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"SCARY MONSTERS AND NICE SPRITES" Episode 105 Written by Benito Skinner Directed by Desiree Akhavan

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501 INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - NIGHT

Peter and Carmen walk into Peter's room. Carmen nervously looks around.

CARMEN Um... I'll be right back.

PETER

Oh, yeah.

501A INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - BATHROOM - NIGHT 501A

We hear water running as we watch Carmen with one leg up on the sink, spread eagle. She looks around a bathroom ruled by a straight man. A bar of soap so vile you'd need to wash your hands again after touching it.

She opens the medicine cabinet... some half used containers of jock itch and foot fungus cream. Elegant! She sees "LEXAPRO: Take 1 tablet daily for anxiety and depression."

She finally spots a nearly empty Dr. Bronner's Peppermint by the shower, struggles to grab it, and squirts it on her vagina.

CARMEN OOOOOHHHH MY FUCKKKKK!!!

PETER (O.C.)
...you ok?!

CARMEN YES!! One sec!

Carmen runs cold water to try to get rid of the sting. She climbs off the sink and almost grabs a towel before realizing it's best not to. She puts her romper back on and opens the door.

501B INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS - NIGHT 501B

Peter's standing there with just his boxers on. I've decided he's a boxers guy :/

Carmen walks over to him.

PETER

Hey.

CARMEN

Hi.

He starts to take her romper off and she stops him (it's been a long night).

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CARMEN Actually I... think I burnt my pussy off in the bathroom--

PETER

--What?--

CARMEN So, I'm minty fresh! But not open for business.

Peter is confused but then she takes down his boxers and begins blowing him. He is... shook.

PETER Ohhhhh my gggg--fuckkkk.

Peter cums extremely quickly. He's a little shocked.

PETER Um... thank you?

CARMEN You're welcome...

Silence. Awkward silence.

PETER You sure you don't want--?

He indicates her body.

CARMEN Oh, you're sweet. But I'm... fine--

PETER Cool. I usually don't come that fast, by the way.

CARMEN Oh, cool... Ok, I guess I'm gonna go.

PETER Alright, yeah.

Carmen, feeling so weird about what just happened, starts to leave as she spots the case for SLUTSLAYER: BERLIN.

CARMEN Slutslayer? PETER (Shocked) You play? CARMEN

Yeah...

PETER

But are you any good?

Carmen looks at him like "oh bitch, I AM GOOOOOOD."

JUMP TO:

502 INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER - NIGHT 502

Peter and Carmen are smiling and playing Slutslayer. She is her usual busty character with pigtails named Tatiana Rabinovich. He is DEMON X: a muscle man with a bandana, mohawk, and HUGE nipples.

> PETER Ok, I think she deserves to live.

CARMEN A feminist. That's powerful.

Carmen shoots the stripper 5 times point blank. Game over.

CARMEN Don't let your emotions get the best of you. The whores must die.

They laugh together and look each other in the eyes. You know that feeling? Hell!

CARMEN Ok, well I'm... gonna go.

Peter walks Carmen over to the door.

PETER Probably shouldn't tell Benny about this--

CARMEN (Sarcastic) Oh, really?? (Then) We're sorta in a weird place now anyway.

PETER Cool. Or not cool, I guess... Night, Tatiana.

CARMEN Night, Demon X.

And BOOM! They kiss. And it's soft and nice. They quickly pull away. Carmen hurries out of the room as **OVERCOMPENSATING** blasts on screen set to Skrillex's "Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites." It plays through the next sequence...

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503 INT. CARMEN'S DORM - CARMEN'S ROOM - DAY - COUPLE WEEKS LATER

Carmen, wearing a headset, plays Slutslayer on XBOX live multiplayer with-

504 INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - DAY

Peter, also on his headset. They are clearly enjoying playing together, laughing and biting their lips. We cut to clips of their game of blood and violence as they shoot up a strip club! BOOM!

PETER Alright, alright, alright.

CARMEN Slut to your left! Slut behind!

PETER Oh, ok. I got you.

CARMEN Kill her! Kill her now! What are you doing!

PETER Oh my god, why am I playing so bad?

CARMEN Four on the floor! Four on the floor! Oh yeah, way to kill that slut. That's a dead slut.

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506 INT. CABIN IN THE WOODS - DAY

Benny and Miles are in a room we've never seen. It feels like some kind of camp cabin from the 80s and there is a haziness to the whole thing. They look at each other.

> BENNY Are we allowed to be in here?

MILES

We just have to be quiet.

They slowly move toward each other... and... start kissing!! Momentum takes over and it gets HOT. They take off each other's shirts and pants. Miles pushes Benny on the bed and climbs on top of him. Benny pulling off Miles' briefs (he's a briefs guy <3)! Miles pulls down Benny's underwear (boxer briefs!).

Benny gets on top, kisses Miles, and then all of a sudden gets a weird look on his face. A knife comes through his heart as if he got stabbed from behind.

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> Miles screams as Benny's blood drips on his chest. Full Gore. Blood everywhere. Benny's blood is covering Miles as they both scream and then BOOM!

507 INT. YATES UNIVERSITY - FILM CLASS - DAY

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Benny snaps out of it as his film professor pauses Friday the 13th playing on the projector.

PROFESSOR CLEARY And pause! As is customary, every time someone has sex--(He signals to the class)

ALL OF THE CLASS IN UNISON --THEY DIE.

PROFESSOR CLEARY --The irony is that even in the most violent films, there is a strict puritanical morality-- the sinner must be punished! Go for pleasure, reach for love--

Benny and Miles look at each other. Miles smiles. Benny does too. The smile lingers. They lean in to kiss and just as their lips touch, a zombie leaps up and grabs Benny.

507A INT. YATES UNIVERSITY - FILM CLASS - REALITY - DAY 507A

Benny POPS OUT from ANOTHER FANTASY.

PROFESSOR CLEARY --And you WILL get killed and it is your own fault. I... actually made a little micro-budget about this-big nod to Wes Craven-- in a short with my ex fiancé. And it was awarded a... Vimeo staff pick.

He waits for shock and awe. Nothing.

PROFESSOR CLEARY ... Well, okay then, submit your final proposals for the Film Festival. We're only 2 months away. It took my fiancé and I 9 years to make that short, so I hope you've already been thinking about it...

A girl's service dog barks (a poodle- sorry I don't like poodles).

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509 EXT. YATES UNIVERSITY - QUAD - DAY

We get a close-up shot of Grace on the phone.

GRACE Oh, my god. Thank you so much. YES, I ACCEPT!

Grace hangs up, BEAMING. We hear a voice.

ESTHER Who the fuck was that?

We pan out to see Bridget, Esther, Sloane, and EMILY on the quad tanning in bikinis next to Grace. Grace has on shorts and a cardigan with her bra- just slightly off from the rest of the girls. It's fall so it's ultimately cold outside- but they are going to milk the tiniest bit of sun!

> GRACE Oh, it was um, Charli XCX's record label. She connected us and I got offered a job next semester.

> > ESTHER

Job?

GRACE I'm going to be a campus ambassador for them. Like promoting their new talent.

BRIDGET How did you get that??

SLOANE

I want it.

GRACE After the Charli concert, her team told me about it. So I applied and... I got it.

EMILY I've never applied for anything!

GRACE Then how did you get in here?

BRIDGET How much do you get paid?

GRACE Oh, I'm doing it for the contacts.

SLOANE

I want contacts.

BRIDGET (To the other girls) Now that she's besties with Charli she probably has no time for us!

GRACE

Oh my god, no-

ESTHER You're going to the chem house Halloween party on Friday, right?

GRACE Oh, of course! Doing a couples costume with Peter...

BRIDGET

Aww.

GRACE Yeah... Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan.

She hears how cringe that is as she says it.

ESTHER I LOVE that movie.

EMILY Leo taught me a lot about climate change!

BRIDGET I'm surprised Peter has time for a costume... F&G deliberations are this week. It's a total hoopla.

GRACE He can take a break.

BRIDGET Right. I guess do the couples thing while you can. When he's gone next year, it's just you, girl.

GRACE Yeah, I should probably just go and get our costumes ... aren't you guys cold?

BRIDGET You know what they say, 'til the last leaf falls. Flip!

All the girls flip and they have grass and leaves stuck to their backs.

510 INT. CARMEN'S DORM - CARMEN'S ROOM - DAY

We go back and forth between Carmen and Peter on XBOX live with headsets on.

INTERCUT WITH:

510A INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - DAY

They are IN THE ZONE.

PETER So what's the deal? You don't hang with Bento at all anymore?

CARMEN Um, not as much... we're... making new friends--

PETER --Am I your new friend?

CARMEN We aren't friends.

Carmen shoots his Demon X character in the head.

PETER Fucking cold! You spend every night on live with a girl and she won't even have the decency to friendzone you.

Carmen blushes. This flirting is... heaven.

Suddenly a third player, TERRY6969, (11, awful) APPEARS.

TERRY6969 When are you queers gonna just buttfuck?! DIE!!

CARMEN Blocking you, freak.

Carmen blocks TERRY6969.

PETER Uhhh... Thought it was just us in here Carmen.

CARMEN Nope. And here my NAME is TatianaDelRey. And I Can't wait to be interviewed about Terry6969 and get asked if we knew he'd kill people one day.

It goes silent. Carmen panics.

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CARMEN (CONT'D) 'Cause he's probably gonna be an incel who shoots people? ... Peter?

Peter hops back on live for a second.

PETER One sec, Terry!!

He leaves the headphones on the chair as we see Carmen, deeply confused as to what is going on. Then we see why we he went quiet: Grace is now in Peter's room. Carmen hears Grace's voice. She almost takes her headphones off, but then doesn't.

> GRACE I got the costumes--

PETER Oh... great. You can set it right there. Talk later?

He clearly wants her to leave quickly.

GRACE Um... I "can set it right there?" Are you dismissing me? I spent ALL morning at a rental shop--and it smelled bad. I feel like you should know that.

PETER I mean... you wanted to do it too?

GRACE Because YOU wanted to!

PETER Because you wanted me to want to! You're the one who said you have an anxious attachment style?

GRACE Yes, and thank you for remembering, but I would NEVER agree to a drop waist flapper dress if it wasn't important to you. I'll look like a fridge!

Peter doesn't respond. He's desperate to get back to playing video games.

GRACE (CONT'D) And I thought you were busy with your stupid Flesh and Gold deliberations, but you're in here playing video games?

Peter doesn't say a word.

GRACE (CONT'D)

... You know what? Go to the chem house party without me. I'm not going.

PETER

We HAVE to go together or no one will understand the costume. Daisy needs Gatsby for context.

GRACE

"Daisy needs Gatsby for context"? That's why you want to go to the party together? Oh my god! Everything I do at this school revolves around you! I had a horrible threesome for you! I literally do your homework for you. I almost quit the Charli concert for you.

PETER

Puth?

GRACE

XCX! Oh my god, do you even hear me when I talk? Well I didn't quit the concert and I got a job. So maybe I'm better without you.

PETER

You have a short fucking memory if you think that's true.

GRACE

Actually, I have a great memory which is why I know it's true. I don't think we should be together. So, have fun at the party. And good luck learning how to tie a tie.

PETER

Grace--

GRACE

Don't.

Carmen takes off the headphones and logs off. She can't believe what she just heard, but she kinda liked it...

Grace slams the door.

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512 INT. YATES UNIVERSITY - CAFE - CONTINUOUS - DAY 512

Benny and Miles are both drinking Freshman 15's brainstorming movie ideas for the Film Festival.

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BENNY Final film project: we could do a doc about the start of Flesh &Gold? But with a Kid Cudi score?-MILES Benny I don't think we want to know those secrets ... BENNY (Smiling) ... Valid. MILES What if I don't get in? BENNY What if I don't get in? MILES Don't be ridiculous.... (Beat) Maybe it'll give you a break from me? Benny and Miles have not left each other's sides... Kinda gay if you ask me! BENNY ...don't need one. MILES You say that now!

They smirk at each other.

BENNY What are you doing for Halloweekend?

MILES ... Halloweekend? Hearing "Halloweekend" from a grown man. That's cute, Benny!

BENNY Fuck you! Ok, sorry what are you-

MILES Well, we have to go to the chem house party.

BENNY What's that?

MILES The Chem majors always throw the best *Halloweekend* (MORE)

512 512 CONTINUED: (2) MILES (CONT'D) (WINKS) party at a warehouse. My stepbrother says they serve some kind of drug-drink-thing every year. Get costumes Friday? Benny was not expecting that. But fuck yessss he would. BENNY (Beaming) Yeah... (then) Like, we go together to get costumes, or is it like matching? MILES Either way. BENNY Cool. Just have to study for an Econ midterm. But, yeah. 513 513 OMITTED 514 514 INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - NEXT NIGHT Peter, his headphones on, is back playing Slutslayer with Carmen over Xbox Live. **INTERCUT WITH:** 514A INT. CARMEN'S DORM - CARMEN'S ROOM - NIGHT 514A Carmen, headphones on, playing Slutslayer.

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CARMEN I'll take the private dance suite, you go to the owner's gun safe.

His character fires a 1,000 rounds all over the place in the game.

CARMEN

You ok?

Carmen's screen goes red. "YOU GOT HIT WITH FRIENDLY FIRE"

CARMEN What the fuck? You killed me.

PETER

Shit.

CARMEN Are you ok?

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PETER Yeah, absolutely. 12.

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CARMEN

You sure?

PETER Why?... You heard what happened yesterday, didn't you?

CARMEN Only the beginning.... Through the end.

PETER Hasn't really been my year...

CARMEN (Confused) Are you joking?

PETER Normally, yeah. But-- just telling it like it is. I'm pretty fucked.

CARMEN Bullshit. You're the Goddamn Keeper.

PETER I got Keeper out of pity. The other guys knew I don't have a job after school. And Grace... (then)

CARMEN I shouldn't--

Will you come over?

PETER (Pleading) Tati, please.

Carmen sits with herself. I mean, Grace just ended things?! Peter waits for her to respond, needing this win more than Carmen even knows.

> CARMEN What would we do if I came over?

PETER You would cum.

CARMEN I would come or I would cum?

PETER

You would cum...

Carmen gulps. That kind of sounds amazing... Until evil Terry6969's box invades the frame.

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TERRY6969 Yeah-- give that slut a Cleveland steamer!

CARMEN What the fuck?

PETER Jesus Christ, Terry! Where are your parents?

515 INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - LATER - NIGHT

Carmen and Peter are fully making out. He takes off her top and grabs her boobs. He picks her up and they fall on the bed. She climbs on top of him and he quickly pulls down his boxers. He gets a condom out of his drawer and puts it on. They start to have sex and it's... fire. Like... oh my god. They are FUCKING. Both are breathing HEAVY. It's insane. Peter cums. Carmen cums. We all cum!

516 INT. F&G HOUSE - PETER'S ROOM - A LITTLE LATER - NIGHT 516

We HARD CUT to them after sex. Sitting on his bed. Carmen is looking up something on her phone to read out loud.

CARMEN Ok, so a Cleveland steamer is: A sex act involving defecating on someone's chest, then sitting in it and rolling back and forth like a steamroller... Terry will kill people one day, ultimately.

Peter laughs for a second and then get's in his head. Carmen clocks it.

CARMEN ... Are you okay?

Peter doesn't say anything.

CARMEN (CONT'D)

Peter?

Nada. Carmen sees the Xbox headphones on the floor. She gets out of bed and grabs them, puts them on and sits facing away from him.

CARMEN (CONT'D) DemonX, Tatiana here. You there?

PETER

I guess.

CARMEN

So what's the problem? Some dicks gave you a culturally insensitive mask out of pity. So what?... And you WILL find a job and until then, your parents are rich--

PETER Who said my parents were rich?

CARMEN (Turns to look at him) Your face. Your face said your parents are rich.

PETER My parents are teachers at the all boy's school I went to. They are not "rich."

Carmen is shocked by this. She misjudged him.

CARMEN Well... who cares?

PETER Everyone... Me.

CARMEN

I don't.

Peter takes this in. A glimmer of confidence returns to his face. He has never opened up like this to Grace.

PETER What do your parents do?

CARMEN Grieve. And avoid me. I'm kinda like Tatiana in that way. An orphan. An orphan with big tits.

She tried to make it funny, but Peter doesn't laugh.

PETER You are really special.

CARMEN

So are you.

Peter crosses to her and takes off the headphones. He kisses her. She beams before they lay down. Damn. This is nice...

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518 INT. SHITTY HALLOWEEN STORE - DAY

Carmen and Hailee are walking through racks and racks of hideous and cheap Halloween costumes. Think Spirit Halloween. :) Hailee is slightly distant and cold at first.

CARMEN Thanks for coming with me, I-

HAILEE (Pissed) Yeah, of course.

CARMEN

Hailee?

HAILEE

Yeah?

CARMEN I'm so sorry. For being a shitty bitch. And a shitty roommate.

HAILEE Carm, it's all good bb girl. You've actually awakened something in me.

CARMEN (Scared) What did I awaken...?

HAILEE Well, after my disciplinary board meeting... I'm in my bad girl era.

CARMEN What were you in before?

HAILEE

I have been playing all of these things by the rules. I do exactly what I need to do all the time and what's come of it? Nothing. No candid campus couture. No hanging with Charli XCX even though I *know* she would've fucked with my vibe. I'm done playing nice. Carmen, I'm going apeshit mode on these whores.

A kid buying a TMNT costume with his mom looks at Hailee in horror.

HAILEE (Reacting to their stares) You chose to live in a college town! Not my problem. (back to Carmen:) (MORE)

HAILEE (CONT'D) See?!... The old Hailee can't come to the phone right now.

Hailee sniffles and has a skin rash on her arm. She scratches it. She's clearly coming down with something.

CARMEN Are you sick?

HAILEE Babe, if you think swollen lymph nodes, a fever, and pesky little rash are ruining my Halloweekend, you don't know me at all.

She sees a costume that catches her eye... it's perfect. She stuffs it in her tote bag.

HAILEE This one's on the house!

Carmen isn't paying attention to her. She's looking at a text from Peter: Terry6969 and I are waiting for Tatiana!! She smirks and texts him back: you'll have to massacre the block without me boys... see you tonight at chem house?? Peter takes a moment to reply: yeah!

Carmen is beaming looking at her phone when she looks up and Hailee is staring her down.

HAILEE Oh, I know that look... name names.

CARMEN

What?

HAILEE Miss Chicken Carmesana got the D she had been needing all alongggg.

Carmen blushes.

CARMEN It's a secret...

HAILEE I can keep it. And you owe me.

CARMEN

0k... it's...

Carmen goes in to whisper it in Hailee's ear.

HAILEE (Screaming) YOU FUCKING SLUT YESSSSS!!!! FUCK. YESSSSSS!!!!!! 17.

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We pan out to the entire Halloween store full of children and parents. Carmen is mortified.

CARMEN Grace kinda ended it and-

HAILEE BAD! BAD GIRL!

CARMEN Honestly though... he's so nice. Even after he cums.

HAILEE Well, in that case... we need to find you a costume for tonight that seals the fucking deal.

CARMEN Oh my god, no I don't even-

HAILEE

Carmen.

CARMEN Ok... I do have this one idea.

519 INT. YATES UNIVERSITY - LIBRARY - SAME TIME - DAY 519

Benny is sitting in the stacks staring into an Econ Textbook. He's trying to follow what it's saying. Numbers just float all over the page- it's a fucking nightmare. Miles appears at Benny's working cubicle with 2 plastic bags and whispers to him.

> MILES (Whispering, it's so hot) Benny boy.

BENNY (Startles) Oh! Shit. Hi. Sorry. I lost track of time--

MILES No worries. I figured, so I got... the perfect costumes!

He hands Benny the bag and as Benny opens it, a girl, MEG, manic pixie dream girl, walks by and waves at Miles. He waves back, casually. Benny pulls out the costume and it's brown suedes and a raccoon tail hat.

> BENNY (Confused) ... Davey Crockett?

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MILES

No! Look!

Miles pulls out a vaguely matching costume.

BENNY

Boy scouts?

MILES No! LEWIS AND CLARK! You know from the woods?

BENNY Ohhhh! Yeah... I love it!

MILES Alright, I'll leave you to it. I'll pick you up later.

Benny doesn't love brown suede but he LOVES that Miles is making callbacks to their times together. It's fucking cute!

520 INT. BENNY'S DORM - BENNY'S ROOM - NIGHT

Benny is sitting on his bed in his costume ready for the party. He's psyching himself up, hopeful for what's to come. He starts talking to someone we don't see onscreen yet. Her voice is familiar and kind.

BENNY

He took care of me when I was sick, he asks to hang out literally every single day. Sometimes I catch him looking at me and it's just a little bit too long, you know what I mean? And... he remembered Lewis & Clark... which it's like, that is a deep cut! So, I think I'm safe to do it.

MEGAN FOX (O.C.) Do what, Benny?

BENNY I'm gonna go for it with Miles... tonight.

Benny can't believe he even said it out loud. Oh my god.

We cut to reveal who Benny is talking to. It's the Megan Fox poster on his wall.

MEGAN FOX Yay! You should! I mean, he got you guys a "couples-"

BENNY "-costume!" Exactly!!

MEGAN FOX So fucking cute! And when you say go for it-- do you mean like dick in ass, or kissing? (beat) Wait, have you ever kissed a guy before?

Benny takes a beat as we cut to:

521 INT. IDAHO - SAMMY'S CAR - DAY - FLASHBACK 521

The tiniest moment of his lips close to Sammy's, his high school friend from the football photo in 101.

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BENNY Kiss. No. Never.

MEGAN FOX Well, Halloweekend is the perfect time!

BENNY Yeah... fuck it. I'm gonna do it.

MEGAN FOX And if you are together it's like not THAT gay because he's not really out either it's more of a one time thing, like just feelings and stuff.

BENNY

Exactly!

MEGAN FOX I'm so proud of you, Benny.

BENNY Thanks, Megan Fox.

MEGAN FOX I cannot wait to watch you two fuck later.

BENNY Yeah... totally.

Someone knocks on the door. Benny answers and it's Miles, looking so fucking cute in his costume.

MILES Fuck me. It is brilliant.

BENNY It's something! OVERCOMPENSATING - 105 Final Draft (09/27/2024)

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MILES

Shall we?

Benny smiles.

BENNY Lead the way, Lewis.

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526 526 INT. CARMEN'S DORM - CARMEN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Carmen looks at herself in the mirror and is none other than... Tatiana Robinovich from Slutslayer. And she looks fucking HOT. Full smokey eye. Full cleavage. She's gonna go for the gold tonight! Hailee steps beside her to look in the mirror at her work on Carmen and she is none other than Christina Aguilera from the Dirrty music video. Full smut! She even has the blonde dreads wig with black streaks.

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530	INT. APARTMENT OFF CAMPUS - NIGHT	530

The door to an apartment opens and it's Grace, in an Alice Cullen costume (a pixie wig and a vest- orange contacts that look insane). RONNIE, 22, kind of fucchoi vibes but hot, answers the door in a Dickies work suit.

> Hi... um, can I help you? GRACE Hi! I'm um a friend of Mimi's! (beat) And Happy Halloween! Love the Michael Myers costume.

RONNIE

RONNIE What costume?

MIMI (O.C.)

Grace?

GRACE

Hi--

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INTERCUT:

Grace and Ronnie walk into Mimi's tiny apartment. Grace looks into the room and sees so many lamps made out of crystals it's actually baffling. SIX QUEER WOMEN are sitting at a small table Mimi has tried to make look like an adult did it. 3 have the same haircut as Grace's wig and 1 is knitting ferociously. No one is wearing costumes.

Mimi joins Grace and Ronnie.

RONNIE Babe-- I missed you.

Ronnie and Mimi touch foreheads.

RONNIE

I love you.

They pull away.

RONNIE So you invited someone named Grace? Love your haircut by the way.

GRACE Oh... it's a wig. I'm-

MIMI Alice Cullen. From Twilight.

GRACE Yeah... we always--

MIMI --Used to dress up as Twilight characters every year.

RONNIE Oh... I've actually never seen it.

GRACE You've never seen it?! R Pats?! Kristen Stewart?!

All of the women at the table turn their heads to Grace when she says Kristen Stewart.

MIMI Grace this is my girlfriend, Ronnie.

GRACE Girlfriend, oh.

RONNIE Oh, so you never heard of me either? Interesting. MIMI

Love, can you check on the Clam Linguini?

RONNIE Yeah babe, I just want to check in. Are we okay? I love you.

MIMI

I love you.

RONNIE I feel seen. Grace, do you want a drink?

GRACE Um, yeah! Girlfriend. So nice to meet you! Um, can I have a vodka shot with a cranberry chaser?

RONNIE ... We only have orange wine?

GRACE Oh cool, I didn't know wine came in orange...

Ronnie kisses Mimi, they touch foreheads, and then Ronnie walks away.

MIMI Grace, what are you doing here?

GRACE Well, I broke up with Peter and I thought we'd celebrate Halloween--

MIMI Um, I'm having a dinner party. With my lover and her coven. It's... what adults do?

GRACE Oh... ok. Sorry just, thought Halloween was our favorite tradition...

MIMI

I grew up.

GRACE And got a girlfriend?!

MIMI Yeah, I'm partnered.

GRACE When did that happen?

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MIMI

Grace, my life moved on since you became a senator's wife. And cool for you for finally dumping Peter, but, I have plans.

GRACE Yeah... Of course. This was dumb, I'm sorry--

Grace turns and leaves, embarrassed. Mimi watches her go... she considers following her, then...

RONNIE (O.C.) Babe, how long did Allison Roman say to let these clams simmer, can you come here? I love you.

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532 INT. CHEM HOUSE WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

The warehouse is fucking popping. The fog machine has made everything just a bit hazy and dreamlike. Strobe lights FLASHING.

Hailee, dressed in homage to "Dirty"-era Xtina, and Carmen, dressed as Tatiana Del Rey, walk through the front room. Everyone in the house says "hi" to Hailee but through gritted teeth.

> CARMEN How do you know all these people?

HAILEE Carm, I'm a biochem major.

CARMEN

What?

HAILEE

Yeah, and I fucked the curve for everyone on the orgo midterm.

Carmen looks at her in disbelief. Hailee contains multitudes, we've always known this.

HAILEE (CONT'D) I have a target on my back.

Hailee whips her hair.

CARMEN (In awe of her confidence) You look so amazing.

HAILEE So do you, baby girl. Hailee points to her lips and signals Carmen to kiss her.

CARMEN Hailee, you're sick. HAILEE

I know. (beat) Now let's get you SEEN.

Carmen and Hailee scan for Peter in the crowd but he's a senior, he will not be there for a whileee.

533 INT. CHEM HOUSE WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

GABE, TRENT and ADAM stand near the front of the line for a drug drink...

TRENT What did the chem queers put in the drink last year?

ADAM I think it was meth.

GABE This year it's molly cut with melatonin.

TRENT

I'm a penis.

GABE

YES!

We move down the line and land with Benny and Miles. Benny spots Carmen. Miles seems distracted about something...

BENNY Um, Miles- I'll be right back.

MILES Oh... ok. Don't leave me too long, Clark.

Benny smiles and walks up behind Hailee and Carmen.

BENNY Hi Tatiana--

CARMEN

Peter--

Carmen quickly turns around, but it's Benny.

HAILEE Babe, I'm Xtina. 533

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CARMEN And who are you? Is this what you wore to school in Iowa?

BENNY You know we don't have school in Idaho.

Carmen and Benny sort of smile. It's still weird.

BENNY Okay, well, good to see you.

CARMEN

Yup.

Benny walks away.

534 EXT. YATES UNIVERSITY - QUAD - NIGHT

Grace is back on campus after her fight with Mimi. She is looking on her phone at Peter doing his lame Gatsby cheers. All of a sudden she runs into Bridget, Esther, Emily and Sloane. Esther is wearing a motorcycle biker costume (it's fucked), Bridget is a cop, Emily is a sailor, and Sloane is a construction worker. All sexy iterations, obviously.

BRIDGET

Grace?

GRACE (Forcing herself to pull it together) Oh... hey girlies...

ESTHER Daisy is blonde in the movie, I HATE blonde erasure, Grace.

GRACE Oh. This isn't my Daisy costume.

BRIDGET Then what are you?

EMILY Shakespeare!

SLOANE

Wonka!

ESTHER My Aunt Susan? 26.

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BRIDGET Are you going to Chem House?

GRACE Um... not sure yet.

BRIDGET You're going. What else would you have to do? Spend Halloweekend alone?

ESTHER Because of your velma hair?

BRIDGET Peter is there, Grace.

GRACE You guys look amazing. Is it like a group costume?

BRIDGET We're blue collar.

ESTHER

But sex.

GRACE Butt sex? (they don't laugh)

EMILY

No thanks.

BRIDGET Have a happy halloweekend, Grace.

They all strut away. We pan out to show just how alone Grace looks in the sea of students walking in packs to the party. She starts to tear up and takes off her Alice Cullen wig.

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536 INT. CHEM HOUSE WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

We find Hailee dancing her fucking ass off in a sea of insanely cheap Halloween costumes. Hailee yells at one of the guys who is dressed as Satan.

> HAILEE Kiss me, Satan!!!

We continue panning through the party. Everyone is sweating but in a college way.

Benny finishes the beer he was nursing as Miles comes out of nowhere and puts his arm around him. Miles is FEELING that drug cocktail ... and he is TOUCHY.

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27. 534 He starts jumping up and down on Benny. They dance together as Benny looks at his lips... his eyes.... his smile... his thighs...

MILES (Beaming) I love you dude!!!

Benny looks back at Miles in shock. Everything slows down.

BENNY (Too far) I love you too!!!!

MILES I'm so glad we met.

BENNY

Me too.

Miles is sweating so fucking much, and also kind of grinding his teeth? But whatever, doesn't matter! Miles spots something behind Benny.

MILES Benny bop I'll be right back, mate!

He spanks Benny's ass and oh my fuck it is ON. Miles passes Carmen and we STAY WITH HER.

Carmen sees Peter by the entrance. He is getting champagne poured in his little glass when he sees Carmen walking towards him.

PETER Wait, one sec!

Carmen stops in her tracks, thinking he's about to tell her to leave.

PETER (CONT'D) To the Green Light and you, Old Sport! (THEN) I'm Great Gatsby!

CARMEN Oh, no, I know.

PETER Pretty good right?

CARMEN

Yeah...

Carmen waits for him to say ANYTHING about her costume. He doesn't. This is not the same Peter she was in bed with. He's out in public...

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PETER It's one of my favorite books... have you read?

CARMEN Um, yeah... I mean, that's like saying your favorite band is the Beatles?

PETER

They are!

Peter is a little thrown off that she is not impressed. And just as Carmen is about to give up hope that he might say something about her costume...

> PETER Should we go find the bathroom, Tatiana?

Carmen smiles... fuck yes. Peter looks around before they walk away.

There is a keg in the corner Benny walks over to as he spots George and Grayson. George is dressed as club kid and Grayson is Ellen, but make it twink!!

> GEORGE Hi... boy scout?

GRAYSON I was one too!

BENNY Oh no, I'm not a boy scout! I'm "and Clark."

They stare at him. Who the fuck is "and Clark?"

BENNY Miles is Lewis!

GEORGE Oh, so like a couples costume?

BENNY

Uh-

GEORGE Didn't know you had it in ya...

Benny stares at him awkwardly. What the fuck?

GRAYSON George, let's go vogue!

GEORGE Oh, um... ok. 29.

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Benny watches them go and takes a deep breath.

We reveal Hailee is now standing near Benny, talking to another guy dressed as Elton John. Hailee coughs a little, and then:

HAILEE Kiss me, ELTON JOHN!

537 INT. CHEM HOUSE WAREHOUSE - BATHROOM - NIGHT 537

Carmen and Peter are making out in the bathroom AGGRESSIVELY. She opens her eyes and sees what they look like together... she likes it. She closes her eyes as he opens his.

> PETER Um, should we get back out there?

CARMEN Oh, um. Yeah, if you want?

PETER Yeah. I'll leave first? So people don't see.

Ouch. Carmen takes the punch to the gut.

CARMEN

Oh.

PETER No one really knows Grace and I are off right now...

CARMEN Ohhh. Totally. Cool. Yeah... go.

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539 INT. CHEM HOUSE WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

Back at the party, the F&G girls spot Carmen.

EMILY Oh my god. That's a perfect Tatiana Robinovich costume.

SLOANE

I want it.

BRIDGET What the fuck is that?

EMILY Slutslayer? It's a video game.

SLOANE How do you know what that is?

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EMILY I watch guys stream on Twitch all the time. It gets me off.

SLOANE I wanna get off.

Grace enters the party and Carmen clocks it. She is dressed as Daisy Buchanan. Carmen watches as Grace goes straight for Peter and Bonnie & Clyde are back together, but worse because they're dressed like Bonnie & Clyde. Everyone stares at them.

GRACE

Mr. Gatsby?

PETER (Proud) Hello, old sport.

They start kiss-dancing. They look... kinda perfect. Peter grabs Grace as they head for the door. He makes brief eye contact with Carmen and quickly looks away.

Carmen is devastated.

We pan over to Benny who is looking around for Miles. All of a sudden, Miles taps him on the shoulder. They are both facing the rest of the party.

MILES (Whispering) Can I ask you something?

Benny gulps. Everything slows down again... oh... my...god.

BENNY Yeah... yeah of course.

MILES Is your roommate out of town again?

Benny's heart is going to fall out of his chest it's beating so fast. Maybe we can hear it?

BENNY Yeah... he's at Syracuse until Monday...

MILES Very cool. You okay if we go back there? To... use the room--

As Benny heart opens and 19 years of closet is suddenly opening, he takes a deep breath and smiles with every muscle in his face and turns to face Miles and... Oh fuck. Miles is standing there with... MEG, the girl who waved at him after film class. He didn't want to use the room with him. He wants to have sex with her. Benny stares at them, unable to respond. maller hit Danner

Oh shit, ok that molly hit Benny hard!... Can we...?

MILES

Benny looks at both of them and immediately turns on a fake, bro-y smile.

BENNY Of course... dude.

MILES You're the fucking best, Benny.

Benny hands over his key, and as he watches them walk away, he holds back tears... ("...Go for pleasure, reach for love, you WILL get killed and it is your own fault...")

Benny feels like he's about to have a panic attack. As he looks away from where they just left, everything slows down again as he makes eye contact with the person who just watched that entire thing just happen. Carmen.

Carmen tears up, as she looks at Benny. Benny goes to thicken his neck and shrug it off... but she gives him the smile-- the smile that let's him know now it all makes sense-- she knows and it's okay. And then he lets go. He nods "yes" ever so slightly.

They start to walk toward each other. The music gets louder and the rowdy crowd dancing in and out of frame. They finally reach each other.

CARMEN

I love you.

Benny finally lets himself cry.

BENNY I love you too.

Benny lowers himself to fall into her arms.

The whole room is suddenly empty. They hold each other and every weird, awkward, tense thing, every lie, every misunderstanding that was there before? Gone. Two heartbroken college kids hold each other.

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