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BOBBY'S WORLD – NIGHT OF THE LIVING PUMPKIN

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. GENERIC LIVING - EARLY EVENING - CLOSE ON PUMPKIN

Roger sticks his nose in a plastic Jack O' Lantern filled with candy which sits on the coffee table. Suddenly, a big FAKE SPIDER pops down on Roger's nose. He REACTS with surprise, then GROWLS. The spider BOUNCES OUT OF FRAME. Roger digs in and EATS CANDY. SFX: CHOMPS.

PANNING - WIDE ON LIVING ROOM

Everything is decorated with a Halloween theme. Strings of little orange Pumpkin lights are strung from the ceiling and looped around the pictures. Also hanging from the ceiling are cut-out paper WITCHES, GHOSTS and SKELETONS.

ON DOORWAY

Mom stands on a chair, spraying FAKE COBWEBS in the doorway. She wears an outrageously frilly LITTLE BO PEEP costume.

MOM

Bob-by! Der-ek!! Are you ready yet?

DEREK (O.S.)

Just a sec.

Kelly enters and gets her arms caught in the cobwebs.

KELLY

Tch. Gross!

ANGLE - MOM

She's joyfully spraying cobwebs like mad.

MOM

Where's your Halloween spirit! I got a case of cobweb spray at the Cheap Buyers' Club!

DEREK (O.S.)

(interrupting)

And now for something really scary --- your son, Bobby!

ANGLE - HALLWAY

Derek leads Bobby down hall toward living room. Bobby is dressed in his "costume": too-short trousers, slicked-back hair, white socks, black shoes. He opens his arms wide.

BOBBY

Happy Halloween!

Kelly steps into frame.

KELLY

Tch. What's he supposed to be?

DEREK

He's a Dork!

ANGLE - MOM

She gets off chair and points toward Bobby's room.

MOM

Derek Generic. You march right back in there and put Bobby in his real costume.

DEREK

(reluctantly)

O-kay.

ON DEREK AND BOBBY

Derek and Bobby walk back toward room.

BOBBY

I wanna be something scary!

DEREK

I think Mom's costume is scary enough
for the whole family.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KITCHEN - A LITTLE LATER

Mom hands Kelly a plate with food on it.

KELLY

What is it?

ON PLATE

There's a brown sandwich with big ugly raisins in it, orange
stuff oozes out the sides. Next to it is a mound of green goo.

MOM (O.S.)

Pumpkin burger on raisin bread. Don't
those raisins look like little bugs?
And that's guacamole, but I'll tell the
boys it's slime!

DEREK (O.S.)

The dork is back!

ANGLE - BOBBY AND DEREK

Bobby wears a cute PUMPKIN costume, very round around the
middle, with a hat like the stem on the pumpkin.

WIDEN ANGLE

Mom rushes forward; Kelly's right behind her.

MOM

Bobby, you're just so gee-darn cute!

ANGLE - BOBBY AND MOM

He furrows his brow.

BOBBY

Mom, you said I could be Captain
Squash!

Mom gets on her knees and starts adjusting Bobby's cap, fooling
around with the costume, rebuttoning buttons, etc.

MOM

I know, honey, but the store was all
out of Captain Squash costumes. The
Pumpkin was the closest vegetable I
could find.

BOBBY

It's not the same.

MOM

Oh, now, honey, you look good enough to
eat! Right, Derek?

ON DEREK

As he pats Bobby on the head - a little too hard. Bobby blinks
hard with each "pat"

DEREK

Yeah. When you go out with all the
ghosts and goblins tonight, they'll
just want to eat you up!

-----COMMANDER PUMPKIN FANTASY BEGINS-----

EXT. STREET - DARK NIGHT

Bobby in pumpkin costume is pursued by GHOSTS, WITCHES, MUMMIES.

GHOULS

(various)

Yum-yum/Eat him up/Grrr/ Get him!/etc.

ANGLE ON BOBBY

He runs fearfully toward Camera, then suddenly STOPS.

BOBBY

Wait a minute! What am I afraid of?

ANOTHER ANGLE - BOBBY

He turns to face them.

BOBBY (CONT'D)

Stop! Stop in the name of...

He rips open his pumpkin costume. Underneath it is another pumpkin costume, with a big Superman kind of symbol - a giant "P". He has a FIERCE expression on his face.

BOBBY (CONT'D)

COMMANDER PUMPKIN!!

ON GHOULS

They stop in their tracks, frightened.

GHOULS

Commander Pumpkin/Oh, no!/Not him/

-----COMMANDER PUMPKIN FANTASY ENDS-----

INT. KITCHEN

Derek leans over Bobby and pokes at his costume.

DEREK

(mimicking Mom)

He's cute! He's a dork, but he's soooo cute!

Bobby quickly RETRACTS his arms and legs INTO the shell (like a turtle) and LOWERS his head. All we see is the pumpkin.

MOM

Aw, look at how cute he is!

Bobby's head pops up out of the costume.

BOBBY

Mom, could you please quit saying I'm
cute?

ANGLE - MOM

She points O.S.

MOM

Not you --him!

ANGLE ON DAD

walking into kitchen, dressed in an outrageous Humpty Dumpty
costume. He does not look happy.

DAD

Martha, this is not the costume I
wanted.

WIDEN ANGLE

Mom rushes to Dad and fussing with his costume, fiddling with
the bowtie, adjusting the belt.

MOM

I know, honey, but the store was OUT of
Captain Squash costumes.

DAD

But egg isn't even in the same food
group as squash!

ANGLE ON MOM AND BOBBY

Mom hands Bobby a plate like Dad's.

MOM

Bobby, eat your pumpkin burger and then
Derek will take you around the
neighborhood.

Bobby views the food with fear and suspicion.

ON DEREK

He's scarfing his sandwich.

DEREK

This bug bread is cool!

(realizes what she said)

Me take him!! Why don't you take him to
your party?

ON MOM AND DAD

DAD

Our party is for grownups.

MOM

Bobby would be bored by all that
grownup talk.

-----MOTHER GOOSE MINI-FANTASY BEGINS-----

INT. LIVING ROOM

Adult Mother Goose characters stand around, holding punch cups
and talking. There's Mother Goose, Little Boy Blue, Mary Mary
Quite Contrary, Simple Simon. Standing in the middle, looking
up, is Bobby in pumpkin costume.

BOY BLUE

(flirtatiously)

So, Ms Contrary how does your garden
grow?

MARY MARY

(Mae West-like)

Oooh, wouldn't you like to know, Blue
Boy?

ON SIMON AND PETER PETER

SIMPLE SIMON

As soon as I come up with a new
marketing strategy, my pumpkin pies
will be --

He notices Bobby.

SIMPLE SIMON (CONT'D)

Hi, there, young man. Have you met
Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater?

BOBBY

(gulp)

-----MOTHER GOOSE FANTASY ENDS-----

EXT. FRONT PORCH - NIGHT

Mom and Kelly stand on porch. Mom has her shepherdess staff.
Derek and Bobby are on front walk, about to leave. Bobby carries
a candy bucket for treats.

MOM

Kelly will stay and hand out candy. Now
Derek, take Bobby to the next door
neighbors, then over to the Engstrom's
party. And be back by 9.

ON DEREK AND BOBBY

As they start down the front walk.

DEREK

We'll be back sooner than that.
(under breath)
Like five minutes.

MOM (O.S.)

And Derek, be sure and keep an EYE on
Bobby at all times, you hear!

ANGLE ON BOBBY

His eyes grow wide.

----- EYEBALL MINI-FANTASY BEGINS -----

EXT. SIDEWALK - NIGHT

Bobby - in costume - walks along the sidewalk with a GIANT,
DISEMBODIED EYEBALL sitting on his shoulder.

BOBBY
Get off my back.

EYEBALL (DEREK)
No way. Mom said to keep an eye on you
at all times!

-----EYEBALL MINI-FANTASY ENDS-----

WIPE TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - NIGHT

Derek and Bobby pass kids in costume: a DOZEN Captain Squashes,
weird aliens, cowboys, dinosaurs, ugly pirates, Ninja warriors.

ON BOBBY

His eyes look wide and somewhat fearful.

BOBBY
Derek? DEREK?

DEREK
Ssh. I'm over here.

BOBBY'S POV - DEREK

He's walking on the other side of a row of hedges.

DEREK (CONT'D)
I don't want anybody to see me - okay?

ON BOBBY AND DEREK

They walk a few more steps - Derek on the other side of the
hedges; Bobby looking around terrified. SFX: RUSTLE

BOBBY
What's that?

DEREK
A big bad leaf, dude. Don't go psycho
on me, okay?

ANOTHER ANGLE - BOBBY AND DEREK

They take a few more steps. SFX: DISTANT CAR

BOBBY

What's that?

DEREK

Just Dracula hiding behind that tree.

ON BOBBY

Really, really scared. SFX: A SMALL BURP. Bobby's eyes look slowly left, then right.

BOBBY

What's that?

ON DEREK

He's bored by the whole thing.

DEREK

Gas. A burp. Yeah, a troll-burp.
What's the matter - is the 'ittle baby
scared of his own shadow?

ON BOBBY

He's clearly scared.

-----SHADOW MINI-FANTASY BEGINS-----

EXT. WALL - NIGHT - PANNING WITH BOBBY

Bobby walks along in front of a wall, his SHADOW right behind. The shadow starts out looking like Bobby, but suddenly transforms into a MONSTER-SHAPED shadow.

SHADOW

Bobby. Bobbbbb-eeee.

Bobby looks back. Then he raises his fists, boxer-style, and starts jabbing the shadow. They SHADOW-BOX. Bobby wins.

-----SHADOW MINI-FANTASY ENDS-----

WIDE IN FRONT OF HOUSE

Derek and Bobby stop in front of innocuous-looking house.

DEREK

First stop. Mrs. Rumpelmyer's.

MED. ON DEREK AND BOBBY

Derek leads Bobby up the walk to the house.

DEREK

At least the old witch who lives here
gives out good treats.

Derek reaches for the doorbell.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

Eyes REAL WIDE now.

BOBBY

Old. . . witch!

-----WITCH FANTASY BEGINS-----

EXT. MRS. RUMPELMYER'S PORCH

Bobby stands before a peppermint front door. The whole house is made of candy: chocolate, gumdrops, jelly beans, etc. Bobby breaks off the peppermint doorbell. He starts to bite into it. There's a sudden STRONG WIND.

WITCH

Hee-heeee-heeee!! Delicious!

Bobby drops the candy. Suddenly, a WITCH swoops down on a broomstick. She's the quintessential ugly old hag; makes Margaret Hamilton look like Little Mary Sunshine.

WITCH (CONT'D)

Eat away, Bobby! And when you're
fattened up a little, you'll make a
fine Sunday dinner!

(cackles)

She swoops over the roof on her broomstick. Smoke pours out the back, quickly spelling out "GOTCHA, BOBBY!" Doorbell SFX interrupt fantasy.

-----WITCH FANTASY ENDS-----

EXT. MRS. RUMPELMYER'S PORCH

Mrs. Rumpelmyer opens the door. She's the opposite of witchy; sweet, plump, gray hair in bun, kindly.

MRS. RUMPELMYER

Bobby! Oh, you look so sweet! What a little doll!

Mrs. Rumpelmyer dumps a load of candy in Bobby's candy bucket.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK

Derek and Bobby walk along. Derek reaches in and takes a huge handful of candy out of Bobby's bucket.

BOBBY

Derek, that's mine!

DEREK

Hey, you don't want to grow up and lose your teeth like Grandpa, do ya? I'm doing you a big favor!

BOBBY

(unsure)

Oh. Thanks.

They walk a FEW MORE STEPS then stop.

WIDE IN FRONT OF HOUSE

Derek and Bobby stop on sidewalk in front of a different house. There are no lights on.

DEREK

Second stop. Mr. Gross's.

They start up walk.

BOBBY
Isn't it kind of dark?

DEREK
Yeah. Hope the old duffer hasn't kicked
the bucket.

-----BUCKET-KICKING FANTASY BEGINS-----

INT. MR. GROSS'S HOUSE

Everything is very old: dusty furniture, cobwebs everywhere. Bobby walks through the house behind MR. GROSS. He's ancient, slow-moving. In the center of the room is a HUGE BUCKET.

BOBBY
Watch that bucket, Mr. Gross.

CLOSE ON MR. GROSS

He turns and cups his hand around his ear, but keeps walking toward bucket.

MR. GROSS
How's that?

ON BOBBY

He cups his hands around his mouth.

BOBBY
I said DON'T KICK THAT BUCKET!

MED. ON MR. GROSS

He approaches the bucket. A CAT crosses in front of him.

MR. GROSS
Bucket? What bucket?

Mr. Gross trips over cat and kicks the bucket. SFX: BOING!
Little WINGS sprout on Mr. Gross's shoulders, HEAVENLY MUSIC is heard, the TOP of the house OPENS and Mr. Gross starts to rise.

MR. GROSS
Oh! That bucket! Bye-bye, Bobby!!

He waves down at Bobby. Bobby waves back. DOORBELL SFX.

-----BUCKET-KICKING FANTASY ENDS-----

EXT. MR. GROSS'S PORCH - NIGHT

Mr. Gross opens the door. He's old but not quite as ancient as the fantasy. He looks down at Bobby.

MR. GROSS
Who's that?

BOBBY
Bobby
(loudly)
Bobby Generic.

MR. GROSS
Oh! Bobby Generic. Well, I have a
little treat for you.

He gives Bobby candy.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Bobby shows Derek the candy bar.

BOBBY
It's kind of dusty.

DEREK
Come on. Let's go home.

BOBBY
But Mom said you were supposed to take
me to the Engstrom's party.

ANGLE - DEREK

Looks around to make sure no one sees him.

DEREK

I wouldn't be caught dead at that baby party. D'ya think I'm a dink or something?

CHUCK (O.S.)

Yo! It's Toe-Jam Generic! Wait up.

Derek looks behind him.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

He looks back.

BOBBY

Toe-jam?

WIDEN

Derek and Bobby are being followed by three TOUGH BULLIES: CHUCK, RAD, and toughest of all TIFFANY (yes, a girl). They maintain 20 feet distance or so.

TIFFANY

Hangin' out with the tiny tots now?

Derek points to Bobby with disdain.

DEREK

Him? He's just my brother.

ANGLE ON BULLIES

They nudge one another, laughing.

RAD

Toe-Jam Junior.

CLOSE ON DEREK AND BOBBY

Derek is upset by their teasing. He bends down.

DEREK

Come on. I know a shortcut.

BOBBY

Short-cut? Where?

WIDE ANGLE - DOWN ON SIDEWALK

Derek - pulling Bobby by the hand - suddenly disappears through the hedges. The three bullies STOP.

RAD

Hey -where'd they go?

WIPE TO:

EXT. ENGSTROM'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Derek is half-dragging Bobby toward the front door.

BOBBY

Thanks for bringing me to the party.

DEREK

No problem. Hurry up!

BOBBY

What's it like?

Derek looks around to make sure no one sees him.

DEREK

It's the same every year. Just a bunch of space cadets.

ON BOBBY

Thinking about this.

-----SPACE PARTY FANTASY BEGINS-----

INT. ENGSTROM'S HOUSE

Bobby - in pumpkin costume - is surrounded by weird ALIENS and people in SPACE SUITS. They're drinking punch, eating chips'n'dip. A MARTIAN bends down and talks to Bobby.

MARTIAN

Take me to your leader.

BOBBY

Him? He's just my brother.

MARTIAN

We need you, Bobby. We have no pumpkins
on Mars.

Suddenly LIGHTS FLASH and DEEP RUMBLING SFX are heard.

BOBBY

But -but- I'm not really a pumpkin!
It's just Halloween! Wait a second!

EXT. ENGSTROM'S HOUSE - NIGHT

As LIGHTS LINK, the whole house LIFTS OFF from the ground -
straight up towards RED MARS.

FADE OUT.

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. ENGSTROM'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Derek pushes the doorbell. A MARTIAN opens the door.

MARTIAN/MRS.ENGSTROM
Happy Halloween! Come on in!

ON BOBBY

Scared, he turns to Derek.

BOBBY
Let's just go home. Okay?

ON MARTIAN

She lifts up mask - it's pleasant-looking MRS. ENGSTROM.

MRS. ENGSTROM
We're about to start the games.

ON BOBBY

He's relieved.

BOBBY
Whew!

WIPE TO:

INT. ENGSTROM'S HOUSE - NIGHT - WIDE ON FAMILY ROOM

Kids in costumes race around, screaming among the Halloween decorations. Mrs. Engstrom leads Bobby and Derek inside.

MRS. ENGSTROM (CONT'D)

Okay, everybody. Time to play "Pin the Tail on the Goblin."

-----PIN THE TAIL MINI-FANTASY BEGINS-----

INT. LIVING ROOM

Bobby holds a long TAIL in his hand with a huge PIN sticking through it as he chases an ugly GOBLIN around. The Goblin holds his hands over his rear end.

GOBLIN

No! No! Please, nooooo!

MRS. ENGSTROM (CONT'D)

Now, Bobby. It's just a picture.

-----PIN THE TAIL MINI-FANTASY ENDS-----

INT. ENGSTROM FAMILY ROOM

She hands Bobby a paper tail. Bobby speaks TO CAMERA.

BOBBY

Grown-ups sure have a weird idea of what's fun!

WIPE TO:

EXT. GENERIC FRONT PORCH - NIGHT

As Roger watches, Kelly stands on the porch, facing two little kids in cute BUNNY COSTUMES, holding bags.

KELLY

Tch. Like I'm really sorry but somebody ate all the candy.

She looks down at Roger.

ANGLE ON ROGER

He WHINES guiltily.

ON KELLY

She holds out two large carrots.

KELLY (CONT'D)

But these are a lot more nutritious!

She drops the carrots in the bags.

ANGLE ON BUNNIES

They look totally disgusted.

KIDS

(moan)

ANGLE ON KELLY

She rolls her eyes.

KELLY

I thought rabbits liked carrots!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FRONT PORCH

The Bunnies leave in disgust as Chuck, Rad and Tiffany come up on the porch.

KELLY

Tch. Like where are your costumes?

ON CHUCK, RAD AND TIFFANY

Taking "tough" stance.

TIFFANY

We're looking for Dork- I mean Derek.

ANGLE ON KELLY

She waves a carrot in the direction of the Engstrom's.

KELLY

He and Bobby went over to the Engstrom's party.

ANGLE ON CHUCK, RAD AND TIFFANY

They huddle together, snickering.

RAD
He's probably too chicken to go to the
Drearmont Mansion.

TIFFANY
Maybe we can persuade him.

ANGLE ON KELLY

She holds out three carrots.

KELLY
So do you want these or what?

NEW ANGLE - FRONT PORCH

CHUCK, RAD, TIFFANY (O.S.)
Or what!

They turn and stalk off porch as Kelly watches.

KELLY
Tch. Kids!

WIPE TO:

INT. ENGSTROM'S FAMILY ROOM - NIGHT

Mrs. Engstrom stands by a table, ladling punch into cups from a
punch bowl STEAMING with dry ice. Bobby stands next in line.

MRS. ENGSTROM
Here, Bobby. Have some Witches' Brew.

-----WITCHES' BREW MINI-FANTASY BEGINS-----

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Under the trees, THREE WITCHES throw assorted wretched
ingredients into a boiling cauldron.

WITCH 1
Eye of newt!

WITCH 2
Tongue of snail!

WITCH 3
Alligator liver!

WITCH 1
Old gym socks!

WITCHES
Mmmmmmm!!!

-----WITCHES' BREW MINI-FANTASY ENDS-----

INT. ENGSTROM'S FAMILY ROOM - NIGHT

Bobby looks up at Mrs. Engstrom, who holds out the steaming cup.

BOBBY
No thanks.

Derek approaches and taps Bobby on the shoulder.

DEREK
Uh, Bobby, we'd better leave.

BOBBY'S POV

Chuck, Rad and Tiffany stride in, acting macho (yes, Tiffany, too). They surround Derek.

RAD
So, Generic. I thought you'd be over at the Drearmont Mansion.

DEREK
That old haunted house? Well, no, I have to, I mean --

ANGLE ON CHUCK AND TIFFANY

They are both combing their hair.

CHUCK

Too bad. Because anybody in our class
who's not there at 9 o'clock tonight
will make the Geek List!

TIFFANY

And forever after will be labeled a
Genuine Geek.

ANGLE ON DEREK AND RAD

Derek's very uncomfortable.

DEREK

Uh, gee, well, but--

RAD

Well, it's almost nine. See ya around,
Toe-Jam.

Chuck, Rad and Tiffany leave.

TIFFANY

He'll never show.

ANGLE ON DEREK AND BOBBY

Bobby holds up cup of steaming punch.

DEREK

I'm doomed to be a dink.

Bobby's eyes widen as Derek drinks the smoking punch without
reaction.

BOBBY

Is the house really haunted?

DEREK

I dunno. Maybe. But if I'm on the Geek List, no one will ever think I'm cool. In my whole life!

ON BOBBY

BOBBY

I will.

PAN UP TO INCLUDE DEREK

DEREK

Thanks, but you're a dork.

BOBBY

Maybe you should go.

DEREK

Hey, You're right! If life's not going to be worth living anyway, I might as well go! But - oh, no! It's nine o'clock already!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Derek hurries down the sidewalk, practically dragging Bobby along. As Bobby bounces along, candy bounces out of his candy bucket.

BOBBY

I said maybe you should go. Not me!

DEREK

I don't have time to take you home. Come on; it's a matter of honor.

WIPE TO:

EXT. GENERIC PORCH - DAY

Kelly hands out vegetables to three kids in costume. Roger lays nearby, sleeping.

KELLY

Tch. Let's see. A zucchini, a tomato
and an onion. You've practically got
ratatouille!

KIDS

Phooey!/Ptui/Yucch/No thanks/etc.

As the kids leave, a CLOCK STRIKES in the distance.

KELLY

(to Roger)

Nine o'clock. Let's close up.

Suddenly, Roger stands up, looks around and HOWLS.

ROGER

Oooooooooooooo!

KELLY

Don't tell me you're turning weird,
too. Probably all that sugar you ate.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - NIGHT - PANNING WITH DEREK AND BOBBY

CLOCK continues to STRIKE (up to nine). Bobby's and Derek's eyes
are wide with terror as they proceed down the street, both
looking in all directions. SFX: BREEZE

DEREK

What's that?

BOBBY

I don't know.

ANOTHER ANGLE - BOBBY AND DEREK

They take a few more steps. SFX: A DOOR SHUTS - faraway

BOBBY
What's that?

DEREK
I don't know.

CLOSE ON BOBBY AND DEREK

Really scared. SFX: DOG FOOTSTEPS.

BOBBY AND DEREK
(in unison)
What's that?

WIDE ON SIDEWALK

Derek pulls Bobby forward.

DEREK
Come on, Bobby. Move it or lose it.

ANOTHER ANGLE - BOBBY AND DEREK

Derek tries to run. Bobby holds back, pointing behind him.

BOBBY
Derek! I feel something on my neck!
Waaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!

Bobby STOPS and slowly turns.

BOBBY'S POV

It's ROGER. His tongue comes TOWARD CAMERA for a big kiss.

ANGLE ON BOBBY AND ROGER

Bobby hugs Roger.

BOBBY
Roger! Good boy.

ANGLE ON DEREK

He looks around - very nervous.

DEREK

Come on. You wanna be a dink your whole
life?

ANGLE ON BOBBY AND ROGER

Bobby addresses Roger with the exact same attitude.

BOBBY

Come on. You wanna be a dink your
whole life?

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. DREARMONT MANSION - NIGHT

It's very dark and still as Bobby, Derek and Roger approach the
three-story, Gothic house, very dark and deserted looking. The
three of them start up the walk. Bobby looks up.

BOBBY'S POV -MANSION

It looms up before him, dark and menacing. A menacing ORGAN
STING is heard.

FADE OUT.

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. DREARMONT MANSION - NIGHT

Bobby, Derek and Roger nervously approach the door of the Drearmont Mansion. Suddenly, the door OPENS with a CREAK.

DEREK

Come on. It'll be like a --a Halloween party.

-----SPOOKS PARTY FANTASY BEGINS-----

EXT. DREARMONT MANSION - DAY

Lightning flashes, horror film organ music is heard, BATS fly overhead as Derek, Bobby and Roger approach. TOMB-STONES POP UP on the lawn. Bobby REACTS as the front door opens and a Frankenstein-butler appears in the doorway.

BUTLER

(menacing)

Good evening. You're just in time for dinner!

TRUCK THROUGH DOOR TO:

INT. DREARMONT MANSION - PANNING LIVING ROOM

It's a wild party with every type of Halloween fantasy creature imaginable (MUMMY, SKELETON, GHOST, DRACULA, GORILLA, HEADLESS PERSON, WITCH, TROLL, GIANT, FACELESS SUIT OF ARMOR, etc.) Bats swoop through the dark and dingy room. There are cobwebs in every corner, portraits on the wall with eyes that move, statuary busts with heads that move. An organ plays by itself. END PAN on BUFFET TABLE. At one end, a MAD SCIENTIST mixes purple and green liquids in test tubes and pours the flaming mixture into a punch bowl.

BUTLER

Bobby has arrived!

ON GROUP OF ASSORTED GHOULS

They stop their frolicking and SMILE.

MUMMY

Let's eat!

ANGLE ON BUTLER AND BOBBY

The butler leads Bobby around the table to show him the various foods on display.

BUTLER

Eat up. We have Finger sandwiches.

ON PLATTER

Human fingers wiggle between pieces of bread.

PAN OVER TO PUNCH BOWL

Liquid is sickening green with bugs swimming in it.

BUTLER (O.S.)

Bug juice.

PAN OVER TO PLATE OF EGGS

They're FLAMING RED HOT.

BUTLER (O.S.)

And devilish eggs!

ANGLE ON BUTLER AND BOBBY

Butler turns to Bobby and gestures toward food.

BOBBY

No thanks. I already ate.

BUTLER

Well, then, perhaps some dessert?

ON GROUP OF GHOULS

They approach Bobby, licking their lips, rubbing their hands together.

WITCH
Yes. . . dessert!

GOBLIN
Something juicy.

SKELETON
And sweet.

BOBBY'S POV - THE GHOUL

The ghouls surround him, looking down at him hungrily.

MAD SCIENTIST
Something like . . .

GHOULS
(in unison)
PUMPKIN PIE!!!!!!

ANGLE ON BOBBY

He turns away from the ghouls and starts RUNNING.

BOBBY
No way!!!!

CAMERA FOLLOWS as the Ghouls pursue Bobby, who runs with Roger at his heels. The Ghouls gain on him.

BOBBY
Sic 'em, Roger!

ANGLE ON ROGER

He stops running and HOWLS.

ROGER
Ooooooooooooooooo!!!!!!!!!!

The HOWL CONTINUES as the Ghouls begin DISSOLVING AWAY.

-----SPOOKS PARTY FANTASY ENDS-----

INT. DREARMONT MANSION FOYER

Roger, Derek and Bobby stand in a small pool of light in the doorway. Around them, all is totally black. Roger IS howling because Bobby is standing on his tail. Derek and Bobby look at one another and TAKE.

DEREK AND BOBBY
Eeeeeeeeeeeeeee!!!!

Bobby steps off Roger's tail and the HOWLING STOPS. It's suddenly all-too quiet.

BOBBY
(whispers)
Can we go home now?

DEREK
We've come this far. Come on.

ANOTHER ANGLE - BOBBY, DEREK AND ROGER

They start across the floor as if they're walking on eggs. With each step, they hear OMINOUS CREAKINGS.

GHOSTLY VOICE (O.S.)
Der-ek!!!

ANOTHER GHOSTLY VOICE (O.S.)
Gen-er-ic!!

Bobby and Derek suddenly STOP dead in their tracks and look at one another.

DEREK
I think we can go now.

Bobby and Derek start to run.

CHUCK, RAD, TIFFANY
(giggle, laugh, snort)

Bobby and Derek stop running.

DEREK

Is that you guys?

GHOSTLY VOICE

Nobody here but us ghosts.

DEREK'S POV

Chuck, Rad, Tiffany sit on the steps holding FLASHLIGHTS under their chins, lighting up their faces.

DEREK (O.S.)

I knew it was you.

RAD

I see you brought Jr Toe-Jam along.

ON DEREK

Bobby and Roger peek out from either side of him.

DEREK

I came, okay? Now we're going home.

ON THREE BULLIES

They stand up and start walking toward Derek.

CHUCK

Okay, but whoever stays the longest without getting scared off will make the cool list!

ON DEREK

DEREK

So what do you want me to do?

ANGLE ON CHUCK

He points upstairs.

CHUCK

Go upstairs, find the shoes of the ghost and bring them back down.

DEREK

Shoes?

CHUCK

You got it. Here. I'll even lend you my flashlight.

He hands over the flashlight.

ANGLE ON DEREK AND BOBBY

Bobby tugs at Derek's shirttail.

BOBBY

Hey, what's wrong with being a geek? I mean--

ANOTHER ANGLE - DEREK AND BULLIES

Derek faces them. Bobby clings to him.

DEREK

Okay. We're going.

CAMERA FOLLOWS as Derek and Bobby start up the stairs, Roger right behind them. The bullies stand side and watch.

ANGLE - CHUCK, RAD, TIFFANY

Smirking smugly, highly self-satisfied.

TIFFANY

Look. He's taking the little rug rat along for protection.

ANGLE ON STAIRS

It's dark, but light from the flashlight spins around, revealing stern-looking portraits on the wall as Derek, Bobby and Roger ascend. SFX: CREAKING.

BOBBY

Derek, you're not afraid, are you?

DEREK

Who. . .

(voice breaks)

me?

They reach the landing.

BOBBY

I don't see any shoes. Let's go.

DEREK

Come on. This way.

ANGLE ON DEREK AND BOBBY

In the darkness, Bobby and Derek turn and BUMP into one another. Derek DROPS the flashlight. SFX: It rolls across the floor, then STOPS.

DEREK

Great. I think it went under that chair. Get it, Bobby. You're little. You can crawl under there.

He points O.S.

ANGLE ON IMPOSING CHAIR

This is a big wing chair with claw feet.

BOBBY (O.S.)

Me?

ON BOBBY

CAMERA FOLLOWS as Bobby approaches the Chair and bends down - difficult with the costume - and reaches under the chair.

DEREK (O.S.)
Can you feel it?

BOBBY
I feel something. I think--I've got it.

ANGLE ON BOBBY

He walks to the spot where Derek stood but only Roger is there.

BOBBY
Derek? Derek! They got him! Oh, no!

Bobby puts his hands to his cheeks a la "The Scream" and accidentally drops the flashlight IN his costume. It lights up the pumpkin costume like a candle in a Jack O'Lantern.

TIGHT ON BOBBY

as he retracts his arms and legs inside the pumpkin.

BOBBY (CONT'D)
The flashlight! It's got to be here
somewhere.

As the pumpkin begins to ROLL forward, Bobby retracts his head.

BOBBY (CONT'D)
Whooooaaooa!!

ANGLE ON STAIRS

The pumpkin starts rolling toward the steps and down. PAN WITH PUMPKIN as it picks up momentum down the stairs. Roger follows.

BOBBY (CONT'D)
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhh!!!

ROGER
Owwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww!!!!!!

ANGLE ON CHUCK, RAD AND TIFFANY - PANNING FACES

They are totally terror-stricken.

CHUCK'S POV

From this angle, all he sees is a lighted, disembodied Jack O'Lantern rushing toward them, screaming.

BOBBY

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhh!!!

REVERSE ANGLE - THREE BULLIES

They start to run.

TIFFANY

A monster! Run!

RAD

Mommy!!!!

ANGLE ON FRONT DOOR

Tiffany, Chuck and Rad race each other to get out of the place.

CHUCK, RAD, TIFFANY

Hellpppppp!!!!

VERY WIDE ON STAIRS

The pumpkin lies at the bottom of the stairs. Roger sniffs it.

DEREK (O.S.)

Bobby? Are you okay, Bobby?

ON PUMPKIN

Bobby's head, then arms and legs pop out of the costume. In one hand, he has the flashlight. Roger licks Bobby's face.

BOBBY

Yep. I'm down here with Roger.

SFX: FOOTSTEPS

Derek appears at Bobby's side.

DEREK

So they split, huh?

BOBBY

Somethin' scared them.

DEREK

All right!

He "high fives" with Bobby.

ROGER

Woof!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GENERIC LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kelly sits in front of the T.V. Bobby sits next to her, while Derek stands facing her. Roger lies at Bobby's feet.

KELLY

Tch. I really should tell Mom and Dad how late you were.

DEREK

Yeah. I really should tell Mom and Dad where you REALLY went Saturday night!

KELLY

Well, if you want to be that way about it, we'll all keep our mouths shut. You, too, Bobby.

DEREK

Yeah. No squealing.

-----SQUEALING MINI-FANTASY BEGINS-----

TIGHT ANGLE ON LITTLE PIG

The pig has BOBBY'S FACE and SQUEALS CONTINUOUSLY.

PIG

Wee-wee-wee-wee.

DEREK (O.S.)

I said no squealing!

Two HANDS reach in and TAPE pig's snout.

MOM (O.S.)

We-re back!

-----SQUEALING MINI-FANTASY ENDS-----

WIDE ON LIVING ROOM

Mom and Dad, aka Bo Peep and Humpty Dumpty, enter.

DAD
So! How was Halloween?

DEREK
Kinda boring.

KELLY
Yeah. Tch. Nothing much happened.

ANGLE ON MOM AND DAD

She's all UP from the party.

MOM
WE had a great time. Your father really cracked them up when he fell off that wall. Right Howard?

She nudges him.

ANGLE ON BOBBY

He YAWNS broadly.

BOBBY
Sounds (YAWN) fun.

ANGLE ON DAD

He puts his arm around Mom.

DAD
Well, Bo, looks like your little lamb is getting sleepy.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

His eyes are half-mast as he speaks TO CAMERA.

BOBBY
I'm too tired to say how corny that line is!

MATCH DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BOBBY'S BEDROOM - CLOSE ON BOBBY

He YAWNS.

CAMERA PULLS BACK and we see that Bobby is out of the pumpkin costume and lying in bed. Both Bo Peep and Humpty tuck him in.

DAD

I hope Halloween wasn't too boring.

BOBBY

No, Dad. It was neat! I saw Martians and pinned tails on goblins and witches almost ate me and I went to a haunted house and looked for shoes but I found claws and I drank fire and everything!

CLOSE ON MOM AND DAD

They look at one another, leaning in over Bobby's bed.

MOM

Aw, he's just so gee-darn cute!

Dad WINKS BROADLY at Mom.

DAD (CONT'D)

Halloween sure has a strange effect on kids, doesn't it, Bo?

CLOSE ON BOBBY

As he speaks TO CAMERA.

BOBBY

Yeah, but parents act just as weird as usual!

FADE OUT.

THE END