

The Rumika Sisters

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My name is Rivara and I have just moved to the small town of Bodie. It was March 2nd, 1915. I just went to school and now I'm coming home. I got made fun of, as usual. "Hi honey, how was school?" my mom asked. I sighed, "Fine." "You look down, are you sure you're okay?" my mom asked. "Umm...yeah. Just tired." I replied. I went up to my room to be greeted by my pet cat, Sphinx. "Hi Sphinx." I greeted her. She pushed against my hand and started purring. I went up to my room and started to draw.

The next day, I went to school. "HaHa! LOSER!" Michele was the school "mean girl". But that's just an understatement. She's a WOLVERINE in sparkly nail polish! I went to class. At the end of the day, Michelle walked up to me. "Hey, Rivara!" She shouted. "Listen, if you take the path in the graveyard to get home, I'll pay you...hm... twenty bucks. "Okay, I'll do it." I said. I only did it to gain popularity, which I had none whatsoever.

After school, I went to the cemetery gates. I took a deep breath. *It's going to be okay*, I thought. *It's just a bunch of cracked headstones and dead bodies buried under the ground*. I opened the gates and walked through. The gates immediately shut behind me without anyone closing them. I shivered, even though it wasn't cold. There was some kind of animal howling in the distance. It looked as if there was a person walking towards me. "Okay Michelle, very funny now stop, you're starting to scare me!" I exclaimed. I wasn't just scared, I was terrified. As the figure came closer, I started to notice that it wasn't Michelle, or anyone I knew. Instead, it was a ghoul, a zombie, whatever you want to call it! It came closer, and closer, until it was face to face with me!

I ran back to my house screaming and yelling all of the way. "Honey, are you okay?!" my mom exclaimed. "Mom, I was being stupid! I went through the graveyard because Michelle told me to and I did it and I saw a...a...a...g-g-ghoul!" The next day, I walked up to Michelle and told her off. "Okay Michelle, I know that you thought that it was funny, but it wasn't, so now I'm going to get my revenge," I said. I started to laugh. My voice started to get deeper, and deeper. My nails turned into talons, and I became taller. Michelle screamed for help, but no one heard. "Now you shall pay!" I snarled. I snatched her out of the air, and brought to a cave all the way to the highest mountain peak. "Now it is time. Sisters!" I screeched. "Coming, Rivara!" my sisters replied. "Oohhh...is it another child? Dusk asked. "Well...OBVIOUSLY!" I yelled. After the spell, she crumpled to the ground, and we started cackling. "Yes. Yes! I feel the power flowing inside of me!" I screeched. The town came to the cave. "Now, sisters!" I shrieked. The energy came flowing out of us, and it hit the townspeople. They all crumpled to the floor.

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Now no one wants to come near the cave of the Rumika Sisters. That is, until one day, in 2000, a good wizard came to the cave and exorcized them. Now, twenty two years later, some say that they can still hear the shrieks of the Sisters' pain in the cave to the west. Now, a young girl named Lily feels as if she's being watched. She shivered, even though the summer rays were so warm. "Come on Lily!" Mike shouted. Mike was her older brother. "I don't want to do this Mike." Lily complained. "Oh come on little sis, I'm sure we'll be just fine." Mike assured her. They kept on climbing up to the cave of the Rumika Sisters. "Mike, I don't think that this is safe." Lily hesitated. Mike ignored her and kept on going, until he was inside of the cave. "Wait, Mike, NO!" Lily cried. A cold hand started reaching for Mike. "MIKE, RUN!" Lily screamed. The hand grabbed Mike by the throat, and pulled him into the cave. Then, it started reaching for Lily. She screamed. The hand fastened itself around her leg, and pulled her into the cave.