

The cover art is a dark, atmospheric illustration in a hand-drawn style. In the center, a large, glowing white circle with a textured, brushstroke-like border contains the title. To the left, Jack Skellington stands in profile, wearing his signature striped suit and a dark, leafy collar. He has a stitched-up mouth and a single large eye. To the right, a large, pale, stitched-up figure with a human-like face and a mustache is shown in profile, looking towards Jack. The background is a dark, purple-hued graveyard with tombstones and a large, domed structure on the right. The overall mood is mysterious and gothic.

Disney

TIM BURTON'S
THE
NIGHTMARE
BEFORE
CHRISTMAS

THE BATTLE FOR
PUMPKIN KING

A THRILLING ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL





EVERYTHING
WILL BE FINE. WE
HAVE A PLAN!



AS MY TENURE
'IS COMING' TO AN END
- I CANNOT EASILY STOP
BEING INVOLVED WITH
OUR TOWN.

IN FACT, I'M NOT
READY TO RETIRE
COMPLETELY.

SO I SHALL WORK
CLOSELY WITH MY
SUCCESSOR, STARTING
WITH AIDING IN THEIR
SELECTION!



HOORAY! THAT'S
A GREAT IDEA!

WHAT WILL IT
BE? HOW WILL THEY
BE SELECTED?



WE WILL HAVE
A SET OF COMPETITIONS
BETWEEN TWO DESERVING
MEMBERS OF OUR
COMMUNITY!

THEN I CAN GUIDE
THEM CLOSELY AS THEY
COMPETE FOR THE
THRONE!



AND I CAN
MAINTAIN CONTROL
OF THEM, THIS TOWN,
AND EVEN HALLOWEEN
ITSELF!



AND THE
WINNER OF THE SERIES OF
COMPETITIONS WILL BE THE
NEW PUMPKIN KING!!!

WHO
WILL NOMINATE
SOMEONE?



... BUT WE MUST KEEP THIS QUIET. I'M NOT TRULY READY FOR MY TERM TO END, SO I WILL *SUPPORT YOU* WHEN YOU BECOME THE PUMPKIN KING.



BUT THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW. THE RACE WILL START SOON.

OH YES, OF COURSE!

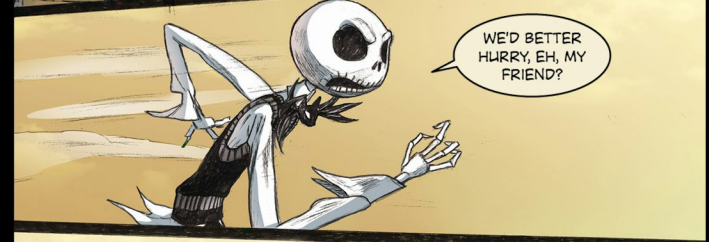


WHY MUST I BE REPLACED AS PUMPKIN KING? I'M THE BEST THERE'S EVER BEEN, AND I'M NOT SO OLD YET. AND AREN'T BONES, LIKE THESE RULES, MEANT TO BE BROKEN?! I'LL NEVER BE "TOO OLD!!!"

BUT I MUST MAKE SURE THAT JACK DOES NOT WIN THESE COMPETITIONS!



ARE YOU READY? ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!



WE'D BETTER HURRY. EH, MY FRIEND?



I DON'T LIKE THIS OVERLY COMPETITIVE SIDE OF YOU, OOGIE. I HOPE THIS CHALLENGE DOESN'T RUIN OUR FRIENDSHIP!

OH, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT, JACK!



TAKE THAT, SKELLINGTON! MY SEVEN PUMPKINS ARE BETTER THAN YOUR FOUR!

