

My Boogey-Friend and Me (Sample)

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When 9 year old Max moves to a new town they encounter the same challenges every kid faces especially a new school. But when Max faces some bullying and becomes too scared to tell anyone about it, Boogey the Boogey-Friend shows up to "help" him face his fears. But there's a catch - Boogey is a friend but WILL haunt you by manifesting himself into your worst fears the longer you hold off facing them head on.

In this scene, after a particularly rough day, Max's parents invited Max's old babysitter Emelie to come by and hang out and she does her best to console Max and give him the confidence he needs to stand up for himself.

INT. MAX'S LIVING ROOM. NIGHT

Max is lying on the floor coloring, still feeling a little sad. Max's parents come into the living room from the kitchen.

MAX'S MOM (LISA)

Maxie, Mommy Mandy and I are going out for a bit.

MAX

Am I not coming?

MAX'S MOM (MANDY)

We thought it might actually be fun if someone came to visit you while we were gone.

Door bell rings. Max's mom heads towards the door.

LISA

Oh! There she is now.

MAX

Who is it?

LISA

It's one of your favorite people!

Max's Mom opens the door to reveal Emelie, a teenage girl with a big smile and warm presence.

MAX

Emelie!

Max stands up and runs towards the door and gives her a bear hug.

EMELIE

Oh Max! Hi! I've missed these hugs so much.

MAX

What are you doing here?

EMELIE

I'm here to hang out with you duh!

MAX

Awesome!

MANDY

Emelie was kind enough to Coe across town to watch you so make sure you behave, Max.

EMELIE

Oh Max has always been an angel. I'm sure we'll have a great time.

MANDY

I'm sure you will too. Alright guys, see you later.

Max's parents go out the door.

EMELIE

So Max, how do you want to start the night? Want to...play some Mario Kart on the Wii?

MAX

Aw yeah! I'll go get my -

Max stops himself mid sentence and immediately retreats into himself.

MAX

Uhm actually, I don't really play  
Wii anymore.

EMELIE

You don't? But we used to love  
playing Wii.

MAX

Yeah but i've just kind of stopped.

Emelie clocks the clearly recently used Will Remote and  
Nunchuks near the TV.

EMELIE

Okay, sure. I see.

(Beat)

Uhm - What about making some of  
those special peanut butter fudge  
brownies!

MAX

Oh...well I'm not hungry.

EMELIE

Wow, really? Okay - Ah-ha! How  
about a Looney Tunes marathon?  
That's your favorite.

MAX

Well, I just kind of want to go to  
my room and read if that's okay.

EMELIE

Who are you?

MAX

What do you mean?

EMELIE

I mean who are you?! The Max I know  
would have never turned down a  
Looney Tunes marathon, brownies AND  
Mario Kart to go READ. What's going  
on?

MAX

Nothing, I'm just not a baby anymore.

EMELIE

A baby? Woah. I didn't realize that the Wii and some sweets made you a baby.

MAX

Well, yeah. It does. And reading makes me a big kid.

EMELIE

Are you sure you're okay, Max?

As he's about to answer. Boogey appears behind Emelie and looks at Max. Max shakes his head no.

BOOGEY

Oh come on!

MAX

No.

BOOGEY

Max, this is great! Emelie is nice and sweet and will absolutely help you. This is the perfect time to tell an adult.

Max shake his head no as slyly as he can to not let Emelie notice.

BOOGEY

Max!

MAX

Boogey!

EMELIE

Boogey?

Boogey disappears.

MAX

Uh...yes....I have a boogey!

Max shoves his finger in his nose immediately, almost hurting himself.

EMELIE

Woah woah! Don't do that!

(Laughs)

Silly, I'll go get you a tissue.

Emelie walks out of the living room laughing and into the kitchen. Boogey appears out of thin air in front of Max.

MAX

You HAVE to stop.

BOOGEY

Max, you have a golden ticket right now! She knows you're upset and she's asking you about it!

MAX

I don't care! I'm not telling her.

BOOGEY

Max, it's clearly upsetting you. That's why she can tell.

MAX

Well then I'll fake it better.

BOOGEY

Max, no. You have to tell her. Or tell your Moms.

MAX

Yeah, or what?

BOOGEY

(Beat)

Max, don't do that.

MAX

No! Or what, Boogey?

BOOGEY

You're gonna regret this!

MAX

I'm not telling/ -

INT. KITCHEN. AT THE SAME TIME

Emelie moves towards the entry of the Kitchen into the living room and listens closely to Max.

MAX

(Cont.)

/- Emelie anything. I'm not bothering anybody with this. I already told you that I'm not going to tell anyone. Stop bugging me about it!

BOOGEY

Max, I'm just trying to get you to understand -

MAX

I don't want to listen to you anymore. Just go away!

BOOGEY

Fine, Max. But don't say I didn't warn you.

MAX

Wait, what do you mean?

Immediately, Boogey vanishes into thin air. At the same time Emelie walks back into the room with the tissue and goes to put it on Max's nose. Max moves his face and grabs the tissue.

MAX

No. I can do it.

EMELIE

Okay, okay. I'm sorry.

Max walks over to the couch with the tissue and turns on the tv while he wipes his nose. Emelie follows behind him and sits down next to him.

EMELIE

Well, this is a nice new house that you guys moved into.

MAX

It's okay.

EMELIE

Just okay?

MAX

It's just not like the old house.

EMELIE

Yeah I know. But your Mommy Mandy was telling me that your room is much bigger. That must be nice especially now that you're not a baby anymore, right?

MAX

Yeah, I guess you're right.

Beat. Emelie takes in Max's reserved mood.

EMELIE

You know Max, it can be hard to readjust.

MAX

Readjust?

EMELIE

Yeah, you know like, starting over. Living in a new house and going to a new school. And sometimes the first few days will be a little hard because it's not the same.

MAX

Yeah.

EMELIE

It's a lot. But I'm sure you're already making so many new friends and having tons of adventures.

Max sinks his head. Emelie starts to understand

EMELIE

But sometimes, people can be hard to figure out. And sometimes they can be mean. They can even be pretty scary. And you know Max, it's okay to be scared. There's nothing wrong with that. Being scared is kind of what's supposed to happen in a new place.

MAX

It is?

EMELIE

Sure! I'm gonna graduate college next year and I'm scared! It's new. New is fun but new is also scary.

MAX

Well it's just scary for me.

EMELIE

There's nothing fun about it?

Max shakes his head no.

MAX

I guess it does make sense to be scared but Emelie...how do I stop being scared?

EMELIE

Well, talking to people you trust helps. You can always talk to me or your Moms.

MAX

But I don't want to make things worse.

EMELIE

What do you mean make things worse?

MAX

My moms are scared too. If I tell them what's wrong, it's gonna be harder for them. And I want to be brave for them.

EMELIE

Oh, Max - if something is going wrong at school - you should really talk to your parents. They would want to know.

MAX

No, I'm okay. Everything is okay. I'm gonna go to my room now.

EMELIE

Max?

MAX

I just wanna be alone right now.

EMELIE

Max, wait!

As Emelie shouts for Max, Max gets off the couch and runs to his room and closes the door. Simultaneously Emelie gets up to catch Max but she's too late. She looks on to where Max to just ran and sighs of defeat and sits back down on the couch. She grabs the remote and changes the channel.

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