

# Chapter 1

## "Behind the crystals"

An Alarm started to sound. Zach wake up startled by the alarm clock.

In school, during recess, Zach was silently and intently looking at some crystals located on the school gymnasium. Behind the crystals, there seemed to be a door... or something like that.

-Zach! What are you doing?- A voice asked.

Zach turned around quickly.

-No... nothing Markus-Answered

Markus was one his friend. The second one after before... the accident.

Zach seemed to be attracting attention, because one of Markus friends was approaching.

-What are you looking?

-Nothing of interest to you-

But wasn't enough. Another friend of Markus arrived. Zach was nervous by all the people staring at him. So he finally said what he was doing.

-A... door?-Markus asked curiously

-Oh god, Zach, stop imagining things- Said Thomas

-Seriously... -Answered Zach- There is something behind, just look.

Markus and his other friends looked the crystals.

- You can see it now? - Asked, with serious voice.

-Okay... but you know that can be anything, the cristals don't allow to see very well - Said Thomas

Zach looked the cristals.

-Okay... I have a plan - Said - This night will enter to the school and break the crystals.

Thomas looked at him surprised.

-Wait... WHAT? - Thomas exclaimed - Are you an Idiot? We can't do that. It's gonna be obvious and they're going to look for the culprit.

-Listen - Said Zach - If we discover what is behind, maybe we could get a reward.

-Well... maybe we can find another way to see what's behind of the crystals, without break anything. Maybe is a code that we need to know the favourite colors of the teachers an they're ages. - Said Markus, trying to find another way to discover.

Zach sighed

-It's okay... I suppose we'll try it.

The next morning, Zach and the group began discreetly asking the teachers about their favourite colors. They got all the colors

The colors were: red, green, yellow, purple and blue

The already had the colors, they just need the ages.

After some questions, they obtained data:

Green: 35 years

Purple: 56 years

Blue: 27 years

Red: 58 years

Yellow: 40 years

Ordering them from least to greatest, the code was: Blue, green, yellow, purple and red.

-Okay... I suppose we have to put the code in - Said Zach, nervous.

-Nice, How the hell do we do it, smarty pants? Answered Thomas.

-I suppose we need to press the crystals - Said Markus.

Markus tried to press the crystals, and to no one's surprise, they couldn't be pressured.

-I knew it - Zach murmured.

-Look... sometimes you need to be more destructive with some things - Said, trying to convince Markus.

-This night, at nine o'clock - Zach yelled

-Ah... and by the way -

Zach turned to the group

-Don't forget the mask-

Hours later, Zach, Phil, Thomas and Markus went to school with the necessary tools. They went to the crystals and, after seconds, they broke them.

Behind them, there was a door. The group crossed the door.

In the other side, there was a school hallway with a lot of classrooms. The place was dirty, with wholes in the walls and flashing lights. In the air, there was a strong smell of rottenness and old things.

The group split up to look for any clues about what had happened there.

Zach went to a classroom. in the floor, there was a putrefying body, he found an old videocamera, he picked it up carefully.

There was only one video. in the video, a group of kids and their teacher were singing a children's song. As the video was about to end, there was a black screen and only screams and gunshots could be heard.

Zach put the camera down slowly.

meanwhile, in another classroom, Markus collected a note that was in the wall. with the letter in the hand, he start reading:  
After the shooting that happened in different Classrooms by a highschool student, it has been Decided that soon the classrooms entrances will Be sealed. We tried to remove the bodies, but a Company called "Technologic systems" has decided

the bodies should remain. It's an absurd proposal , I cannot understand why. Well, I guess we'll see What they do.

Markus ran to where the group was. He arrived where Thomas and Phil were. Thomas was nervous and Phil was terrified.

-I found some weapons-Said Thomas-But doesn't have bullets-

Phil pick up his phone and show a photo.

In the photo, there was some corpes of the teachers. In the floor, there was a ritual drawn

-Fuck -Thomas Yelled

Then Zach appeared. It was impossible to tell how he was; he was the only one wearing a mask.

-Hey guys, I found a videocamera from 2000s, and has a video- Zach said

-Markus ¿What do you found?- Asked

-I found a letter-Answered Markus-Explains that there was a shooting. And a enterprise named Technologic Systems...-

Zach was surprised

- ¿Technologic... Systems?-Reapeated

Markus frowned

- Yeah... Do you know it?

- Yes. A relative worked there.- Answered Zach

Everyone stared at Zach.

- Well...uhm...I... will search for more clues-Said Zach nervous

Before someone could say something, he go away and entered to a classroom.

The classroom was completely destroyed, there was a big whole in the wall that connect to a more bigger place.

Zach heared a crying

- Yes, Phil, I know you are scared, but...- Started to say

- Then he saw a figure that was not human as it moved slowly through the shadows—several eyes gleamed as they watched him.

Zach pointed the flashlight at the creature.

The light revealed a creature that was an amalgam of kids, the bodys were melted and joined. Of its mass, arms, heads and legs protruded

Zach started to run between classrooms, while the amalgam. The amalgam kept emitting cries and screams at the same time.

Zach managed to lock himself in the former director's office.

The creature began to bang violently on the door.

Desperate, Zach looked around until he found a ventilation system grate.

He had no other option, he opened the grille and went into the vents.

Zach was ducking through the ducts. The ducts seemed like a labyrinth.

As he made his way through the narrow space, Zach heard footsteps behind him.

He turned around and saw a corpse. The duct began to fill with a rotten smell.

Zach frowned and kept moving forward, taking his eyes off the corpse.

Then, the same sound came again. Zach looked back again; the corpse had moved.

Zach's heart was racing.

He began to move faster, though it was difficult because he was crouching. The space was narrow, and the sound kept getting closer.

The corpse was chasing him.

Desesperate, Zach accelerated as much as he could until a grate gave way under his weight and fell to the ground right where the group was.

-We need to get out of here! Now! - Yelled

-Why - Asked Markus, confused

In the end of the hallway, cries and screams could be heard.

-There is not time! c'mon, c'mon! - Zach insisted

The group didn't ask any questions and ran out of the school.