

MONSTER HIGH

MH #023 - "Creepover Party"

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CHARACTER LIST:

CLAWDEEN
DRACULAURA
FRANKIE
TORALEI
HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

NEW CHARACTERS

TWYLA - She/Her. Teenager. A friendly, autistic boogey person who loves to spend her time in the library reading about Monster Hissstory. Her powers include shadow manipulation and being able to go into a monster's dreams.

INT. CREEPETERIA - NIGHT

A casserole on a lunch tray <SCREAMS>. DRACULAURA carries the tray over to FRANKIE and CLAWDEEN, who are seated at a decaying old lunch table with their own lunch trays.

1 DRACULAURA

Screamed corn casserole again?

As Drac sits down, the rickety seat collapses underneath her. She tries to catch herself on the table, causing Frankie's gelatinous casserole slice to catapult into the air. It lands on Draculaura's head as Drac falls to the floor!

2 CLAWDEEN

Draculaura, are you okay?!

3 FRANKIE

And is my casserole okay?!

Clawdeen helps Draculaura get up and dusts her off. Frankie grabs their casserole slice from Draculaura and licks it.

3A FRANKIE (CONT'D)

Still good.

4 DRACULAURA

I'm fine, but the table is not!

5 FRANKIE

Yeah, it's on its last leg. For reals. Had to use a spare to prop it up today.

REVEAL: The table is propped up by a spare Frankie leg.

6 DRACULAURA

Maybe I can secretly fix it with a go-go glue spell...

Draculaura goes to wave her hand when Clawdeen stops her.

7 CLAWDEEN

Don't risk it. If Headmistress Bloodgood sees you using witchcraft, you'll be expelled for sure. Let's just sit over there.

<ANGELIC SINGING> as Clawdeen points to a glistening empty table across the way. The boos dreamily look at its features: a food chute from the ceiling that drops lunch right on the table, plush-cushioned seats, and perfect lighting.

8 FRANKIE

It has a food chute so your order
can come right to you!

9 CLAWDEEN

Whoa, plush seats instead of hard
coffin pine?

10 DRACULAURA

And the perfect lighting for
lunchtime selfies!

The boos look at one another. A beat. They run over towards
the "good" table. Suddenly, TORALEI leaps onto the table,
surprising them. She <HISSES>.

11 CLAWDEEN

Toralei!?

12 TORALEI

What did the cat drag in today?
Certainly not three monsters trying
to eat at **my** table? <HISS>

13 DRACULAURA

(diplomatic)

Toralei, our regular table's broken
so we'd like to have lunch here.

14 FRANKIE

(oblivious)

And since you're eating alone --

15 TORALEI

Am not! My friends are just, uh,
using the litter-box. Now off with
you. Shoo, shoo!

Toralei waves them off and hits a button on the table. Via
the chute, a purrrito lands in her paws. She takes a <WHIFF>.

16 TORALEI (CONT'D)

Mmmm. The purrrfect purrrito.

Back at their broken table, the trio watches Toralei. Frankie
pulls a pink hair off their slice of screamed corn casserole.

17 FRANKIE

Fresh purritos that haven't even
been on Draculaura's head? Really
is the best table.

Their table crashes to the floor. The trio winces.

18 DRACULAURA

My favorite horoscopes said there's nothing we can't do when friends support each other. And we're great at supporting each other, so we're going to get that table!

Draculaura puts her hand in and Clawdeen and Frankie add theirs to the pile.

INT. CREEPETERIA - MOMENTS LATER

The boos let out a <BATTLE CRY> as they rush to the table where Toralei sits, about to eat her food. Toralei pulls out her iCoffin and taps a button. Just as Frankie is about to reach the table, a booby-trapped floorboard catapults them over Toralei (and OS). ON TORALEI, annoyed.

ANGLE ON DRACULAURA, who transforms into a bat and flies over to the table. Toralei presses her iCoffin again. A net falls on Drac from the ceiling.

ANGLE ON CLAWDEEN, who uses her werewolf parkour skills, leaping from table to table. Clawdeen leaps into the air, her butt in perfect position to land on the table. Toralei presses her iCoffin again and an electric current crackles on. As Clawdeen's butt hits the table, she is comically <ZAPPED>, flinging her up.

She lands on the purrrito, squirting its contents in Toralei's face. Toralei wipes her face and steps toward the boos. She circles them, conniving.

19 TORALEI

In the spirit of fairness, and because I'm absolutely sick of you ruining my lunch, I have a deal for you. You can have the table, **if** you spend an entire day in the library.

20 DRACULAURA

Toralei, that is --
(realizing)
Oh, super easy! What's the catch?

21 TORALEI

If you leave the library before nightfall, you have to be my lunchroom attendants and do **whatever** I say. Deal?

Toralei holds out her paw. Draculaura thinks. Then, shakes. Behind them, a plate with a casserole floats by via a DARK TRANSPARENT SILHOUETTE (unbeknownst to our boos/Toralei).

22 DRACULAURA

You're on. Creepover in the library!

As Drac and Clawdeen EXIT, Toralei mischievously smirks.

23 TORALEI

Oh, yes, have the best creepover -- it'll be your last at Monster High.

INT. LIBRARY - MORNING

In PJs, Draculaura and Clawdeen are in the center of the room. Clawdeen gestures towards the windows. It's day. (**NOTE: While it's "day," the library has a gloomy look/feel**).

25 CLAWDEEN

All we have to do is stay here 'til the sun sets! With the three of us together, this will be easier than an open-book Clawculus test.

Frankie, in PJs, races over with a comical amount of Moon Chips, hats, other clothing items we already have, iCoffin, and a GHOUL-TOOTH SPEAKER.

26 FRANKIE

What's first?! Stuff our faces with Moon Chips? Model the latest fashions from Scar-ee? Tell each other super personal secrets that no one else knows? Me first, this is my first Creepover Party.

27 DRACULAURA

Then it **really** needs to be spooktacular. Let's kick off this creepover with a dance party!

As Frankie turns on the speaker and the boos dance, A PAIR OF EYES peer out from behind a bookshelf. It's Toralei, hiding! She points her iCoffin in Draculaura's direction.

28 TORALEI

(to herself)
Everyone knows witches can't go a whole day without using witchcraft.
(MORE)

TORALEI (CONT'D)

With the library empty, Draculaura will feel safe conjuring up a spell, and I'll have the proof to get her expelled. <LAUGHS>

ON THE BOOS -- The speaker on the table blasts MUSIC as the trio dance. But the music suddenly cuts out.

29 FRANKIE

Huh?! Who killed the music?

They turn to see a DARK TRANSPARENT SILHOUETTE grab the speaker! The speaker, via the silhouette, floats away.

30 CLAWDEEN

Is that shadow swiping stuff new or have I just not noticed before?

31 DRACULAURA

I knew Toralei was up to something!

32 FRANKIE

Hey! Gimme back my speaker!

Clawdeen, Frankie, and Draculaura (bat form) race after the silhouette, which winds through the aisles of the bookshelves.

33 CLAWDEEN

Coming in with werewolf speed!

Clawdeen chases the speaker-carrying silhouette as it makes its way around the library. Clawdeen leaps up towards the ceiling and swings from lamp to lamp.

34 FRANKIE

Way to swing into action!

Clawdeen swings off a lamp and overshoots the figure, knocking into a bookshelf. But Clawdeen jumps up and grabs the speaker with her claw. Using her strength, she is in a tug-of-war with the dark figure. Frankie and Draculaura (girl form) cheer her on.

35 DRACULAURA/FRANKIE

Yeah! Go, Clawdeen! / Get it!

36 CLAWDEEN

I don't know how you're doing this, but cut it out, Toralei!

The silhouette stops tugging just as Clawdeen gives another strong <TUG>, sending her stumbling backwards and into Frankie and Draculaura, knocking them down like bowling pins.

37 SHADOW VOICE

I am not Toralei. I am --

The once transparent dark silhouette goes full-color and TWYLA, a boogey person, is revealed! Draculaura looks up, surprised (**NOTE FOR BOARDS: Every so often, Twyla should be stimming by adjusting her bracelet. This is Twyla's way of self-soothing and should be consistent through series**). The boos get up.

38 DRACULAURA

Twyla?!

Frankie looks to Clawdeen.

39 FRANKIE

Oh zap! This whole time it was Twyla?! Wait, who's Twyla?

40 TWYLA

I am Twyla. And **you** are loud.

41 FRANKIE

Actually, name's Frankie and this is Clawdeen.

Clawdeen smiles and waves. Draculaura gestures to Twyla.

42 DRACULAURA

Twyla's a boogie monster, and we've been in the same class together since Grave School. How have you all not met before?

43 TWYLA

I prefer to stay in the shadows...

INT. CREEPETERIA - THE NIGHT BEFORE - FLASHBACK

Draculaura, Clawdeen, and Frankie accept Toralei's deal (exactly as they did in the earlier scene).

44 DRACULAURA (REPRINT 22)

...You're on.

Behind them, a casserole slice floats by via a Silhouette (unknownst to our boos/Toralei). This time, we stay with the Silhouette as it passes by and crosses the Creepeteria. The Silhouette goes full-color to reveal Twyla as she exits.

INT. LIBRARY - PRESENT DAY - AFTERNOON

Where we left them. Frankie now cradles their speaker.

45 FRANKIE

Why'd you want our speaker?

46 TWYLA

I didn't want it. I wanted to turn it off and - I'm not saying this right. Let me start over. Okay, here it goes. I am autistic and loudness bothers me.

Draculaura winces, a look of regret. She realizes her error.

47 DRACULAURA

We're so sorry, Twyla. We never would've played music if we knew we were disturbing anyone. I remember from our field trip to the Haunted Opera House that you don't like loud music.

48 CLAWDEEN

Yeah, we thought the place was empty since it's daytime and everyone else is in bed.

Delighted, Twyla pulls a book off a shelf.

49 TWYLA

Exactly! It is quiet and I can read my one-thousand-and-fifty-fourth book! Did you know that each monster on the original monster council had talismans with special powers?! Like your moon claw.

Twyla points to Clawdeen's moon claw.

50 CLAWDEEN

Wait, you've read about my moon claw?

51 TWYLA

In the Intro To Talismans book. I'm going in alphabetical order and I haven't gotten to Werewolves and Their Ways yet, but that book probably has something about the moonclaw too.

Excited, Clawdeen sits down next to Twyla.

52 CLAWDEEN

Oh, I need to pick your brain.

53 FRANKIE

Ew, Clawdeen! My mom and dad said picking brains is impolite and you should always use a hankie -- see?

Frankie pulls out a hankie, sticks the end in their ear, wiggles it around, and pulls it out the other end.

54 CLAWDEEN

I meant, I gotta know what you know. Join our creepover, Twyla!

55 FRANKIE

Whaddya say? Wanna wolf down some snacks, watch spooky movies, and tell us everything about history?

As the trio gathers around her, Twyla smiles and shrugs.

56 TWYLA

I don't know everything...yet. So many more books to read! But a Creepover sounds fun.

57 DRACULAURA

And this time, we'll do it **quietly**.

58 FRANKIE

YEAH WE WILL!
(realizing, whispering)
Starting now.

INT. LIBRARY - LATER

QUICK TIME PASSING CUTS OF THE TRIO AND TWYLA, having a great, quieter creepover party. 1) They <LAUGH> as they sit in a circle, eating snacks (Moon Chips, cupsnakes, etc). 2) Twyla and Draculaura strike a silly pose as Clawdeen takes a pic. 3) They play a board game, rolling a many-sided dice and moving pieces around a board.

Hidden, an exhausted, bored Toralei watches behind a stack of books; her iCoffin is recording Draculaura and the boos. As Toralei peers out, she's unaware she's in the phone's frame.

59 TORALEI

Ugh, booooring! I thought Draculaura would be wing deep in witchcraft by now.

(MORE)

TORALEI (CONT'D)

Looks like I'll have to take
matters into my own paw...

PHONE'S POV: Toralei rummages through her bag. From her purse, Toralei whips out a MASON JAR with a small slug creature inside -- a BOOKWORM (**NOTE: The Bookworm has four sizes, growing larger throughout, but design is same**).

59A BOOKWORM

<CUTE SMALL BABY BOOKWORM "HELLO"
NOISE>

60 TORALEI

A stink bug from the Mad Science Lab should do the trick. Either the stench will run them out and they'll lose the bet, or even better, I'll catch Draculaura using witchcraft on it and **she'll** be the one disappearing from Monster High.

Toralei pinches her nose and unleashes the bug onto the floor, which scurries off in the direction of the others. Toralei ducks behind the bookcase, the phone still filming.

61 TORALEI (CONT'D)

(nasal, nose pinched)
Win-win for Toralei!

ON THE BOOS - Twyla rolls the dice and is mid-story...

62 TWYLA

...and that's the last recorded time the portal was opened, but if your mom disappeared after, it must have been -- a bookworm!

The bookworm inches up to a nearby book.

62A BOOKWORM

<EXCITED BABY BOOKWORM "YAY" NOISE>

63 CLAWDEEN

Awww!

63A FRANKIE

Creepy cute!

Clawdeen looks to Twyla who looks concerned and points to the tiny bookworm. Twyla gestures the others away.

64 TWYLA

Uh-oh, you have to go --

65 DRACULAURA

But we can't leave, or we'll lose
the bet. There's nothing scary
about a little --

Draculaura turns, and we see her expression change to
awe/fear before we see the bookworm.

66 DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

(scared)
A bookworm who eats books!

POOF! The bookworm is now SIZE 2 -- as large as a small dog.

66A FRANKIE

Is it just me or is that bug
getting bigger?!

The bookworm slinks through a trail of half eaten books. IN
THE STACKS - Toralei peeks out, eyes wide.

67 TORALEI

Not a stink bug? Oops. I must've
grabbed the wrong creepy crawly.
Well, I should be on my way.

Toralei hurriedly runs off toward the exit. As she runs, her
iCoffin falls from bag. It lies on the floor as she goes.

ON DRAC AND PALS - As the others take charge, Twyla <SIGHS>.
She closes her mouth and retreats into the BG.

68 CLAWDEEN

Anyone got a giant can of bug
spray?

69 DRACULAURA

Frankie, please tell me your brains
know how to stop this thing.

70 FRANKIE

Not a clue. But maybe one of these
books does?

Twyla very quietly starts to talk, but stops herself.

71 TWYLA

(quietly)
Oh, there's a book... never mind.
They probably don't need my help.

Frankie scours the bookshelf with record speed as they pull
the proper book off the shelf. They open the book.

72 FRANKIE

Aha! "Big Book on Bookworms." Index
says the bookworm's weakness is on
page 413!

But before Frankie can turn the page, the bookworm eats the
book right out of their hand. It grows even larger (SIZE 3 -
a large-breed dog) and crashes through the stacks.

73 DRACULAURA

We have to stop the bookworm. If we
don't, it'll destroy the library.

74 CLAWDEEN

And devour the books with the info
about the talismans!

75 FRANKIE

And ruin my first Creepover Party!
Which now that I say it out loud is
maybe less important.

Twyla starts to open her mouth to say something but --

76 DRACULAURA

Wait, where did it go?

Twyla frowns as she stims. An <O.S. LOUD CRASH>! Clawdeen
races toward the noise, pounces around the corner, the others
following behind. They find the Bookworm burrowing out of a
pile of books, even larger (SIZE 4 -- as large as a horse).

77 TWYLA

Oh no. The W's... The "Werewolves
and Their Ways" book is over there.

78 CLAWDEEN

We can't let it eat that! I need to
know my ways!

Clawdeen uses her werewolf speed and runs towards the
bookworm. But she accidentally steps on a fallen book and
wildly slides on it past the bookworm. Clawdeen CRASHES OS!

79 FRANKIE

Frankie tagging in! Good thing I
wore my shoes from the **spring**
collection.

With a <BOING> from their shoes, Frankie springs/leaps
towards the worm, landing on top of it like a bucking bronco.

79A BOOKWORM

<BIG, REARING BACK GROWL>

The bookworm tries to shake Frankie off (to no avail).
Clawdeen and Draculaura climb on the worm too. The boos
comically bounce up and down like they're riding a bull!

80 FRANKIE/DRACULAURA/CLAWDEEN
Aaaaaaaaghhhhhhhh!

Twyla covers her ears and winces.

81 TWYLA
Ah! Too loud!

Twyla slinks back into the shadows, watching as the bookworm
bucks like a bronco, shaking the boos off, and sending them
flying into a bookshelf! Books tumble down and bury the boos
under a pile of books. The boos pop out of the pile.

82 CLAWDEEN
Oof. That bookworm is way sneakier
and slithery-er than I expected.

Frankie grabs a book from the pile.

83 FRANKIE
But on the plus side, I did find
the next book for our book club! A
courtroom mystery --
(off Drac/Clawdeen's look)
...Right, not the time.

The bookworm continues to make its way towards the books.
Twyla anxiously watches from the shadows, stimming. She
notices Toralei's phone, left on the book shelf.

ON DRACULAURA, FRANKIE and CLAWDEEN - they watch the bookworm
destruction.

84 CLAWDEEN
I'm out of ideas.

85 FRANKIE
Me too.

86 DRACULAURA
It might be risky, but witchcraft
is the only option --

PHONE POV: Unaware she's being filmed, Draculaura steps into
view of the phone, readying to do a spell. But before
Draculaura can proceed with the spell, Twyla yells:

87 TWYLA
Draculaura, wait!

Twyla steps out of the shadows.

88 TWYLA (CONT'D)

I can stop the bookworm. And to do it, I need you to go. I know it's a lot to ask, with your bet with Toralei, but I can save the books!

The trio gathers around Twyla. The bookworm on the move.

89 DRACULAURA

Even if leaving didn't mean we'd lose the bet, we couldn't just leave you with that!

<CRASH!> The bookworm knocks over a shelf. The boos and Twyla leap out of the way.

90 TWYLA

(with urgency)

You have to! Some monsters might need to be together to feel supported. But sometimes I need my friends to give me quiet space. And after this really fun Creepover, we're friends now. I hope?

91 DRACULAURA

Of course we are. And if you say we need to go, we need to go. C'mon!

The boos run to the exit. Twyla and the bookworm in the BG. As the boos run off:

92 FRANKIE

Feel good about this decision. No lunch table's more important than supporting our friend.

93 CLAWDEEN

And y'know, I'm also definitely pro saving the library from total destruction. Even if that means we gotta do whatever Toralei commands.

The boos run out of the library before nightfall. Twyla enjoys the silence for a moment and then turns to the Bookworm, who is close to devouring more books. She raises her arms and closes her eyes. Visible telekinetic waves travel from Twyla's mind to the Bookworm's.

ANGLE ON THE BOOKWORM, it freezes, like it's hypnotized.

94 TWYLA

Is it okay if I take a look at your dreams? It'll help me understand how to help you.

94B BOOKWORM

<AGREEING NOISE (FULL-SIZED BOOKWORM)>

The telekinetic waves return to Twyla. Twyla opens her eyes and smiles.

94A TWYLA

You want somewhere cozy and safe. With lots of yummy books. Here, this way.

She contorts her hands and suddenly makes the most amazing, impossible SHADOW PUPPETS appear on the wall. The shadow puppets morph into a trail of books.

94C BOOKWORM

<"YIIII!" SO EXCITED NOISE (FULL-SIZED BOOKWORM)>

The bookworm sees the shadow book trail, and smiles. He loves it. He follows the book trail to a GIANT SHADOW MASON JAR. And even though it looks like it's just shadow, with Twyla's powers, the shadow mason jar captures the bookworm.

EXT. MONSTER HIGH - NIGHT

THE BOOKWORM happily munches a last book while lounging in SHADOW MASON-JAR which is on a wagon cart attached to NIGHTMARE.

94D BOOKWORM

<SATISFIED NOISES (FULL-SIZED BOOKWORM)>

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD pets Nightmare's snout.

95 HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

All right, Nightmare, take this bookworm to the book graveyard. I'm sure he'll be happy there.

Nightmare trots off. Clawdeen, Frankie, and Draculaura wave.

96 CLAWDEEN/FRANKIE/DRACULAURA

Bye! / Enjoy those outdated textbooks! / Have a good trip!

97 HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

I can't thank you three enough for capturing that book worm!

98 DRACULAURA

Actually, Headmistress, Twyla was the one who saved it.

A nearby SILHOUETTE colors in. Twyla is revealed. She waves.

INT. CREEPETERIA - LATER THAT NIGHT

Draculaura, Clawdeen, and Frankie, all smiles, carry their lunch trays as they walk past Toralei and the "good table."

98A FRANKIE

...more like school fun!

The boos <LAUGH>.

99 TORALEI

What are you so happy about? You lost and now you have to sit at that terrible table **forever!**

100 CLAWDEEN

Actually, we're having lunch in the library with Twyla.

101 FRANKIE

Yeah, it's not about where you sit. It's who you're sitting with.

REVEAL: Twyla (not in the shadows) holds her tray by the EXIT. She smiles and waves to her new friends.

102 TORALEI

You can't leave! We had a deal!

103 DRACULAURA

But then we found **this...**

Draculaura sets Toralei's phone on the table. Drac hits play.

ON THE PHONE: Toralei rummages through her bag. From her purse, Toralei whips out a MASON JAR. Drac stops the video. Frankie pulls out the jar, now in a ziplock evidence bag.

104 FRANKIE

Your paw prints are all over it.

105 DRACULAURA

So the new deal is the old deal's
off, or we let Headmistress know
you released the bookworm. Enjoy
your lunch!

As Draculaura leaves, Toralei seethes. Frustrated, Toralei
slams the button on the table repeatedly. A RUMBLING is heard
from the food chute above. An "avalanche" of purrrritos rains
down and Toralei is buried under a mountain of purrrritos! The
table teeters, then crashes to the floor.

THE END.

105A BOOKWORM

<EATING NOISES (SHORT, MEDIUM,
LONG)>

105B BOOKWORM (CONT'D)

<GROWLS, THREATENING NOISES>

105C BOOKWORM (CONT'D)

<"YUM" NOISES>

105D BOOKWORM (CONT'D)

<EFFORTS, CRASING THROUGH BOOKS>