

## MY FRIEND MATTY

### "Ghost Appears Scene"

Things have not gone so well for seven year old Nick since moving into his new home. On his first day there, while in the living room, he came across someone he thought was a mover. Unfortunately, the only thing his stepmother, Sarah, saw when she passed by was Nick standing next to a fallen picture frame - alone. A few nights later, Nick heard a voice in his room. It spoke to him briefly, but fell silent just as quickly.

Tonight, Nick meets the mysterious voice...

INT. HOUSE, NICK'S ROOM - NIGHT

The clock reads 1:43. Nick is in bed struggling to stay awake. Just as his eyes are growing too heavy..

MATTY (V.O.)  
What were you looking for?

Nick pops up.

NICK  
You.

MATTY (V.O.)  
I see.

There is a long pause.

NICK  
Are you still here?

MATTY (V.O.)  
Yes.

NICK  
Where are you?

MATTY (V.O.)  
Here.

Nick sees nothing.

NICK  
Where?

MATTY (V.O.)  
Here.

NICK  
Why don't I see you?

MATTY (V.O.)  
I'm shy.

NICK  
Me too.

MATTY (V.O.)  
Do you get scared?

NICK  
No.

MATTY (V.O.)  
Some people have been scared of me.

NICK  
You said you were my friend.

At the far corner of the room, a face emerges from the shadows. It is pale with disturbing eyes and frazzled hair. With the next step, the rest of the body becomes visible. It is scrappy, thin and sickly. Nick is paralyzed.

MATTY  
Are you scared now?

He shakes his head unconvincingly.

MATTY (CONT'D)  
You're scared, I can tell.

Nick looks at him more closely and soon realizes...

NICK  
You're the mover guy, with the picture. You got me in trouble.

MATTY  
I said I was sorry.

NICK  
No one believed me. But now they will.

Nick gets up and heads for the door.

MATTY  
They still won't believe you.

He stops.

MATTY (CONT'D)  
I won't be here if you bring them back.

NICK  
Why?

MATTY  
Because.

NICK  
Where would you go?

MATTY

Away.

Matty steps back into the shadows - disappearing. Curious as to where he went, Nick cautiously approaches the area only to find nothing there. He is clearly shaken.

MATTY (V.O.) (CONT'D)

You said you wouldn't be scared.

Nick is breathing very heavily.

MATTY (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Don't be.

Matty emerges from the shadows near the bed.

NICK

How did you do that?

They stare at each other.

NICK (CONT'D)

Are you a ghost?

MATTY

My name is Matty. I want to be your friend. Do you want to be friends?

NICK

Why would you want to be friends with me?

MATTY

You seem like you'd be a good friend.

He smiles and fades back into the shadows.