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Helpful Hill

Once in the outskirts of a small town, there was a hill. On the hill there was a tree.

Everyday, the tree would turn into a monster. Many children were scared of the tree because they would see it move and glow. The monster would go to a human town each Halloween and would invisibly give a slight tug at everyone's costumes.

But, the monster had no intention of making people mad.

The problem was that the monster fed on the thread of Halloween costumes.

So, on the day before Halloween, when he had come out to take a walk, (invisibly), he saw a sign.

The sign said that that people were losing food.

He wondered that if he helped, people wouldn't be scared of him any more.

The monster knew what human food was and he wanted to help.

There was just one problem, he had to show himself if he was going to do it.

The monster was usually invisible, but if he was touching any piece of human food he couldn't be invisible. That was dangerous.

He decided that he would to it.

So, the next day, he set of to find food for the humans.

As he was walking, he saw a vegetable garden.

He picked vegetables and put them in a basket.

Just as he was about to continue, the owner of the garden walked out and saw him.

“Aaaaah!”, he yelled.

Scared of the yelling, the monster ran away.

That night, the monster stood in his disguise of a tree.

He had left the basket of vegetables at the garden and was not sure if he remembered the way. He sobbed until morning and then set out to find more food.

As he was walking, he smelled a strange scent in the air. It smelled like thread and human food mixed together. He knew he had travelled far. He had made it to the big city! That meant that he had made it to the mall!

He sniffed his way to the mall and when he got there, he had a small surprise.

His picture was all over the news! He ran until he got to the grocery area of the mall. He tried to make himself smaller so that no human could see him and then went “shopping”. Later when he found some human food and some extra thread for himself, he ran as fast as he could.

He had made it!

It was Halloween night and instead of picking thread, he dropped the food he got from the mall on each doorstep. At first, people screamed and ran away. After some more helping, people came back.

A man said, “ Wait, I think this monster is trying to help us.”.

Many people came closer until the monster gave them a big thumbs-up.

Some people closed their eyes and staggered back, but when they opened their eyes, there was no monster in front of them.

Then people turned back and saw the monster melt into his disguise of a tree.

The next day, when the monster took a walk, he wasn’t invisible.

Instead of screaming when they saw him, they waved and he waved back.

In fact, when the monster helped the people of the town, he was given an award.

The award was an endless supply of thread! The monster was really thankful for the people but as he got older, he had to move and find a different home in the monster's land. So, when the monster left, the people named the hill that he lived on "Helpful Hill" in honor of his helpfulness.

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