

# The Story of Dead Man's Pond

This is the story of how Dead Man's Pond got its name.

Alexander was an old hermit who lived in a battered, unheated shack in the thick woods near a pond. All people who has come in contact with Alexander felt a great dislike for him. Alexander never had the company of a woman.

Today Alexander sensed it was time for a change. in desperation he searched for the old black book. He tore away the cobwebs and peered into the brittle, yellowed pages. The book was a book of evil and death.

He had no problem finding a rat inside his dwelling and he grabbed one, squeezing it with all his strength. the rat sank its teeth into Alexander;s fist but it was no use. Blood and intestine burst from the rat's mouth. He threw the rat onto the floor. A little gun powder was all that Alexander needed to draw his pentagram, that evil star of the wicked. Yet the task was not finished. Using a sharp blade he tore off the rat's head. As he went around the outline of his pentagram Alexander forced every last drop of blood from the rat. Now there was a crimson star. But there is more to do yet. Once again brandishing the blade, Alexander mangled his arm digging into the skin, ripping until he could actually stretch the vein of his arm. The green vein contrasted well with the red of his flesh. alexander;s face was that of a mad man, pale white, grinning, and laughing as his fingers yanked in his vein, asking it for blood and more blood. Yes indeed his arm gave him plenty of his own blood to splash onto his evil star. Alexander placed a small candle in the center of the star. As the dying sunset faded, his arm bled onto the pages of the black book. Alexander began his prayer, his hope of horror. "Hear me Satan, powers of darkness. I call on you to come forth. It is I Alexander who does so with no remorse. SABBATH of the y!oh, Spirits if the damned, Katibuta, Gormsodom. I want the realm if pleasure. Amen."

Just then the creatures of the forest fell silent and the little candle went out. Then a purple cloud filled Alexander's pathetic shack. A devil dog emerged from the cloud. With glowing red eyes and a black mane the dog was only slightly smaller that a pony. whined like a puppy, waiting for Alexander to pet

it. Having petted the devil dog, Alexander retreated away in horror as the dog growled and licked up the blood from the star. Now the devil dog drooled. Its eyes grew larger and brighter as the devil dog stared at its prey. It has been said that there is no prayer for the wicked and Alexander was no exception. The devil dog stooped down and crawled towards Alexander, clearly toying with the man's fear. Alexander had his knees pulled up to his chest with his hands covering his face. Again, the dog pants waiting for

Alexander's hand to stroke it's fur. Alexander could not resist the devil dog. He reached out his hand, the devil dog licked Alexander's blood. The devil dog was growling once more. Only this time the dog was not happy with the blood. The dog was after Alexander's heart and soul. The devil dog was smarter than Alexander and so the dog took everything from Alexander and licked his bones clean. we could say that before Alexander had call on him, the dog had been bone dry.

Since that day the story about bones in the shack has led people to refer to the lake area as Dead Man's Pond. This shack is gone but the horror lives.

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## University sues students

The university of Prince Edward Island is suing two students who caused extensive damage during a break in on campus last year.

On the 9th of May, 1990 two UPEI students entered the Main building and discharged two fire extinguishers in the printing office and damaged the equipment that is leased by the university from Xerox canada Ltd.

Criminal charges followed the incident but now the university is suing the two students for the resulting damage to the equipment. The claim that was filed on August 15th is for special damages of \$64,665.05 plus the cost of the suit and any other relief that the court deems justified.

The defence responded that the two men could not reasonable foresee the consequence of their action leading to such damage and that the university failed to efficiently mediate their losses to the defendants. The case has not yet been settled.