

The romance of a frightening night

As every year, the people get prepared for one of the most enjoyable celebrations in Sugar Lake. When mid-October arrives, immediately the streets turn into spooky alleys, the houses seem haunted because of the thematic decoration, and the stores mainly sell costumes for Halloween night.

This small town dedicates one whole week to different activities related to this celebration because they find it very funny, but also because it is fascinating. In the local school, the kids create projects related to the topic, and then they present them on the 30th in Central Square, where all the neighbors go.

That is the reason why everyone gets excited in October, but Michael has another to be excited too. For fifteen years, Halloween has been the only day of the year when he and his wife can get together. So as every year since 2005, he bought one of the best tuxedos of the tailoring and a big bouquet of white roses, the favorites of Emma.

31st night, when the kids were exposing their discoveries of the Halloween Celebration, and their parents were paying attention to them as if they were professional scientists, Michael started his Cadillac and drove for some minutes to the suburbs of the town. When he arrived, he took the bouquet with his two hands and walked through the path rounded of tombs and weeping willows. After a little walk, he found his wife's resting place, and some meters beside, she was waiting for him.

The emotion ran through their veins, and they melted into a big hug. The tears started to drop, and when they separated their bodies, they smiled at each other. Both knew that they didn't have too much time left, so after a brief conversation, they started to dance following the slow rhythm of the music that was ringing in Central Square. It was their tradition.

When the music stopped, they cried because it meant that their time was over. Michael gave a last hug to Emma, and after it, her body returned to the inside of the tomb, prepared to begin the waiting to the next October. Michael stared at the grave for a couple of seconds and left the bouquet over it.

After it, he decided to return home. He whispered "I love you" before walking away, a bit happier because of the reunion but sad because he wouldn't see his Emma again till next Halloween.

No one in Sugar Lake knows his secret, but it's ironic how for all of the citizens, Halloween is a celebration to have fun scaring others, and for him it is the only day when he can meet again his unique love, leaving his fears aside.