

The Mystery of Greythorn Manor



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INTRODUCTION

Hi I'm Declan the Cat. I tell the story from my point of view.

In the small town of Dun Laoghaire there had been a lot of kidnappings recently.

Bobby and Tony Nealon were very excited, their cousin Elsie was coming to stay. Bobby and Tony lived in Dublin but Elsie lived in Wexford. So they didn't see each other very often.

My people, Lizzy and Richie McLess are Bobby and Tony's neighbours. They were just excited for the Summer Holiday!

Elsie arrived on a Friday night.

And the HOWLING began!

CHAPTER 1 MIDNIGHT HOWLS

THE howls were coming from the old house across the road, Greythorn Manor. There were no dogs on the road so the children got suspicious. On the first night Elsie arrived she thought that the howls were just coming from the neighbours dog. When she asked Bobby and Tony about it the next morning, she found out that there were no dogs on the road.

After breakfast Bobby, Tony and Elsie went down to see if Lizzy and Richie could come out. They Rang the doorbell, Mary McLess answered 'Yes come in I just made brownies.' They all know that Mary McLess' brownies are the best in Ireland so, they went inside.

After the brownies Lizzie, Richie, Bobby, Tony and Elsie went outside. They played tip the can for a while, but then they got down to business. 'I heard lots of howling last night' said Lizzy 'Which is weird because there's no dogs on our road.' 'I heard it too!' shouted Elsie

Then, the HOWLING started again.

CHAPTER 2 SLEEPOVER IN THE MANOR

THEY made a plan.

Bobby, Tony and Elsie told Daren and Aimee Nealon that they were having a sleepover in Lizzie and Richie's house. Lizzy and Richie told Leo and Mary that they were having a sleepover up in Bobby and Tony's. It was a fool-proof plan! They would sleep in the Manor!

They brought sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, torches and chocolate, lots and lots of chocolate! They also brought their bikes in case of a high speed chase. Oh, and Richie brought his nerf gun.

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They think the howling has something to do with **MONICA DESMOND** [the old owner of Greythorn Manor]. The howling gets louder and then they find 6 MASSIVE **BLOOD HOUNDS**. They know their **MONICA DESMOND's BLOOD HOUNDS** because on their collar it says: **MONICA DESMOND'S BLOOD HOUNDS**.

At around 3 am they saw **MONICA DESMOND's** car pull up.

They hid under the table.....but not for long.

CHAPTER 3 WHAT THEY SAW

THEY saw **MONICA DESMOND** get closer.
They saw her with her cane, limping along.
They saw her feeding her dogs what looked suspiciously like frozen blood.
They saw her come close to the table they were hiding under.
They saw Richie get out from under the table and shoot her with his nerf gun.
They saw **MONICA DESMOND** grab Richie by the neck and put him in a box.
They heard Richie struggling and snuck out to get their bikes.
They heard the engine starting and then she was gone.....with Richie.

CHAPTER 4 THE LONG ROAD

THEY got on their bikes and were gone.

I was very comfortable in Lizzy's bike basket.

They followed **MONICA DESMOND**.

They went up their road, turned right, around the roundabout, straight passed spar, up one hill, down another, around another roundabout, turned left, then up Killiney Hill Road, up a MASSIVE hill, but then **MONICA DESMOND** drove straight past Killiney Hill and turned left. So, Bobby, Lizzy, Elsie and Tony turned left as well.

They ended up in the Quarry.

CHAPTER 4 THEN SHE WAS GONE

THEY saw **MONICA DESMOND** carrying Richie over her shoulder. [For an old lady with a limp she was surprisingly strong]. She was climbing up a rock. The children found a path and ran up, trying to make a plan. 'We shouldn't call the Gardaí yet because **MONICA DESMOND** will hear the sirens and run away with Richie' Bobby said, thinking on the spot. 'I don't know. I think we

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should' said Elsie.[Elsie always worries about everything]. 'No Bobby's right, Elsie. No cops.' said Lizzy the most sensible one. Tony nodded in agreement.

When they finally got to the top of the path they hid behind a bush. It was a spiky one and Bobby pricked his butt.

They saw **MONICA DESMOND** tie a rope around Richie.

They saw her tying the rope to a tree.

They saw her holding Richie over the edge of the cliff with a knife.

They saw her holding the knife, above her head, about to cut the rope.....

'NOOOOOOO' screamed Lizzy 'DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HIM!' While Lizzy was screaming Bobby had called the Gardaí. 'YEAH! WE'VE CALLED THE COPS' Tony yelled. 'You weren't supposed to tell her that. Now she'll run,' whispered Bobby.

As if by magic when Tony said the word 'cops', she vanished!

THEN SHE WAS GONE.

CHAPTER 5 THE AFTERMATH

WHEN they got to Richie he was crying. Richie NEVER cries. 'It's alright your safe now' Lizzy said, calming him down 'Are you ok Richie?' asked Tony. 'NO!' Richie shouted, 'IT WAS AWFUL!!'

The Gardaí came to investigate. 'You alright little guy?' asked Sergeant Jim 'He's just a little bit shaken up' Lizzy said, answering for him. 'Let's get you all home' said Sergeant Moira.

CHAPTER 6 HOME SWEET HOME

'OH MY GOD' cried Aimee Nealon rushing out of her house in her pajama's. Darren, Mary and Leo came out as well, all of them crying.

'Are you all ok?' asked Leo 'Especially you Richie'. 'I can't believe that WICKED woman could do such a thing' Mary sobbed 'I made her brownies as a goodbye present and everything'. 'You must never do anything like this again' Darren said, 'At least your all ok'.

'We'll come back tomorrow for questioning' said Sergeant Moira.

THE END

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