

On a cool Halloween night, Grubbi was excitedly hurrying and dashing throughout Eternia eager to collect some candies! This was a once in a year event that Grubbi was always excited for and so very happy to participate in, it was his first one too!

Grubbi ran and ran across the streets of Eternia, on this night he was not planning to go alone! He had his friend Grahams to go with this year. A graham cracker fluffy shaped friend that helped him catch the grand fish of Eternia the Eclipse Prism Fish! He was eternally grateful for his help and could not go without him!

And even better Grubbi's costume was a S'more while Grahams was a centipede so they could both match each other's themes! It was truly the pinnacle of Snugzi cuteness!

Grubbi hopped and skittered and as soon as he saw Graham's shop he bolted in the door like no other Snugzi had before!

"Grahams! It is time!" he exclaimed as he hurried and jumped in front of his desk. Grahams was just as excited and bolted in front of Grubbi grabbing his paw and hurrying out the door with him. Grubbi laughed and they both jumped away looking to Trick or Treat as many Snugzi houses as they could!

Grubbi pointed to the largest house he saw in the distance and Grahams immediately understood what that meant. The biggest candy haul they'd ever seen in their entire lives was probably awaiting at that house!

Grubbi and Grahams immediately stumbled on each other climbing up the long mountainous steps of a house and for some reason the house was on top of the largest hill. Who would build their house with this many steps up?

They trudged farther and farther up the steps, and everytime they looked up the house had an aura of a white light. How peculiar they thought. It almost looked angelic with the way it was staring back at them. They kept going and going with each step exhausting them more than the last.

"How many steps are there!?!?" Grahams shouted at Grubbi who was a good chunk of stairs ahead. "I'm not sure!" Grubbi exclaimed with a tired voice. "It seems every time we take a step the house gets farther and farther away from us as we climb, it's like mountain climbing."

Grubbi and Grahams still kept going, however determined to get the biggest haul of the night, but when they looked back they noticed the stairs were longer on the way down. Suddenly, they both were scared. How were there more stairs on both sides of them? It seemed like it was an anomaly or a time loop where the stairs get even longer and longer, a stairway to heaven if you will.

Grubbi in a panic screamed and started running up the flights of stairs, scared but still

determined to get the candy and thinking it was all in his head and imagination. "We have to keep going!" Grubbi exclaimed. Grahams at this point was heaving and out of breath but was still trying to get up the stairs. It just kept going and going and going. They were stuck but still determined because they had already made it that far it only still made sense to their candy craved minds to keep going thinking they can just make a slide down the stairs. If someone lived here, there had to just be a way up still, otherwise how could they escape their own house.

Grahams checked the time and realized 40 minutes had passed by, he was alarmed and almost threw up from the realization but as soon as he almost did Grubbi screamed "I MADE IT!"

"Oh thank god!" Grahams thought as he rushed up the stairs with the last of his energy left. He met Grubbi at the door and they both knocked and knocked. Was nobody home? Were they stuck in a time loop for nothing? Not even to eat a speck of dust? But there had to be someone there right?

As soon as they were both about to rest and give up, a magical manta covered in a bed sheet shouted "Boo!", scaring both Grubbi and Grahams to death not thinking anyone would be there anymore and surely not a manta in a bed sheet.

They both screamed but the manta shouted "Stop! I'm sorry! It's okay! I'm so sorry for scaring you. I never get visitors up here!"

Grubbi and Grahams sighed in relief, slightly laughing because of their mere exhaustion but also concern.

"But not only that!" The manta exclaimed. "It was a trial as well! Usually people give up and go back down the stairs, scared, and afraid. But I wanted to set up a Hollow trial to see who had the most determination and bravery even in a time loop crisis! For making it up here I have a whole store's worth of candy and a special wing shard for you two!"

"So it was worth it!" Graham exclaimed and jumped happily with Grubbi and they twirled and danced. "Thank you!" they both exclaimed and the manta happily smiled.

In the end, Grubbi and Graham got to enjoy their treats once again in the highest spot of the Sky Fishing tree, after having survived a seemingly scary time loop!