go back ever again.

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