FORBIDDEN WORLDS

DON'T LOOK NOW...BUT THE UNIVERSE IS AFRAID OF YOU! FIND OUT WHY IN A THRILLING STORY...

"The CONQUERING BREED!"

SO THEY THINK THEY'RE ALL-POWERFUL, DO THEY? THEY DON'T KNOW THAT I'M A MEMBER OF THE CONQUERING BREED!

HE'S BACK AGAIN! HERBIE POPNECKER, THE WORLD'S STRANGEST BOY, TACKLES THE SUPERNATURAL, IN... "HERBIE AND THE SPIRITS!"
Maybe it wouldn't have happened if Herbie hadn't changed his school! But it did happen, and the world of the supernatural posed a deadly threat to all of us! If you want the exciting details, let's look in on the story of...

Herbie and the Spirits!

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It all started when...

Moving meant a new school, and I'm worried! I... I hope they like him there!

I'm inclined to doubt it. Let's face it, dear...

...Our boy is a little... well strange!

Hear there's a new fella comin' into our class... a transfer from the eighth ward school over at Dalton. That place turns out the best athletes in the whole state! We're in luck!
Hope he's real strong, so he can make the football team!

AND FAST... WE NEED HIM FOR TRACK!

GOSH... MAYBE HE'S HANDSOME, LIKE ROCK HUDSON!

Bet he's a smooth dancer!

Class, I know you've all heard about our new student, here he is to meet you...

--- LITTLE HERBIE POPNECKER!

OH-HHHH!

Huh?

Oh, I don't know! Maybe I'm no Hercules and I admit I'm not much of a runner... but I'm very brave!

Hey, this could be good! What do you say we work that old routine on him... BIZZ BIZZ...

Well, if you've really got courage, you won't be afraid to prove it! How about coming with us after school—to the haunted house?

During lunch hour...

And we wanted a big, strong guy for the football team!

A real fast sprinter for track... and look what we got!

There it is! Walk into it... if you dare!

Er... you don't think there'd be any danger to my lollipop?
HE BIT ALL RIGHT...HE'S INSIDE ALREADY. NOW TO FOLLOW HIM AND SCARE THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF HIM!

BUT AS THEY ROUNDED A TURN IN THE OLD HALL...

WHAM!

YOU'RE NOT HERBIE!

NEVER MIND THAT...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I RENTED THIS HOUSE TO CONDUCT MY EXPERIMENTS...

EXPERIMENTS? WHAT KIND?

CONTACTING THE SPIRIT WORLD! I'M A PROFESSOR OF THE OCCULT AND HAVE STUDIED THE SUPERNATURAL, CONVINCED THAT THERE CAN BE A JOINING OF THE SUPERNATURAL AND NATURAL WORLDS IN A SO-CALLED "HAUNTED" HOUSE LIKE THIS! HUH...SEEN ANY GHOSTS, DOO?

OH, YES...MANY OF THEM! IN MY COMMUNICATION WITH THE SUPERNATURAL, I HAVE ESTABLISHED A DOORWAY HERE BETWEEN THE TWO WORLDS. COME...I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU!

HERE IT IS...THE DOORWAY THAT LEADS INTO THE SPIRIT DIMENSION! WHY, I HAVE ONLY TO UNLOCK IT LIKE THIS...

THIS IS GONNA BE RICH, BOY. WHAT A LOONY!

KER-POW!
I'LL GET YOU YET, YOU YOUNG SCOUNDRELS!

HAW-HAW-HAW!

As the boys made good their escape...

AWK!

IT... IT SERVES ME RIGHT FOR DABBING WITH THE SUPER-
NATURAL... BUT I NEVER DREAMED THAT ANY SPIRIT COULD LOOK
LIKE THAT! I... I'LL NEVER RETURN THERE, SO HELP ME...

Now the old house was empty, silent, but above... in the chamber that held the mysterious door...

AND FROM THE DIMENSION OF THE SUPERNATURAL...
INTO OUR OWN WORLD...

I'M GLAD TO GET AWAY FROM SPIRITLAND... SO GLAD...

It's been ages since we were on Earth last... and this time, we'll stay!
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK THERE! WHAT SAY WE STAY HERE AND TAKE OVER?

GREAT IDEA! ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS CREATE ENOUGH CHAOS, SPREAD ENOUGH FEAR AND THEY'RE BOUND TO SURRENDER TO US!

IT CAN'T MISS! I KNOW THESE HUMANS AND THEY'RE ALL CHICKEN!

CR-RASH!

AND SO... THE SPIRITS GOT TO WORK...

PANIC SPREADS AS STRANGE CATASTROPHES CONTINUE.

NO NATURAL CAUSES CAN BE FOUND FOR THESE DISASTERS! IF THEIR CAUSE IS SUPERNATURAL, THERE IS NO DEFENSE AND WE ARE LOST!

HEAR THE LATEST? A BIG WINDSTORM CAME OUT OF NOWHERE AND BLEW FARMER HARKINS' HOUSE CLEAR INTO THE NEXT COUNTY, WITHOUT TOUCHING ANYTHING ELSE!

HIS FARM'S PRETTY NEAR HERE... MAYBE WE COULD GO OVER THERE AND GET SOME KIND OF LEAD TO ALL THIS MYSTERY!
Big Hero! Big Sherlock Holmes!

We appoint you private shamus to crack the case! Get going!

Wise guys! I'll show them yet!

At the Harkins Farm...

A good detective always questions all possible witnesses...

...So...

You! You were standing here all the time, in full view of the house! What happened? Start talking!

You won't believe it, Herbie, but it was a witch... honest! I saw her with my own eyes, so help me!

A witch? I'm telling you, Herbie, he's kooky! I was here when it all happened, and it was a Ghost... believe me!

Hmmm...

They're both nuts! It was a creep!

Don't listen to those dopes! Herbie, you can trust me... it was Frankenstein!

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Long into the night, Herbie thought... and thought...

All nonsense, I'd say! What the scarecrow claims he saw... the cow... the pig... the cat... mass illusion, that's what it musta been!

Suddenly, a strange shadow fell upon the floor, and looking out with a start, he saw...

Gulp!

At last, he knew what the world was up against! Next day, at a top level conference held to discuss the emergency...

Things can't keep on like this!

If only somebody could figure out what was behind it all, we'd know what steps to take! I know what's behind it, gentlemen!

Huh? How'd you get in here... and how would you know?

I never mind that! If you want to get to the bottom of all this, start looking for four characters... a witch, a ghost, a creep and Frankenstein!

...and stay out!

Thud!

Tch, tch! I can see that I'm going to have to handle this whole affair personally!

He returned home for some more high-level thinking... let's see... if I were a witch... or a ghost... or a creep... or Frankenstein... where would I hang out?
OF COURSE... THE OLD HAUNTED HOUSE!

THIS IS THE STUFF... QUIET-LIKE! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW ANYONE'S BREAKING IN ON 'EM!

OH, WON'T WE!

GOOD THING WE CAUGHT HIM! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE SPIES BUTTING IN NOW!

NO SIR! NOT WHEN THE BIG STEP IN OUR CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW... OPENING THIS DOOR INTO THE SUPERNATURAL AND SUMMONING AN ARMY OF SPIRITS TO REALLY TAKE OVER!

SO WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH HIM? WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM AROUND TO GIVE AWAY OUR PLANS!

OH, THAT PART'LL BE EASY. BUT I'M A LITTLE OUT OF PRACTICE SO I'LL HAVE TO WARM UP - I'LL TRY IT ON THAT CHAIR FIRST!

SPOOKS AND SPIRITS, MIDNIGHT CLEAR... MAKE THIS OBJECT DISAPPEAR!

HA! IT WORKS!

BUT WHEN SHE TRIED IT ON HERBIE... IT DIDN'T! DISAPPEAR, CONFUND YOU... WHY WON'T YOU DISAPPEAR?

DON'T WANNA...
HERE, LET ME TRY! I'LL HAVE TO WARM UP A BIT FIRST, OF COURSE...  

SPOOKS AND SPIRITS, WEIRD AND STRANGE... FROM WHAT THOU ART, I BID THEE CHANGE!

AHEM! NOT BAD... CONSIDERING I ONLY HAD A TABLE TO WORK WITH!

DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG THING OUT OF IT! LET'S SEE IT WORK ON HIM!

BUT IT WOULDN'T WORK ON HERBIE...  

DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE MAGIC INCANTATION? I TOLD YOU TO CHANGE, GOLDURN IT!

DON'T WANNA...

THE OTHERS TRIED THEIR MAGIC, TOO... AND FAILED...  

MAYBE IT'S THAT LOLLIPOP OF HIS! MAYBE IT'S REALLY A TALISMAN THAT PROTECTS HIM AGAINST US!

OKAY... LET'S SEE FOR OURSELVES!

HEY, THIS IS DEE-LICIOUS!

GIMME A TASTE!

LET ME TRY IT!

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET AWAY!

PUFF... THE WORLD'S IN DANGER... BUT WHO'S EVER GONNA BELIEVE ME? I'VE GOTTA DO IT ALL MYSELF... BUT WHAT? HOW'M I GONNA... PUFF-PUFF... STOP 'EM? WHAT'S THEIR WEAK POINT?

AWFUL
THE ONLY WEAK POINT I KNOW IS THAT THEY LIKE LOLLIPOPS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. WAIT...MAYBE IT DOES!

HERE YOU ARE...A LARGE BOTTLE OF DR. SOOKEY'S SOOTHING SYRUP! I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE ANY BABIES AT YOUR HOUSE, HERBIE!

ER...LETS JUST SAY I'VE GOT A LOT OF CASES THAT NEED PLENTY OF SOOTHING!

LATER... GUESS I'M ALL SET...IT'S NOW OR NEVER! HERE GOES!

I NEVER CAN QUITE FIGURE OUT HOW I DO THIS...BUT IT COMES IN HANDY!

OKAY, YOU SPOOKS, HERE I AM! COME AND GET ME!

WE SURE WILL!

HA-NHA! YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY NOW!
OKAY, BUT BEFORE I'M CAPTURED... THE TREAT'S ON ME! LOLLIPOPS!

LOVE THOSE LOLLIPOPS! BOY-BOY, I CAN'T WAIT! ANY FLAVOR WILL DO! GIMME!

IT'S MORE DELICIOUS THAN EVER! MMMM-MMMM! LIKE YOU SAID!

TIRED ALL OF A SUDDEN... NEED A NAP. YAWN-NHN! CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OPEN... ZZZ-ZZZ...

THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT I SOAKED THOSE LOLLIPOPS IN DR. SOOKY'S SOOTHING SYRUP!

SO... THE NEXT THING YOU KNEW...

SO FAR, SO GOOD...

IM-M-PUFF... TOO HEAVY FOR HEAVY WORK...
WHEN... I'M GLAD. THAT'S DONE! THEY'RE LOCKED AWAY IN THEIR OWN DIMENSION, WHERE THEY CAN'T DO ANY HARM!

BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP SPIRITS QUIET VERY LONG... BY THIS TIME, THEY HAD AWAKENED...

GOLLY, THEY'RE STILL DANGEROUS! AND AS LONG AS THERE'S A DOOR FOR THEM TO RETURN THROUGH, THEY MAY FINALLY MAKE IT AGAIN SOME TIME!

THEY'LL KNOCK IT DOWN... WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT? WAIT A MINUTE... THE SPIRITS' MAGIC... WHY SHOULDN'T I TRY IT?

CRASH!
THUD!

SPOOKS AND SPIRITS, MIDNIGHT CLEAR... MAKE THIS OBJECT...

DISAPPEAR!

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW--THAT MAGIC JAZZ DID RUB OFF ON ME!

PUFF!

NEXT DAY...
YOU WEREN'T IN SCHOOL YESTERDAY AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY! WELL, WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE? SPEAK UP!

UH... YES'M! YOU SEE...

I... UH... WELL, I HAD TO HELP MY MOTHER WITH HER CROCHETING!

MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT! THAT'S ALL HE'S GOOD FOR, THAT HERBIE!

THE END!