

The Peculiar Pranks of Pumpkin Puff

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Once upon a time, in the kingdom of Goo-ville there lived a king named King Flutternutter. One day he called all of the monster towns to discuss something very important. "Kingdom of Goo-ville listen up, from today every monster will be assigned a house from the human land to protect. But, make sure to drink a bit of this, it is an invisible potion, so the humans don't see us roaming around their land." King Flutternutter explained. Soon each monster had drunk a little of the potion. Each monster was assigned a house as the king said. There was one house remaining, the creepy one over the hill. Pippa Pumpkin and her child Pumpkin Puff were assigned to this house. No human moved into this house for years, because they thought it was too creepy. So Pippa and Puff lived their best lives in the house and made it very homey so they didn't get home-sick. But one day, a human family opened the doors of the house. Pippa knew that their days of enjoyment were over and they had to start doing their job. But Pumpkin Puff did not like that at all.

She wished to get rid of these humans from this house so that she and her mother could have the opportunity to do nothing again. But these humans looked like they weren't going to get out of the house very easily. Pumpkin Puff went to all of her friends' houses to get some ideas of what to do to get the humans out of the house forever. Most of her friends told her to play pranks on them. Pumpkin Puff thought about it, that was it! She just needed some good pranks that would scare

them so bad. Where could she find them? As she thought she remembered that her best friend(Grubble Bubble)had gotten their family out, so she ran over to his house immediately and told him everything. "Hmm... I see you have the case of the annoying humans at your house, you need the best, the mischievous, craziest pranks to get these humans out FOREVER!!!!!" Grubble Bubble said, and he told Pumpkin Puff the best pranks he could think of. The first prank that she did was that she would move the couch and the coffee table an inch or two every night, and soon the human family realized that the furniture had moved a lot. So they started arguing about who did it. Pumpkin Puff was delighted but, that wasn't the end, that was just the beginning of her plan. A week later Pumpkin Puff found out that she could eat human food and it was delicious! How had she never tried that before? You are probably wondering how she even ate that, well one day when she was wandering around the house she found something yellow, roundish, crispy, and salty. She was so intrigued to taste it. She had remembered a prank that Grubble Bubble had told her, she stole a bunch of snacks from the human pantry and sealed up the bags so they wouldn't suspect anything. Later when one of them opened a bag their face made Pumpkin Puff laugh so hard. The reason the human being had such a shocked face was because the bag of chips was completely empty and no one had opened it, or that's what the human thought. But the truth was that Pumpkin Puff had been eating all the chips in the bag. The humans were so mad and shocked that the store had scammed them so badly. Usually the stores would fill the bags $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ but never fully empty. After this prank the humans got

so mad that they immediately went to the store and started arguing with the manager. As soon as Pippa knew this situation, she immediately knew that Pumpkin Puff was probably the cause because back in Goo-ville Pumpkin Puff would always cause mischief in the village with her friends. "Pumpkin Puff, did you cause the argument between the humans and the store guy?" Pippa asked Pumpkin Puff, "Mom! How could you think that Pumpkin Puff did that?" She carefully chose her words, hoping Pippa wouldn't notice that she didn't actually confess anything. But Pippa knew that Pumpkin Puff was lying because when she was, she would rub the top of her foot onto the back of her other foot. And she was doing that now so Pippa immediately knew that she was lying but she pretended that she trusted Pumpkin Puff. Later as the time passed the humans had been starting to think that there were spirits in this house and that they should maybe start considering moving. A few days later Pumpkin Puff had told Grubble Bubble about the progress. "Wow that's some good progress for a first timer, here are another two pranks. The last one is so crazy!!!" Grubble Bubble said, "I am so excited to do them, now tell me fast!!!" Pumpkin Puff exclaimed, After she arrived home she immediately started her 3rd prank. She starts off by barging into their coat room and grabs the randomest hats. Beanies, baseball hats, bucket hats, berets, and so much more. She puts them on all of the lamps that she finds, a few minutes after she finishes the family comes home from the beach. They were really tired and as soon as they entered the house they saw their lamp next to the bookshelf wearing a beanie! Not only one of them saw it, all of them saw it. They just

thought it was an illusion their minds were playing on them because they had been on the beach for the whole day and didn't get a lot of rest. When each one of them went into their rooms to go to bed they all saw hats on their lamps. The next day Pumpkin Puff decided to play her final prank. Pumpkin Puff noticed a pattern in the family, each person would take a shower in the same bathroom even though there were multiple bathrooms. After the first person in the family took a shower there was a bunch of steam on the mirror so Pumpkin Puff wrote a message on it saying "Nice hair today" When the second human came in, they saw the message. What happened next? The human screamed, it was delightful for Pumpkin Puff. As Grubble Bubble had told her, human beings hate having kind monsters in their houses. After the human screamed they wiped off the message and took a shower after they left before the third person came in Pumpkin Puff wrote another message on the mirror saying "Make sure to get the milk" the human did the same thing as the previous one and left the last message Pumpkin Puff wrote was "I liked your shirt yesterday" The last person immediately said "Okay we are moving, this is the fourth crazy thing that has happened. I can't take it anymore. We should have never come here in the first place, after all it's the creepy house at the top of the hill." A few hours later the humans left. Finally, as Pumpkin Puff had wanted the humans had left but, playing the pranks on the humans and eating their amazing food was over. She was happy but she had a slight feeling of guilt, the humans hadn't done anything she just wanted them out.

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