

### The Move

I sigh. All I see are trees and gravel road , don't get me wrong The sight is beautiful . I didn't want to move, let alone move in the middle of no wheresville aka Ellsinore, Missouri . But more than moving to a new house I'm dreading starting a new school but we need a fresh start. My moms had a hard time ever since my dad left . So I'll be a good sport for her. It's just me her and our dog Clyde. We're almost there Care bear.“ My mom says filled with excitement. I hate when she calls me that . Why cant she just call me Caroline . Im 17 not 5 . but I look over to her and give a slight smile and look back out my window . Not long after that we turn into what I thought was another road but it was just a long driveway that leads to the house.

She told me she got a good deal but the house is absolutely beautiful. The out side reminded me of a log cabin. It had a swing on the porch and may I add the porch was huge! We pull into the garage connected to the house and I jump out of the car and Clyde follows close behind . I'm kinda excited to see the inside. Forgetting all my worries for the moment . I go to the door in the garage that leads to the kitchen. It was really nice definitely better than are old house. It had lots of counter space and plenty of cabinets and the dining room was right off the kitchen. With a huge oak table and chairs to match . The house was fully furnished so we didn't have very much unpacking to do . Just clothes and personal items. “Go pick a room honey I'll start unpacking the car.” My mom says. I run up the stairs and go room to room till I find the room I want . It was perfect . The color scheme was purple . which just so happens to be my favorite color. / jump onto the bed and then see my mom at the door way.”There you are I knew you'd pick this room.”

My mom says. After we got everything out of the car I was tired . we ordered a pizza talked for a bit and then went to our rooms. Why would anyone leave this house I wonder as I drift off to sleep.

I Woke up to a bang and to Clyde barking excessively. I try to calm him down but he won't relax he just keeps scratching at the door. I give in and let him out . He runs to where i

assume the loud bang comes from. I follow and he scratches at the basement door. I was hesitant to open the door. But I did and he jolted down the stairs. As I went to go see what he was doing. I heard a yelp. I ran to where he was at he was limping but I can't see what caused it. I told him to come on and we went back up stairs. Where I helped him on the bed. He is an 80 pound pitbull ,So when i tell you the struggle was real. It really was. I'll have mom look at it in the morning. I said as I sighed and jumped in bed. Soon after we both were fast asleep.

When i woke up. I walked to my moms room and to tell her what had happened. She told me . "The noise was prolly the furnace and I'm sure Clyde is fine Care ." She looked at his leg and said "he will be fine just needs to rest." Thanks mom.i say as i go to walk to my room. I hear my mom say "We have to go to the school to enroll you sometime today." I sigh. "Go get dressed and we can go now and get it over with." My mom yells from her room. Okay I'll meet you downstairs. I go to my room and put some ripped jeans and a hoodie on and put my hair in a messy bun.I guess I'm ready I mumble to myself . I meet my mom down stairs and we drive to the school. When we arrive we are greeted by the ladies in the office . They give us some paper to fill out . when we are done a woman comes out ." My name is Ms. Gilbert and i'm your Counselor , I' ll finish your enrollment and schedule and see you monday. no since starting you today it's friday" She adds with a smile. I nod and me and mom go back home .

I felt like I blinked and boom it was monday. When I arrived to school Mrs. Gilbert gave my schedule and had a girl named Elena show me around. We hit it off from the very start We had first period together so we walked to class and the teacher Smiled and said Hi you must be Mrs. Caroline forbes . I smiled and said yes . Im Mrs. Blossom and go ahead and have a seat . Thankfully there were no assigned seats. I sat with Elena and her friends Lexy and Matt. They were cool And i had classes with at least one of them in it because we were all seniors . So never had a class by myself . During lunch we were talking Elena asked where I lived and she could drop me off at home . I told her I moved into the old Wicker house ." No way. " Matt

practically screams . “Shut up Matt you know that the stories aren't true .” Lexys says while scolding him. “ Stories?” I say.

“People think the house is haunted because no one ever lives for more than a couple of months and then they sell it .”

Says Elena. “Well Emily Bennete did commit suicide in the house in ‘05.” Matt adds. “What no way you guys are just trying to mess with me” . I say. “No that part is true. She killed herself after finding out her husband was cheating with his assistant.” Lexy chimes in.

Then pulls up the news report on her phone . It says she wrote a note before she took the big leap down the basement stairs. Ok maybe it is true but haunted no way . I did hear weird noises at night . but that meant nothing . After that we stopped talking about it . Until last period when Matt brought it back up .”We should all spend the night at your house this weekend and prove if its haunted or not.” He says. Lexy and elena looked over at me ready for an answer. Ok let me ask my mom first and then go from there. Ok cool you can ask when i drop you off at home Elena says with a smile.

The bell rings we all exchange numbers and Elena drive me home. We get there we hop out of the car and go inside. “Wow this living room is huge.” Elena says . “I was thinking this is where we could sleep there's plenty of room for everyone here.” I say . “It's perfect!” Elena says. Mom I yell. “yes care .” she answers as she enters the room. “This is Elena .” I say . “Nice to meet you, I'm so glad she made a friend .”

Elena smiles and nudges me . I look over at her and then say. “Mom I was wondering if I could have a couple of friends spend the night this weekend .” “I'm not going to be home on friday or saturday i'm going out of town for work I'll be back Sunday”. Do you think you guys will be okay alone ? “Yes we will be fine.” I answer. Elena hugs me and says i gotta go I'll see you at school tomorrow .

The rest of the week was a flash . “Wow i can't believe it's already friday.” says Lexy. “Yep you guys ready.” I say . “Absolutely I'm so ready to catch a ghost on camera,” says Matt.

Us girls shake our head and go about the rest of our day. When the final bell rings we meet at Elena's car and go to my house. When we arrive the front door is open and Clyde is outside jumping at the window.

My mom's car isn't home so that's a bit strange. We get out and walk to the steps. "I'll go first." says Matt. Soon after he gives us an all clear and we go inside. Not long after we hear a loud bang in the basement. "What was that!" Matt says startled. "It's just the furnace Matt." I say. "What if it's not?". Lexy says. We all go to the basement door. I turned the light on and we walked down the stairs and went toward the furnace. Then we heard a loud bang again but from behind us. "Well it's obviously not the furnace." says Matt sarcastically. "Well then what is it." Lexy says nervously. Then the light flickered for a moment once it stopped we were in the dark. "I can't see. We need to go back upstairs." Elena says

In a panic. As we reached the stairs the door slammed shut. We ran up the stairs in a flash, but it was no use. The door was locked. "How are we going to get out." Lexy screams. "Did anyone bring their phone." I ask. Elena and Lexy say no. "Matt do still have the flash light." I say. But there was no answer. "Matt! This isn't funny." Elena says. But no answer. "He was right behind me. How is he not here. What if she took him" Lexy rambles. "Who took him?" I say "Emily Bennete!" Elena says. "We need to look for him, what if he is hurt." Elena says And starts to go down the stairs. "Your not going alone we need to stick together." I say. "We were together when Matt was taken." Lexy screams. "I'll take my chances and try to get this door open. You guys can go without me." Lexy says. "Don't be stupid Lexy lets go." I say. But she wouldn't move.

So me and Elena go without her. Once we get to a wall we use it as a guide to get to a window. Elena, Caroline We hear Lexy scream. You could hear the fear in her voice. We heard what sounded like a rumble down the stairs. The lights started flickering again. And What happened next I couldn't believe. It was Lexy at the bottom of the stairs. We both rushed to her.

It was no use she was gone .” We need to get the that window and quick lets go Elena now.” I yelled. We heard a laugh from behind us. Which made us both jump.

“You are not going anywhere” The voice said. “Don’t you wanna hear my story.” It added. We know how you killed yourself just please just let us go . Elena screamed at her with tears in her eyes. “Enough of that now .” the voice says . Elena!” I scream as I see her choking and fall to the ground. I drop to my knees. She's dead I know she is. I can’t believe it. Then I looked up to see Emily Bennete standing above me .

“ Don't you wanna hear my story.” she says. Scared and unsure what to do I nod. She smiles. “ It's true my husband was cheating on me .She says . But I didn't kill myself I was pushed. You see he knew id never give up this house and he didn’t want his reputation ruined. Now I’m stuck here all alone. Until now.” “ What do you mean until now.” I say stepping back.“Well you and your friends of course.” She says. Please just let me go. I cry. “I can’t.” She says with a frown. She came at me with a un godly speed . I try to run off but I was no match for her. She pushed me into a nearby electric box and looked deep into my eyes as the electricity went through my body. The room felt like it was spinning. I fell to the floor in agony till the pain was gone and so was I.