

A haunted forest

By the time Fin had started a **bonfire**, her friends had already gathered around her. The fire crackled, warming up the cold, rough **concrete** they stood on. With the help of Fin's blue **mittens** and, of course, her sister Margaret, the food got a delicious crisp around its edges. The friends were laughing and cracking jokes under their **sunblock**.

Suddenly, a cry pierced the air. The group of friends quickly turned on their heels, sending Margaret's **bow** flying on her head in the process. A small child stood a few paces away, weeping. "What's wrong?" Fin asked him. "I lost my **kite** in the **forest**," the kid's voice cracked. One of Fin's friends, Elliot, ripped a page out of his **notebook** and wiped the child's tears. He then gave a soft smile and said, "Don't worry, we'll find it for you." Before anyone could argue, Elliot grabbed their wrists and pulled them forward. They ventured inside the deep green forest, looking through the tall trees and even thicker grass. The wind caressed their skin. An hour had passed since they entered when Fin called out, "I found it! It's here!" Indeed, the kite lay in the soft moss beneath a blood red **flower**. However, something felt very wrong. A stench filled the air, full of rot and decay. Fin's breath hitched. There was a small item buried beside the kite, glimmering in the pale afternoon sun. A **tooth**. "Let's get out of here," someone suggested, but Elliot wouldn't leave now that they were so close to getting the kite. He couldn't shake the feeling someone was watching him.

From that day on, the friends never stepped foot inside the forest again – but the forest didn't stop trying to lure them back inside. It was ravenous for more flesh, though it already got some that day. The friends decided to feed it every now and then with rats and other animals they found in their way, hoping the strange noises would soon cease. However, it's already been a year since that strange thing started looking at them at night. And only now has it decided to wear Elliot's face. How much longer can the friends keep it away or will it find a new victim somewhere else?

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