

The Great Candy Caper
Starring Sparky and Her Pals

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It was Halloween night,
Here on Sparky's street,
The kids in their costumes,
Yelled "trick or treat."

The night was so spooky,
Windy and dark,
Two ghosts said "boo,"
And made Sparky bark.

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Children giggled and laughed,
As they filled up their sacks,
The kids were so happy,
Except a child named Jack.

Two boys who were bullies,
Had pushed him around,
They had stolen Jack's candy,
And knocked him down.

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Sparky heard Jack crying,
She felt very bad,
He was such a good friend,
He shouldn't be sad.

Sparky wanted to help,
She knew what to do,
She'd track down those boys,
But she needed some clues.

Sparky listened real closely,
As Jack said to his dad,
"The bullies were big,
And smelled really bad."

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Now Sparky was ready,
She had all the facts,
She and her pals,
Would help little Jack.

To the back door,
Sparky let out a bark,
Kristen put her outside,
Into the night, very dark.

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Sparky had a great plan,
And the first place to go,
Was out of the yard,
So she got down real low.

She ran as fast as she could,
And took a big leap,
Over the fence she tried,
But she fell in a heap.

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Thud! Ouch!! Ow-ee!!
The fence was too tall,
Sparky whimpered a bit,
And licked her wounds from the fall.

But then she looked up,
And there on the ground,
Were two slats from the fence,
That she had knocked down.

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Here was a way out,
This she could do,
Sparky squiggled and squirmed,
And pulled her way through.

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Sparky called to her crew,
A signal she sent,
Four barks and two yelps,
They knew what that meant.

Sparky needed their help,
Her pals came on the run,
Through the Halloween night,
To join in the fun.

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Macy and Max,
Were the first to show up,
Then Belle and Jake,
And Norma the pup.

Heidi and Smokey,
That totaled eight,
Then Weston arrived,
Just a little bit late.

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Sparky gathered her crew,
And looked them right in the eye,
"Let's find the two bullies,
Who made little Jack cry."

The nine dogs began searching,
They were quite a sight,
Running this way and that,
In the spooky, dark night.

Sparky's nose was the strongest,
She sniffed all around,
Then she let out a howl,
The boys' trail she had found.

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All the dogs joined Sparky,
They raced down the street,
The trail smelled funky,
Like four stinky feet.

Belle covered her nose,
Smokey nearly passed out,
But they'd find those two bullies,
There wasn't a doubt.

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The dogs stayed on the hunt,
They followed their noses,
Around Otto's house,
And through Maya's roses.

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Onto the side street,
Where they lost the scent,
But the man on the corner,
Told them where the boys went.

He pointed down the street,
To a creepy, old house,
No one lived there,
Except maybe a mouse.

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The dogs jumped through the weeds,
They pushed open the door,
Little Jake rushed in,
And nearly fell through the floor.

Macy grabbed Jake's collar,
She pulled him up with her teeth,
The dogs were shaking and scared,
This house gave them the creeps.

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Bats hung from the ceiling,
Spiders crawled all around,
And then Sparky's crew heard,
A strange moaning sound.

Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

The dogs' eyes grew large,
Their teeth began to chatter,
They looked at each other,
And started to scatter.

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But Sparky barked at her pals,
"Stop fooling around!!
Let's find those two bullies,
Put your nose to the ground."

Sparky's crew came back slowly,
First one, then two,
And the moaning got louder,
Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

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The dogs stayed close together,
As they sniffed down the hall,
Searching for the bullies,
Who were smelly and tall.

Sparky's pals were all scared,
But they had a job to do,
And the moaning came closer,
Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

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The dogs came to a big room,
They looked in there twice,
Was someone playing a piano?
No, just two little mice.

Into the kitchen,
Past a rusty, old sink,
The dogs stopped in their tracks,
When they smelled a big stink.

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They raced out of the kitchen,
And peeked in a door with a hole,
The dogs had found the two bullies,
And the candy they stole.

Sparky burst through the door,
And her crew joined in,
The smelly boys jumped up,
But then started to grin.

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"Look at these mutts,
We'll show them a trick,
Let's chase them away,
With these really big sticks."

The dogs didn't back down,
They all stood their ground,
There was yelling and barking,
And that strange moaning sound.

Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

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As the big bullies closed in,
The dogs got ready to fight,
But then the two boys screamed,
And ran off into the night.

"We chased them away!"
Yelled Sparky and her crew,
But they started to shake,
When they heard Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

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The dogs turned around slowly,
Right behind them they saw,
Big eyes and huge teeth,
And really big jaws.

What was coming toward them?
The dogs didn't know who.
Was it a Halloween monster?
Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

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The beast stepped closer,
Max started to run,
But the monster stopped him,
With one lick of his tongue.

One lick of his tongue?
How could that be?
What kind of monster was this?
The dogs wanted to see.

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Out of the shadows,
Stepped Otis, their friend,
This Halloween story,
Was nearing its end.

Yes, Otis was huge,
But a friendly dog, too,
It was him who kept howling,
Ah-woo, Ah-woo!

Otis said with a grin,
"Sorry I'm late,
I got stuck in my yard,
Couldn't get out of the gate."

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Well, the dogs scooped up the candy,
And put it into the sack,
Then off to Jack's house,
To bring it all back.

They arrived at the house,
With Otis leading the way,
Jack hugged all the dogs,
Then had something to say.

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Hey, all you bullies out there,
You really can't hide,
Not when Sparky and her crew,
Have the big dog on their side.

Ah-woo, Ah-woooooo!!!!