

NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE SHORT STORY COMPETITION

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White and Purple Skulls

Our father always called us 'special Yūrei'; I always thought it was because my brother and I are twins. That was a lie. Before he died, he told us

'Don't be scared of the ghosts, see the ghosts Bella, and help the ghosts Bash...' then his line cut off.

12 years later,

When we got home from school, my foster mother asked 'How was school?'

I told her, we met the new boy named Sora, he was mute. Bash got a B+ for the first time and I helped Santos feel better. Nothing special happened today. When I was sat on my bed, the clock ticked '22:28pm'. I climbed out my window and went to the 'Ally'. Surprisingly, Bash was already there, the clock ticked '22:30pm'. It was ghost time...

Bash's eyes turned bright purple; his pupils vanished then reappeared as skulls. My eyes became pale white with the same skull pupils. First I met a male named Max, he was 18; he said that he was framed and shot. Then I met a female named Alison, she said she was 15 and that she was abused by her father and sister, her mother was lost in the 'Mayotta dimension'. Bash said he'll do Alison today; he can only do one a day because it drains him really bad. He lifted his hand up. Said 'Wakai yūrei ga futatabi jiyū ni naru yō ni'. Then Alison was revised, but before she could look at us, we were gone...

Day next day, at school: 'Why do you guys always stand in silence?' asked Freddie.

'We don't-', Bash got cut off by me.

'Hahaha, only because...ummm...we're used to it?' *That was my dumb excuse.*

'Okay, I guess your right' replied Freddie with no suspicion.

When and Bash were going to lunch we saw a girl we've never met before. She was with the 'it' girls, Karen and Quinn. *I hate them.* The girl had pastel blue hair. As she turned around Bash and I stopped dead...We recognised her immediately, she was Alison...The ghost Bash revised...*She wasn't abused was she... No Bash, she wasn't.* Bash went over to her really fast and WACK! She wacked him across the head with a plate!!

'OI-'BAM!!

Sweat soaked my face. I woke up in my form class, tied to a chair?! Bash was beside me, but, his eyes were purple again... He looked drained. Suddenly, heel clicks entered the room.

Alison, you evil soul. 'Let me out!' I asked. 'Why should I?' 'Don't push my buttons!...' I replied with. 'You're just a ghost loser' laughed Alison! I grew anger from that! Somehow white flames came out of my hand?! It burnt the rope on me. 'H-HOW?!' Shouted confused Alison. 'I told you, don't push me.' Bash replied with some words he's never said before 'Baka, shinu' BANG! She was gone. We were back at lunch. But we had a white strip in our hair...