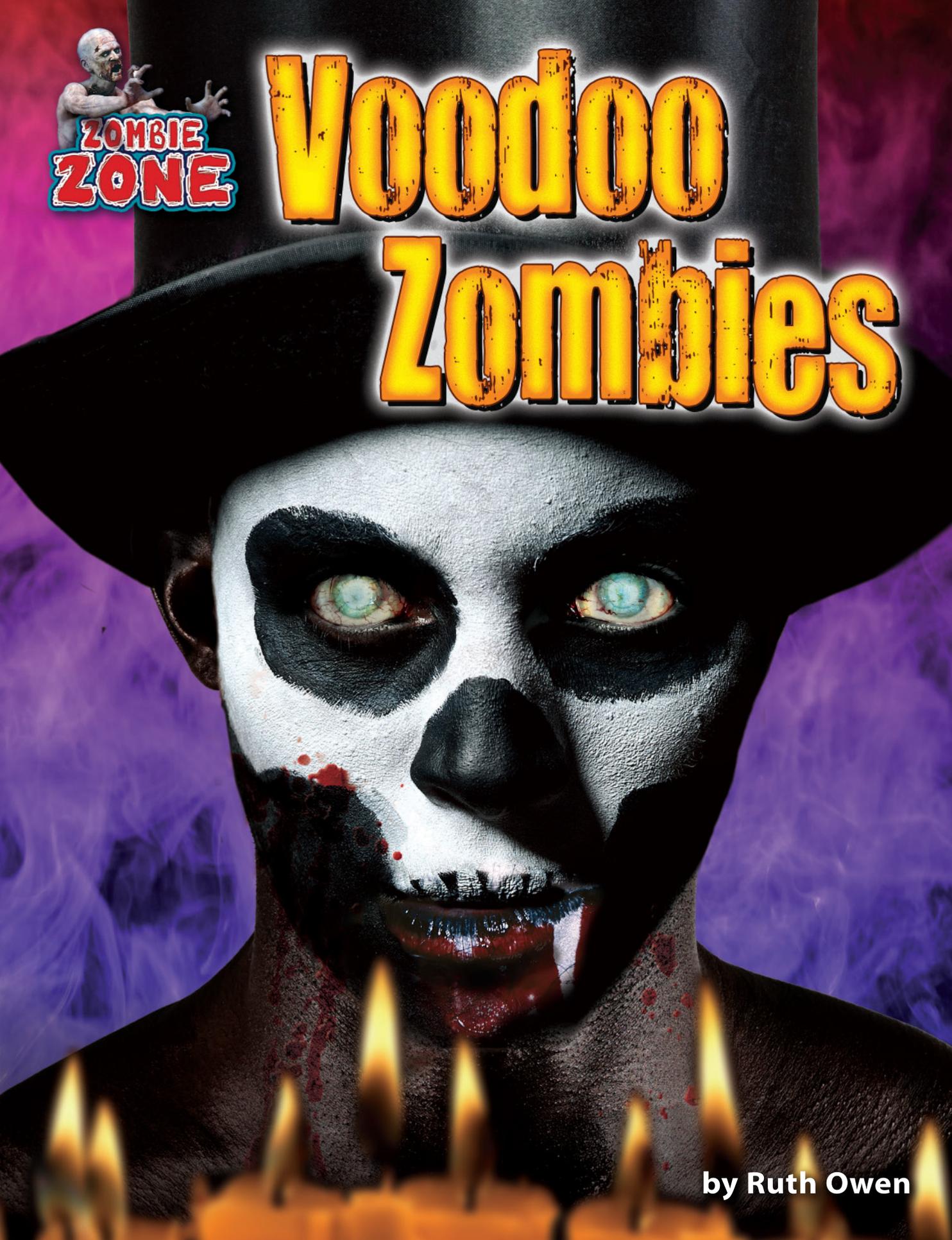




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Back from the Dead

It was a normal day in the village of L'Estere on the island of Haiti. As Angelina Narcisse strolled in the village market, she noticed a strange-looking man staring at her. Eventually, he staggered over to her. The man said he was Clairvius, her brother. Shocked and terrified, Angelina started to scream. Why was Angelina so upset? Her brother had been dead for nearly 20 years!

Eighteen years earlier on April 30, 1962, Clairvius Narcisse went to the hospital. He was burning with fever and coughing up blood. Soon, he was struggling to breathe. On May 2, doctors **pronounced** him dead. The next day, Clairvius was buried in the village cemetery.

Could it be possible that Clairvius Narcisse had returned from the dead . . . as a zombie?

The man who said he was Clairvius Narcisse was able to prove his **identity** by telling Angelina his childhood nickname. Only his family members had known that name.





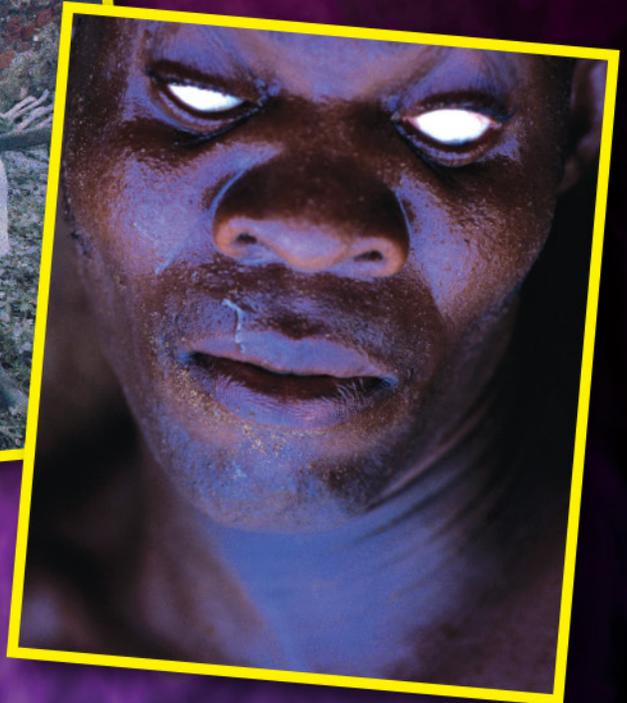
Buried Alive!

Once he was reunited with his sister, Clairvius had an unbelievable and **nightmarish** tale to tell. He told Angelina that in May 1962, when the doctors pronounced him dead, he could still hear and feel. For example, he heard Angelina weeping at his bedside. He also felt the doctors pull a sheet over his body. Then, unable to move or speak, Clairvius remembers being taken to the graveyard in a wood **coffin**—and buried alive!



Clairvius did not know how long he lay in the cold ground. Then he felt his coffin being cracked open. A gang of men, led by a **sorcerer** called a **bokor**, pulled him from his grave. Clairvius was tied up and taken to a sugar **plantation**, where he was forced to work.

Clairvius felt as if he was in a **trance** and could not think for himself. He realized the bokor had turned him into a zombie slave!



As the lid of his coffin was nailed shut, Clairvius felt one of the nails pierce his skin. He had a scar on his face from the wound.

