

The Whispering Book  
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Characters:

Ailue

Florian

Weylin

The Untold Story of Secrets (book)

Scene 1--Hide and Seek

*Inside dark, abandoned house. FLORIAN, WEYLIN, and AILUE are playing hide and seek. FLORIAN is counting while the other two are going to hide.*

FLORIAN

*10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Ready or not here I come!*

*AILUE and WEYLIN are both hiding in the library. FLORIAN keeps looking for them. Everything is dark so it is hard to tell their surroundings. FLORIAN fails a few times, before looking behind the bookshelf where AILUE is hiding.*

FLORIAN

*(Catches Ailue by the shirt) AHA! Found you!*

*WEYLIN during this time, looks at something that seems to be glowing from a bookcase.*

AILUE

*Dang it! You're so good at playing this game!*

WEYLIN

*Hey guys, there is something over here.*

*AILUE and FLORIAN both walk up to WEYLIN.*

FLORIAN

*What did you find?*

WEYLIN

*I don't know. But look, it's glowing!*

FLORIAN

*Oh really? I hadn't noticed*

*WEYLIN lifts the glowing book off the shelf and examines it.*

AILUE

*It looks like some sort of witch book.*

FLORIAN

*Well no duh, obviously it wouldn't be glowing if that weren't the case.*

AILUE

*Jeez, being snarky much?*

FLORIAN

*(Shrugs) What is in this intriguing book that Weylin seems to have taken an interest in?*

WEYLIN

*(appears to be mesmerized by the book) It's glowing!*

AILUE

*OKAY! WE GET IT!*

WEYLIN

*(Opens the book, still entranced)*

FLORIAN

*What the heck is this?*

AILUE

*It looks like some sort of bukoo language.*

THE UNTOLD STORY OF SECRETS (BOOK)

*Hello children, you have selected a very magical book that can take you to multiple places by just imagining.*

*WEYLIN drops the book when the voice speaks, jumping back as he does so.*

AILUE

*Did-Did that thing just talk?*

FLORIAN

*Books can't talk. Well...They can, but not really. Not in that way.*

WEYLIN

*What should we do with it? It just talked to us and told us to read it?*

AILUE

*If it wants us to read it, then I guess we should read it.*

WEYLIN

*Alternatively, we could not, and just leave this place forever.*

FLORIAN

*True, but where's the fun in that?*

*FLORIAN picks the book up off the floor and is holding it.*

AILUE

*(Looks around and finds a table) Look, there is a table. Maybe we can start reading it now.*

FLORIAN

*Good idea.*

WEYLIN

*No thanks. I'm going home. (Tries to walk away) I'll see you guys tomo-*

AILUE

*(Grabs WEYLIN) You're not going anywhere, coward. Just because you're a scaredy cat doesn't mean you need to leave. I promise you'll be fine. It's just a book*

*WEYLIN takes a deep breath.*

Scene 2--The Book

*The three teenagers start reading and they find what is in the book disturbing.*

WEYLIN

*This book is too weird for me.*

AILUE

*It was weird to begin with. It literally talked to us as a person.*

FLORIAN

Can you both please shut up? I am trying to read.

*AILUE and WEYLIN look at each other and then at FLORIAN.*

AILUE

*(Whispers to Weylin)* Florian seems agitated. Is it the book?

WEYLIN

*(Whispers back to Ailue)* I don't know. But I don't want to be here anymore. Did you read the book part where it said six children became crazy and did some brutal things?

AILUE

*(Whispers to Weylin)* Yes, but that doesn't mean anything. These are just stories, and maybe someone pulled a prank on us.

WEYLIN

That's it I'm leaving. I don't think we should play here anymore.

FLORIAN

You know what? Both of you can go, since you want to talk so much.

AILUE

What about you, Florian?

FLORIAN

Unlike you, I am more interested in this book than anything else right now. So I am staying and finishing this book.

AILUE

Are you sure that's a good idea?

FLORIAN

Yes, I'll be fine.

*WEYLIN and AILUE leave FLORIAN at the abandoned house with the glowing book.*

WEYLIN

I'm telling you, something doesn't feel right.

AILUE

I know. I feel that too.

Scene 3--At School

*The next morning at school. WEYLIN and AILUE are waiting at their regular meeting spot at the lockers. FLORIAN is nowhere to be seen. AILUE begins pacing.*

AILUE

They should be here by now! Florian is almost never late, I'm starting to worry.

WEYLIN

Me too. I haven't heard from them at all, I'm really starting to get worried.

AILUE

*(Stops pacing and glares at WEYLIN)* Well, class is about to start, so we can't wait much longer. Plus, they said they were more interested in that stupid book, so why should we even care?

WEYLIN

*(He reaches out towards AILUE's shoulder, but she shrugs him away)* Ailue, Florian is our friend and-

AILUE

Something has gotten into them, maybe they don't want to be our friend anymore.

WEYLIN

Honestly, we're all they have when it comes to friends, I doubt that.

AILUE

Regardless, Florian pushed us away. Florian's probably just sick or something, or maybe late. At this point and time, I don't really care.

WEYLIN

Ailue-

AILUE

*(Is beginning to walk away towards her class)* We'll meet back here at the end of the day like we always do. If Florian isn't here, we'll go to their house or something.

*WEYLIN slumps down and sits in front of his locker, clearly worried. After a few seconds he gets up, grabs his backpack and stumbles after AILUE.*

*Everything goes dark and time passes. It's now the end of the school day. AILUE and WEYLIN walk together back to the locker, but FLORIAN is still not there. WEYLIN is visibly just as worried as before.*

WEYLIN

Florian's still not here.

AILUE

And there's your specialty, captain obvious.

WEYLIN

Listen, I'm just worried about our friend!

AILUE

*(sighs)* Ugh, I know that. I thought maybe earlier they were just skipping or something, but you're right that this isn't like them.

WEYLIN

What if it's the book?! What if something happened?! We waited too long!

AILUE

Yeah, okay. I guess we're going back to the abandoned house then?

WEYLIN

We have to!

AILUE

Come on then, let's go.

*The scene goes dark for a change of scenery.*

Scene 4--Finding Florian

*AILUE and WEYLIN are in the abandoned house. Walking around searching for Florian.*

AILUE

Florian?

WEYLIN

Hey! Look, the book is still here! *(WEYLIN runs over to where the glowing book is and was.)*

AILUE

I don't care about that stupid book. I thought we were here to find our friend?

WEYLIN

Yes, but Florian was with the book last. And you do have to admit, the book literally talked like a person.

AILUE

Fine.

*(WEYLIN and AILUE gather together and WEYLIN opens the book)*

WEYLIN

The Untold Story of Secrets, can you tell us where to find Florian?

AILUE

Oh my god, are you freaking serious right now?! It's not like this stupid book is going to answer!

THE UNTOLD STORY OF SECRETS (BOOK)

Florian....That name sounds familiar...

AILUE

Tell us where to find Florian, or I will burn you!

THE UNTOLD STORY OF SECRETS (BOOK)

If you burn me, it will be your undoing.

WEYLIN

What does that mean?

THE UNTOLD STORY OF SECRETS (BOOK)

My ashes will fill people's bodies. They will do unspeakable things and they will be their worst selves.

*(WEYLIN and AILUE look at each other out of fear.)*

AILUE

I have a feeling that's what happened to Florian. When Florian read the book, I think it caused Florian to act or be different.

