

The Witching Eve

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GHOST IN THE NIGHT

Cast of Characters

Timid Young Girl	Sob or Scream
Old, Old Woman	High Cracked Laugh
Large Black Cat	Meiouew
Long Black Snake	Hisses
Bogie Man	Boooo!
A Tall Man	Groan
A Yellow Dog	Howl and Bark
Big Black Crow	Caw! Caw!
Four Black Bats	Squeaks
Ghost	Everybody Together

Instructions: Guests sit in large circle. Each one is given the name of a character . . . a noise to make. Lights are dimmed and the leader starts reading the ghostly story. Each time one of the names is mentioned the player who represents that character makes the sound indicated. When GHOST is mentioned everyone makes his assigned sound.

"On a dark and stormy night in October, a stage coach rumbled along a country road. In it a TIMID YOUNG GIRL bounced up and down on the hard cushions and gazed frightened out into the darkness. Suddenly the coach stopped and in stepped an OLD, OLD WOMAN. From under one arm peered a LARGE BLACK CAT and around the other twined a LONG BLACK SNAKE. 'Hoity! Toity! a TIMID YOUNG GIRL traveling alone tonight?' she exclaimed with a hideous grin. 'Let me tell your fortune, my pretty dear.' Towards the TIMID YOUNG GIRL, the OLD, OLD WOMAN stretched a bony arm, while the LARGE BLACK CAT arched his back and growled and the LONG BLACK SNAKE watched with beady eyes. 'No, no,' cried the TIMID YOUNG GIRL, shrinking into a corner with her pretty hands behind her back. At that moment the door was thrown violently open and in rushed a TALL MAN in a long raincoat. His face was hidden by a drooping hat, but his voice was low and pleasant. He said 'Allow me,' and gently pushed between the TIMID YOUNG GIRL

and the OLD, OLD WOMAN. 'Allow me,' said the OLD, OLD WOMAN and three times pointed her finger at the TALL MAN. A YELLOW DOG howled from under the seat, the LARGE BLACK CAT growled again and the LONG BLACK SNAKE hissed. On the window-sill a BIG BLACK CROW alighted and croaked most dismally, and into the coach flew FOUR BLACK BATS and beat their wings in the face of the TIMID YOUNG GIRL, while through each window peered the grotesque face of a pumpkin BOGIE MAN. Nearer to the OLD, OLD WOMAN bent the TALL MAN, fixed on the OLD, OLD WOMAN two startling eyes, and pushed back his hat. With a terrible shriek the OLD, OLD WOMAN sprang to the door, followed by her large BLACK CAT, howling YELLOW DOG, LONG BLACK SNAKE, FOUR BLACK BATS and the BIG BLACK CROW. In the coach the TIMID YOUNG GIRL had fainted, for under the hat of the TALL MAN was the ghostly countenance of a Halloween GHOST."



OLD-FASHIONED TAFFY

2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup water

2 tablespoons vinegar
2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
or other flavoring

In a 2-quart saucepan melt butter; roll it around side of pan to grease well. Add water and vinegar; bring to boil. Stir in sugar carefully so that it is completely dissolved. Cover saucepan and cook 3 to 5 minutes or until sugar crystals are washed down from sides of pan. Uncover pan and continue boiling rapidly to very hard-ball stage, 265 degrees. Remove from heat and pour into lightly buttered shallow pans or platters to a depth of about 1/2-inch. Do this very carefully, holding the saucepan no more than an inch or so above the cooling pan. Do not scrape the last of the sirup from the pan. Sprinkle taffy with flavoring, but do not stir it in. For colored taffy, sprinkle on a few drops of food coloring. Let candy cool undisturbed until it can be held comfortably in the hands.

Butter hands and knead gently until taffy can be pulled and folded. If cooked correctly, it will not stick. Pull taffy until it has a dull satin-like finish and breaks off when hit against a hard surface. Pull to a rope of desired thickness; cut into inch-lengths with scissors. Dust with powdered sugar, if desired. YIELD: 60 pieces.

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