

# Lumpkintales

## Chapter 4

“Its only days until Jolly Pater comes”, says Rose, “and only the Lumpkin children who have helped the community will get to wear the *FUZZY HAT*. “

*“We’ll get our fuzzy hats this year, won’t we Star?”*

*“Of course we will, Rosie. Our ears will be warm till Springtime but those Belldinger boys are in for a cold Winter.”*

*With a cheerful shout, Rose’s best friend Petal and her brother Bud run towards Rose and Star.*

*“Aren’t you excited about Jolly Pater Day,” says Petal, “I can hardly wait.”*

“Me either”, smiles Bud.

Rose starts humming since she’s almost always the one to start the songs and in an instant, the four were singing (as Lumpkins always will).

### **JOLLY PATER SONG**

If we’ve been good  
And helped all year  
Our Jolly Pater knows.

If we’ve been kind  
And loved our land  
He’ll show up when it snows.

If we’ve been generous and sweet  
He’ll give us all a treat  
He’ll love us all and show us that.  
He’ll give us all a fuzzy hat.

Almost before the sun comes over the trees to light the Lumpkin village, the little younglings in every Lumpkinhaus are waiting expectantly for Jolly Pater to knock.

At some Lumpkinhaus’s there’s just a bit of worry.

Mater Belldinger has made the frothy hot chocolate as Dimple and Duple sit hopefully, near the door.

“I don’t think we’ll get a Fuzzy Hat this year Dimple, we’ve made some pretty big mistakes”, says Duple.

“Oh we’ll get our Fuzzy Hats like we have every year”, says Dimple, “Mr. Toothgrinder is just a little grumpy is all. He’ll not take our hats.”

Just then a knock and a rush to the door and who should be standing there but Toothgrinder himself, and with a grizzly grin and a HA HA and a HOO HOO he hands the boys their hats.

“But there will be just one thing”, says Toothgrinder, “that we’ll need to do before I can let you wear them.”