



Ghost of a Chance

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Do you ever wonder why horror films scare us when we know what we are watching is just a movie? Is it the suspense of not knowing what is going to happen next? Or maybe, just maybe, we wonder deep down if ghosts really do exist.

I'm not a big believer in the paranormal, but a storage facility would make for a nice resting place should such things exist. Who knows if spirits need climate-control, but I can imagine they'd feel comfortable with familiar antique furniture to share their afterlife.

That doesn't even factor in that very few people would bother you at night—unless you consider paranormal investigators AM Zombie and Cassie Lynn. (Yes, there is an Arizona-based ghost hunter who says his name is "Zombie.") The couple decided to spend the night in a storage unit with a Ouija board to summon the spirit of a boy named Jeremy. I won't go into what they professed to find, but I found their comments fascinating.

"If you think about it, it makes sense that a storage facility would be haunted," they say. "There are many personal items being held on the premises from a large number of people. All of which have their belongings on their mind; even if it's only in the back of their mind, thoughts are energy. This makes any storage facility an area of focus,

which in theory can attract other energies and spirits or ghosts.

"Also, some items within a storage facility are from people [who] have died, and their family stores the belongings while deciding what to do," they continue. "It's a very popular belief that spirits or ghosts stay attached to items they were fond of or items of sentimental meaning while they were alive."

Jeff Reynolds, of Ocean Park, Florida, is a paramedic and part-time ghost hunter. According to Reynolds, a woman contacted him once thinking there was a ghost in storage because she kept hearing weird noises. It scared her to death, but she worked there and couldn't leave. Reynolds advised her to tell the ghosts that they could stay, but please don't scare her. The woman did what she was told and later told him the noises had stopped.

"You can think of ghosts like homeless people: no one gives them attention," Reynolds says. "They try to go up to people, but no one gives them the time of day. Everyone kind of just stays away. So how do ghosts get your attention?" he asks. "Fear."

So, if you hear the voice of a kid, maybe it's just someone on the other side, like Jeremy, who needs a little attention. ❖