

the mansion. "We should go inside."
Mike was determined. "But it'll be dangerous," replied Rayan. The gloomy surrounding triggered unpleasant feelings.

"We can't eat in the courtyard," shouted Mike.

Even Benjamin didn't want to go inside because it was not a suitable place to visit and at the same time he felt that he couldn't miss the party, so he agreed to go inside the mansion.

They tried hard and opened the front door of the mansion and went inside. The appearance clearly showed that it had been abandoned for years.

They ate the snacks. It was a nice feeling sitting there with friends eating pastries, cakes and candies. Then they had some lemonade as well. In spite of the inadequacy of the location, it was quiet a good birthday party. Benjamin felt contented.

Benjamin stood up and walked towards the staircase of the mansion while Mike and the other friends slowly moved out. Benjamin didn't notice.

Mike wanted to scare Benjamin for a while and have some fun.

Mike along with the others went out and closed the front door. The creaking sound of the closing door made Benjamin turn back and look. He saw that the friends were missing and the front door was closed.

"Mike,"
"Mike!" cried Benjamin in a shaky voice. There was no answer from outside the mansion.

Benjamin realized that they had played a prank on him.

"Mike!" he cried even louder. "Please open the door! I feel scared," he pleaded. Benjamin felt that something had got stuck in his heart.

"Rayan, please.." he nearly cried, yet there was no reply.

Benjamin felt sad and at the same time, the feeling of panic overwhelmed him. They had locked him up and gone. He had got trapped in their foul plan. However, the mansion was still and quiet. He tried to open the front door, but it had been locked from outside. He was alone in this strange mansion. There was no way in or out of the mansion and all the doors were locked.

Sweat fell from his forehead and his stomach lurched. All the doors were locked

and he ran here and there like he had gone mad. A few moments later he saw something strange; a trapdoor behind the staircase. It was slightly open, so he ran

to it and opened it fully and it opened with a creaking noise.

He just looked down, yet he couldn't see anything - just black. He wanted to jump down, but he hesitated. "What if something dangerous is there in the deep down?" Benjamin thought anxiously. "No, this is the only way out, I'm going to jump," he was determined as seemingly, there was no other solution.

