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# Bonfire Bones

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89. Animal _____

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It was a dark and stormy night in October. Johnny Jones was walking home from his friend _____First name_____ house, and he could hardly wait to _____Present tense verb_____the delicious _____Adjective_____dinner his mother said was _____Verb ending in ing_____for him at home. He was just _____Verb ending in ing_____the cemetery when the _____Adjective_____clouds that covered the sky _____Past tense verb_____and the rain began to _____Adjective_____drops that threatened to _____Present tense verb_____him in minutes. He was wearing a warm _____Noun_____ but he had no jacket or hood, so in order to get out of the downpour he _____Past tense verb_____inside the cemetery fence and crouched down next to a _____Adjective_____headstone that did a pretty good job of _____Verb ending in ing_____the rain. The storm continued and Johnny looked around him to pass the _____Noun_____while he was waiting. Now, most 12-year-old _____Plural noun_____would be scared if they found themselves in a _____Adjective_____graveyard after dark, but not Johnny. Johnny loved scary _____Noun_____ scary _____Plural noun_____ scary _____Plural noun_____ scary _____Plural noun_____ and going to all the haunted houses every year at _____Holiday_____. In fact, Johnny thought being in the graveyard was pretty _____Adjective_____. Examining the _____Adjective_____headstone he crouched next to, Johnny read:

John Bonfire Bones

Born

1802

Died 1998

May he rest in flames.

Johnny quickly did the math in his _____Body part_____and realized that this guy was already _____Number_____years old when he died! â??That canâ??t be right,â?? he said out loud, â??Nobody lives that long.â??

â??Why do you say that?â?? asked a voice. Johnny couldnâ??t help but _____Present tense verb_____ because he had thought he was all alone. He _____Past tense verb_____out into the rain, looking for the _____Noun_____who had spoken , but he couldnâ??t see anyone. â??Who said that?â?? he _____Past tense verb_____into the night. There was no answer. Johnny tried again, â??Look, whoever you are,â?? he called, â??I just want to talk to you. You should stop hiding.â??

â??Iâ??m not hiding,â?? said the voice--and this time Johnny realized the voice was coming from below him. There was _____Adjective_____Noun_____under his _____Footwear_____ and he couldnâ??t figure out how a voice could be coming from underground. Most _____Plural noun_____might have been afraid that it was a zombie or a _____Noun_____talking from inside the grave of John Bonfire Bones, but Johnny was not like most _____Plural noun_____ as we have already established. He wasnâ??t at all frightened. He figured that, even if it was a zombie, its voice wouldnâ??t carry up through the _____Adverb_____Past tense verb_____dirt as clearly as the voice he heard. There had to be another explanation. â??If youâ??re not hiding,â?? he said, â??why canâ??t I see you?â?? â??Well,â?? said the voice with a chuckle, â??I just thought Iâ??d _____Present tense verb_____with you a bit. But Iâ??m done now. I have actually been waiting for you for quite some time. Wonâ??t you come in?â?? And the front of the _____Adjective_____tombstone actually began to open like a _____Noun_____. Johnny stood back in surprise, but he got over the shock very quickly. As the great _____Material_____door opened all the way, Johnny peered inside to find a _____Adjective_____spiral staircase of _____Adjective_____Material_____descending into blackness. That must be where the speaker is, he thought, there is a chamber somewhere below! He was so excited that he _____Past tense verb_____down the stairs _____Number_____at a time. The stair case was not _____Adverb_____Adjective_____ so he very soon found himself on level ground--in _____Adjective_____darkness. He

stopped, flinging his _____Body part_____out to his sides to feel for _____Noun_____or a doorway. It seemed he was in a _____Adjective_____hallway, so he followed it some distance, and he thought he heard footsteps _____Verb ending in ing_____along in front of him. At last he came out of the hallway into a bigger space. His _____Plural body part_____were still streched out, but he felt nothing. â??This must be a big room,â?? he said, â??Why arenâ??t there any lights?â?? This time the voice sounded very near him. He could now tell it was a womanâ??s voice, and he felt as if he almost recognized it. It said, â??Come upstairs, John,â?? and he felt a _____Adjective_____Adjective_____Body part_____take hold of his _____Body part_____. He was guided up a set of _____Adjective_____stairs until he reached a door. There was a crack of light showing under the door, and a smell of something _____Adjective_____baking wafted through the narrow opening. â??Open the door,â?? said the voice, and Johnny thought he knew the speaker now. He put his hand on the _____Adjective_____brass doorknob and _____Past tense verb_____it _____Adverb_____. The door opened into a cheery _____Room_____with a _____Adjective_____fire _____Verb ending in ing_____in the fireplace in one corner. The smell was coming from a _____Adjective_____bowl on the _____Adjective_____wooden table, and Johnnyâ??s stomach _____Past tense verb_____with longing as he recognized the aroma of his favorite _____Noun_____soup with _____Adverb_____baked _____Noun_____. â??Welcome home,â?? said the voice, and he could see the speaker now--it was his own mother, smiling and _____Adjective_____in her favorite apron with the words _____Saying_____Saying_____Saying_____emblazoned across the front. â??This is great, mom!â?? he said, sitting down in his usual chair and picking up his spoon, â??but I donâ??t understand. Why does that tombstone lead here?â?? His mother sat down next to him at the table and _____Adverb_____watched him devour the _____Noun_____and _____Noun_____. â??Well, son,â?? she began, â??I wasnâ??t

sure how to tell you, but you are very special. Your real name is John Bonfire Bones.â?? Johnny almost spit out his mouthful of _____Noun_____. â??What?!â?? he spluttered, â??but that was the name on the tombstone! Is he, like, my great-great-great-great-great-great _____Relative_____or something like that?â?? Johnnyâ??s mother laid her _____Body part_____on his _____Body part_____and said _____Adjective_____ â??No, son--heâ??s you.â?? â??But that doesnâ??t make any sense,â?? said Johnny, â??Iâ??m only _____Number_____years old, and Iâ??m not dead!â?? â??I was getting to that part,â?? said Mrs. Jones, â??You are not a normal child. Youâ??re a Phoenix, John. You did die _____Number_____years ago, you burst into flames! But you were reborn from the ashes, like all phoenixes, and thatâ??s when they gave you to me--you were such a _____Adjective_____little baby!â?? Johnny was beginning to understand, but he still had some questions. â??But, Iâ??m not a _____Animal_____ am I?â?? he asked hesitantly . â??Any creature can be a phoenix,â?? said Mrs. Jones, â??In fact, your pet _____Animal_____is a phoenix, too. The two of you have been together for _____Number_____of years.â?? â??Well,â?? said Johnny, finishing the last crumb of _____Noun_____on his plate, â??This is a lot to think about. I think Iâ??ll go to bed now.â?? And he went to his room and curled up on his _____Adjective_____mattress. He closed his eyes and realized that he wasnâ??t sure if he wanted this all to be a dream or not.

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