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SKULLGUMMY (CONT'D)

Saving that one for the blooper reel.

SkullGummy puts the broken Imperial Shuttle into her backpack. She checks her watch. She makes a call on her cellphone.

EXT - WINDY KEY, FLORIDA - DECEMBER 2015 -FIREFLY'S NEIGHBORHOOD - AFTERNOON

FIREFLY (11) sits in the grass. She looks at a tiny toad that sits on top of a toadstool. She uses her cellphone to carefully take a photo of the toad.

The toad regards her with a blank stare. Firefly breaks into an impromptu song

FIREFLY

(singing)

Toads like to sit on toadstools. Its one of their favorite things to do. If they were to find a mushroom they could have their seat and eat it too.

Firefly is also on the small side. She is a cute kid with long spirally strawberry blonde hair and big, expressive green eyes. She's dressed in her REY costume, a near perfect cosplay of the Star Wars character.

She smiles at the tiny toad for another moment and then the ROAR of a LAWNMOWER breaks the silence. She sees her neighbor push the lawnmower in her direction.

The tiny toad sits on the toadstool without a care in the world. FireFly leaps to her feet. She holds out her hand in a stop gesture.

Her NEIGHBOR frowns. He shuts off the mower and stares at her.

NEIGHBOR

Something wrong?

FireFly lowers her hand.

FIREFLY

Could you please mow around the toadstool. He's relaxing and having a sit down.

Her neighbor looks confused. Firefly points to the toadstool and the toad that sits on top of it. He scratches his head and shrugs his shoulders.

NEIGHBOR

Yeah. Sure thing.

Firefly smiles

FIREFLY

Thanks!

Her neighbor starts up the mower. Her phone rings.

FIREFLY (CONT'D)

I just saved some organic furniture.

She watches as her neighbor carefully cuts around the toadstool. He rolls his eyes and looks back at her. He makes an "Is this OK" gesture.

She smiles and gives him a thumbs up. There is a long pause over the phone and then SkullGummy replies.

SKULLGUMMY

That's great. So are you ready?

FIREFLY

Ready and in costume.

SKULLGUMMY

I'm heading to Grandpa Dallas' house. Meet me there.

FIREFLY

On my way.

Firefly puts on her Rey's helmet and face mask. She waves goodbye to the toad and skips away.

INT - WINDY KEY, FLORIDA - CHEF'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

The smoke ALARM goes off. The noise fills the kitchen. CHEF (11) opens the oven and looks inside. Chef is a cute, skinny kid. He wears a chef's coat that looks like its about two sizes two large.

He SIGHS and places his head in his hands. His Afro hairdo pokes out of his well worn chef's hat. His dog Short Pants sits next to him. Short Pants HOWLS as the alarm continues to blare.

Chef's MOTHER races into the kitchen. She carries a large box. She SHOUTS over the noise.

CHEF'S MOTHER

Why's that alarm going off?

Chef puts on a pair of oven mitts. He takes a cookie pan out of the oven and looks at the smoking ruins.

CHEF

My Tatooine Peanut Butter Crunch Cookies.

A dozen of Chef's Tatooine Peanut Butter Crunch cookies are baked to a crisp, just like that distant planet's surface. He peels one of the burnt cookies off the tray and takes a bite. He grimaces.

CHEF (CONT'D)

At least they've got the crunch.

His mother looks around the kitchen in disbelief. Chef's work area is a disaster. The counter is covered in flour and peanut butter. Trays of under and over baked cookies are piled up in the sink. She shakes her head.

CHEF (CONT'D)

I know. I'll clean it up.

His mother pats his shoulder.

CHEF'S MOTHER

I'll get it this time. You have a movie to get to.

Chef's eyes light up.

CHEF

Maybe the movie will inspire me to make something really great when I get home!

CHEF'S MOTHER

One thing at a time. Go get ready.

Chef is about to run out of the kitchen when she stops him. She places the box on the cluttered kitchen counter. She smiles at him and opens the box.

CHEF'S MOTHER (CONT'D)

I have something for you. Your father wanted you to have this now that you're old enough.

Chef tilts his head. He looks puzzled and surprised.

CHEF

What is it?

His mother pulls an old Kenner 1980's Blue Lightsaber toy out of the box.

CHEF'S MOTHER Your father's lightsaber.

She hands him the toy lightsaber. Chef smiles from ear to ear.

CHEF

Nice! Can I take it to the movie with me?

CHEF'S MOTHER

Yeah but don't break it. You know how your dad is with his old toys.

Chef swings the lightsaber around the kitchen. The toy makes a high wind swept sound. He accidentally knocks a pot off an overhead hook. The pot falls to the tile floor with a loud CLANG. Short Pants HOWLS again.

Chef's mother holds her ears and grimaces.

CHEF'S MOTHER (CONT'D)

Just go get ready or you'll be late.

Chef scoots out of the kitchen. Short Pants chases after him.

INT - CINNAMON'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

The afternoon sun shines in through the open shades. Cinnamon's bedroom is colorfully decorated. The predominate color scheme is "Cinnamon red".

The room is clean and immaculate. There are no stray items of clothing on the floor. There's no dust on the lampshade. There's not even a wrinkle on the cinnamon red bedspread.

CINNAMON (11) sits in front of a mirror. She's a pretty girl. She has dark, shoulder length chocolate brown hair. She's dressed in black female Sith robes. Her face is painted in intricate black and white make up.

She holds a ruler to her bangs to make sure they're pefectly even. Her almond shaped eyes are dark and expressive. Satisfied, she places the ruler on the stack of school books that sit in a neat pile on the desk.

She flips through one of her math books. The title on the cover reads "Algebra for Beginners". She shakes her head.

CINNAMON

Algebra for Noobs. Give me a total break.

VOICE

Who are you talking to?

Cinnamon drops the book and nearly screams. DIGGER (11) stands at her window. He wears a Darth Vader mask without the matching helmet.

She scowls at him.

CINNAMON

How long have you been standing there?

DIGGER

I just got here.

CINNAMON

It's rude to watch people through their windows.

Digger adjusts his mask. His messy brown hair sticks out like a bird's nest.

DIGGER

I knocked on the door and you didn't answer. Then I tapped on

Cinnamon cuts him off. She opens the window and grabs him by his collar.

CINNAMON

Don't let me catch you looking in my window again. I mean it.

She looks at his chewed collar and makes a face.

CINNAMON (CONT'D)

Don't you have anything

She pauses.

CINNAMON (CONT'D)

Non chewed?

DIGGER

My mom didn't do launry yet and this is my cleanest shirt.

She releases his collar and looks him up and down. Digger's costume consists of a helmet less Vader mask, an old guayabera shirt and a mustard stained pair of shorts.

She takes a tissue and wipes her hand.

CINNAMON

I'll be out in a minute. You're late by the way. You were supposed to be here fifteen minutes ago.

DIGGER

I lost my ticket so I was looking all over the place for it.

CINNAMON

Did you find it?

Digger shakes his head. His mask slides over to one side of his face.

She slams the window shut.

CINNAMON (CONT'D)

Stinks to be you.

Suddenly, Chef appears at the window. He's dressed in Lando Calrissian cosplay. He appears to be out of breath.

CHEF

I'm here!

Cinnamon looks at her watch and narrows her eyes.

CINNAMON

We would be honored if you would join us.

CHEF

I was running late. My Tatooine Peanut Butter Crunch cookies burnt.

Cinnamon shakes her head.

CINNAMON

You two need to learn what on time means.

She snaps the blinds shut. Digger looks at Chef. He shakes his head.

DIGGER

Lando doesn't use a lightsaber.

Chef shurgs his shoulders. He swings his dad's toy lightsaber through the air.

EXT - WINDY KEY, FL - AFTERNOON

SkullGummy rides her bike down the street. Her official costume for the movie is a simple pair of jeans, shoes and a blue t shirt that has "STAR WARS" printed on the front.

As she rides past a house on the corner, a VOICE calls out to her.

VOICE

SkullGummy!

SkullGummy stops the bike. She looks around.

A small person dressed in a very convincing JAWA costume emerges from a cluster of palm trees. Two yellow eyes glow from inside the dark hood. The Jawa speaks in its native language.

JAWA

Utini!

SkullGummy starts to film the Jawa. The Jawa waves at her.

JAWA (CONT'D)

Guess who?

SkullGummy pauses.

SKULLGUMMY

A Jawa?

The Jawa GIGGLES.

JAWA

Give up?

SkullGummy nods. The Jawa pulls back her hood. The Jawa wears a black hockey mask covered with black fabric. Two plastic toy containers hold the yellow lights which creates the glowing yellow eye effect.

The Jawa takes off her mask. SAVANNA (7) grins at her. SkullGummy looks genuinely impressed.

SKULLGUMMY

That's a fantastic costume!

SAVANNA

Thanks! My dad made it.

Savanna shows her the plastic toy containers that hold the yellow lights.

SAVANNA (CONT'D)

My dad needed these to make the eyes so he bought these Circus Time toys out of a machine and gave them to me. It's like a bonus!

SkullGummy holds the black mask. She admires her father's creative ingenuity.

SKULLGUMMY

It's incredible. Really imaginative.

SkullGummy films the different parts of the costume. Savanna holds up her ticket.

SAVANNA

I'm on my way to the movies!

SkullGummy reaches into her pocket. She takes out her wallet and shows her ticket to Savanna.

SAVANNA (CONT'D)

We should sit next to each other! We can have popcorn and soda!

She pauses.

SAVANNA (CONT'D)

My dad says I can have the large bag of popcorn since its a special occassion. We could share if you want.

SkullGummy nods.

SKULLGUMMY

Sounds excellent. I'll look for you.

Savanna smiles. She puts on her mask and pulls the hood over her face.

SAVANNA

We're leaving pretty soon so I better go. We have to find good seats so that Grandpa can go to his potty breaks when he has to. See you there!

Savanna runs across her lawn. SkullGummy films her as she walks into her open garage.

EXT - GRANDPA DALLAS' HOME

SkullGummy parks her bike on Grandpa Dallas' beautiful front lawn. Grandpa Dallas' gorgeous home sits very close the beach. Three very expensive cars are parked on the large circular driveway.

A very tiny round red car pulls up into the driveway and parks next to Grandpa Dallas' 2016 Range Rover. The car looks like an M&M candy on wheels.

COUSIN SQUIRREL (25) opens the tiny door and squeezes himself out of the vehicle. SkullGummy films him. She zooms in on his face as he struggles to exit the car. He contorts his face and mutters under his breath.

Once he's out of the car he regains his composure. He straightens his leather jacket and dusts off his jeans. He looks at SkullGummy.

SOUIRREL

You still making them movies?

He speaks with a thick Brooklyn accent. SkullGummy nods. He gives her a cocky smile and takes off his sunglasses. He casually slides them into his jacket pocket.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

A regular JJ Abrahams.

He crosses the driveway and stands in front of Grandpa Dallas' pride and joy - a black 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429. The car shines like a brand new penny.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

Get a shot of me in front of this here.

SKULLGUMMY

Sure thing.

SkullGummy films him as he circles the car.

SQUIRREL

Take a photo of me standing in front of it. I'll use it for my MyFace default pic.

He leans against the car and crosses his arms. SkullGummy snaps several photos.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

The ladies don't need to know it ain't mine.

He LAUGHS. SkullGummy shrugs her shoulders.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

Let me take a look.

She shows him the photos.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

Looking good. Yeah. These'll work.

SKULLGUMMY

I'll text them to you.

SQUIRREL

Gramps in? I have to talk to him.

SkullGummy nods. Squirrel walks past her. He runs a comb through his hair and enters the house. SkullGummy follows him in.

INT - GRANDPA DALLAS' HOUSE

GRANDPA DALLAS (65) is a dead ringer for Jack Warden. He sits in front of the TV.

Grandpa Dallas is dressed as Yoda. His entire face is painted green along with his arms and hands. He wears Yoda's tattered robe as well.

ΤV

Next time on: Food Chain. Romance blooms in the Drive Thru and there's more drama at the front end.

An employee flirts with a car full of female customers. In another scene a customer yells at an employee for not getting the order right. Grandpa laughs to himself.

Squirrel enters the room. Grandpa looks at him and SIGHS.

GRANDPA DALLAS

What do you need?

Squirrel pops some gum into his mouth. He looks him up and down.

SQUIRREL

You look like a booger in a bathrobe.

SkullGummy puts her hand to her mouth to contain her giggle. Squirrel points to the TV.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

You sit around and watch people flipping burgers all day?

Grandpa shrugs. He sees SkullGummy. His face lights up.

GRANDPA DALLAS

Hey kiddo! Ready for the big event?

SkullGummy nods. She gives her grandpa a peck on the cheek and sits down on the couch next to him.

SKULLGUMMY

My friends should be here soon.

Grandpa Dallas looks at Squirrel.

GRANDPA DALLAS

You coming with us?

SQUIRREL

I would but I got something important to do.

Squirrel rubs his chin. He puts on his best salesman's face.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

Could I ask you for a favor?

Grandpa crosses his arms. SkullGummy starts to film the scene.

GRANDPA DALLAS

There's always an angle with you.

Grandpa braces himself.

GRANDPA DALLAS (CONT'D)

What do you need?

Squirrel hesitates for a moment and then dives in.

SQUIRREL

Can I borrow the Mustang?

Grandpa Dallas' looks at him in disbelief. Squirrel continues his sales pitch.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

It's for a job interview. I got to impress these people. You know, look like I got style and all that. I can't be squeezing myself out of that tin can tomato.

Grandpa looks mystified.

GRANDPA DALLAS

A job interview? On a Friday evening?

SQUIRREL

Yeah well it's a last minute thing. I just got the call about an hour ago. I told them I could make it. I'll be careful. She won't get a scratch.

Grandpa considers this for a moment.

GRANDPA DALLAS

I got your promise now? Not a scratch?

SQUIRREL

I promise.

Grandpa Dallas grudgingly agrees. Squirrel looks satisfied. He gives SkullGummy a sly nod.

TEA CUP

I'm here. We can go now.

TEA CUP (11) enters the room. She's dressed in her Princess Leia Bespin costume. Her blonde hair is braided in a perfect reproduction of Leia's. SkullGummy films her.

She points to her stylish shoes.

TEA CUP (CONT'D)

Sorry I'm late. These just arrived rush delivery from Milan. I couldn't complete my costume without them.

Tea Cup swishes her white cape.

TEA CUP (CONT'D)

The shoes were supposed to arrive on Wednesday along with my hand crafted French cape but they were late.

SKULLGUMMY

Great costume.

Tea Cup Smiles.

TEA CUP

I know.

EXT - IN FRONT OF GRANDPA DALLAS' HOME

Firefly arrives at Grandpa Dallas' home. Squirrel stands in the driveway. He eats a sub sandwich as he talks on the phone.

SQUIRREL

What do you mean you like nice guys? I'm nice guys.

Firefly waves to him.

FIREFLY

Hi Squirrel.

He gives her a head nod. He continues his conversation.

SQUIRREL

Yeah babe, I'll pick you up tonight.

Squirrel ends the call and puts the phone in his pocket. Firefly skips along the walkway and she suddenly stops. She looks down and sees a long trail of ants. The ants cross from one side of the walkway to the other.

FIREFLY

Uh oh. Traffic jam.

She sits down on the walkway and watches the ants. Squirrel walks over to see what she's up to. She speaks to him as she watches the ants as they travel in a line.

FIREFLY (CONT'D)

Can I have a bite of your sandwich please?

Squirrel makes a face.

SQUIRREL

You hungry?

FIREFLY

Not for me. For them.

SQUIRREL

I don't think Gramps'll want you feeding ants on his walkway.

FIREFLY

One little piece won't hurt.

Squirrel gives her a piece of the sub.

FIREFLY (CONT'D)

Thank you.

She places pieces of the sub on the concrete. The ants pick up the pieces and carry them along in a conga line. She sings an impromptu song.

FIREFLY (CONT'D)

Ants like bread, yes they do. And they like pepperoni too.

SQUIRREL

That's Black Forest Ham.

She tilts her head and watches as the ants carry the piece of ham into the grass.

FIREFLY

Oh. Yes. It's definitely ham.

She pauses and starts again.

FIREFLY (CONT'D)

Ants like bread. Yes they do. And they like Black Forest ham, pickles, lettuce, olives, and onions too. They carry it away to their Queen because they're the nice ones and not the mean...red ones that bite really hard.

Squirrel stares at her for a moment.

SQUIRREL

You're a wierd kid.

She smiles.

FIREFLY

Thanks!

INT - GRANDPA DALLAS' HOME - KITCHEN

Cinnamon, Digger and Chef finally arrive. Cinnamon carries a big white box. She carefully lays the box on the island in the middle of the kitchen.

CINNAMON

I made a lot of these for my business but each one of you can have one for free. You're welcome.

She opens the box. Inside are a collection of beautiful cupcakes. Each cupcake is wonderfully decorated to represent a Star Wars character. SkullGummy films the entire collection. She snaps a few photos as well.

Chef selects a cupcake with red and chocolate frosting swirled together. A hand made Darth Maul sugar candy sits on top of the frosting. SkullGummy selects a double chocolate Darth Vader cupcake.

SKULLGUMMY

Thanks Cinn.

CHEF

Yeah, thanks a lot!

Tea Cup goes for the Princess Leia.

TEA CUP

These are really nice. Reminds me of the ones that I had when my family and I went on our fourteen day cruise to Hawaii.

Digger selects the Han Solo and Fire Fly takes a blue and white R2D2. Firefly holds it up and admires Cinnamon's decorating and baking skills. Digger gives Cinnamon and appriving thumbs up.

FIREFLY

Very excellent. I'll give you my cupcake liner when I'm finished so you can recycle it.

Grandpa Dallas rubs his hands together.

GRANDPA DALLAS

I'll take the Jabba.

The Jabba cupcake is bigger than the others. Squirrel walks into the kitchen. He sees everyone with a cupcake.

SQUIRREL

Don't I get one?

Cinnamon motions with her hand. Squirrel looks into the box.

SQUIRREL (CONT'D)

How come I get stuck with the shriveled up old guy?

He reaches into the box and takes the Emperor Palpatine cupcake.

Chef shakes his head.

CHEF

These are really good. I wish I could bake this good.

Cinnamon looks at herself in her hand held mirror. She looks at Chef from the corner of her eye.

CINNAMON

Stop wishing and try harder.

INT - GRANDPA DALLAS' HOME - LIVING ROOM

The gang is assembled and ready to go. Grandpa Dallas holds his cellphone. Digger looks at him expectantly. Grandpa looks at Digger and shakes his head.

GRANDPA DALLAS

I'm sorry bud but the evening showings are all sold out.

Digger SIGHS. He looks down at the floor. Grandpa reaches into his pocket.

GRANDPA DALLAS

Take my ticket. I'll go see another movie.

Digger holds up his hand.

DIGGER

No. That's OK. It's my fault that I lost it.

SkullGummy offeres her ticket.

SKULLGUMMY

Take mine.

DIGGER

No. I know how much this movie means to you. Maybe my dad will take me tomorrow.

FireFly offers her ticket.

FIREFLY

Here. I'll go see Animal Kingdom. It's playing at the same time.

DIGGER

No. I want all of you to see it together. That makes it even more fun.

Cinnamon looks at her friends. Then she looks down at her ticket. Then she looks back at her friends again. She looks at her ticket and once more back at her friends.

She steps forward. She grabs Digger's arm and places her ticket into the palm of his hand.

CINNAMON

I'll go with my parents. They wanted us to all go together anyways.

Everyone looks surprised. Digger holds the ticket. He looks at it for a moment.

DIGGER

Are you sure?

Cinnamon nods. She looks at her watch.

CINNAMON

You better get going if you're going to get good seats.

DIGGER

Wow. Thanks -

Cinnamon holds up her hand and cuts him off.

CINNAMON

You're welcome.

Grandpa smiles at Cinnamon. He grabs his car keys and the kids head to the front door. Chef WHISPERS to Digger.

CHEE

See? I told you there was good in her.

Digger puts on his Vader mask. Cinnamon takes his arm and pulls him aside. She smiles slyly.

CINNAMON

Guess what?

DIGGER

What?

She pulls her black Sith hood over her head. Only her eyes and teeth are visible.

CINNAMON

My cousin saw The Force Awakens last night.

DIGGER

That's awesome! Did he like it?

CINNAMON

He did.

She leans in close.

CINNAMON

He told me that

She whispers in his ear. Digger stands still for a moment and then shouts.

DIGGER

No!!!

Cinnamon smiles and LAUGHS a good and hearty Darth Sidious LAUGH.

FADE OUT