Murder in the Graveyard

From: Mark Twain

The graveyard

"Ghosts!" said Huck, "I can see ghosts! They're coming here. I'm really scared!"

"Can ghosts see us?" asked Tom.

"Ghosts can see everything," answered Huck, "Oh, why did I come here?"

"Don't be afraid. We must be very quiet," said Tom.

The three ghosts moved quietly in the graveyard.

They came close to Tom and Huck.

"Tom!" whispered Huck. "They're not ghosts. They're humans. One of them is Muff Potter."

"You're right. And there's Injun Joe and Dr. Robinson. But why are they here?" said Tom.

"They're grave robbers. They want to rob a grave. The doctor wants a dead body," said Huck.

"But why?" asked Tom.

"He cuts bodies and studies them. My father told me about Dr. Robinson," said Huck.

The three men were at Hoss Williams's grave.

Injun Joe and Muff Potter started digging.

Soon the grave was open.

They found the dead body and pulled it out of the ground.

"Well, doctor, do you want us to take the body to your house?" said Muff, "You must give us five dollars."

"What!" said Dr. Robinson angrily, "I paid you this morning. I'm not giving you more money!"

"I want more money, Doctor," said Injun Joe, "Five years ago I came to your father's house. I asked you for something to eat. You gave me nothing. I still remember that. Now you must give me more money."

Injun Joe took the doctor's arm and the doctor hit him.

Injun Joe fell to the ground.

"Don't hit my friend!" cried Muff Potter.

Muff and Dr. Robinson started fighting.

Everything happened very quickly.

Dr. Robinson hit Muff Potter on the head.

Muff fell to the ground.

Injun Joe took Muff's knife.

He saw Muff on the ground and he killed Dr. Robinson with the knife.

The doctor fell on top of Muff and covered him with blood.

Injun Joe looked at the two men on the ground.

First he robbed the dead doctor.

Then he put the bloody knife into Muff's right hand.