

GHOSTLY GADGETS INC.

EPISODE ONE

Shiv Gets A Job

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ACT I

FADE IN:

INT. HARVEST MOON HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

SHIV (15) school uniform, shaggy short black hair, short in height and JANE (15) school uniform, long brown curly hair, hair in a pony tail, tall in height, are hiding and peaking around the corner from the office of PRINCIPAL HARRIS (30s) tall, muscles are almost spilling out of his suit, stern faced.

JANE

I still don't think this is a good idea. If you get caught you could get kicked out of the yearbook club, or worse-

SHIV

Don't worry I have it all planned out.

Shiv holds out an unlabeled bottle full of purple liquid.

SHIV (cont'd)

I've been brewing this voice transformation potion for weeks.

Principal Harris walks out of his office. She puts the bottle back in her pocket.

SHIV (cont'd)

Wait here and keep an eye out until I get back.

Shiv enters the office. She takes out a note with a phone number on it from her pocket and dials the number into a land line phone. She chugs the potion as she waits for the other side to pick up. Shiv coughs.

SHIV (cont'd)

(in Principal
Harris's voice)

Hey, is this Harvest Town Inflatable
Water Slide Rentals?

(MORE)

SHIV (cont'd)

(beat)

Perfect. I'm Principal Harris at Harvest Moon High School and I thought it would be nice to let our football team have the day off. They've been working real hard this season and I just felt they deserve to have some fun in the sun.

(beat)

Do you have any special deals going on right now?

Jane waves her arms to warn Shiv that Principal Harris is coming back.

SHIV (cont'd)

(V.O.)

An extreme triple lane eighteen foot mountain water slide? I'll take that one.

Shiv sees Jane's warning.

SHIV (cont'd)

Where to set it up?

Shiv spots Principal Harris and ducks under Principal Harris's desk to hide from his line of sight.

SHIV (cont'd)

(flustered)

Uhhh... The football field.

Jane runs up to Principal Harris, blocking his path to the office door.

JANE

Wait, Principal Harris! You won't believe what I just saw!

PRINCIPAL HARRIS

(disappointingly)

Oh. Hi Jane. Can this wait just a second? I just need to get something from my office-

JANE

Two kids are making out on the staircase in the science building! It must be that fall weather. People get too cozy this time of year.

Principal Harris sighs.

PRINCIPAL HARRIS

Not this again. Did you see which students?

JANE

It looked like it was Sarah Glass and Thomas Rinsler again. You know how they are. Always with the PDA.

Principal Harris rubs his forehead.

PRINCIPAL HARRIS

I swear it's always something with your grade.

JANE

Yeah... well you'll have to check it out for yourself sir.

Shiv peaks through the bottom of the desk to see that Jane is distracting Principal Harris.

SHIV

(On the phone)

You'll start setting up in an hour?

(beat)

Great. Uh huh. See you then. Bye-bye.

Shiv aggressively puts the land line phone back.

Principal Harris turns to walk away.

PRINCIPAL HARRIS

I can't believe how much the behavior of our students has declined over the years! Ridiculous!

Principal Harris exits.

Shiv comes out of the office, grabs onto Jane's shoulders and shakes her.

SHIV

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! That was so close!

Shiv and Jane do a short handshake.

SHIV (cont'd)

I can always count on you.

JANE

Yeah, yeah. Whatever. This is the last time I'm getting involved by the way. From now on I'm merely a spectator.

Shiv winks.

SHIV

Totally. Anyways, gotta go!

Shiv starts jogging away.

JANE

Hey! Where are you going?

Shiv turns around and starts jogging backwards.

SHIV

I'm going to the yearbook room to make flyers! Meet me under the bleachers after class!

Jane sighs.

JANE

Just letting you know this is insane! And remember I'm a spectator, nothing more!

INT. THE WEIGHT ROOM - DAY

Shiv knocks on the door, holding a stack of flyers. COACH BRUNSKI (30s) buff, golf t-shirt, whistle around his neck, slick back hair.

COACH BRUNSKI

What is it, Singh?

SHIV

Coach Brunski, Principal Harris told the yearbook club to hand these flyers out to the football team. He said something about a reward for such a great season so far.

COACH BRUNSKI

Let me see.

Coach Brunski takes the flyer out of Shiv's hand to read it.

COACH BRUNSKI (cont'd)
Hmm... a water slide... well how
generous of him.

Shiv grins. Coach Brunski turns to the boys in the weight
room.

COACH BRUNSKI (cont'd)
All right boys, Principal Harris
wants to congratulate on all of our
wins this season, so after class were
going to the football field to
celebrate.

The football players stop and put their weights down. Shiv
walks into the weight room and starts handing out the flyers
to them and they read it.

EXT. THE FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

Shiv and Jane stand in front of the water slide.

SHIV
This won't do. Who the heck would be
excited to go down this water slide?

Shiv holds her hands out, a bright aura shines from them.
She transforms the water slide into a bigger and more
vibrant one.

JANE
Woah. It's still so cool when you do
that!

Football players yell in the distance. Shiv and Jane turn
their heads to face each other and run under the bleachers.
The football players run out of the weight room and line up
for the water slide in bathing suits.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #1
Dude, look it's gigantic!

FOOTBALL PLAYER #2
I've never seen a water slide that
big!

Shiv and Jane are standing underneath the bleachers. Shiv is
holding binoculars, watching for Principal Harris.

SHIV
Coast is clear. Hold this.

Shiv hands Jane the binoculars and tears off her outer layer of clothes, revealing a floral patterned one piece bathing suit. Shiv grabs a camera that was by her feet and leaps into the air. Jane's mouth is open in shock.

SHIV (cont'd)

Woohoo!

Shiv cuts all the football players in line and goes down the slide. The football players look at her sternly.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #3

Hey! You have to wait in line!

SHIV

What happened to ladies first?

Shiv laughs and goes down the water slide.

EXT. THE FOOTBALL FIELD - CONTINUOUS

Shiv, back in her clothes, takes pictures of the football players going down the water slide.

FULL SCREEN PHOTOGRAPHS

Note: Three photographs of football players on the slide.

EXT. THE FOOTBALL FIELD - CONTINUOUS

She sees Principal Harris and Coach Brunski looking at the flyer together, pointing at it with confusion. She overhears the last part of their conversation.

PRINCIPAL HARRIS

I arranged no such thing!

Coach Brunski points at Shiv. Shiv starts to walk away. Principal Harris walks over with haste.

PRINCIPAL HARRIS (cont'd)

SHIVANGI SINGH! STOP IT RIGHT THERE!

Shiv stops. He towers over her.

PRINCIPAL HARRIS (cont'd)

You... This is beyond what I'm capable of handling. Your parents are getting a letter AND you have ten days of detention!!

(MORE)

PRINCIPAL HARRIS (cont'd)

(Louder)

You are ALL in trouble by the way.
You're game this Friday is
cancelled!! No exceptions!

The football players turn to shiv with dagger eyes.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS

(In unison)

Shiv...

Shiv starts running away, the football players follow in a stampede. She runs into the school, through the school courtyard, into the school hallways, then the hallways. The football players continue to chase her, leaving trails of water in the halls. She runs past a corner and a mysterious hand reaches out to grab her by the back of her uniform collar. JACK (16) the class president, handsome, lean, dressed nicely.

JACK

Running in the halls is against the
rules. I thought you'd at least know
that by now.

SHIV

Jack.

JACK

You've been upping your game lately,
I'm impressed.

He puts her down. She fixes her shirt.

SHIV

The football team has had too much
glory this football season, it was
starting to tick me off.

JACK

You always keep me entertained, I'll
admit, but as class president, I
won't let you embarrass this school.

Jack looks down at her as she's looking up at him with sharp eyes.

JACK (cont'd)

You may be enjoying yourself now, but
go too far...

He leans in close resting his arm on the wall next to them.

JACK (cont'd)
...and I'll make sure you're
expelled.

Shiv brushes past him.

SHIV
Does it ever get exhausting? Being so
high and mighty.

Jack leans his back against the wall, looks over at her
walking away, and smirks.

INT. THE SINGH HOUSE - DAY

Shiv sighs. She walks in her house and sees AMARA (40s)
mother to Shiv, beautiful, long black hair, is looking at a
letter from the school. She attempts to sneak away from her,
heading for the stairs. Amara sets dark fire ablaze in front
of the staircase, blocking Shiv in the kitchen.

AMARA
You did whaaaaaaatttttt?

Amara's dark aura grows around Shiv. Shiv walks slowly
towards Amara.

SHIV
Woah, mom. You okay?

Amara growls. JAY (12) brother to Shiv, short, chubby,
glasses, enters and grabs the letter to read it.

JAY
Let's see. Huh, a letter from school.

Amara mumbles inaudibly.

SHIV
(high pitched tone)
Sorry, what was that mom?

JAY
Woah! This is legendary!

Amara snaps her neck to look at Jay and growls again.

JAY (cont'd)
(sarcastically)
I mean this is bad. Just despicable
really. How could you? Not MY sister.

Jay gets closer to Shiv.

JAY (cont'd)
(quietly)
But um... I gotta know. How did you
pull this off?

SHIV
Well, if you really want to know. I
snuck into the principal's office, it
was pretty easy actually, and then-

AMARA
Enough! Not another word, young lady.
I don't even know how I'm going to
punish you!

Amara paces around, puts her hands on the kitchen counter
and drops her head. She lifts her head up and spots a sign
on the refrigerator that reads "Hiring" for "Singh Psychic
Shop".

AMARA (cont'd)
Oh yes. Oh this is perfect.

Amara laughs, her hair stands up, and a fiery aura around
her grows. She puts her hands on her hips.

AMARA (cont'd)
You're getting an afterschool job.

JAY
Oooo. Mom, you're a genius. Now
she'll have no time for schemes.

SHIV
What? There's no way I'm working some
boring job.

AMARA
You need to become more responsible.
No negotiations.

Shiv puts her head on the table and groans. She lifts her
head up quickly.

SHIV
Oh wait! You're looking for
employees, can't I just work for you?

AMARA
No. I need employees with experience
in the spirit realm at the psychic
shop.

SHIV

(whiny)

Aw. I want experience in the spirit realm but you never have time to teach me anything.

AMARA

Sorry, I'm too busy struggling to keep a roof over our heads.

(beat)

But I do know where you can get experience on your own.

She sits down next to Shiv.

AMARA (cont'd)

There is a warehouse I used to work at when I was in high school.

EXT. GHOSTLY GADGETS INC. - DAY

Shiv stands in front of a factory and looks at a sign that reads "Ghostly Gadgets Inc."

MOM

(V.O.)

They sell ghost hunting equipment.

ACT II

INT. FRONT DESK - DAY

FRONT DESK LADY (30s) is typing on a computer. On her desk is a fish tank.

FRONT DESK LADY

Name?

SHIV

Shiv Singh. I'm here for a job interview.

FRONT DESK LADY

Singh... are you related to Amara Singh?

SHIV

Yeah, that's my mom.

FRONT DESK LADY

She is an amazing woman! She's pretty big news in the spirit realm.

The front desk lady hands Shiv a clipboard.

FRONT DESK LADY (cont'd)

Just fill this out please.

Shiv begins filling the paper out.

SHIV

Yeah you're probably thinking of someone else, my mom just runs her own psychic practice. You know with the palm readings and stuff of that nature.

FRONT DESK LADY

I know, but while she was at Ghostly Gadgets she practically changed the game for this company. She is probably the most accomplished psychic to come from the company.

(beat)

She never mentioned any of that to you?

SHIV

No. Not at all.

FRONT DESK LADY

Well, I assure you she is a one of a kind psychic.

SHIV

Huh.

Shiv hands her the clipboard.

FRONT DESK LADY

I'll go tell Mr. Ecto you're here. Go ahead and take a seat.

INT. MR. ECTO'S OFFICE - DAY

Shiv sits in a chair in front of the desk. She looks around at all the framed accomplishments in the room. MR. ECTO (40s) tall, slender, silky hair, is staring at an old picture of Amara and him.

MR. ECTO

Here at Ghostly Gadgets, we are unrecognized heroes. It is not an understatement to say our work is crucial to the balance of the cosmos!

(beat)

My question to you is, are you ready to take on such a responsibility?

SHIV

Isn't this just a warehouse for ghost hunting gear?

MR. ECTO

You may be sitting here thinking you have come in here to earn some extra cash afterschool, but you should know this warehouse is not as it seems on the outside.

(beat)

You don't think your mother...

He grabs the framed photo and holds it close to his face, admiring it.

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

...the amazing Amara Singh, would send you to just any warehouse, do you?

Mr. Ecto gets in Shiv's face. Shiv backs up.

SHIV

(high pitched voice)

No.

Shiv has a confused look. Mr. Ecto backs away.

MR. ECTO

Tell me, have you had any training?

SHIV

I don't have much experience, I'm mostly self taught, but I've gotten the hang of object transmutation and I'm not too bad with potions.

Mr. Ecto points to the clock on his desk.

MR. ECTO

Could you transform this clock, here?

Shiv holds out her hand, it turns bright and the clock turns into a small lamp.

SHIV

I can only transform an object into a different object with a similar chemical makeup.

MR. ECTO

And how is it you were able to teach yourself?

BEGIN FLASHBACK

INT. MOM'S BEDROOM - DAY

Note: The dialogue describes the action in this scene.

SHIV

(V.O.)

When I was about thirteen or so, I went through my mom's book collection, which she specifically told me not to go through, but of course I did anyway, and I found a book on transmutation. I practiced the first chapter before she discovered I had stolen it. After she caught me, she put the book back and put up an impenetrable force field around the book shelf.

END FLASHBACK

INT. MR. ECTO'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

MR. ECTO

Sounds a bit unethical, but I'm thoroughly impressed you were able to learn such a skill with little guidance.

Mr. Ecto sits down at his desk.

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

The truth about this warehouse is that it contains a portal to the spirit realm.

(MORE)

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

(beat)

From the perspective of the mortal world, we sell ghost hunting equipment, but behind the scenes we import and distribute supernatural goods and our true clients are spirits of the spirit realm.

He reaches in his drawer and pulls out a shirt that says "Ghostly Gadgets Inc." on it.

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

I normally want my employees to have had a little bit more experience with their psychic abilities, but you've intrigued me.

(beat)

For your first day tomorrow, I'm giving you an important task to test if you can handle the pressures of getting involved with the spirit realm.

(beat)

If you can handle it, you get the job.

INT. SCHOOL GYM - DAY

The students of Shiv's grade and the one above theirs are playing a volleyball tournament for P.E.

JANE

I hate team sports days.

Shiv and Jane look distraught.

JANE (cont'd)

Don't you have any super strength potion we could drink?

SHIV

Trust me, if I knew how to make that potion, I'd use it every day in this class.

Jack hits the volleyball hard and with precision and wins his match on another court.

JANE

Look at class president Jack, he always makes gym class look easy.

Shiv scoffs.

SHIV

That guy is so annoying. He takes
everything way too seriously.

Jack wipes the sweat from his face with the bottom of his
shirt. The girls around him are giggling and making hearts
eyes. Shiv makes a disgusted face.

COACH BRUNSKI

Okay, Singh and Snow vs Kim and Grey

KIM (16) buff and scary looking and GREY (16) also buff and
scary looking, crack their bones and let off a fiery aura.
Kim pops a volleyball with his hands.

COACH BRUNSKI (cont'd)

Kim, stop popping the volleyballs

KIM

(extremely low
pitched)

Sorry, Coach Brunski.

SHIV

Woah, why does that guy sound like
the Grim Reaper?

JANE

I think I saw their last competitors
be hauled out on a stretcher. They
put up a good fight too.

SHIV

Looks like we're going straight to
the grave.

Jane crosses her arms over her chest and closes her eyes.

JANE

(high pitched voice)

Just make it quick and painless.

Kim serves the ball and it whips past Jane cracking the
floor. Jane passes out on the floor from fear.

COACH BRUNSKI

One point for Kim and Grey.

Shiv turns to Jane and sets for Kim's next serve.

SHIV

Jane, don't worry, I'll avenge you.

The ball hurdles towards Shiv. She turns her head away, flinching. A bright aura begins to shine from her hands, but out of nowhere Jack slides in front of her and catches the ball with one hand. Shiv stands there, stunned.

JACK
(to Kim and Grey)
A little too harsh, guys. Don't you think?

KIM
Sorry.

The girls watching Jack whisper to each other about how cool he is. Shiv notices and rolls her eyes.

SHIV
(to Coach Brunski)
I surrender, Coach Brunski, they can have the win.

Shiv drags Jane off the court who is still unconscious.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

On the white board is written "detention". Shiv is staring at her desk. The football boys are staring at her, their dark aura fills the room. MRS. POLAR (30s) glasses, navy blue blouse, white hair, flips the magazine page slowly.

SHIV
Mrs. Polar, how much longer, I have somewhere I need to be soon.

MRS. POLAR
(Slowly)
Two more minutes...

Shiv groans and rests her head on her hand. Two football players sit next to Shiv.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #1
Why are you in such a rush, Shiv?

SHIV
My mom made me get a job.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #2
Are you working at your mom's weirdo shop?

SHIV
No and it's a psychic shop, idiot.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #1
Where then?

SHIV
(under breath)
Ghostly Gadgets.

The football players shiver and make strange faces.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #1
That place gives me the creeps.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #2
It makes sense you'd work there,
that's where all the delinquents and
the freaks work.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #1
It's a good thing you're both.

Shiv gets up in football player #1's face. They growl at each other.

MRS. POLAR
(Slowly)
Any more ruckus and I'll add more
time.

Mrs. Polar flips the magazine page slowly again. Shiv and the football players immediately sit down quietly in their chairs. Football player #2 and Shiv look at each other and growl again.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

MRS. POLAR
Okay, it's been an hour. You can go.

Shiv runs out of the door into the hallway.

INT. MR. ECTO'S OFFICE - AFTERNOON

Shiv is standing at Mr. Ecto's desk.

MR. ECTO
Your first job is to visit the light district in the spirit realm, we have a loyal client there by the name of Big Ghost Larry. You've never been to the spirit realm so you'll go with someone who has been... you'll train with... Jack come in here!

Jack walks in.

JACK

Yes, Mr.-

Jack sees Shiv. Shiv has her jaw to the floor.

JACK (cont'd)

AHHH!?!?

SHIV

AHHH?!? You?!?! What are you doing here?!?!?

JACK

I work here, what are you doing here?!

MR. ECTO

Today is her first day, you two will be working together.

SHIV

Is there anyone else I can train with?

MR. ECTO

I'm not asking.

INT. GREEN ROOM - AFTERNOON

Jack is digging up a fiddlehead fern. He begins collecting the the fairies that live in the fiddlehead ferns and putting them in a box.

SHIV

I thought only people with a connection to the spirit realm could work here.

Jack ignores her.

SHIV (cont'd)

Do you...

(whispers)

Have psychic powers?

JACK

You can't go around telling people about this. I can't have that. Not as president.

SHIV
Are you embarrassed or something?

JACK
No. I'm not embarrassed. I just have
a reputation to uphold.

SHIV
So high and mighty. You care too
much.

JACK
You wouldn't get it. People respect
me at school. If they find out I'm...
different, they'll treat me like they
treat you.

Shiv side eyes him.

SHIV
(mumbling)
Well you didn't have to say it like
that.

Shiv sighs.

SHIV (cont'd)
I won't tell. Besides now I have the
upper hand at school.

Jack dips his head and there is a blue aura around him.

JACK
(dreadful)
That's true.

Shiv puts fiddlehead fairies in a box. One bites her hand.

SHIV
Ow! These things are so mean!

JACK
Well, you're supposed to have your
gloves on but you didn't listen to
me.

SHIV
They were slowing me down.

JACK
Whatever. Just remember to grab one
fairy at a time and you should be
fine.

He turns around to see Shiv holding two handfuls of fiddlehead fairies. They're growling at her. Suddenly they attack her face.

INT. CAR - AFTERNOON

Shiv and Jack have bite marks all over her face. Jack's face is red.

JACK

I can't believe we wasted thirty minutes chasing fiddlehead fairies! We are so behind schedule!

He put the car into gear, and drives to the platform in the center of the large garage with company cars and trucks. Shiv buckles up. The platform opens to the portal into the spirit realm.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

They are driving in the spirit realm. It looks similar to their normal world, just with spirits and monsters walking around.

JACK

This is light district, the closest spirit city to the portal.

Shiv puts her hands against the window and analyzes the view.

JACK (cont'd)

You won't feel too much of a shift in energy here. The ministry is where you would feel it the most.

SHIV

The ministry?

JACK

It's the headquarters for the spirit community. Only very experienced psychics get to go there.

SHIV

That's awesome.

INT. SCREAM LIGHT RD. - AFTERNOON

Jack drives to the end of the road, every house they pass has lights on, the last house has fog around it and is dark. There is a dark aura coming from the house. The car runs over a large stick. The lock of one of the boxes unlatches. Jack parks the car in front of a house with no lights on.

SHIV

Of course it's the only creepy house on the block.

JACK

That's odd. Has he not woken up yet?

Jack and Shiv get out of the car and grab the boxes of fiddlehead fairies. Shiv looks back to see her physical body left behind in the car.

JACK (cont'd)

Buckle up your body.

SHIV

Huh?

Shiv looks back to see her body is still in the car.

SHIV (cont'd)

That's freaky.

JACK

This car holds your physical body while your spirit is free to roam the spirit realm. Buckling up makes sure your body doesn't wander off on it's own and get possessed by a spirit.

ACT III

INT. BIG GHOST LARRY'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

They walk into the house of BIG GHOST LARRY (100s) big, green, top hat, a pipe in his mouth, a petty coat. Big Ghost Larry is sleeping on the couch, snoring. Jack holds his finger up to his lips.

SHIV

Do we wake him up?

JACK

Mr. Ecto never gave us instructions
on how to. All I know is that Big
Ghost Larry is an angry spirit.

(beat)

And no one likes to be woken up.

Shiv's box opens and all the fiddlehead fairies escape out
of the front door.

JACK (cont'd)

Did you not use the sealing tape?

SHIV

No? What sealing tape?

JACK

I'm shocked. Of course you didn't
listen to me *again*.

Jack rubs his forehead.

JACK (cont'd)

I'll grab them, you figure out a way
to wake up Big Ghost Larry.

She opens a drawer and grabs a pen. A bright aura comes from
her hand as she turns a pen into a feather. She uses the
feather to itch Big Ghost Larry's nose, causing him to
sneeze. He sneezes ectoplasm all over her face. She slowly
wipes it off of face.

SHIV

Ewww.

Big Ghost Larry yawns and stretches, shaking the whole
house.

BIG GHOST LARRY

(deep, growling voice)

Why did you wake me up?

He gets close to her and sniffs her.

BIG GHOST LARRY (cont'd)

Human.

SHIV

I've got your order! Fiddlehead
fairies! You've got to be hungry.
Here you go!

She has a wide grin. Big ghost Larry opens the box and shakes the fairies into his mouth. The fairies laugh on the way down his throat. He licks his lips and burps.

BIG GHOST LARRY
Where's the rest?

SHIV
The rest?... They're on the way.

BIG GHOST LARRY
You don't have my whole meal with you now? I pre-ordered these twenty years ago?!

SHIV
We've been trying a different method where the customer eats the appetizer and then the main course, which should be here...
(to Jack)
ANY MINUTE NOW!

Big Ghost Larry gets up from the couch and walks towards her.

BIG GHOST LARRY
If I don't have my meal now, I won't be at full power for the next twenty years!

EXT. BACKYARD - AFTERNOON

Jack chases a group of fiddlehead fairies as they laugh.

JACK
Come here!

He leaps at them and grabs a handful.

JACK (cont'd)
Gotcha!

He looks up to see the rest of them climbing the tree in the yard. He sighs.

JACK (cont'd)
I didn't want to do this, but you leave me no choice!

Jack puts his hands together, interlocks his fingers as a bright blue aura shines from the. The fiddlehead fairies freeze in place, twitching slightly.

JACK (cont'd)
Thirty seconds is all I need.

Jack runs toward the tree.

INT. BIG LARRY'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Shiv backs up into a picture on the wall. She looks back to see Big Ghost Larry in a high chair with his mom feeding him a burger. The title underneath saying "Larry's first phantom burger". Shiv turns back to Big Ghost Larry.

SHIV
Fiddlehead fairies must get so boring
to eat every twenty years.

BIG GHOST LARRY
It doesn't matter. It's what gives me
my powers.

SHIV
Right, but is there anything you've
been craving besides fairies?
(beat)
Maybe a favorite dish or something?

BIG GHOST LARRY
It's been so long since I've had a
proper meal I don't have any
cravings.

SHIV
Not at all? Not even something...
your mom made for you as a kid?

Big Ghost Larry stops and looks up.

BEGIN FLASHBACK

INT. BIG GHOST LARRY'S HOUSE (IN THE PAST) - AFTERNOON

Younger Big Ghost Larry is sitting in a high chair. His mom approaches him with steaming hot phantom burger on a plate.

MOM
Open wide, Larry!

Big Ghost Larry eats the burger in one bite, chews, and swallows and then burps. His mom laughs.

MOM (cont'd)
Hungry boy!

END FLASHBACK

INT. BIG GHOST LARRY'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Big Ghost Larry sits back down on the couch, reminiscing.

BIG GHOST LARRY
I sometimes dream about my mom's
homemade meals. She was the best
cook. No matter what she made, I
loved it. My favorite was her phantom
burger.

SHIV
And uh... what's in this phantom
burger?

She runs up to the kitchen. She runs to the fridge, it's
completely empty besides a few rotten vegetables.

BIG GHOST LARRY
It was a mandrake bun, Pegasus beef
patty, enchanted fiddlehead fern, and
ambrosia sauce.
(beat)
But I don't see why that matters, I
need my fiddlehead fairies!!

The kitchen lights up in a glow. She runs back to Big Ghost
Larry with her hands behind her back.

SHIV
Here you go!

She holds the phantom burger in front of her with two hands.

BIG GHOST LARRY
Is this?

Big Ghost Larry grabs the burger with his two large fingers.
He eats it in one bite and releases a powerful yellow aura.
The fogs lifts from the house and the house appears more
clean.

INT. BACKYARD - AFTERNOON

Jack is in the tree putting the final fiddlehead fairy in
the box.

JACK

Last one!

He looks at the house where the yellow aura is seeping from the windows.

INT. BIG GHOST LARRY'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

The aura diminishes, leaving the room clean with the lights on. Shiv removes the hand from her eyes and slowly opens them to see the room in better condition.

BIG GHOST LARRY

Wow... I've forgotten what my mother's home cooked meals tasted like. Sleeping for so many years makes me forget about my younger years.

(beat)

Thank you for reminding me of those fond memories. You have a special gift, little girl.

Big ghost Larry's stomach growls, he starts to turn green again. The house begins to shake. He stands up and hovers over shiv. Shiv shakes in fear.

BIG GHOST LARRY (cont'd)

(sinister)

That was touching, but it didn't satisfy my hunger! I need my fairies!

Jack busts through the door.

JACK

I have the rest of your order, sir! I apologize for the lateness!

Jack throws the box to Big Ghost Larry. He catches it, breaks it open, and eats the fairies. He exhales loudly. He glows again, this time not as bright as before. The house becomes clean and the fog lifts.

BIG GHOST LARRY

That hit the spot! Sorry if I scared you, I tend to get grumpy after hibernation.

He lests out a guttural laughs. Jack and Shiv awkwardly laugh. He gets close to shiv and .

BIG GHOST LARRY (cont'd)
Today you brought me back to one of
my fondest memories. Thank you again,
little girl.

He hands her a golden ring.

BIG GHOST LARRY (cont'd)
Here is a token for your travels. It
guides lost souls back to the
physical world. The spirit realm is
full of darkness. This ring will
serve as your path back to the light
if you need it.

SHIV
Thank you, sir.

Shiv and Jack admire the ring.

JACK
Do I get a token?

BIG GHOST LARRY
Who are you?

INT. MR. ECTO'S OFFICE - AFTERNOON

Mr. Ecto is sitting at his desk on the phone.

MR. ECTO
Yeah. Yeah. I see.
(beat)
Yeah, I'll talk to them.
(beat)
Bye-bye.

He hangs up the phone. Shiv and Jack walk into the office,
but Shiv is holding Jack who is slumped over.

MR ECTO
Wow, you guys look terrible. Jack,
what happened to you?

SHIV
He just sort of crashed after we got
out of the car. I think it's because
he used his power.

MR. ECTO
Ah. Yes. That does happen to him.
Even though he can't use his power
for long, it drains him quickly.

(MORE)

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

(beat)

He'll be fine, you can set him down.

Shiv moves his arm from around her neck and lets go of him.
He drops with a loud thud on the ground, face down.

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

I said set him down, not drop him!

SHIV

Oh. My bad.

Shiv sits at the chair in front of his desk.

MR. ECTO

I was just on the phone with Big Ghost Larry. He said the fiddlehead fairy delivery had some unexpected delays.

SHIV

I'm really sorry Mr. Ecto, it was my fault the fairies escaped. I forgot to seal the box up-

Jack lifts his head off the floor and balls his fist.

JACK

(slurring)

I hunted them down with maximum efficiency.

He drops his head to the floor again.

MR. ECTO

He was very pleased. He doesn't get visitors often and that you two were... charismatic. He was also impressed by your psychic powers, especially yours, Shiv.

(beat)

It's quiet an honor to receive a token from such a temperamental spirit like Big Larry. You must have done something special to make such a good impression.

JACK

(slurring)

Did he say anything about me?

MR. ECTO

Uh... no, not really.

Jack groans. Shiv looks down at the ring. She looks back up.

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

Shiv, I'll admit at first I was opposed to letting you work here because I know of your rebellious reputation. It's because of your boldness that I wanted to give you such a strenuous task for your first day.

(beat)

I wanted to see if you could handle the uncertainties of the spirit realm. I know now that you can. How would you like to work for Ghostly Gadgets?

(beat)

If my test has rubbed you the wrong way I would completely understand if-

SHIV

Yes! I have to work here! I've never felt more fit for a job. It was stressful, for sure, but it was exciting!

MR. ECTO

Here you will train. Strengthen your powers, hone your skills. I won't go easy on you. I need someone I know I can push. Someone who can complete the most complicated of tasks.

SHIV

Yes! I'm in!

MR. ECTO

Well, I have another task lined up for you.

SHIV

What is it?

MR. ECTO

Tomorrow I am sending you to the ministry.

JACK AND SHIV

(in unison)

The ministry?!

FADE OUT:

THE END

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