## Mashup Week Presents: Tales from the Week: Halloween Spooktacular Written by MegaDeku

**Narrator:** Ah hello everyone, welcome back to my humble abode. Last time I was with you all I regaled with a story of a very special puppet and his journey to provide gifts to the good (and not so good) denizens of the lovely Weekyard. But today is a different time and now with the pumpkins out and lit, and the certain haunting feeling in the air. I believe it's time I regale you with another tale. One of Frights! Delights! And two young contestants who get more than bargained for. So with the stage set let us begin shall we?

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Hat Kid: Hmm hmm hmm...!

Hat kid hums a familiar tune as she puts the finishing touches on her costume for the night. Originally she had planned on just using one of her many costumes but this had to be special!

Hat Kid: Done!

With a twirl Hat Kid dons her new costume; a familiar blue helmet and shovel attached to her umbrella. She's representing her fellow Indie Platformer legend Shovel Knight! Then from far off she hears knocking at her party crash portal

Hat Kid: Yay! She's here!

Hat Kid quickly runs her way to the elevator before opening it revealing her good friend Snail-Chan, Star Rod in hand dressed in a large custom Kirby onesie!

Hat Kid: You made it!

**Snail-Chan:** Of course, I wouldn't miss this for the world. I love your costume!

**Hat Kid:** Thanks! Now come on! I have everything set up, we're gonna have the best trick or treating session ever! Multiple universes have the best opportunities for candy!

**Snail-Chan:** Well, what are we waiting for?

The two hop into the elevator and Hat Kid routes it to her first location.

**Hat Kid:** This is gonna be the best Halloween ever!

The two land with a bang as the elevator impacts the earth in the new location. iIn front of them

is a big mansion, with multi colored lights flashing from within.

Hat Kid: First stop!

**Snail-Chan:** Oh! This is where Ke\$ha was having her party!

**Hat Kid:** Yup! I heard this was more for grown ups but she did say she had something for us once we visited! Let's go!

The two sprint up to the house full moon overhead, ignored by the excited travelers.

Hat Kid: (knock knock knock) Ms. Kesha we're here!

Snail-Chan: Yeah, Hat Kid said you had a surprise for us!

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Hat Kid: (KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK) Ms. Kesha!

**Snail-Chan:** Maybe she just can't hear us?

The door opens very slightly, lights still flashing

**Hat Kid:** Oh! She probably just wants us to come inside.

Hat Kid walks in and looks around to find... an empty house with several flashing lights?

**Hat Kid:** That's weird... Ms. Kesha told me the party would've started by now?

**Snail-Chan:** Is she late?

**Hat Kid:** No Way! She's never late, the party doesn't stop until she walks in and she's here *all the time!* She's here somewhere... let's look around!

**Snail-Chan:** Are you sure we shouldn't just come back later?

**Hat Kid:** C'mon Snaily, this isn't Queen Vanessa's house. We'll be okay, let's get a move on!

**Snail-Chan:** I have no idea who that is, but ok.

The two venture further into the house, trying to find their friend, unaware that right around the corner a color shifting, fur covered being begins stalking them with crystalline eyes!

**Hat Kid:** Wow, Ms. Kesha sure has a big house. I guess it sort of *is* like Queen Vanessa's.

**Snail-Chan:** I don't like how casually you're saying that.

**Hat Kid:** C'mon Snail! You're being way too nervous, look! There's her room!

Hat Kid runs to a door and opens it. but like everything else in the house, the room is empty.

Hat Kid: Hmmm...

**Snail-Chan:** Okay Hat Kid, she's not here. Can we just go now?

Hat Kid: (sigh) Yeah I guess so- hey look!

Sitting on a chair were two boxes labelled for the girls. Inside were two chocolate roses. "My name may be Rose but the real flowers are you two! Happy halloween!"

~ Ke\$ha Rose

**Snail-Chan:** Oh wow, that's really nice actually!

**Hat Kid:** See! Well since it looks like she's not here, I guess there wouldn't be any harm in taking these with us!

Hat Kid puts the candy away in her hat and Snail-Chan does the same, simply storing it in the small warp star shaped case she has.

**Hat Kid:** Let's get outta here!

The two then begin walking out of the room and back to the main entrance. They make it to the front door but—

**Snail-Chan:** I-it's not opening?

Hat Kid simply grimaces and begins pulling on the door harder attempting to open it.

**Hat Kid:** Uh, that's odd but it's okay! Maybe we just need to find a key!

The two then suddenly hear a crash from behind them. As they turn and look they see a vase in pieces on the ground.

**Snail-Chan:** Uh... Hat Kid? Can we find a way out of here already??

Simply nodding, Hat Kid runs to try and find the nearest window, but behind them they begin to hear a frantic scrambling. Looking behind they see a frightening vision of what appeared to be their friend...!



Hat Kid: Ms.Kesha?

In a flash she dashes towards the two kids sharp teeth being barred by the multi colored lights!

Hat Kid: Run!

The two make a break for the door and, in a sudden burst of strength, Hat Kid slams open the door with her umbrella-shovel. The two make a break for the teleporter not realizing that the figure had just stopped at the doorway of the mansion.

Hat Kid: Come on, come on, let's go, get us out of here!

With a flash, the two disappear heading off to their next location.

Kesha?:

Silently, the being sinks into the shadows and moves its way back into the house, slithering and navigating to the tired form of Kesha, who was quietly napping after planning her big party... after crashing in the bathtub. She awakes with a start.

**Kesha:** Woah! I guess I must've dozed off? What time is it? Oh damn, it should've started a few minutes ago! Well, let's go ahead and get this going. I got somewhere else to be tonight!

Kesha gets up with a pep in her step and heads off to her room.

The girls slam down on the pavement outside of a modest home. Undeterred, Hat Kid steps outside the previous occurrence not keeping her down.

Hat Kid: Alright, that last house was just a fluke... I'm sure Neil will have something good for us!

**Snail-Chan:** Doesn't Neil have even *more* weird stuff going on with him? If Kesha was weird wouldn't that just mean that he'd be even weirder?

**Hat Kid:** ...look at it this way! This time we'll be prepared.

The two make their way to the front door and knock on Neils door.

Hat Kid: Hello Mr. Cicierega, we're here!

Unlike before, the door opens and they see Neil! He's wearing a grey jumpsuit with a Proton Pack strapped to his back. Finally, the SoundCloud description makes sense.

**Neil:** Oh, hey you two! Doing some trick or treating? Across dimensions?

Hat Kid: Yeah! We're visiting everyone!

**Neil:** So I heard! Hang on, I have something for you two inside... just wait out here!

Neil closes the door and strolls off with a brisk walk.

Hat Kid: See! Nothing to worry about!

**Snail-Chan:** Yeah, I guess not.

The girls stood outside for a minute or so. Then those minutes turned to several, and a small sense of worry washed over them.

**Snail-Chan:** I don't like where this is going, Hat...

**Hat Kid:** Then, there's no use in waiting around for it right?

Hat Kid boldly stormed the door and began walking around Neil's house.

**Snail-Chan:** Ok yeah this is a *really* bad idea.

Hat Kid: Cmon Snail, there's no issues! We'll just get the candy and leave like we tried for Ms. Kesha!

The two ventured further into Neil's house before hearing heavy footsteps.

**Snail-Chan:** Oh boy, here we go again.

Hat Kid grabs Snail's hand and begins running through the halls, before eventually coming upon Neil's room. They both enter and find Neil, unconscious with a strange blue and red light casted over him!

Hat Kid: What!?!

Off to the side there was a small bag filled with various candies on it a note saying: "Thanks for always being a beam of hope whenever things got rough out there! Hey Snail, we should really try to collab again some time!" ~ Neil "Lemon Demon" Cicierega

**Snail-Chan:** Aw, that's really nice. Man, it looks like everyone really... Hat Kid?

Snail-Chan looked around unable to find Hat Kid anywhere nearby.

**Snail-Chan:** Hat Kid come on, this isn't funny!

Eventually a scream breaks out! Worried, Snail-Chan runs to the voice only to find Hat Kid running in the opposite direction. She looks and finds a strange figure, eyes white with a lemon for a head! Behind it ran a crimson, eyeless woman who seemed to phase in and out of reality!

No Eyed Girl: AURORA BOREALIS WILL CRUSH MANKINDDDDD VÃ û xû4 < ûb÷ ãd± {0b} CËÎËÏ

Hat Kid: I think it's time to head out of here!!

Snail-Chan: What kind of contrived, lore destroying Halloween special is this?!

Hat Kid: Who cares let's get out of here cmon!

The two find their exit blocked by several other strange beings, a man with sunglasses and a beastly, towering ogre, puppeteering them all.

## **Shrek: WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY SWAMP**

The creature lets out a mighty roar before being blasted by a brilliant beam of energy.

Steve Harwell: Some Steve Harwell:

Neil, proton pack in hand, rolled in just in the knick of time, preparing to fight against the apparitions!

Neil: You two get outta here, I'll take care of this!

Snail-Chan: Will you be okay?

Neil: Of course! Besides...

The iconic machine on his back begins whirring.

Neil: BUSTIN' MAKES ME FEEL GOOD!

The two of them make a mad dash to the exit before bursting out the door and into their machine. Frustrated, Hat Kid inputs the next location and the machine disappears in an instant. Meanwhile, a musician fights off ghosts coincidentally related to him.

Neil: Come on, get outta here! We got a holiday to enjoy!

As soon as Neil speaks the apparitions begin to disappear, fading into his own grounded shadow.

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He looks over all of the beings now gone, leaving him alone with the proton pack.

Neil: ...what?!?

Hat Kid: Okay so, you may have been right about things being weird.

Snail-Chan: You think?!?

**Hat Kid:** But we can't let that stop us! We just gotta make 14 more stops... by sundown... oh would you look at that there's the high tower Mr. Misha was talking about! Hehehe... heh...

Snail-Chan: Nothing I say is gonna make you change your mind is it?

The machine lands with a thud next to a large wooden shack marked BLU Industries. Immediately after, there's an explosion.

Merasmus: RUN YOU GIANT FOOL, YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR MERASMUS!

**Heavy:** Heavy is not running, I am simply making space to shoot you!

The Russian is getting swarmed by dozens of robots, commanded by a shadowy, levitating wizard. Heavy revs up his trusty minigun but the horde is quickly closing in!

Hat Kid: The gun won't be ready in time!

**Snail-Chan:** Good thing *time* is your thing!

Rapid Fire Soldier Bot: Good one, maggot, I get the joke!!!

Hat Kid bursts out of the machine, quickly bashing the robots into scrap metal.

Merasmus: YOU INSOLENT CHILDREN! YOU WILL RUE THE DAY YOU CROSSED MERASMUS!

He readies his hands in preparation to cast magic.

Heavy: Oi! Baby magic man!

Merasmus looks up to the weapons specialist, instantly realizing his mistake. Heavy proceeded to pump the wizard full of lead while Hat Kid smacked him away with her umbrella; a humiliating defeat for the great Merasmus.

**Heavy:** HAHAHA! Just like with tiny secretary!

**Hat Kid:** Awesome! Now that that's done...

Hat Kid runs full speed at Heavy gives him a big hug!

Hat Kid: Mr. Mishaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!!

**Heavy:** Heavy was missing you as well Hat Child! But what brings you here?

Hat Kid: We've been trying to trick or treat, but these weird shadow creatures keep showing up!

Heavy: Do you mean puny shadow person? Heavy crush monster like ant!

Hat Kid: I knew you would!

**Heavy:** However, Heavy must be thanking you for the helping fight with wizard baby man! He bothers

Heavy and team every halloween!

Hat Kid: Well, we've always been the best boss beating buddies!

**Heavy:** Heavy agree! Hahahaha! I hope you both have Happy Halloween!

Snail-Chan: You too, big guy.

**Hat Kid:** Well, Mr. Misha it was nice seeing you again!

Heavy: Do not fear! We will meet again soon!

The three say their goodbyes and Hat Kid and Snail-Chan make their way back to the machine, back on their spooky, dimension hopping trip...

**Heavy:** Though, now that you mention it... Merasmus is looking bit darker than normal...

Merasmus' decorative skull turns black and seeps into the ground, blending into Heavy's shadow.

The machine whirs and lands at a completely ordinary house in Ohio where nothing weird ever happens. Hat Kid figured it would be a good change of pace. Snail-Chan was unamused.

**Hat Kid:** Alright, now we just have to find... Mr. Chitlins?

Biff: Oh, hello girls. Just Biff is enough.

**Gecko:** What brings you two lasses here?

**Hat Kid:** We're just looking for Scott. We're just trick or treating and wanted to stop by!

Biff: He's just inside. Come on in.

The two walk in and find Scott sitting at a table with several papers scattered around. He perks up.

**Scott:** Hey all! Scott here!

**Hat Kid:** Hi Mr. Woz! What are you up to?

**Scott:** Well you see, I just wrapped up my Pumpkin party when I had a terrifying thought. "What if you literally get murdered tomorrow of natural causes?" So, I called up Geico to help with life insurance!

**Snail-Chan:** ... I don't think that's how life insurance works.

**Scott:** Of course it is! I mean, wouldn't you need insurance if a dark haunted Wii came after you? Given the opportunity I would *not* want to get murdered. You know how expensive hospitals can be!

**Hat Kid:** Are there any other shadowy creatures around here?

**Scott:** Well, my buddy Rex showed up and I thought HE was a shadow creature, but it turned out he just had pneumonia.

**Rex:** I'm still here.

Scott: Ok and?

Snail-Chan: So if that was Scott's, what about you Biff?

**Biff:** Evil cavemen. I do not wish to discuss the matter further.

Hat Kid: ...

Snail-Chan: ...

Gecko: ...

**Scott:** Well thanks for stopping by! Here's your unhealthy holiday food!

Scott hands the girls an entire pumpkin pie.

**Hat Kid:** Oh uh, thanks?

**Scott:** No problem! Don't eat it all at once, that'll get you a one way trip to Death City!

Hat Kid: We'll uh... keep that in mind.

The two head towards the elevator.

Hat Kid: See, Snail? I told you not every place was gonna be scary—

Suddenly, a giant sludge monster made out of copies of Chibi-Robo Zip Lash sprung up from the ground.

Scott: Oh, I forgot about that guy!

The monster lets out a mighty roar.

Snail-Chan: Nope.

Snail-Chan grabs Hat Kids hand and jumps into the machine, typing in the next location and hovering out of sight.

**Scott:** Bye then! Hey, you two are gonna help me with this, right?

Biff and Martin Gecko were already speeding off in their car down the highway.

Scott: Well sh t.

The girls continued their bizarre trip through dimensions, each time being faced with a dark apparition from each location. They fought the wither with Herobrine, the Monstars with Barkley, enemy stand users with DIO, dragons with Farquaad, ghosts with Mettaton, and narrowly avoided a fight with Mr. Douchebag. It was nice catching up and getting various candies and gifts, but it was EXHAUSTING. Too exhausting to cover and proofread here. In two hours, Snail-Chan and Hat Kid only had one stop left.

The elevator finally appears backstage at a concert. A billboard at the top read Billie Eilish, featuring Mr. Oizo. What a coincidence!!! With some stealthy tactics they manage to reach the two of them.

Billie: huh? kids? what are you doing here? the show starts in two minutes!

**Eric:** Wrow! Wrow wrow? (Escargot! Êtes-vous ici pour une autre collaboration?)

Hat Kid: You guys aren't safe here! There's shadow creatures popping up that show up for everyone—

**Snail-Chan:** This girl has been dragging me everywhere for two hours, please let this be the last stop!

**Billie:** shadow creatures? i've seen weirder. how do we stop them?

**Hat Kid:** So far we've been bashing them by any means necessary.

A tall young man with a headset dashed past the contestants.

**Finneas:** 30 seconds to showtime, guys!

**Billie:** shit... ok, how about you two come on stage with us and keep watch?

Snail-Chan: That sounds... alright.

**Eric:** Wro wrow! (Bonne chance, les filles!)

All four of them shuffled on stage. Billie took the mic, Flat Eric hopped up to his turntable, and the girls stood to the sidelines. In the audience was... everyone they had helped so far and a few others?!

Neil: Let's go, Ocean Eyes! Woo!

Heavy: Ahahahah! Let us bring the music!

Kesha: You got this, girl!

Gecko: BILLIE I'M YOUR BIGGEST FAN!!!!!!!!!

Scoops: YO YO YO WHAT IS UP PARTY PEOPLE IT'S TIME TO PARTY HARD SO LETS MAKE

SOME NOISEEEEEEEEE!

Gigi: Woppem.

Billie spoke up into the mic, quieting the crowd.

**Billie:** how are we doing tonight! let's start this off with our hottest collab. this one's called Strange Minds. hit it, eric!

**Eric:** Wrow wro wro wro wro wrow wrow wrow! (*D'accord!*)

BRUCE WILLIS IS DEAD. WOOOO-

Out of nowhere came a booming crash sound. The concert hall lights dimmed as the audience murmured with confusion.

Hat Kid: Oh man, here we go!

A single light cast onto the wall, projecting a horrifyingly familiar shape...

???: (Hnnnggh... is it Monday already?)

The giant figure of Garfield appeared on the wall! The crowd goes wild in fear!

**Garfield:** (Did ya' miss me? I think it's about time I got my just dessents..!)

**Snail-Chan:** Not this again! It took all of us to beat him last time!

**Hat Kid:** I know, how are we gonna... what are we gonna do?!?

The shadow grows larger and larger, as the shadowy feline cackled, until...

The lights flicked back on.

TheGuy: Oh hey guys

The shadow disintegrated into a puff of smoke. The crowd is even more confused.

Billie: what the fuck just happened

TheGuy: i... uh... hahah... uh...

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The Guy thinks back to his last moments with the tournament.

Everyone's bags were packed, waiting for the bus to pick them up and return them home.

TheGuy: Thank you so much for coming, everyone! See you next year hopefully maybe!!!

The CEO gets a notification on his phone; his electric bill.

**TheGuy:** Woops! Looks like I forgot to turn off the lights in the basement when we left the Weekyard! I'm sure this will have no negative repercussions whatsoever!

TheGuy: So you guys know about photoshop

**Eric:** Wrow wro wrow!? Wro wro wrow... (Vous me dites que toute cette histoire était une accumulation d'un jeu de mots d'ombre portée!? Légitimement moins intéressé par tout cela maintenant...)

**Hat Kid:** So... is everyone alright?

Snail-Chan: I'm good.

Billie: yeah.

Eric: Wrow. (Oui.)

Neil: I'm alright!

Scott: I have pneumonia.

**Heavy:** Heavy is fine.

**Scoops:** YEAH WE AIGHT

The rest of the crowd shouts in agreement.

**Hat Kid:** That's great to hear! Really, I'm just... glad that I could see you all one more time. You guys are all so cool, and thank you all for the gifts!!!

The audience cheers.

**Hat Kid:** Oh, and Snail-Chan... I'm sorry for dragging you through all of this...

Snail-Chan: Don't worry about it! I had an absolute blast, and I'm glad I could help. And besides...

Snail-Chan opens her backpack full of candy.

**Snail-Chan:** Somebody's gotta help you eat all this candy.

Hat Kid: Yay! Halloween slumber party!

Billie: hey can i come?

**Hat Kid:** Totally!

**Eric:** Wrow wrow wrow! (Joyeux Halloween, tout le monde!)

Neil: ...and remember kids... BUSTIN MAKES ME FEEL GOOD!

Scoops: WOOOOO YEAH HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2010!! HIT IT YOU PUPPET BASTARD

One, Two, Three, (KICK)

**Narrator:** and so, there the story ends. A tale of fears we hold within ourselves and how they're not so scary if you have a friend alongside you to fight them. Thank you so much for reading this tale and I'll see when the moon makes its way across the sky once more... happy Halloween!

## THE END