

# STUDIO VOICE-OVER SCRIPT

Title: A Really, Really, Scary Story

Style: Playful spooky narration for children's shadow-puppet video

**Duration:** ~4–5 min

**Voice direction:** Dynamic delivery, shift between *spooky*, *excited*, and *gentle teacher tone*.

### MAIN STORY

## [MUSIC: Thunder, wind, distant wolf howl]

(Eerie, storytelling tone)
On a dark and stormy night,
the wolves and the wind were howling...
and the bats were flying.

The moon was freakishly full.

The old house at the end of the street looked more mysterious than ever.

As the moon glowed through the windows, it seemed to be calling me... calling me...

#### [SFX: Wind rising, faint whisper "come closer..."]

(As "mother", firm but caring)
"Don't go outside," my mother said.
"Stay home tonight."

(Curious tone)

But I was drawn to the old house.
I slipped out of the window and walked toward it.
The sounds were amazing... scary... enticing...

(Startled)
What was that?
A ghost?
Another one!
And another one!

## [SFX: Ghostly "wooo" sounds, then silence]

And there was a strange sound...

(Whisper) I peeped inside the door. Strange smells and sounds were coming from one of the rooms. I crept in, slowly... slowly... silently...

(Sudden fright) Then, oh! It went straight through me, ahhh!

## [SFX: Whoosh of wind through body]

Then three bats swooped by, whoosh! whoosh!

### [SFX: Quick bat flaps – three passes]

They all seemed to be entering the room at the end of the corridor. What was there?

I wanted to run away, I was so scared, but I couldn't help myself.

(Tense whisper) I had to see what was happening.

#### [SFX: Floorboards creak, slow footsteps]

The boards creaked and cracked, the noises grew louder and louder... cackle... cackle...

(Suspense building) Slowly... slowly... I opened the door, centimetre by centimetre, and peeked in...

(Relieved, surprised laugh) There they were! The bats and the ghosts, baking cakes and dancing and having a jolly old time!

They loved spider cakes and pumpkin pie. Seems this is how they always celebrate Halloween!

They invited me to join in.

(Cheerful tone) "Great!" I said. And this is where I'll spend every Halloween from now on!



(Quiet, secretive) But it's a secret... so don't tell anyone... ever... ever... ever.

[MUSIC: Fade out spooky, fade in warm playful tone]

## **OUTTAKES / FUN ENDING**

[MUSIC: Playful, comical background]

(Playful director voice) Here we go, and rolling!

No, not you, son, that's better.

(Confused)

What's a turtle doing in a ghost shop, huh? You're in the wrong film, you idiot!

(Embarrassed)

Oh, sorry!

(Firmly)

Three bats swooped by, whoosh, whoosh! Not turtles.

(Satisfied)

That's better.

[MUSIC: End sting - laughter + fade-out]