HALLOWEEN TRICKS

AR-KAYN

AH. YOU'RE BACK, I SEE.

INDEED!

THIS YEAR'S HALLOWEEN PROVED TO BE MOST AMUSING, BEATRIX.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING *TOO* CONSPICUOUS, PERCY.

SIGH

IF THE HIGH COUNCIL EVER FOUND OUT ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL ESCAPADES...

FIRSTLY, DON'T CALL ME *PERCY*. IT'S PERCIVAL.

AND *SECONDLY*, YOU NEED NOT WORRY. I HAD MY FUN, AND I ASSURE YOU, NO ONE WAS TRULY HARMED.

...ONLY *SLIGHTLY* INCON-VENIENCED.

I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO ASK...

WHAT SORT OF "TRICK" DID YOU DECIDE TO DO *THIS* TIME?

IT WAS *BRILLIANT*, ACTUALLY. AND I OWE IT ALL TO THE VERY FIRST ENCOUNTER I HAD TONIGHT IN THE HUMAN WORLD!

EARLIER THAT EVENING...

OH, LITTLE BOY! YOU SHOULD REALLY WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

IT'S OKAY, MOM, REALLY...

YOU NEARLY KNOCKED MY POOR DAUGHTER OVER RUSHING AROUND LIKE THAT!

NOW WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND APOLOGIZE, YEAH?

COME ON! IT'S NOT THAT HARD!

MOOOM... LET'S JUST GO ALREADY...

YOU KNOW *WHAT*, DEAR?♪

MAYBE THIS BOY NEEDS TO GO BACK TO ***PRESCHOOL*** TO LEARN ***HOW*** TO SAY SORRY!♪

PRESCHOOL? A MOST INTRIGUING SUGGESTION.

BUT I THINK PERHAPS IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD GO BACK!

ME? PRESCHOOL? OH, AREN'T ***YOU*** A LITTLE COMEDIAN?

UH... MOM?

FWOMP!

YOU KNOW, I HAPPEN TO TEACH PRESCHOOL!

MOM!

SHRINK

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I SEE. AND DOES YOUR PRESCHOOL COVER...POTTY TRAINING?

OH, ONLY FOR THE ***LITTLE*** ONES. THE 2-YEAR-OLDS.

WHY?

DON'T TELL ME A BIG BOY LIKE YOU IS STILL IN PULL-UPS??

GIGGLE

OR MAYBE EVEN ***DIAPERS***??

OH, HE ***IS*** A BIG BOY!

WAIT, SO IS ***SHE!!*** WHAT'S GOING ON???

W-WE'RE SO SORRY!

C-COULD YOU PLEASE CHANGE HER BACK?

NOW THAT WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF A *'TRICK'* NOW, WOULD IT?

IF YOU WISH TO UNDO THE 'TRICK', THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GATHER 'TREATS'.

FILL HER BUCKET WITH CANDY BY HALLOWEEN'S END...

THEY'RE JUST TALKING OVER ME...

TINKLE

OR SHE'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH POTTY TRAINING AGAIN!

EXCUSE ME??

COME ON, MOM!

I DON'T WANNA GET STUCK WITH CHANGING YOUR DIAPER!

CH-CHANGE MY ***WHAT*** NOW???

GRIP!

CRINKLE

CRINKLE

CRINKLE

AND SO, I CONTINUED TO ENJOY THE REST OF THE EVENING, PARTAKING OF THE AGE-OLD TRADITION OF COLLECTING 'TREATS'!

...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAD NONE TO OFFER, WELL I HAD MY NEWFOUND 'TRICK'...

WITH ***SOME*** ENCOUNTERS BEING MORE AMUSING THAN OTHERS...

BOO!

HEHEHE~ DID THAT SCARE YOU, LITTLE BOY?

I HOPE I DIDN'T MAKE YOU WET YOURSELF!

OH, ***HARDLY***... I'VE SEEN TERRORS YOU CAN SCARCELY IMAGINE.

FINE THEN! IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A RUDE LITTLE ***BRAT*** ABOUT IT...

HMPH!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING ***ANY*** OF MY PREMIUM CHOCOLATES!

WELL THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY A LITTLE 'TRICK' ON YOU.

TRY NOT TO BE SCARED.

PFFT!

SLIP!

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AS IF I'D BE ***SCARED*** OF WHATEVER 'TRICK' ***YOU*** COULD POSSIBLY-

EEP!

HOW'D HE GET SO ***BIG***???

TINKLE

F*$K, I THINK I ACTUALLY WET MYSELF...

NO? NOT SCARED? HM. THEN ***YOUR*** TURN!

PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TRY THAT ***'BOO!'*** ONE MORE TIME?

YOU ASKED FOR IT...

BOO!

NO, STILL NOT SCARY.

ADORABLE THOUGH.

UH, THANKS?

A KID LIKE YOU CALLING A LADY LIKE ***ME*** ADORABLE IS A BIT...

WAIT

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DRINKLE

DRINKLE

WHAT IS THIS???

WHAT AM I WEARING?!

IT WAS STARTING TO GET LATE, BUT THE LAST STOP I MADE DID NOT DISAPPOINT!

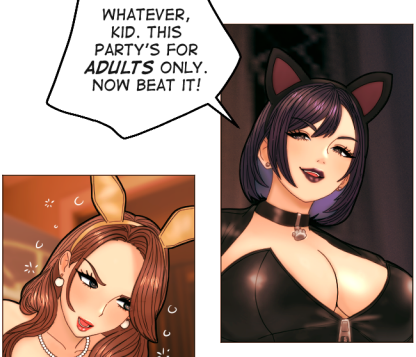


NO CANDY AT ALL FOR SUCH A LARGE PARTY?

AWWW, LOOK AT HIM!

HE'S SO PRECIOUS I JUST WANNA SQUEEZE HIM!

THAT'S A SHAME. THEN I SUPPOSE YOU TWO WILL HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO MY 'TRICK' THEN.



HEY NOW, DON'T BE MEAN! HE'S JUST A SWEET LITTLE BOY!

IF THIS WAS FOR ADULTS ONLY, THEN WHY ARE YOU TWO HERE?

YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY?!

RELAAAX! HE'S JUST SAYING WE LOOK YOUNG FOR OUR AGE!



NOW NOW, LITTLE KITTEN. NO NEED TO FUSS SO MUCH.

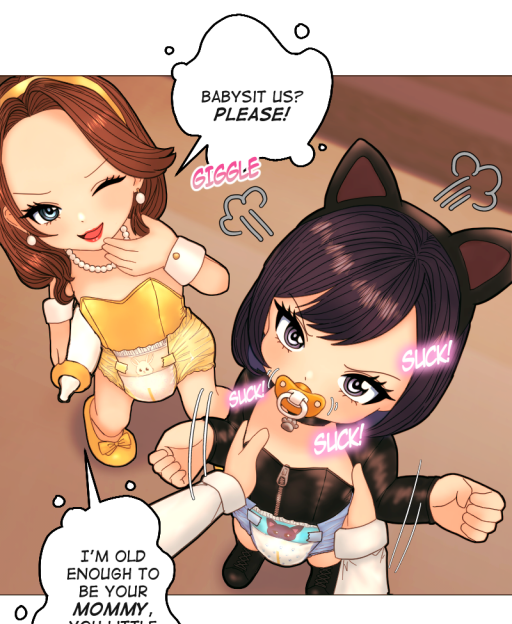
OH MY GOOOOD, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU STILL WEAR DIAPERS!!



LOOK AT YOU BEING CARRIED BY A LITTLE BOY-!

NOW SETTLE DOWN! I TRUST SOMEONE AT THIS PARTY IS WILLING TO BABYSIT YOU TWO FOR THE EVENING.

BABYSIT US? PLEASE!



I'M OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR MOMMY, YOU LITTLE SCAMP!

HEY, IDIOT! LOOK WHAT THE KID DID TO US!

WE'RE BOTH GONNA NEED OUR MOMMIES LOOKING LIKE THIS!!



THAT... IS *QUITE* THE MESS YOU'VE MADE, PERCY.

IF THOSE WOMEN DON'T MANAGE TO COLLECT ENOUGH CANDY...

THAT WAS JUST A LITTLE WHITE LIE. BY SUNRISE, THE 'TRICK' WILL WEAR OFF AND THEY'LL ALL CHALK IT UP TO A COLLECTIVE DELUSION!

THAT SAID, ALL HALLOWS' EVE IS NOT QUITE OVER YET...

TELL ME, BEATRIX...

YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY 'TREATS' FOR ME, DO YOU?

PERCY...

GRIN

DON'T YOU DARE!

E-ENOUGH!

STOP THIS AT ONCE!!!

I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW SWEET YOU USED TO LOOK AS A CHILD, LITTLE *BEA*.

OOOOO, YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS!

TWITCH!

AND OH, PLEASE *DO* TRY YOUR BEST TO STAY DRY FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT...

END