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Something Upstairs
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Chapter 1

Kenny loved living in California.

One day, his parents told him that they were moving to Providence, Rhode Island.

Kenny was sad.

Kenny’s new house was very old.
His room was in the attic.

Two smaller rooms connected to his room.

One had a dark stain on the floor.

One night Kenny heard a noise coming from one of the small rooms.
When he looked, he saw a ghostboy come out of the dark stain on the floor. It moved a box off the stain. Kenny was scared and so was the ghostboy.
When Kenny moved, it went away.

Kenny went back to sleep.
In the morning, the box was still in the place where the ghostboy had moved it.

Kenny asked his father if he believed in ghosts.

His father said no.

Kenny went to the library.
He met a man named Pardon Willinghast.

He told Kenny he would help him learn about the people who lived in his house before him.

Kenny went home and took a piece of the stain from the floor to be tested.
He wanted to know what made the stain.
Chapter 3

Kenny woke up again to a noise coming from the small room.

Kenny looked in and saw the ghostboy.

He asked the ghost who he was and the ghost pointed to the stain and said "Slave".
Then he went away.

In the morning, the woman called to tell Kenny what the stain was.

She told him it was human blood from a long time ago.

Kenny then went to the library.
Willinghast told Kenny he should stop looking for information about slaves that lived in Kenny's house long ago.

Kenny saw the ghostboy again that night.

The ghost told Kenny that he was a slave named Caleb.
Caleb told Kenny he was killed in his sleep.

He wanted Kenny to help him find his killer.

Kenny left the room, but when he went back to his bedroom, it looked different.
Kenny was confused.

Everything was different.

He looked out the window and saw a man in a black cape.

Kenny tried to catch him.
He noticed that everything outside was different also.

He was in the past, back when Caleb was alive.

Kenny met a man named Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown did not like slavery.
Mr. Brown cut an X in the wall near Kenny and left.

Kenny met another man who gave him a note to bring to 84 Benefit Street. It said "Seagrave".
It was about a secret meeting.

Kenny was afraid he could not go back to his own time.

He went home, and went up to his room.
It brought him back to his own room, in the present time. He went to sleep confused.
Chapter 5

Kenny thought that he had dreamt about the past, but it felt very real.

Kenny knew that Caleb was a real ghost. He was a slave before he was murdered.

Kenny's father called and said he heard Kenny on the stairs last night.
That showed that Kenny was not dreaming.

Kenny went to the house where he delivered the note.

It looked different.

He found the X Mr. Brown cut in the wall, and knew that last night was real.
Kenny saw Caleb again that night.

Kenny said he wanted to help Caleb.

Caleb said if Kenny could find out who killed him, he could rest in peace.
Kenny told Caleb about the man that had him deliver the note.

Caleb said this man was Esek Ormsbee and he was a slave trader.

Caleb told Kenny the man was planning something bad.
Caleb wanted Kenny to go back to the past with him.

Kenny was too scared.

He went to sleep.

The next night Kenny asked Caleb when he was killed.
He said August 17, 1800.

Kenny looked in the newspaper from August 1800, and found an article on Caleb's death.

Kenny told Willinghast about Caleb's death.
The next night Kenny told Caleb the newspaper article said Caleb had killed himself.

Caleb was mad.

Caleb said someone killed him to make sure the slaves did not fight against slavery.
Kenny and Caleb go back to Caleb's time together.

They go to a tavern and hear Esek Ormsbee, Arial Peake, and Mr. Seagrave talking about slaves who wanted freedom.

They were not happy because they were all slave traders.
Just then Willinghast came in and joined the slave traders.

Kenny was scared.

Willinghast said that he could scare slaves into behaving by hurting them.

When Kenny turned around Caleb was gone.
Then, Willingham saw Kenny.

Willinghast blocked Kenny.

He sayed he will not hurt him.

He just wanted to talk.
Kenny was scared.

Willinghast told Kenny that in Kenny's time, Willinghamst was a ghost but in Caleb's time, he was real.

Willinghast said Kenny will help in what is going to happen to Caleb and the Slaves.

Willinghast took Kenny's keychain.
He told Kenny that he can not go back to Kenny's time without it.

If Kenny changed in anyway, he will be stuck in Caleb's time forever.

Kenny was sad he could not go home.
Kenny had to find Caleb to warn him that Willingham wanted to stop Caleb from changing the outcome of his death.

Kenny went to Olney Lane to warn Kenny that Sailors were going there to make trouble.
When he got to Olney Lane, people were hiding. He found Caleb who had a gun. Kenny told Caleb about how Willinghast knew that Caleb and Kenny were in the tavern.
He told Caleb that Willingham said that they were doing what he wanted them to do.

Then the group of sailors came.

They yelled "Long live Slavery".

Caleb told them all to go home.
The group threw rocks at Caleb.

Caleb and Kenny ran away, and the group started tearing houses down.

Caleb shot at the group.

He killed one of them.
Then Caleb and Kenny ran away fast.

Caleb was angry.

He wanted to get the gun.

Kenny said they have taken it.

They left.
Kenny and Caleb went back to the attic.

Caleb was badly hurt.

Kenny said he will go find someone to help.

He said he will find Mr. Brown.
Caleb did not want him to leave. He was scared. Kenny said to lock the door from the inside so that no one can hurt Caleb. Kenny left to find help.
Then Pardon Willinghast called for Kenny.

Kenny asked what Willinghast wanted.

Willinghast said he wanted Kenny to kill Caleb.

Kenny said no.
Willinghast said that if Kenny does not kill Caleb, then Willingham will not give Kenny his keychain back, and Kenny will be stuck in the past forever.

Willinghast gave Kenny a gun and sent him back to Caleb.

Kenny told Caleb what happened.
Caleb told Kenny to kill Willinghast instead.

Kenny does not want to kill anyone, but he must make a choice so that he can go back to his time.

Caleb told Kenny to pretend to shoot him because Willinghast will come up to make sure.
Then Kenny will shoot Willingham.

Kenny fired a shot, and Caleb pretended to be dead.

Willingham came upstairs, but knew that Caleb was not dead.
He told Kenny that he could still shoot Caleb, because he had fallen asleep.

Kenny fired a shot.
Kenny woke up in his own bed.

He went to the library.

He asked to see the same newspaper article that told him about Caleb's death.
Instead of the newspaper saying Caleb died, it said that Pardon Willinghast had killed himself.

Kenny had shot Willinghast and took his keychain back.

Kenny saved Caleb.

Kenny wonders if Caleb is free, or if he is still a slave.