CAFETERIA CHAOS

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Characters:

Nova 10-year-old girl, half Neanderthal, half modern female, (physically strong and magical) T-shirt with Native American designs and blue jeans with red tennis shoes.

Takeesha 10-year-old girl, Mulatto, strength in knowledge of alternative medicine and folklore monsters. An African tribal design shirt with baggy pants and flip-flops.

Benny 10-year-old boy, white Blond, yellowish green eyes, strength in science knowledge. He is in a manual wheelchair. T-shirt with motor cross designs and blue jeans, white sneakers.

Max Kim 9-year-old boy, Korean adopted boy, strength in science and being a magician. Wears all black, usually with lots of pockets in his pants and long button-down shirt. He sometimes wears a top hat.

A Psychic woman (48-older) dressed up professionally. She's carrying sage and a lighter. She is capable of speaking to spirits.

A Priest man (46- older) dressed like a priest and able to run out the door and scream like a girl.

Coach Hartzle man (40-45) dressed in extra large gym clothes with whistle.

Trudy Campfire girl #1

Sally Campfire girl #2

Sonia Campfire girl #3

5 or 6 Campfire boys

Many brownie fairies - boy and girl kids dressed in green long sleeve shirts and brown pants. A leaf pattern poncho with cord belt. A leaf or flower head dress on the head.

FADE IN:

INT-SCHOOL-DAY

The sound of kids in the cafeteria in the background surrounds Nova. She takes a seat at a random rickety round table and begins to pull her sandwich out of her lunch bag. She opens her milk carton and takes a sip. She spots Takeesha and stands.

NOVA

(frantically waving) Takeesha, over here!

Nova plops back down and waits anxiously. Takeesha skips over.

TAKEESHA

(smiling)

Hey, Nova.

Takeesha plops down next to Nova. Takeesha pulls out her sandwich and they begin to eat. Benny wheels over in his wheelchair. He puts his lunch on the table where Nova and Takeesha sit.

BENNY

(angry)

What? Not again!

Max Kim also comes over.

MAX KIM

(angry)

This is our table! Now we have to spray it for cooties.

NOVA

I don't see your name anywhere.

Benny scoots his wheelchair under the table and Max Kim plops down opposite them at the table.

BENNY

That's because we used an invisible ink. You can only see it with U.V. light.

The girls spray their milk from their mouths.

NOVA AND TAKEESHA

Yeah right!

The girls laugh.

BENNY

You girls are going to have to vacate the premises.

Nova and Takeesha wipe up the milk spots on the table.

TAKEESHA

Have you seen the lunch lady's arms, Benny? Not only can they beat you up but they could easily wash that off, you know what I mean?

BENNY

Yeah, right.

Benny begins to search his pack. He pulls out a magnifying glass, a small microscope, a tape measure, a flash light, a mirror and a pulley, but can't find his U.V. light.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Max Kim, check your pockets for my U.V. light.

As Benny begins to put his science stuff away, Max Kim takes off his magician top hat and checks inside a pocket, then he checks his coat and pants pockets. He pulls out scarves, cards, balls, a rubber dove, a sponge rabbit set, and a couple of linked metal rings.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Where is it, Max Kim?

Max Kim takes his scarf, shows his empty left palm and lays the scarf over his open left palm. When he pulls the scarf off his hand, he produces a dollar coin. He puts it behind Benny's ear. The coin disappears and Benny's U.V. light is in Max Kim's hand. Finally, he hands it to Benny. As Max Kim puts his stuff away, Benny is scanning the table with the U.V. light.

BENNY (CONT'D)

See? It's right here.

All the kids lean in to look. Nothing shows up.

NOVA

Where? I don't see anything.

BENNY

Weird. It must be another table. I swear it was this one.

Nova and Takeesha look at each other and smile. Benny starts to wheel away from the table.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Stupid chair move! I can't wait for me and my dad to engineer a better one.

Benny checks the table, the lights dim then come back on. Because the lights came back turned off the viewer gets a good view of the letters on the table. Benny reads the names.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Yep here it is.

He sits there and challenges them with a look. Nova, Takeesha and Max Kim laugh. Max Kim takes a bite of his lunch.

TAKEESHA

That U.V. light reminds me of a time brownies invaded the school.

MAX KIM

All those monsters were horrible. And they still aren't gone yet.

Benny notices Max Kim was staying put so his arched back collapses and his head falls almost hitting the table. He pounds the table, sighs, and comes over as if he never left.

BENNY

Yeah, remember last year with Coach Hartzle? Talk about embarrassing.

The kids all laugh.

AVON

I wonder if his wife bought him those smiley boxers.

TAKEESHA

Brownies in legend have always played tricks on people. Besides, his gym shorts always looked too big anyway.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT-GYM-DAY-ONE YEAR AGO

Game day- basketball--Referee blows the whistle twice.

REFEREE

Foul # 4. Traveling # 9.

Coach Hartzle signals a time out. The coach waves the team over.

COACH HARTZEL

Jack, that was a foul. Don't jump on the other team players. Sam remember no traveling, you need to dribble. Now the other team gets a free throw.

Coach bends down to pick up rolling ball, straightens up, and tosses the ball to the referee.

COACH HARTZEL (CONT'D)

Let's go back in. Ready team?

The kids put their hands in a circle and chant.

KIDS

Bardsville Banicoots Busting Butts!

The kids go back in and start to play. The referee blows his whistle. The coach walks to the Snack stand.

BILL SNACK STAND OPERATOR

What can I get you for?

MR. HARTZLE

How about a hot dog.

BILL SNACK STAND OPERATOR

Do you want chips and soda with

that?

MR. HARTZLE

Maybe later.

The coach takes a bite. He dribbles mustard and ketchup down the front of his white T-shirt. He doesn't notice. Suddenly, while in mid-yell, the coach is spitting and his over-sized pants get pulled down by two brownie fairies on either side.

COACH HARTZEL

What the ...?

He is surprised and embarrassed. Kids laugh. He bends down to pull up his pants.

COACH HARTZEL (CONT'D)

Whoa...

He falls forward onto the tile floor. Coach is on the floor, butt in the air, ball from the game bounces off his head, the coach farts. A kid comes to retrieve the ball. We see his or her feet. The horn is blown for half time. A stampede of kids rush over.

BACK TO PRESENT

The kids at the cafeteria are laughing.

MAX KIM

Remember when the Dragon campers, who were carrying the goods for their bake sale...

FLASHBACK TO:

INT-HALLWAY-DAY

Dragon campers getting attacked by brownie fairies. Dragon campers fight for their brownie bars, chocolate chip bars, and rice crispy treats.

TRUDY

No. It's for the sale!

SATITY

Ouch. It won't let go. It's biting me.

SONIA

Let them have the snacks! Let's get away.

The Dragon Campers run away with blood on their t-shirts and leave the goods on the school floor. We see the brownie fairies eating the cookies and bars on the floor. They find them delicious.

BACK TO PRESENT- INT-SCHOOL CAFETERIA-DAY

BENNY

Yeah, the psychics and priests really had a huge struggle trying to get rid of them.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT-HALLWAY-DAY

A Psychic woman burning sage and a priest are throwing holy water. They are just coming into the school entrance.

PREIST

(arrogantly to the psychic)

You only wish you had a church. The pope is the Supreme Father of all things exercisable.

PSYCHIC

I don't know what you are talking about. Famous Father Frank failed miserably exercising the tiny terrors.

Then they are attacked by brownie fairies.

They hop around grabbing their legs. Then the psychic woman gets distracted by what she thinks is a ghost. She smiles in a dreamy way and sits down to chat with the ghost, who no one can see, as the brownies chew on her leg.

PSYCHIC

Ow! Ow! Ow Ow! Ouch! Never mind them. How old are you? Where were you born?

Blood shoots up in the air but she stays busy talking to nothing.

PSYCHIC (CONT'D)

Of course, I've heard of James Van Praagh! Darn it. That sucker hit an artery.

PSYCHIC (CONT'D)

Nurse! Nurse! What? Yes, Yes. Are you trying to tell me you're James Van Praagh?

Suddenly, the loss of blood is taking its toll.

PSYCHIC (CONT'D)

Oh, I feel faint. No, it's not because you're James Van Praagh. You know he was a phoney baloney...

BOGGART 2

Okay, that's it!

Boggaert gives the killing bite. Psychic dies in agony.

BACK TO THE PRESENT-INT-CAFETERIA-DAY

NOVA

What was with the camp councilors of the Dragon Trailbrazors calling in their campers to help? It didn't help at all.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT-SCHOOL-DAY

A Campfire councilor brings in the Campfire boys of different ages.

COUNCILOR

Go get them, boys.

The councilor turns and runs outside like a chicken. Meanwhile, the little Campfire boys go marching in. They come to the psychic who is dead from massive bleeding.

CAMPER MARK

Holy cow! What happened to her?

CAMPER NEAL

Looks like she's dead.

CAMPER JOHN

She must be the fifth one this week.

The Campers are attacked by the fairies too. The Campers come screaming out and practically tackle the councilor.

EXT-SCHOOL IN GRASS-DAY-FLASHBACK

The campers lie whining in a heap on top of the councilor.

CAMP COUNCILOR

(smiling)

Is everyone okay?

CAMPER

Yeah.

BACK TO PRESENT

BENNY

(angry)

You know what those stupid evil brownies were doing? They were getting ready to BLOW UP the science lab!

FLASHBACK TO:

INT-CLASSROOM-DAY

The brownies were in the science lab putting things into the refrigerator and slamming it closed. Smoke came out of the fridge. The four kids are on their way home when Benny sees the smoke coming from the mini fridge. Nova, Takeesha and Max Kim are with him.

NOVA

No!

We see boggarts running out of the room as quickly as their tiny feet can move them. Nova drops her book bag inside the classroom. Her friends also see smoke and come and help. They run to the fridge but it's blocked with science stuff, like microscopes, beakers, fire extinguishers, scales and other stuff blocks the door. The four kids try to pull everything out of the way. Meanwhile the brownie fairies start to attack their legs.

ALL THE KIDS

Ow ow ow stop it!

BACK TO PRESENT-INT-CAFETERIA-DAY

Nova takes a bite from her apple.

TAKEESHA

(talking to Nova)

And they knew you were going to smash them into goo with the fire extinguisher if they didn't stop doing what they were doing.

NOVA

Well, one of the boggarts came up to me and started talking.

FLASHBACK TO:

BOGGART

This will teach you to leave science alone. Your precious will go boom! Idealites rule the world!

NOVA

Idealites what's that?

BOGGART

A different magical people.

NOVA

Like you? Ow, don't bite.

BOGGART

They are a great ancient primitive people, who are our masters.

NOVA

Ow, stop biting me! That's it! You made me bleed.

Nova grabs a fire extinguisher near-by.

BOGGART

Remember, opening umbrellas indoors is unlucky.

NOVA

Would you shut up about superstitions!

Nova holds the fire extinguisher over it's head.

BOGGART

Try to kill us, but we will come back full force.

NOVA

Where do you come from? Ow! Ow!

BOGGART

We go through a rainbow portal from Ordin. Now let me see more blood. And remember always wear a rabbits foot for luck.

NOVA

Stop biting! I'm warning you. You want to be squashed? Where is Ordin? And why are you trying to destroy science?

BOGGART

It is a beautiful cloud forest where the Idealites live and they send the paranormal to get you to get so wrapped up in superstitions and fear you kill each other off like with the witch trails long ago. Science is the opposite of superstitions and the paranormal. It must be destroyed along with so called Modern Man.

NOVA

Stop biting me. That's it you're gone.

Nova squishes brownie fairies with a fire extinguisher. Takeesha likes that idea and grabs one too. Takeesha needs help so she has Benny sit on them to smash them. The kids pick up smashed fairies and only find clothes.

BENNY

What the?

Benny searches his book bag. And brings out his U.V. light. He shines it on the floor where the fairies are smashed. A fluorescent light smear glows on the floor.

BENNY (CONT'D)

They are fluorescent.

A fairy pulls Benny's underpants up in a wedgy. He bats it off.

NOVA

Let's just turn off the fluorescent lights.

BENNY

Hey, that just might work. Go turn off the lights.

Meanwhile Max Kim just got tied up and gaged. He's sitting on the floor trying to say some thing but it just come out in a mumble. Takeesha runs over to get Max Kim untied. She works on the knots. Nova runs to turn off the lights. She is slowed down by two fairies. The boggarts are pulling on her shirt in the back.

Benny sees Takeesha and Max Kim are on the floor tied up and gagged. He rushes over there. Before Nova could make it over to the light switch she finds herself dragged out of the room on her back. We see her disappear around a corner. Kids in the hallway are running past the classroom trying to get out of the school. Then we hear punching sounds and the room shakes and Nova's crawling back into the room. Nova's friends are tied up and gaged and they try to remind her about the refrigerator by mumbling and looking at it. Nova Rushes to the light switch and turns it off

The fairies glow in the black light and start to disappear.

THE 4 MAIN KIDS

(muffled)

Wow!

BACK TO PRESENT-INT-CAFETERIA-DAY

KIDS AT 3 CAFETERIA TABLES

Wow!

The four main kids at their cafeteria table yawn, look at watches, scratch.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT-SCHOOL-DAY

Nova grabs Benny's U.V Light and is looking at the floor where a smear glowed. The kids urge Nova to get a move on.

NOVA

I almost forgot the fridge.

Nova quickly removes the science stuff. Nova can finally open the door of the fridge. Nova lays Benny's U.V. light in the pan that the beaker was in. The light was still on.

BENNY

(muffled)

What are you doing?

She pulls out a beaker and pan. A fountain of fluorescence chemical sprouts out the top.

NOVA

Whoa!

BENNY

(worried)

My light!

Nova spins around wondering where to dump it. She quickly puts it in the sink. Where the nasty chemicals roll harmlessly down the drain.

BACK TO PRESENT-INT-CAFETERIA-DAY

MAX KIM

What about me? I threatened to get the female leader stuck in a windowpane with a magic trick.

TAKEESHA

Don't be ridiculous. Our method revealed what they were made of.

Nova straightened.

BENNY

What? How can you say that? You girls don't recognize a hero when you see one. I figured out they were fluorescent.

Benny points to his chest and beams with a huge smile.

TAKEESHA

That's not true. Nova, are you going to defend yourself?

NOVA

I didn't see anything. I was too busy smashing the brownies.

BENNY

There have been too many monsters spreading superstitions and destroying science. People need to wake up and fight back. Too bad we don't have a clear cut method of getting rid of these stupid critters.

THEN TO MAX KIM

Let's go to OUR table, Max Kim.

The two boys gather their lunch and stand up.

NOVA

Well, maybe we'll meet up again and discuss this some more.

BENNY

Not if I can help it.

MAX KIM

Me either.

TAKEESHA

Fine. You know we work well as a team.

The boys leave and go to the other table but it's occupied by other kids. Benny raises his arms in disgust and starts showing them their names on the table with UV light. The two girls smirk.

NOVA

(turns to Takeesha)
Takeesha, don't waste your breath.

A blood curdling scream is heard.

MAX KIM

Quick turn off the lights!

The lights turn out.

TAKEESHA

Another brown out.

NOVA

Darn Fairies!

TAKEESHA

I know, but what can we do about them?

NOVA

I need to find the monster's hive and destroy them.

Takeesha nodded her head in agreement.

TAKEESHA

Where do you think the nest is?

NOVA

It's gotta be around the rainbow portal.

TAKEESHA

What do you think is a rainbow portal?

Benny and Max Kim came back to the table.

BENNY

Well, a rainbow is created using sun and a light rain. So it might be outside this school.

MAX KIM

Let's prop the door open and go look.

The kids go out.

Beat

They come back in.

TAKEESHA

The nest isn't out there.

NOVA

Then it must be inside.

BENNY

It would be near water and light.

NOVA

A sink and a light source.

TAKEESHA

Okay, lets check the science lab again.

They run to the science lab, but find nothing. Nova holds up a prism.

NOVA

You know they could use a prism like this and sunlight.

BENNY

Yes, they could.

MAX KIM

But where is the nest?

Takeesha shrugs.

TAKEESHA

Look, night vision goggles.

She puts them on.

TAKEESHA (CONT'D)

Oh, what's that?

Takeesha left the science room and walks down the dark hall because the fluorescent lights were off. Nova follows after grabbing a pair of night vision goggles. Nova puts them on and see something too. Then the boys follow.

NOVA

Looks like it's coming from the camera up there.

TAKEESHA

Oh, Nova, we found the nest.

The camera in the hall is beneath a florescent light that is on. Nova can see an infrared light coming from the camera in the form of a cone. She decides to yell in the camera to tell the principal to turn off the camera, but she gets clobbered by a boggart coming out of the light. It lands on her and knocks her down. The boggart hops on squares on the floor tiles of light until it was out of sight.

BENNY

It was stupid putting up these infra red cameras to watch us because of the boggarts.

Takeesha and Nova nodded.

TAKEESHA

But this isn't the original nest. The hallways didn't have to have cameras until we had to shut off the florescent lights.

NOVA

But the Principal did, to guard his office.

BENNY

Let's tell the Principal and get them removed. They must be infrared like on the light spectrum.

And that's what the friends did. The principal removed the cameras. The friends stood in front of the camera.

NOVA

The boggarts haven't returned and we got a day off school. Woo hoo.

The kids all jump around celebrating.

Fade to black.

The end.