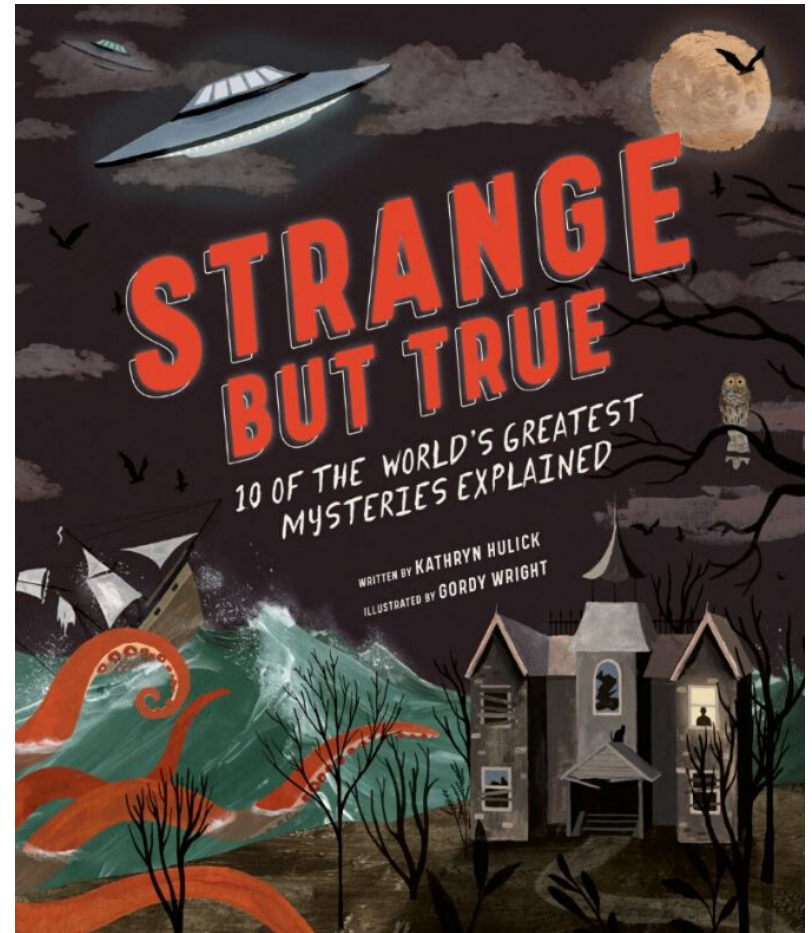


Investigate a Ghost Story

Practice scientific questioning
with author Kathryn Hulick

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Part 1

SHARE YOUR STORY

Tell a story about a time you or a family member or friend encountered a ghost, UFO, bigfoot, or had a creepy, unusual, or tough-to-explain experience.

Here's an example:

When my son was 2 1/2 years old, he told me and my husband that he saw something out the window. He said it was a floating person wearing white, and that it flew away. He saw this floating person several more times out that same window. Was it a ghost?



Part 2

ASK FIVE QUESTIONS

Pretend you're at the time and place of your story. What questions would help you understand what happened?

1. Was a real person outside the window?
2. Were there any birds outside?
3. Was there anything around the window that might look like a ghost?
4. What was the weather like when he saw the ghost?
5. Was he making up a story about the ghost with his imagination?



Part 3

ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Was a real person outside the window?

No

2. Were there any birds outside?

Maybe

3. Was there anything around the window that might look like a ghost?

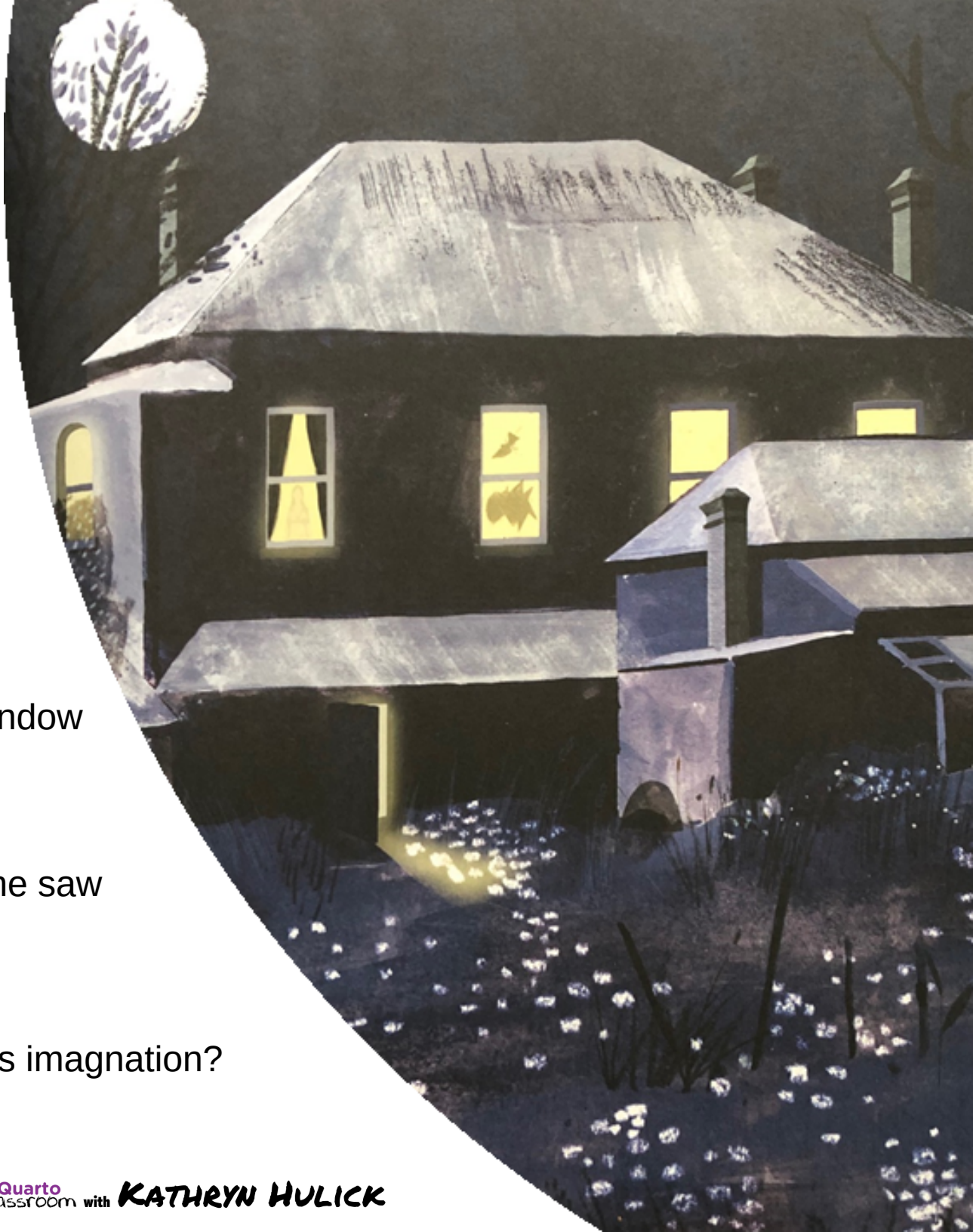
Yes, white curtains

4. What was the weather like when he saw the ghost?

I don't remember

5. Was he making up a story from his imagination?

Maybe, but he said he wasn't



Part 4

A NEW INVESTIGATION

Use the questions and answers to come up with an idea that could explain what happened.

My son saw a reflection of the curtains and thought it was a floating person.



Part 5

PLAN 2 EXPERIMENTS

1. Remove the curtains. Does my son still see a ghost?
2. Ask my son what he sees out the window three times each day. Also record the weather, lighting conditions, and any reflections. Do his sightings happen when the curtains are reflected?



The End

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