

# Bloody Woods

From where we stood in the woods, it looked like a castle rising out of the mist at the top of the hill. We couldn't make out from the distance just how many windows we could see but there seemed to be a thousand. There was only one cure for our curiosity... we had to go and explore.



We got lost in the woods on our way to Annie's Halloween party. I hated being in the woods. It creeped me out. Tommy wasn't scared of the forest. In fact I don't think he was scared of anything. Tommy was a lot faster than me. He was a good bit ahead of me. Every so often I could hear him shout back at me "Hurry up Steve!" I eventually caught up to him. When I looked at him he was staring up and his mouth was opening slowly. I looked up where Steve's eyes were looking. It was a castle! It was only a few metres away. The castle was bigger than I thought. It looked like it was over a thousand years old. I went to walk in the half open, giant door until Tommy stopped me. He pointed at a sign that said ENTER IF YOU DARE in large writing.

I looked in a window and it looked brand new inside. I saw a chair, a fire place and a big wooden door. Tommy tapped me on the shoulder. I turned and he said "we should get out of here". I ignored him and kept looking in the window. I heard Tommy saying Ste-Steve. I turned and said "what's wrong now." I saw Tommy staring at the top of the castle. I looked up and saw a big tall man. He looked

like he was wearing a cape. He had what looked like big black wings on his back. His mouth looked like it was opening. Everything was very quiet until he made a loud hiss at us. We went to run but he flew off the top of the castle and landed in front of us. He made another hissing noise at us. He looked at us with his big, red eyes.

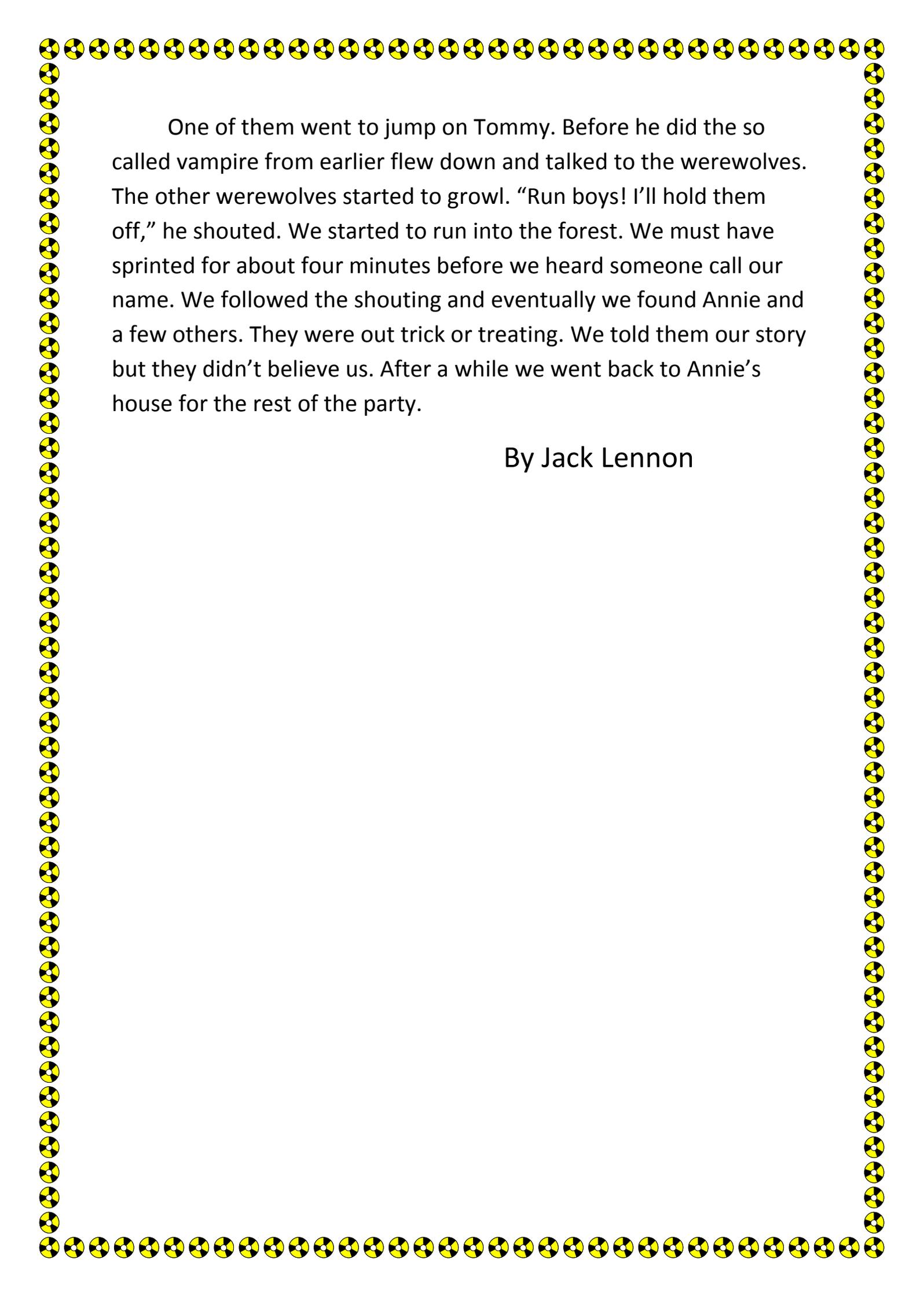


“Why are you two here?” he asked. “We were looking for our friend’s house but we got lost in the forest,” Tommy replied shivering. “Are you a vampire?” I asked. “If that’s what you would like to call me,” he whispered with a wink. “I’ll let you two go but be careful there are lots of creatures in this forest that will either kill you or eat you,” he said. When he stopped talking we started to walk back into the forest.

“Was that a real vampire?” Tommy asked confused. “I don’t know,” I replied. “Oh no! We are late for the party!” Tommy shouted. “I don’t think we will make it anyway,” I moaned. All of a sudden we started to hear noises in the trees. Then four people dropped down. They were all smiling. “Are ye vampires too?” I whispered. “Goodness no,” one of them replied. One of them went to speak until another one stopped him and said “Enough talk! Let’s eat!” Their hair started to grow very long and their eyes turned yellow. Their teeth grew long and sharp and so did their nails.



“Werewolves!” I shouted.



One of them went to jump on Tommy. Before he did the so called vampire from earlier flew down and talked to the werewolves. The other werewolves started to growl. “Run boys! I’ll hold them off,” he shouted. We started to run into the forest. We must have sprinted for about four minutes before we heard someone call our name. We followed the shouting and eventually we found Annie and a few others. They were out trick or treating. We told them our story but they didn’t believe us. After a while we went back to Annie’s house for the rest of the party.

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