

# The Guardian Celebrity

## Part 1.

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A boy meets a celebrity... from heaven.

There was a boy named James Patterson who lived in Los Angeles California, USA. He is ten years old. He leads a standard life but he is a huge fan of Carl Switzer, Alfalfa from the original 1930s Little Rascals. After school James goes straight to the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. As he looked at Carl Switzer's grave, he says, 'boy I would like to meet you.'

It was a new day but still it was a standard one. He reckons he has a boring life. The day went by, and night began, and he goes to bed. He can't sleep and begins to hear things as items started shaking. James became scared. As the room was shaking, there was a ghost that appeared. The ghost is Carl Switzer. He's been dead for 63 years. He died on the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1959, from a homicide as he was shot in the groin over a dispute or \$50 by Moses Samuel Bud Stiltz.

He looked at a shocked James and says, 'Howdy James!'

James replies, 'hi' quite scaredly. 'Who are you?'

'I'm Carl Switzer, I'm your biggest fan.'

'Biggest fan?'

'Biggest fan! I see you visit my grave every day.'

'I like watching The Our Gang Series, The Little Rascals back in the 1930s.'

Carl says that's swell. Carl asks James, 'what's life like today?'

James says, 'very interesting. We have phones iPads, social media and electric cars!'

Carl is shocked and says, 'oh wow! never had this much fun in my childhood. In fact, there was no fun at all. as I was also a troublemaker — what is all this?'

James says, 'today world!'

'Wow, I wish I was still alive to see this.'

James rubs his eyes to wake himself up and still thinks this is a dream. Carl says, 'if this is a dream, can I push you?'

James gets a fright. James finally believes that Carl is real after Carl pushed him back. Carl disappears. James goes back to bed. The next day James realizes this was all just a dream.

It's an ordinary day as James catches the bus to school. James sits the at the back of the bus as the mean kids approach him. They make fun of him for wearing glasses and for imagining unusually. Unfortunately, he gets bullied.

He walked home, into his bedroom. Carl says, 'howdy James, rough day at school?'

James says 'Carl? I thought you were imaginary.'

'No, of course not.'

James asks Carl, 'what are you doing here?'

‘I’m just here to see my number one fan. I heard you copped one at school today.’

‘How did you know about that?’

‘I see everything. I see everything from heaven even when you never notice it. Boy, are you going to let these bullies keep doing that to you?’

‘I’m not strong enough to take them on.’

‘Not strong enough? no you just need to learn how to fight back.’

‘Fight back. But how?’

‘Oh, you just need some confidence to fight back. But first, I’m goner help ya.’

The next day James waits to get on the bus and the bullies appear again. They bully James, but this time Carl appears. He beats up the bullies. The bus driver says, ‘James what are you doing?’ James, says ‘nothing.’ He gets in trouble with the bus driver and is in the principal’s office.

His mother comes in and the principal says, ‘I’m glad you’re here Mrs Patterson. James here has been getting into a fight today.’ His mum says, ‘a fight?’ as the principal explains your son this morning on the bus has beaten up some students.

Mrs Patterson says, ‘James how could you?’

James says, 'but I didn't mum.'

'If you didn't, who did?'

'Carl did!'

'Who's Carl?'

'Carl Switzer.'

'Who's Carl Switzer?'

'Carl Switzer from The Little Rascals.'

'James, that's all in your imagination. Now you are grounded. When you get home, no TV, no video games, no nothing! Thank you, principal,' says Mrs Patterson.

They leave the school.

James is in his room and Carl appears. He says, 'howdy!'

James says, 'go away!'

'Why?'

'You got me in trouble today!'

'What did I do?'

'You are beat up these bullies had people thinking I did it.'

'Oh, I'm sorry I just wanted to help.'

'You've done enough.'

'Oh, come on sulker, I just wanted to make you more confident. You know I used to get in trouble all the time when I was a kid. You know what your problem is? You're not confident enough. I reckon I can make you more confident.'

James says, 'how will you do that?'

'I'll tell you tomorrow', Carls says, 'bye for now.'