# HAUNTED PLACES

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#### **CHAPTER 1**

### Spooky Places

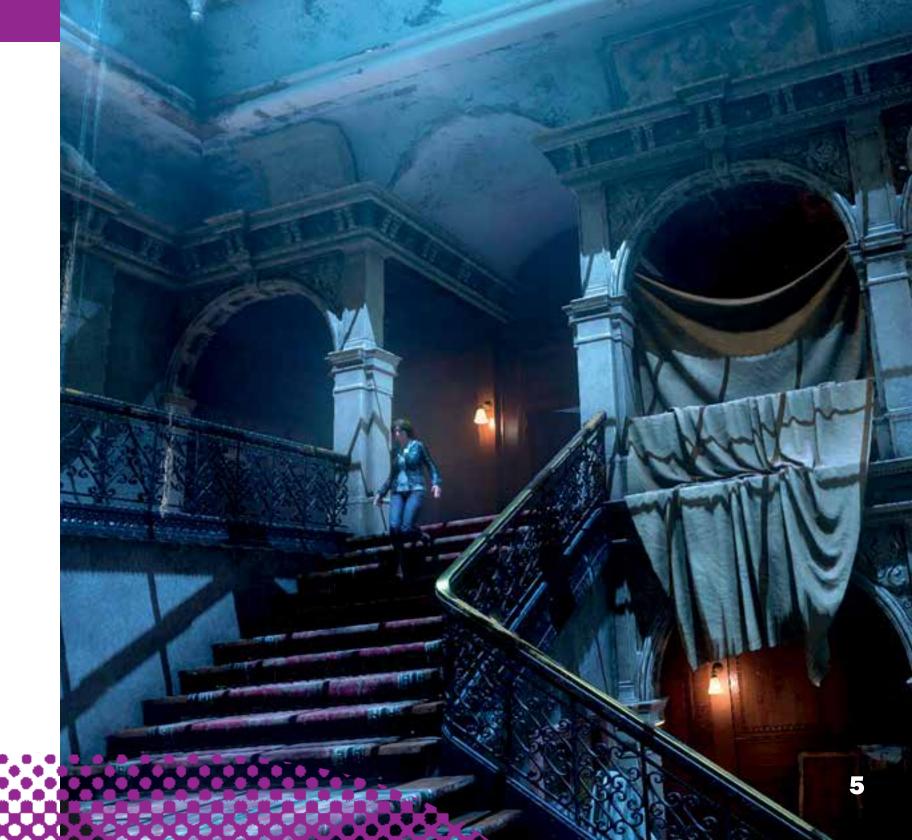
People walked through an old house.

Suddenly, they heard **whispers**. They

looked for who was speaking. But no one else was there. Was it a ghost?



**whisper:** words spoken very softly



## COMPARING **BELIEVERS About 63%** of Americans believe haunted houses are real.

#### **A Big Mystery**

There are many stories about haunted places. Some people say they've seen ghosts. Others say they've heard spooky sounds. Ghost hunters look for answers. But no one knows if places are really haunted.

**About 37%** of Americans don't believe in haunted houses.



