

Iny-meeny-miney-youchuu

[Elliemechanical, 2025] but hypothetically written by a cis Ellie in 2011

Cast: Misquito (Ellie), Takobell (Julia), Lawsui (Robin), Tamato (Brandon), Nightmare (Joey)

Props: Telephone, 2 School Desks, Unicorn Mask, Uno Card, Pocketwatch, Swords, Plate of Croquettes

(Phone rings. Takobell picks it up.)

Takobell: Stray Cat Agency, Takobell speaking. *(Continues talking in low voice)*

Misquito: Sooooo, Tamato. How much private property are you going to accidentally destroy this time?

Tamato: None!! *(Pause)* Probably!

Misquito: *(Puts hands on hips)* You're not supposed to use a talisman seal like a *rocket launcher*, dude!

Tamato: Misquito, it is *not* my fault that somebody put a wall in my way!

Takobell: *(Hangs up phone)* Will you two shut up!? I have to get ready for a job.

Misquito: Oh. Sorry, sis. I guess we'll get ready, too...?

Takobell: No, I'm handling this one myself. A haunted school is asking for a ghostbuster. *(Exits stage)*

Tamato: How 'bout a kiss?

Misquito: How 'bout a roundhouse kick to the face?

(Tamato winces, but grins, and they exit. Takobell and Lawsui sit down at school desks)

Lawsui: So, are you the new girl?

Takobell: Uh, y-yep! Totally normal new girl! I'm Takobell. And I'm definitely not here to hunt ghosts!

Lawsui: Oh. *(Pokes fingers together)* Um... I'm Lawsui. Soooo... why doesn't anybody else notice you?

Takobell: I have a special power.

Lawsui: Of... hiding yourself in a perception field that only those with high spiritual affinity can see?

Takobell: No, of being boring. Speaking of which... *(gets up from desk)* I gotta go do boring things. You probably shouldn't follow me. Too boring. *(Leaves the stage)*

Lawsui: Oh. O-okay. *(In her direction)* I'm boring too! We could go eat croquettes after school! *(Turns back and sighs)* Yay, now I'm lonely again...

(Lawsui leaves. Takobell walks up to a door with Nightmare hiding behind it.)

Takobell: All right, I'm sensing somebody's up to no good! *(Storms the door)* I knew it!

Nightmare: *(Jumps out behind her in unicorn mask)* BOO!

Takobell: AAAHH! Who are you!?

Nightmare: Only your worst nightmare.

Takobell: *(Blinks)* Okay, but what's your name?

Nightmare: Nightmare.

Takobell: Your *full* name.

Nightmare: ...William G. Nightmare!

Takobell: You wouldn't be doing any villainous things, would you? There's a suspiciously large number of monsters in here!

Nightmare: No way! There's only 16 monsters in this closet, that's not suspicious at all!

Takobell: Enough! *(Pulls out card)* Begone, villain! I'll use the power of UNO Reverse Card!

Nightmare: *(Stumbles backwards)* Wait, that's cheating! That's it, I'm kidnapping you!

Takobell: Hey, you can't do that! That's against the rules of UNO! *(Leaves with Nightmare, and Misquito and Tamato enter)*

Tamato: Gee, it's been a while, hasn't it? She's been gone a couple days now.

Misquito: A couple days!? It's been at least four!

Tamato: Well, a couple business days!

Misquito: That settles it. I'm tracking her down!

Tamato: I'm coming with you to make sure you don't blow anything up! Without me!

(Lawsui enters)

Misquito: Hey, you! What's your name?

Lawsui: Wh-who, me? Um... I'm Lawsui.

Tamato: Wait, I think I know you! Remember me? Tamato?

Lawsui: Tamato!? The boy I met on the playground and have perpetuated a lifelong obsession with!?

Tamato: I sure am! And I'm just as awesome as you remember!

Misquito: *(Steps between them)* All right, that's enough of that! He's all mine!

Lawsui: Oh... so you're... dating?

Misquito and Tamato: No, we're not! *(Quickly separate)*

Misquito: Aaaanyway... Have you seen anybody doing ghostbusting things around here?

Lawsui: Nope! There was a new girl here a few days ago, but she said she totally didn't do that stuff.

Misquito: Yeah, that's totally her. Where'd she go?

Lawsui: *(Points)* Probably that closet over there. I've had this weird feeling about it lately, like there might possibly be a main villain hiding in there.

Tamato: Wait, you can just sense that? Maybe you should join us, Lawsui!

Misquito: No way, our work is super dangerous! Thanks for the help, but you should probably just go.

Lawsui: Oh... okay. I guess I'll... treat myself to a croquette or something...

(Everyone leaves. Nightmare and Takobell enter. Takobell sits in the chair, staring blankly.)

Nightmare: Hah, at last! My dastardly scheme is nearly complete!

Misquito: *(Barges into the room with Tamato)* Not so fast, Nightmare!

Nightmare: Nonono, I'm innocent! *(Swings pocketwatch in front of Takobell's eyes)* Tell 'em, Takobell!

Takobell: *(Hypnotically)* Everything-is-perfectly-fine. You-should-join-our-party. There's-cake-and-ice-cream. Looooots-of-ice-cream.

Misquito: *(Looks around)* That's enough! Time to defeat you and your suspiciously large number of monsters once and for all! *(She and Tamato pull out swords and swing them at him)*

Nightmare: Hah! You can never beat me! Never! *(Grabs Misquito and Tamato's swords. They cower together.)* And now that I've scored a decisive victory, there's nothing stopping me from taking over the world, starting with this random high school in the mountains!

Lawsui: *(Enters, holding a plate)* Hey everybody, I just wondered if maybe you were hungry?

Nightmare: Oh, my. What do we have here!? *(Steps toward her)* Are those croquettes!? Give me some!

Tamato: *(Runs and punches him, making him collapse)* Hey, that worked pretty well! Thanks, Lawsui!

Takobell: *(Stands up from chair)* Thank you, everyone... *(Hugs Misquito and turns toward Lawsui)* Yeah, you should totally be part of our group.

Lawsui: Really? You'd let me risk life and limb to help you guys?

Misquito: Fine, I suppose if you *really* want to. But keep your hands off Tamato!

Lawsui: Oh. So you *do* like him.

Misquito: No I don't!

(The end!)