

# Bonfire Bones

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It was a dark and stormy night in October. Johnny Jones was walking home from his friend \_\_\_\_\_  
house, and he could hardly wait to \_\_\_\_\_ the delicious \_\_\_\_\_ dinner his mother said  
was \_\_\_\_\_ for him at home. He was just \_\_\_\_\_ the cemetery when the  
\_\_\_\_\_ clouds that covered the sky \_\_\_\_\_ and the rain began to \_\_\_\_\_ drops  
that threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ him in minutes. He was wearing a warm \_\_\_\_\_ but he had no  
jacket or hood, so in order to get out of the downpour he \_\_\_\_\_ inside the cemetery fence and  
crouched down next to a \_\_\_\_\_ headstone that did a pretty good job of \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.  
The storm continued and Johnny looked around him to pass the \_\_\_\_\_ while he was waiting. Now, most  
12-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ would be scared if they found themselves in a \_\_\_\_\_ graveyard after  
dark, but not Johnny. Johnny loved scary \_\_\_\_\_ scary \_\_\_\_\_ scary \_\_\_\_\_  
scary \_\_\_\_\_ and going to all the haunted houses every year at \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, Johnny  
thought being in the graveyard was pretty \_\_\_\_\_. Examining the \_\_\_\_\_ headstone he  
crouched next to, Johnny read:

John Bonfire Bones

Born

1802

Died 1998

May he rest in flames.

Johnny quickly did the math in his \_\_\_\_\_ Body part \_\_\_\_\_ and realized that this guy was already \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ years

old when he died! "That can't be right," he said out loud, "Nobody lives that long."

"Why do you say that?" asked a voice. Johnny couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ Present tense verb \_\_\_\_\_ because he had

thought he was all alone. He \_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb \_\_\_\_\_ out into the rain, looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ who had spoken

, but he couldn't see anyone. "Who said that?" he \_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb \_\_\_\_\_ into the night. There was no

answer. Johnny tried again, "Look, whoever you are," he called, "I just want to talk to you. You should

stop hiding."

“I’m not hiding,” said the voice--and this time Johnny realized the voice was coming from below him.

There was \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ Noun under his \_\_\_\_\_ Footwear and he couldn’t figure out how a voice could be coming from underground. Most \_\_\_\_\_ Plural noun might have been afraid that it was a zombie or a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun talking from inside the grave of John Bonfire Bones, but Johnny was not like most \_\_\_\_\_ Plural noun as we have already established. He wasn’t at all frightened. He figured that, even if it was a zombie, its voice wouldn’t carry up through the \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb dirt as clearly as the voice he heard. There had to be another explanation. “If you’re not hiding,” he said, “why can’t I see you?” “Well,” said the voice with a chuckle, “I just thought I’d \_\_\_\_\_ Present tense verb with you a bit. But I’m done now. I have actually been waiting for you for quite some time. Won’t you come in?” And the front of the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective tombstone actually began to open like a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun. Johnny stood back in surprise, but he got over the shock very quickly. As the great \_\_\_\_\_ Material door opened all the way, Johnny peered inside to find a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective spiral staircase of \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ Material descending into blackness. That must be where the speaker is, he thought, there is a chamber somewhere below! He was so excited that he \_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb down the stairs \_\_\_\_\_ Number at a time. The stair case was not \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective so he very soon found himself on level ground--in \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective darkness.

He

stopped, flinging his Body part out to his sides to feel for Noun or a doorway. It seemed he was in a Adjective hallway, so he followed it some distance, and he thought he heard footsteps Verb ending in ing along in front of him. At last he came out of the hallway into a bigger space. His Plural body part were still stretched out, but he felt nothing. "This must be a big room," he said, "Why aren't there any lights?" This time the voice sounded very near him. He could now tell it was a woman's voice, and he felt as if he almost recognized it. It said, "Come upstairs, John," and he felt a Adjective Adjective Body part take hold of his Body part. He was guided up a set of Adjective stairs until he reached a door. There was a crack of light showing under the door, and a smell of something Adjective baking wafted through the narrow opening. "Open the door," said the voice, and Johnny thought he knew the speaker now. He put his hand on the Adjective brass doorknob and Past tense verb it Adverb. The door opened into a cheery Room with a Adjective fire Verb ending in ing in the fireplace in one corner. The smell was coming from a Adjective bowl on the Adjective wooden table, and Johnny's stomach Past tense verb with longing as he recognized the aroma of his favorite Noun soup with Adverb baked Noun. "Welcome home," said the voice, and he could see the speaker now--it was his own mother, smiling and Adjective in her favorite apron with the words Saying Saying Saying emblazoned across the front. "This is great, mom!" he said, sitting down in his usual chair and picking up his spoon, "but I don't understand. Why does that tombstone lead here?" His mother sat down next to him at the table and Adverb watched him devour the Noun and Noun. "Well, son," she began, "I wasn't



sure how to tell you, but you are very special. Your real name is John Bonfire Bones.â?? Johnny almost spit out his mouthful of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun . â??What?!â?? he spluttered, â??but that was the name on the tombstone! Is he, like, my great-great-great-great-great-great \_\_\_\_\_ Relative or something like that?â?? Johnnyâ??s mother laid her \_\_\_\_\_ Body part on his \_\_\_\_\_ Body part and said \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective . â??No, son--heâ??s you.â?? â??But that doesnâ??t make any sense,â?? said Johnny, â??Iâ??m only \_\_\_\_\_ Number years old, and Iâ??m not dead!â??

â??I was getting to that part,â?? said Mrs. Jones, â??You are not a normal child. Youâ??re a Phoenix, John. You did die \_\_\_\_\_ Number years ago, you burst into flames! But you were reborn from the ashes, like all phoenixes, and thatâ??s when they gave you to me--you were such a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective little baby!â?? Johnny was beginning to understand, but he still had some questions. â??But, Iâ??m not a \_\_\_\_\_ Animal am I?â?? he asked hesitantly . â??Any creature can be a phoenix,â?? said Mrs. Jones, â??In fact, your pet \_\_\_\_\_ Animal is a phoenix, too.

The two of you have been together for \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years.â?? â??Well,â?? said Johnny, finishing the last crumb of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun on his plate, â??This is a lot to think about. I think Iâ??ll go to bed now.â?? And he went to his room and curled up on his \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective mattress. He closed his eyes and realized that he wasnâ??t sure if he wanted this all to be a dream or not.

To be continued . . .

