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"For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

(Leviticus 17:11)

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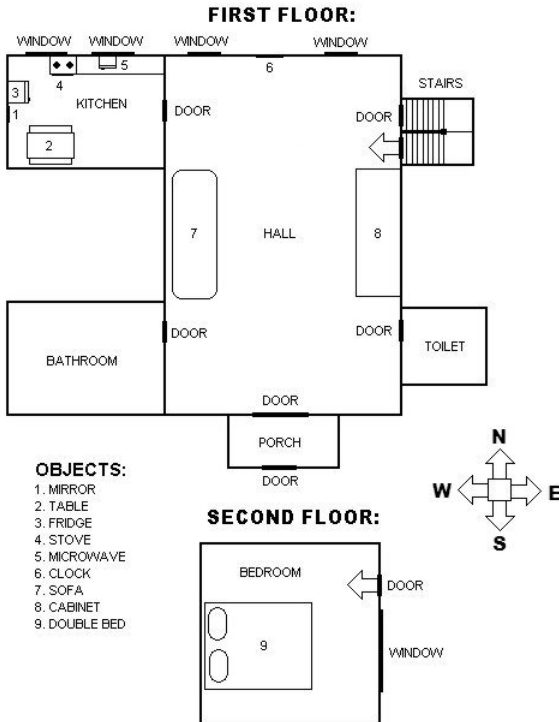
It was ten years since the events of that night. Nobody had visited the cabin ever since then. The real estate agent also quit renting the place and finally he forgot about it. However, suddenly – about a week ago – one married couple was asking for a peaceful place for vacation. Since all the available cabins were already taken, the agent had to go through his old archives. From these he found the papers of one luxury cabin, and since no other place was available, the agent was consent to rent it. The couple was delighted to have the kind of place they were looking for. The agent did mention about the distant location of the cabin, but it didn't reduce their enthusiasm – in fact quite the opposite.

This couple was formed by a man named Steven and his wife Caroline. Back in the day they had met at the graduation celebration of their hometown university. It was then Steven – a master of science – met his wife-to-be Caroline – a medical doctor. After noticing how much they had in common, they started dating. Their relationship progressed rapidly and finally reached its climax when Steven and Caroline got married at the local church. Now it was two years since then. This year the couple decided to spend their summer vacation at some peaceful place on the

countryside – they'd had enough of their restless urban life. Steven and Caroline did check through many places from different agents, but none of those was really suitable for the couple. Finally, after they contacted the best agent of their city, they were succesful: a beautiful, large, oldfashioned cabin was found at the northern shore of a lake – far away from all disturbance. Steven and Caroline rented the cabin right away and then started to prepare for their dreamy vacation. It was today at about 8.15 a.m. when the couple began their road trip to the cabin. The path was quite complicated: because of this the car was often sidetracked and the couple had to ask instructions from the locals.

Finally – at about 5.40 p.m. – they arrived to the yard of their cabin. Steven stayed on the outside and started unpacking the car, Caroline on the other hand decided to take a look at the inside of the place. Very carefully she opened the creaking door and stepped inside. First she took off her sandals and then started walking barefoot on the wooden floor. Caroline was at the main hall of the cabin. It was decorated with embroidered carpets, colorful paintings and also with a soft antique sofa – located on the left side of the hall. Opposite this sofa was a cabinet full of old books – there was also a color TV on one of the shelves. After seeing all this Caroline thought they had made a good decision and would get worthy compensation for their money. It was then her eyesight met the wall opposite the hall door. There was an old, mechanical clock on this wall. The clock itself was in no way special – just a typical, oldfashioned clock. But the clock had stopped and its hands were excatly at 9.10. Caroline knew the time by looking at her wristwatch – it was already 5.44

p.m. – so she decided to wind up the clock. She stepped in front of the clock, found the winding key on top of it, put the key in the face of the clock and started to turn it. However, after she had turned the key more than enough, the clock still didn't start ticking. She then decided the clock was broken and let it be.



The Floor Plan of the Cabin.

Caroline went on checking the cabin further. She noticed two doors on the both sides of the sofa – left and right. The left one led to the bathroom and the right one to the kitchen with the dining space. Then she noticed yet another door on the right side of the cabinet,

which led to the toilet. After noticing this she started to wonder where the bedroom was. This concern was soon gone after Caroline noticed there was still more space to explore: there was one more door on the left side of the cabinet. After opening it she found a staircase leading up to the second floor. She decided to check it out. The staircase was shaped like a spiral and the stairs gave a nasty creeping sound while she was going upstairs.

When Caroline reached the second floor door and opened it, she found what she was looking for – a good-sized bedroom with a double bed facing the door. There was a large window on the right side of the door. Caroline found this very pleasant since there was going to be a lunar eclipse after a couple of days – at 4.10 a.m. Now she and Steven would be able to watch it straight from the bed. Everything seemed to be in order in the bedroom. There was just one strange detail puzzling Caroline: the left mattress of the double bed was laying on the floor – at the lower end of the bed, on the lower left corner. At the leftmost corner of the mattress – from her point of view – there was a relatively large hole. She then thought it wouldn't be a problem since they had brought their very own bedsheets. Suddenly she heard a crashing sound coming from downstairs and was greatly startled – and was relieved after hearing Steven yelling and cursing: he was bringing in their suitcases and one of them had fallen on his right foot. Caroline wanted to do her own share of the chores. First she decided to lift the mattress back on the bed. She went barefoot on the wooden floor and stepped right next to the mattress.

In an instant she felt burning pain on the bottom of her right foot. The pain was so great she let out an

ear-piercing cry and sat quickly on the mattress. Caroline looked at her right foot and saw on its bottom a wound – a deep, long cut from which blood was flowing as a straight line. Steven heard his wife screaming, appeared soon at the door and was shocked for the sight: his beloved was bleeding from her right foot to the mattress! The blood ran along the mattress and was flowing inside it through the hole on its corner.

Caroline was in great pain and asked her husband to go downstairs to get something for binding the wound. Right after that Steven went quickly down the staircase. Even though she was in pain on the foot, it didn't stop her from wondering what was the cause of this accident. Then her eyes met a pair of bloody scissors lying on the floor next to the mattress. She thought these were dropped accidentally by one of the previous tenants, and therefore she had stepped on them – this had to be the cause. At the same moment Steven returned to the room with some tissue paper, disinfectant and linen cloth for binding. He went to his wife and started pressing the wound in order to stop the bleeding. He then rinsed the wound and bound it carefully. After this he also had time to wonder what had caused this. Silently she answered by pointing out the scissors on the floor. Steven picked up the bloody item and went again downstairs to get something to clean up the bloody mattress. Caroline laid herself on the right-side mattress of the bed and was waiting the pain to leave. She closed her eyes.

Half a minute passed in perfect silence. But after that Caroline suddenly heard a weird sound: it was coming from the direction of the bloody mattress and sounded as if someone had slurped water from a glass! This sound made cold ripples run along her spine,

because she saw no-one in the room. She didn't dare to move for fear to look under the bed. She was unable to imagine what was making the sound. Caroline was about to scream when the sound suddenly stopped. At the moment Steven came back upstairs. He was carrying the scissors that were cleaned of blood, a bottle of cleaner and a scrub-brush. When the wife saw her husband she leaped off the bed, embraced him and then told about the creepy sound she had heard.

Caroline and Steven both turned their eyes toward the mattress lying on the floor. What they next saw was incomprehensible: all of the blood on the mattress was gone – every single drop of it! Just a moment ago there had been blood all over the mattress, but now it had disappeared. There wasn't even any trace on the mattress. Caroline told she had done absolutely nothing. However, Steven couldn't believe her since blood doesn't just vanish all on its own. In any case they kept on preparing their vacation for the rest of the day. At first Steven took the groceries to the kitchen fridge while Caroline got the bedsheets from the car and took them to the bedroom upstairs. Then she lifted the left mattress back to the bed and spread new, clean sheets on both mattresses. Even though there was a hole on the left one it wouldn't be a problem since the sheets were nice and clean. After that the couple cleaned the cabin of dust and all other little somethings which had gathered during the years. Finally – when the day was turning towards the evening – they moved the night stand from the bed to the next of the window. Then they took the TV from downstairs and laid it on the night stand for watching. When the digital watch they had brought was displaying the time 9.35 p.m. they decided to go to sleep. Since their vacation would really start

Eight stories filled with mysteries, darkness, gore, lustful desires, terror, disturbing visions and creepy creatures.

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