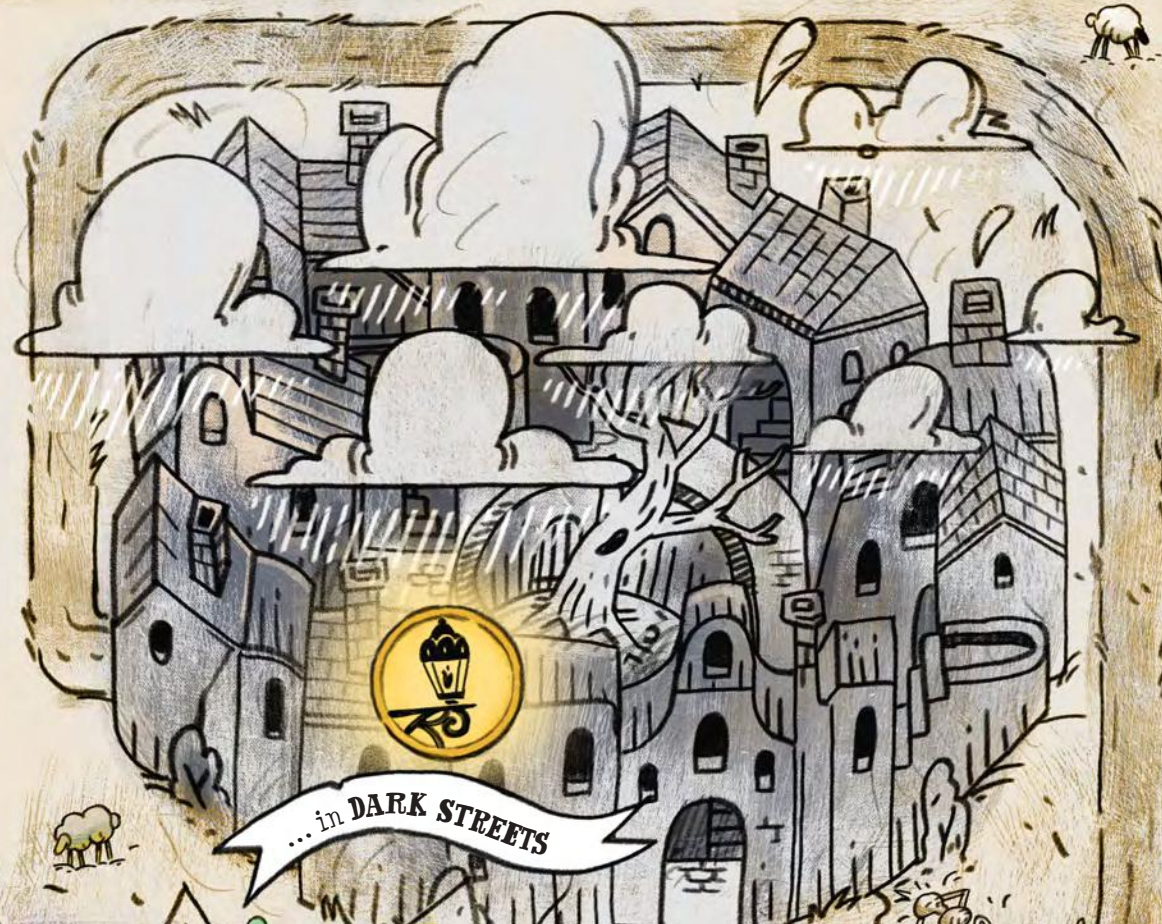


Jack, Joe and Vinny – LET'S GET SCARED!
And you, Annie! Michaela and Agnes, stop
covering back there and come and join us!
Let us all get properly scared. Being scared is
great! Lovely chills down the spine, a little light
shivering... and then relief when you find out that
all the scary stuff was just pretend and you're safe
and sound at home... Boo boo boo! Or are you?
We no longer live in constant fear for our lives,
but according to scientists our brains still crave
the stimulus and entertainment of mystery and
terror. Getting a fright makes a nice change from
things we must manage in our everyday lives. This
is where ghosts, bogeymen and monsters come
in. Odd shadows in the night, a gloomy cellar,
a landscape shrouded in darkness... or a deserted
building, where the slightest creak indicates the
presence of bloodthirsty spirits.



On the subject of blood, what about vampires,
who prey on necks regardless of their blood group?
Great fun, aren't they? So, let's get scared together!
We'll visit seven scary places and leave them all safe
and sound – albeit with thumping heart and sweaty
palms. Though participation is entirely voluntary, we
don't doubt that those of you who like a good scare
will join in. Our scary pages eagerly await your fear!
Welcome to a world of ghosts, vampires, dead,
undead, and monsters large and small.

Let's Get **SCARED**





If you're still feeling fearless, throw yourself into the vampires' whirling dance. One vampire can't get warm, three will fight each other till morning, seven adore the blood type 'O', and then there's a single angry skeleton. Can you tell which is the angry one?

GRAVEYARD

There are many skeletons and disembodied souls at the graveyard. After nightfall, by the pale glow of the Moon, they leave their graves and tombs, stretch out by the headstones and play cards. Bottom of the pack, top of the pack, ace. Being dead is boring. If a living soul were to walk by, they would pounce on him and demand to know what's new in the world. But who is brave enough to visit a graveyard at night? So the dead get left alone.

HALLOWEEN

At least they have their own holiday. The night of 31 October – 1 November is lit by candles in hollowed-out pumpkins. The deceased follow the light to make brief visits to their loved ones. On this night, no one is afraid of the dead; indeed, dressed as ghosts, skeletons and wizards, the living look like them. There is darkness and flickering pumpkin-light everywhere. The dead have a great time!

DÍA DE MUERTOS

Latin American dead souls have an even better time. Their Day of the Dead lasts three days – from 31 October to 2 November! The living visit the graves of dead relatives, where they feast and make merry with them. Everyone has a great time, knowing that once the merriment is over, the dead will go back to being bored.

If you think there's nothing to be scared of in a graveyard, join us in one at full moon and prepare to be terrified...

DARK STREETS

I think I'm being followed... My footsteps ring out in the street, echoed by another's. The other's steps are quieter and more cautious. When I speed up, so does my pursuer. I break into a run; so do they. **WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?** In this dark, winding street, there are just the two of us...

WANTED

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YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE!

Winding streets and dark corners of a town are best avoided. Dangerous robbers may be lurking there, knife in hand, ready to spring! Hands up! Your money or your life! Gloomy nooks and unlit streets are the favourite places of robbers, murderers and cutthroats...

HEADLESS KNIGHT

What's going on now? Is that a horse clip-clopping down the lane? Is that the rattle of armour you hear? A headless knight is careering towards you! **GET OUT OF THE WAY!** But then the knight vanishes or passes through a wall. That was frightening!



KILLER IN THE STREETS

Help! A cutthroat is after you! How can this be happening? Your heart is in your mouth. But what is scaring you is nothing but your shadow. Dark streets and flickering lamps can do that...

I'M NOT SCARED, BUT...

Aagh! A woman with a strange smile has just passed through a house wall... Ghosts and victims of tragic events hang about in alleyways and dark corners. We deal with them by not being afraid. As for robbers, bandits and killers, we give their winding lanes and dark nooks a wide berth!

You're still not scared, you say? Really? Then welcome to the world's darkest lanes! If you keep your nerve, you will pass through them unscathed. They contain rogues, killers, cutthroats and bandits. There may even be a few headless knights and lost souls...




This very night, two pedestrians lose their wallets; one of them just escapes being attacked. A wanted killer escapes from under the noses of three policemen. Two policemen will go on to have amazing careers!





LET'S GET SCARED...

because being scared is fun! Anyone will tell you so who enjoys scary stuff. Pretend scary stuff, of course – like bogeymen, ghosts, dark cellars, graveyards, crooked alleys, vampires... Fear may have a thousand eyes, but you may be about to discover that there's nothing to fear after all, even in the scariest places. What's for sure, however, is that this terrifyingly entertaining book is not for the faint-hearted. For those prepared to face down their fear, full-page illustrations of super-scary places, terrifying tasks, and gentle chills down the spine await. Don't forget that it's all just pretend. At least I think it is...

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