

# *The Haunted School*

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Once upon a time, on a dark and stormy night, a little girl was lost in the woods. She called for help, but no one was there for her. Her brother hated her and blamed her for their mother and father's death for going on a street when a car was coming, and her mom pushed her, and she died instead. After, their father started to drink over the pressure of his wife being gone. Then he died from smoking and drugs. Her brother kicked her out, and that's where it starts...

Hello! My name is Celestia. I'm 12 years old. I loved my brother, but he hates me. What made him kick me out is that I argued with him for hating me, and I regret it. After he kicked me out, I begged like an actual beggar (which I am now), but no one seemed to care about me. Instead, I kept walking and shivering. I was also scared. I then approached a strange house, or so I thought...

A sign said Magic Elementary School. I went inside, and the door slammed behind me. A whispering voice that bounced off the walls and echoed said, *"Welcome to the school of magic, Where you learn ways of bringing the dead to life. You may touch the*

*resurrection stone if you would like to see your ancestors and dead family."* I took a deep breath and touched the resurrection stone. A portal opened, and the resurrection stone appeared in my hand. I bravely stepped into the portal and held on to the resurrection stone, and then...

I appeared in a room and saw some ghosts. They moved and looked like they were shaping something. I waited a little longer and realized they shaped my parents! I said, "I'm so sorry, Mom and Dad, I failed you. I made brother angry, and I made him kick me out of the house."

The voice boomed again, saying, *"Drop the resurrection stone and think about your parents and focus on your parents and release it."* So, I did what it told me to do. I tried as hard as I could to release until I released it, and it felt like something became a part of me. There appeared a mirror in front of me. I looked at myself, and I almost freaked out. It came to my surprise that I grew black angel wings, a halo, and devil horns. The voice boomed, saying, *"Great job Celestia, you passed the first test."* I jumped, thinking, "Test?".

Another portal opened, and I went through it. A different voice boomed. A woman said, "Test Two." But what sounded weird was the voice sounded like a **Robot**. It showed me memories of my brother bullying me at school. I started tearing up until I remembered it was just a test. I sucked in my tears and told myself

to stay strong. I focused on the memories and shut them out. The mirror appeared in front of me again, and my wings grew Much Longer and BIGGER.

The voice boomed, saying, *"You have passed the second test. You are strong enough to start learning the magic of the dead."* Then three doors appeared in front of me, and the voice came back, saying, *"Choose the right one, and you will live. The three doors each contain a death, except one. The right one contains the third test, choose wisely."*

So, I examined them, and I almost jumped. I was able to see through these doors! So, I went into the empty room, and the robotic voice came back. It said, "Test three." The door slammed behind me, and I jumped, and a flashlight appeared in my hand. The voice boomed, saying, *"Survive the animatronics (animatronics means robots.) and go through the door on the other side."* So, I pointed the flashlight out and kept walking through. Then, I heard a song starting, and the animatronics started flashing everywhere. Then, I realized, "This song is Join us for a Bite! oh no..."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLeQSd7R-jU> (This is a link to the song Join us for a Bite.)

I turned the flashlight on, and a robot teleported in front of me and started singing... I used the flashlight to make the animatronic disappear. I realized I had my powers to protect me, so I thought of a shield protecting me. One of the animatronics tried to kill me and fell. I was surprised, thinking, "It worked!". I continued walking to the other door and went through the door, panting and thinking, "Wow, I thought

the trick wouldn't work!". Another door appeared in front of me and swung right open. I went through and...

Ugh, I thought, clearing my head from the dizziness. It felt like I got sucked into some kind of portal and got swished all around the portal. I stood up, and the Robotic voice said, "Test Four." I looked around and nearly fell over.

The voice said, *"This is test four now. I'm warning you this test is much harder than the last three tests."*

I said, "I'm ready for another test." I picked up my pieces and put them together, but this time I felt much more confident than all the other tests that I took. So I went through the door to get ready for the test. There stood some kind of uniform. The voice said, *"Survive a normal school day with your brother."* I told myself to stay calm, stand up for yourself.

I walked forward and this kind of illusion came across the room. I looked around, the uniform I saw was on me. The voice, louder this time, said, *"Try to get the pyramid in the middle of the room."* Then an incantation appeared in front of me, and those incantation symbols appeared on the floor. I figured out that the symbols were in an order that I was able to read. "So," I said and stepped on the incantation symbols. The steps I took glowed after I stepped on them. I said in my mind, "What's so hard?" Then, I accidentally stepped on the wrong symbol. An alarm went off, and these things that looked like guns started to shoot me, but they looked like lasers. I

dodged and stepped on the right symbols. Then eventually, I got to the pyramid, grabbed it, and ran to the next door.

I slammed the door, panting and gasping for air. The mirror I saw appeared again. I looked at my reflection, and "Woah," I half sigh-gasped. I grew WAY bigger. I said in my mind, "How did I get bigger?"

The voice boomed, saying, *"Think about being smaller, Celestia."* So, I thought about my childhood, but I was still human, so I looked so much younger, and I didn't have my "Accessories" (My Wings, Horns, Halo, Demon Tail, etc.). I thought of my average age and my Wings, Horns, Halo, Demon Tail, and claws, but I thought of myself without the claws, and it worked! The mirror opened like it was a door. I went through the door-mirror and went on.

The Robot voice said, "Test Five." I stood alone, waiting for the test to begin. Then a big log just swung right at me. I ducked right away and dodged it. The voice said, *"This is test five: you have to close your eyes the whole time and use your senses to dodge all of the logs or objects that come towards you. You have to duck, you have to jump some, you have to go to the right or the left. Be careful and use this to be a warning."*

I waited a bit longer, but this time I have my eyes closed. I heard a whooshing sound from above. I thought, "I must have to go left or right." I kept hearing it until it was very loud, and then I used my senses to dodge it. I kept dodging all of the logs that kept coming towards me until a woman's voice called, saying, "Focus."

Echoing through the air, I kept listening. It distracted me. I almost got off balance and barely missed the next one. I almost got hit to my surprise. It was a distraction! It kept repeating until I'd had enough. I wanted to shut that thing out completely. So, I made it like there was a barrier around my mind, and I couldn't hear it anymore. I was thrilled. The Robotic voice came back, saying, "Congratulations, You Have Gotten in the Magic Elementary School."

I was thrilled to be in the school, but when I went to the main room, I saw all kinds of people: Wizards, Witches, Devils, Angels. Then all the people were staring and whispering. Then a person came forward, and everyone bowed to him.

I asked, "Who are you?"

The person said, *"I am the headmaster of this school."*

The voice was the same voice that guided me through the tests! So, I bowed like the others. He said, *"Oh, no need to bow, Celestia. You are a rare species, and you are stronger than everyone in this school including me."* So instead, he bowed to me.

I was surprised that I was more powerful than the headmaster. Then the headmaster said, "Your parents used to go to this school. You are more powerful than me because your father was one level below me. Your father was half wizard-half-demon, your mother was an angel. You are a hidden witch, my dear. You are very powerful, but you have not figured out your true power, so I am going to teach you how to do that." So, he brought me to his office and... "Woah." I breathed, looking

*around at the decorations and the chandelier, which hovered above the room. I was amazed by the chandelier. It was HOVERING. It wasn't connected to the room! Then I sighed, and said, "Let's start."*

**To Be Continued...**

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