

A Very Scary jack-o'-lantern

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"How do you carve a scary jack-o'-lantern?" Proper Noun asked Grandpa Proper Noun.

"You must get a pumpkin from the yellow-eyed, snaggle-toothed witch," Grandpa Repeat Last Proper Noun

answered. "From the yellow-eyed, snaggle-toothed witch!" Repeat Last Proper Noun gasped. "How do you do that?"

"Well," said Grandpa Repeat Last Proper Noun ...

On a moonlit night, when the air is crisp, a black cat will stroll out of town. Follow it.

The cat steps into a cornfield and disappears. Dry leaves rustle softly in the wind. And then... Cla-ta-ta-tat! A skeleton dances by. Follow it.

The skeleton stops at the edge of a pond. It dives... You hear no splash - but it is gone. Three pale ghosts rise out of the mist. They swirl. They sigh. They hum. Follow their song.

As they glide through the woods, the ghosts melt away. An owl hoots. Bats swoop down. One of them seems to lead the way. Follow it.

In a clearing in the woods stands a tiny hut. Walk right in. no need to knock.

Inside the hut, you're not alone. A long-legged spider spins down from the ceiling. A huge steaming caldron stands on the hearth. And then she appears. From where? Who knows? Eyes closed, arms outstretched, she holds a large orange pumpkin.

Now watch carefully. As she opens her eyes, do they shine yellow? As she starts to cackle, does a snaggle-tooth show? If so... take the pumpkin --- and run!

Outside

the hut, the black cat returns to show you the way. Follow it.

Run through the woods, past the pond, and across the cornfield. Run until you and the pumpkin are safely home.

"And then," Grandpa Repeat Last Proper Noun said with a wink, "you'll be scared enough to carve a very scary jack-o'lantern - just like this!"