

The Mystery of the Spooky Pumpkin

It was the day before Halloween, and Lucas, Sara, and Max were excited to carve their pumpkins. They had each picked out a big, orange pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and brought them home. But something strange happened when Lucas looked at his pumpkin—it had a spooky face already carved into it!

"That's weird," Lucas said, showing it to his friends. "I didn't carve this. Who did?"

Max and Sara looked at the pumpkin closely. The face was scary, with triangle eyes and a toothy grin. "Maybe it's a magic pumpkin!" Sara joked, but Lucas wasn't so sure.

That night, as Lucas was getting ready for bed, he heard a knock at his window. He looked outside and saw something that made his heart race. His pumpkin was glowing! It wasn't on his porch where he had left it—it was moving down the street all by itself!

"Guys, come quick!" Lucas called his friends on the phone. Max and Sara rushed over, and they all saw the pumpkin rolling down the road, glowing brighter and brighter.

"We have to follow it!" Max said, and they grabbed their jackets and ran after the pumpkin. It rolled faster and faster, leading them to the old park at the end of the street.

When they got to the park, the pumpkin suddenly stopped in front of a large oak tree. Slowly, the glowing faded, and the pumpkin just sat there, perfectly still. Lucas, Sara, and Max looked around but didn't see anything unusual.

"That was so strange," Lucas said, still catching his breath. "But I think it's safe now."

"Maybe the pumpkin just wanted to come here," Sara said with a smile. "Maybe it's a special place for spooky pumpkins."

The three friends decided to leave the pumpkin by the tree, feeling a little spooked but also proud of their adventure. As they walked home, they couldn't stop talking about what they had seen, wondering if the pumpkin would ever move again.

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Multiple Choice Questions

What time of year does this story take place?

- a) Winter
- b) Halloween
- c) Summer
- d) Spring

What was strange about Lucas's pumpkin?

- a) It was tiny
- b) It had a face already carved into it
- c) It was glowing from the start
- d) It was a different color

Where did the pumpkin go in the story?

- a) To Lucas's room
- b) To the old park
- c) To a store
- d) To the school

How did Lucas feel when he saw the pumpkin glowing and moving?

- a) Excited
- b) Scared
- c) Angry
- d) Sleepy

What did the friends decide to do when the pumpkin stopped at the park?

- a) Take it home
- b) Run away
- c) Leave it by the tree
- d) Smash it

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Who were Lucas's friends?

- a) Jake and Mia
- b) Max and Sara
- c) Sara and Jake
- d) Max and Emily

What was glowing in the story?

- a) The oak tree
- b) Lucas's bedroom
- c) The pumpkin
- d) Max's flashlight

What did Sara think the pumpkin wanted to do at the park?

- a) Play games
- b) Go to a spooky place
- c) Hide from them
- d) Rest under the tree

Short-Answer Questions

Why did Lucas and his friends follow the pumpkin?

How did Lucas know something was strange about his pumpkin at the beginning of the story?

What do you think will happen to the pumpkin next? Will it move again, or stay by the tree?

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