

Spark

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INT. ATTIC BEDROOM - NIGHT

Two twin beds pushed together. Sisters Winnie (12) and Lucy (10) asleep. Moonlight shines on Winnie's face. Her eyes flicker open. She removes an old pocket watch from under her pillow.

WINNIE

Lucy.

Winnie taps Lucy gently on the nose. Lucy stirs.

WINNIE

Luc, look.

Winnie holds up the pocket watch.

LUCY

(half-asleep) It's midnight.

WINNIE

It's October 1st.

A grin grows across Lucy's face and Winnie matches it. The girls jump out of bed, giggling, and race downstairs.

INT. DOWNSTAIRS - CONTINUOUS

They burst into the kitchen, socks sliding on old wood floors. A gramophone with the horn shaped like a pumpkin sings a fun, spooky song. The oven opens by itself and a pan of ghost-shaped cookies floats out and on to the counter. A trail of mini marshmallows jump into three mugs of hot chocolate.

LUCY

(searching) Mom?

WINNIE

Don't start without us!

EXT. FRONT PORCH - CONTINUOUS

Winnie and Lucy find CLARA (40, mother, witch) sitting on the front steps of their green victorian era house, wrapped in a blanket, reading a book.

CLARA

My girls.

They sit on either side and she wraps her blanket around them.

LUCY

Is it time?

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CLARA

Almost.

Clara snaps her fingers and a plate of the ghost cookies hovers in front of them. They each take one.

WINNIE

It's my favorite day of the year,
besides Halloween.

CLARA

You're definitely my kid.

They munch on their cookies in silence.

WINNIE

I can't wait anymore. Let's get
started!

CLARA

You know the rules. We need to
wait until all the neighbors are
asleep.

They stare at the upstairs window of the house across the street. The light is on.

WINNIE

(exasperated) Jack is a teenager
and teenagers never sleep! Can't
you make him go to bed?

CLARA

Winnie, using magic on other
people has consequences.

WINNIE

What are the consequences of a
good night sleep?

Clara laughs. Lucy stares intently at the window.

LUCY

(under her breath)
Please...please...please...

The light turns off. Clara eyes Lucy, questioningly. Winnie and Lucy are oblivious and excitedly dance around.

MONTAGE OF DECORATING THE FRONT YARD:

Lucy and Winnie drag a cardboard box labeled "Halloween" out of the house. Clara snaps her fingers - the box glows. They pull out decoration after decoration, the box seems never-ending.

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Clara points her finger and giant cobwebs grow from the columns. She blows softly and large spiders run down the webs and freeze in place.

Winnie and Lucy run circles to string lights around the trees.

Lucy pulls a life-size skeleton out of the box. She begins to dance with it. Clara wiggles her nose and the skeleton moves on its own, bowing to Lucy.

Winnie removes a giant spider and holds it over her head. Clara points, lifting both Winnie and the spider in the air. She places Winnie gently on the roof to position the spider. Winnie looks out over her neighborhood, having the time of her life.

INT. ATTIC BEDROOM - LATER

Winnie and Lucy are back in bed with Clara between them. Lucy is asleep.

WINNIE

I'll definitely have my powers by next Halloween.

CLARA

Win, some witches never get their powers.

WINNIE

But I will.

CLARA

Whether you have magic or not does not...

Winnie puts her hand over Clara's mouth.

WINNIE

Don't jinx it!

CLARA

I just -

WINNIE

- Not a word.

Clara grabs Winnie's hand and holds it.

CLARA

It's important to me that you know you are very special, Winnie Astor.

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Winnie cuddles into her mom.

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