

## **The Halloween story**

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Ava. She was an ordinary kid just like every other one, but there was something mysterious about her. She lived in an old creepy house full of spiders, cobwebs, skulls and a black spooky cat named Lily. Her parents worked in a city far away from their town, so they came home only twice a month. Ava was alone most of the time.

Every Halloween she used to dress up as a ghost and scare every kid that came close to her house. One of the mysterious things was that she so protective over her house. It was like she was hiding something there. That is why several boys and girls from the neighbourhood, who called themselves “Black magic”, decided to go into the house when no one was in it .

On Halloween, after school Ava had to go on a trip to see her grandparents, and it was a surprise to everyone because she never used to miss Halloween or visit her grandparents. That is when the children decided to miss the trick-or- treating just to go and check the old creepy house. They agreed to meet up at five o’clock, near Ava’s house.

-Billy, we’re here. Look! – Sophie shouted and wished everyone a happy Halloween.

Billy finally saw the place where the group members were hiding and came running to them, telling them “Happy Halloween“. They were hiding because Ava was about to leave the house. After she left, they came out of the bushes and Tiffany said:

-Happy Halloween, but let’s not waste any time and quickly go in the house because I’m getting scared.

When she said that Andy replied:

-Tiffany don’t be a coward, let’s go!

With no time to waste they went in the house. When Kelly opened the door, they couldn’t see anything because everything was dark. Louis decided to be the bigger man, and he was the first one to step in. Everyone followed him. The house was full of cobwebs and candles as expected. Every room was full of pictures with strange things like: skulls, dinosaurs, bats, and black cats.

There was a locked room, but all the kids were curious to see what was inside. They had no idea how to open the door. Then, suddenly Andy said – My dad has a hammer in our shed, so I’ll run to take it. I live nearby so I’ll be back in fine minutes. Stay here and don’t make any noise!

So Andy came back and they broke the lock. What a surprise it was when they opened the door!

Sophie gasped - Wow!

-Shhh, Sophie! Be quiet! – Billy told her.

In the locked room there was a treasure chest full of gold stuff and a bucket full of candy with a note on it that said:

-You fell for my tricks, again!

When Kelly read the note there was a loud scream behind them. The kids turned around and were shocked by who they saw. And of course, it was Ava. Louis almost started crying because they thought Ava was going to hurt them. Ava just started laughing wholeheartedly and after she calmed down she reassured them:

-Don't worry, boys and girls. I'm not going to hurt you.

Then she took a handful of candy and gave it to them to prove them that she was not going to hurt them, and then she invited them to go downstairs and drink some tea. After that she explained how she knew about their plan because she had overheard them while they were talking about it and decided to prank and trick them by lying to everyone that she was going on a trip to see her grandparents. She also explained why she was so cold-hearted to everyone. She used to have a friend who meant a lot to her but unfortunately, it was Halloween when she got betrayed by her and that was the reason she lost trust in everyone and didn't keep in touch with anyone, even her grandparents. She didn't want to be betrayed again and, what is more, her parents didn't care much about her. So she decided then that on Halloween she would scare anyone just as a part of her revenge for everything that had happened to her.

However, looking at all of them hanging out together cheerfully every day, her heart softened. She missed having a true friend watching them being such great friends who support each other. She knew deep down that to have a good friend you need to be a true one, as well.

After that Halloween, she changed so much as she enjoyed hanging out with Billy, Kelly, Sophie, Louis, Andy and Tiffany. She was not the sad, lonely and weird kid any more. Ava became the happy and cool kid. You never know how much having true friends and being a great friend can change your life.

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