

## Do You Believe in Ghosts?

by ANONYMOUS

I've lived in haunted houses my whole life. From the time I was old enough to notice, I've seen and heard things that shouldn't have been there or weren't. You may think I'm crazy, but I'm not. My mom used to hear my sister and I crying, but we would be fast asleep. She once thought my older sister came out of the room, so she told her to go back to bed. When she went to check on us, though, we hadn't moved. When we lived on Mishawaka Avenue, every Halloween we'd leave the house, and when we'd get back home all the lights would be on. I used to sleep on the top bunk in my bedroom. One night I woke up in the middle of the night and saw what I thought to be my sister lying next to me. I rolled over thinking nothing of it, but when I rolled back over, I realized that I was on the edge of the bed and the girl was still in front of me. She was floating right next to my bed! I could see the wall behind her as if she wasn't there. I haven't slept on the top bunk since. At the house I just moved out of, I woke one night extremely sick and fell back asleep on the couch. I thought my mom had come and told me to drink something, so I did. When I woke the next morning, the glass was still on the floor, but my mom said she didn't know what I was talking about. I don't know if our new house is haunted or not because we haven't lived there long, but I'm sure I'll find out soon...

## Wear Me as a Shield

by ZAKK OVERHULSER

Assistant Editor

I won't let them touch you  
 I won't let them taint you  
 I'll give it all against their protest

I won't let them shame you

I won't let them hurt you  
 I won't let them pain you  
 We're on this road together now

I won't let them break you

I'd put you back together  
 I'd use super glue  
 I'd break this world into a billion pieces

A scrap for us  
 But the stars for you

## A Look Back: Halloween Memories



by FALLON MARIE  
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If you ask a child, "What do you like most about Halloween?", their reply would probably be, "Candy!!!" But, looking back, that's not what I remember at all. Sure, I remember caramel apples and pumpkins, but those aren't my fondest memories.

Growing up, my brother, sister and I rarely trick-or-treated in our own neighborhood. Instead, we'd go to my dad's neighborhood in Mishawaka. We'd visit the places where his childhood friends and our family still lived. We'd go visit

our family and talk for a while. And of course, we'd get spoiled with enough candy to eat for a month! When it was my mom's turn to take us trick-or-treating, we'd often go with our friends laughing and talking the whole time.

Our candy wasn't kept in small paper lunch sacks. We carried our loot in enormous paper shopping bags and



sometimes even pillowcases! Later, when my siblings and I had dumped our sugary treasures on

the kitchen table, we would trade each other for better candy. I'd always trade my Milk Duds for caramel apples. To this day, they're still my favorite.

My best Halloween memory was the year that we all lived with my Aunt Kathy. For months, she was decorating the house lavishly with all the witches, skeletons and pumpkins that you could imagine, buying candy, and letting us stay up late to watch The Nightmare Before Christmas. That year, I was a pirate princess, Bryan was Pikachu, and Kayla was a ninja.

Although I won't be trick-or-treating this year, I'll still have fun. Last year, I had a party with my friends. This year, I hope to be going to a party at my church. I have no doubt that when I look back I'll smile as I think of Halloween.

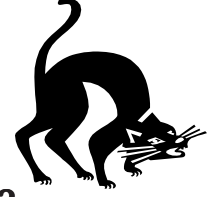
### What is the worst costume you've worn?

"A sheet with two holes for eyes." Jesse Roberts (Senior)  
 "Trash bag for a Ghost." James Browning (Junior)



### What is the best costume you've seen?

"Sully from Monsters Inc." Rachel Vinson (Junior)  
 "The Boogiemann." Josh Bauer (Sophomore)



### What was the worst costume your parents made you wear?

"Corn Cob." Corbin Vance (Freshmen)  
 "Mailman." Zakk Overhulser (Sophomore)



### What kind of costume has scared you in the past?

"A person." Paris Shelley (Junior)  
 "I am deathly afraid of the little Pokemon!" Nick Greene Senior



### What are you going to be this Halloween?

"Invisible." Chase Gervais (Junior)  
 "Hocus Pocus!!" Ashlynn Gilder (Junior)

### What is the most stupid costume you can think of?

"A sticker that says, 'Hello my name is God.'" Jaki Davis (Senior)  
 "Nudist!" Sam Nicodemus (Senior)



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