

STAB: HELP! GHOSTFACE!

Julia goes in the park, all alone. She likes the fresh air and the grayish full moon. Suddenly, someone calls her. She answers. Ghostface laughs.

JULIA

Who is this?

GHOSTFACE

I'm right *behind* you.

Julia turns around, slowly. When she sees him, she starts to scream. He takes his big knife up and Julia runs away, the fastest she can. But he follows her. She runs to her house and hides behind a bush. Ghostface runs to the bush.

GHOSTFACE

You can't hide from Ghostface, Julia...

Before she has time to run away, Ghostface cuts her in the heart, with the knife.

The logo (Scream) comes

Lily cries, sitting on a bench, on the Woodsboro High School, the day that the summer break starts. Zoe comforts her.

ZOE

Sorry about the loss.

LILY

My sister was so *nice*. How could anyone even *think* about wanting to kill her?

ZOE

I don't know...

Lily's boyfriend, Mike, comes to the bench and takes a seat beside Lily.

MIKE

What happened?

LILY

My sister was killed by someone. I don't know who it was...

Mike puts his arm around Lily.

MIKE

That's *terrible* news! It's like the movie "Strangers on a Train..."

ZOE

Don't *joke* about it, Mike!

MIKE

Okay. But you're not Lily, and you don't know if it was a joke or not. It actually wasn't. Lily knows me better.

Zoe looks at Lily and shrugs her shoulders.

LILY

No problem. He loves horror movies. That's why he involves them in almost everything.

Mike holds two fingers above Zoe, so it looks like she has rabbit ears. Lily starts to laugh.

ZOE

Why do you laugh?

Lily points at Mike. Zoe turns around and looks at him. Mike takes the two fingers down.

ZOE

Very funny... ha... ha... not!

A news team comes to the school. The news woman goes to Lily first of all, with a mic in her hand.

THE NEWS WOMAN

Do you know about what happened?

LILY

Yes... My sister *died*!

Lily starts to sob. The woman looks sad and understanding at Lily.

THE NEWS WOMAN

Sorry for bringing this up...

Zoe looks at the woman and shakes her head.

ZOE

Go to someone else...

THE NEWS WOMAN

Wow! Okay...?

She goes to someone else and the cameraman follows. Lily keeps crying and Mike hugs her.

MIKE

It's gonna be fine... you'll get over it some day.

LILY

Get over it...? I don't *want* to get over it.

MIKE

Okay... We can go to a restaurant today. How about that?

LILY

Sure...

Lily stops hugging Mike. They look at each other and smile.

Zoe looks at them, happy.

ZOE

It's so romantic...

The school bell rings. The pupils (except Lily, Zoe and Mike) run into the corridor and talk in each other's mouths about summer. The principal talks in the speakers.

THE PRINCIPAL

You're not meant to run *into* the school. You're meant to run out of the school! Hooray!

MIKE

I *knew* it! The same prank every year...

They look at the pupils who run out of the school.

ZOE

What a *rush*. Do they have a time to match?

Lily shrugs her shoulders. Mike smiles.

MIKE

Time for food.

Lily, Zoe and Mike sit at an expensive restaurant.

LILY

How can you afford this restaurant, Mike?

Mike shrugs his shoulders.

MIKE

I'm rich.

LILY

You've never told us.

MIKE

Okay, I borrowed money from my parents. But it's a secret.
Shhh...

Lily and Zoe laugh, quietly. When the waiter comes with the food (fries and steak) they eat immediately.

ZOE

This is my favorite food... yummy!

Lily nods.

LILY

Mine too.

MIKE

Mine is sushi. I remember how Itchy chopped Scratchy into
sushi pieces in a Simpsons episode.

LILY

Why does everything have to be associated with horror in your
world?

MIKE

Because the real world is so boring.

Lily laughs.

LILY

Mhm... What a joker you are.

MIKE

I know. I'm The Joker from the movie Joker.

Lily, Zoe and Mike laugh. People start to stare at them, because they laugh so much. A woman looks at them and makes the hush sign. They stop laughing.

LILY

The most gross candy I know is licorice.

Mike looks shocked.

MIKE

Are you kidding me? It's the darkest candy I know!

LILY

Now you're doing it again.

MIKE

What?

LILY

Darkness is associated with horror.

MIKE

That's right.

ZOE

Can we talk about something else than horror now?

Mike nods.

MIKE

Sure...

After the restaurant, they're very full. Later, at midnight, Lily sits in her bed, at home. She texts Zoe.

Lily: Hey, what are you doing?

Zoe: I'm chilling and watching a scary movie.

Lily: What movie?

Zoe: Drag Me to Hell...

Lily: 🤪🤪🤪 Aren't you scared?

Zoe: No, not at all.

Lily: Okay. Good for you.

Someone calls Lily on the cell phone. She answers.

LILY

Hello?

GHOSTFACE

Hello, Lily...

LILY

Who are you?

GHOSTFACE

I'm Ghostface...

Lily turns off the call. Ghostface calls again.

LILY

Stop calling me!

GHOSTFACE

You shouldn't have turned off that call...

LILY

Stop stalking me!

GHOSTFACE

I can't... look out through the window.

Lily looks out through the window and sees Ghostface. He knocks on the window. Lily looks shocked. She runs to the front door and tries to lock it up, but she can't. Ghostface is on his way to her. She hears the footsteps and looks behind her. Ghostface walks closer. Lily takes up pepper spray from her pocket and sprays it on his eyes. But Ghostface just wipes it away instead of screaming. Lily sees the knife that Ghost Face holds. She points behind him. Ghostface looks around and she takes the knife from his hand. Just when she is on her way to stab Ghostface in the stomach, he turns around to Lily again and takes the knife from her. Lily looks angry and scared.

LILY

Try another day instead, Ghostface...

GHOSTFACE

How about... the day after tomorrow?

LILY

Okay, just go! Now! Run!

GHOSTFACE

I have to destroy something first. So that your parents think it was you who did it.

LILY

No!

GHOSTFACE

Do you want the deal or not? The day after tomorrow if I
destroy something.

LILY

Okay! Then, leave!

Ghostface goes to the standing lamp in the living room,
destroys the lightbulb with the knife and runs away from the
house. Lily calls Zoe. Zoe answers.

ZOE

Hello?

LILY

There was a killer in my house a moment ago. His name was
Ghostface. He had a ghost mask and a Black Death costume.

ZOE

What?!

LILY

I don't know what I'm going to do! He's coming again, the day
after tomorrow, he said.

ZOE

That's terrible. You have to call the police, so they can find
him!

LILY

You're right... bye.

ZOE

Bye.

Lily calls the police. A policeman answers.

THE POLICEMAN

Hello, it's the police. What can I do for you?

LILY

There was a killer in my house a moment ago. With a ghost mask
and a Black Death costume...

THE POLICEMAN

Okay. We'll search for him.

LILY

Good...

Lily turns off the call. She sobs. Her parents walk in through
the door. They go to Lily.

LILY'S MOM

What happened?

LILY

A killer just broke into the house and tried to kill me. His
name was Ghostface. And he destroyed the standing lamp in the
living room...

Lily goes first to the living room and her parents go after.
They look shocked.

LILY'S DAD

You have to call the police...

LILY

I did. He said that they'll search for him.

LILY'S DAD

Okay, good.

LILY'S MOM

What if he comes again?

Lily sighs deeply.

LILY

He said that he's coming again, the day after tomorrow.

LILY'S PARENTS

What?!

LILY

And I think that he's going to try to kill me.

LILY'S DAD

That's horrible! The police have to catch him!

LILY'S MOM

I agree. He's a shame, he tried to kill our daughter, and he broke the lamp. But the worst was that he tried to kill Lily.

Lily is going to bed with pajamas on. She gets a message from "Ghostface".

Ghost Face: You can't hide when the time has come.

Lily is feeling scared. After a while, she turns off the light and starts to sleep. She has a nightmare.

It's night. She goes out to take a walk. Suddenly, her cell phone rings. She answers.

LILY

I don't want to hear more from you, Ghostface!

GHOSTFACE

I'm not Ghostface. Turn around.

Lily turns around and sees her boyfriend, Mike. She screams. She runs away, to her house, and hides behind the bushes. He runs after, finds her and cuts her in the heart, with his knife.

Next morning, Lily is at Zoe's home with Mike. They sit on Zoe's bed. Lily turns to Zoe.

LILY

Can we speak alone?

ZOE

Sure!

Lily and Zoe leave the room and close the door. Mike shouts to them.

MIKE

Don't take too much time!

LILY

I know who killed my sister and how she died.

ZOE

How?

LILY

Through a nightmare. I dreamt that I was in the park, when suddenly, Ghostface called me. And it was my boyfriend. I ran away to my house, then he killed me.

ZOE

That doesn't make sense. Your boyfriend? Would he really want to kill your sister? Why?

LILY

I don't know, it was just a dream but... it can be true.

ZOE

Don't be scared. Everybody can dream nightmares sometimes.
Even I, who watch different scary movies every day.

Lily smiles.

LILY

Okay. I'm not gonna suspect him.

Zoe smiles back.

ZOE

Great! Life's better when we don't suspect each other.

LILY

What do you mean?

ZOE

Just a slogan I made up.

Lily goes to Mike and Zoe follows. Mike starts to hug Lily.

MIKE

I missed you.

LILY

Why? It was just a short moment.

MIKE

Why? It's because you're my girlfriend.

Mike stops hugging Lily.

MIKE

And I love you...

LILY

I love you too...

ZOE

Can we watch a scary movie?

MIKE

Sure!

LILY

I don't know...

Mike looks at Lily, with puppy eyes.

MIKE

Come on... It'll be fun!

LILY

Okay...

Zoe puts a DVD into her TV, "Paranormal Activity". After a while, when the scary things are starting to come, Lily closes her eyes. After the movie, Zoe and Mike notice that Lily has her eyes closed.

ZOE

Open your eyes. Don't be such a coward.

Lily opens her eyes.

LILY

I was *scared*.

MIKE

Yeah, let her be. She isn't used to watching horror movies.

ZOE

Okay. Do you want to watch something else, Lily?

LILY

No, I'm tired of watching TV.

MIKE

I think I'm heading home.

LILY

Me too.

ZOE

Okay. Bye!

Zoe waves to them and they wave back when they leave the room.
Mike follows Lily to her house.

MIKE

Nice house. I've never thought about that before.

LILY

Do you know what happened to me in this house?

MIKE

No, what happened?

LILY

A masked killer nearly killed me. His name was Ghostface.

Mike looks shocked.

MIKE

You have to call the police.

LILY

I did. I hope they'll find him. Because he said that he's coming tomorrow too. "The day after tomorrow", he said yesterday... I don't want to die!

Mike hugs Lily.

MIKE

It's okay... You aren't going to die. Just do the things that the survivors do in horror movies.

LILY

What do they do?

MIKE

Okay, that may be bad advice, since you don't watch horror movies. I can stay at your house overnight.

LILY

Okay, thanks. But I have to tell my parents first.

Lily goes to the front door. She turns around to Mike.

LILY

Are you coming with me?

Mike goes to the front door too. Lily knocks on it. Lily's dad opens.

LILY'S DAD

Is Mike here, visiting us? Hello, Mike.

MIKE

Hello. Can I stay over at Lily's house tonight? She's scared of Ghostface.

LILY'S DAD

Sure. Come in!

They go into the house. Mike looks at the standing lamp in the living room.

MIKE

What happened to the lamp? It's *broken*...

LILY

It was the killer. He broke it, so that my parents would think it was me. But it didn't go as planned. I told them he was here.

MIKE

Let's go to sleep, and we'll finish the killer tomorrow. I'm tired. Are you?

LILY

Yeah... let's go to sleep.

Lily is laying on the bed while Mike sleeps on a mattress on the floor. She sighs deeply. Every time she closes her eyes, she sees the killer. Suddenly, she sees Ghostface outside her window. When he discovers that she is watching him, he runs away from the house. She tries to wake Mike up.

LILY

Mike!

Mike wakes up.

MIKE

What is it?

LILY

I saw Ghost Face outside my window! And then he ran away. I think that was a way for him to threaten me.

MIKE

Oh no! Where did he run?

LILY

Across the street.

MIKE

If I find Ghost Face, I'm going to kick him in the face.

LILY

Can you do karate?

MIKE

Well, I think I can do it if I really want to. Maybe...

LILY

I don't think it's going to work, anyway. I sprayed pepper spray on his face, and he just wiped it away.

MIKE

Don't worry. It's still night. We're going to fight him somehow, tomorrow.

LILY

Promise?

MIKE

Promise...

They smile to each other and go to sleep. Next morning, Lily wakes up and sees that Mike isn't on the mattress anymore. She goes up from the bed and starts to look for him. She looks around in the entire house.

LILY

Hello? Mike? Where are you?

She hears a cell phone signal from her pocket. She picks it up and answers.

LILY

Hello?

MIKE

It's Ghostface. I kidnapped Mike. He's floating in the pool, tied up, with a protective mask, so he cannot talk...

LILY

No!

Lily goes out to the garden, to the pool. She gets shocked when she sees Mike. Everything is just like Ghostface described, except that blood is all over and around him. She runs to the pool, crying.

LILY

What has he done to you?!

Mike doesn't answer, so Lily assumes that he's dead. But suddenly, Mike turns to Lily. Lily stares at him.

MIKE

He said that if I played dead, he could wait and kill me after you're gone. But I don't want to die. Can you untie me from these ropes?

LILY

Okay...

Lily unties Mike. He climbs up from the pool and takes off the protective mask. Then, suddenly, Ghostface shows up in front of them.

GHOSTFACE

Surprise! Ghostface is here...

LILY

What do you want...? Screw it, you don't deserve anything!

GHOSTFACE

What do you mean? I deserve as much as everybody else. And now... I'm going to kill you.

LILY

I have a boyfriend who protects me.

GHOSTFACE

Really?

Lily looks around and notices that Mike isn't there anymore.

GHOSTFACE

He got so scared of me that he ran away. Poor Mike...

Lily shakes her head, slowly.

LILY

You will pay for this, Ghostface.

Lily turns around and runs towards the city center, super fast, so that people can see her. Ghostface follows, running. Everybody screams and runs away from Ghostface when they see him. Lily runs up on a staircase.

LILY

Help me! The person in the Death costume is trying to kill me!

Ghostface takes up his knife from his Death costume pocket, and shows it to everyone. They run away, in different directions. A young girl is filming what happens, from further away. She talks quietly to herself.

THE YOUNG GIRL

This could be a great story to send to the news...

Ghostface runs up the staircase, but Lily jumps down to the ground when he's halfway up. She runs back to her house again. Ghostface is following her. The girl stops filming. Lily runs into the front door, closes it and locks it. But the door gets locked up again. The knife of Ghost Face penetrates the door and Lily ducks. She runs to the living room. On the table, there are lit candles in a golden candle holder. She blows them out and throws the candle holder on the sofa. Ghostface kicks the door up. Then, Lily throws the table at him and he falls to the floor. She looks at him, to see if he's dead. It seems like he is. But she doesn't want to remove the table if he would be alive. Lily opens the window and climbs out through it. She runs to Mikes' house. Suddenly, Ghostface takes up his knife, kicks away the table and goes up from the floor.

GHOSTFACE

Someday you're going to *die*, Lily...

Lily knocks on the front door to Mike's house and Mike opens.

MIKE

Hello, Lily. I'm so sorry for what happened... I was so scared, I just couldn't stay there.

LILY

It's okay. I fought him, and now, he's under the living room table. I think he's dead.

MIKE

Wow... Come in!

Lily goes into his house and takes off her shoes. She follows Mike to his room.

LILY

Nice room. How much have you changed since I was here the last time?

MIKE

Pretty much. The walls are black instead of blue, for example.

LILY

I like black walls. It's cool.

MIKE

Thanks. It's actually my favorite color.

LILY

I *knew* it! You like dark, and black is dark.

MIKE

Mmm... Sorry that I couldn't protect you. I feel *awful* because I didn't stay.

LILY

It's okay. I would do the same if I were like you.

Meanwhile, someone knocks at the principal's door and runs to the back of the house. The principal opens.

THE PRINCIPAL

Hello? Who is it?

The principal goes in again.

THE PRINCIPAL

Probably a prank...

He forgets to lock the door, and goes to the sofa and watches TV. Ghostface opens the door, slowly. He sneaks behind the sofa. The principal looks at a drama show that is making him cry.

THE PRINCIPAL

It's so *sad*...

Ghostface is about to stab the principal in the back, but the principal hears the evil laugh of Ghostface. He takes a hold of the knife and Ghostface drops it on the floor, but picks it up again. The principal runs outside the house, while Ghostface runs after him. Ghostface throws the knife at the principal, and the knife hits his back. The principal falls down to the grass, with his face down. Ghostface disappears.

Lily looks at horror movie canvases that are hanging on the wall, above Mike's bed.

LILY

I don't like horror, but these are cool!

MIKE

I painted them myself.

Lily looks impressed at Mike.

LILY

Really?

MIKE

Yeah.

LILY

Wow...

Lily goes to the canvases.

LILY

Can I take a photo?

MIKE

Sure!

Lily takes up her cell phone from her pocket and takes a photo. Mike goes to the window.

MIKE

Look at the view.

Lily follows.

LILY

It's very high.

MIKE

I know. I think it's fascinating.

The cold wind blows and the clouds are gray. Lily shivers.

LILY

It's starting to get cold. Can we close the window?

Mike closes the window. Someone calls Lily. Lily answers.

LILY

Don't tell me that you're Ghostface.

GHOSTFACE

I am. The principal is dead.

Lily and Mike look shocked at each other.

GHOSTFACE

I'm threatening you that the same thing can happen to you.
Death...

Ghostface turns off the call.

LILY

I don't want Ghostface to kill me...

MIKE

He can't. You're very brave. I'm sure you can handle this,
Lily.

LILY

Thanks for the motivation.

MIKE

You're welcome.

They hear a knock at the window. Lily gets scared and turns around. Mike turns around too.

MIKE

It was just a tree branch.

Lily looks at the tree branch, calm. She puffs out.

LILY

Good. I thought it was Ghostface.

MIKE

How do you survive? You don't watch horror movies.

LILY

I'm just good at surviving, I guess.

Mike nods.

MIKE

Yes, you are.

Mike smiles. Lily smiles back. They're starting to hold each other's hands, then Lily texts to Zoe.

Lily: Do you want to come over? I'm with Mike in his house.

Zoe: Why? You're together, don't you two want to be alone?

Lily: Okay.

Mike looks at the phone.

MIKE

Why are you messaging Zoe?

LILY

I just wondered if she wanted to come over. But she answered that we could be alone instead.

MIKE

Okay.

LILY

Mmm... but why?

MIKE

I think that *she* wants to be alone. But don't worry. We can hang out whenever. When I'm not busy, of course.

LILY

Thanks.

Mike gives Lily a kiss.

LILY

That's the first kiss in our entire relationship.

MIKE

Oh, wow... I didn't know that.

Lily gives Mike a kiss back. Someone calls Lily. Lily answers.

LILY

If it's Ghost Face again, I'll...

ZOE

No, it isn't. It's Zoe. I'm just wondering how you're feeling.
You asked me to come over so I assumed...

LILY

I feel good. How are you?

ZOE

Good. I just feel ill when I think about Ghost Face. If he
kills me, I'm going to have to die young...

Zoe starts to cry.

LILY

Me and Mike will be there for you.

ZOE

That feels much better. Thank you, you're my best friends. I
don't have any other friends.

LILY

Me and Mike neither.

ZOE

I'm going to sleep for half an hour.

LILY

Okay. Good night.

ZOE

Good night...

Zoe yawns and turns off the call. Mike's dad comes in.

MIKE'S DAD

Hello. Would you like some chocolate chip cookies? I bought them yesterday.

LILY

Yeah, I'm *starving*.

MIKE

Me too.

They go to the kitchen and start to eat the cookies from a cookie jar. Mike's dad pours up O'boy in three glasses. One for him, one for Lily and one for Mike. Mike looks at Lily.

MIKE

What is your favorite drink?

LILY

O'boy. What's yours?

MIKE

Sparkling water. It's like the water in Jaws.

LILY

Mhm... I'm not sure if you are the killer or not.

MIKE

I'm not. There's only one killer, right?

LILY

Yes... you're right. I'm starting to get full, by the way.

MIKE

Me too.

Mike goes up from the chair. Lily goes up too.

MIKE

We're leaving, dad.

MIKE'S DAD

Where are you going?

MIKE

For a walk.

MIKE'S DAD

Okay. Bye!

LILY AND MIKE

Bye!

They go to the hall and put their shoes on. Mike opens the door and they go out. The wind blows so hard, the door closes itself. Lily and Mike walk slowly in the stormy weather.

LILY

It's like a tornado!

MIKE

I agree. Like the tornado from The Wizard of Oz.

Lily stops walking. Mike stops too.

LILY

It's the first time you mention a movie that isn't a horror movie.

MIKE

I know. I'm not only watching horror movies.

Lily and Mike keep walking.

LILY

Do you watch romantic movies?

MIKE

The only romantic movie I've watched is Titanic. But that movie was very boring...

LILY

I agree.

MIKE

So I stopped watching romantic movies and started to watch horror movies instead.

Mike sees the principal's house, and the principal lays on the grass with a knife in his back. Mike holds for Lily's eyes.

LILY

What is it? I want to see.

MIKE

Really? Do you want to see what Ghost Face did?

LILY

Ehh... okay.

Mike takes his hand off Lily's eyes. Lily turns around towards the principal's house. When she sees the principal, she starts to scream. She looks shocked.

LILY

Why did Ghostface do this to him?

Mike shakes his head.

MIKE

It's incomprehensible. Let's go, we don't want to watch him dead anymore.

They walk away from the house, fast. Lily looks at the people who walk on the streetwalk. Suddenly, she sees them as Ghostface.

LILY

Mike...

MIKE

Yes?

Lily looks at Mike and sees him as Ghostface. She looks scared.

LILY

No!

MIKE

What's wrong?

Lily looks away from Mike. Everything looks normal again. She looks at Mike again. Lily puffs out.

LILY

At a moment, I saw everybody as Ghostface, even you.

MIKE

Oh no... I've seen that too, a long time ago. But that was another person.

LILY

Who?

MIKE

Justin Bieber.

LILY

Justin Bieber is not horrifying at all. Stop joking... Ghostface is on the loose, and you don't even care!

MIKE

I didn't mean to make you angry.

Lily sighs.

LILY

Sorry for that... I'm scared of Ghostface, that's why I don't like to hear jokes right now.

Mike nods, understanding.

MIKE

I understand. Can we go to a drive-in cinema tonight?

LILY

Sure!

(Later, in Mikes' car)

Lily and Mike look at the movie Psycho. Later, when the killer comes with the knife, Ghost Face shows up in front of the car, with a knife in his hand. Lily looks shocked and scared. Zoe takes off the mask.

ZOE

Surprise, Sidney. I'm Zoe.

MIKE

The pool was just a set-up so you wouldn't think it was me, because Zoe told me that you thought I was Ghostface. It's true. I'm Ghostface too.

Lily pushes Mike out of the car, goes to his seat and drives away. Zoe takes her mask on again, and Zoe and Mike run after. Lily calls the police. They answer.

LILY

I'm followed by Ghostface and a companion to Ghostface.

THE POLICE

We're coming.

In a moment, police cars come. The cops shoot Zoe and Mike, and Zoe and Mike fall to the ground.

LILY

Thank you...

The cops nod. Lily drives home with the car.

(Black fade-out)