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The Specter

By MILES J. BREUER

I dwell alone, behind the stone, In the Shadow's grisly gloom; My watch I keep when flesh-folk sleep, Before Grohrishou's tomb. At dank midnight in sulfur light My pallid shape I show: And those that see, in terror flee, Nor ever respite know. I glide among the staring throng Of gravestones in the dark, For here I reign; 'tis my domain, This ghoulish Dead Men's Park. And in the rooms of ghastly tombs I rattle dead men's bones; My shricking laughs 'neath epitaphs Are heard 'mid sighs and groans. In every storm I show my form, The timids' blood to freeze; I haunt their halls, their ruined walls; I leer from out the trees. I live alone behind the stone, Whose gray top reeks with gore; Each thing that runs my presence shuns-Alone forevermore!