

“How Tidepool School’s Masked Avengers Saved Halloween”

“Halloween’s cancelled?!?!” At Orange County Tidepool School,

Stella Starfish’s friends cried,

“COVID-19 robbed us of trick-or-treating this year.

Quarantine’s caused TOO MUCH uncertainty and fear!”

Stella had planned the COOLEST Super-Hero costume...until COVID ruined everything!

She groaned,

“Coronavirus can make anyone SICK--big or small.

It’s seriously NO FUN at all!”

Stella just couldn’t let COVID steal all their Halloween fun away!!

She told Kermit Hermit Crab her BIG IDEA:

transform COVID’s sick Trick

into their own sweet Treat!

“GET OUT OF YOUR SHELL!

I’d waited all year to wear my Super-Hero costume’s cool MASK,

but NOW our friends can each wear MASKS--

and become cool Super-Heroes all year long!

Wearing our COVID-fighting safety masks, we’ll be *THE MASKED AVENGERS!!!*

Halloween’s over, but... *THE TIDE HAS TURNED!!!*”

Stella’s friends got super-excited, realizing they all ALREADY have

SUPER-HERO POWERS to defeat COVID Creep:

“It’s impossible to keep everything virus-free.

Don’t you agree?

But NEVER FORGET the many SUPER things WE CAN all do,

working TOGETHER to protect you and me, too!”

Maxine Mussel's muscles flexed lifting plastic see-through walls!

“Socially distancing MASKED six feet apart...

is easy-to-do and *SMART!*

We must protect ourselves and others...

like our sisters and brothers.”

Squishy Squid squirted awesome DISINFECTING BUBBLES!

“During MASKED pandemic, let's clean any objects we often touch--

like doorknobs, smartphones, and such!”

Conch twins, Shelly and Shelby, tooted:

“Count 20 seconds when washing hands.

Ventilate plenty by turning on fans!

When you cough or start to sneeze,

cover with your elbow and use a tissue, please!”

Emily Anenome's sparkly hair whirled wiping surfaces clean.

“Squeeze hand sanitizer and wipe things down,

whether you're at home, school, or out of town.”

Mother Oyster's daughter Pearl showed off fancy seaweed Mask designs:

**“Let your inner artist BASK
decorating your super-shining Avenger MASK!”**

Scully Sculpin's schoolmates chimed in,

**“Of course! Of course!
We'll volunteer for this Mask Source Task Force!
Let's grab seaweed and sew together help!
Any MASKS we create can surely help!”**

All the Clamoring Clams cheered while clapping open and shut,

**“We'll get through quarantine TOGETHER.
Wearing MASKS each day, we'll get BETTER.
Don't give up hope—COVID's end is in sight.
If we take care of each other, we'll WIN this fight!”**

Stella shouted,

**“Now YOU, too, can be a *MASKED AVENGER!*
Join forces in our COVID-fighting task!
*Always activate your SUPER-POWER: wearing a MASK!!!”***
