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Woman medical student eats pickled arm after male  
students tie arm to light cord to frighten her.

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### THE PICKLED ARM

THERE'S A STORY THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS HAVE THAT LONG AGO BEFORE WOMEN WERE ACCEPTED IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, THAT THERE WAS THIS ONE WOMAN WHO HAD ENROLLED IN MEDICAL SCHOOL. AND SHE WAS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME WITH THE MALE STUDENTS IN BEING ABLE TO WORK ON THE SPECIMENS IN THE LAB. AND THIS ONE PARTICULAR DAY, THE PROFESSOR THAT WAS TEACHING THE COURSE WAS GOING OVER SOME CADAVERS. AND NATURALLY, THE MEN WOULDN'T LET HER IN THERE TO STUDY ON THE SPECIMENS. SO IT WAS A KNOWN FACT THAT IN THE EVENINGS WHEN THERE WAS NOBODY AROUND, SHE WOULD SNEAK INTO THE LAB AND DO HER STUDYING. SO ONE NIGHT, THE BOYS WERE GOING TO PLAY A JOKE ON HER. WHAT THEY HAD DONE WAS, TO THE STRING THAT CAME DOWN FROM THE LIGHT ON THE CEILING, THEY TOOK AND TIED ON AN ARM OF ONE OF THE CADAVERS THAT HAD BEEN PICKLED IN FORMALDEHYDE. THEY TIED IT THERE IN PLACE OF THE STRING. AND THAT EVENING THEY ALL HID BACK IN THE CORNERS. AND WHEN THE GIRL CAME IN THAT NIGHT INTO THE DARK ROOM AND WENT TO REACH FOR THE LIGHT, SHE GRABBED THIS PICKLED ARM. AND WHEN SHE PULLED, NOTHING HAPPENED. SO THEY WAITED FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND FINALLY ONE OF THEM JUMPED UP AND WENT OVER TO TURN THE LIGHT ON. AND WHEN THE LIGHT WENT ON, THERE WAS THE GIRL FROM THE SHOCK OF THE THING OVER IN THE CORNER, JUST CHEWING ON THE PICKLED ARM. SHE HAD GONE OUT OF HER MIND.

(HEARD FROM AN INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL STUDENT. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT THE I. U. MEDICAL SCHOOL.)

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