

ASTAROH

It was a cold Saturday morning in some place in Utah, John was listening to Jazz music in the bedroom of his new house, the weather was perfect for him: the clouds were grey and it was a little bit foggy. He was opening his bedroom window when he heard someone knocking the door -“Who can it be?”- he thought. John walked downstairs and opened the door. It was a mysterious man; he was dressed all in black clothes complementing them with a big hat:

- Who are you?- said John.

- I'm Ed Warren, I'm a professional paranormal investigator- He responded. - And what are you doing here? I didn't engage you to come here.

- Well, if you don't know, my work is based on going to houses where paranormal occurrences happen- he was saying with a proud tone- and paint what the house makes me feel. If it is haunted I paint all the ghosts that try to interact with me and I try to reflect their bad or good energies in the painting.

- And what? I don't believe in those things- interrupted John.

- Well... I have been in a lot of haunted places, I've felt terrible things and I have been witness of all the paranormal occurrences you can think of. The first emotion I feel when I am in those places is a pressure on the chest, this pressure represents the amount of bad energies that are present, I've felt very hard ones! But all of them feel like nothing compared to the pressure and other things that I feel when I pass in front of your house; I feel a very bad presence that is trying to make awful things to you. Be careful boy, if you leave this house now, you will avoid lots of several problems!

- Go to take your pills you crazy grandpa!- said John and then he closed the door.

John started to laugh- “What was wrong with that man! All what he said were silly things, maybe he wanted this wonderful house and wanted me to leave it making me feel scared of all the paranormal stuff he said... well, Utah people surprise me everyday!”- he thought.

John passed incredible months discovering the beautiful places that house had but when those months passed, started the horror...

The lights started to go wrong, it was really cold in the house, some voices were heard coming out of John's bedroom, some shadows were starting to be seen at night... As a result, John became really uncomfortable and he had no idea of what he could do! So, as the last option, he started to search information about Ed Warren, the man who visited him months ago. He saw that he had a very good reputation, he was a professional on his job and he had never failed on any of his visits: people said that after his visit, the normality came again. John got on to him and met him the following day, “It's an emergency!” said Ed when he heard all of the occurrences that were happening at John's house.

Ed went to the house, he was really nervous.

- Come in, Ed- said John very concerned.

He entered and John closed the door, then Ed started to shake and without saying anything, he got some paper and started to make a drawing with a pencil and paintings of an apparently human figure: It was all red, he had no hair but he had two big horns coming out of his head, he had a very sharp teeth and two deep black eyes, he had a very muscled body with a big chest and tall and little legs, he looked maleficent and ready to do anything to his own benefit. When Ed finished the drawing, he stayed paralyzed for a minute:

- Run...- said quietly.
- What?
- Run, John! Let's leave this fucking house!

John opened the door and they escaped through the door. When they were 5 meters away from it, the house exploded in front of them. John started to cry and he fainted and fell on the floor.

When he woke up at the hospital Ed was next to him. He explained to John everything and said his investigation about the evil human: It was Astaroh, the brother of Satan; he is one of the worst devils of them all and he burns things in the world to make humans feel what he felt when his brother snatched his reign blaming him for plot against his own family.

Where will Astaroh be in this moment?

1- Why did Ed paint while doing his job?

2- What made John finally ask for Ed's help?

3- How much did you like the story? Give a mark from 1 to 5 (being 1 the minimum and 5 the maximum)