



Halloween 2022 Edition



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MISTRIK AND THE MAGIC PUMPKIN

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IN THE DARK WOODS OF MALVATAR, WHEN THE MOON SHONE BRIGHT OVER THE LEAFY BRANCHES, STAINING THEM SILVER, A BLACK FIGURE CREPT STEATHILY THROUGH THE UNDERGROWTH. THE FIGURE MADE ITS WAY THROUGH BUSHES AND OVER MARSHES, UNTIL AT LAST IT REACHED A CAVE. THE BLACK MOUTH YAWNED BEFORE THE STRANGER, BUT HE DID NOT HESITATE AND PLUNGED STRAIGHT INTO IT. AFTER FUMBLING WITH A FEW MATCHES, THE FIGURE FINALLY STARTED A FIRE AND LOWERED ITS HOOD TO REVEAL A TANGLED MASS OF SICKLY BROWN HAIR, GLEAMING EVIL RED EYES AND A TWISTED MOUTH FULL OF CROOKED, JAGGGED YELLOW TEETH. THIS WAS NONE OTHER THAN MISTRIK THE TERRIBLE, THE MOST POWERFUL WITCH IN THE LAND. ALONGSIDE HER PARTNER, MISCHIEF THE BLACK CAT, SHE HAD CAUSED MORE MAYHEM IN THREE MONTHS THAN AN EVIL VILLAIN COULD IN THREE YEARS. SHE WAS FEARED BY ALL, AND FOR GOOD REASON. WHYEVER SHE WAS UP HERE IN THE DARK FOREST COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE GOOD.

MISTRIK SET TO WORK AT ONCE. WITH A SNAP OF HER DIRT-CRUSTED FINGERS, SHE HAD CONJURED A CAULDRON AND SEVERAL GLASS BOTTLES OF BLACK INGREDIENTS THAT GAVE OFF A FOUL ODOR. MUTTERING UNDER HER BREATH, SHE SNAPPED HER FINGERS ONCE MORE OVER THE CAULDRON AND IT WAS FILLED WITH A BUBBLING, STEAMING LIQUID. SHE OPENED THE FIRST OF THE BOTTLES, AND SPRINKLED ITS CONTENTS OVER THE POT. WITH A HISS, GREEN LIGHT FILLED THE AIR. GRINNING WITH SATISFACTION, MISTRIK OPENED THE SECOND BOTTLE AND DUMPED ITS CONTENTS INTO THE SWIRLING GREEN SMOKE. A CRACKLE AND ANOTHER HISS, THE SMOKING LIQUID FLASHED A POISONOUS BLUE. THE WITCH REPEATED THIS PROCESS WITH THE REMAINING BOTTLES UNTIL THE POTION AT LAST FELL STILL AND TURNED A LIGHT SHADE OF PURPLE. ALL THE WHILE STILL MUTTERING, MISTRIK WITHDREW A SMALL PUMPKIN FROM HER CLOAK AND DIPPED IT THREE TIMES IN THE POTION. THEN SHE CAREFULLY SET IT DOWN ON THE ROCKS AND WAITED. THE PUMPKIN FIRST SHOOK, THEN RATTLED, AND JUMPED. THEN, AN EXPLOSION OF GREEN LIGHT FILLED THE AIR. AFTER IT WAS OVER, THE PUMKIN HAD TURNED WHITE AND WAS GLOWING BRIGHTLY. AWESTRUCK, MISTRIK LEANED IN CLOSER. AND CLOSER. UNTIL HER CROOKED NOSE WAS ALMOST TOUCHING THE GLOWING ORB. HER EYES FLASHED WITH GREED AND HER HAND REACHED FOR THE PUMPKIN.

SUDDENLY, SHE HEARD A RUMBLING OVERHEAD. SMALL ROCKS BEGAN TO FALL FROM THE CEILING, AND THE WALLS AND FLOOR SHOOK VIOLENTLY. JUST BEFORE THE CAVE COLLAPSED, MISTRIK SNAPPED HER FINGERS AND TELEPORTED FAR FAR AWAY BEFORE SHE WAS CRUSHED BY THE FALLING BOULDERS. BUT AFTER A FEW MOMENTS, SHE REALIZED THE PUMPKIN WAS BACK AT THE CAVE. SHE HAD FORGOTTEN TO GRAB IT! FURIOUS WITH HERSELF, MISTRIK SCREAMED IN OUTRAGE AND TORE OUT CLUMPS OF HER HAIR. THAT PUMKIN HAD BEEN HER ONLY HOPE OF BECOMING IMMORTAL! WITH SUCH POWER, SHE COULD HAVE DEFEATED THE WORLD, AND EVERYONE IN IT WOULD BOW TO HER. BUT NOW IT WAS GONE! CRUSHED BY THE FALLING ROCKS THAT HAD FILLED THE CAVE. BUT LITTLE DID SHE KNOW THAT THE PUMPKIN HAD NOT BEEN CRUSHED. IT WAS STILL THERE, TUCKED AWAY IN A SMALL PATCH OF ROCKS THAT HAD ESCAPED THE WRATH OF THE ROCKSLIDE. AND THERE IT WOULD REMAIN UNTIL IT WOULD BE DISCOVERED BY A SMALL HUMAN GIRL WHO HAD NO IDEA HOW DESPERATELY MISTRIK WANTED IT. AND HOW SHE WOULD KILL ANYONE AND ANYTHING THAT STOOD IN HER WAY.

TO BE CONTINUED...



-In Ireland, Halloween masks are also known as "false faces".

-Trick or treating used to be called "guising", a Scottish term.



-Fun Foods for Halloween:

- . candy apples
- . popcorn balls
- . candy corn
- . pumpkin bread

As a high schooler, I personally believe that you are never too old to trick or treat. If you decide that you are too old, though, here are some ideas of other activities to do on Halloween.

- o Carve Pumpkins
- o Watch a scary movie
- o Get dressed up in a costume anyway
- o Play a boardgame
- o Make some fun treats

BOOK REVIEW: THE ETCHATTRESS RETURTS

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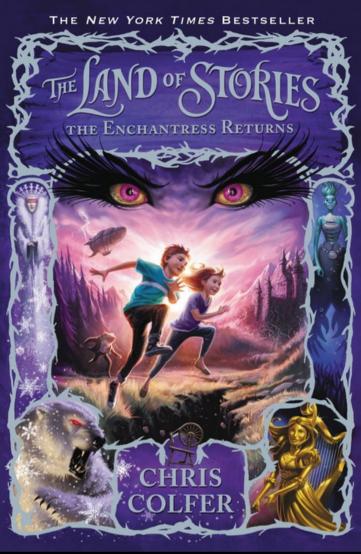
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The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns is a perfect juvenile Halloween novel. It is a fairy tale-like book set in a Disney/Grimm Brothers Fairy Tale world, and is very thrilling.

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1-Cookies & Cream mini bars 2-Twix 3-Warheads 4-Milky Way Dark 5- Pumpkin Reece cups 6-Nerd Ropes 7-Life Savers Gummy 8-Butterfinger 9-Milk Duds **10-Regular Nerd**

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ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT

BATS

 Bats are the second most common group of mammals, after rodents, and live in every habitat on earth.

2. Bats are nocturnal and can live 30 years.

They are separated into groups called microbats (carnivores) and megabats (herbivores or omnivores).

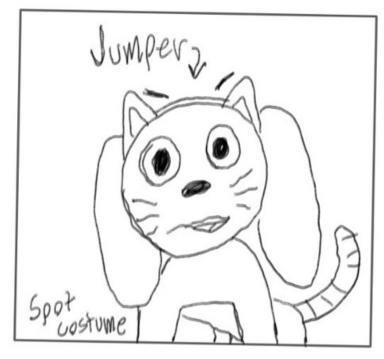
 Vampire bats are microbats that feed on the blood of other mammals. There are 3 different vampire bat species.

Bat droppings are called guano and is highly toxic, causing a disease called Histoplasmosis, it can weaken the immune system, and cause damage to homes and habitats.

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