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Jack O'Lantern

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"I was made by a very fine boy," said Jack O'Lantern.

"I could tell," said Billie Brownie.

"I was a little nervous when he was cutting my nose," Jack O'Lantern admitted. "What if he'd given me a crooked one?"

"He didn't," said Billie Brownie. "Your nose is excellent."

"And the eyes?" asked Jack O'Lantern.

"Nothing wrong with them at all."

"Good," said Jack O'Lantern. "And the mouth? I do hope you can admire the mouth. It is a very large mouth."

"It is a fine mouth," said Billie Brownie. "You're a handsome fellow altogether. I especially like that bit of green stalk on top of your head — very dashing. And I'm sure your candle will shine through beautifully once it's lit."



"That's when I'll go calling," said Jack O'Lantern happily. "I'll sit on doorsteps all by myself with no one to tell me what to do. I'll smile at everyone who comes to the door. That's why I'm glad about the big mouth — a big mouth makes a proper grin."

"I'm a cheerful fellow, Billie Brownie. Very cheerful indeed."

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