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## The Pumpkin Monster's Secret

In the sleepy town of Harvest Hollow, there was an annual fall festival that brought the community together. The highlight of the festival was the giant pumpkin contest, where residents showcased their enormous pumpkins. However, there was a secret about the festival that only a few knew—a friendly Pumpkin Monster lived among them.

The Pumpkin Monster, named Patch, resided in a hidden pumpkin patch on the outskirts of town. He had a gentle heart and loved watching the excitement of the festival from a distance. But there was something special about Patch—he had the ability to make pumpkins grow to enormous sizes with his magical touch.

Every year, Patch would secretly visit the local pumpkin farms and bestow his magic upon a chosen pumpkin. This pumpkin would grow into a magnificent giant that would surprise and awe the festival-goers. The townspeople marveled at the extraordinary pumpkins but had no idea of the Pumpkin Monster's involvement.

One autumn morning, Tommy, a young boy with a passion for adventure, stumbled upon the hidden pumpkin patch. He had heard rumors about the Pumpkin Monster but never believed they were true. Curiosity sparked within him, and he decided to investigate the mystery himself.

As Tommy entered the pumpkin patch, he noticed an enchanting glow emanating from a particularly large pumpkin. He reached out and touched its surface, feeling a surge of warmth and energy. Suddenly, the pumpkin began to grow before his eyes, reaching an astonishing size. Tommy was in awe and realized that he had discovered the secret behind the giant pumpkins.

With excitement brewing within him, Tommy decided to keep the Pumpkin Monster's secret to himself. He became friends with Patch, visiting the pumpkin patch often and helping him tend to the pumpkins. Together, they nurtured the pumpkins with care and watched them grow with each passing day.

As the fall festival approached, Tommy knew it was time to reveal the Pumpkin Monster's secret to the townspeople. He planned a surprise presentation during the giant pumpkin contest. With Patch's permission, he invited everyone to witness the unveiling of the magical pumpkins.

The day of the festival arrived, and the townspeople gathered around the giant pumpkin display. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation as Tommy stood on the stage, ready to share the secret. He explained the existence of the Pumpkin Monster, Patch, and how his magical touch made the pumpkins grow into magnificent giants.

Gasps and murmurs of amazement filled the crowd. The townspeople, once puzzled by the extraordinary pumpkins, now understood their origin. They applauded Patch's magical ability and thanked him for bringing joy and wonder to their fall festival.

From that day forward, Patch and Tommy became local heroes. They continued to nurture the pumpkins and fostered a deep connection between the townspeople and the magic of the harvest season. The Pumpkin Monster's secret had brought the community closer together, reminding them of the beauty and enchantment that could be found in the simplest of things.

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Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What was the annual fall festival in Harvest Hollow known for?
2. Where did the Pumpkin Monster, Patch, live?
3. What was special about Patch's touch?
4. How did Tommy discover the secret of the giant pumpkins?
5. What happened during the surprise presentation at the fall festival?