



THE MAN AT THE DOOR

Once there was a college student named Henry. He moved to California days before Halloween. It was nice at his college. Everyone, even the professors were kind and accepted him. Though there was a little problem, a new person joined their class. The person's name was Tobias. He wasn't kind at all. Tobias was a bully. He was mean to every student in the college, even to the professors! Henry didn't like Tobias at all. On the 30th October, Henry and his friends, Tom and Hanna were dressing up for the Halloween dance. In 12 o'clock at midnight, the Dean of the college would announce who has the spookiest costume. And of course, everyone was excited, everyone wanted to be creative. No one dressed as a vampire or a simple black cat. Tobias wanted to have the best costume. A few hours before the Halloween dance, Henry was almost done with his scary ghost costume. He painted a white sheet with black smudges and put two red dots on the sheet for the eyes. He tore the sheet to make the costume more terrifying.

- I sure do hope the Dean likes this! I think it's very spooky.

When he was done making the costume, he turned around and saw a shadow below the door. He thought it was his friend Tom. He made a scary wolf costume.

- COME IN!!!

No answer or movement. Just heavy breathing. But maybe it wasn't Tom?! Tom always knocks. Henry opened the door. No one.

Strange. It was time to go though. Henry put on his costume, and went to the gym. That was where the dance was supposed to be. All was well, then, the Dean was going to announce the best costume. And Henry won! All the effort and special effects, made it spooky. Everyone, except Tobias, was happy for Henry. Tobias, was in fact jealous! He was dressed as a mummy. But still, his efforts weren't recognized.

A few days later, Tobias **went missing** and the shadow at the door **kept appearing**. Everyone started to get **worried** and called **the police**. But Tobias went **missing without a trace**. **Months passed**, and Henry kept **seeing the shadow**. Its breathing became **louder and louder**. 'Till one night, **it spoke**.

“Tobias...”

Henry was spooked, **how did it know Tobias?**

“Bridge...”

Henry tried to make sense of what it was saying. **Tobias?! Bridge?!** He was going to ask his friends about it tomorrow. The next day, he told his friends about what the **shadow behind the door said**, or should I say, the **MAN** behind the door. They **didn't believe him**, of course. Until they agreed to **follow him**. There was **a bridge** nearby the college, so they went there with permission by the Dean. When Tom, Henry and Hanna arrived to a nearby small bridge, they **looked into the water below it. And.....**

A few days later...

The police investigated the scene. All was known now, where Tobias went and why.

He wanted **the best costume**. Tobias **has known** Henry since elementary school. Tobias **has always been jealous** of Henry; **better grades, looks, better at everything**. **But Tobias didn't want Henry to win this time**. This spooked the Dean so much. He put **new strict rules in the college**. But...

I'm glad I gave Tobias what he wanted. Now I don't know what to do. I don't know if I should check on Henry or come for him next. Was there a reason to why I told them where he was? Maybe, maybe not. Maybe for the amusement.

:] the end

TOBIAS'S DEATH ...HOW DID IT HAPPEN? LOOK AT SOME OF THE WORDS. THEY GIVE A HINT TO HOW HE DIED.