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Are You Ready for the Creepiest Night of the Year?

By Nare Aghanian

Freaky creepy Halloween. Halloween is here! Are you ready? Do you have your costume? Is your house decorated? Here, let me give you some ideas. You could be a ghost. Easy and simple. But if you want something more spooky and detailed, how about dressing up as a witch or vampire, or maybe even a superhero or supervillain. Are you getting some ideas? If so, here are some more ideas. Big question is, have you decorated your house with all sorts of stuff like ghosts, vampires and lights? Altogether you could turn your house into a haunted house. Now doesn't that sound cool with lights and zombies, oh... and so much more? Trick or treating is so fun, isn't it? I mean I like it. Are planning on going trick or treating? Have you thought about where you are going trick or treating? I bet you haven't. Well, I have. Maybe not on a busy street but maybe, on a calm street. You decide. It is not my choice. I only give ideas. Well if you are going to do any of these things, especially trick or treating, make sure that you stay safe. You don't want something bad to happen that will spoil your night, do you?

Jeff the Ghost

By Melanie Shahverdian

This is the spooky story about a ghost who ate California. Once upon a time there was a ghost named Jeff. Jeff liked to eat stuff. One day Jeff ate a tree, liked it! He liked it so much he ate every single one of them. Then he ate a house, liked it! He liked it so much he ate every single one of them. He kept on trying new stuff to eat and loved it! The second you blink an eye, one-eighth of California was gone! And Jeff got bigger and bigger and even bigger! One day, there was no more California because Jeff ate it all. Next destination...? You guessed it- Arizona!

Really Jeff?

By Melanie Shahverdian

On a bright no more California sunny day, Jeff just ate California and was heading for Arizona. He did the same thing in Arizona. He ate the trees, liked it! He ate the houses, liked it! And just like that... Arizona was gone! Next... Nevada! Same thing- he ate and tried things and liked it! At the same time, Jeff was getting bigger and bigger. And just like that, Nevada was gone! Next thing you know the whole United States will be gone! I guess we'll never know.

Halloween Facts By Ryan Issagholian

Halloween, also known as Allhalloween, is a celebration observed in many countries on the 31st of October, the eve of the western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. The tradition is known to be spooky and scary. On Halloween, kids walk and go house to house, with costumes on, to trick or treat. They would knock on the door and get candy. You also may know Halloween for the pumpkins they carve. In fact, back in the day, pumpkins were carved to scare many evil spirits away.

What makes Halloween so popular? You may be wondering. Well, among children, Halloween is popular for one major reason: candy. Children are especially attracted to the concept of trick-or-treating because they usually get away with eating more candy than they are usually allowed. Halloween is also about spending time with your family and decorating your space, and much more things.

Halloween can also be very dangerous for many reasons. Since Halloween is at night, there are many crazy people who drink and drive. And studies show that 109 fatal crashes happen on average every Halloween.

Today adults have become avid Halloween revelers, especially young adults. By 2005, just over half of adults celebrated Halloween. Today, that number has grown to over 70 percent. Halloween celebrations have changed to less trick-or-treating and more parties and bar hopping. In conclusion, Halloween is a very fun holiday and so far, it looks like I will be missing out this year!

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That Night Before Halloween

By: Camila-Garrido-Rodezno

Almost Halloween, one more day! It was a scary night of thunder and rain. One night this girl named Sally heard a scary story from her friends. The story was about never spelling Harley Quinn with red lipstick on the bathroom mirror because.... After her friends told her that story, Sally went home to her house.

Sally was always a curious girl. She went to the bathroom and thought about writing on the bathroom mirror, just like in the story. Sally forgot the most important thing her friends told her about the story. That Harley Quinn will come and grant her one wish. But in return, Harley Quinn gets to scare someone randomly. So Sally tried it. She got a red lipstick and spelled Harley's name on the mirror. That's when things started to get interesting.

As Sally wrote Harley's name on the bathroom mirror, Harley popped up. Surprisingly, Sally was not scared when she said hi to Harley. Harley said, "Hi! I will only grant you one wish." As Sally made her wish, things didn't go well. Sally's parents were worried about her because Sally went missing. Her parents found someone odd and strange looking who gave them a special potion. That potion was actually a tracking potion. It helped them find Sally. Turned out that Sally was in a dark, dark room. Her parents had to find her and escape without Harley seeing them. They escaped and everybody was safe and sound. Sally swore that she will never do those things again.

Halloween Poem By Ani Vardumyan

Children in costumes everywhere
Chilly October air
Trick or Treat
Chocolate on my lips
Holding my brother's hand tight
Halloween is tonight!



What A Child's Imagination Can Reach...

By Ruzanna Stepanyan

A long time ago there was a boy named Noah. Now Noah was a creative boy and had a wild imagination. But there was something special about him that even he didn't know. His imagination was so strong that his drawings could come to life. This had been his power since he was seven years old. Now he was eleven. Noah had not drawn a lot in his life so he had not discovered yet that his drawings could come alive.

It was near Halloween and Noah and his mother were out shopping for a costume for him. He wanted to mix in different costumes and make his own. At his home, he drew what he wanted his costume to look like. Then out of nowhere a man jumped in from the roof, breaking the ceiling. He had a costume on. Then Noah noticed it was the exact costume that he drew. Everyone had ran out of the store, but not Noah. His mom was yelling for Noah to get out but he didn't listen. Instead, he stared at the man as the man started to talk...

"Hello Noah," said the man. Shocked, Noah said "How do you know my name?!" "I'm your drawing," said the man while chuckling. Noah started to get scared but also thought it was a Halloween prank. He ran out of the store after thinking about how he broke the ceiling and that it couldn't be a part of a prank. His mother was waiting for him. Scared, Noah took his mother by the hand and they ran to the car. "Noah, why did you not realize that when something or someone was dangerous, you needed to be more careful?" said Noah's mother, disappointed.

*When they got home, Noah had to get ready for bed. When he woke up, his alarm was ringing. He realized that he had school. During class time, the teacher announced that near the end of the day, they would be doing a Halloween drawing. Noah was a little curious about how the man had the exact same costume as his drawing and wondered if he might had actually been his drawing. When it was near the end of the day, the teacher handed out some blank papers and asked the students to do a Halloween-themed drawing. Everyone had already started but Noah was still imagining what he wanted his drawing to look like. At last he decided to draw pumpkin-head **monsters!***

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Lights Out By Matthew Chirinian

Once upon a time on Halloween night, Chris and Anna went trick or treating on a sinister and dreadful night. They decided to trick or treat late to collect more candy, but that turned out to be a horrible choice. Near midnight, Anna told Chris that it was getting late and that they should go home. Chris did not listen to her and told her he wanted more candy.

Then, Chris told Anna they could get more candy if they went to the next town and that he knew a shortcut through the woods. Anna hesitated because she had heard stories of little children getting lost in those woods. Her brother assured her that everything was going to be okay and that he knew the way. They began to start their journey out into the woods. As they walked deeper through the woods it started to get darker. The only light was coming from Chris's red flashlight. All of a sudden, Anna screamed out loud because she heard noises coming from the trees and the bushes. Chris said, "Anna, don't worry it's only the sound of dry leaves crunching under our feet." Anna replied, "Okay if you say so Chris" Then, as they got deeper into the woods, both Anna and Chris felt like they were being followed by someone or something. However, every time they would turn around nothing was there. The night was getting cold, and the air was filled with fog. They felt a bone-chilling feeling in their bodies and began to run as fast as they could. A dark tall figure with red eyes the size of a dot was smiling at them and began to chase them. They dropped their flashlights in shock.

Back home, their worried parents called the cops when Anna and Chris did not arrive home on time. The next day a search party went out to look for them but there was no clue of what happened to them. All that was left behind was a red flashlight. They were never heard of again. Moral of the story, never go trick-or-treating without an adult accompanying you.

What do you think happened to them?



Halloween Short By Matthew Chirinian

Ah yes, it's that time of year. Spooky season, better known as Halloween! It's a holiday celebrated on the 31st of October. It's a fun time of year when people get together and tell scary stories, trick-or-treat, carve pumpkins, as well as decorate their houses in scary decor. Many bring out their inner sweet tooth and eat pounds of candy! Sadly, Halloween can also be a pretty dangerous holiday.

You might not think of it, but on Halloween, the risk of a child getting hit by a car is more than double. The costumes with masks may look cool, but it reduces your field of vision. In addition, many kids tend to have unpredictable behavior in a group. Combine that with all the sugar, a kid may just run into the street without checking if it's clear. In addition, we also have drunk drivers. Yup, you guessed it, drunk drivers! Many people like to go to Halloween parties and maybe drink a couple of glasses of alcohol, without knowing the risk.

In conclusion, Halloween is a fun time of year when you can spend time by doing many fun activities with family and friends. Remember not to eat too much candy. Yes, I'm looking at you. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

THE GHOSTLY SKY
BY MATTHEW CHIRINIAN

AS THE GHOSTLY SKY ARRIVE
HERE COMES HALLOWEEN NIGHT
GHOSTS, GHOULS, AND WITCHES ALIVE
READY TO STRIKE KIDS TERROR AND FRIGHT

I LIKE WATCHING HORROR FILMS
THAT GIVE ME THE CHILLS
TRICK-OR-TREATING WITH FRIENDS
EATING TONS OF CANDY
WHILE OFTEN TIMES CARVING JACK O LANTERNS IN FACES OF HAPPY

LAUGHING CHILDREN
CRYING CHILDREN
AS MIXED FEELINGS AS CAN BE
AS GHOSTLY SKY COMES TO A CLOSE
THE JACK O LANTERNS AND MONSTER LOSE THEIR GLOWS
HALLOWEEN COMES TO AN END

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The Holiday Savers By Nare Aghanian

It was Halloween night but no one was ready. There were no houses decorated. It was horrible! What was going on? Then a man and a woman flew right onto the only porch that was decorated in miles. They said their names were The Holiday Savers and they save all sorts of holidays.

There were some kids sitting on the porch. They looked disappointed. That's when the man said, "It is time to save Halloween! First, we have to decorate the neighborhood." "Then we have to get everyone a costume," said the woman. When the kids heard this, they jumped to their feet and were ready to help. They split up. Two of the kids and the man left to find some decorations, while the others went to get everyone a costume. The man's team found a mall that sold lots of decorations. But oh no! All the costume stores were closed! It was already 5:30! What were they going to do? They went back to the house and thought and thought until the little boy named Joey jumped and screamed, "There it is! We can make costumes!" Everyone thought about it for a second. Then they agreed to go and collect costume making supplies. Again, they split up but this time, it was every one for themselves. They had some good luck. They found lots of supplies at the Sewing Clubs' meeting area. After they collected enough supplies, they went back to the house and started making a lot of costumes. At 6:15, they were ready to go. They gave everyone their costumes and their house decorations. They had saved Halloween! The kids put on their costumes and went trick or treating. The adults stayed at home and gave out candy. It ended up being a great Halloween! Now what are the Holiday Savers up to next? Save Thanksgiving, maybe? Save Christmas? Hmmm....

October Horror By Knarik Babayans

Once upon a time during Halloween, my friends and I were trick-or-treating from door to door in my neighborhood when we came upon a very scary house. It was not only scary, but it was also haunted. In order for me to get my sweet candy, I had to go inside. When I went inside to get my treat, I got tricked and was jump-scared by a scary clown. I screamed in horror and ran outside without taking my candy. Instead of going back in with my friends, we decided to go home as it was getting dark, and I did not want to get scared again. So, we did. We went home and I ate all of the candy that I collected before I went to bed. I woke up after a couple of hours and it was still dark outside. Everybody was still asleep so I decided to get milk to make me fall asleep again. I drank a glass of milk. As I was heading back to bed, I saw the same clown from the haunted house so I started to scream in horror. But then I woke up and realized it was all a dream.

Lesson: Never go inside a haunted house and say trick or treat, because I'm sure you will get tricked!

Boo! By Eliza Galstyan

Here you are, dressed up for the night
You knock, hoping for a fright
I am dressed to give you some fright
But it's just too hard
I just don't have it in my card
I will say boo...

The full moon is up
And it's really bright
Witches on brooms
Black cats by their side
Bats fly, night sky
Kids get a super sugar rush.
Happy Halloween!



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Columbus Day **By Mane Galstyan**

The United States celebrate Columbus Day on October 12, the day when Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas in 1492. One of the largest celebrations in the United States include Columbus Day parades. In 1792, Tammany Hall held an event to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Columbus' landing in the United States.

Columbus Day is also called Dia de la Hispanidad or Fiesta Nacional in Spain. In many Latin nations, the anniversary of Columbus' landing has traditionally been observed as the D'ia de la Raza, meaning the Day of the Race in Latin. The first state to officially recognize Columbus Day as a holiday was Colorado in 1906, but there are states that have chosen not to recognize Columbus Day as a holiday including Hawaii, South Dakota, and Alaska. Columbus Day did not become a federal holiday until 1937.



Thomas Jefferson Elementary **By Nairi Hakopyan**

Thomas Jefferson my school, my home,
I would never forget,
I had been here since I was a little girl,
I lived here,
I grew up here,
I even made new friends,
I, not in a million years, would leave.

Thomas Jefferson my school my home,
The best place to be,
All the teachers,
All the classmates,
All the education,
Under one roof,
I can't imagine what i would ever do,
Without Thomas Jefferson by my side.

Thomas Jefferson,
My home, my school,
This Is really the place to be.

Pandas **By Eden Petrosian**

Pandas have great camouflage in their environment to protect them. They spend a lot of their day eating. Bamboo is critical to their diet. But they do eat something other than bamboo. Giant pandas are good at climbing trees. They can also swim. Pandas go from pink to white and black or brown. Pandas have so many fans because they look cute. Pandas are lazy. Eating and sleeping make their day. Giant pandas live in bamboo forests. The giant panda is the only species of its kind and currently is endangered. There are only has 500-1,000 mature adult bears existence today. Pandas live in the mountains of southwestern China, in damp misty forests. The giant panda is a national treasure in China. Therefore they are protected by law in its bamboo forest home. Pandas are by nature solitary animals. Most of the time they avoid direct contact with others of their own kind. The giant panda's black and white coat and prominent black eye patches have made it one of the best known species although it is also among the shyest and rarest animals in the world. Mature females usually breed just once every 2 or 3 years in the wild. Cubs stay with their mothers for 18 months before venturing off on their own. Pandas don't roar like **brown bears**. They make sounds similar to the sound of a lamb or a goat. Researchers have counted 11 different panda calls.

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The Lost Gold of WWII

By Raffi Avetisyan

You may not have known, but during WWII the Japanese army raided many banks and treasure sites around Asia. As you may think, the Japanese would have wanted to hide their stolen gold and diamonds, and make sure no one found them. When they realized that their side of the war was losing, the Emperor of Japan ordered one of the most feared Japanese generals, Tomoyuki Yamashita, to hide all the treasures in the Philippines and hide them so well that even in a hundred years, no one would find anything.

Yamashita grabbed hundreds upon hundreds of Japanese soldiers and began working on making large tunnels and hiding the gold in a mountain near a local villager's house. Grandpa, who owned the house, said that the Japanese were doing everything they could, using bombs and manual labor to hide the treasure. They were hauling up crates of gold with trucks and Grandpa's Carabao.

Some artifacts like a golden Buddha with diamonds inside were also found near the mountain. The golden Buddha is now considered to be one of the infamous lost gold of WWII.

Dance

By Eliza Galstyan

Dance is the rhythmic movement of a person's body. The music of the dance gives you space to express your ideas or emotions. Dance gives you energy, or simply takes delight in the movement itself.

Dance is a powerful impulse. The art of dance is impulse channeled by skillful performers, mostly into something that delights viewers who wish to dance themselves and express their feelings.

Do you know that there is proof that dance came from India? There are nine thousand year old cave paintings in India that show dance. Cool, right? One of the earliest uses of dance was to tell the myths about gods.

So what is dance to me? Dance is a very important part of my life. It is everything I cannot live without.

Dance helps me calm down if I am stressed or scared. I have been a dancer since I was 3 years old and since then I have never stopped dancing. I would spend days in my room dancing. I started performing when I was 5 or 6 years old. I was really scared to perform in front of 300 people. During the show, I fell down and hurt my leg. Nothing happened. It was just a bruise. I wanted to give up dancing but my family wouldn't let me. They told me not to give up if I fall down, to get back up and try again. -Since then, dance became everything to me.

My Dance

By Eliza Galstyan

Oh dance, my dance

You make me dance upon the forest path

And make me believe in myself

Your beauty and your moves make me copy you

You are one of a kind to me

You are my life and my future

You bring me happiness

With you, everything is well

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A Little Article about Fall By Melanie Shahverdian

Guess what! It's Fall time! Fall is one of the only seasons when leaves fall down from trees. When these leaves fall, it's like decoration all around the world. You can go to a park, gather all the leaves, make a pile, and jump in it. In the season Fall, there are the months of September, October, and November.

September is important because it is the first month of the season. October is important because the thirty-first is Halloween! On Halloween, people decorate their houses and their front yards. Last but not least, November is important because on the twenty-fifth, it is Thanksgiving!

Fall

By Milena Khacheryan

Fall is between summer and winter
All leaves are colored
Each one is different
Leaves falling, reaching the floor,
Leaves falling, creating a colorful floor

Fun facts:

1. Days get shorter
2. In some schools, school start
3. The most delicious food is made for dinner
4. Starbucks starts getting more orders

An Autumn Poem By Emili Shaginian

A tumbling stick driven by a small tornado,

Underneath the trees, are leaves dancing with the wind

Trembling leaves excited to fall and join the others,

Umber colored world is starting to begin,

Mashed potatoes resting on pretty tasty tables,

Nature gives us the beauty of the season, Fall.

Halloween Poem By Ruzanna Stepanyan

When witches go riding
And black cats are seen
Eat, drink and be scary
'Tis near Halloween

Summer and School By Hovik Vardanyan

Oh, summer here you come.

A hot season and a break from school.

Everyone is going on vacation and heading to the beach to relax in the hot weather.

Everyone is going in the pool to have water gun fights.

They all go back to school in the fall.

Everyone is bored and wants it to be summer again.

Until they like being in school and summer is just a distant past.



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The Scare of a Lifetime Part 1 The Discovery By Raffi Avetisyan

I was walking down the street. It was a dark and stormy night. I could hear the leaves of the nearby trees rattling about. I felt a rain droplet on my finger, and it started to rain. I ran to a nearby mansion. I saw that it was old and appeared to be rotting, but hopeless for cover, I ran toward the rusty gate. The gate made a horrible sound, the kind that blew up my ears! I dashed hopelessly towards the door and surprisingly busted through. I walked around the endless halls and as I suspected, nobody was home. It was almost Halloween, so I thought the house was decorated to look as if it were decaying. But in reality, it was abandoned, maybe for a hundred years! I suddenly stumbled next to a library. It was awfully large, and kind of creepy too. I walked in hoping to find a book that interested me, and surprisingly enough, I did! I found a book named House Rules and History by John. It was ominously missing some pages. But I continued blasting through the pages until I reached the end. I knew everything about the history of the people who lived in the mansion, about how the leader was a horrendous scientist and about how he and his apprentices escaped because of a blob named Billy who supposedly ate the entire world which was revered by the mad scientist. It also said that he captured Billy the Blob and contained him in a container so strong a nuke couldn't blow it up, not even a crack. Somehow Billy escaped and the scientist flew to the moon in search of cover from Billy. I heard a sludge sound and it said, "Who's there?" I dashed all the way to the door, then ran to my house, although I couldn't stop thinking about the mansion and the sound I stumbled upon earlier.

The Witch's House... By Silvi Galstyan

Once upon a time there were two sisters, Sofia and Claire. They were on a secret mission to pay a visit to the witch's house which was on the top of the hill. They had to get a potion that would help cure sick people that have cancer or any other sickness that could kill them. This mission was their first and maybe last mission. Sofia and Claire both had an invisibility cloak which would help them go into the witch's house without getting caught. But the cloak will expire 5 hours after they put it on. On the way up to the witch's house they saw an old woman living in an old cottage. After some discussions, Sofia and Claire decided to ask the woman for some food and a place to sleep. The woman agreed to do so and led them to her cottage. She made them warm soup to eat along with a soft bed to rest in. After resting for a day, they thanked the woman for helping them. Sofia and Claire continued their trip and before they knew it, they arrived. The witch was outside gathering ingredients for potions and food. The sisters put their cloaks on and snuck into the house. They decided to split up to look for the potion. Their boss had told them that it would be blue. But there was a problem. Every potion in the room was blue! Sofia started to think of what to do while Claire tried to figure out which one could be the potion they needed. After a while, the witch came out of nowhere and almost caught them. Thankfully, she didn't. Sofia remembered what their boss had said, "The potion would have bubbles floating above it." She quickly went to tell Claire what she had remembered. After sometime, they found the potion. But they had another problem. The witch was still in the house, so if they take the potion she might catch them. Claire thought of cutting a small portion of the invisibility cloak to wrap it around the bottle of potion. She made it and wrapped it around the bottle. Sofia and Claire quickly made their way out of the witch's house and made it to town. As soon as they arrived their boss congratulated them and gave the potion to the doctors, so they could make more for everyone. News spread about the sisters and in the blink of an eye they were heroes! Sofia and Claire were very glad that they were able to help sick people.

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The Scare of a Lifetime Part 2

The Following Day

By Raffi Avetisyan

I got home safely. This was the following day of the frightening day. I was still wondering about the strange noise I heard yesterday, and I tried so hard to forget it... I just couldn't. Not knowing what to do, I wandered around then went straight to the TV, hence turning on my favorite show. The news channel popped up and curious to know what's going on, I kept the channel on which revealed that the house I had been to yesterday had been demolished completely. No one little piece of scrap was left. I suspected that the house had just been taken apart because of its oldness. But then I realized that if they did this, then there would be some parts of the old mansion that would have been left. But it was all gone, not one little piece left. Scared out of my mind, I ran outside knowing that the culprit behind the disappearance of the house must have been Billy the Blob. I laid down on my hammock for a few seconds, just enough time to cool off. Knowing the dangers that were in store for planet Earth and knowing that I had a piece of pink goo on my jacket, I ran to my parents' bedroom, stole the car keys, and drove all the way to NASA's headquarters to share the specimen. I barged through the front door, not caring a single bit about security, and finally made my way to the lab of the head researcher sharing the anomaly with him and launching a rocket to the moon in search of the long, lost scientist. He was our only hope in knowing the proper way to contain the blob, and possibly finding a way to destroy it too.

Hello Katie, Are You There?

A Very Scary Story...

By Areg Hakhverdian

One upon a time there was a famous vlogger named Jack Vlogz. On Halloween, he asked his followers to name a scary place for him to go to. He was asked to go to a mansion in Maryland and the fan gave him the coordinates. He also told him to look in the mirror and say "Katie are you there?"

As told, he went to the coordinates. It had an old Chevrolet car in the driveway. It was a big 3-story mansion. He started recording and went inside. He said it looked like royalty because of the carpet and texture of the fire pit, chairs, table and kitchen. When he was done with the first floor, he went to the second floor which was completely different. It had no carpeting, the chairs were ripped, and the table was broken. But something that was annoying him were the weird voices that he was hearing. He thought it was just in his mind.... Because he was scared. And so, he went to the third floor. His camera battery went out at the 3rd floor and the voices got louder and louder. The interior was the same. Finally, he saw a bathroom. He lit up a candle and said "Katie, are you there?". Afterwards he heard a voice saying "Yessss...." The vlogger was freaked out of his mind. He ran away while he was hearing the voices saying "Jackk dont leaveeee. We could have so much funnnnn..."

As he got out of the mansion, he saw a ghost at the front of the door saying "goodbye-ee...." He was freaked out. He finally wiped the sweat off his forehead, ran to his car and drove to the airport. Jack went back home and posted the video that he recorded.

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The Scare of a Lifetime Part 3 The Final Hours of Planet Earth By Raffi Avetisyan

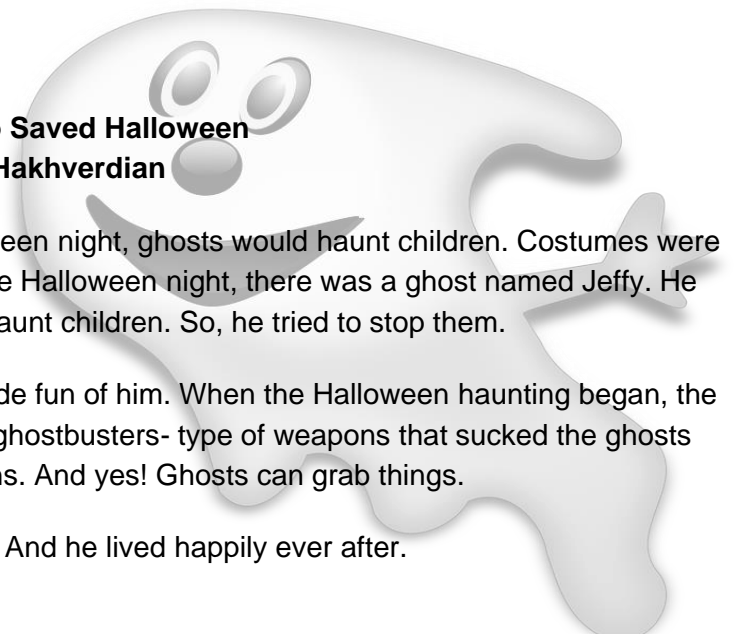
As the rocket flew at maximum speed, we waited down here, impatient to solve this disaster. But as time flew by, many cities were demolished all the way to hard rock. Los Angeles was gone. Chicago was gone. Almost every city was gone at this point. And as the rocket prepared to land, it was the last hours of our planet Earth. We ordered the many astronauts we sent on the mission to split up and find the scientist who could end it all! I was so excited when the astronauts found him. We said all the problems and he told us to implant a mixture which contained gold, iron, Phoenix feathers and some toxic cyanide inside the belly of the beast, which would shrink Billy and save humanity once and for all. He noted that we have to contain the blob inside the strongest glass in existence, Golden Glass. After these critical messages, we got to work. NASA surprisingly had all the ingredients needed, even the Phoenix feather which is extremely rare. We mixed them up and got the mixture. I thanked the man for his cooperation and set myself on the course of the monster's final stop, New York City! Luckily, I was right next to the place and with little time to spare, I made a run for it. I dashed across the streets, toppling people to the ground, and made my way to Brooklyn Bridge. I was face to face with the colossal pink blob. It was as big as the empire state building! Its goo was dripping, making a plopping sound! My heart was racing as fast as a tornado. The blob rushed forward. Everyone was panicking, and running in circles. I heard screams in the distance of people rushing for cover. I would've done the same, but not this time. I ran as fast as I could towards the beast and threw the mixture at it. Surprisingly, it went right in like a hole in one, and the huge beastly blob turned into the tiniest thing you could ever see. I contained it in a normal glass container, not remembering what the scientist said, leaving the tiny blob to escape once again. I trotted down the streets of New York City as a new and accomplished hero, though I had the scare of a lifetime.

The Ghost Who Saved Halloween By Areg Hakhverdian

Once upon a time, there was a world where on Halloween night, ghosts would haunt children. Costumes were a way to protect themselves, kind of like an armor. One Halloween night, there was a ghost named Jeffy. He didn't like the idea that once a year they would try to haunt children. So, he tried to stop them.

Of course, it did not work! And all the other ghosts made fun of him. When the Halloween haunting began, the humans were prepared to fight back. They had these ghostbusters- type of weapons that sucked the ghosts up. Jeffy picked one up and started helping the humans. And yes! Ghosts can grab things.

When all the ghosts were gone, Jeffy became human. And he lived happily ever after.



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Halloween Night By Emili Shaginian

On Halloween night, Evie and her best friend Noah were going out to go trick or treating. Evie was dressed up as a witch and Noah was dressed up as a wizard. They decided to go out at 8pm, so it's not that late.

A few hours later, they got tired from knocking at almost every door in their village. They decided to walk back to their house and call Kammie home. But right when they got up from the bench, Maxine came running towards them. She stopped.

"Noah! Evie!.." she gasped for air.

"W..What happened?" asked Noah. he put his hand on her shoulder.

"Uhm! Have you..have you ffound Kammie yet?" she asked, with a worried face.

"Uhhh..? She was supposed to be with you..isn't she?" asked Evie.

"N-No.." answered Maxine.

"What do you mean, then where's Kammie?" asked Noah. He was getting angry because he knew how irresponsible Kammie, his sister, could be.

"Okay where did you last see her?" asked Evie.

"Uhm.. Over there, we saw her walk in but... no one ever saw her walk out," said Maxine, she pointed at an old looking house.

"Okay. Maxine you stay here, call everyone in your friend group and make sure they are okay and get over here safely. We need to gather everyone up. Me and Noah will go looking after Kammie," said Evie. She was a good planner.

Noah got his flashlight and Evie got hers. And together, they took off. They walked a long way to get to the big, spooky house.

"Who's gonna ring the bell, Hm?" Asked Evie.

"The powerful witch, of course," said Noah as they both chuckled. The witch, I meant Evie took a bow and placed her finger on the old looking button that they assumed would be the bell. And they were correct. After pressing it hard enough the creepy music rang. The doors opened. Evie let Noah walk in first since she already did her part, which was ringing the bell.

"Uhm..Hello?" silently yelled Noah. No answer.

"Whatever, let's explore this place, find Kammie, and get home safely," said Evie as she walked in front of Noah.

"Don't just walk in here like it's your own house, this could be a trap!" Noah warned Evie.

"Well anyways, let's find your sister," she said. They searched and searched but never found any clue of what could have happened to Kammie.

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"You know what, we almost searched this whole house, maybe she's not here? Maybe they found her and she's home with Maxine and the others." said Noah.

"You're right we searched the entire place, what's the time?" asked Evie.

"9:44pm," answered Noah.

"Okay...Well what do we do, oh brave Wizard?" she asked.

"We find the exit and go search for Kammie in other places," said Noah. Evie agreed and they made their way back to the door. Evie reached to the door knob and twisted it so it could open, but....It wasn't working. It was locked.

"Uhm, we have a problem..." she said as she turned to see Noah with a confused and worried look on.

"Alright, it's okay. We just have to find another way to exit..., right?" said Noah trying to reach for hope.

"Okay, got any new ideas of how to get out of here?" asked Evie.

"Well, we can try the windows...?" Said Noah. Evie nodded and followed Noah.

When they reached the windows on the first floor, they were blocked with wood.

"Oh, of course, let's try the windows on the second floor!" said Evie. They ran to find the stairs and walked up. Surprisingly the little lights the house had, went out. They got scared but,

"At Least we got the flashlights!" yelled Noah. He spoke way too soon. Their charge went out too. Now it was complete darkness.

"Oh, come on!" shouted Evie. Then, they both heard a sound. They followed the sound till they reached a certain room and the lights turned on. They figured it was a living room. They noticed the TV and it was turned on.

"Uhm..., Why is the TV on?" asked Evie

"I have no idea, it was turned off earlier since we didn't hear it," answered Noah.

"Heh...you don't think ghosts exist..., do you?" asked Evie.

"Relax Eviiiiiee, I'm sure it's just a set up scenario" answered Noah. That sounded better than thinking that ghosts are real. They walked towards the TV.

And then walked towards the front of it. When they saw whatever was on the TV...

"Eugh!" yelled Evie as she quickly turned back.

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"Oh no-" said Noah as he also quickly turned away from the TV.

"Why that though?" said Evie.

"I have no idea," said Noah. On the TV was a picture of a dead rat...

"I'm tired, let's get out of here, please!" yelled Evie.

"Yeah, c'mon!" He said as he pulled Evie and they both ran. As they ran to who knows where they saw a door with a board on it saying "Bathroom".

"Well we do not need a bathroom," said Noah as he was about to walk away but

"Wait, let me wash my hands first, their sweaty," said Evie. But that was...a strong move because then, they heard weird noises.

"Is that a... laugh..?" asked Noah.

"Did someone just get hit by a lamp..?" asked Evie as they heard more.

"Check the bathroom," said Noah.

"Nope, nothing in the... WAIT. AHA! I found it!" said Evie as she pointed towards the walls covered with wallpaper.

"Hm?" sighed Noah.

"Shhh...!!" whispered Evie. She got closer to the wallpaper and ripped it.

"Evie! What are you...Oh," said Noah. When she ripped the wallpaper, they found a secret door. Evie and Noah walked up to the front of it. Noah slowly opened the door only to see cameras of the inside of the house. Then, a table that was filled with buttons and on top of it were fake newsletters and turned off phones. And the last thing they saw was Noah's younger sibling Kammie sitting there, having lunch with her friends Maxine, Zack, and Hazel.

"What. Is. THIS?!" yelled Noah. Everyone's eyes flew wide open. Then, they all fell into laughing super hard. When they calmed down,

"Uhh.....Hey guys...? It's...a..prank...! Congrats...?.....Wanna join...Our....Lunch...?" asked Kammie, smiling nervously but brightly.

"KAMMIE!!!" screamed Noah.

The end~'

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LeBron James By Areg Hakhverdian

LeBron James is one of the best basketball players of all time! He has won 4 championships, 4 finals MVPs, 3 MVPs. He's also a 17-time All-star, and 5-time All-star game MVP. That's a lot of rewards.

He was born in Akron, Ohio on December 30th, 1984. During his childhood, his family was tight on money. But his basketball coach agreed with his mother that Bron can stay at their house to focus on studying and basketball. A couple years later, he joined the St. Mary High School basketball team and was named the "The Chosen One" by the Sports Illustrated magazine. In the 2003 NBA draft, he was chosen first pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers. And he didn't even go to college, which is really rare.

In his first year, he won Rookie of the year. He had a pretty consistent career and won 1 MVP during his time with the Cavaliers. But in 2010, he made a decision which would change how people looked at him. He went to the Miami Heat and left Cleveland for a super team. There he won 2 MVPs and finally won 2 championships, winning finals MVP both times. When his 4-year contract ended he went back to the Cavaliers to win them the championship he promised. In 2016, they beat the Golden State Warriors, down 3-1 and coming back to beat them. In 2018, he joined the Lakers and in 2019, Anthony Davis joined too. They were a powerhouse team going on to win the 4th championship for LeBron in 2020.

Fun fact: People say it was the Mickey Mouse championship because they played in Orlando and they overcame bad teams. In 2021 he didn't have much luck because of injuries. But his career is still going strong. So let's see what happens.



The Legend of Kobe Bryant By Ellen Karamyan

Kobe Bryant was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 23, 1978. He has two older sisters, Sharia and Shaya. Kobe attended Lower Merion High School in a suburb of Philadelphia. He was a standout basketball player and earned several awards.

Kobe Bryant wasn't the only professional basketball player in his family. His dad, Jellybean Joe Bryant, was a pro basketball player too. He played for the Philadelphia 76ers, San Diego Clippers, and Houston Rockets. He also played for several teams in Italy and France.

Kobe Bryant was one of the best basketball players. But sadly, he passed away in a helicopter crash on January 26, 2020. Before Kobe died he had an amazing basketball career. He started playing in the NBA in 1996. He was the youngest basketball player in the NBA history. He was drafted by the Charlotte Hornets then he got traded to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Kobe Bryant played with the Los Angeles Lakers for 20 years. He retired at age 35. After Kobe retired, he never forgot about basketball. He trained his daughter Gianna Bryant to be an amazing basketball player like him. Kobe wasn't only an amazing basketball player but he was also an amazing dad. He helped a lot of people and charities. He helped raise 81 million dollars for kids who were fighting cancer.

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Fall *By Areg Hakhverdian*

Oh Fall with your colorful leaves
Falling from the old aging trees
I want to go deep in parks to not hear the machines
I want to eat the Thanksgiving meals
And let's not even talk about the Black Friday deals
Our dads watching football- oh what a feel
It's so good it might just not be real!

October Poem **Kaylee Mehrabi**

October's the month
When the smallest breeze
Gives us a shower of autumn leaves
Bonfires and pumpkins,
Leaves sailing down -
October is red
And golden and brown
October leaves are lovely
They rustle when I run
Sometimes I make a heap
And jump in them for fun

The Halloween Night *By Elen Agramanyan*

Once upon a time there was a girl named Eve and a boy named Mark. They both loved Halloween and did pranks all the time. They would scare people with fake jumping spiders, monsters and skeletons! Whenever there was a full moon, they would put fake dead bodies and scary people in their backyard. It sometimes surprises people too. It was so scary that it scared even more people away. Eve and Mark said that it was so scary that if you come trick or treating here, you would have nightmares. But on Halloween night, something went really wrong. Some people got very scared and went somewhere else to trick or treat. Even Eve and Mark's parents got scared.

After Eve and Mark gave out the candy, they invited their friends to go trick or treating in their spooky costumes to scare people. They were so good at scaring people that the more they trick or treated them, the more candy they got. The last thing that they did before going to bed was have a pillow fight!

The End

October **By Kaylee Mehrabi**

October is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the sixth of seven months to have a length of 31 days. October is best known for its Halloween festivities, but it's also a month loaded with national and global celebrations. The Hindu festival of lights, Diwali, always occurs in October, while religious holidays Yom Kippur and Sukkot sometimes fall during this month.

The Haunted Halloween **By Elen Agramanyan**

Once upon a time there were two boys named Jackson and Narek. It was Halloween. Jackson and Narek said that they were not scared of anything. So they decided to go to the creepy house that was 2 blocks away from them. They went in the house. When they entered the house, nothing seemed to be going wrong. Little did they know that the house was haunted. Two minutes later, they heard loud breaking sounds and got scared. But they did not tell each other. Then they felt something touching their feet and they screamed, "THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED!" They could not get out of the house. They screamed some more, "Help, someone, please!" But no one could hear them. After a while, they told each other that they were afraid. They could hear scratching and whispering. They started to scream again for help until finally, they found a way out and ran to their house superfast.

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The Fall Show

By Milena Khacheryan

“Shhhhhhh. The performance is about to start in 5 minutes.... What performance? The fall performance silly!!!”

“We are ready Mr. Sun,” said the leaves.

“Great my darlings. I have prepared your clothes...” said Mr. Sun. And with its golden sunshine he turned the leaves into beautiful colors. “And now we need the wind! Mrs. Windy, where are you?” said the leaves. “As always, she is late.” said Mr. Sun disappointedly.

“Oh! Sorry I'm here now. Let the show begin!” said Ms. Windy and blew the leaves so strong that they started dancing in the air, making the city look like a colorful rug. Mr. Sun was very excited. So was Ms. Windy. They were dancing from excitement. As the leaves were falling, Mr. Sun said, “This year's show is the best!”

“You say that every year.” said Ms. Windy, rolling her eyes like the fastest merry-go-round.

Fall is here, the most magical one.

The Cat Palace

By Samuel Johnson

Once upon a time, there was a knight cat named Dragon and a princess cat named Kitty. All of sudden, a friendly troll named Trollette came out of her cave and yelled at them, “Run for your lives!”. The Wicked Witch was chasing her. Trollette was holding a burrito in her left hand. On her right hand, she was holding on to a boy named Finn. Finn was wearing an enchanted necklace that turned the burrito into an invisibility cloak.

After about an hour of hiding inside the invisibility cloak, Finn and Trollette ended up at the Cat Palace. It was night and there was a full moon. Princess Kitty was riding her unidragon, which was really a dragon with a unicorn's head, around her family's palace. The princess saw them and yelled, “Trollette!” She flew over with a cassette while her pet penguin waddled over. The penguin was carrying a snail who had a magic map. The snail was protecting the map with his life. On the map, there was a goblin holding a coin at the X. The unidragon roared! The Good Witch came out of the Cat Palace. Most of the creatures and Finn left for the spot on the map. They arrived safely and saw a goblin statue waiting for them. Suddenly, a shadow appeared from the goblin statue's right eye. It started to move. The Wicked Witch came out from the goblin's right eye. Then the Wicked Witch's army emerged from the woods. They started fighting with Finn, Trollette, Dragon, and Princess Kitty using fists and firecrackers. In the end, Princess Kitty's army won and got the treasure, the magical goblin statue. The End

Happy Halloween!

By Nane Galstyan

October's spookiest, creepiest, and most fun holiday is... you guessed it, Halloween! Halloween was created by The Celts. It is celebrated on October 31. One of the best parts of Halloween is when you wear a costume and go out to collect candy.

On Halloween, we do funny, and hopefully not dangerous pranks on each other. On this day, we carve pumpkins and decorate our homes. When we walk through the street, we see different people wearing different costumes. If you are young, you might get scared, so always stay with your parents just in case. If you go to a stranger's house and ask for candy, remember to knock on the door first.

They only celebrate Halloween in the United States, Ireland, Mexico, Italy, and Portugal. In Mexico, kids knock on the door and shout, “Queremos dulces!” which means we want candy. In Portugal, on November 1, children knock on their neighbor's door and say, “Pao-por-Deus” which means bread for god. Halloween will always be one of my favorite Holidays in October.

A Scary Halloween

By Nane Galstyan

On the night before Halloween, there was a knock on the door. Sisu and Lala were fighting over who should get the door first, but while they were fighting, the door suddenly opened. Sisu and Lala got so scared. Behind the door, there was a ghost! The ghost was white, black, and really dark red. It was flabby and fat. The ghost knocked down everything, the table, pictures, chairs and beds. Since Sisu and Lala were home alone, they didn't know what to do. Suddenly, Lala said to Sisu, “Let's get the broom and hit the ghost with it.” But what Lala didn't realize is that if you hit a ghost, it won't get hurt, because it doesn't have a body. When Lala and Sisu's mother came home from the store, she saw the ghost. Right away, she called the police and the army. They couldn't stop the ghost because it was too strong. Suddenly someone came.... It was the king! The king took out his sword and began to fight with the ghost. Lala blinks two times, wakes up, and sees that it was all just a dream.

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Halloween Night By Eden Petrosian

In few days, you start looking for a costume. You wait and you wait and when the day finally gets here, you feel very impatient about school being over. When you get home, you feel excited. It is a wait but you just keep waiting til it gets dark.

You start putting on your costume. You wait for your parents. You get your basket and your parents are ready. You all head out, maybe with someone you know, like a friend. You go to your neighbor's house and say the magic words, "Trick or Treat." And you get your first piece of candy. You keep on going until your bag is full. You go home and eat a few. Then you go to bed happily.



THE PUMPKINS ARE ALIVE!!!

By Layla Battles, *guest writer*

It's Halloween! I'm so excited! I already have my costume!!! Don't tell anyone but I've had my costume ready since the beginning of September. I set my lit and carved pumpkins and I put on my costume! Even in the dark it looks like sunshine. All the pumpkins are lit up.

I was decorating my yard because before I go trick or treating, I was having a Halloween party. But every time I looked back at my neighbors' lawns, one of their pumpkins was missing. At first, I thought I was going crazy because I was so excited... until my pumpkins started secretly changing places, I guess to say. I started to secretly watch them. When I went inside, I heard chatter. I knew it was the pumpkins. I told everyone who came to my party. They were all surprised.

We listened and learned their code. We sent them a secret message to meet at the plaza. When we told them we knew about their secret, they said that they traveled here from a town called Pummy. They said their chief sent them to collect human information. Scared and confused we let them explain but did decide to send them back. Before they left, they told us something NO ONE was expecting. They said, "Your mayor was our chief!!" Ok.... That was crazy but I hope you enjoyed my Halloween story!

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