

EXT. OLD HOUSE ON THE HILL

Jenny and Paul are neighborhood friends. They are standing outside the old haunted house in their neighborhood. They have talked about going inside for the last few years, but now it seems they are actually ready to do it.

JENNY

Looks real spooky to me.

PAUL

Yeah. Real spooky.

JENNY

Do you believe in ghosts?

PAUL

Yeah. Do you?

JENNY

Oh, I don't know. My mother says there's no such things as ghosts.

PAUL

Yeah, that's what my mom says too. But I've seen one.

JENNY

You've seen one? When?

PAUL

At my grandmother's house.

JENNY

Well... what did you see?

PAUL

A ghost!

JENNY

I mean what did it look like?

PAUL

It was real ugly. It was standing at the bottom of the bed. I woke up and it was just staring at me.

JENNY

Was it white? Did you scream?

PAUL

I was so scared I couldn't scream. It started walking towards me with its arms open.

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JENNY

Really? What did you do?

PAUL

I just sat there. I couldn't move. It was like it had me in its power. I just remember it saying... "Paaaaauuuul, you must come with me now....you must come with meeeeeee..."

JENNY

Then what did you do?

PAUL

I told him I didn't want to go. I wanted to stay right here in my bed. I told him to go without me.

JENNY

You told him to go without you? I thought you said you were so scared that you couldn't talk!

PAUL

Well... I was scared! I... ah I... I didn't even realize I said that!

JENNY

I don't believe you! You're making all this up.

PAUL

Fine! Don't believe me! See if I care!

JENNY

If you're so brave why don't you knock on that door? Just walk right on up and bang on the door until someone opens it.

PAUL

O.k. A piece of cake!

Paul starts to walk off and then he turns to Jenny.

PAUL (CONT'D)

Too scared to come with me?

JENNY

Nope not at all.

They both start to walk slowly up the path to the house.

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JENNY (CONT'D)

You know they say an old witch lives in this house and that she can turn people into stone just by staring at them. All you have to do is ring the doorbell.

PAUL

Yeah right! I think you've been reading to many books.

JENNY

No really look at all the stone statues in the garden. They were once little boys and girls that were playing here. Everyone knows she turned them to stone, because she hates little kids. Especially ones playing in her garden. They never even had a chance to say good bye to their mom and dad.

PAUL

Sure sure.

JENNY

I bet if we looked real close at them, we could probably see them blink.

They both stare at the like figures in the garden, as if waiting for one of them to move.

After a few seconds, nothing happens.

PAUL

(shaking it off)

Now, you're just trying to scare me. My Mom has statues like that in her garden at home.

JENNY

Only one way to know for sure.

PAUL

Does that mean you're going to ring the doorbell?

JENNY

It means that you're going to ring the doorbell.

PAUL

I am not going to ring the doorbell.

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JENNY  
Well, neither am I!

PAUL  
So what are we doing here?

JENNY  
I don't know! This whole idea is  
stupid!

PAUL  
Yeah. Well it was your idea!

JENNY  
Was not!

PAUL  
Was too!

JENNY  
Was not!

PAUL  
Was too!

They turn away from the haunted house and walk home,  
arguing the whole way.