

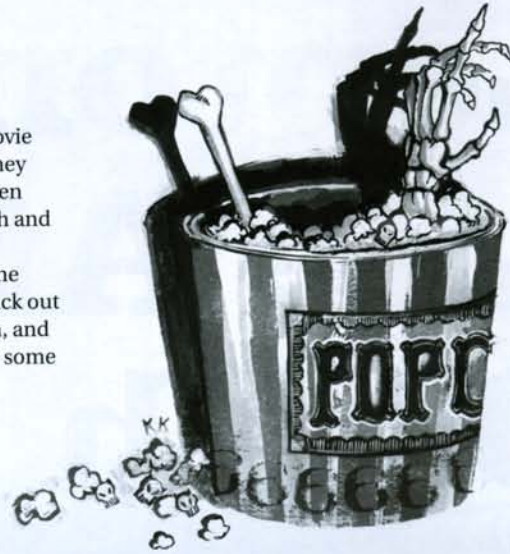
The Phantom is a Movie Star

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He kills anyone who watches his new horror flick and shows fear. The movie is a smash hit at the box office and people come to see it, boasting that they fear nothing. They don't know that he can disguise himself as anyone, even their best friend, the person who slowly turns and smiles when you flinch and grab the armrest. He hears every heartbeat and whisper in the theatre.

A beautiful blonde meets him at the snack bar and he realizes he is in the form of her boyfriend (whom he killed last night when the boyfriend snuck out to see the movie with his friends). Phantom smiles, doesn't say too much, and tries to impress her with his active listening posture. Maybe he could get some action out of this? Maybe he could fall in love and marry this girl, have a few little phantoms. He considers this but doesn't make any set plans. He'll see how he feels after the climax. ■



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