

## Sounds in the Forest

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Long ago there was a family who lived far from humanity. They would always hear sounds coming from the mysterious forest behind their house. One evening the dad and older brother went to go discover what was in the forest. They never came back. The mother went to go look for her husband and son, but she never came back. The only person left was the daughter Abigail. One night, while she was crying herself to sleep, she heard a scratching noise coming from the front door. She tiptoed to the window to see what it was, and she saw two men wearing black hoods to cover their identity. She ran to the kitchen and grabbed her mother's sharpest kitchen knife. Then she ran back to her room, slid under the bed, and waited for the men to come inside. Suddenly she heard the door creak open, and she broke out into tears. The men immediately knew where she was and went into her room. They yanked up the silk sheets at the side of the bed, but, before they could even touch her, she plunged the knife into both of their chests. When she was sure they were dead, she slowly came out from under the bed and peeled off their masks, only to reveal her father and older brother. Abigail dragged their dead bodies across the forest crying, thinking about how much she trusted them both. Soon she was at the spot where she wanted to bury them, but, when she dug up the dirt, she found her mother's corpse. She fainted and was never seen again.