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Lindsey Pike
Logan, Utah
December 5, 2018

Title: Shadow Ghost Encounter
Genre: Supernatural Legend

Informant: Lindsey Pike is a junior at Utah State University and she is studying elementary education in hopes to be a teacher one day. She is from Bluffdale Utah and is a Resident Assistant at the Living Learning Center, which is student housing. She is the Resident Assistant for building D on the third and fourth floor.

Context:

Lindsay had just gotten done telling me her first ghost story and not more than a minute went by when she started this one. I had gone across the hall to the people who live across the hall from me's dorm to see if they had any stories that I could interview them about. None of them did but luckily Lindsay, who was the RA, came in and asked me what I was looking for. When I told her she said excitedly that she had a lot of ghost stories. She lives in the room that is connected to the dorm that I was in so it wasn't weird for her to be in there. She had told me the first story in the dorm couch, and we didn't move when she told me this one in the same spot. The whole dorm was decorated with Christmas wrapping paper that was hung up on the wall. Sadly though, I did not smell like Christmas at all in the room. All the other roommates were going about their day and going in and out of the door and having other conversations while Lindsey and I were talking.

Text:

My other friend, she, her house is like, "haunted" and so like later she got the whole dedicated thing, but one story, I was over there helping her babysit and I was like in, sixth grade, and so her house, like the living and kitchen are connected so there is not like a wall in between, and everyone was asleep, like her parents were gone and everything, and we were facing the TV, and all of a sudden we heard this HUGE craaaash in the kitchen, and we were like what the heck, and so we go back there, and the drawer was like out and all these pots and pans were on the floor.

Texture:

Lindsay told this story very quickly like she knew it by heart and didn't have to think about the details of it that much. When I had interviewed her about her first one just moments before about the first ghost story she told me there were spots in the story that I could tell that she was scared, this one not so much. It was almost as if she either thinks that it might of actually not been a ghost, or maybe she just didn't think that this ghost was scary. The way she told it was as if she was just telling me a story that was interesting and not one that involved a

supernatural being. When she said her friends house was “haunted” she used air quotes with her hands. This might suggest that if you ask the person whose house this was the same story she would have told you that this was one hundred percent a ghost and that her house definitely haunted. This also might of suggested that Lindsey doesn't believe that her friends house is actually haunted and just that this one weird thing happened once.

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