

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Chapter 1 Tarry Town

Tarry Town was a small town near the Hudson River. Sleepy Hollow was a place near the town.

“There are ghosts in Sleepy Hollow,” some people said.

Ichabod Crane wasn't from Tarry Town, but he was a teacher there. He was a very good teacher. He played with the big boys after school, and he walked home with the small boys. He liked meeting their mothers and sisters. He liked eating, and they often had food for him.

Ichabod was a tall, thin man. He was very friendly and he had many friends in the town. He stayed with a lot of families because he didn't have a house in Tarry Town. He helped the farmers and played with the children. He liked hearing people's stories.

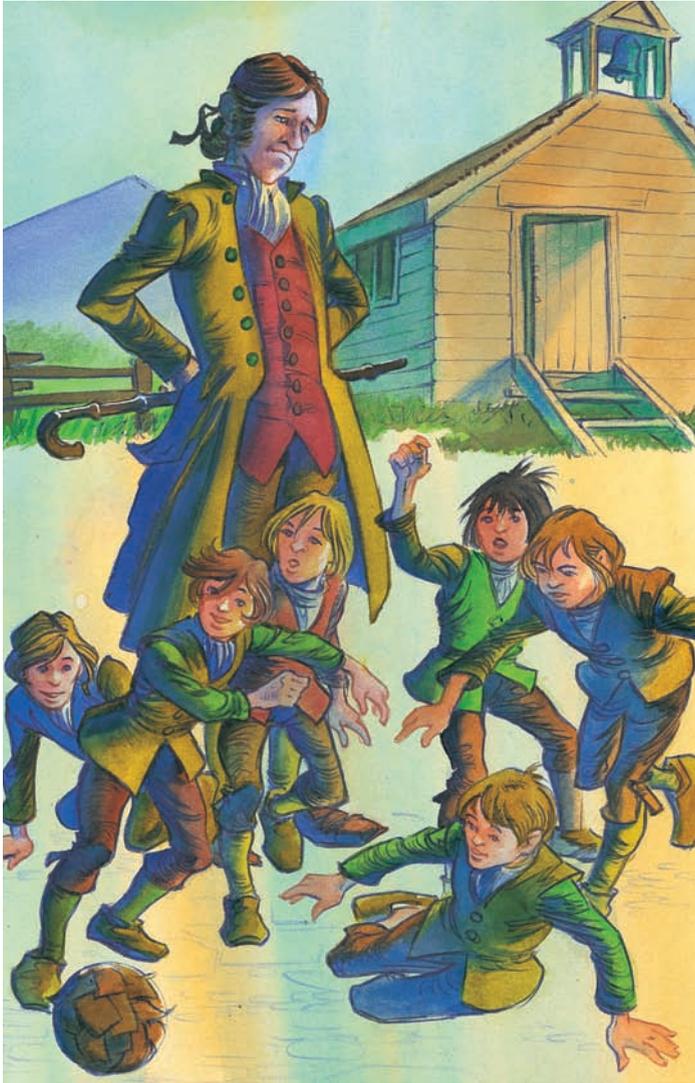
“Do you know any stories about ghosts?” he often asked.

“Yes,” they said. And they talked about the ghosts in the country near the town.

Ichabod went into the country after school. He liked reading there, but he was sometimes afraid. *Were* there ghosts? Did he believe the stories?

Chapter 2 Ichabod and Katrina

There were a lot of young, beautiful girls in Tarry Town. Ichabod liked them, and he liked talking to them. Katrina Van Tassel was eighteen, and very, very beautiful. Her father had a big farm, with many fruit



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trees and animals. Ichabod liked Katrina and he wanted her father's farm.

"Maybe I can marry Katrina," Ichabod said. "She's beautiful and her father has a lot of money. Katrina can be my wife, and I can have the farm and the money."

Ichabod was often at Katrina's house. He was a good singer and he was the family's singing teacher.

Katrina's father liked Ichabod and they often talked in the evening. But a lot of men in Tarry Town liked Katrina. They wanted to marry her, too, and they wanted her father's money. Brom Van Brunt was a tall, strong man with short, black hair. He was a very good horse rider, and he liked riding in the country with his friends. He often visited Katrina.

Katrina liked Ichabod *and* Brom. She talked to them and she walked with them in the country. Sometimes, Brom went to the Van Tassels' farm and Ichabod was there. Brom didn't like this, and he stopped visiting Katrina.

Chapter 3 A Letter from Mr. Van Tassel

One beautiful October afternoon, Ichabod was at school with the boys. A man came to the school. He had a letter for Ichabod. It was from Baltus Van Tassel, Katrina's father.

"Please come to my farm this evening, Ichabod," it said. "Many people from the town are coming. We are going to eat and talk. We are going to sing and dance."

Ichabod was very happy.

"Boys," he said, "go home. Go home and play."

"What—now? Go home?" they said.

"Yes. It's a beautiful day. You're good students, and

