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Chapter 1

Hallowe'en!
Oh happy, happy day!



Every year Horrid Henry could not believe it: an entire day devoted to stuffing your face with sweets and playing horrid tricks. Best of all, you were *supposed* to stuff your face and play horrid tricks.

Whoopee!



Horrid Henry was armed and ready.
He had loo roll.
He had water pistols.
He had shaving foam.
Oh my, would he be playing tricks tonight.



Anyone who didn't instantly
hand over a fistful of sweets
would get it with the foam.



And **woe betide** any fool
who gave him an apple.
Horrid Henry knew how to treat
rotten grown-ups like that.

His red and black devil costume
lay ready on the bed, complete
with evil mask, twinkling horns,
trident, and whippy tail.
He'd scare everyone wearing that.
"Heh heh heh," said Horrid Henry,
practising his evil laugh.



"Henry," came a little voice outside his bedroom door, "come and see my new costume."

"No," said Henry. "I'm busy."



"You're just jealous because *my* costume is nicer than yours," said Peter.

"Am not."

"Are too."

Come to think of it, what *was* Peter wearing?

Last year he'd copied Henry's
monster costume and ruined
Henry's Hallowe'en.



What if he were copying Henry's
devil costume? That would be just
like that horrible little copycat.
"All right, you can come in for
two seconds," said Henry.

A big, pink, bouncy bunny
bounded into Henry's room.
It had little white bunny ears.
It had a little white bunny tail.
It had pink polka dots
everywhere else.



Horrid Henry groaned.
What a stupid costume.
Thank goodness he wasn't
wearing it.

"Isn't it great?" said Perfect Peter.

"No," said Henry. "It's horrible."

"You're just saying that to
be mean, Henry," said Peter,
bouncing up and down.
"I can't wait to go trick-or-treating
in it tonight."



Chapter 2

Oh no.

Horrid Henry felt as if he'd been
punched in the stomach.

