



Here comes the spooky season! The evil spirits went out for a walk and having fun. Witches, ghosts, zombies, all of them came to us to celebrate the Halloween and ask the cherished phrase... Trick or treat, buddy?

And this special issue includes...

What can we say about Halloween?

Halloween: past and present

How to have a spooky time?

Let's celebrate!



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The motto of our magazine suits best this very issue – "The truth is down here..."



#### **SPEAKED AND SPOOKED**

Hello, dear readers. Today to your attention: idioms and words related to the theme of Halloween.

Let's start with the idiomatic expressions.

Skeleton in the closet. It denotes an embarrassing fact or scandal that someone wants to keep secret. For example, she was frightened that someone would find out about her skeletons in the closet.

Ghost town. It denotes a deserted place where there are few or no people. For example, in the morning, you can see a ghost town on the street.

**Scaredy cat.** It characterizes a person who is easily frightened. For example, do not be such a scaredy cat, exams are not challenging.

Scared stiff. It means to be very afraid, to the point where you are incapable of movement. For example, you are scared stiff during this holiday.

Would not say boo to a goose. It means to be shy or nervous. For example, he is not known for doing that, he would not say boo to a goose.

Let's move on to the words.

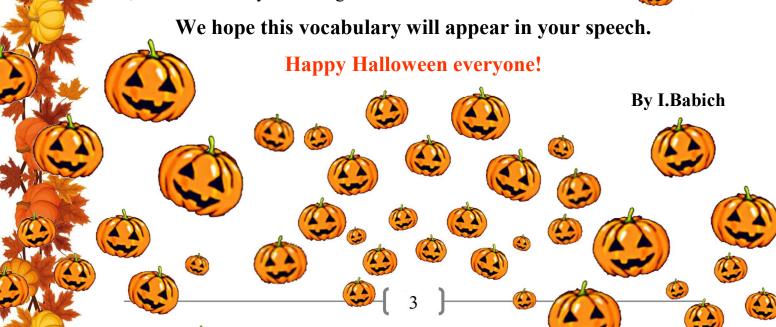
Ghastly. It means to be shockingly frightful. For example, there was a string of ghastly murders committed last year.

**Haunt.** It means to appear too frequently as a spirit or ghost. For example, the old lady you saw is a ghost who haunts the castle.

**Macabre.** It means something related to death or violence. For example, we thought the art exhibit was very macabre.

**Spooky.** It means something eerie and causing unease. For example, that old house is spooky.

**Supernatural.** It means something relating to something not natural. For example, there is some supernatural activity happening in this house.



# WHAT WERE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES LIKE IN THE EARLY 1900S?

If you don't know how Halloween is celebrated, you should start with a choosing of a costume. It is a real spirit of this holiday. Fortunately, nowadays a lot of people have an idea of how to dress up. But do you know that 100 years ago, people knew better how to dress properly in one of the weirdest holidays in the world? They were creating the masks, costumes, attributes with own hands and despite of lack of latex, silicone and rubber, it was truly intimidating. We collected photos of the most unusual and frightening outfits to take you to the atmosphere of old Halloween. **Just have a look!** 

1.The costumes often were created namely for children. Actually, homemade papier-mache masks worn with everyday clothes were popular. Widespread outfits included clowns, witches and fairies.



2. People used their fantasy to the full. It seems to us that there wasn't something special in their clothes, but the ferret masks looked ugly.



3. Over time beautiful attributes began to appear. However, we can't say that these people looked so attractive.



4. By the way, people considered necessary to dress up even their pets and animals for image completeness.



To sum up, it was really unforgettable holiday, because people prepared for it more seriously than we now. Every person tried to surprise, thinking up their image from handheld materials.





## КРЯКНЕМ, ПЛЮНЕМ И НАДЕЖНО СКЛЕИМ СКОТЧЕМ.

Хэллоуин не за горами, и с каждым годом в нашей стране этот праздник набирает обороты. Вырезание тыкв, хэллоуинский декор с паучками и ведьмами, но что же заставит вас блистать по-настоящему? Костюм! Вы можете переодеться в своего любимого персонажа фильма или книги, взять что-то из классики [мумия, зомби, вампир], а можете заморочиться и придумать что-нибудь свое. Именно для тех, кому точно подходит третий пункт, мы составили топ 5 костюмов, для изготовления которых нужно воображение...и возможно немного цветного картона.

#### 1 место. Костюм призрака.

Вам понадобится:

- а. Белая простыня, которая помнит вас еще ребенком
- b. Очки настолько темные, чтобы вы не ослепляли других людей крутостью вашего костюма
- с. Найдите друга, чтобы казаться многочисленней
- d. Кто из редакторов «The Artifact» изображен на фото?
- е. Это все еще список необходимого?..

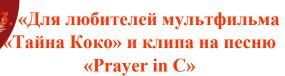


#### 2. Мышиное трио.

Вам понадобится:

- а. Хотя бы двое друзей [вы получите больше удовольствия, если все втроем окажетесь фанатами мультфильма «Шрек»]
- b. Белые футболки со времен школьной физкультуры
- с. Черные очки
- d. Черные брюки
- е. Палки, чтобы тыкать ими в предметы и людей, говоря: «Извините, но вы не видите, что я мышь?»





Вам понадобится:

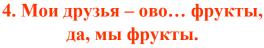
а. Немного качественного грима для лица

В. Пара кисточек

с. Спокойствие для прорисовывания тонких линий







Вам понадобится:

- а. Разноцветные футболки
- b. Немного цветного картона
- с. И это действительно все...









## 5. Светильник Джека, но без света... Кто-нибудь тут еще играет в Minecraft?..

Вам понадобится:

- а. Тыква, из которой еще никто не успел сварить кашу или сделать пюре
- b. Острый нож
- с. Солидный костюм, отлично сочетающийся с тыквой на вашей голове
- d. Позитивный настрой, потому что ваш парфюм на оставшийся вечер тыквенный до изнеможения



Всегда должна быть возможность покреативничать, так пусть Хэллоуин станет поводом для полёта Вашей фантазии, если не в этом году, так в следующем.

By Ya.Zinova





Do you believe in magic? What do you know about witches? Have you ever seen them? Let's figure it out!

Witches exist, have existed and will continue to exist. But modern witches belong to the Wiccan-neo-pagan religion that revived in the twentieth century. Modern witches believe in magic, write a book of shadows with spells and the like. Old grandmothers who sell herbs in bazaars and heal with plants can also safely be called witches, but if you stir dishes in the kitchen clockwise, congratulations, you are a kitchen witch. Or if you or your family members spit over your shoulder, you are a bit of a "witch" too.

#### What is Wicca?

Wicca is a non-pagan religion that originated around the 1920s, but became popular in the mid-50s and is based on worship and reverence for nature. It contains various rituals, holidays corresponding to the Wheel of the Year, as well as the absence of rigid rules and moral norms, but at the same time Wicca is a fairly organized religion. All rituals are based on the forces of nature - this is "the harmonious movement of energies to create the necessary transformations."

All Wiccan magic is based on alchemy and the idea of 5 elements that are used in rituals and ceremonies: Fire (south side), Water /moisture (west side), Earth / soil / leaves (north), Air (east) and Spirit / Ether in the center.

The main place in the witch / sorcerer's house is the altar. It is individually compiled, but is usually located on the north side and decorated with flowers.

The main rule of Wicca is to do what you want, if it does not harm others. Complete freedom of will and action, but

at the same time it is necessary to be responsible for your actions and not harm yourself and others.

Often in writings about Wicca it is mentioned that every witch and sorcerer should strive to acquire 8 qualities: reverence, respect, joy, strength, humanity, beauty, compassion and power.

We hope you have learned a lot about Wicca. It is an incredibly peaceful and tolerant religion based on love for nature and the world around us.

And now we suggest that you read spells for good study, good luck, happiness at the Samhain festival, so that everything in your life would be wonderful!

#### Samhain aka Witches' New Year

The third and final harvest festival on the Wheel of the Year is Samhain, observed on October 31. This Sabbat marks the end of the growing season and the beginning of Winter, which must be prepared for now in earnest. Samhain is one of the most powerful nights of the year for spellwork and divination.

#### WAYS TO CELEBRATE SAMHAIN

#### Collect the leaves.

The leaves of each tree have their own magical meaning. The collected leaves can be decorated with an altar or a room for a holiday. Choose the leaves with the value you want to get.

- 🤗 maple-love, kindness, wealth
- oak protection, fertility, strength
- \* chestnut love, longevity
- hazel the truth, the prediction
- pine exile, getting rid of negativity, purification.
- rowan defense, creation, travel
- birch exorcism, protection and purification
- Cedar healing, psychic abilities, purification
- \* Apple exile, fertility, healing, love

#### 2. Made soul cookies

Made your favorite cookies, add spices to it for taste and wonderful aroma. And you can also cook pumpkin pie and mulled wine based on apple juice. A great treat for Samhain!

#### 3. Samhain Outfit

Samhain is associated with fire, so Samhain rituals performed in bright clothes will help to purify and get rid of negativity. So, we take out clothes of such colors from the wardrobe: red, brown, orange, black

#### 4. A magical walk!

Go for a walk in the autumn forest or park. Dress up in "fiery" clothes and take a good mood with you. Walk and breathe in the autumn air, feel the change of seasons.

#### 5. Spells and rituals

#### Ritual "Good things in my life"

This ritual will help attract good things into your life.

White candles – healing, truth, hope Brown candles - friendship

Red candles – activity and a call to action, courage, passion and love

Orange candles – energy, success, search for motivation or purpose

Yellow candles – clarity (help to find the truth), creativity, learning, patience

Green candles – success, wealth, productivity, luck

Blue candles – calmness, healing, fidelity, restoration of mental balance Purple candles – hidden power, wisdom, calmness

Pink candles – harmony, love, affection, self-love and harmony with yourself.

Take a candle of the desired color and a sheet of paper. Light a candle, think about the good and write your wish. Put this piece of paper in a secret place and believe that the wish will come true.

#### Ritual "Getting rid of negativity"

Equip the altar. Find a suitable place and decorate it with holiday attributes and leaves. Take a black candle and light it. Write on paper all the negative things you want to get rid of and burn it. Be careful with fire!

#### Jarspell for good study

- To cast a spell in a jar, we need: dried basil, rosemary, chamomile, orange peel, a small jar with a cork and a white thread.
- Fill the jar with herbs and pieces of zest. Close it with a cork and tie it with a white thread.
- This jar can be carried with you to help with tests.

By A.Shirokova and S.Samigulina

## IT'S HERE - IT'S THERE

The most spooktacular time of the year is almost here, boys and ghouls! Halloween is the perfect excuse for getting heaps of candy, dressing up all scary and, of course, playing with the best creepy toys available.





Commercialization of Halloween in the United States began perhaps with Halloween postcards (featuring hundreds of designs), which were most popular between 1905 and 1915. This celebration is now the United States' second most popular holiday (after Christmas) for decorating; the sale of candy and costumes is also extremely common during the holiday, which is marketed to children and adults alike. Each year popular costumes are dictated by various current events and pop-culture icons. For example, 2021 year popular costumes are from "Squid games", Kim Kardashian at the Met Gala.

On many college campuses, Halloween is a major celebration, with the Friday and Saturday nearest October 31 hosting many costume parties. Urban bars are frequented by people wearing Halloween masks and risqué costumes.

Many bars and restaurants hold costume contests to attract customers to their establishments.

#### An interesting fact about American way of celebrating Halloween

The evening of October 30 opens the socalled Mischief night. It is an informal holiday on which children and teenagers engage in pranks and vandalism. It is known by a variety of names including Devil's Night, Gate Night, Goosey Night, Moving Night, Cabbage Night and Mat Night. The earliest reference to Mischief Night is from 1790 when a headmaster encouraged a school play which ended in "an Ode to Fun which praises children's tricks on Mischief Night in most approving terms".

But we can offer you some more peaceful ways of celebrating Halloween. There are:

- 1. costume parties
- 2. making jack-o'-lanterns of pumpkins
- 3. watching scary films together



Film industry is also involved in Halloween's atmosphere and most of multiseries cartoons gives their funs some special Halloween's episodes with their favorite characters. And here you can see a list of cartoons' episodes dedicated to Halloween celebration.

1. Star vs. the Forces of Evil - «Hungry Larry» season 2 -12 episode



2. Gravity Falls – «Summerween» Season 1 - Episode 12



3. The Simpsons Halloween Specials



4. The Amazing World of Gumball – «Halloween» Season 2 Episode 10



5. Milo Murphy's Law – «Milo's Halloween Scream-a-Torium» Season 1 Episode 19



6. Adventure time – «Blank-Eyed Girl» Season 7 Episode 19



All of them are funny and scary at the same time. You`ll surely have a good time and enjoy atmosphere of Halloween with your favorite characters.

By I.Rashitova and A.Pilipenko

### THE WARREN'S OCCULT MUSEUM



Lorraine and Ed Warren are known all over the world for loud sensational stories the on investigation of paranormal phenomena. For several decades, the couple has been actively engaged in the fight against demonic creatures, helping people suffering from evil forces. For this, the lucky researchers received the honorary title of "ghostbusters".

Paranormal phenomena have accompanied the life of future researchers since childhood. Edward Warren has more than once discovered in his house a ghost of an elderly lady who used to appear at night. Her footsteps and heavy breathing made the young boy's

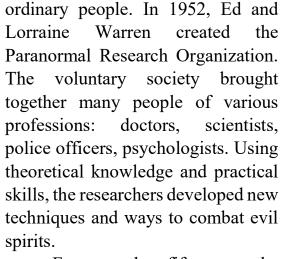
blood run cold. Ed's father, a policeman, calmed his household as best he could. He did not believe in ghosts, and believed that everything had a logical explanation. Little Ed, left alone with his fears, was forced over time to learn how to deal with them. The young researcher read a lot, accumulating knowledge about the other world. Later he began to recognize ghosts, to understand how they could be neutralized. The Warren Occult Museum was still in the future, but the young researcher had already begun to take his first steps towards it.

At the age of sixteen, Edward met a lovely girl Lorraine Rita Moran. Getting close to her, the young man learned that his girlfriend had a unique gift of clairvoyance. She could see the inner glow of people, feel their aura. Common interests brought the young people closer together, and a few years later they got married.

Interest in supernatural events continued to interest







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For more than fifty years, the Warren couple and their numerous assistants have been engaged in research in the field of occultism. They have accumulated a lot of experience and have become considered the best rightfully experts in the field of paranormal activity. The couple claimed to have successfully investigated over ten thousand complicated cases. From all the houses in which they had to work, the researchers were in the habit of taking memorable objects. The Ed and Lorraine Warren Museum is a collection of unique items, each of which is endowed

with dark power and poses a considerable danger to ordinary people. In order to neutralize the negative effect on others, the priest holds a church service in the museum every day and sprinkles the room with holy water.

The room on the ground floor reserved for the museum is poorly lit, it is cold and uncomfortable. The humid air is filled with a stench that is mixed by a mixture of aromatic essences. The room is lined with many different things, including books, toys, paintings, photos, pieces of furniture. In the unusual collection there is even a piano that played itself at night.

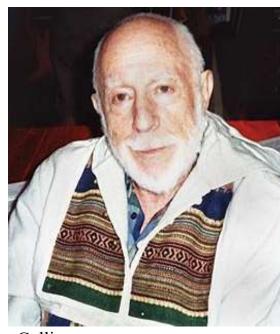
By Zh.Akurbaeva



## **SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK**

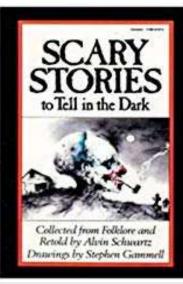
Alvin Schwartz (April 25, 1927 – March 14, 1992) was an American author and journalist who wrote more than fifty books dedicated to and dealing with topics such as folklore and word play, many of which were intended for young readers.

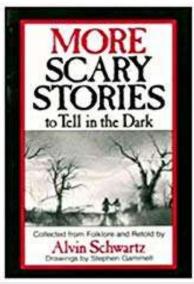
Schwartz was born in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Gussie and Harry Schwartz, a taxi driver. After a stint in the navy, Schwartz became interested in writing. He received his bachelor's degree from Colby College and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. He reported for The Binghamton Press from 1951 to 1955. During his professional writing career his work had been published by a variety of firms, including

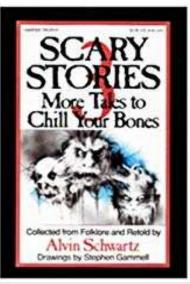


Lippincott, Bantam Books, Farrar Strauss, and Harper Collins.

He is best known for the Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark series, which featured gruesome, nightmarish illustrations by Stephen Gammell. The series was America's most frequently challenged book (or book series) for library inclusion of 1990-1999.







Schwartz died of lymphoma in Princeton, New Jersey on March 14, 1992, six weeks before his 65th birthday. Schwartz was survived by his wife and four children.

Alvin Schwartz put together a collection of spooky tales for kids based on ghost stories and urban legends. The three titles in the Stories To Tell series are Scary Stories to Tell in The Dark, More Scary Stories to Tell in The Dark, and More Tales to Chill Your Bones. Some parents have tried to have the books banned, but most kids remember the stories fondly and they have even released the tales on audio book.

#### The Guests

A young man and his wife were on a trip to visit his mother. Usually they arrived in time for supper. They had gotten a late start, and now it was getting dark.



They decided to look for a place to stay overnight and go on in the morning.

Just off the road, they saw a small house in the woods. "Maybe they rent rooms", the wife said. So they stopped to ask. An elderly man and woman came to the door. They didn't rent rooms, they said. But they would be glad to have them stay overnight as their guests. They had plenty of room, and they would enjoy the company. The old woman made coffee, brought out some cake, and the four of them talked for

awhile. Then the young couple were taken to their room. They explained that they wanted to pay for this, but the old man said he would not accept any money.

The young couple got up early the next morning before their hosts had awakened. On a table near the front door, they left an envelope with some money in it for the room. Then they went on to the next town. They stopped at a restaurant and had breakfast. When they told the owner where they had stayed, he was shocked. "That can't be", he said. "That house burned to the ground ten years ago, the old man and woman who lived there died in the fire."

The young couple could not believe it. So they went back to the house. Only now there was no house. All they found was a burned-out shell. They stood staring at the ruins trying to understand what had happened.

Then the woman started screaming! In the rubble, there was a badly burned table and on the table was the envelope they had left there that morning!

#### The Babysitter

A man walked into a hotel late one night and asked for a room. The hotel manager told him the hotel was all booked up.

"We've only got one room left," he said. "It's on the 13th floor, but we don't rent that one because it's haunted."

I'll take it," said the businessman. "I don't believe in all that nonsense about ghosts."

The man took the key and went up to the room to get some sleep. As soon as he turned off the lights and got into bed, he heard the closet door squeak open. A

pale, ghostly figure emerged from the closet and staggered forth, its fingering dripping with blood.

"Bloody fingers! ", it moaned.

When the man laid eyes on this horrible sight, he grabbed his suitcase and ran out of the room, still wearing his pajamas. left the hotel that very night.

The next night an old woman arrived at the hotel very late at night. The manager told her the same thing.

"We've only got one room left, but it's on the 13th floor and we don't rent it because the room is haunted."

"Sonny, I've seen a lot in my day," she told him. "Trust me, nothing could possibly bother me."

As soon as she switched off the lights and got into bed, the closet door creaked open and a ghastly figure stepped out. Its fingers were still dripping blood all over the floor.

"Bloody fingers! Bloody fingers!", it moaned.

The old woman shrieked and ran as fast as her legs could carry her.

A week later a teenage boy arrived at the hotel very late. He also took the haunted room despite the manager's warning. He paid for his room, got the key and headed upstairs. After he had unpacked, he took out his guitar and began to strum some tunes.

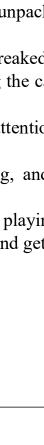
Soon, the closet door creaked open and the ghost appeared. As before, its fingers were bleeding, soaking the carpet with blood and it was moaning, "Bloody fingers! Bloody fingers!"

The boy didn't pay any attention to the ghostly figure. He just kept strumming his guitar.

The ghost kept moaning, and its fingers kept bleeding. "Bloody fingers! Bloody fingers!", it moaned.

Finally, the boy stopped playing the guitar. He looked straight at the hideous apparition and said, "Shut up and get yourself a Band-Aid."

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## **TRICK OR TREAT?**

3 октября на улице Коммунистическая, 64 прошла костюмированная вечеринка в честь Хэллоуина! Редколлегия студенческого журнала «The Artifact» совместно с антикафе «Новое место» погрузила гостей жуткого вечера в атмосферу всем знакомого по фильмам и сериалам праздника.





Главной фишкой праздника было наличие костюмов, и вот, в уютном зале собрались все: от тёмных эльфиек, фей и ведьм до зомби и известных вымышленных убийц.





Вечер начался с образовательно-развлекательной вик-торины, посвященной кануну Дня всех святых. Задания делились на три блока: история праздника, правдивые и ложные факты, а также

изитение Хэллоуина в современном поп-культурном пространстве.

Далее гости получили полную свободу, так как вечеринка была разделена на несколько зон, чтобы каждый мог найти что-то по своему вкусу. Захотелось узнать подробнее о своей судьбе — гадалка уже разложила колоду на своём магическом столе. Заинтересовала история праздника — можно было отведать яблок в традиционной игре "Apple bobbing".



Утолить жажду можно было возле барной стойки, где вампиры и вурдалаки делились своими лучшими запасами венозной и артериальной крови. За небольшим

столом с большим листом Хэллоуин-коллажа можно было немного отдохнуть otшума и размять пальцы. Также гости могли засунуть свои руки в загадочную коробку мерзостей и попытаться угадать её содержимое. И наконецто, в любой момент талантливый фотограф был ГОТОВ слелать памятные снимки в праздничной фотозоне.



Под конец вечеринки все сели вокруг фонаря Джека и рассказывали друг-другу страшные истории, как из жизни, так и выдумки. А после наступил час кино с поеданием безумно вкусного торта. Битлджус точно завидовал участникам праздника, глядя на них с большого экрана.

Мы безумно благодарны всем, кто решил присоединиться к нам в тот вечер и получил незабываемое удовольствие. Надеемся, что наши читатели примут активное участие в следующем мероприятии, но, когда же оно будет... Следите и всё узнаете!

SCAN ME TOO!

Happy Halloween!

By N.Tishina