Night of the Living Carrots

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(Based on, Monsters vs. Aliens; Mutant Pumpkins)

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Bob walks onto a nondescript stage and addresses the audience.

BOB Greetings fellow Halloweeners. (giggles) I just said wieners. (cracks himself up)

DOC (O.S.)

Bob.

Bob CLEARS HIS THROAT and recomposes himself.

BOB (deadpan) I just said wieners.

A movie screen lowers in front of Bob as he speaks.

BOB (CONT'D) (spooky voice) Tonight's story is a tale so scary...so horrifying...so shocking...so, so, so full of vegetables!

DOC (0.S.) (stage whisper) Bob, stick to the script.

Bob steps from behind the screen and recomposes himself again.

On the movie screen we see scenes from MVP; a spaceship dumping goo, a giant mutant pumpkin, Susan punching the pumpkin and Inscecto crashing into pumpkin head.

> BOB Oh right. (resumes spooky voice) It all started with a spooky spaceship, mutant pumpkins and monsters saving the day. But that was only the beginning.

We push passed Bob to the screen where we push in on the vegetable garden. The puddle of splattered pumpkin goo glows and bubbles as it seeps into the soil forming the title "Night Of the Living Carrots".

BOB (CONT'D) So sit back and get ready for a story that is guaranteed to give you nightmares. Moo-ha-ha. Moo-haha.

DOC Okay...wrap it up.

BOB (quick) Moo-ha-ha.

EXT. - THE MURPHY HOUSE

As the title fades a mutant carrot bursts from the soil, racing toward us cackling evilly. Suddenly, the front gate smacks it head on.

CARL (0.S.) Come on kids, it's time for the costume contest! The winner gets their weight in candy!

The dazed carrot looks up and sees the party-goers heading into the house.

The carrots starts off toward its victims, but is slammed by the gate once more, this time by Bob who is trailing behind the group. He's dressed as a pirate.

> BOB Avast ye scally wags! That booty shall be mine!

Bob notices the gate squeaking and opens and closes it several times, smashing the carrot. Bob then oils the gate until the squeak is gone.

> BOB (CONT'D) Now it's booty time! Argh!

Bob pulls an eye patch over his eye and blindly Bob makes his way to the house, knocking into decorations as he goes.

BOB (CONT'D) Ai! Ouch! Argh! Oh, me timber's been shivered.

The gate slowly swings open revealing the mangled carrot. It falls forward and begins its grisly zombie march towards the Murphy House.

From the carrot's POV, we see Bob get ejected from the party by Carl.

CARL (reprimanding) Come on, Bob, that candy was for the contest.

She closes the door on Bob. Bob is covered in candy and candy wrappers.

BOB But... But... But it all tastes so gooooooood.

ZOMBIE CARROT (mimmicking Bob) Oooaahhhhhh....

Bob hears a groaning sound coming from behind him. He turns around on the porch, but sees nothing but the gate swaying open and closed in the cool evening breeze.

> BOB (warily) Hello?

ZOMBIE CARROT (mimicking Bob) Oooaahhhhhh....

BOB Who's there? I've got a Nutter Buddy Butter Bar and I'm not afraid to use it!

Bob looks down and sees a carrot with green glowing eyes at his "feet."

BOB (CONT'D)

CARROT!

Bob immediately goes stiff as a board and falls backwards.

After a beat, Bob lifts up his head. His eye is half-lidded and he blinks several times.

BOB (CONT'D) (Groans) Oaahhh...

From Bob's blurry POV we see the carrot limp towards him.

BOB (CONT'D) (startled) Whoa! (relieved) Kid, that is one scary costume! For a minute there I thought you were a real carrot. And carrots really creep me out.

The carrot leaps at Bob and smashes into the front door.

BOB (CONT'D) Like that! That was creepy.

Bob grabs the carrot by the greens. The carrot flails and swipes in the air.

BOB (CONT'D) You are a shoe in to win that costume contest!

Bob opens the front door and tosses the carrot inside. Bob slams the door closed and composes himself.

BOB (CONT'D) Kids today and their paper-mâché.

Bob shakes off his jitters and gets distracted by the candy bar he was going to eat earlier.

BOB (CONT'D) (seductively to the candy bar) Hello.

Unbeknownst to Bob, Carl Murphy slams up against the window with the zombie carrot attached to his face and then slumps to the floor. A moment later, he rises to his feet, arms stretched, eyes glowing green. CARL HAS BECOME A ZOMBIE! The guests flee in terror.

> WOMAN (panicking) Eeeeek! That carrot made Carl a zombie!

> > PARTY GOERS

Ahhhhhhh!

WENDY, followed by other party guests, bursts through the door running for her life out of the house.

A COWBOY comes running out gesturing frantically to Bob.

FRONTIER MAN Ahhhhhh! Creepy carrot! Danger, danger!

Bob and the Frontier Man turn back to the door and see the Zombie Carrot exiting.

FRONTIER MAN (CONT'D) It's alive! It's a living carrot! Ahhhhhh!

The Frontier Man runs off screaming. Bob calls out after him.

BOB I know, right? I totally freaked out the same way!

The Mutant Carrot walks past Bob and off the porch.

BOB (CONT'D) Kid, you are <u>killin'</u> with that costume!

Zombie Carl comes lumbering down the steps towards Bob.

Suddenly, a laser blast destroys the carrot, blowing it into several smoldering chunks, right in front of Bob. Reverse on Doc holding the smoking ray gun.

> BOB (CONT'D) Doc, how could you do this?

Carl slowly comes out of the zombie trance.

Bob rushes to the "side" of the splattered carrot remains seeping into the soil. Bob looks up with contempt at Doc.

BOB (CONT'D) He was...he was just a...

DOC Mutant zombie carrot. It must have been contaminated by one of the alien pumpkins.

Bob recoils.

BOB (shocked) No!

Doc takes a closer look at Carl's eyes.

DOC And apparently the curse can be broken by eliminating the infected carrot.

Doc, with his back to the carrot remains, addresses the monsters. Unbeknownst to Doc, the carrot remains slowly begin to sprout new zombie carrots.

DOC (CONT'D) ...and that one carrot could have infected our brains and transformed us all into slack-jawed walking vegetables!

By now, all of the carrots have almost risen completely out of the ground.

LINK

Uh Doc?

Doc spins around to see the newly sprouted zombie carrots. A carrot leaps up, but Doc ducks out of the way. It lands right onto Carl's face, knocking him down.

DOC

Kind of like that.

Carl rises back up as a zombie, and walks off into the night.

WENDY

Everyone run!

LINK Aw man! I don't want to be a zombie. What are we gonna to do?

Doc holds up his empty hand as if he's holding the scanner.

DOC Well, we definitely know that we shouldn't blast them with <u>this</u> scanner.

Bob blasts a carrot with the scanner. Doc GASPS.

BOB Yeah! I definitely just blasted you with this scanner. I love this thing!

Bob races off shooting more carrots.

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Link fends off the carrots with a lawn decoration.

LINK Back! Stay back! Back!

Suddenly a blast from the ray gun zaps a carrot. Adjust over to see Bob with the ray gun.

LINK (CONT'D)

Bob!

BOB Thank me later.

DOC

No!

Bob fires again creating more carrots.

BOB Bang, bang, bang!

Carrots leap at Link and he heads for the house with Bob and Doc. They back up the steps to the house as zombie carrots close in.

LINK Doc, we're completely surrounded.

BOB No we're not.

Bob blasts a carrot and then more carrots grow in it's place completing the wall of zombie carrots surrounding them.

BOB (CONT'D) <u>NOW</u> we're completely surrounded!

Link GROANS.

Just then Monger flies down with his JETPACK.

MONGER

Hoo-raa!

DOC It's Monger! MONGER It's lock and load time boys. The cavalry has arri... [body hit effort]

Suddenly a horde of carrots that leap into the air and take Monger out.

MONGER (CONT'D) Nobody told me they could leap.

Link, Doc and Bob retreat into the house.

INT. - THE MURPHY HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Doc throws open the front door and runs inside, followed by Link and Bob.

DOC

Quickly now!

Before zombie Monger and carrots can get to the monsters Bob slams the front door closed.

Bob, holding the front door closed turns to Doc and Link.

BOB (completely panicking) Doc, there's a jet packing zombie general leading an army of carrots out there! Descends into superfast babbling]

DOC Bob! Calm down! Talk slowly.

BOB (very, very slowly) Zombie General. Army of carrots...

They begin to barricade the window. Suddenly there is a banging on the back door. Doc and Link nailing a table to cover a window, take notice.

DOC (frustrated) Bob, just get the back door! Bob, you get the back door! BOB

I'm on it.

Bob zips off camera quickly returns CARRYING THE BACK DOOR, ripped from its hinges!

BOB (CONT'D) (determined) Where do you want it?

DOC

Oh, dear.

Doc and Link turn to Bob. Doc can't believe his eyes and SIGHS. Zombie carrots pour in through the back door. Link turns to Doc. Link moves into action and grabs the back door from Bob.

LINK ...AAAAAHHHH!!! Gimme that! ... Bob...

He grabs the door from Bob and then "bulldozes" the carrots with the door, forcing them out the back door. As the carrots pile up, they flip the door up, with Link on it, throwing Link outside, while putting the door back in place with all the carrots still inside.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE MURPHY BACK YARD - CONTINUOUS

Link notices a single Zombie Carrot across the yard from him approaching.

LINK Well well, if it ain't the gruesome twosome!

As Link bears down on the carrot, the back door opens. Bob, broom in hand, sweeps out the zombie carrots, right onto Link.

BOB Now go on! Get out and STAY out! Hmm! Hey, Link! Bob slams the door shut trapping the Zombie Carrots outside with Link.

Link SIGHS as he is overrun with carrots.

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Doc turns from looking out the window and runs out of the kitchen. Bob is making a sandwich at the refrigerator.

DOC Bob! Time to go!

A zombie Link smashes the door down followed by dozens of zombie carrots.

Bob races off, but then comes back to grab a pickle.

BOB I forgot the pickle.

INT. - SUSAN'S CHILDHOOD BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Doc and Bob rush inside, slamming the door behind them.

DOC

Phew!

He turns around and leans his back against the door. He opens his eyes and sees Susan's pink princess suite filled with unicorns, ballerinas, stuffed animals and 80's boy band posters. The last frightening sight is Bob with Susan's pompoms.

> DOC (CONT'D) AAAAAAAAAHHHHH!

BOB (cheering) Cotton candy! Bubble gum! Go team go and beat those bums! (jumping in the air) Yay! Wah! Woo! Alright! Ha!

Doc is deadpan and disgusted.

DOC (deadpan) Bob, focus. Zombie problem. Just then, Doc sees a Zombie Carrot creeping on top of Bob's head.

DOC (CONT'D) Oh no, Bob!

Doc backs up against the door. Zombies pound from the other side.

DOC (CONT'D) (defeated) I can already see it. The vacant, lifeless expression...They've already infected your brain!

Doc moves into the corner.

DOC (CONT'D) (defiant) But hear this zombies! You may take my brain, but you will never take my dignity. Hmph!

Doc collapses into a giant pink heart shaped bean BEAN BAG CHAIR.

DOC (CONT'D)

Oh.

Doc looks up reacting to Bob OS.

BOB (0.S.) Come on, pull yourself together. I know this is scary, but we're gonna get through this.

Reveal Bob talking to a lava lamp. He starts writing on a post it note.

BOB (CONT'D) (reassuring) And when we do... here's my number. (smoothely) Call me.

Bob sticks the post it with a single digit number on it onto the lava lamp. He winks and makes a tongue clicking noise. Doc can't believe his eyes. Bob is still Bob. Doc pops up. DOC Of course! Bob, how can a zombie infect your brain when you don't even have one to infect?

BOB (laughs cluelessly) What?

Doc give Bob a joyous hug.

DOC Bob, you're immune!

Doc pulls away from Bob revealing that the carrot is now on Doc's head.

BOB ZOMBIE CARROT!

DOC

Gahhh!

Doc hits the floor and rolls around with the carrot on his head.

BOB Hold still Doc! I'll get it!

Bob tries to hit the carrot off with a teddy bear, but repeatedly misses Doc or the carrot as they roll across the floor.

> DOC And if... you're... immune.. You can-- grrrahhh! save us all!

Bob smacks Doc as he tries to speak.

DOC (CONT'D) There's only one way to <u>stop</u> [whack] the Zombies [whack] and save your <u>friends</u>...[whack] ...You must *eat* all[whack] [muffled] the carrots!...

BOB What was that last part?

Bob removes the bear.

DOC You must eat all the carrots! Night of the Living Carrots - 04.12.11 - Full Script - 13.

Smash cut on Bob screaming in horror!

BOB

N00000!

Zoom in on Bob's Eye.

DISSOLVE TO:

BABY BOB in a high chair. A young CAPTAIN MONGER is feeding him carrot puree. Monger flies the spoon like a plane and shoves it in Bob's mouth.

> MONGER Don't cry little monster. Uncle Monger as enough carrot puree to feed you your entire life. Jerry Bring the feed hose ASAP, the boy's hungry.

Reveal a mountain of carrot puree.

Baby Bob POV as Monger readies the spoonful of carrots.

End POV. Close up on Baby Bob, sick from the carrots already. Monger shoves the spoon in Baby Bob's mouth.

BOB (like a baby) Whaaaaaaah!

> DISSOLVE OUT OF FLASHBACK TO:

INT. - SUSAN'S CHILDHOOD BEDROOM

BOB

Nooooo! Blech.

Link's tail smashes through the door. Zombie Link smashes the door apart and carrots stream in.

ZOMBIE LINK/ZOMBIE DOC

Raaarrrgh!

Doc rises up from the floor completely zombified. They all approach Bob backing him up to the window.

BOB (psyching himself up) Eat the carrots save your friends! Eat the carrots save your friends!

He INHALES a deep breath as he takes one more peek at the disgusting vegetables and has a sudden change of heart as the zombies close in.

BOB (CONT'D) You know what? It's easier if I just make *new* friends.

Bob eyes Susan's stuffed animals.

BOB (CONT'D) Here are four new friends already!

He scoops up Susan's stuffed animals and zips out.

EXT - ROOF - CONTINUOUS

Bob quickly climbs to the top of the roof.

BOB Quick. To the rooftop where we'll get a great view of our new future together.

Bob looks ahead and sees zombie Doc stumble read over heads into a trash can. He gets up and continues his zombie walk with the trash can on his head. Then he sees Link who has the garage door closing on his head. Lastly he sees Monger tangled in the electrical wires.

Bob looks to the stuffed animals and determines that he can't stand by and let his friends stay zombies.

BOB (CONT'D) Eat the carrots, save your friends.

CUT TO:

INT. SUSAN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Zombie carrots mill around the room. One carrot is bumping mindlessly into the lava lamp. Bob taps the carrot on the back to get it's attention.

BOB Excuse me, son. That's my girl. The carrot leaps for Bob's face, but he catches it mid-flight.

BOB (CONT'D) Not this time, amigo.

Bob steels himself and throws the carrot down his gullet.

BOB (CONT'D) Blech! I can't do it!

Bob slaps himself to bring himself around.

BOB (CONT'D) Oh, yes I can.

Bob ties a bandana to his forehead. He does a few karate moves.

BOB (CONT'D) You guys are going down. (does karate moves) Hah... hah... hah... (ends karate) Right down into my belly. Cause I'm gonna eat you.

He then unravels the bandana revealing that it is actually a lobster bib. He pulls is down below his chin and readies himself for a zombie carrot feast.

Bob proceeds to eat the carrots in the bedroom.

CUT TO:

MURPHY HOUSE YARD

In a wide shot of the house we see hear Bob making his way through the house eating all of the carrots, until he reaches the front door. Bob opens the front door and is not completely engorged with carrots and he can barely fit through the door.

> BOB [efforts squeezing through the door]

He finally squeezes out and tumbles off the porch and down the stairs. The zombie carrots get stuck in Bob as he rolls over them. He stands up and then sucks the carrots into his body. Bob looks around at the empty yard. Victory. He has eaten all the carrots.

BOB (CONT'D) I did it! I ate all my vegetables!

Bob reaches behind his back and pulls out the Nutter Buddy Butter Bar.

BOB (CONT'D) And now it's time for desert.

Just as he is about to bite into the bar he hears a fence smash off screen. He turns toward the sound and sees...

Link and Doc crashing through the side gate coming toward him. They are still zombies.

BOB (CONT'D)

What?!

Then he hears a sputtering jetpack. He looks and sees a severely messed up zombie Monger sputtering awkwardly toward him. Bob looks to his tasty desert candy bar and decides to make a sacrifice. He throws it at Monger. It hits Monger and sends him crash landing into the front door of the house.

> BOB (CONT'D) But I ate all the carrots! The curse should be broken! I don't understand. Why are you guys still zombies? I ate every single carrot!

Just then he hears and then notices one last zombie carrot coming from behind a tombstone.

BOB (CONT'D)

Huh? (to the carrot) Yooooouuuuu.

The carrot antics at Bob and then tries to flee down the walkway.

Bob has to get that carrot. He tries running after the carrot, but when we pull wide we see that he is just moving over his enormous, yet static base. He isn't going anywhere while Doc and Link continue approaching and the carrot continues to escape.

> BOB (CONT'D) Just get in my belly. Come on guys I only missed one carrot. (MORE)

BOB (CONT'D) (nearly in tears)

Bob then sees the carrot picking up his candy bar and trying to make off with it. With Link and Doc closing in, the stealing of his candy bar is the final straw that gives Bob the motivation to get himself moving.

> BOB (CONT'D) Hey! That's my Nutter Buddy Butter Bar!

The carrot turns and taunts Bob by opening the wrapper and getting ready to eat the candy bar.

BOB (CONT'D) You wouldn't dare.

The carrot latches on and start sucking on the candy bar.

BOB (CONT'D) You just crossed the line. (battle cry) Aaaahhhhhhhhh!

Bob knocks away his approaching zombie Doc with Susan's teddy bear and then heaves himself forward like an elephant seal until he catches up to and eats the last zombie carrot. The mixture of the chocolate with the carrot is surprisingly tasty to Bob.

> BOB (CONT'D) Wow, chocolate covered carrot.... Still disgusting.

Link and Doc turn back to normal. Doc changes back and Link removes the trash can from his head.

DOC Well done Bob. You broke the curse.

Doc, Link and Monger race to Bob to thank him. They give him a big hug.

BOB You guys, it worked. (off hug) DOC I knew you could do it!

BOB

Not so hard. Really full.

Bob belches a huge cloud of orange that wipes the screen. We pull back to...

THEATER STAGE

We pull back from the movie screen to reveal Bob, our host, steps from the shadows holding the lava lamp from Susan's room.

> BOB (somber announcer voice) And so there you have it. I saved the day because those silly little carrots had absolutely no effect on me. (to lava lamp) Unlike you...right, Bubbles?

Bob walks off screen.

BOB (CONT'D) So remember kids. Eat your veggies or they just might eat you

[hiccup]

Bob's shadow changes into the shape of a giant carrot.

FADE OUT.