

A Summer Camp of Horrors

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I started out on a strange old rickety bus full of noisy kids. There were two boys next to me. One was wearing a t-shirt and had spikey hair. The other was wearing Under Armour. I was going to a camp, Camp Horizon to be exact. Since I beat camp for eight weeks, I decided to try and make friends. I tried to start a conversation between the t-shirt kid and the Under Armour dude. "Hey my name's Blake, what's yours?" The t-shirt kid quickly said "Hello, my name is Michael, and the kid wearing Under Armour is Aiden." Aiden looked at me, "Hi" he said. I sat back awkwardly. As I turned and looked out the window, I saw movement in the bushes. Something was watching me. The bus driver slammed on the brakes and the bus came to a screeching stop. I saw Michael and Aiden jump up. As I looked out the window, all I saw was miles of endless desert. I looked up at Aiden, "Is camp here?", I got up from my seat like all the other confused kids. The bus door opened. I approached the bus driver and said, "I don't think this is our stop." The bus driver grunted and pushed me aside. A few minutes later everyone was off the bus. Michael said, "I think this is an abandoned gas station!" I ran up to the bus driver again, "Where are we?" He pushed me aside and went back into the bus. I was so surprised and furious! The bus driver shut the doors and began to drive away! I ran after him and started to bang on the doors.

All the kids were going crazy. Some were frozen in shock. Some cried uncontrollably. Some just screamed. Startled, everyone turned around at the sound of screeching tires. It was another bus! I was so relieved. On the bus it said Camp Horizon. Everyone jumped on the bus. And soon, we arrived at camp. Camp was surrounded by trees. To the east of camp, was a huge lake. Camp had ten cabins for kids, one dining hall, a small office and the director's office. The camp director bellowed "Hello and welcome to Camp Horizon!" "My name is Barry." "Call me Director Barry, understood?" Everyone yelled "Yes sir!" "Good", said Director Barry. "Now you will be assigned bunks after dinner." I never realized what time it was. As I entered the dining hall, I saw steamy hot food that looked so good! I sat and started to stuff all the food into my mouth. "Gross!" Aiden cried, "This is just nasty! I couldn't believe how horrible the food was! Two days later, we played kick ball and I kicked the ball so hard that it landed in the giant lake! The director made me go after it! Then a strange thing happened. While swimming to get the ball, something grabbed my ankle and pulled me under the water. I passed out and woke up in my cabin with a bandaged leg. From that moment I knew I had to escape camp! I slowly started towards the door. "Boo!" an unfamiliar voice yelled. I turned around, behind me was a kid! He had black short hair and was wearing a green jacket. He started singing "How you like me now!" "Who are you?" I said. "I'm Aijaz!" "Okay then, my name is Blake", I said. I asked, "What happened!?" "I don't know" Aiden said. "No one does" Michael added. "I felt something grab my leg" I said. "Maybe it was the Loch Ness Monster!" Aiden joked. I replied, "Not funny!"

Beep-beep! We heard a horn outside our cabin. I flung open the door! "Rise'n shine campers!" Director Barry yelled. "Let's all go for a swim!" "Something almost drowned me", I screamed! Director Barry started chucking. "I was probably seaweed!" "Could seaweed make my eye bleed?" I yelled. Director Barry just turned and walked away. I was so angry!!! Fifteen minutes later all the kids were swimming in the lake. I just watched. Michael was by far, the one having the most fun. He was diving in the lake and jumping off things over and over until he suddenly didn't come back up from the water. I was the only one watching Michael. I ran to the lake and dived in! That's when I saw it grab me

by my arms and legs! It was covered in wires and it looked like a robot. It had one red glowing eye and a bottom jaw full of saw teeth! It grabbed me and was trying to rip my leg off! With a vice-like grip, it then tried to rip my hand off with its razor sharp jaw! That's when I saw an old axe and started beating the creature with it until it let go of me! It then passed out once again. I woke up on my cabin bed. I saw Michael on the bed next to me full of bandages all over his body.

It had been four weeks since camp started. I was confused and angry! Where were my parents? Tap! Tap! Ahhh! I heard a scream and I looked around. There was blood on the window! Aijaz busted through the cabin door with Aiden! "Go, go!" Aiden yelled! "Hurry!" Aijaz yelled! I cried "What's happening?" I saw the whole camp was on fire! I saw blood in the lake and blood all over the grass! Aiden was running "Come on let's move!" he cried! I tried to run when I fell in the bloody grass! I saw Aijaz caught by the wires. He got ripped to shreds! I yelled, "No!" The creature then grabbed Michael and stabbed him! I started coming for me when two kids grabbed me and pulled me to safety! Suddenly, a helicopter and a group of soldiers appeared over the horizon. I was saved! However the horrors of Camp Horizon will never be forgotten!