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ONCE UPON A TIME

AT
MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE
A YEAR OF
CAMPUS FOLKLORE



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Part 7: Marshall

The Kitty's Corner Tradition

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When my father first told me about his plans to visit me in Marshall, I was very excited. He then told me that he could not find any hotels online that would still have rooms available to rent on that weekend because it was Homecoming weekend. I told him that I would try to find a room locally, so I asked my coach if he had any suggestions for me, since I figured the two hotels in town would be already fully booked. He told me about a place called "Kitty's Corner," which was supposed to be close to the square and not bad since his parents-in-law stayed there and have had no complaints.

One sunny Sunday afternoon I was driving around town with my roommate and I told her about the hotel that my coach had suggested to me and that I would like to check the place out before I booked it. So we drove to the address we had found on the internet and luckily it was easy to find.

When we arrived we saw several houses that looked like they could have been the main house. We decided to go to one house that had the front door open. In front of the house we read a sign saying: "Bed and Breakfast, you make both" which made us smile and I already felt like this was a nice place. We peeked inside, but we were not sure if someone was there and we did not want to just walk inside because we could not spot a reception desk or anything similar. After standing around in front of the house for a while, the owner came and welcomed us in a friendly manner. He was surprised by our visit because he said he was not expecting anyone. I told him about my situation with my dad and he offered us a tour through the facilities.

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I soon realized that this was not really a hotel, but more like a place where families who come to visit can rent a house and stay for a while, because each house has a kitchen, several bathrooms, living room, and basically everything that is needed to even live there. Each house is very unique and very prettily decorated. While walking through these houses I felt like I was walking through another time period as well. The houses are very old, yet still in good condition, and each one of them is very beautiful in its own way.

While giving us the tour, I could really feel the owner's passion and love he has for those houses as he told us that it is a family business and his parents had already been taking care of the houses before he took over. The family pays a lot of attention to detail, which makes these houses so unique.


The biggest house has three stories, and when we arrived at the top floor he showed us the bedroom and bathroom. He told us that every year during homecoming a group of sorority members come to Marshall and rent that house. They all used to go to Missouri Valley College together and every year they meet here to celebrate Homecoming together. When we left the bedroom he walked towards the stairs to go downstairs, but I noticed one room on the opposite side of the floor. He had shown us every single room in all of the houses so far, but did not even mention the one across the hall and the door to that room was shut. So, I asked him what was the matter with that room and he said that inside of it is an old sewing machine, but he could not find the key to the door and therefore the door has been locked for a while now. He continued quickly to the steps, my roommate and I looked at each other and we both knew that that story sounded a little strange, but we continued to follow him very quickly, because neither one of us wanted to stay upstairs by ourselves with that creepy story about that room. Later when we were sitting in the car, we both thought about the room as probably being haunted or something like that and that was the actual reason why he did not want to open the door, but I knew I wanted to come again and try to make him show me the room.

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After the tour the owner told us that his father was a professor at MVC many years ago, and that his mother was a piano teacher in Marshall. He said that his father was the first philosophy teacher that MVC had and therefore he feels connected to Missouri Valley as well and he likes living in Marshall.

In the end, he gave us some flyers and business cards; while he was looking for them he invited us to wait in his own house. The house was full of old pictures of the family and he showed us pictures of his mom and her students, who were mostly going to Missouri Valley as well.


All in all, I have to say that I was very impressed that there is actually a place like this in Marshall, and I could definitely imagine myself coming back to this town after many years and renting one of those houses because it seems like a place where you can forget about your daily life struggles and relive the past for a while, and is that not a perfect combination for a vacation like this?




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