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Home, Alone

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“Your parents are on a date night leaving you at home, Alone. The once-familiar sounds of the house give way to a disquieting silence, punctuated by the occasional sound of the house settling, or were those footsteps? Are you actually home alone tonight?”

I grew up in the late 90’s through to the 00’s a strange pocket of time before the ubiquitous surveillance that children live under now, the first smartphones came out when I was a teenager. In a way, I am one of the last kids to truly have been left “Home Alone” by their parents. The internet was also rougher and more paranormally focused, any given day you could talk on forums with UFO abductees, time travelers, and even ghosts. The fuzzy boundaries between truth, fiction, and experience are what I am after in this work.

I also wanted to explore the feeling of being home alone as a child along with how the disruptions of the normal rhythms of life give way to new perspectives in a space. In the early stages of the COVID 19 pandemic, there was a spike in the reports of hauntings and ghost activity in a way so many people were reliving those feelings of being home alone but in their own space.”

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