

KILLER WRITING PROMPTS

If you're looking for some sudden inspiration to kick-start your newest terrifying tale or just want to take a little time to flex and tone your macabre muscles, here's a selection of horror-centric writing prompts to get you on your wicked way.

Have fun!

You've recently moved to a new town, having scored a fantastic deal on the property. Everyone you've met seemed friendly and welcoming, but on your first night, your bedroom window is smashed with a rock.

You look out the window and see a large group of locals has gathered. They're all staring up at you.

You're talking on the phone with a friend. Everything seems normal until they tell you they think there's somebody watching them. As you listen, your friend is attacked.

The attacker takes the phone, speaks your name, and tells you they're coming for you next.

Among the items willed to you by your recently deceased grandfather, you discover a strange, egg-shaped ornament.

As you lie in bed one night, you think you hear noise from the egg on your shelf. Looking over, you see the egg appear to open without anyone touching it, and a more definite sound fills the room: the giggling of a young child.

You wake up on a Tuesday morning and get ready for work, but there's one problem: when you look in the bathroom mirror, someone else's face is looking back at you.

You're on a walk through the forest with your dog on a bright summer day. You throw a stick into the trees, and your dog chases after it.

The only response when you call is a shrill cry.

You've been working in the kitchen of a hot new restaurant for two weeks, but the owner and head chef are strictly the only ones allowed inside the freezer.

One evening, you find out why.

You're calling it a night at the local bar and, a little more drunk than you'd hoped to be, start making your way home.

Along the route, you notice a trail of blood that begins at a deserted bus stop. Thinking someone might need help, you start to follow it...

A friend unexpectedly calls you and frantically tells you they're sorry. Before you can make them explain why, there's a heavy knock at your front door.

It seems like an average day as you perform your morning routine... until you look out the window and see the sky is an unnatural red.

Then the screaming starts in the street outside.

Your day at the theme park takes an unexpected turn when the rollercoaster you're on breaks down, leaving you and the other passengers stranded at the top.

The person in front of you screams out in terror as the other passenger in their car begins to spasm violently.

Your husband has recently died in a high-profile traffic accident. One day, there's a knock at the door.

The sheepish couple who stand there tell you they know who you are, and they can help you bring him back.

As a firefighter, you've seen all kinds of horrific sights and dangerous situations – but the things you saw burning in that house could not have been from this world.

For the past six nights, your neighbor has been burying small boxes in their backyard when the rest of the community is asleep.

You decide to investigate...

Against the advice of your friends, you took the snowmobile out for a midnight spin.

Now it's crashed, your leg is broken, and the snowfall is piling up...

While on holiday, you and your partner are enjoying a picnic within a giant hedge maze. After a petty argument, they walk off to cool down. When they leave your sight, the screaming begins.

Fifteen months ago, your best friend disappeared. The disappearance was never solved, but you haven't forgotten.

Now you've received an email from their old account, stating only two words: "I'm here."

You've been invited to an exclusive company celebration as Employee of the Year. As the lavish ceremony gets underway, you discover that this corporation takes a disturbing approach to such festivities...

A scream tears through the halls of the submarine on which you're stationed. The mutilated corpse of a crewmate has been discovered – meaning someone, or *something*, deadly is on board.

There's an unknown fungus growing in your yard. All attempts to identify it have been unsuccessful, but there's one thing you do know: it tastes *delicious*.

They took over the world long ago, yet you've been smart. You've stayed quiet, kept hidden.

But now they've found you.

You don't know what it was that tore the ship apart, but now you're clinging to driftwood in open waters.

You see a fellow passenger drifting not too far ahead, but something seems wrong with the way they're shuddering...

A routine traffic stop at night. Your partner has gone to speak to the driver, while you remain with the squad car.

Moments after the driver rolls down the window, your partner screams in terror.