

## Sierra

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Once upon a time . . . there was a girl named Sierra. Sierra was a very pretty girl with brown curly hair. It's just that Sierra got into a lot of trouble when she was in third grade. Her parents did not know what to do anymore so they kicked her out of the house and out of their lives. Sierra had to survive on the streets so she stood on the corner of Highway 99 and begged for food, money, clothes, and a new family. She was so desperate for clothes that she had to use toilet paper to patch the only clothes she owned – the clothes on her back.

One day Sierra saw a family of four, two parents, a boy, and a girl, getting out of their car across the street. When they saw her, they all started walking towards her. They seemed to have kindness in their eyes. Also, they were dressed very nice and Sierra could tell that they were very wealthy. After the family found out more about Sierra, they asked her if she wanted to live with them. Sierra's face lit up and she jumped up and down. She very quickly said "Yes!". She thought about all the seconds, minutes, hours, and even years she waited and begged for money, clothes, and even a new family. So, after she said yes, the whole family drove to Target to buy brand-new clothes for her. After they purchased everything, they went home and let her settle in.

Sierra could not believe how big her room was. When she saw her huge bed, she laid down and took a little nap. When she woke up, she was startled to see her new parents watching her sleep. She asked them what they were doing. In a creepy tone, they said, "Watching you sleep, Sierra." "Oh, okay," said Sierra. Sierra felt the hairs stand up on the back of her neck. She had to get out of there. She told the couple that she needed to go to the bathroom. They said, "Okay but hurry back, sweetie".

When Sierra got to the bathroom, she still could not believe how huge that place was. She explored the bathroom for a way out but what caught her eye was the double diamond door. She couldn't tell what was behind the door. When she found out, she couldn't believe it. There was a bunch of scared people being held hostage. Sierra realized that she had to escape before she became one of those people.

Sierra made sure that nobody was waiting outside of the bathroom and quickly ran to her room. She gathered her things and a flashlight and snuck out through the window. There were woods near the house, so Sierra went to hide there. Sierra wanted to rest a little because a lot had happened since this morning. But she could not sleep. She felt that something was off.

Then she heard footsteps. Sierra didn't know what to do. She grabbed a large stick and hid behind a tree. Sierra tried to see who it was and what she saw was scarier than she could have imagined. She saw a man with a white mask, a chainsaw, and a rope. Sierra panicked. The man knew where she was. He came closer and closer. And then . . .

To this day, children who visit the house whisper about the strange girl ghost that haunts them or befriends them depending on their behavior.