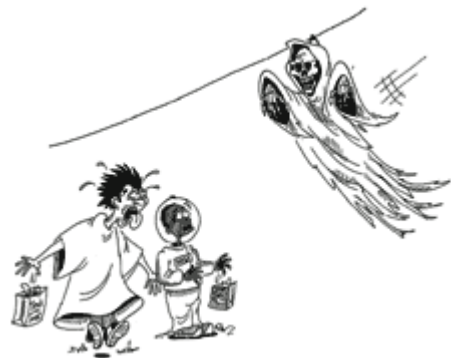




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Swooping Bodies

This trick can be set up to approach trick-or-treaters either from the inside or the outside as they wait at the door. Use a figure, which could be a corpse, a dummy, a ghost, a skeleton, a witch, your mother-in-law, or anything else you have available. Attach it to a heavy duty fishing line, wire, or cable mounted at a sloped angle to allow for a rapid descent. One end of the line can be attached to a screw eye located above the front door, or to a point high enough above the kids' heads to prevent the figure from crashing into them, but coming close enough to scare them. The opposite end is your point of launch, and positioned high enough to provide a high speed and sloped descent.



When outside, this may be a tree, hill, basketball goal, garage roof peak, or anywhere you can have a hidden helper pull the figure into position, and release it upon demand. When performing indoors, the high end of the line can be mounted to the top of a flight of stairs, a high ceiling, or catapulted down a dark hallway. The figure has a black cord attached to it long enough to allow our dummy friend to be quickly pulled back into position for the next launch. The connection attaching the dummy bracket to the line can be a variety of hardware, like a small pulley, a metal hook, or anything that slides freely on the line. Keep the line taut for best speed. Combine this effect with a surprise strobe lighting, and a loud sound effect like a horn, a scream, or just a "Boo!"

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