

They hadn't a clue what true fear was until...

the terrifying creature stood in front of them. It had 4 hairy legs, 2 stick-like antenna, many hideous eyes and a long tail that swished back and forth hypnotically. It was covered in irregular spikes, and it rustled every time it took a step. It seemed to be struggling for breath. It was the scariest thing they had ever seen, even scarier than any of the costumes that they had seen that night.

Sophie and Jacob screamed at the top of their lungs. Sophie was frozen in fear. Jacob yelled over the loud breathing, "Let's go get Mom & Dad!" He dragged Sophie towards the haunted house. They had to go through the haunted house to get to their front door. The web-tangled maze of spooky pranks seemed scarier than it had been before. The creature followed them into the haunted house. They took many twists & turns trying to lose it. At one point, fake bats dropped from the ceiling & Sophie screamed again. This drew the creature closer than before. Finally, panting, they reached the front door only a moment before the creature did.

Jacob screamed, "Help!!!!" He was so scared he didn't even care that he sounded like a wimp. No one answered. He and Sophie ran upstairs looking for their parents. All they found was a note that said that they were at a Halloween party. They were about to run down the stairs when they saw the creature coming up them. Sophie exclaimed, "We left the door open! Let's go down the back stairs!" Sophie and Jacob ran down the back stairs and out the back door. They looked back to see that the creature was still right behind them. "I think I hear sirens! Let's run up towards the road!" exclaimed Jacob.

As they ran through the yard, Sophie tripped on a pretend bone that they had used for decoration in the yard. Jacob did not notice and kept running. As Sophie tried to get up, the creature leapt on her and she cried out, "Help, Jacob! Help!! The monster's going to eat me!" As Jacob was running back, the monster licked her with its slimy tongue. She realized that it was Rowdy, the neighbor's dog, covered in sticks and leaves. Sophie started to laugh. Somehow, Rowdy had gotten caramel all over his fur & gotten covered in sticks and leaves. Jacob ran towards her and realized that it was the neighbor's dog, too!

As the police cars arrived, Sophie and Jacob started to laugh at what had happened. Rowdy jumped up on both of them and licked them. The police got out of their cars and yelled, "Put your hands up!" Sophie and Jacob laughed even harder. Just then, their mom and dad drove up the driveway and asked "What is going on?" Sophie and Jacob explained what had happened on that scary night, and they all laughed together. It had been a really scary night, but now it was time to shut down the haunted house until the next year.