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Story Board Portfolio

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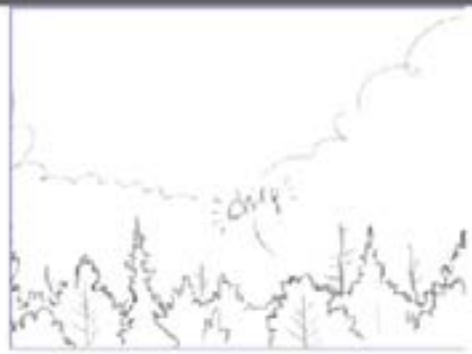
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a BIRD in the HAND

A Bird in the Hand is horror-fairytale spin on an old saying. The 40-second frame-by-frame animation was created using Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, and Clip Studio Paint. Watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/188739879>





1. Forest Treetops landscape - cloudy day. Birds are heard chirping. Clouds could move slowly.



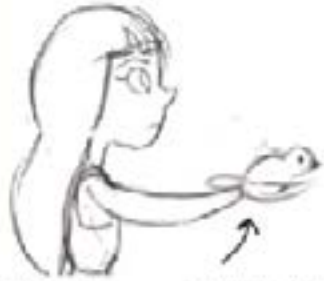
2. Girl runs slightly downhill through forest. She is holding something out in her right hand.



3. Girl arrives before a bush. She looks up toward it. In her hand you can see a bird.



4. Girl is seen from behind. In front of her is a tall bush. Camera pans up and two light glowing eyes open on the bush



5. Girl holds hand up to present the bird to the bush creature. Her facial expression is serious, nervous, determined.



6. Close up of bird in hand, Bird looks around, chirps. Bird is a drab, grey - blue color.



7. The bush creature looks down at bird and...



8. A branch-like arm extends from the left side of the bush creature holding two shiny gold birds.



9. Girl extends her left arm to receive the golden birds as she holds the blue-grey bird in her right hand. The golden birds hop from the branch to her arm. She's smiling.



10. Cut to a closer shot as the golden birds settle on the girls left arm



11. Suddenly a second branch arm quickly lunges out and grabs the girl's right arm. Her entire hand and the bird within are enveloped by the dark branch claw.



12. Girl pulls away and there is a brief tug-o-war between the two. Suddenly the girl breaks loose and falls backwards. The branch arm retracts in a curling motion.



13. The girl falls backward and lands on the ground. Her face in pain from the fall.



14. Her eyes slowly open as she looks to her right



15. She lifts her right arm to reveal that her entire right hand has been ripped off her arm - taken by the bush creature. She looks at it horrified, she begins to scream but before she does cut to -



16. The same landscape as the opening scene. The two golden birds fly out of the trees and out of the scene to the left.

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Animation Stills
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The Story:

A Halloween Hymn is a daily comic I made for the month of October 2015. It tells the story of two brothers, one a Halloween-obsessed trick-or-treating kid and the other a totally over-it teenager hoping to talk to the girl of his dreams at his first high school Halloween party, and how their nights collide.

3. BOY WITCH

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(intermission) TAKE ONE

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5. WHERE'S YOUR COSTUME? part two

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7. COSTUME EMERGENCY

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11. BOYFRIEND

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9. CANDACE

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13. PEP TALK

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The Story:

After making a chilling discovery deep in the woods, five kids are haunted by something that will follow them for years.

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Chapter 1



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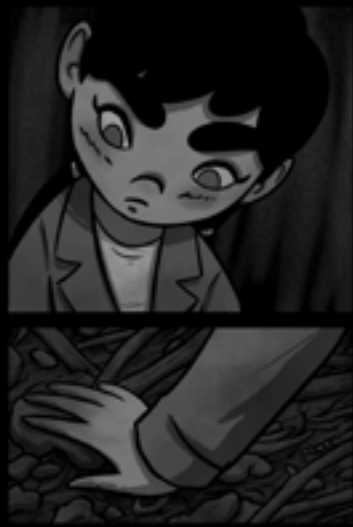


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THE STORY

Following the heroic deaths of her parents, a young tomboy and her stuck up sister are taken in by their uncle, a reformed outlaw. As she adjusts to her new life on the range, the aspiring gunslinger encounters peculiar townsfolk, dastardly varmints, and strange goings-on in the weird wild west.



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Animal Character Design
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THE STORY

Tensions rise as nine dinner guests attempt to solve the mysterious murder of their host.



Cecil Lionston,
Millionaire
Deceased



Dr. Marcus Mouse,
Ph.D.



Polly Pirahna,
Ace Attorney



Theodore Giraffe,
Landscaper



Prof. Billy Rhino,
Anthropologist



Miss Janice,
Dance Instructor



Officer Milly Walrus
Local Police



Tommy Turtle,
Track Team



Father Orville,
Local Minister



Olivia,
Maid



Walter,
Human.



Addams Family

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BREAKFAST

- Killer Cereal 6
- Rotten Eggs & Bacon 10
- Flap Jack o' Lanterns 10

APPETIZERS

- Ground Bones Bread baked fesh dally 4
- Kraken Kalamari slightly fried, still alive 7
- Fingers and Skins exactly what it sounds like 7



SOUP & SALAD

- Eye of Newt Stew tell your waiter if there aren't any fleas in it 6
- Venus Fly Trap Salad you may need to share your stew with it 6



BURGERS & SANDWICHES

- Spider Egg Salad Sandwich 10
- Druja Melt 10
- Hoogeyman's Burger 10



ENTRÉES

Served with monster mashed potatoes, screamed vegetables, or flesh fruit

- Spaghetti and Eyeballs with marinara sauce 10
- Demon Hair Pasta with prawns of Satan 12
- Human Being and Cheese Hurrrito still warm 10
- Vampire Steak cooked to perfection in direct sunlight 25
- Surf 'n Turf 'nstein the most delicious parts of land and sea stitched together 28



DRINKS

- Soft Drinks (Free Refills!) Swamp Water, Spider Cider, Melon Mucus, Bat Blood, Human Blood, Diet Blood, Viper Venom, Pepsi, Demonade, & Poison 1.50
- Coffee and Tea 2



KIDS MENU

- Shrill Cheese 7
- Raven Nuggets 7
- Peppergroani Pizza 7

DESSERT

- Ice Scream Sundae Vanilla, Shockolate, or Strawscary 6
- Poison Apple Pie 6
- Blood & Guts 6







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