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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

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! ??That can't be right,? he said out loud, ??Nobody lives that long.??

??Why do you say that? asked a voice. Johnny couldn'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 couldn't see anyone. ??Who said that? he _____ Past tense verb into the night. There was no answer. Johnny tried again, ??Look, whoever you are,? he called, ??I just want to talk to you. You should stop hiding.??

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.

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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 stretched out, but he felt nothing. "This must be a big room," he said, "Why aren't there any lights?" This time the voice sounded very near him. He could now tell it was a woman's voice, and he felt as if he almost recognized it. It said, "Come upstairs, John," 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. "Open the door," 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 Johnny's stomach Past tense verb with longing as he recognized the aroma of his favorite Noun soup with Adverb baked Noun. "Welcome home," 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. "This is great, mom!" he said, sitting down in his usual chair and picking up his spoon, "but I don't understand. Why does that tombstone lead here?" His mother sat down next to him at the table and Adverb watched him devour the Noun and Noun. "Well, son," she began, "I wasn'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 _____ 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.

To be continued . . .

