

Bobby and Tina Sweet - Halloween story

Tina: When we were little kids, we went trick-or-treating, we dressed up, and we always made our own costumes. I don't really remember buying costumes when we were kids. Like, Mom and Dad were really great with coming up with different ideas. Bobby, do you remember the dog food bag?

Bobby: Yeah, that was one of the less creative years. I was a bag of dog food, but Mom was a good seamstress too. Yeah. So she sewed some amazing costumes.

Tina: And they always came up with different ideas that nobody else was gonna have. But we'd trick-or-treat, and then eventually they started having a party over at, what was the legion hall, what now the Becket Arts Center. And we would go to the party up that curved stairway in our costumes, as cumbersome as they were, as there was no elevator then. Um, we'd walk up there and have games, and you know, there was the pushing the marshmallow with your nose race, which Bobby won wearing his lovely spotted tiger suit or something. Were you a leopard or something?

Bobby: Yeah, I was a leopard.

Tina: Big long tail. We got a picture of that with him and his nose down by the floor pushing his marshmallow, and he won. Um, in fact the picture's labeled "The Winner."

Bobby: Yeah, and uh, something you didn't think about at time, but uh, you know, where they have this thing called bobbing for apples where they'd, they'd take a big, uh, washtub, and they'd fill it with water and float a bunch of apples on, on the water. And you had to not use your hands and just basically go at it with your face and try to get an apple out of that tub. So really the only way to get an apple was to hold, like submerge your entire head in the water and push it to the bottom and get your teeth into it. And, uh, you know, that was a very, um... sterile, uh, endeavor. And you think about it now, uh, you know, the way we've all turned into germaphobes, it's pretty funny to think about.

Tina: It's amazing. Yeah, I think when I used to... I only did it a couple of times because the turn-off for me was number one, getting my whole head wet, and number two, that when you went to go bob your head in there you realized that,

what's that thing floating in there? And there's like gobs of phlegm in there that just was not... I was just over it, so I didn't do that one anymore. But then we'd parade around in a circle and get judged for our costumes and... But those parties were fun. It was, it was neat to see everybody