

## **NARRATOR**

'Twas a long time ago, longer now than it seems,  
in a place that perhaps you've seen in your dreams.

For the story that you are about to be told,  
took place in the holiday worlds of old.

Now, you've probably wondered where holidays come from.  
If you haven't, I'd say it's time you begun.

For the holidays are the result of much fuss -  
and hard work for the worlds that create them for us.

We'll see now, quite simply that's all that they do -  
making one unique holiday especially for you.

But once a calamity ever so great  
occurred when two holidays met by mistake.

**1 This Is Halloween (music right away! Dancers already set)**

**2 Grim Grinning Ghosts (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**MAYOR**

Enter SL

Great Halloween everybody. As Mayor I want to commend you all!

**JACK**

Enter SR

I believe it was our most horrible yet! Thank you everyone.

**MAYOR**

No, thanks to YOU, Jack. Without your brilliant leadership -

**JACK**

Not at all Mayor.

**TOWN PERSON 1** Town People already on stage

You're such a scream, Jack

**TOWN PERSON 2**

You're a witch's fondest dream!

**TOWN PERSON 3**

You made walls fall, Jack

**TOWN PERSON 4**

Walls fall? You made the very mountains crack, Jack

**TOWN PERSON 5**

Ooo Jack, you make wounds ooze and flesh crawl.

**JACK**

Thank you, thank you, thank you all - very much

Town People 1-5 both sides

**MAYOR**

Hold it! We haven't given out the prizes yet!

We have awards for the vampires for most blood drained in a single evening! And also awards for the fabulous Dark Lagoon leeches!

Mayor Exits SL

**TOWN PERSON 6**

Nice work, Bone Daddy.

Town Person 6 Exits SL

**JACK**

Yeah, I guess so.

Just like last year and the year before that and the year before that.

Jack Exits SR

**3 Jack's Lament (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**MAYOR** Enter SL (calling toward audience)

Jack? I've got the plans for next Halloween.  
I need to go over them with you so we can get started.  
Jack, please, I'm only an elected official here.  
I can't make decisions by myself. Jack, answer me!!

**TOWN PERSON 7** Town People 7&8 Enter SL

He hasn't been home all night.

**MAYOR**

We've got to find Jack.  
There are only 365 days left till next Halloween.

**TOWN PERSON 8**

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Mayor & Town Person 7&8 Exit SL

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**BRING ON HOLIDAY FOREST**

**JACK** Enter SR far upstage

Where am I?

It's someplace new. (sees holiday trees, comes forward)  
I don't recognize any of...

**JACK**

What - is - this? (goes through Christmas tree SL)

**4 What's This (music right away! Dancers ENTER WITH MUSIC)**

**REMOVE HOLIDAY FOREST DURING SONG INTRO**

**5 Most Wonderful Time...Year (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**MAYOR** Enter SL

Jack, you're back! Where have you been?

**JACK** Enter SR

Call a town meeting and I'll tell everyone all about it - about a place I discovered called Christmastown.

There are objects so peculiar  
They were not to be believed  
All around, things to tantalize my brain  
It's a world unlike anything I've ever seen  
Like a most improbable dream

**MAYOR** Mayor exiting SL

Town Meeting! Town Meeting Tonight!

**JACK** (to himself)

You know, I think this Christmas thing  
It's not as tricky as it seems  
And why should they have all the fun?  
It should belong to anyone

Not anyone, in fact, but me  
Why, I could make a Christmas tree  
And there's no reason I can find  
I couldn't handle Christmas time

I bet I could improve it too  
And that's exactly what I'll do

Jack Exits SR

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So Jack assembled the whole town together and handed out assignments from making toys to building his sleigh. But for the most important job he called on Oogie Boogie's boys...

**JACK** **Enter SR (same time as LSB)**

Ah, Halloween's finest trick or treaters. The job I have for you is top secret. It requires craft, cunning, mischief.

Absolutely no one is to know about it. Not a soul. Now -

**(whispers to LS&B)**

And one more thing - leave that no account Oogie Boogie out of this!

Jack exits SL

**BARREL** **LSB Enter SL (same time as Jack above)**

Whatever you say, Jack.

**SHOCK**

Of course Jack.

**LOCK**

Wouldn't dream of it Jack.

**(all said with their fingers crossed)**

**6 Kidnap the Sandy Claws (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**7 Oogie Boogie (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**SALLY** **Enter SL (w/ Jack)**

You don't look like yourself Jack, not at all.

**JACK** **Enter SL (w/ Sally)**

Isn't that wonderful. It couldn't be more wonderful!

**SALLY**

But you're the Pumpkin King.

**JACK**

Not anymore. And I feel so much better now.

**SALLY**

Jack. I had the most terrible vision -  
it was about your Christmas. There was smoke and fire.

**JACK**

That's not my Christmas! My Christmas is filled with laughter and joy!

**Jack Exits SL**

**SALLY** **(calling after Jack)**

Jack, please, listen to me - it's going to be a disaster.

**8 Sally's Song (Sally is already on stage - MUSIC right away)**

**MAYOR** **Enter SL (w/ Jack)**

Think of us as you soar triumphantly through the sky outshining every star. Your silhouette a dark blot on the moon, you who are our pride, you who are our glory, you who have frightened billions into an early grave.

**JACK** **Enter SL (w/ Mayor)**

Oh no! Look at all the fog! We can't take off in this!  
The reindeer can't see an inch in front of their noses.

There go all of my hopes, my precious plans, my glorious dreams.

There goes Christmas.

**ZERO** **Adult Tap Enters**

Woof woof!  
Bark bark!

**Mayor Exits SL**

**JACK**

No Zero, down boy -  
My, what a brilliant nose you have!  
The better to - light my way!  
To the head of the team, Zero! We're off!

**Jack Exits SL**

**9 Zero to Hero (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

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**Kid enters SL - (sleeps center stage)**

**JACK**

**Enter SL (with present)**

ho ho ho ho ho ho he he he

**(lands loudly & wakes up little kid)**

**Kid**

Santa!

**(sees Jack & gasps)**

Santa?

**JACK**

Merry Christmas! And what is your name?

**Kid**

uh uh

**JACK**

That's all right. I have a special present for you anyway.  
There you go sonny. Hohohohehehe

**Kid**

...ahhhhhhh!

**(Opens scary present)**

**Kid Exits SL - (runs off crying)**

**JACK**

Merry Christmas!

**Jack Exits SL**

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**POLICE**                      **Enter SL - (on phone)**

Hello, police.

Attacked by Christmas toys? That's strange.

That's the second toy complaint we've had.

Hello, police.

Killer wreath, snake, vampire toy, killer duck?

Hello, police.

Fast as we can, ma'am

Keep calm, Turn off all the lights, Make sure the doors are locked

**Police Exits SL**

**NEWSCASTER**                      **Enter SL - (with microphone)**

Reports are pouring in from all over the globe

that an impostor is shamelessly impersonating Santa Claus,

mocking and mangling this joyous holiday.

He appears to be a skeleton!

**Newscaster Exits SL**

**10 Spooky Scary Skeletons (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**NEWSCASTER**      **Enter SL - (with microphone)**

Police have reported that military units have mobilized to stop the perpetrator of this heinous crime.

The impostor has been shot down, but it looks like Christmas will have to be canceled this year as there is still no sign of Santa Claus.

[Newscaster Exits SL](#)

**11 Poor Jack (DANCERS POSE - THEN MUSIC)**

**NARRATOR**

Meanwhile back in Oogie Boogie's Lair, Sally, in a desperate attempt to free Santa and make things right, was also taken prisoner. Oogie Boogie, that monster, had big plans for Sally and Santa...

**12 Monster (Dancers ENTER WITH MUSIC)**

**SALLY** *Sally and Santa Enter SL (hands bound)*

You wait till Jack hears about this. By the time he's through with you, you'll be lucky if you...

**OOGIE BOOGIE** *Enter SL*

What's that you were saying about luck, rag doll?

**SALLY**

Help, help!

**OOGIE BOOGIE**

One more roll of the dice oughta do it. Bye bye doll face and sandman. It looks like it's Oogie's turn to boogie.

**JACK** *Enter SR*

Hello Oogie

**OOGIE BOOGIE**

Jack, but they said you were dead. You must be double dead.

**JACK**

How dare you treat my friends so shamefully.

*(Jack pulls the thread that held Oogie together)*

**OOGIE BOOGIE**

Now look what you've done. My bugs, my bugs, my bugs -bye bye bye

*Oogie Exits Stumbling SR*

**JACK** *(freeing Santa and Sally)*

Forgive me Mr. claws, I'm afraid I've made a terrible mess of your holiday.

**SANDY CLAWS**

Bumpy sleigh ride, Jack? The next time you get the urge to take over someone else's holiday, I'd listen to her! She's the only one who makes any sense around this insane asylum!

**JACK**

I hope there's still time...

**SANDY CLAWS**

To fix Christmas? Of course there is, I'm Santa Claus!

**NARRATOR**

And laying a finger aside of his nose, up Oogie's chimney he rose

*Santa Exits SL*

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**SALLY** (Jack & Sally walk center)

He'll fix things Jack. He knows what to do.

**JACK**

How did you get down here Sally?

**SALLY**

Oh, I was trying to, well, I wanted to, to --

**JACK**

to help me

**SALLY**

Well, I couldn't just let you just...

**JACK**

Sally, I can't believe I never realized...that you...

(Jack & Sally freeze)

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**NEWSCASTER** Enter SL - (with microphone)

Good news, folks. Santa Claus, the one and only has finally been spotted. Old Saint Nick appears to be traveling at supersonic speed. He's setting things right, bringing joy and cheer wherever he goes. Yes folks, Kris Kringle has pulled it out of the bag and delivered Christmas to excited children all over the world!

Newscaster Exits SL

**13 Finale**