

Phantom Friend One-Shot

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Synopsis:

Ivo is a confident, sociable guy — at least that's what people think. In actuality, they aren't any of those things. He only seems that way because of the ghost that possesses his body. These two long-time friends have grown accustomed to sharing a body. Two who are practically one. But a realization puts a rift between them. And if that wasn't bad enough a psychotic super powered ghost hunter might be hunting them. Maybe I should have mentioned that sooner?

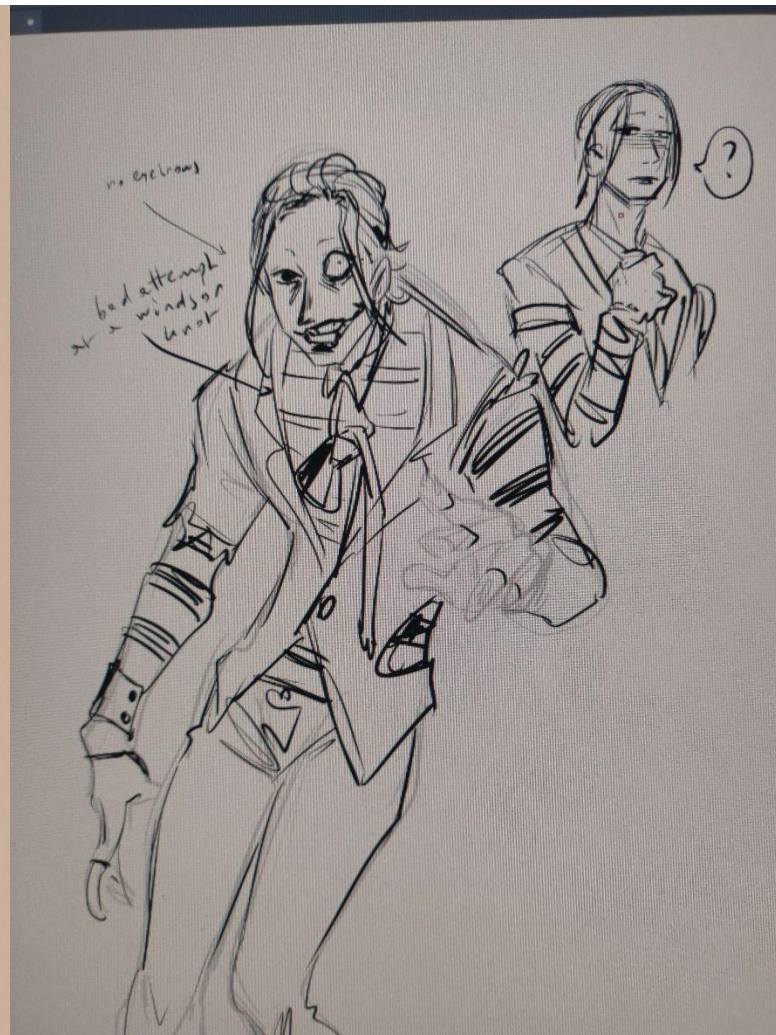
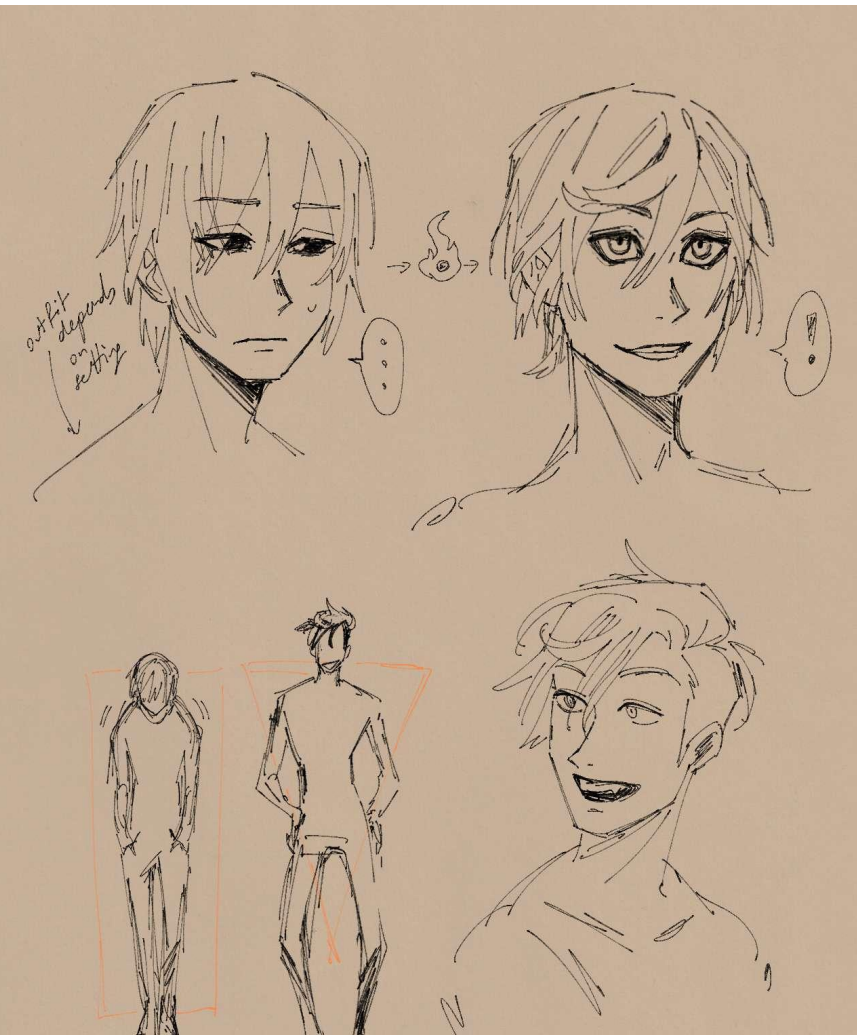
Setting: Prague – Czechia

Characters:

Ivo: Not very capable on the outside, but surprisingly emotionally intelligent.

Karel: Competent on the surface, but not very bright. Is a Ghost.

Bez Nitra [GH]: Ghost Hunter. Starts composed — like a glass doll holding back something cracking out of it, before it explodes. Acrobatic movements, with slashes and cuts.



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Panel 1:	Establishing shot of the classroom.
Panel 2:	Establishing Shot of Ivo absentminded with a pencil in hand. Clearly off of the group.
Mate1:	Okay, that settles that.
Mate2:	But who's going to give the report?
Panel 3:	Identical Shot: Ivo dropping pencil nervously.
Mate3:	I know, Ivo is great at this type of thing!
Panel 4:	Ivo literally being pushed up to the front of the class, notes being placed into hands, while vague words begin to congregate and suffocate him.
Panel 5:	Ivo standing awkwardly in front of a board, slight fisheye lens. His eyes are spiraling.
Ivo:	Please help.

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Panel 1:	Their demeanor changes entirely, instantly striking a pose (literally tossing away notes). Suddenly they are competent and capable. Speaking with total confidence.
K/Ivo:	Ladies and gentlemen welcome to the best report you've ever heard!
K/Ivo:	Not that our teacher would even know~
Teacher:	It's true! I hate this class!
Panel 2:	Close up of K/Ivo with a confident expression. (Transition out).
K/Ivo:	Now what's there to be said about Henry the VIII that hasn't already been said...?
Panel 3:	Hard Cut Identical Shot: Close up of Ivo completely exhausted. (Transition in).
Ivo:	Thanks again.
Panel 4:	Establishing shot: Karel floating around, still jazzed up.
Karel:	What are you thanking me for? That was a lot of fun!
Ivo:	Fun?
Karel:	Besides we ain't done with school yet!
Ivo:	I know...

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Panel 1:	The two walking. Karel zipping around Ivo. Ivo is dying.
Karel:	We still have to give our <i>spooky</i> report on ghosts!
Ivo:	I'll probably just end up tagging you back in for that one too.
Panel 2:	Karel angry.
Karel:	That's no good! You can't always rely on me for everything!
Ivo:	But-
Karel:	This is a no but zone!
Panel 3:	Karel looking proud of himself.
Karel:	Besides, I didn't pay attention at all while you were studying.
Ivo:	That's literally never stopped you before...
Panel 4:	Karel getting fired up.
Karel:	Don't worry about a thing, I already took all the necessary precautions for this!
Ivo:	Huh?
Karel:	You're going to have a training arc! A social training arc!
Karel:	I listed everything out on a twelve step plan in your phone.
Panel 5:	A dread consumed Ivo staring at the phone. Karel with arm wrapped around his shoulder, giving a thumbs up.
Ivo:	How did you? When did you?
Karel:	What do you think? Cool right?
Ivo:	Wait...? Are these already all scheduled in? And for today?!
Karel:	Come on, it'll be fine. You just have to talk with some people for a little while.

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Panel 1:	Ivo totally exhausted. Burned out completely.
Narrator:	A little while later.
Karel:	You know for some reason I really thought that would go better. My bad.
Panel 2:	Ivo looking up, still out of it.
Ivo:	I want to say I appreciate the attempt to help.
Karel:	Oh?
Ivo:	But I don't.
Karel:	Oh.
Panel 3:	Ivo shrinking back.
Ivo:	Besides the fact I now feel worse than ever. We also just wasted a bunch of time before the actual report.
Karel:	Oh yeah, that reminds me! I had one final secret bonus thing to help with the report.
Panel 4:	Ivo genuinely happy with a prideful Karel.
Ivo:	Wait for real? Wow you've never actually helped out on the project itself before.
Karel:	Come on? I can't let you do everything yourself now can I?
Ivo:	I wonder what it is?
Karel:	Ah, take a look for yourself. Since they just arrived.

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Panel 1:	Foreground: Ivo staring on with his eyes popping out of his head. Background: Karel excitedly presenting GH.
Karel:	Tada! I hired a ghost hunter to help with the presentation! Cool right?
Panel 2:	Ivo shakily pointing forward. While Karel laughs about the whole thing.
Ivo:	w-ww-w-What-?
Karel:	Too impressed to speak right? I get that.
Karel:	But this dude is the genuine article.
Panel 3:	Karel floating by the forward facing GH. Karel pointing out his strange appearance.
Karel:	I mean just look at this guy.
Karel:	What type of wack get up is that? And have you seen his complexion? Too many late nights at haunted houses? I mean he looks more like a ghost than the one's he's supposedly hunting.
Karel:	And he really believes in ghosts! What is he like five-years old? Hilarious! What a complete loser!
Panel 4:	Identical shot: GH turns head and stares at Karel. Karel slightly off put by this.
Karel:	Uh-oh.

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Panel 1:	Foreground: Barely out of focus, Karel and GH going at it. Background: An offended Ivo staring on at his stupid friend.
Ivo:	You – a ghost – actually called a ghost hunter.
Karel:	How would I know ghost hunters are real!?!
Ivo:	...
Panel 2:	Foreground: Karel pinned to the ground by GH's foot. Karel freaking out with tears shooting out. Background: GH raising an arm up to finish Karel off. (Hand of Ivo reaching in from off screen to tug on GH's sleeve).
Karel:	Don't kill me!! Or- You know what I mean!
Ivo:	Hey uh- guy?
Panel 3:	GH extending card and Ivo politely taking it.
GH:	You can just call me Ghost Hunter. Here's my card.
Ivo:	Oh. Thank you.
Karel:	Don't thank him, he's trying to kill me! Or- You know what I mean!
Panel 4:	Ivo pointing down, somewhat unsure on what to say exactly.
Ivo:	I think there has been some type of misunderstanding. My friend here isn't like a bad ghost or anything. He's just a little... Uh...
Karel:	Do a better job bargaining for my life! You know what I mean!
Ivo:	Anyway could you just like not exorcize him or whatever?

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Panel 1:	GH staring down with a flat expression. Greyscale BG.
Panel 2:	Identical shot: GH staring back at camera with flat expression. Greyscale BG.
GH:	No.
Panel 3:	Ivo staring ahead blankly.
Panel 4:	Identical Shot: Mouth open for reply.
Ivo:	Oh.
Panel 5:	Pulled back shot: The trio standing there awkwardly.

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Panel 1:	Foreground: Ivo and Karel both bursting forward in a full sprint. (Karel sprinting even though he can fly). Background: GH still standing with his foot up, Karel after-image having slipped out.
Panel 2:	Both of them running and yelling at each other.
Karel:	Why did you do a shit job of defending me?!
Ivo:	Why did you call a ghost hunter!?
Karel:	Valid point!
Ivo:	Do you think he's coming after us?
Karel:	Look on three. Two... Three!
Panel 3:	The two looking back over their shoulders.
Panel 4:	GH having a full psychotic laughing fit.

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Panel 1:	Still looking over shoulders, both with shaded out eyes and gaping mouths. Black BG.
Both:	...
Panel 2:	GH back flips through the air.
Panel 3:	GH zips down in front of the two.
Panel 4:	Fish-Eye Lens – extreme close up: GH's eye leering forward.
Panel 5:	The two sliding to a stop. Karel snapping out words at Ivo.
Karel:	Wait! I have a plan! Let's do the thing!
Ivo:	r-Right!

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Panel 1:	Lower-to-Upper shot: K/Ivo striking a pose with arms crossed and chest puffed out.
K/Ivo:	Hahaha! Didn't expect this did you?
K/Ivo:	With our possession skills you can no longer get to me!
Panel 2:	FG: K/Ivo laughing cockily. BG: A still crouched GH staring out.
GH:	Mhh, you aren't wrong.
Panel 3:	Identical Shot: K/Ivo shocked. GH psycho expression.
GH:	But I'll just have to cut you out!
Panel 4:	K/Ivo running away in terror, yelling back. GH rushing forward on all fours like a wild dog.
K/Ivo:	What?! You can't do that! Aren't you a ghost hunter!?
GH:	What's a human but a meaty ghost container!
K/Ivo:	What about you then!?
GH:	I exercised my ghost a long time ago!
K/Ivo:	What's wrong with this dude?!

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Panel 1:	Transition Panel:
Panel 2:	K/Ivo exhausted and breathing hard while hiding behind a wall (of bleachers in the school gym).
K/Ivo:	Did we lose him?
Panel 3:	K/Ivo peeking out from the side of the wall, seeing GH looking around the gymnasium.
K/Ivo:	That's a no...
Panel 4:	Lower-to-Upper Side shot: BG: Karel popping out of Ivo and peaking over higher seats. FG: Ivo's whole body shaking in terror, his eyes vacantly staring forward.
Karel:	Does this guy ever give up?
Ivo:	w-ww-w-What do we do?
Panel 5:	Karel looking solemn.

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Panel 1:	Upper-to-lower Side Shot: Ivo (still sitting with back against bleachers) glancing up anxiously.
Karel:	Just leave it to me.
Karel:	I got us into this and I'll get us out.
Ivo:	Wait, you can't mean to go out there?
Panel 2:	Karel looking down while giving a bittersweet smile.
Panel 3:	Ivo's eyes widen.
Panel 4:	Karel begins floating by Ivo. Ivo's expression unseen.
Karel:	Like I said you aren't always going to have me around to help you out.
Karel:	Besides... Maybe now you can live your life without me always taking over and living it for you?

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Panel 1:	Arm shot: Ivo grabbing ghost's arm.
Panel 2:	FG: Karel looking back down at Ivo. BG: Ivo still with head down and unseen expression.
Ivo:	You always just do whatever you want. Always getting us both into trouble.
Ivo:	Ever since we first met you've only been a massive pain in my ass.
Panel 3:	Karel glancing up at his memories.
Ivo:	Ever since we met-
Panel 3.1:	Head on shot: A censored pile of something [Karel] in the foreground. Karel freaking out next to a relatively calm young Ivo.
Karel:	Is that me?! Am I dead!?
Ivo:	You don't look alive. But I'm not a doctor.
Panel 3.2:	Ivo sitting in front of strange food. Dreading what's to come. Karel floating over shoulder salivating.
Karel:	Hey tag me in already!
Panel 3.3:	Page 5 Panel 1:
Karel:	Tada! I hired a ghost hunter to help with the presentation! Cool right?

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Panel 1:	Ivo passionately shouting out.
Ivo:	You've been my best friend! And I couldn't imagine my life without you in it!
Panel 2:	Karel is deeply touched in realization by those words.
Panel 3:	Karel with a gentle smile.
Karel:	Valid.
Karel:	But-
Ivo:	This is a no but zone!
Ivo:	We will figure this out together! I promise!
Karel:	Right...

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Panel 1:	GH hanging over the railing above them.
GH:	You know I can hear you right?
Panel 2:	Karel staring back up with a wide eyed look. Ivo expression unseen.
Karel:	Oh... Yeah.
Karel:	[No bubble] I forgot about you being here.
Panel 3:	FG – Behind back shot: GH having jumped out in front of the two. Ready to leap forward at them. BG: Karel panicking, next to Ivo.
GH:	Let's finish this exorcism shall we?!
Panel 4:	Ivo walking forward past the still panicking Karel.
Ivo:	Hey-

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Panel 1:	Ivo reaching forward towards the camera, his powers beginning to fully manifest themselves, as the hands of the undead begin to sprout around him, flowing forward.
Ivo:	We were in the middle of a conversation.
Panel 2:	Side shot: Long curving beams of aethereal hands extending out of Ivo and clambering over one another while shooting forward at a wide eyed GH. Who was caught mid leap forward.
Panel 3:	Endless hands grasping all around GH as the man breaks out into a cold sweat. BG: Black.
Panel 4:	Same Shot: Panel too covered with arms to make anything out.

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Panel 1:	Ivo powering down. An amazed Karel next to him, mouth agape.
Ivo:	Phew.
Panel 2:	Karel totally freaking. As Ivo casually stares at his hand.
Karel:	Yooo! You have powers?!?!
Ivo:	Huh? Guess so. Oh- Maybe that's why I can see you?
Karel:	I never really thought about it before!
Ivo:	Me neither.
Karel:	This is the best day of my life! Or-
Ivo:	Yes, I know what you mean.
Panel 3:	FG Side Shot: The two totally caught off guard and back to being seriously worried. BG: A dark aura emanating off of a heavily injured GH, like a black hole of despair.
GH:	Forgetting something?!
Panel 4:	GH staggering forward, completely crazed.
GH:	I never give up as long as I am on the job. And you can't kill that doesn't even have a ghost left to become.
Panel 5:	The two flinching back, scared of what's to come.

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Panel 1:	GH's Wrist watch goes off. And a cuckoo bird comes out of it.
Panel 2:	GH pulls out a clock and clocks out.
Panel 3:	FG: GH walking off. BG: The lads completely thrown off.
GH:	That's my shift done.
GH:	You boys have a nice day now.
Panel 4:	Both of them left on their own. Brains having gone blank.
Both:	...
Karel:	Was that a clock?
Ivo:	...I think we missed the report time...
Panel 5:	Shot of the shining sun on a blue sky.
Both:	Guess we'll go home.

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Panel 1:	Karel reclining on his back, with a ruminating expression, floating next to a chipper Ivo.
Karel:	You know it doesn't feel like our problems are over?
Ivo:	Uh-huh.
Karel:	And we don't really have any idea why I am a ghost or why you have spooky powers?
Ivo:	Yep.
Karel:	Then why do you seem so happy?
Panel 2:	Ivo looking up with clear/bright expression.
Ivo:	Because we'll figure it out together.
Panel 3:	Karel shrugging.
Karel:	Alright.
Panel 4:	Behind back shot as the two walk/float away.
Karel:	Hey can I pick what we're eating-
Ivo:	No.
Karel:	You never let me pick.
Ivo:	And I never will.
Karel:	Ah man. Okay then how about-
Ivo:	No.
Karel:	You didn't even let me finish.
Ivo:	We are having a nice relaxing end of the day.
Karel:	And putting off our responsibilities for our future selves?
Ivo:	Yes.
Karel:	Finally we agree on something.

Panel 1:	The two joyfully walking and talking together.
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