

SCREAM!

Verity lit her candle and heaved open the dusty heavy door to her basement. She sped down the stairs and walked to the cobwebbed vintage wines. She pulled one out. Behind the wine bottle there was a jar with a label on the side, glistening beads of sweat running down her face, she nervously read the label

"BEWARE

THIS SEED SHOULD NEVER

NEVER SEE DAYLIGHT

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Quickly, she set the seed on the floor (beside the window) and put the wine bottle back in place. She ran back up the stairs and slammed the door. Her Mum shouted from the kitchen *"what's the matter with you you're as pale as a ghost!"* *"Nothing's the matter, replied Verity, what are you on about?"*

Later that night her Mum yelled *"It's getting late, you should get to bed"* *"Ok Mum"* Verity said. Slowly, she started to climb the staircase when she heard a noise come from the basement, remembering the seed *"it's nothing"* she said to herself.

The next morning, as the sun rose, Verity was downstairs when she remembered the seed *"I'm just going to look at the rest of the wines"*
"ok" said Mum.

Nervously, she opened the door to the basement "CRASH" quickly she ran down the stairs and rushed into the room. The seed was no longer in the jar nor a seed. The seed had spread and started to smash the old wines. *"STOP!"* Verity shouted. The plant hesitated and made a move towards her. It wrapped its vines round and round her neck. She started to scream loudly. Luckily, her Mum heard the screams and rushed down the stairs, her Mum looked so worried, she could barely make a sound.

"Quick Mum cut it back" she mumbled.

Her Mum ran back upstairs, got a sharp knife and started to chop it back. Its grip slowly weakened. *"Thanks, Mum"* Verity moaned, *"it's all right, but what was that?"* said Mum. Verity walked over to the remains of the plant and stuffed it back into the jar, *"I found this old seed last night behind the wine bottles, but I forgot to put it back, but thanks to you Mum, it's history!"*

Later that night Verity climbed into bed and said to her Mum *"that was scary today Mum"*.

As Verity's Mum glanced back, open her mouth and cackled as she left the room *"I know darling, but remember Grandma's tricks are everywhere, have you forgotten what she is !!?"*

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