

## **The Haunted Restaurant**

**Kitimat, British Columbia**

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This is a true story but the names of people and places have been changed for their protection.

Everyone in Kitimat knew Café-Jam was haunted except for the Sutherland family. Joel and Maria Sutherland had decided to rent the party hall in the basement of Café-Jam for their youngest son Carl's fifth birthday. The hall had a stage, a large kitchen, a big open space for activities and a storage room with lots of chairs and tables that could be used. It was the perfect place for a party. They invited forty of their friends and family. They had prepared the cake, banners, balloons, and were almost ready for the celebration. Everyone was very excited to enjoy the evening.

Joel and Maria's ten-year-old daughter Karen Sutherland and her little cousin Paula were playing on the stage when Karen saw a man with blue glasses and a black shirt standing in the doorway of the back storage room staring at Karen. Karen screamed and the man went to hide in the storage room. Karen was scared and called for Joel and her uncle Tony.

Joel went to pull all the chairs and tables out of the storage room while searching for the man but he saw nothing. There was nothing in the storage room not even a door or a window for the man to escape. Everyone was confused but continued with the party preparations.

When the cake was being cut Karen heard a strange noise coming from the storage room. Karen went to investigate the storage room again and discovered that all the remaining tables and chairs that they weren't using for the party were upside down! Karen thought that's odd and she felt scared. She went to tell Joel and he said that he didn't believe her. So, Karen took Joel to the storage room and surprisingly all the chairs and tables were now right-side up again. And then when he left, they went upside-down again.

Later in the evening when the Sutherland family was cleaning up from the party the power went out. The family checked the main electrical panel and everything looked fine. They called the hydro-electric office and they said there were no reported power outages. They continued to pack up in the dark. And while they were leaving the power came back on.

While they were driving away Karen looked back at Café-Jam and saw that the lights were flickering. She looked at the basement window and there she saw the man with the blue glasses and black shirt looking back at her.

The Sutherland family told friends and family about their weird encounter that happened at Café-Jam and they discovered that they weren't the only ones with a spooky experience. Their friend Kameron also saw the weird man and described him perfectly even his blue glasses.

The Sutherland family was so scared that they never went back to Café-Jam again.

The end.