

# Happy Halloween

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## LOGLINE

A short-tempered robber's big night is continuously interrupted by persistent Trick-or-Treaters.

## CHARACTERS

**Robert** - A fumbling, short-tempered robber, he has stumbled on possibly his biggest score ever, a luxury mansion filled with comedically expensive items just ripe for the taking. All he needs is a little privacy.

**The Kids** - A swarm of persistent little brats, dressed in various and occasionally eccentric costumes, with an unquenchable desire for candy or a means to get candy.

## SYNOPSIS

Robert hops a fence and stumbles onto a luxury mansion. After breaking into it, he stumbles into a coffee table and accidentally flips on the porch light while searching for a light switch. He begins to loot the Master bedroom with Grinchian speed and precision. The sound of the doorbell causes him to stop dead in his tracks.

Red and Blue flashing lights seep around the doorway. Thinking it's the cops, Robert rushes towards the exit but stops when he notices all the expensive loot ripe for the taking. Grabbing a fire poker, he slowly approaches the door, ready to kill whoever's behind it.

Opening the door, however, he finds three kids eagerly asking for candy; the Red and Blue flashing lights had come from one of the boy's costumes. The kids argue with Robert, who makes several attempts to dismiss the kids; however, the three of them hold fast, demanding candy or a suitable candy substitute. Fed up Robert loots the house, giving the kids items, and urging them to pawn them for candy money.

However, Robert's nightmare isn't over as more kids continue to come and demand the same treatment he gave the first three. Robert slowly begins to empty the house to satiate the kid's appetite for candy substitutes. Finally, Robert gets an idea by spotting a candy bowl left out on the porch across the street.

The couple who own the house return the following day to find their home thoroughly looted. A sign has been posted on their front door reading, "*Help yourself to something fancy, then go and pawn it for Candy!*". A kid carrying a stereo runs by the couple, making sure to stop and wish them a Happy Halloween.