

GHOSTS

(Scene for two people.)

NOTE: Although it is stated that the two characters in the scene below are lying in bed, if preferred, the scene can be presented with both actors standing (as though they were lying in bed) or with both actors in chairs (as though lying in bed). Similarly, the sheets mentioned can be real or imaginary.

(It is the middle of the night. RILEY and KELLY are sleeping in twin beds in the same room. After a moment, RILEY stirs, then opens eyes and sits up.)

RILEY: (To KELLY.) What was that?

KELLY: (Waking up.) What?

RILEY: That noise.

KELLY: (Sitting up.) What noise?

(RILEY and KELLY listen for a moment, then are suddenly visibly startled as they hear the noise again.)

RILEY: That one!

KELLY: Whoa!

RILEY: (A little frightened.) It's probably nothing, right?

KELLY: Yeah it's probably...

(RILEY and KELLY hear the noise again and jump.)

BOTH: Whoa!!

KELLY: You should go downstairs and look.

RILEY: No you should.

KELLY: No you should.

(RILEY and KELLY look at each other.)

RILEY: OK, we both will.

(RILEY and KELLY hear the noise again and react even more startled and frightened.)

BOTH: WHOA!!!

RILEY: OK, we'll both stay up here.

KELLY: It's probably safer under the covers.

(RILEY and KELLY lie back and pull the their blankets up to their chins.)

RILEY: Yeah.

KELLY: It's probably even safer all the way under.

RILEY: Yeah. *(RILEY and KELLY go all the way under the covers.)*
Do you feel safer?

KELLY: *(From under the covers.)* No.

RILEY: Me neither.

(BOTH come out from under the covers.)

KELLY: You know what? I'm sick of this. I'm sick of being scared.

RILEY: Yeah?

KELLY: Yeah. And I'm gonna do something about it. *(Loudly.)*
Come and get me!

RILEY: What!?!?

KELLY: *(Louder.)* Come and get me!

RILEY: Dude! Be quiet!

KELLY: *(Even louder.)* COME AND GET ME!!!

RILEY: *(Frantic.)* Get her/him! Get her/him!

(BOTH look around, waiting. Several moments pass.)

KELLY: Do you feel safer?

RILEY: No. Do you?

KELLY: *(Uncertainly.)* . . . Sure. Yeah.

RILEY: *(Faking it, but badly.)* Yeah - me too.

KELLY: So we should get some sleep, right?

RILEY: Yeah. Sleep.

KELLY: *(Still sitting up in bed.)* Totally ready for this.

RILEY: *(Still sitting up in bed.)* Yeah. Totally.

KELLY: OK then. *(Faking a yawn.)* G'night. *(Remains sitting up.)*

RILEY: Yeah. *(Faking a yawn.)* G'night. *(Remains sitting up.)*

(RILEY and KELLY continue to sit up in bed, staring rigidly ahead, waiting.)