

## Ghost Story: Last Instalment

*During an eight-hour-long study session Cassandra encountered some supernatural spirits in the university library. Someone also entered a freaky text on her locked computer. Cassandra began to wonder if the library was haunted. When she was down in the Magazijn, she encountered a scary man who murdered another girl before her eyes and he was about to murder Cassandra too, but she ran away and warned the woman at the front desk. Together they walked back into the Magazijn and did not find the dead girl's body. The woman said the library had its secrets... but what are they?*

Weeks have passed, and life at the library has continued the way it always has done. Students have come to the buildings with fresh ideas and good hopes only to leave again a couple of hours later, their minds drained and blank. Essays have been written, thoughts have been thought, exams have been prepared and now spring has come at last and the end of the year is nigh. All this time, Cassandra's parents have assumed Cassandra to be in Leiden, in her house, partying with friends, away on frat weekends, studying. Meanwhile, Cassandra's friends and housemates have assumed Cassandra to be at her parents', to study and recharge.

It's a regular Friday night, 9 pm. Kate, a second-year student of English, is sitting in the library's computer room. After what seems like an endless search through the online catalogues, she has found the one article that will make her essay complete. The last essay for the semester. She can almost taste the sweet freedom that will be hers after putting in the final quote from this article that she has to find in the Open Magazijn.

When she enters the Open Magazijn, Kate notices that some of the lights are not

working. She starts walking past the endless bookcases in search of that one book that contains her article, when suddenly she seems something odd at the end of a row of cases. Something pink. As she walks towards the end of the row, she notices the pink fabric is actually a shoe. And there's a leg attached to the shoe as well. Someone's lying on the ground over there! The girl must've gotten ill, dehydration because of the bad air maybe. She has a familiar face, Kate thinks. "Wasn't she in my literature course last semester? Her name was Cassandra or something". When she takes a closer look, Kate sees some dried-up blood in the girl's neck. Immediately, she starts screaming for help. "Over here! Please!" Suddenly someone grabs her arms and puts a hand over her mouth. A deep male voice says: "Sorry love, no can do".

Are YOU going to cram for exams in the library the next couple of weeks? Then be careful! Because you might end up discovering the true secrets of the library. And you might just very well wish you'd never ever entered the building.

