

A Night In The Library

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Favorite Middle School Teacher Lost In The Library

Local librarian, Victor Clans, is concerned about the whereabouts and safety of middle school teacher, Abigail Summers. He reports that Ms. Summers brought her 6th grade class to the library on the afternoon of May 3, 2000. At the end of the school day he assumed she left with her class because no one was in the library when he left on a coffee break. When he returned, the contents of her school bag & purse were spread out on the floor.

What concerned him the most is that a copy of The Statue In The Attic was opened and random bits of the pages had been torn out and sprinkled around the floor.

A few people believe that Mr. Clans knows more than what he is saying about the popular teacher's disappearance, but a majority of the town's people believe the curse of the book has come true. Legend has it that if you read the book on the afternoon prior to a full moon, the book will suck you in.

Police Chief, Roger Johnson, gave a statement, "The whole city is concerned for the safety of Ms. Summers. Right now we are continuing to investigate this missing persons case so I cannot comment on the details. We do not believe the members of this community are in any danger."

We will keep you updated with any further developments.

The Legend

Local lore says The Statue In The Attic, written by R. B. Smith in 1978, has a curse connected to it. Historian Thelma Scott explains, "Some people believe that when R. B. Smith finished writing the book, he became so angered that a publisher would not accept his manuscript that he took the final draft to a known witch who put a curse on certain pages of the book. If someone should read any

pages of the book on the afternoon prior to a full moon, they will be sucked into the story & become a character in the book for the night."

Police Chief Johnson asks that if anyone has information of Ms. Summers' disappearance to please contact the local authorities.

News Release May 5, 2000

Middle School Teacher Found With a Story To Tell

On May 3, 2000, 6th grade teacher Abigail Summers was reported missing by Victor Clans, librarian. Many believed that the cursed book, A Statue In The Attic by R. B. Smith is to blame.

We are happy to report that Ms. Summers has been found safe & sound with a story to tell. One for the record books. She tells us that after her students left for the day, she sat down to read while she waited to meet some friends. Not one to believe in the curse, she began to read the book. Not long after reading a few pages she was sucked into the book.

She met many nice characters and found them to be quite interesting. Many of the ladies were curious about her clothes and where she came from and asked her about it. Her scariest moment was when she met Michael, the statue in the attic. He was a very angry character and vengeful that he had been locked in the attic for so long and not allowed to roam free through the pages as other characters were able to. Ms. Summers' states, "He told me his job was to hold me in the attic so that I could not return to the outside world once the sun came up." Using her charm, Ms. Summers was able to calm him down and taught him how to be social with the people of the town. By the end of the night they had become friends and parted ways when the sun was beginning to rise.

When Mr. Clans opened the library for the day he found Ms. Summers sleeping peacefully on the sofa with the book in her arms. When she woke, she said, "I've always wondered what it would be like to spend the night at the library."

Watch for more details of her adventure in tomorrow's paper.