

Halloween Friends

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What happens when 4 girls open a portal that leads to Halloween Town? Read to find out. I only own real world characters. The rest belongs to Tim Burton and Touchstone. R&R

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1 - The Meeting

Some say its bad luck to mention the catoic christmas of 1993 but its a daily topic for me and my friends. Why you ask? Because it brought us together thats why! Now let me tell you all about that night.

There once were 4 girls. 1 has long brown hair, fair skin, and lived in a big house, another has short black hair, brown skin, and lived in an apartment, another had long blond hair that was always in a ponytail, fair skin, and lived in a small house, and the last friend had long blond hair, fair skin, and lived in a normal sized house. On Christmas eve in the year 1993 the girl w/ the long brown hair got a jack in the box that had a head of a crazy kitty when it tried to attack her she hugged it. That same night the girl w/the short black hair got a spider that shot black webs and she loved it. The girl w/the long blond ponytail got a babydoll that had fangs and a black baby gown, it tried to suck her blood but she didn't care. Then the girl w/ long blond hair got a nutcracker that tried to crack her hand and she thought it was funny.

Then as if fate had it planed they all turned on the news at the same time and saw the same broadcast about the fake santa. Then they all went on a walk and each taking 4 different paths that led to the same cemetary that the fake santa landed in. Each girl ran in and hid behind different gravestones. Then the fake santa started to sing about his woe. After his sad song the fake santa left. Each girl then came out of their hiding places and they saw each other. They all screamed at each other. "Who are you all?" asked the browned haired girl. "IIII'M Melissa." stammered the girl with the long blond ponytail. "I am Deseree." said the girl with the short black hair. "I'm Kelsey." said the girl with long blond hair. "And I'm Gracie." said the girl with long brown hair. For the next few hours the girls got to know each other then they realized that they had to be home soon. "Hey before we leave lets make friendship bracelets so that we would remember each other." said Gracie. "Lets use those scraps of cloth that fake santa left behind." said Melissa. "Ok." they all said in unison. Gracie then went over to the big gravestone that the fake santa was at and gathered a lot of cloth for bracelets. She then tied the cloth on each of the girls' hands. "There now everytime we look at these bracelets we will remember each other." said Gracie after she tied the cloth to her hand.

We were 4 years old at the time now its the year 1998 and we are now 9 years old and we havent seen each other ever since that day in 1993.

2 - The Reunion

Well it has been 5 years since the meeting of our heros and they haven't seen each other for 5 years. But fate may work its magic again and bring our heros back together.

"Boy I hope this new school will get me more friends than enimes." Gracie said as she fixed her long brown hair. She just moved into a LARGE house the other day and was nervous about her new school. Then her bus came and picked her up. On the bus a slightly plump girl with short blond hair, fair skin, and a homley face bullied her. "Not a good start to Halloween." she thought.

At recess that same girl took her lunch money and knocked her off the swing. While this was happening a girl with a long blond ponytail and fair skin, a girl with short black hair and brown skin, and a girl with long blond hair and fair skin were watching Gracie being bullied. "Hey we should help her out." said the girl with the ponytail. "Yea she looks like she needs some friends now." said the girl with the short black hair. "Well what are we waitin for lets help her out." said the blond-haired girl. Then each girl ran over to the bully and told her to stop hurting Gracie or they will tell the mean Mrs. Jaffy. Then the bully left. "Need some help?" said the girl with the ponytail extending her left hand. "Yes, thank you so much." Gracie said as she extended her right hand. The girl with the ponytail helped her up and saw a red cloth bracelet on her right hand that matched hers and her friends. "Hey where did you get that red bracelet?" she asked Gracie. "Uh 5 years ago on christmas." Gracie replied. "Thats when we got ours." the 3 people said in unison as they showed the hands that had the bracelets on. "NO WAY!!!" said Gracie. "IT CAN'T BE! THE ODDS ARE 1000000 TO 1!!" she said. "I'm Melissa." said the girl with the ponytail. "I'm Deseree." said the girl with short black hair. "I'm Kelsey." said the girl with blond hair. "And I'm Gracie." Gracie said to her new friends. "Hey wanna sit with us today?" asked Melissa. "Sure why not. But could someone buy lunch for me that girl took my money." Gracie said. "Oh you mean Heather McClure. She's mean to everyone except Hannah Spears." said Deseree. "Yea she hangs out with Hannah because Hannah thinks she is a witch. But don't worry if you stay away from her you will be fine. And we will buy you lunch." said Kelsey. "Thanks." said Gracie

Even though the girls haven't seen Gracie for 5 years they talked like they just saw each other yesterday. "So Gracie where have you been for the past 5 years?" asked Melissa. "Moving around because of my dad's stupid job." she replied. "Hey so what are you guys doing this Halloween Night?" she asked. "Nothing." Gracie's friends said in unison. "Great do you all wanna spend the night at my house?" Gracie asked. "Sure lets ask our parents." Melissa said.

After lunch the girls went to the office to use the phone to call their parents. All of them said yes to the idea. And after school they got on Gracie's bus and were taken to her house. "Woa! You actually live here?" asked Deseree as they neared the brick 2 story house. "Dang I only live in an apartment." said Deseree. "Small house." said Melissa. "Normal house." said Kelsey.

Inside the house Gracie's mom set out pumpkin cookies. "Oh yea wanna a tour of the house?" asked Gracie. "Why wouldn't we?" said Melissa. "Ok lets go!" said Gracie leading the girls up the stairs. "Oops forgot these great cookies." said Deseree walking back to the kitchen to take the cookies.

After the tour the girls were watching TV in Gracie's room. "So do you guys like the house or what?" asked Gracie as she walked in the room with sleeping bags in her hands. "You bet." said Melissa taking the bags and unrolling them. "And this TV rocks! Do you get cable?" asked Kelsey. "Yes." said Gracie. "So Gracie what are you going as for Halloween?" asked Deseree still eating Gracie's mom's cookies. "A Voodoo doll." said Gracie. "I'm going as a witch." said Kelsey. "Devil." said Melissa. "Grim Reaper." said Deseree. Then it was 7:00 and the girls decided to get their costumes on. "Oh you all look so cute." said Gracie's mom. "Thanks Mrs. Gracie's Mom." said Gracie's friends in unison. Then the girls went Trick-or-Treating.

"So how much candy did you get?" asked Gracie when they were home. "Enough to end world hunger." said Melissa. Then the girls started to laugh. "Let's vow to always be friends." said Gracie putting her hand with the bracelet out in the center. Then each girl put their bracelet hands on top of Gracie's and vowed to always be friends. "Wouldn't it be great if we could see that fake santa again?" asked Gracie. "Yea." they all said in unison. Then all of a sudden a big swirly warp hole appeared where the window was. "What is that?" asked Melissa. "Should we enter it?" asked Deseree. "Gracie what do you think?" asked Kelsey. "Shh I think my parents are asleep let's enter it." said Gracie.

Then they entered it and on the other side were trees with paintings of pumpkins, christmas trees, shamrocks, turkeys, hearts, and fireworks. "Where are we?" asked Gracie.

Then hands shot out of the pumpkin tree. The hands grabbed the girls and dragged them into the tree.

"What happened?" asked Gracie when the hands let them go. "And what are we wearing?" asked Melissa. The girls' pj's were replaced with long black gowns and on their heads were witches hats that has silver hair coming out of it. "We look like witches." said Deseree. "Hey does anyone hear music?" asked Kelsey.

3 - New Friends

Then a purple cloud swooped under the girls and lifted them in the air and flew them to a gate. "Ok it looks like it says Halloween Town." said Gracie. "That's a weird name." said Melissa.

Then the cloud took the girls on a tour of the town and they saw scary monsters singing. Then the cloud started to let them onto the ground where all of the scary monsters were gathered around a green fountain. Then some more monsters were pulling a fake horse with 2 scarecrows on it. The monsters then held up fiery torches to the scarecrows and the scarecrows came to life and grabbed the torches and shoved them down their throats. Then the scarecrows were on fire and they started to dance with each other. Then they bowed down to each other and jumped into the fountain. The monsters then started to wave their hands in the air while a skellington and a girl made of rags arose from the fountain. All of a sudden a gust of wind blew off Gracie and her friends's hats off revealing to the monsters that there were humans in town.

"HUMANS!!!" they all screamed. Then the monsters started to circle the girls. "What should we do with them?" said a ghost. "How about putting them in one of our pots." said a small witch. "Let's make them into our slaves." said some vampires. "How about we stop scaring them to death and send them home." said the skellington as he walked up to the girls. "Please don't hurt us! We didn't mean to open the portal!" the girls' said in unison. "Oh its ok we won't hurt you." said the ragdoll. "I'm Jack the pumpkin king." said the skellington then he put his bony hand around the ragdoll, "and this is my fiance Sally." he said.

"So who are you?" asked Sally quickly changing the subject. "I'm Gracie." said Gracie. "I'm Melissa." said Melissa. "I'm Deseree." said Deseree. "And I'm Kelsey." said Kelsey. "Its very nice to meet you." said Jack after he and Sally shook each of the girls' hands. Then a short guy with 2 faces and a very tall hat walked up to the girls. "Listen I, the mayor of this fine town, and the rest of the citizens are very sorry for scaring you and your friends." he said. "It's ok." said Gracie. "You know what? This town is so scary that its fun." said Melissa. "Well in that case make yourselves at home." said Sally. "HOME! Oh that reminds me, Deseree Melissa we gotta get home before Gracie's mom and dad wake up and find out we're gone." said Kelsey. "But we've traveled so far. How do we get back to the portal?" said Deseree. "Portal? What portal?" asked Jack. "The one we opened when we put these bracelets together." said Gracie showing Jack her red cloth bracelet. "Where did you get the fabric for these bracelets?" asked Sally. The girls then told Jack and Sally the story of how they met and of the fake Santa. After hearing all this Jack's mouth was wide open in shock. "Jack don't be rude." said Sally closing Jack's mouth. "Sorry Sally but the story these girls tell me it mentions the year I took over Christmas." said Jack. "That was you?!" said the girls in unison

"Yes that was me." Jack said sadly. "Well we want to let you know that we loved your gifts. They were funny and scary at the same time." said Gracie. "You mean it?" said Jack. "Yes." said Melissa. "Ahem we need to get home now!!!" said Deseree. "Jack and I may know where this portal is." said Sally. "Really? Well lets go before Gracie's parents wake up." said Kelsey.

Then the girls said goodbye to the citizens and followed Jack and Sally to a graveyard. "Wow this place

is cool." said Gracie. "I really like this doghouse gravestone." said Melissa. "Oh that belongs to my dog Zero. Want to meet him?" asked Jack. "Sure." the girls said. Jack then walked up to the gravestone and patted his leg. "Zero. Come out boy I want you to meet some people." he said. Then a ghost dog with an orange nose came out of the grave and flew to Jack. "Zero this is Gracie, Melissa, Deseree, and Kelsey." Jack said. Zero then flew to the girls. "Is he friendly?" asked Deseree. "Yes." said Jack. Then the girls started to pet Zero. Then his orange nose lit up. "Cool." said Kelsey. "C'mon let's take you all home." said Sally.

Then Jack and Sally led the girls up a hill with a spiral. They started to walk up the hill. "Wait! This hill has no other side to it. How do we get down?" asked Gracie. "Easy just watch." said Jack. He then started to walk down the hill and just when it looked like he would fall off he didn't. The girls took a closer look and saw that the spiral in the hill started to unravel and reveal a walkway for them. "This place just gets wierder by the second." said Melissa as she started to walk down the hill. "You can say that again." said Deseree. "Yea." said Kelsey. "I don't know. I really like this place." said Gracie. "I'm glad you do." said Sally. "Feel free to come and go as you please." said Jack. "So this isn't one of those '1 visit will change your lives' thingys I guess." said Melissa. "Of coarse not. Just as long as you all are friends and you have the bracelets you can come here." said Sally. "Sweet." the girls said in unison.

Then the girls were led into a big forest that seemed endless. To pass the time Jack told the girls the story on how he defeated Oogie Boogie. "Then just before he left I noticed a loose string hanging down. So I grabbed it and pulled. Oogie came apart revealing the bugs that were inside." said Jack. "So you actually defeated the Boogie man alone?" asked Kelsey. "Well I helped a little." said Sally. "Well here we are. The holiday trees." said Jack. "Each tree is a doorway to another holiday." said Sally. "Wow so if I were to open this egg tree I'll be in Easter Town?" asked Melissa. "Well we can't try it now the portal is starting to close." said Deseree. "Wait! Before you go you must promise something." said Jack. "You must keep Halloween Town and the other towns a secret." said Sally. "Why?" asked Gracie. "If you don't someone important will find the portal and a war would break out and the towns would be destroyed." said Jack. The girls nodded their heads like they understood and they entered the portal. "Do you think they will be able to keep this a secret?" asked Sally. "I hope." said Jack.

Back home the girls' black gowns were replaced with their Pjs. "Was that a dream?" asked Melissa. "I hope not." said Gracie. Then the girls heard footsteps. "Everyone pretend to be asleep! I think my mom is coming!" said Gracie. "Are you sure?" asked Deseree. "I know those footsteps anywhere. Hurry!" said Gracie. The girls then dove into their sleeping bags and pretended to sleep. Then Gracie's mom came in. "I could of sworn I heard something." she said. She then left the room. "That was close." said Kelsey. "Yea now lets really fall asleep." said Melissa. Then the girls fell asleep.

4 - Bridesmaids

This entry is set in the month of August.

"C'mon c'mon people Sally said that she has big news for us concerning the wedding thats on Halloween night!" said Gracie. "Wait the wedding is on Halloween?" asked Melissa. "Uhh, yea they told us that last time we visited them." said Deseree. "Yea the wedding is on spiral hill, Santa is the best man, and the Mayor is going to preform the ceremony." said Kelsey. "Oh. I hate my short-term memory." said Melissa.

Then the girls opened the portal and ran to Halloween Town. They then ran to Jack's house. "Hey girls." said Sally. "Hey." they said in unison. "Wheres Jack?" asked Melissa. "Oh, he's talking to Santa." said Sally. "So whats the big news?" asked Gracie. "Well how would you girls like to be bridesmaids in our wedding?" asked Sally. Then the girls let out screams of happiness. "You really mean it?!?!?" asked Deseree. "Yes." said Sally. "It will be an honor to be bridesmaids in your wedding." said Kelsey. "So how do the outfits look?" asked Gracie. Then Sally went to a closet and pulled out 4 red gowns, 1 white gown, and 1 orange and black tuxedo. "These red gowns are for you all." she said pointing to the red gowns. "This white gown if for me. And this black and orange pin stripe tux is for Jack." she continued. "These gowns look like the dresses from Beetlejuice." said Gracie. "Huh?" asked Sally. "Gracie remember they don't have TVs in Halloween Town. They don't know about Tim Burton or any of his movies." said Melissa. "Oh yea I frogot." said Gracie. "I hope the gowns in Beetlezuce or whatever you call it are beautiful." said Sally. "They were." Gracie said.

5 - Wedding Disaster

"Ok is my hair ok?" asked Gracie frantically. "For the 100th time its beautiful." said Melissa. "Are you sure? Maybe I should use a curling iron." said Gracie pulling out the curling iron. "NO!! Your hair is curly enough already." said Deseree. "Now c'mon the wedding is in an hour!" said Kelsey pushing Gracie into the portal.

"Where are they? The wedding is in an hour." said Jack pacing back and forth. Then Gracie and her friends ran to spiral hill. "Sorry we're late." said Melissa. "No time for sorrys quick put these on." said Sally shoving the red gowns in Gracie's hands. The girls then ran to the nearest dressing room to put the gowns on. "Look at me I'm Lydia Deets." said Gracie when her gown was on. "Yea all you need to do is dye your hair black, style it goth style, and develop a goth attitude." said Deseree. "Don't forget about living in a dark room w/people who are dead." said Kelsey. "C'mon we have a wedding to go to." said Deseree as she dragged Gracie out of the dressing room.

Then the girls ran back to spiral hill. "Ohhhhh cake." said Melissa gazing at Jack and Sally's 2ft tall cake. "You realize that that cake is spider flavored right Mel?" asked Deseree. "Who cares? Its cake!" Melissa said. "C'mon we don't want them to wait any longer do we?" said Kelsey. "Your right." said Melissa unwillingly. "Huh?" asked Gracie. "Whats wrong?" asked Deseree. "I thought I heard a bark." Gracie said. "It's probably Zero." said Kelsey. "Your probably right." said Gracie. "Helllllo we need to get to spiral hill, like, now!" yelled Melissa.

Then it was time for the wedding. Everyone, slowly, walked to their places while music played. Then Sally walked up the hill to where Jack and the Mayor were. Then right near the end of the ceremony disaster struck. "There it is again." said Gracie. "The bark?" asked Melissa. "Yes." said Gracie. "Girl, we already told you its Zero." said Deseree. "It can't be. Zero is over there." said Gracie pointing to Zero (who was by his doghouse). "Then who can it be?" asked Kelsey. Then a fast brown figure ran into the audience making them all scream. Then it ran up to Jack just as he was about to say I do and it grabbed him by the leg and dragged him down the hill and into the woods. "Holy crap it got Jack!" yelled Gracie. "Let's go after it!" they all said in unison.

They ran for hours after the figure. "Oh God! Its Abby!!!" said Gracie when they caught up to the figure. "You mean your weird mini Lassie dog?" asked Melissa. "She found the portal! Oh no!" said Deseree. "We're probably not gonna be allowed in Halloween Town again after this." said Kelsey. "Never mind that. Lets just save Jack." said Gracie. Gracie and her friends yelled the word stop but Abby would not stop. "We tried everything and she won't let go of Jack." said Melissa. "Wait, I got it!" said Gracie. "Abby squirrel." Gracie yelled. Then Abby's black ears perked up. She let go of Jack and bumped head-first into a tree. "Jack are you ok?" they all said in unison. "Well except for the rips in my suit I'm fine." he said. "Listen. I'm sorry about Abby. I mean she's not even allowed to eat bones." said Gracie. "Now I bet Sally is very worried so lets go back and finish the wedding." said Jack getting up and walking out of the forest. "Oh no." said Gracie. "What?" asked Deseree and Kelsey. "Its the waiting torture method." she said. "Huh?" asked Melissa. "See instead of telling us right away if we are allowed in town again hes making us wait." she said. "Oh great." her friends said in unison. Then Gracie went up to Abby and tugged her by the collar out of the forest. "You have been a very naughty puppy Abby." said Gracie in a

very angry tone.

"Its ok everyone I'm still alive." said Jack when they got out of the forest. "Thank God." said Sally running up to him and giving him a hug. Then Gracie and her friends walked out with Abby. Everyone screamed when they saw her. "Its ok she's my dog and she's friendly." said Gracie. Then everyone took their places and went on with the wedding. "Sit Abby sit." said Gracie. But instead of sitting Abby ran to Zero. "Why didn't I put her in obedience school?" asked Gracie. Then Jack and Sally said their I dos and it was time for the afterparty.

6 - Forgiveness

At the party everyone was dancing to the music of the street band. Well everyone that is except Gracie and her friends. "Oh I hate this type of tourtue." said Melissa. "I know this is just as bad as having to wait a few more months for Sleepy Hollow to come out." said Gracie. "Girl, you need to stop obsesing over Tim Burton." said Deseree. "Oh no here it comes." said Kelsey as Jack and Sally walked over to them. "Hey girls why aren't you dancing?" asked Sally. "Because its our last day in Halloween Town." said Melissa. "What makes you say that?" asked Jack. "Because my dog found the portal and draged you for miles." said Gracie. "Oh theres no harm done. I'm still able to walk." said Jack. "But still someone found the portal. And what if it wasn't Abby? What if it was someone important?" asked Deseree. "And you said if someone of great importance found the portal a war would start and all the towns would be destroyed." said Kelsey. "So we understand if we aren't allowed in Halloween Town." said Gracie. "Theres no need to do that. You all are still allowed in Halloween Town." said Sally. "What! But why?" they said in unison.

"Because we need your help." said Jack. "With what?" asked Gracie. "Well we were wondering if you girls would be official planners for next Halloween." said Sally. "So, what your saying is we are in charge of Halloween?" asked Melissa. "Well if you want to that is." said Jack. "We'd love to." they all said in unison. "But why us?" asked Deseree. "Well I hear that in the real world you humans have great Halloween celebrations." said Jack. "Well, not to brag or anything but, I did go to a lot of haunted houses and I could use what I saw in the scenery." said Melissa. "I did take dance class for 6 years I could teach the citizens some moves." said Gracie. "I could do costumes." said Deseree. "If I could borrow Gracie's Danny Elfman CD, I could do music." said Kelsey. "See you all are perfect for the job." said Sally. "Really Jack why are you letting us stay?" asked Gracie.

"Yea." said a voice. "Ok who invited Lock, Shock, and Barrel?" asked Melissa. "Shut up human!" said Lock. "You shut up you human haters!" said Deseree. "THATS ENOUGH!!" yelled Jack. "Jack why are you letting these...these...humans stay in Halloween Town?" asked Barrel. "Because they are our very best friends and we would never shun our best friends." said Jack.

"Uhh earth to Jack. Wasn't it humans that shot you down on Christmas?" said Shock. "That was uncalled for." said Gracie. "Gracie's right and I've learned to forgive those humans for what they done." said Jack. "Come to think of it if it wasn't for those army men blasting Jack out of the sky we would of never met." said Melissa. "More the reasion to hate those humans." said Lock. "Huh?" everyone said in unison. "Anyway, Jack aren't you worried that these humans will ruin Halloween?" asked Barrel. "No, because we know they would make it better." said Sally. "Or worse." said Shock.

"No, it will be our most horrible Halloween ever." said Jack. "Uhh horrible is good, right?" asked Melissa. "Yes." said Sally. "C'mon Lock, Barrel we don't need to stay here with these idiots." said Shock. "Your the idiots." said Gracie. "Yea you all still have a grudge over Jack because he killed Oogie." said Deseree. "Well word of advice, GET OVER IT!!!" said Kelsey. "THATS ENOUGH I WILL NOT ALLOW THIS ON MY WEDDING DAY!!!" said Sally. Then Lock, Shock, and Barrel ran away. "We swear by Oogie's bugs that we will find a way to get rid of you humans for good!" they all said in unison. Then they all stuck out their tounes at the girls and left. "Glad thats over." said Deseree. Then they all nodded

their heads in agreement. "Does anyone want anything to drink?" asked Jack. "What do you have?" asked Gracie. "Gracie are you sure you wanna know?" Melissa whispered in her ear. "And this coming from the girl who wanted to eat spider cake." Gracie whispered back. "We have rotten pumpkin punch." said Jack. "Ok, Mel you were right." Gracie whispered. "No thanks." they all said in unison. "I'll have some dear." said Sally. "Ok honey." said Jack as he walked to the punch bowl

Then Gracie looked at her watch. "Woa this can't be." she said. "Whats wrong?" asked Jack when he returned with the drinks. "Well my watch says its 6:00 am but the town hall clock says 12:00 midnight." she said. "Thats because of the time zone difference." said Sally. "Time zones confuse me." said Melissa. "Wait did you say it was 6:00 am?" said Deseree. "Yes." said Gracie. "That means we need to go home before Gracie's parents wake up." said Deseree. "Why worry its Saturday on Earth." said Kelsey. "We should worry. Remember my parents get up really early on Saturday to make breakfast." said Gracie. "Well lets get Abby and go then." said Melissa. "That reminds me, Jack is Abby allowed here?" asked Gracie. "Yes, but under one condition, keep her away from me." said Jack. "Not to worry while you two are away at Valentines Day Town I'll personally train Abby so that she will be as obedient as Zero." said Gracie. "I hope so." said Jack.

7 - The Pumpkin Princess Twins are Born, an

Gracie was in Guillotine Square gazing at the clock. Unlike other clocks instead of telling time it told months. Behind her tons of the citizens were gathering waiting to start dance practice. She then turned around to see the happy faces of the monstrous citizens. "Ok people, thank you for coming. And if you look at the clock it says its near the end of July so that means we have less than 3 months to get these dance moves memorized. You all are great at the middle and end, but you all are a little shaky at the beginning. Don't worry 3 months is plenty of time. Now before we start I need to talk to the vampires." she said. Gracie and her friends just took the job of organizing, and planing the yearly Halloween celebration for Halloween Town 9 months ago. Melissa was in charge of sets, Deseree was in charge of costumes, Kelsey was in charge of music, and Gracie was in charge of dance moves. Even though the job was hard it was fun for the girls. "You wanted to see us Gracie?" said the vampires in Transylvania accents. Gracie looked at the 4 vampires who were right next to her. The first vampire was very tall. The second one was also tall. The third was a little shorter. And the fourth one was short and a little on the pudgy side. "Yes. You all know that Melissa just put up a new part of her set and its the one you all would be jumping off of. She gave me permission for you all to jump off it today. And I advise you all to be very careful. Mel worked for a long time on this set and would kill me if it was destroyed." she said. "Don't worry. We will be very careful." said the first vampire. Then they joined the others. The stunt for the vampires was to yell Halloween, jump off of the set, turn into a bat, land, and turn back to normal just in time to say In this town we call home everyone hail to the pumpkin song. It was very simple for them. "Ok lets begin." she said clapping her hands. Then the street band started to play the music. The girls decided to keep the lyrics to This is Halloween but change the background tone. It was a mix of Beetlejuice and the original tone to This is Halloween. It sounded very scary. Then the monsters started to dance scary dances that would scart the bravest of all. Then it came to the part when the vampires made their jumps. The first 3 did their jumps flawlessly, but the fourth one was a disaster. "Halloween!" he yelled as he jumped and turned into a bat. Then he started to fly very confused-like. Then he lost control and he bumped into the set. Making it fall on him.

Meanwhile in the graveyard Melissa was painting a bat. "Ohhhh this is gonna look great on my set." she said as she added some red paint to the fangs. Then she heard a crash. "That better not be my new set!" said Melissa as she ran to the gate to Guillotine Square.

Back at Guillotine Square there were dust clouds everywhere. "Is (cough) everyone (cough) ok? (cough)" asked Gracie when the dust cleared. "Hey where's vampire number 4?" she asked. "Down here." said a voice from under the set. "Wolfman, Bethmoth, I may need your help lifting this." said Gracie. Then Wolfman and a guy with an axe in his head helped Gracie lift the set. "Its completely destroyed." said Wolfman. Gracie looked at the set and it had holes everywhere. "Are you ok?" asked Gracie helping the vampire up onto his feet. "Vine, just vine." he said. "Well at least one of us is ok." said Gracie. "What do you mean?" asked one of the vampires. "When Mel sees what happend to the set I'm dead." she said. Then Gracie turned around and saw Melissa stomping her way to Gracie. She was so mad that she was all red. "Hey look its Matchgirl!" said Gracie pointing to Melissa. "Oyster Boy humor will not save you Gracie. I don't even know the Matchgirl poem." she said. "Stickboy liked Matchgirl...." that was all Gracie could say before Melissa interrupted her "Don't even recite the poem." Melissa said. "Don't worry Mel I'll be happy to help rebuild the haunted-mansion-like set." said Gracie.

Meanwhile at Jack's house Sally was in the living room drinking spider tea. Sally has changed dramatically over the past 9 months. It had become obvious that she has become pregnant. All of a sudden she dropped her teacup making it shatter. "Sally are you ok?" asked Jack as he ran into the room. "Its time." said Sally in pain. Then Jack grabbed the overnight bag and he and Sally ran out the door. "Good thing the Mayor let us borrow his car." said Jack. "Just get me to the hospital." said Sally.

Back at Gillotine Square

"DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL PRACTICES I HAD TO MISS TO MAKE THIS SET???!!" yelled Melissa. "Calm down Mel, Gracie said she would help you." said Deseree. "Yea." said Kelsey. "OH SURE. I'D LOVE TO SPEND ANOTHER 2 MONTHS MAKING THIS SET!!!" said Melissa.

"Whats going on here?" said a voice. Then everyone turned around and saw the Mayor's car and in the driver's seat was Jack. "What are you doing here Jack?" asked Gracie. "Well I was taking Sally to the hospital when..." that was all Jack could say before Kelsey interrupted "Why are you taking Sally to the hospital?" "She's going into labor." whispered Jack.

"Practice is done for today!!" yelled Gracie to the citizens. Then her friends and herself got in the Mayor's car and Jack drove off.

In the hospital Jack decided to wait in the delivery room while Gracie and her friends waited in the waiting room. "Gracie you know you have to appologise to Mel sooner or later." said Deseree a few hours later. "And we'd prefer that you appologise now." said Kelsey. "I know I know." said Gracie as she got off the blood-colored couch to go talk to Melissa. "Hey." Gracie said. Melissa was deeply engrossed in a book and didn't look at Gracie. "Umm Mel I'm sorry about the set." said Gracie. "No I should be the one to appologize. I didn't mean to explode on you Gracie." said Melissa looking up from her book. "Its ok Mel." said Gracie. "No its not. Your my best friend I shouldn't of treated you like that." said Melissa. "Look on the bright side." said Deseree walking up to them. "Yea we all are gonna help you rebuild the set." said Kelsey. "You guys are the best." said Melissa. "Hey thats what friends are for." said Gracie.

"Well it looks like you all are friends again." said Jack as he walked into the waiting room. "Yes. Isn't it great?" asked Gracie. "Yes, because in a few years we will need you 4 to babysit the new heirs to the pumpkin queen throne." said Jack. It took awhile for the words to sink into the girls' minds. When it did they were screaming at the top of their lungs. "Wow, you can wake the dead with screams like that." said Jack. "Can we see them?" the girls asked in unison. "Well, I guess so." said Jack.

"AWWWWWWWW there soooooo cute." said Melissa when they were in the delivery room. "They look just like you, Jack." said Deseree. "Yea, if Jack was a girl and had stitches around his eyes." said Gracie. "So whos-who?" asked Kelsey. "The one on the right is Ann and the one on the left is Kim." said Sally.

8 - The Halloween they'll Never Forget

"Gracie calm down." said Melissa. "Yea girl, chill." said Deseree. "Remember, you got lungs use them." said Kelsey. "I can't!! Its Halloween night, what if something goes wrong??" said Gracie. The girls were by the fountain in Gillotine Square waiting to begin the Halloween celebration. "Nothing will go wrong." said Kelsey. "Yea, just relax." said Melissa. "Pretend we are at the movie theater watching Sleepy Hollow." said Deseree. "Ok. Breathe, Gracie, breathe. Nothing will go wrong. Just relax." said Gracie to herself. Then she felt a bony hand on her shoulder. She jumped and turned around to see a guy in a scarecrow costume (that was similar to the scarecrow from Sleepy Hollow) that had a pumpkin on his head. "Don't do that Jack!!! You really scared me." said Gracie. "Gracie was actually scared!?" said Melissa. "Oh shut up!!! And besides I wasn't really scared I was just...umm...nervious thats all." said Gracie. "Yea right." said Kelsey and Deseree in unison. "You all remind me of me on my first Halloween." said Jack with a laugh. "Anyway, great job on the costume Deseree." he continued. "Thanks, its based on the scarecrow from Sleepy Hollow." said Deseree. "Let me guess, Sleepy Hollow is another Tim Burton movie I shouldn't really ask about." said Jack. "Right, unless you want Gracie to start rambling on and on about how great he is." said Deseree.

"Vincent Malloy is 7 years old. He's always polite and does what he's told..." said Gracie to herself. "What is she doing?" asked Jack. "Oh she's reciting the 'Vincent' poem again, but I guess its for the best." said Melissa. "Why?" asked Jack. "It will calm her down before the show." said Deseree. "He saw Ambercrombie his zombie slave. He heard his wife call from beyond the grave..." said Gracie. "Gracie?" said a voice from behind her. Gracie was so shocked that she jumped onto the fountain. She looked down and saw someone in a scarecrow costume, similar to Jack's but it was more of a dress, pulling a stroller. "Sally!! DON'T DO THAT!!!" said Gracie from the top of the fountain. "Here we go again." said Kelsey. "Whats wrong with Gracie?" asked Sally. "Oh she has the pre-Halloween jitters." said Jack. "No I don't!! I'm just nervous. What if something goes wrong?" said Gracie as she got down from the fountain. "Gracie, we already told you NOTHING WILL GO WRONG!!!" yelled Kelsey. "Kelsey's right. I haven't had any bad premonitions about this Halloween at all." said Sally. "Really? Ok I'm not nervous anymore." said Gracie.

"Good, because we don't want you to freak out in the middle of the whole performance." said Deseree. "Well I'm gonna go drop off the kids at Dr. Finkelstine's." said Sally. "Dr. frackawho???" said Melissa. "You've met Dr. Finkelstien before, haven't you?" asked Jack. "Uhhh...oh yea, Sally's creator." said Deseree. "That dude that looks like a duck." said Kelsey. "Kel!!" said Gracie as she jaded an elbow in Kelsey's ribs. "Ouch!!" said Kelsey. "Its ok I didn't like living with him anyway." said Sally. "Yea, you usted to drug him with deadly nightshade." said Melissa. Then Sally let out a little giggle. "Well I'll be going you all can come if you want." said Sally. She then left followed by Gracie, Melissa, Deseree, and Kelsey.

On the way to Dr. Finkelstien's the girls saw a black cat running in fear. Behind it was Abby. "Oh no. Gracie tell your dog to stop chasing my cat!" said Sally. "Abby!! COME HERE!!" yelled Gracie. Then Abby ran to Gracie. "Bad dog! You know better than to chase cats, especailly Sally's!" she continued. "Sally I'm so sorry." said Gracie. "Its ok." said Sally. "Its weird. You'd think that because Abby spends so much time with Zero, she'd be a good dog." said Melissa. "I just hope she didn't wake the kids." said

Sally. The girls looked inside the stroller and saw the kids sleeping. Even though they were wearing pumpkin hats you could see strands of red-orange hair coming out of Ann's head and you can see strands of black hair on Kim. "Wow they slept through all that noise. I wish I could do that but no, if I sleep and a pin drops in China I wake up." said Kelsey.

Then the cat, knowing that Abby would not hurt her anymore, ran to the graveyard. Abby tried to run after it but was stopped by Gracie. "Oh no you don't. Your coming with us to Dr. Finkelstien's." said Gracie as she grabbed Abby by the collar and dragged her the rest of the way.

Then they finally arrived at Dr. Finkelstine's. Sally rang the doorbell and a little green guy with a hump on his back answered. "Hello Igor." said Sally. "Hello Sally. We've been expecting you." he answered. Then the girls entered. "This place looks like the lab from Edward Scissorhands." said Gracie. "Except it doesn't make cookies it makes monsters." said Melissa. "Oh hello Sally." said a girl with a duck-like mouth, blonde hair, white lab coat, and black gloves. "Hi Jewel. How are you?" asked Sally. "Fine. Oh I see you brought friends." said Jewel looking at Gracie and her friends. "Hi." said Gracie and her friends in unison. "Its nice to see you again." said Gracie. "Hey when was the last time we met?" asked Melissa. "It was either the pre-wedding party or the welcome home surprise party." said Deseree. "I think it was the surprise party." said Kelsey. "I think it was too." said Jewel.

"Whats going on here?" said a voice. Everyone looked up and saw a guy, who looked alot like Jewel except he was bald and was in a wheelchair, come down the stairs (well wheeled, you get my point). "Oh Gracie. Its nice to see you again." said Dr. Finkelstine. "Its...umm...nice to see you too. Hey would you also watch Abby for me. I know its kinda last minuite and everything but I just don't want her to ruin Halloween." said Gracie. "Well ok but if she breaks anything you will pay. I put too much work into these inventions to have them destroyed by some weird shelty dog." he said. "Fine." said Gracie. "Hey we better get going." said Deseree. "Your right we don't want the citizens to wait any longer for Halloween." said Melissa. "It was nice seeing you all again." said Kelsey.

When they walked out of Dr. Finkelstien's house the mayor ran up to them. He had his worried face on. But when he saw the girls it changed to happy. "Its about time we were starting to worry. The citizens are starting to get wreckless. We better start Halloween before they burn down the town." said the mayor with a laugh.

"Well in that case lets get this thing started!!" said Gracie. "I'm gonna go join Jack." said Sally walking away. Then the girls ran to the top of the mayor's car. "Ok everybody settle down." said Melissa into the black and white megaphone attached to the car. Everybody looked at Melissa for a few seconds then they started talking again. "Let me try." said Deseree. Melissa gave Deseree the megaphone mouthpiece. "Yo people be quiet." said Deseree. Yet no one listened. "Is this thing even on?" asked Deseree. "Here let me give it a try." said Kelsey. Deseree then gave Kelsey the megaphone mouthpiece. "Everybody please be quiet." said Kelsey. "This is taking too long." said Gracie. "SHUT UPPPPP!!!" she yelled. Then everybody froze and looked at the girls. "Woa, you didn't even need the megaphone." said Melissa.

Then Gracie grabbed the megaphone mouthpiece. "Thank you. Now before we start I just want to say that it was a great honor working with you all. This Halloween will be the most horrible ever!! So, in the words of Beatlejuice, its showtime!!!" said Gracie into the mouthpiece. Everyone stared blankly at Gracie. "What Gracie is trying to say is, lets get this party started." said Deseree. Then everyone ran to their places as the music played. "Thats the last time I use a Beatlejuice quote here." said Gracie. The celebration went on flawlessly. "Uh oh." said Gracie. "What?" asked Melissa. "Its time for the

vampires to do their jumps." said Gracie. "And your scared because you didn't practice the jump alot after the accident. Right?" asked Kelsey. Gracie nodded her head. "They better not mess up. It took us all a month to paint the Haunted Graveyard from Haunted Mansion." said Deseree. Then the vampires did their jumps. "I can't watch!" said Gracie as she hid behind her hands. "Gracie you can look now." said Melissa a minuite later. "Is the set ok?" asked Gracie as removed her hands from her face. She looked at the set and saw that it was still in one piece. "They did it!!" said Gracie.

"Tender lumpings everywhere. Life's no fun without a good scare." sang corpsekid a few minuites later. "Ok girls are we ready?" asked Gracie. "Yup." they said in unison. In the upcoming part, where Jack and Sally are in the fountain, Gracie and her friends were going to announce Jack and Sally's names as they arose from the fountain. "I just hope I don't froget what I need to say." said Melissa. "You won't." said Gracie. Then Bethmoth arrived pulling the fake horse that had Jack and Sally on it. "I just noticed this. That horse lookes like Daredevil, from Sleepy Hollow." said Gracie. Then torches were given to Jack and Sally and instead of just putting them in their mouths, Jack and Sally twirled them in their hands then they put them in their mouths and danced with each other and jumped in the fountain. "And now introducing." said Gracie into the megaphone. "The master of fright." said Melissa into the megaphone. "The king of nightmares." said Deseree into the megaphone. "Your favorite pumpkin king and mine." said Kelsey into the megaphone. "Jack Skellington!!" they yelled in unison as Jack arose from the green fountain his hands layed across his chest in the death position. "And now." said Gracie into the megaphone. "The mistress of terror." said Melissa into the megaphone. "The queen of all things that go bump in the night." said Deseree into the megaphone. "Your favorite pumpkin queen and mine." said Kelsey into the megaphone. "Sally Skellington!!" they yelled in unison as Sally arose from the fountain just like Jack.

"La la la (repeat) WEEEEEE!" sang the citizens. "Its over!" said Melissa. "We did it!!" said Gracie. Then Gracie and Melissa gave each other high-fives. "Wasn't it terrifying?" asked Deseree. "What a night." said Kelsey. "Great Halloween everyone." said the mayor. "This truly was our most horrible yet." said Jack as he was helping Sally down from the fountain. "Jack you say that every year." said Sally. "Yea but this year I really mean it. This was our most horrible Halloween ever. And we couldn't of done it without Gracie, Melissa, Kelsey, and Deseree." said Jack. Then everyone looked at Gracie and her friends. "What?! It was nothing, really." said Gracie.

"Its not like you all do the same Halloween every year. Right?" asked Kelsey. Everyone had a guilty look on their faces. "Actually we do have the same Halloween every year." said Jack. "Wait a minuite. Remember in the graveyard in that song you sang. 'I just can't wait untill next Halloween, cause I got some new ideas that would really make them scream and my God I'm really gonna give it all my might' remember that verse?" asked Deseree. "Yes, what about it?" asked Jack. "Well what happened to your new ideas?" asked Melissa. "They didn't work." said Jack. "But you girls did a horrible job. This is the kind of Halloween we only dream about." said Sally.

"Coming through!!!" said a high-pitched voice. Everyone turned around and saw Lock, Shock, and Barrel. "Hey Gracie!" yelled Barrel. "Yes?" asked Gracie. "We just wanted to say that great job on Halloween." said Lock. "What? Can this be? The great human haters being nice to us? We must be dreaming!" said Gracie. Then Shock threw a rock at Gracie. "Ouch! Ok we're not dreaming." said Gracie. "Don't get any ideas! We still hate you guys. And we swear by Oogie's bugs that we will find a way to be rid of you humans for good!!" said Shock. Then they left.

9 - Awards for all

"Gracie are you ok?" asked everyone. "Yea, the rock hit my arm. I just hope it doesn't turn into rubber like Harry Potter's." said Gracie with a laugh. "I don't get it." said Jack. "You probably wouldn't." said Gracie. Then the mayor walked up to the group of friends. "Hey Jack when would you like to start the award show?" asked the Mayor. "Awards?" asked Gracie and her friends in unison. "Oh yea I forgot this will be your first awards show wouldn't it be girls?" said Jack. "Whats it about?" asked Melissa. "Well every Halloween we give out awards to the monsters for doing their jobs." said Sally. "So this is what they get instead of payment?" asked Kelsey. "Kel!" said Deseree. "Well its 3:00am on Earth so we can stay." said Gracie looking at her watch. "Excellent." said Jack. Then everyone walked to the Mayor's car which had millions upon millions of trophies and medals. "Wow." said Melissa. "Shiny." said Gracie. Then the mayor grabbed the megaphone. "Ok everyone. Lets start giving out the awards. And the first one goes to the vampire for most blood drained in a single evening." he said as vampire 4 walked up to him and recieved a trophy.

The show dragged on for what seemed like hours. "So this isn't like the Emmys at all." said Melissa. "What?" asked Jack. "Never mind." they said in unison. "And now for our final award. This is a new category that will only be presented this year because if we presented this award every year the same people would win it over and over." said Mayor. Then everyone in the audience laughed. "Anyway Jack would you like to help me present this award?" asked Mayor. "Sure." said Jack as he walked to the Mayor. "Well over the past 3 years Halloween Town has gone through alot. These 4 girls have challenged us to think differently on how we think about humans, friendship, and Halloween. So it is a great honor for me to give this award, the most inspirational award, to none other than Gracie, Melissa, Kelsey, and Deseree." said Jack. "WHAT!!" the girls said in unison. "Well go up there." said Sally. Then Gracie and her friends went up to Jack. Then Jack put medals around the girls necks'.

Gracie picked up the medal that was around her neck and looked at it. It was a silver gravestone shaped medal and it had the words, Gracie Most Inspirational 2000 (Thats the year). "Wow." said Melissa. "Its beautiful." said Kelsey. "I love it." said Deseree. "Thank you." said Gracie. "No no, thank you." said Jack. "Well I guess I better get Abby and go home." said Gracie. "We'll wait for you by the portal." said Melissa, Kelsey, and Deseree in unison.

"I just hope Abby didn't break anything." said Gracie as she rang the doorbell. "Ah Gracie, come in, come in." said Jewel. Gracie walked in and was shocked by what she saw. Everything was intact. Nothing broken, destroyed, or on fire. Then Abby walked in and ran to Gracie's feet. "So, how was Abby?" asked Gracie as she bent down to pet Abby. "She was great." said Jewel. "My Abby a good dog? Are we talking about the same dog here?" asked Gracie. "Yes." said Jewel. "Well I guess I best be going." said Gracie as she walked out the door. "Wait I should pay you." said Gracie walking back in. "Oh no we don't want any pumpkin seeds for this." said Jewel. "Really?" asked Gracie. "We did this out of friendship." said Jewel. "Well ok." said Gracie. Then Gracie left the house with Abby at her heels.

10 - Gracie's Epilogue

Thats it. Thats how our first 3 Halloweens went. Now its the year 2004 and my friends and I are now 15 years old and are still in charge of Halloween. It gets harder every year because we always use our good ideas in the previous Halloween but we always find some way to make a new Halloween every year. Halloween Town has changed a little. Now there are 2 heirs to the pumpkin king throne. See, in the year 2001 Sally gave birth to a second set of twins, 2 boys named Michael and Vince. While I'm on the subject of the boys I might as well tell you how Ann and Kim are doing. Ann and Kim were born on July 31st 2000 so that makes them 4 years old. Ann is almost the exact image of her dad but she has stitches around her eyes and mouth. She has long red-orange hair and always wears a purple headband to keep it in place. She wears a long purple gown. She is also very spunky and quickwitted. Kim is 2 minutes younger than her and has the same face. She always wears her long black hair in a ponytail on top of her head. She always wears a black turtleneck, black pants, and a red pancho (SP). She is kinda bossy, a romantist, and bookish, she loves to read Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, and my Harry Potter books. Now to talk about the boys. Michael and Vince were born August 25th 2001 so that makes them 3 years old. There both the exact image of their dad. Michael always wears a blood-red hoodie (yes they have hoodies in Halloween Town) that has a black spider on it. He always has the studded hood up over his head and always wears black pants that have a million chains on them. He is kinda punk, he's into skateboarding and is very brave. Vince is 3 minutes younger than Michael. He always wears an orange and black striped suit (the stripes are like this://////) Vince is the scaredycat of the family but he tries to be brave.

Now to talk about my friends and me. I'm still a big fan of Tim Burton but over the years I got other interests. I love to read Harry Potter, Nancy Drew, and The Melancholy Death of Oyster Boy and other stories. I love to listen to Good Charlotte, Blink-182, Evanescence, Shakira, Danny Elfman, and Amanda Ghost. I also grew a liking to POTC and Harry Potter. But that doesn't mean I gave up on Tim. Now enough about me lets talk about my friends. Melissa is still the sporty one, but she doesn't let sports get in the way of our friendship. Deseree over the years has grown a liking to Usher and other rap artists. She also wears hair extensions to make her short black hair longer. Kelsey likes to play soccer now but still has time for Halloween. Abby is still allowed in Halloween, if you can believe it. We will always be friends and will always keep the portal a secret. (But I think my parents are starting to get suspicious.)

THE END