

Halloween with a Vampire





Dear Children, Halloween-Day is getting nearer and for Crocky and his friends too it's time for "trick or treat"?!

Halloween had come finally... **Crocky** loved this festivity very much and he usually prepared everything to the smallest detail long time ahead!

Unfortunately for his plans, the 31st of October came with a typical autumn storm, which left little space for fun and the long awaited "trick or treat"?!

Bibione Pineda seemed desert, the cold and humid weather didn't make you want to celebrate the night and which left little space to having fun and "trick or treat?". **Crocky**, **Bibi** and **Jonny** were in deep sadness... when **Uga**, the little tortoise, pronounced two words: *magic wand!*

"Why haven't we thought about that earlier!" **Crocky** says.

"With the help of the magic wand we can get to any place in a jiffy and celebrate Halloween somewhere else!" **Jonny** adds.

The group of friends smiled and they started discussing which place they could possibly reach. **Bibi** immediately thought about the United States of America, after all, Halloween is celebrated in great style there. **Uga** suggested one of the small villages in England and **Jonny** proposed to stay in Italy, in a remote small village in the mountains maybe, where some witch might still be living...

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But no one of the mentioned sites was 100% convincing the group, then, suddenly **Crocky** shouted: *"Guys, what is the theme for this year's Halloween?"*

"Vampires" his friends answered in chorus.

"Then why not go to... Transylvania?" the crocodile concluded.

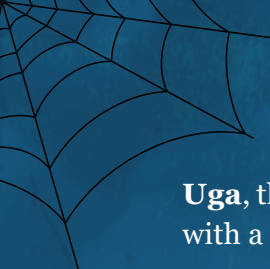
That idea drove them crazy with joy and in no time they found themselves in the Homeland of Dracula, more precisely in Bran, a town in Transylvania.

The weather was cold but nice, to the happiness of the small friends. The night had come and a round moon lit up the sky. The city seemed tiny and small compared to the big building on the hill: the Castle, the fortress that is famous for its fearful legend of... **Dracula!**

Obviously the little friends all wanted to visit the Castle and look for the famous vampire, which moment would be more suitable than the most frightening night of the year to meet the well-known Count, after all?

"My friends, not every evil comes to harm! I'm sure that our Halloween will be frightening enough and I can't wait to see Dracula!" **Crocky** whispered. So, the group headed to the Castle and after a short but steep climb they found themselves in front of an impressive door...





Uga, the bravest among them, knocked loudly once, twice, three-times... no answer. But then, with a terrifying creaking, the door slowly opened revealing a dark and silent room.

“Are we sure that we want to go in?” **Bibi** asked.



“Never been more sure!” answered **Crocky** in one breath.

The four friends began to explore the castle, room after room, stairs after stairs, when they reached a parlor which was lit by one single, weak candle. The silence was almost overwhelming and with creaks and whispers, **Crocky**, **Uga**, **Bibi** and **Jonny** got closer and closer to each other...

“Guys, I’m getting scared..” **Jonny** whispered, he was the most fearful one of all.

Suddenly the candle went out and the long and narrow curtains at the windows began to flutter. In the deepest darkness a voice spoke.

“Who dares disturb my peace?”

The friends were shaking with fear, but it was too late to run and with his heart in his mouth **Crocky** answered: *“trick or treat”?!*

A dry laugh filled the room. But it was a friendly laugh and the candle lit up by itself. A shadow emerged from the furthest corner of the parlor, which slowly became a human shape and evolved in a tall figure with a long cloak. Fire-red eyes stood out in the pale pointed face, long raven-black hair fell on its shoulders and elegant, sophisticated clothes became visible as it approached.

Then the figure spoke: *“Welcome, my small valiant friends, nobody before had dared coming up here on Halloween-night. I’ve always dreamt of taking part at the “trick or treat”!*



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Hearing those words **Crocky**, **Uga**, **Bibi** and **Jonny** were very relieved and they were happy to learn that they were standing on front of no less than **Count Dracula** himself!

"We are really honored to make your acquaintance, Sir" **Bibi** said immediately.

"We came up here only to meet you!" **Uga** and **Jonny** said.

The **Count** smiled, revealing his sharp and shiny canine teeth and he offered to guide a tour of his Castle, with a lot of treats and a few tricks.

The four friends couldn't have wished for a better and spookier Halloween than this one and before they said their goodbyes they made **Count Dracula** promise that he would visit them in Bibione Pineda the following summer.

The **Count** was very friendly and promised a short visit during rainy cloudy days, as they sometimes happen in summer... vampires don't get along well with the sun you know, but for his new friends he was going to make an exception!

*Have you already decided what you are going to do on the spookiest night of the year? Don't forget that **Crocky** and his friends will be waiting for you in **Bibione Pineda** next summer with lots of news, games and fantastic gadgets!*

HAPPY HALLOWEEN YOU ALL!