



# JACK O LANTERN

There was once a man called Stingy Jack, who was a real miser, and derived great pleasure out of tricking people and causing them harm. Once, he invited the Devil to have dinner with him, but didn't want to pay for it. He was a smart fellow and convinced the Devil to turn into a coin that they could use to pay. Once the Devil did so, Jack quickly kept the coin in his pocket next to a silver cross which stopped the Devil from changing back. Jack eventually freed the Devil under the condition that the Devil wouldn't bother him for a year.

When he came back after a year, Jack tricked him again! Soon after that, Jack died. But the gods refused to take such a bad person in heaven. And the Devil wouldn't let him be a part of hell either. He sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip Which over the years has now become the pumpkin.

And since then, on every Halloween night, he roams endlessly, since his soul was stuck in between the two worlds.

Did you know that people used Trick-or-Treat to save themselves from ghosts? Yes! It was believed that the real ghosts, who would roam around in the night of Halloween would think of those disguised people as one of their own and stay away!

## NOTE

1. To derive pleasure out of doing sth: **lấy việc gì làm thích thú, vui sướng**

2. To cause sb harm: **làm hại, tổn thương ai**

3. To convince sb to do sth: **thuyết phục ai làm gì**

4. To stop sb from doing sth: **ngăn chặn ai làm việc gì**

5. To roam endlessly: **tha thẩn vô định**

6. disguised: /dɪs'gaɪzd/ hidden or changed in appearance so that something or someone looks different and is not easily recognized.  
He disguised himself as a Halloween pumpkin





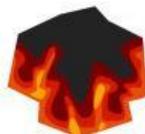
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