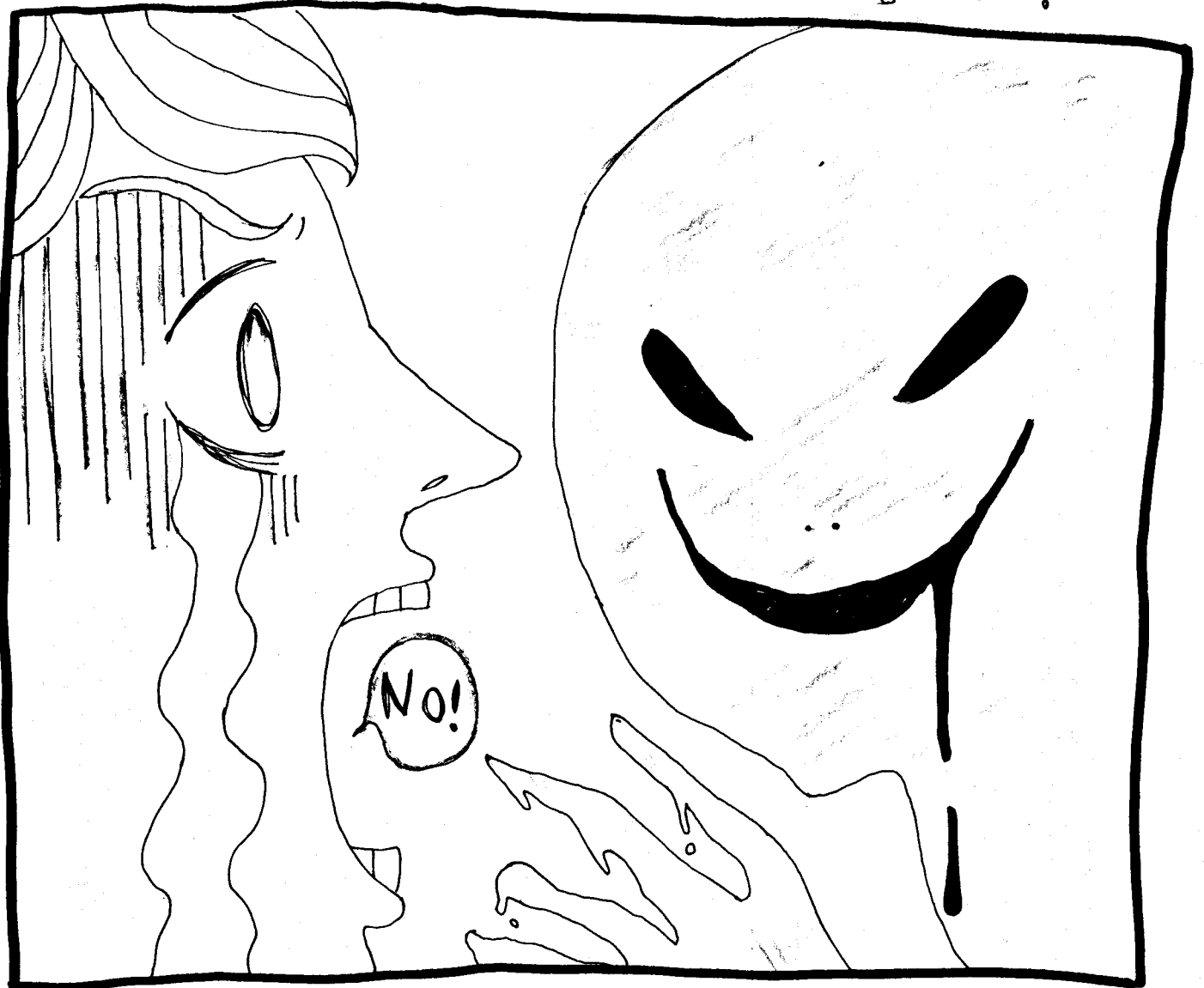


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A HORROR HOSPITAL



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I have been working as a doctor for 9 years. Recently, I moved to this small town to help short of hands of doctors. I like people in this town because they are very kind to me, so I got used to new life soon. The life in this little town is fine and comfortable. The hospital which I work at is located on a small hill. It always breezes and we can see the ocean from there.

Today is my nightshift. It is the first time for me in this hospital, so I feel a little excited now. However no one knows what will happen to me tonight. Originally, today is not my turn of nightshift, but another doctor asked me to alternate with him yesterday. He seems to have a date with a new girlfriend tonight. I was willing to accept his request, because I had nothing to do.

It is humid night, and there is no wind (it is very rare). It is queer night. It is 2 am when I have to go patrol. I take a flashlight and my stethoscope and leave doctor's room. The hospital of night is very silent and a little grim. I am alone except patients.

First, I rotate second floor. There is nothing special. Every patient is sleeping well. Next, I go upstairs and look at outside of window. There is still no wind. I feel a little cold although it is hot midnight of summer. I suddenly want to go to rest room.

If you choose to go to rest room immediately, GO TO PAGE 5,
if you choose to continue patrol, GO TO PAGE 8.

I decided to protect my patient, because I am a doctor, and I have to do so. The patient is a little girl. She is sleeping and does not notice ghost yet. I don't want her to notice ghosts. If she notices ghosts, she will be surprised so much. The big surprise is bad for her health. Now, ghosts are just flying under the ceiling in the room. Ghosts don't do anything. I thought this time is chance!! However, there is no good tool to attack ghosts. Quietly, I take off my shoe, and I try to use it as a weapon. Carefully, I approach ghosts. However, sometimes they appear and sometimes they disappear. I can't see them well. When I can see them, I swing up my shoe. At the moment, ghosts notice me and they take away my shoe and throw it at the wall. Then because of the sound, the girl wakes up and starts crying.

"What happen in this room?? Help me!! Help me!!"

Since ghosts noticed that I tried to attack them, they get angry and say to me

"What did you try to do to us?!"

I don't say anything and just try to help her. When I start to approach her, ghosts blow me off far from her. And I fly toward the door.

"Are you OK??" the girl says.

Then ghosts surround her and try to make her sleep again. It is a sleep of eternity. Gradually she feels asleep and seems to close her eyes at any moment.

If you choose to wake her up and take her to out of the room GO TO PAGE6,
if you want to get out of the room to look for some weapon GO TO PAGE12.

I decided to help patients. First, I must slip out. Then I go to sickroom and help the patients. Fortunately, I will be able to catch them off their guard because the ghosts worry about the weakly ghost. I get out from my rest room quietly. A ghost notices me at the time. I get into panic and upset a bucket so other ghosts notice me too. I run away then I go to patients.

Surprisingly, there are a lot of ghosts in this hospital. The ghosts try to control of my hospital. All of patients look very pale. I am too shock to say anything. A ghost suddenly appeared.

"We need a lot of ghosts because we create a new ghost world. Therefore we want the patients to become a ghost." The ghost explains to me.

The ghosts who were in the rest room come here but they look strange. The ghost said to me that the weakly ghost suddenly changed because he was squirted with water when I upset a bucket. Therefore the ghosts are very angry.

"Our company was out of shape because of you," the ghost began to speak to me *"so you must accept the responsibility. We want you to go out from this hospital."*

If I go out, the patients would become the ghosts. I alone can help the patients. However I can't stay here and I have no idea to help so I make a faint of going out from this hospital.

"You are a bright!!" The ghost said to me.

However I think what I should do when I try to go out.

All at once, I hit on an idea. A little while ago, the ghost said to me that the weakly ghost became worse because of water. I noticed the ghosts' weakness is water. I thought that I should squirt the ghosts. I try to run the sprinkler. I run to doctor's office then I bring a lighter near the sprinkler. In all the wards the siren sounds while water gush out from the sprinkler. Then the ghosts get weak and they disappear.

I run to see patients' condition with many towels. They have no trouble. I could help my patients!!

One week later, the doctor of a hospital calls me. Then he gave me a prize and I assumed a vice-doctor of a hospital.

The End

I decide to go to bathroom because it is important as a human. I walk on corridor toward the rest room which is located the end of this floor. When I am going there, I suddenly hear some faint noises as if someone was talking with small voice. I look around and listen to them very carefully to recognize where they come from, if it a patient calls me to get help in emergency, I have to go right now. However, the noises disappear. Now, I can not hear anything. I feel strange but it may be only my fancy.

On arriving at the bathroom, it becomes colder. The bathroom is so silent and dim that I feel a little scared. I enter there quickly to finish what I want to do soon. I want to leave there as soon as possible. Then, when I am washing my hands, I hear a faint sound again. It comes from just behind me. I pluck up the courage to look back! However, there is nothing! I peer around me because there must be something. Then, I glance at the outside of the rest room. Unbelievable!!! There are things that I have never seen before, but I know who they are. They are ghosts! I am really astonished at them, and I nearly scream but I can not say anything.

Fortunately, they do not notice me. I can escape to one of the rest rooms. But I am so curious that I can talk with them. It could be fan. Can they speak English or another language?

If you choose to run to a rest room ant shut yourself in there, GO TO PAGE 9,
if you choose to start talking with them, GO TO PAGE 15.

It is so dangerous!! Ghosts are trying to possess her now. I have to wake her up and take her to out of the room right now!! However, how can I approach her? What is their weak point? I think about it shortly and look around inside of the room. When I saw the mirror, I think, mirror...it may be their weak point. Soon I take off the mirror in this room and I turn it toward ghosts. Then ghosts notice it and avoid reflecting themselves in the mirror. I say to myself, "Well done!!" I turn it toward them again and again. Then they run toward the wall and suffer. It is chance. I approach her and wake her up.

"What's happen?? Where am I??" she says to me.

"It's OK. Don't worry about anything." I say.

Quickly, I take her to out of the room and check her condition. She sweats a little, but her condition is better then I thought. A few minutes later, we hear a big sound from the girl's sick room, and it fades soon. After that, I call her parents. While we are waiting her parents, she says to me "Doctor...thank you so much. If you didn't help me, I would be killed by ghosts."

Then I smile at her. When her parents reach to her, they hug their daughter.

"Thank you so much!! You are our benefactor." they say to me.

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A few weeks later, it becomes completely good and she can leave the hospital. The day of her leaving, she and her parents come to my room and give me much money. It's \$50,000. I think it's enough money to go to overseas travel. Soon I take long holiday and enjoy traveling.

The End

I decide to keep going my primary task. I can go to bathroom after I finish my work, so I put it before what I want to do.

I check each sick room carefully. There are many patients in this hospital although it is small. The reason is that this town has only one hospital. If a patient has too difficult disease or injury for doctors in this hospital to handle, he or she will be carried to a big modern hospital in the city. However, it takes three hours to go there. Time can often prove matters of life or death, so many people rely on our hospital, and doctors must be serious.

Sometimes, I put blankets on sleeping patients and I keep patrolling. After a while, I finish checking share rooms. Next, I go to private rooms. Then, I hear someone talking. I think some patients still stay up. If so, I have to admonish them. When I turn the corner, I can not believe on my eyes! There is something I have never seen. There are ghosts in front of a private room!! What are they doing here?

What are they talking about? What are they conspiring? I get to be confused.

However, I realize my task is to protect patients against them.

“Don’t fuss about them! Be calm, me.” I say to myself.

While I am thinking, they enter the room. I can follow them without being noticed to know what they are going to do. Or I can go to protect a patient.

If you choose to follow them, GO TO PAGE 14,
if you choose to save a patient, GO TO PAGE 2.

I decided to shut myself in the rest room. I don't know why ghosts stay at my hospital. I don't believe it. I think I'm dreaming and it must be bad dream. It is very quietly outside. What are ghosts doing outside? Five minutes have passed. At once I think ghosts have been out yet, suddenly, it sounds from outside. I bend my ear to the sounds. At the very moment, a shaft of blue light comes into my rest room. It is very strange. What do ghosts want to do? Do ghosts kill me? If I had alternated the doctor, I could have been at my home. Can I fight them? Are patients safe? I become to worry about a lot of things.

"Oh, my god," I mumble, "help me."

Meanwhile, I hear peculiar howl from outside. I open the door cautiously. The howl's identity is one of ghosts. The ghost gets weak.

"What happen to you?" another ghost said *"Are you all right?"*

However, weakly ghost can't say anything. Other ghosts worry about him. The ghost's arms are wrapped around his stomach. I search him. He looks to hurt his stomach under the left. He must have appendicitis. It is necessary for him to operate at once. Perhaps I will help him. Or this may be my chance. I catch them off their guard and I slip out of my rest room. Then I may be able to rescue patients.

If I decide to help the ghost, GO TO PAGE 17,
if I catch them off guard and rescue patients, GO TO PAGE 3.

I consider. My head works full speed for a while. I cannot make a mistake. If I choose to accept what they said and they turn out to have vicious plans, I will be used for the convenient and killed later. In addition, the villains may try to get the whole world and attack all the people. I will never let them do that. I have to say "No" to them.

"Are you ready to join us?"

"No, you deceive me into helping your worst program. I'm never tricked. Go away! Return to your world!" I say. The creatures don't give words any more. But, I understand what they want to say from the faces. Those become much disappeared and seem to invite me again. I feel little confused and answer one more time "I say I can't. You go home!" I find their eyes get more depressed and drop a tear. However the next moment, the sorrow expression changes to anger suddenly. They start to speak aloud. This time, I can't understand their words, which seem to be used only in another world. The horrible low voice become rhythmical and like a festival. They force my arms and legs. One of them watches my eyes by his dark eyes. At the moment my body doesn't move as my thought. Though I have my consciousness, I find my body is possessed!! It's unbelievable!! I try to cry. It's impossible. I can see, hear, feel, think but I can't move. They start to do many things. My body is used for working as a

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doctor, studying English, making mischief to people, dancing all night with ghosts
and so on. They will enjoy my life with my body till the funeral!

The End

It's dangerous!! Ghosts are trying to possess her now. I have to wake her up and take her to out of the room right now!! However, I can't find the weapon to attack ghosts in the room. I decided to go out of the room to look for some weapon. I have to hurry, because the girl will be possessed soon. After I go out of the room, I run to another room. However, in that room, there are the same items as the girl's room. Then I hear the laugh sounds of ghosts from the girl's room. I say to myself "Oh my God!!" and I think that the girl has already possessed by ghosts. I go to corridor and in the next moment, someone goes out of the girl's room, and come close to me. I look the human carefully, and I am surprised so much. This human is a girl I want to protect. I say to her, "Are you OK??" However, she says nothing and comes closer to me. When she reaches in front of me, she smiles at me. I look her eyes and shake her shoulder. Then her eyes begin to flash on and off and they have blue color. In this time, I'm in a trouble now. However, I don't have any weapon. Even if I have anything, I can't attack her, because she is a patient, little girl. I notice that she was possessed, and she is trying to possess me now. She became one of ghosts. I can't do anything anymore. Gradually, I feel so sleepy and can't keep my eyes open. Unconsciously, I fell on the floor, and can't move with my own power. Then she goes to somewhere, and I can't see her and anything. I close my eyes. Finally I lose my mind...It's my ending...

The End

Though there is a big hesitation, I didn't know why, I decide to believe and join into the odd group. Finally, I say "OK, it's good. We are friends now."

They get delighted, "Oh! Thank you. Our wish comes true. Let's shake hands." Then we talk a lot about each other in my work room. I tell them about my family, friends, work in this hospital, medical science in today and other human lives. I learn from them variety things too. When we are talking, the ghosts so friendly and kind that everyone cannot take them as different life from us. I am sure that I didn't make wrong choice. Moreover they say "We want to help you with work. We may be useful for my friend." I accept this and take them to sick room to see patients. There are some people have serious illness. The doctors gave up curing for them because they couldn't find good treatment. I was the one of them. But surprisingly, my new friends comment it is easy and tell me the way they use in their world for the sickness. They have same problems. It is very effective. The patients get well and well quickly. The fact I succeeded to cure them become known through the nation. They also give me many other new things. Their ways of operating for other incurable diseases are helpful and spread all over the world. We become famous for these works, appear on TV show, get big money and built many huge hospitals! We name it "Ghost Hospital" and save million of lives. I proud of me and the ghosts!!

The End

A young boy stays at that sickroom. He is a high school student and was a captain of the basketball team. He was a great player and had been decided to the invitation to the university that has a strong basketball team. Unfortunately, however, he had a car accident before a day of an important final tournament. His legs were badly injured. Now he can't walk at all, even a stand.

The sickroom is silent. He is fast asleep now. Ghosts are toward him and try to take him away. Meanwhile, he wakes up unconsciously. He doesn't understand that situation. Suddenly, he notices ghosts' presence and begins to scream. His shriek is louder than expected. So I try to catch ghosts because I think other patients wake up. I approach them, and reach their back. I try to take hold of them, but I can't make it. They are transparent!! They notice me, so they look at each other as if they plotted something. I protect the girl right away and hide her behind me from ghost. Then ghosts begin to escape from the room, and the hospital. I think I cannot let them go, so I chase them.

Thirty minutes left after we reach the edge of the cliff. Finally, I corner them. I try to catch them and take a step ahead. Then, suddenly, the black hole appears in front of us. It seems to connect with another world. Ghosts begin to enter that hole.

If you also enter the hole following ghosts, GO TO PAGE 16,
if you don't follow them, just looking, GO TO PAGE 19.

I'm little attracted to them but, I cannot help feeling scared and wanting to run away as soon as possible. But, I say to myself strongly, "I am patrolling now. I have to save patients all alone. I love this hospital and town!!" with my heart beat high. At last my voice comes out from my inside, "What are you doing?" again louder, "What are you doing here!? You can't sneak around me!! Get out of this building, this town!!! " I shout out to the crowd of strangers. They start to talk about something in tiny voice. Listening to them with all my ears, I feel the time is passing on very slowly because of the fear, confusion and excitement though it is about only a minute actually. My heart still beat hard and slow. I can hear only that sound. What will happen? Can I survive this situation?

However what they answered is unexpected and surprised for me. *"I'm sorry to appear suddenly and puzzle you. But all we want is to make friends with you. We never mean to attack you. Don't be scared of our, please."* One of the ghosts says in a familiar way, *"We have always looked for human friends. Shall we become good friends?"* The faces seem to be little earnest. But, at the same time they look still evil and harmful. I must be very careful. This is not just a dream. I can't escape from here by my alarm. What should I reply? My head is full of various thoughts. They stand smiley and continued *"Believe me. Come on!"*

"Wait a minute, let me think." I say.

If you refuse their invitation, TURN TO PAGE 10
If you try to make friends with them, TURN TO PAGE 13

I follow them into their world. I feel something like a flash when I enter there. I pass out in a moment.

There, the ghosts' world is dark place. The sky is black, no one is at there. Dirty liquid that is like dark green flows in the river. The groan always sounds in somewhere. These strange things make me unpleasant. Ghosts are still heading for somewhere, making a line. I follow them unyieldingly. Then we reach the old mansion. It emits musty smell, and vines crept up its stone wall. They go in there. I decide to watch them out behind the tree.

They make a circle, and begin to recite a spell. Meanwhile, a sort of boss shows up. He wears a black robe, so I can't see his face. Ghosts seem to worship him, and kneel down on the ground. After a while, some of them fetch an old man to the middle of the circle from the backroom. They surround him and begin to do something. He seems to cry in pain for a long time. Finally, his voice dies away.

I'm scared by that scene. My knees crumble under myself for surprise. Therefore, I make a noise! Then the boss realizes me. He comes up to me grinning, and says in a low voice.

"You can't escape any more. You should join us. Let's enjoy our game."

My body trembles. I can't return my world.

The End

I decide to help the ghost because I am a doctor. A doctor must help a person who needs help. I should do that even a ghost. I'm a doctor forever as long as I am needed. I got out from the rest room and I appeared in front of the ghosts. The ghosts are very surprised at me but I can't care them because I must operate him without delay.

"He needs operating right now" I said to the ghosts, "but there is no doctor except me and there is also no nurse in the hospital. Therefore if you want to help him, I would want you to help me."

They seem to have a meeting. I don't know that they understand my saying and what they are speaking. However, one of the ghosts comes to me. He must be a leader of the ghosts. He calls on me for my help. Then they carry the weakly ghost and we enter the operation room. The leader and a few ghosts help me to operate their company.

Before the operation, the leader gave me strange power. I could operate as usual, through the power. Then the operation finished smoothly. It succeeded. After the operation, I heard surprising fact.

"Thank you very much. You were the only person to help a ghost." The leader said to me, *"you can live forever by that power. Then, would you mind if you became a ghost doctor? We need you."*

I was astonished. However, the ghost's body amazed me. It was interesting.

I thought that I want to learn the ghost medical science right after the operation.

"Certainly!!" I said to the ghosts willingly, "I help you as a ghost doctor."

Therefore, I became a ghost doctor. Even if you got sick when you became a ghost, don't worry!! I'll help you.

The End

Ghosts run away from the hospital. They were probably scared of you. I go back boy's sick room. He is still little nervous from seeing ghosts. I soothed his shake and let him sleep. I want to solve what they are, and why they appear at this hospital. I return to the cliff again. I wait them at there for few hours. There's no sign them to appear. From then on, I wait them at the same time every night. However, they never show themselves in front of me. I give up this and try to forget about this occurrence. I dedicate to do my job as a doctor.

One day I take one newspaper, which was published several decades ago, at the library when the occurrence nearly slips out of my memory. It writes about ghosts and put the pictures of them. According to it, ghosts used to be taken to the hospital I work at. They passed away in spite of hard treatment. Therefore they are spiteful to the patients who tend to recover completely. They are not evil. They just surprise with a wish that they want the patients to live cheerfully even after they get out of the hospital.

I'm very sorry to chase them the whole night through without knowing the truth. They are not bad ghosts - in fact nice ghosts! I decide to leave them alone. I make the rounds of the sickroom to tell the truth to the patients. They understand very well. From then on, this hospital become famous as that the kind ghosts appear.

The End

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