

## **The Dead and the Bizarre are Here and All Around Us - Chapter 4**

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### Logline

David leaves his wife and a team of Parapsychologists to remove the spirits from their apartment and close the portals.

### Character Description

**David** is a man that can see and hear ghosts. He has a military background, and in fulfillment of what a reader has seen about him, he travels the world and has some paranormal experiences.

**Dave** is the leader of the Ghost Society that helps David and his wife get rid of the spirits in their apartment and seal the portals.

**Marie** is the medium that communicates with the spirits. She is a member of the Ghost Society that helps David and his wife close the portals between the spirit world and this world in their apartment.

**Robert** is the man ghost that answers David and his wife's question through the candle flame. He gives Marie a tough time but rejoins his wife on the other side.

## Three-Act Summary

### **Act One**

- David thinks of who to call to check the spirits in their apartment. The only parapsychologist he knows almost dies when he comes to his boyhood house from a car accident. David and his wife have not heard from the manager since her last visit. It is now close to his temporary job in Arizona. He goes downstairs to pick some mail and sees her. She greets him and leaves. He finds it odd.
- David and his wife talk about getting people from the County Ghost Society to come and check their apartment out and bless it. Things have been regular lately, without any ghost visitation. David wants to get his wife and himself some food to eat but can't find his keys. He checks where he hangs it and soon starts to retrace his steps. After some time, they hear sounds of metals clanging and begin a trace. They go to the sink but find nothing and head to the washing machine. The lid is open, and the keys are inside. They pick and leave.
- The following day, David receives a call from Dave of the County Ghost Society. He asks some questions about the temperament of the ghosts in their apartment, and David suggests they meet to discuss as he cannot give details while in the apartment. During their conversation, Dave tells David about his visit to the building a long time ago. He also answers David's question about how he got his number, that the apartment manager hired them, and they'll begin their service on Monday.
- The Ghost Society crew of four arrive at their apartment on Monday. Dave is the lead, and Marie is the medium. The two other men handle the equipment while Marie stands in the bathroom doorways as Dave talks to David and his wife. They notice Marie and pay attention to her. She yells into the bathroom, demanding that it leave. She begins to get away from the bathroom door as one of the cameramen approaches it and starts recording. Everyone hears the shower curtain rod hit the floor and the shower curtain comes flying out of the bathroom, covering Marie and the Cameraman.
- David receives a call from Marie an hour after they have left their apartment, asking if he knows anything about

parking space number 22 of their apartment. David does not know, so she requests that he asks the apartment manager. Marie relates that they heard a faint and far away noise while loading their equipment at the parking lot. She is horrified because the energy in that spot made her throw up, and she smells rotten eggs.

- He calls the apartment manager and asks what happened at parking space 22. She responds that there's an unsolved police case about the space, and it'll be better if they talk about it in person. David informs Dave of the Ghost Society that she has permission to investigate the presence there. However, the apartment manager is no show to explain what happened there.

## **Act Two**

- David's wife is staying at her mother's and isn't aware of the parking space issue. The Ghost Society team arrives, and Marie calls David to inform him. He offers to bring cones and barriers to block off the area, but she declines. He tells her he is leaving for Arizona in two days. David goes down to the parking space out of curiosity and finds more equipment than they brought to their apartment. People start milling around, and Dave is forced to call for police presence. They're picking up no strange sounds or smells so far. However, about the same time they did yesterday, Marie hears the faint scream and retrieves her vomit bag. She looks around the garage and starts having a conversation with someone.
- Marie is talking with a female ghost, Patty. She confesses to screaming in the parking space, and she does that because her husband beat her to death with a tire iron on that spot many years ago. Patty also says he beats another man to death. She gives her husband's current location and goes to the other side when prompted by Marie. When they are about to leave, Marie sees the man ghost from David's bathroom.
- David's wife drops him off at the airport and informs him she'll be staying at her mom's while the Ghost Society team continues their work in their apartment. She calls Dave to give him the same information and finds out something

happened at the parking space that will delay their return to their apartment. She confronts David and agrees to meet Dave and his team at her apartment the following day.

- Marie senses something is not right in the apartment, and they wait a while before going with the cameras rolling. They say their prayers and commence work. Dave informs David's wife that their apartment is a large substation for traveling spirits. He explains their findings, backing them up with pictures and sound recordings. Marie starts to pick up on a rotten egg smell, but she sees no spirit. They put it down to someone passing gas, but it happens again. This time, Marie looks over to the kitchen and jumps out of her chair. She sees a child who has the left side of her body gone. She begins to weep.
- Dave asks why she's crying, and she explains what she sees. The girl asks if she can play with the toys, and David's wife says she can play with any toy she likes. While playing, Marie asks her questions about her death and where her parents are. She says a train ran over her, and she does not know her parents' whereabouts. Her name is Amanda. When Marie asks if she is alone here, she turns toward the kitchen and says she's with a man ghost. Marie turns to see the man ghost that threw the shower curtain over her and gave her the middle finger.
- She demands to know why he is there and explains what is going on to the team. David's wife tries to call him when the man ghost demands to know where David is. Marie insists that he leaves, but he stays.
- Marie tries to engage him in a conversation as David's wife tries David again. She asks for his name, and he points to David's wife and says David knows who he is. David's wife denies it. Marie asks why he keeps staring at her. He doesn't answer but summons Amanda to him. Marie orders Amanda to stay put while David's wife says Amanda should come to her, but Marie tells her not to get involved. She protests, and their altercation amuses the man ghost. Amanda goes to his side. David answers his call the third time and recalls that the man ghost who answered them through the candle is Robert. Robert explains that Amanda is lonely due to David and his wife's absence. Marie helps Amanda and Robert to the other side as she did Patty.

- Dave and his team return to look for the portal the spirits use to gain entry into David and his wife's apartment, but they cannot see it except they see a spirit come through it. David's wife opens the refrigerator and notices that food has been moved around, but none has been eaten. Marie notices a woman ghost coming in through the laundry. She uses a code to alert her team and questions the spirit, and it runs back through where it came from. Marie closes the portal.
- While enlightening David's wife about the code, Marie notices another spirit come in and tells it to return to where it came from. It runs back, and she seals that portal too. The second portal is in the refrigerator.
- They stay in the apartment for three more days but find nothing. They invite a priest to pray, burn sage, and no alarm goes off in the apartment. They bless the apartment and leave.
- David's wife finds out the story behind the apartment. It was a children's hospital, and three kids went missing. Two were found dead, and the last one is still missing. She refuses to continue staying in their apartment even though it is now free of spirits.

### **Act Three**

- David returns from Arizona, and his wife picks him from the airport. She is still mad at him for not taking her with him to Arizona, so they drive to her mum's place in silence. David sees his car in the driveway, containing his things. His wife hugs him and tells him it is over between them. He leaves for California.
- Two days later, his wife calls him and explains that she cannot continue to live with him, knowing that everywhere he goes, spirits find him. He understands, and they get a divorce.
- David's job as a Federal Police Officer requires long hours and constantly updating his computer-based courses. He sits at his desk, in front of a computer, taking a nap, when someone says they're not paying him to sleep. He sees the

person through his computer screen, but on looking behind himself, no one is there. His colleague marks it as a sign of his old age.

- David's new brother and sister-in-law are in his apartment. The sister-in-law is in the bathroom and suddenly screams, saying someone grabbed her hair from the window. David removes the ladder from the bathroom window, and things are fine. After two weeks, the bathroom window shuts itself, and David hopes to catch the person who carries the ladder to climb to the window, but the ladder is still where he put it. He returns to escort his wife to the bathroom, and nothing happens.
- David feels the presence of a spirit in the apartment and challenges it to show itself. After much threat, it makes tuna cans fall off the table, and David requests that it leaves before his family returns and not disturb them again. It leaves.
- David works as a crisis counselor and meets an old couple. Don is reported dead, but his wife, Betty, realizes she made a mistake. David responds to the call and develops a likeness for them. Three years later, Don dies, and his dog sometimes sits opposite Don's couch. It howls and lies on the couch, and its head raised as though it is resting. David feels a kind of chill and knows, in agreement with Betty, that Don has come to visit.

### **Heaven-Sent**

- Darren is a police officer who gets into the job to assuage his guilt of failing to save a lady involved in a car crash when he was a teenager. Despite trying his best effort, the woman was consumed by fire in the car. With this guilt and nightmare-ridden night, he gets into the police force, determined to save people.
- Dispatch announces an accident at an intersection. The accident involves four cars, and Darren responds and races to the scene. In his excitement, he locks himself out of the squad car and has no means of calling for backup or getting his accident kit. He checks the vehicles, and no

one needs rescuing, just a couple of drunks and a loud couple.

- Ken arrives on the scene by instinct and saves Darren from the embarrassment he would have faced. He borrows Ken's accident kit and gets help with processing the drunks for DUI.
- Ken is involved in a shootout with some robbers he once reported. One of the robber's bullets pierced the side of the trunk Ken hides behind and hits his head, killing him. One of the robbers is arrested, but Ken's killer escapes.
- On a Sunday, Darren wakes, feeling unusual and having an unshakeable image of Ken in his mind. He tries to talk and eat it away, but it lingers. He sits in front of the TV, and a piece of breaking news interrupts the program, announcing the arrest of Rudy, the robber that killed Ken in Mexico. Darren feels an immense peace instantly.

### **Manson's Curse**

- Officer Jacob sees the news van in front of the catholic hospital that services the medical needs of some inmates, as it has a floor that is undetected by the public. This floor used to be for burn victims.
- He sees Officer Jackson, who smiles at the presence of the news van. Officer Jacob receives information from Officer Jackson that the new inmate is Charles Manson, known to manipulate people to commit homicides on his behalf. To save the prison guards from this influence, they will be rotated.
- They reach the floor, and the cold gets to officer Jacob. He recalls the accounts of patients and medical personnel of the former burn victim floor about the haunting of the floor by a father and daughter that walks the hallway, prompting its closure. Also, the occupants of room 507 on the same floor have narrated how a face figure appears from the wall and laugh at the inmate chained to the bed, making them scream.
- Charles Manson needs medication, and Nurse Blanco goes in with Officer Jacob. He engages Charles in a conversation,

and Charles pronounces that the floor will be closed after he is gone and Leslie will avenge his death.

- Some months later, Charles Manson passes, and the floor of the hospital is closed. The parole board recommends Leslie for parole out of fear of Charles' prophecy, and the Judge grants it.

### **Beyond Reality**

- Maritza realizes she isn't like every other person when people don't see what she does. At a young age, she sees through people but doesn't know they are ghosts. Also, she knows things before they happen.
- One day, as an adult, she has a strange dream and sits up, unable to sleep. Her husband wakes, dresses up, and goes to work. She decided to have a head-start on redesigning her grandkids' playroom.
- In her dream, she realizes that she is in a room with a grey door, and four men, including her husband, are talking. She speaks, but they do not hear her. She wakes and wonders what it means.
- Her husband returns from work and tells her he and three colleagues were talking in the office, and they hear a woman's voice but see no one. She also narrates her dream to him.
- They draw what they see, and it matches. Maritza realizes she just had her first astral projection.