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THE HAUNTED HAYRIDE

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In the sleepy town of Pumpkinville, the Halloween hayride was the biggest event of the year. Kids piled onto a creaky wagon pulled by Farmer Jane's tractor, expecting spooky thrills in the creepy forest. But this year, the hayride went wild! The tractor swerved, sped up, and zoomed through the woods, making everyone scream and giggle. "It's haunted!" shouted fifth grader Zoe, clutching her candy bag.

Zoe, Mateo, and Priya, all fifth graders, held on tight as the tractor looped around a ghostly oak tree. "This isn't normal!" Mateo yelled, his witch hat flying off. The wagon rattled past fake skeletons, but the tractor kept going bonkers, dodging pumpkins and splashing through mud puddles. The kids noticed their classmate Timmy, the class prankster, smirking in the back. "Timmy, is this you?" Priya asked, squinting.

Timmy laughed. "Okay, I borrowed my dad's remote control to steer the tractor! I wanted to make the hayride epic!" The kids gasped—Timmy had turned the tractor into a prank machine! But the remote's battery was dying, and the tractor was still zooming. Zoe had a plan. "Let's out-prank Timmy!" she whispered.

They grabbed fake spiders from the hayride props and tossed them onto Timmy's lap. "Eek!" he squealed, dropping the remote. Mateo sprinkled glittery "ghost dust" (really just craft glitter) all over Timmy, making him sparkle like a disco ball. Priya set up a whoopee cushion under Timmy's seat—PFFFT!—and the whole wagon roared with laughter. Timmy finally shouted, "Okay, you win! I'll stop the tractor!"

With the remote back in hand, Timmy slowed the tractor, and the hayride returned to normal. The kids cheered as they rolled back to Pumpkinville, covered in glitter and mud. Timmy apologized and shared his candy stash, promising no more tractor pranks. The hayride was the talk of Halloween, and Zoe, Mateo, and Priya were heroes for their epic prank showdown!



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1-What strange things does the tractor do during the Halloween hayride in Pumpkinville?

2-Why is the tractor acting so wild and out of control?

3-What happens right after Zoe, Mateo, and Priya notice Timmy smirking in the back of the wagon?

4-How do you think Timmy feels when the kids toss fake spiders and sprinkle glittery "ghost dust" on him?

5-Why do Zoe, Mateo, and Priya decide to out-prank Timmy with spiders, glitter, and a whoopee cushion?

