



LOST SOULS

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"Everything that humans believe to be real seems to be limited to what is physical, tangible, and has form. The difficulty in imagining something real but invisible to the human eye, which often does not even have a physical form and is not even tangible, makes the supernatural world seem absolutely unreal. However, it exists, they are among us, silently observing."

CHAPTER 1

Lily was a young student who had just turned 17 and lived in rural Texas. An only child, her parents divorced right after she turned 2, and she hadn't been in touch with her dad for a long time. She was a very studious girl, and also very curious. Later on, this would become her biggest flaw.

Lily wasn't the type to have many friends; she was quiet and naturally more reserved. So, she kept her usual routine: waking up at six in the morning, eating pancakes made by her mom Judy, getting ready, and going to school.

Lily took the school bus, which took about 15 minutes from her house to the school; walking would take up to half an hour. That Friday, Lily hadn't had a good night's sleep, a series of strange dreams kept her from sleeping well.

In the morning, her mom Judy called her daughter to eat the classic pancakes before school:

- "Lily, come to eat, it's ready!"

With no response, she went to her daughter's room and found her standing in front of the window, looking like she was sleepwalking.

- "Lily? What are you doing?" Judy asked.

Lily then woke up startled, not understanding what was happening, asking her mom where Sophie was.

- "Where did she go? We were talking, we stayed together all night by the window, where is she?"

Confused, her mom explained that it was all just a dream and that she was already late for school. Even though she seemed not to be fully awake and still dreaming, Lily got ready and soon left for school. She knew she had already missed the bus she usually took, so she walked.

On the way, she was still puzzled about the dream she had that night, everything seemed so real, and Lily thought she finally had a friend, Sophie.

At home, Judy was just as puzzled as her daughter, as that had never happened before; no one in the family had a history of sleepwalking, it was all so strange.

Judy just didn't realize that her daughter had built a Ouija board a few days before the incident and had been trying to contact the supernatural after doing some research and getting curious about the subject.

CHAPTER 2

It was almost lunchtime when Lily was coming back from school. It was raining, and the day felt almost like night. Everything was strange that day, and Lily had to keep her research and the Ouija board game a secret. Her mom would be furious if she found out her daughter was "playing" with spirits.

Lily decided to walk home, the same way she had gone to school in the morning. On the way, she passed by a dense forest where tourist walks were common. Lily was walking normally until she noticed a figure standing at the forest entrance: it was Sophie, the girl from her dreams, who later turned out to be the one she communicated with through the Ouija board.

Lily felt a strange sensation, as if she were dreaming again, and soon started hearing whispers calling her into the forest. She felt like she had lost control over her own body and thoughts, and simply followed the call.

For the next 3 hours, Lily didn't return home.

Judy, already worried about her daughter's delay, called the school, which only said Lily had left accompanied by a girl they couldn't identify. They just mentioned the girl stayed behind Lily, seeming to follow her. Judy felt temporarily relieved, believing her daughter had made a friend and they just wanted to spend an afternoon together, completely ignoring the fact that they said Lily seemed to be pursued by the girl, not walking with her.

By late afternoon, Lily came back home.

- "Where were you, Lily? I called your school and they said you left with a girl, I thought maybe she was a new friend." Judy said.

- "I was with Sophie. She's my friend now." Lily replied.

- "I'm glad for you, honey. You're young, it's time you made friends and not just be alone. But don't go out without letting me know again, something dangerous could happen. Do you want to introduce your new friend to me?"

- "She doesn't like to show herself, she only wants to talk to me. Plus, she already knows you, Mom."

- "She knows me? When did she tell you that?"

- "Just now," Lily concluded.

CHAPTER 3

For the next 6 months, Judy would face extremely terrifying situations in her own home in rural Texas. After the incident where Lily disappeared for hours in the forest, it was later discovered by experts and priests that the girl was being manipulated by the spirit of a young girl who had lived in the family's house years before: Sophie Abigail.

Lily unknowingly summoned the spirit back into the house through a Ouija board, which her mother only found out about after priests and experts visited and found it in Lily's closet drawer.

Sophie had lived in the family's house years earlier and tragically died at the age of 9, murdered by an intruder who burglarized the house while the young girl was home alone waiting for her mother to return from the grocery store. To silence her, the intruder decided to kill the girl in addition to robbing the house.

Sophie's spirit never left the Earth and wandered seeking revenge until Lily unintentionally called her back, merely curious about the Ouija board. The spirit possessed Lily, causing her months of torment and hallucinations, starting with the incident in the forest after school.

Everything only stopped when Judy and the neighbors, already aware of Lily's ordeal, contacted the local priest who visited the house numerous times to expel the spirit tormenting Lily so that Sophie's soul could finally rest in peace, allowing Lily to live normally again with a long life ahead of her.

Lily's case became well-known in the region, and many skeptics stopped doubting the existence of the supernatural.

Judy and Lily moved away, and Lily underwent various treatments to prevent reliving the trauma of the past. She led a normal life since the incident and never sought communication with the supernatural again.