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**Unexplained** My late best friend stopped by to say hi

(self.Paranormal)  
submitted 2 months ago by holmangirl

This requires a bit of context, so bear with me; I've used letters in place of names to preserve privacy. I have a tight knit friend group. My childhood best friends are still my best friends, and their spouses are also my best friends; we've all been together for so long that we're family, and the love I have for them runs incredibly deep.

Unfortunately, after 22 years together, I lost one of them; A died in August 2018 after a few years of battling Stage 4 cancer that manifested as a tumor around the valves of her lungs. Shortly after she passed away, my marriage fell apart; her husband T and I began dating in February 2019. We both know she would be fine with our relationship; she wanted him to be taken care of more than anything as she was dying. We moved in together literally immediately, as I was still living with my abusive ex when I got up the guts to ask T out, and we both wanted me out of that situation; he offered to make space for me, and I took him up on it. Little things have happened periodically, like the remotes going missing then suddenly turning up in an obvious spot-- we'd roll our eyes and jokingly say "Thanks, A-- very funny," or something to that effect.

A's birthday was a couple of weeks ago. She would have been 36. T was away, escorting a friend through surgery in San Francisco, so I spent the day on the couch indulging in some of the movies A and I had enjoyed together, ending with the first *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie, which she quoted often. Nothing happened while I was alone, and it

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was a really lovely day reminiscing about her. Flash forward to one week later. I was in the kitchen cleaning; T was back from San Francisco and was upstairs gaming. The TV was turned off, because in these COVID times, it's on way too long and way too often, and I needed a screen break.

As I'm bending down to unload the dishwasher, I hear that electronic *snap* of the television and tuner coming to life; from the living room I hear Jack Sparrow say "Drink up me hearties, yo ho!," followed by the closing strains of the *Pirates of the Caribbean* theme. It wasn't the DVD, because when I finished each movie, I put them back in their cases and reshelfed them; not only that, but the DVD player was turned off. We have one of those sound systems that runs through a tuner, so live TV is its own input, Chromecast is its own input, et cetera; you have to actively tune to live TV to get picture and sound to come up-- the default is the Chromecast screen, which is just a random piece of art. I called up to T and asked if he was casting *Pirates* to the living room by accident. He wasn't. T works in cybersecurity, so unless someone has the password or has hacked in, they can't cast to our screens, so an outsider casting in is an unlikely explanation.

Logically, I can't explain it, so if there are theories, I'd love to hear them; for now, I'm content to believe it's my best friend saying "Hi!"

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i think that's **exactly** what it must've been: your buddy saying hello, and reminding you they're always with you. anyone would've been proud to have called you a friend. ♡

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