

# REDACTUS



A Haunted Christmas

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00:00:38,360 --> 00:00:35,290

[Music]

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00:00:41,720 --> 00:00:38,370

the following story comes to us from the

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00:00:47,720 --> 00:00:41,730

historical archives of reductive it was

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00:00:50,000 --> 00:00:47,730

reported by essie schlosser the soft

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00:00:52,279 --> 00:00:50,010

thud of following footsteps echoed

6  
00:00:55,729 --> 00:00:52,289

behind him as he hurried through the

7  
00:00:57,619 --> 00:00:55,739

snowflakes toward home they kept pace

8  
00:01:01,639 --> 00:00:57,629

with him quickening when he quickened

9  
00:01:04,369 --> 00:01:01,649

and slowly when he slowed his flesh

10  
00:01:07,070 --> 00:01:04,379

crawled and a sound and he sped up

11  
00:01:10,359 --> 00:01:07,080

cursing himself for walking home alone

12  
00:01:13,789 --> 00:01:10,369

from the midnight Christmas Mass

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00:01:16,219 --> 00:01:13,799

normally not a pious man the middle-aged

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00:01:18,649 --> 00:01:16,229

bachelor had suddenly been struck by a

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00:01:21,679 --> 00:01:18,659

wish to hear the old Christmas songs

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00:01:24,620 --> 00:01:21,689

sung once again by a church choir and

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00:01:28,850 --> 00:01:24,630

had walked across town to attend a

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00:01:32,149 --> 00:01:28,860

service now he regretted his choice as

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00:01:35,359 --> 00:01:32,159

he passed dark house after dark house in

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00:01:40,010 --> 00:01:35,369

snowy night and the footsteps continue

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00:01:42,649 --> 00:01:40,020

to follow he sped up until he was nearly

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00:01:45,560 --> 00:01:42,659

running and skidded into the street a

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00:01:48,100 --> 00:01:45,570

few more paces brought him to the bottom

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00:01:51,649 --> 00:01:48,110

of his front steps and he dashed up them

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00:01:53,850 --> 00:01:51,659

he realized suddenly that the following

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00:01:56,040 --> 00:01:53,860

footsteps had ceased

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00:01:57,930 --> 00:01:56,050

he glanced behind him at the cross

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00:02:00,630 --> 00:01:57,940

street from which he had just turned and

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00:02:02,730 --> 00:02:00,640

saw only one pair of footprints in the

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00:02:08,400 --> 00:02:02,740

snow covered street when there should

31

00:02:10,830 --> 00:02:08,410

have been two he was back and he then

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00:02:13,260 --> 00:02:10,840

shuddered as a cold breeze struck him

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00:02:16,830 --> 00:02:13,270

driving snow against his collar and

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00:02:20,910 --> 00:02:16,840

slammed against the door almost it

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00:02:25,199 --> 00:02:20,920

seemed to pass through the door but that

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00:02:27,180 --> 00:02:25,209

was superstitious nonsense his hand was

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00:02:32,370 --> 00:02:27,190

shaking as he unlocked the front door

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00:02:35,040 --> 00:02:32,380

and hurried inside he expected darkness

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00:02:37,229 --> 00:02:35,050

but was delighted to see the yellow glow

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00:02:41,400 --> 00:02:37,239

of fire was coming from his study

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00:02:43,020 --> 00:02:41,410

doorway upstairs his housekeeper whom he

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00:02:45,930 --> 00:02:43,030

thought firmly asleep in her attic

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00:02:49,500 --> 00:02:45,940

bedroom must have lit the fire pending

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00:02:52,830 --> 00:02:49,510

his return she shrugged out of his coat

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00:02:55,860 --> 00:02:52,840

and prosper moved amazed to find it

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00:02:58,940 --> 00:02:55,870

still warm and dry though he had walked

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00:03:02,160 --> 00:02:58,950

for more than a mile through snowstorm

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00:03:05,759 --> 00:03:02,170

it was almost as if he'd been walking in

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00:03:08,100 --> 00:03:05,769

a bubble of calm air so he remembered

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00:03:10,520 --> 00:03:08,110

the soft snow flakes heading his face

51  
00:03:14,970 --> 00:03:10,530  
when he first stepped out of church

52  
00:03:18,550 --> 00:03:14,980  
before the mysterious footsteps again

53  
00:03:22,240 --> 00:03:18,560  
his shutter was interrupted by a shaft

54  
00:03:26,170 --> 00:03:22,250  
of greeting as his old friend and came

55  
00:03:29,289 --> 00:03:26,180  
hurrying out of the study his whole face

56  
00:03:33,220 --> 00:03:29,299  
lit up in a grain at the unexpected

57  
00:03:35,530 --> 00:03:33,230  
prize the two men shook hands heartily

58  
00:03:39,039 --> 00:03:35,540  
and retreated back to the warmth of the

59  
00:03:42,910 --> 00:03:39,049  
fire were talking so fast they stumbled

60  
00:03:45,009 --> 00:03:42,920  
over each other's words Andy had left

61  
00:03:47,860 --> 00:03:45,019  
town years ago to take a government job

62  
00:03:52,720 --> 00:03:47,870  
in Washington DC and they hadn't seen

63  
00:03:54,369 --> 00:03:52,730

each other ever since nearly an hour and

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00:03:58,179 --> 00:03:54,379

passed before it occurred to him that

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00:04:01,179 --> 00:03:58,189

his guests might be hungry his offer of

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00:04:03,129 --> 00:04:01,189

a meal was instantly accepted but Andy

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00:04:06,220 --> 00:04:03,139

was unwilling to leave the comfort of

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00:04:08,649 --> 00:04:06,230

the fire to eat in the kitchen said man

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00:04:12,129 --> 00:04:08,659

jog down stairs alone to fetch some food

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00:04:13,869 --> 00:04:12,139

/ and he didn't wonder at his friends

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00:04:16,960 --> 00:04:13,879

reluctance to join him in the kitchen

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00:04:19,870 --> 00:04:16,970

and he had looked very pal and it kept

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00:04:22,029 --> 00:04:19,880

shivering with cold while they talked he

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00:04:25,420 --> 00:04:22,039

hoped his friend was an ailing for

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00:04:29,409 --> 00:04:25,430

anything so he let him stay a sightline

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00:04:32,260 --> 00:04:29,419

a few moments later he was back with

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00:04:36,129 --> 00:04:32,270

warmed up meat and potatoes and a couple

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00:04:38,350 --> 00:04:36,139

glasses beer apologizing profusely as he

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00:04:39,940 --> 00:04:38,360

handed Andy a plate to the mismatch

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00:04:42,730 --> 00:04:39,950

dinnerware

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00:04:45,790 --> 00:04:42,740

and he just laughed and hunkered down to

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00:04:47,530 --> 00:04:45,800

eat when they were both finished he

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00:04:49,630 --> 00:04:47,540

showed his friend to a guest room and

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00:04:52,210 --> 00:04:49,640

then tumbled into his own bed to sleep

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00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:52,220

all his apprehension caused by

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00:04:58,930 --> 00:04:55,520

mysterious footsteps forgotten in the

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00:05:01,780 --> 00:04:58,940

business of his friend it was now

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00:05:04,210 --> 00:05:01,790

Christmas morning he jumped out of bed

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00:05:08,560 --> 00:05:04,220

and dash immediately downstairs to the

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00:05:11,920 --> 00:05:08,570

guest room to rouse his friend but Andy

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00:05:16,450 --> 00:05:11,930

wasn't there and the bed had not been

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00:05:19,470 --> 00:05:16,460

slept in the man went down to look into

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00:05:23,710 --> 00:05:19,480

the study and he wasn't there either and

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00:05:25,690 --> 00:05:23,720

one plate was full of food sitting on

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00:05:30,490 --> 00:05:25,700

the end table beside his old friends

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00:05:32,800 --> 00:05:30,500

chair it was completely untouched though

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00:05:38,140 --> 00:05:32,810

he'd seen and is eating from it the

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00:05:41,230 --> 00:05:38,150

night before skin creepy at the thought

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00:05:45,010 --> 00:05:41,240

the man ran to the kitchen and asked his

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00:05:47,800 --> 00:05:45,020

housekeeper if she'd seen Andy but the

101  
00:05:52,480 --> 00:05:47,810  
housekeeper had seen no one either the

102  
00:05:54,670 --> 00:05:52,490  
previous night or this morning the man

103  
00:06:00,070 --> 00:05:54,680  
flopped down on the bottom step to

104  
00:06:03,910 --> 00:06:00,080  
Stampley completely baffled where hadn't

105  
00:06:07,330 --> 00:06:03,920  
it gone it was a mystery the plankton

106  
00:06:11,110 --> 00:06:07,340  
all christmas day and he did not enjoy

107  
00:06:14,950 --> 00:06:11,120  
this holiday dinner at all a fact that

108  
00:06:17,140 --> 00:06:14,960  
annoyed his housekeeper he was awakened

109  
00:06:20,320 --> 00:06:17,150  
the next morning from a restless sleep

110  
00:06:22,330 --> 00:06:20,330  
by the sound of the front doorbell he

111  
00:06:24,940 --> 00:06:22,340  
stumbled out of bed and was splashing

112  
00:06:27,760 --> 00:06:24,950  
water from the bedside pitcher unto his

113  
00:06:29,110 --> 00:06:27,770

sleepy eyes when a knock came at his

114

00:06:32,260 --> 00:06:29,120

bedroom door

115

00:06:35,140 --> 00:06:32,270

when he answered his housekeeper handed

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00:06:37,840 --> 00:06:35,150

him a telegram that it just arrived as

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00:06:41,800 --> 00:06:37,850

she hurried back downstairs to prepare

118

00:06:44,050 --> 00:06:41,810

his breakfast he opened it curiously not

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00:06:49,090 --> 00:06:44,060

knowing who would be telegraphing him so

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00:06:52,390 --> 00:06:49,100

urgently as he read the telegram he

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00:06:57,760 --> 00:06:52,400

started to tremble the message was short

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00:07:00,430 --> 00:06:57,770

and to the point Andy's family regretted

123

00:07:04,570 --> 00:07:00,440

to inform him that his old friend had

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00:07:11,830 --> 00:07:04,580

passed away on Christmas Eve in his home

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00:07:15,159 --> 00:07:11,840

in Washington DC the man sat down on the

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00:07:19,540 --> 00:07:15,169

bed the telegram fluttering away from

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00:07:24,360 --> 00:07:19,550

the fam he'd spent Christmas Eve with

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00:07:34,140 --> 00:07:24,370

Andy indeed but it was spent with that

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00:07:34,150 --> 00:07:48,640

[Music]

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00:07:52,879 --> 00:07:50,720

thank you for listening to redact us