

# TCG Journal



## Ghosts, Goblins and Goats?

The team recently learned of a local ghost story that is both perfectly fitting in content and timing. Here is an edited excerpt from "More Ghost Stories of Saskatchewan":

### Haunt For Sale



A young newlywed couple found a perfect "fixer upper" rental home in Saskatoon. The day the couple viewed the house, it was overcast & gloomy, making the little abode look more shabby after it's years of being a rental. "The landlord showed us around the place & we liked it but we didn't love it", explained Tim. "But as we passed through the living room on our way out, there was a break in the clouds & for a few seconds, we were able to envision how cheerful the house could look". Before they drove away, they wrote a cheque to the landlord.



For 2 weeks before they moved in, the couple spent every free moment preparing their new home. They washed windows until they sparkled & polished floors until the wood gleamed. Walls were scraped, sanded & painted in warm hues. The yard was mowed into submission & a pick-up truck worth of thistles & weeds was hauled away.

On move-in day, the couple finished work & pulled up with a load of their belongings in the dark but when they got there a few lights were on; the porch, the hall, and kitchen glowed to welcome them.

At their next opportunity, they thanked their landlord but Andrea recalls him only "looking confused" by the comment. In hindsight, a small & easily forgotten mystery.

For the next 2 years, Tim & Andrea lived happily in their little rental; planting roses, filling window boxes with colourful pansies; and transforming the dilapidated backyard by shoring up the shed & giving it a bright coat of paint; however, every so often they would puzzle over strange occurrences. "It was always something small - but weird", Andrea recalled.

On one occasion, Tim had gone to bed & left nearly a full carton of milk sitting on the kitchen counter. The next morning, he cursed his own forgetfulness thinking he'd have to pour the carton down the drain but when he touched the carton it felt as cold as it was just pulled out of the refrigerator despite it being a comfortably warm July morning.



Several times, when the couple had been working long hours & neglecting housework, they would come home to find the dust on the furniture had vanished. As on the night they moved in, it was also not uncommon to arrive home after dark & see a welcoming light through the window. Tim & Andrea came to accept that they were sharing their home with a spirit but weren't in the least bit upset, "how could we be, it did *housework*!"

Other than lending a helping hand, everything else was fairly low-key, creaking floors as though someone was walking from one end of the house to the other, running water to sinks & tubs that were completely dry, and 1 viewing:

One night, fairly close to midnight Andrea had gone to the washroom. She wasn't sure why she checked the living room but from the hallway, she saw a dense white shape, like a concentrated light that didn't illuminate

anything around it, about the size of a human being. Andrea watched the shape settle into a chair by the front window. Then, with a sigh (Andrea still isn't sure whether she heard it or felt it), the apparition seemed to fold into itself. The light form left her feeling calm, warm & protected.

About 2 months after the sighting, their landlord told them he was selling the house & gave them 30 days to decide whether they wished to buy it.

Andrea recalls, "we barely even considered it because we just didn't think it would be possible". They didn't think they could handle the mortgage, with little money in the bank for a down-payment, student loan payments & car payments, they quickly resigned themselves to the fact they'd be moving again.



The next morning, "someone" thought they had given up too easily because they found a pad of paper & a calculator on a clean kitchen table. "It was pretty obvious we were being encouraged to give it a try", said Tim.

No matter how creative their accounting was; however, or where they scrimped, they still couldn't seem to make it work. Fortunately, they had some help in that department.

During the same time, Tim was compelled to go into the basement. Day after day he found himself wandering down there, looking for what - he did not know. "Then it hit me", Tim recalled, "it wouldn't take too much to turn the basement into an apartment for tenant income".

That same week, the single-stall garage door became stubbornly stuck & took several days to repair. In the meantime, the couple realized they were managing well without the second car - again saving on more expenses.

"Although we didn't say anything, not even to each other, we were both secretly sure that our it was our ghost - he wanted us to stay".

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month the couple was pre-approved for a mortgage & proceeded with the purchase of their little rental (soon to be home).

They invited their former landlord over to toast the occasion and in making small talk, they asked their landlord when he'd first purchased the home. It was then that the history of the home made itself apparent;



"He had inherited it from his brother, who had been a real estate agent. When he had tried to live in the house himself, he said it was too difficult so soon after his brother's death & because he always had a strange feeling that his brother was right around the corner or in the next room, so he started renting it out", recalled Andrea.

The couple didn't relay their stories to their guest but were confident they now knew the identity of their ghost.

Some weeks after the sale was complete they realized that it had been ages since anything had "happened" in the house. Tim & Andrea felt that, having closed the deal, their phantom agent saw no reason to stay. Whether he was now resting peacefully or decided to move on to another listing was unknown but what was certain, a spirit so helpful would be quite welcome in most homes - some might call it a selling feature!

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We do, however, wish you all a



# The Grazing Goat Good Eats

Not with a “Spooky Feel”, we wanted to share with you another fine establishment has opened it's doors on 20<sup>th</sup> Street West. Aman Saleh is the impeccable proprietor of The Grazing Goat, serving what he describes as “global skillet home-style cooking” -- and that's the perfect descriptor.

## Lunch | Supper Drinks

Treat yourself to the a lavish Porchetta Sandwich at lunch or savour their spectacular daily soup or pasta. Supper is equally delectable with a selection of Bar Snacks, Appetizers, and full-on luscious main courses. Don't be disappointed with the fact that you couldn't possible have room for everything on the menu.



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are exceedingly pleased to congratulate Aman & his team on this exciting and long-awaited new experience in the Riversdale community.

Now, despite our wanting you to trust our word, in this case, we strongly encourage you to find out about this terrific new spot and rave for yourself (and then tell all your friends).

This review gives two thumbs up, five stars, and a 100% rating on service, atmosphere, and good **great eats!**



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