

GHOSTLY GADGETS INC.

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LOGLINE

After Shiv gets in trouble by using her psychic abilities to prank the football team, her mom forces her to get an afterschool job. She's sent to work at Ghostly Gadgets Inc. where she must prove to the manager that she can handle the pressures of getting involved with the spirit realm.

CHARACTERS

Shiv Singh (protagonist), Jack, Mr. Ecto, Big Ghost Larry, Principal Harris, Amara Singh, Jay Singh, Coach Brunski

ACT I

Shiv Singh and Jane Snow 15-year-old sophomores at Harvest Moon high school, are peaking around the corner of Principal Harris's office to check if he has left yet. Shiv has been planning to prank the football team using her psychic abilities. She brought a potion that she made which changes her voice to sound like Principal Harris. When Harris leaves the office Shiv sneaks in, pulls out a piece of paper with a phone number on it, and calls a water slide company pretending to be Principal Harris. While Shiv is ordering a water slide for the football team, the real Principal Harris comes back to grab something so Jane distracts him.

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 falls for her lie easily. He is passionate about how the current student body has the worst behaved students he's ever dealt with, especially Shiv's grade, and especially Shiv. Principal Harris goes to check out Jane's fake report as Shiv is finalizing the water slide arrangements. Shiv is in the clear and comes out of the office to congratulate Jane on how smooth her diversion was. After Shiv prints out some flyers that advertise the water slide, she goes to the weight room to hand them out to Coach Brunski and all of the football players. Shiv lies to Coach Brunski, saying it was Principal Harris's idea to give them a reward for such a great season.

The water slide arrives at the football field but Shiv is unimpressed, so she transforms it into a bigger and cooler looking water slide. The football players are ecstatic to go down the water slide as Jane and Shiv hide from the chaos. Shiv decides she wants to join the fun and she runs to the water slide, tearing off her clothes, revealing a one-piece bathing suit underneath. As she has her fun on the water slide and takes pictures of the football players for the yearbook, she sees Coach Brunksi and Principal Harris talking. Principal Harris discovers her schemes and decides that not only Shiv is getting in trouble, but the football players are punished as well. The football players run after her like a stampede. She runs through most of school campus before a mysterious hand grabs her by the collar of her uniform and pulls her into a quiet hallway as the football players run past not noticing her. The class president, Jack, warns her, in a bit of a flirtatious way, to not take her antics too far or he will try to get her expelled. Shiv walks into her house after school already feeling the tension. Her mom is reading a letter from the school. Shiv tries to escape but Amara, Shiv's mom, uses her psychic powers to set the stairs ablaze before she could reach them.

AMARA

You did whaaaaaaattttttt?

Shiv walks slowly towards her mom, hoping she want burn her alive. Jay, Shiv's brother checks out the commotion in the kitchen, taking the letter from his mom and reading it. Jay is intrigued to hear how Shiv was able to pull off the prank and his curiosity makes his mom angry. Amara doesn't know how to punish Shiv because she has never done something as despicable as this. She sees a "hiring now" sign on their refrigerator for her psychic shop and gets the idea that Shiv's punishment will be to get an afterschool job. Her mom sends her to Ghostly Gadgets Inc., a warehouse that she used to work at in high school where she learned the fundamentals of how to use her psychic powers.

ACT II

The front desk lady recognizes Shiv's last name.

FRONT DESK LADY

Singh... are you related to Amara Singh?

The front desk lady compliments Amara, mentioning how she is the most accomplished psychic to come from Ghostly Gadgets. Shiv is confused because she's never heard any of this from her mom. Mr. Ecto interviews her in his office. He explains to her that Ghostly Gadgets isn't what it seems from the outside world.

MR. ECTO

Tell me, have you had any training?

Shiv explains that she is self-taught. She stole a book from her mom on object transmutation when she was younger. She only read the first chapter but she was able to get the hang of it pretty quick. Mr. Ecto is impressed by her story and asks her to transform a clock into a different object. She transforms it into a lamp and explains that she can only transform objects into different objects with a similar chemical makeup.

MR. ECTO (cont'd)

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

After he explains further that at the warehouse they import and distribute supernatural goods to spirits in the spirit realm, he hands her a t-shirt with the company logo on it. Normally, Mr. Ecto hires employees with a little more experience with their psychic power, but Shiv has intrigued him. Therefore, he wants to test her on her first day to see if she can handle the pressures of getting involved with the spirit realm. The next day at school, Shiv and Jane are teammates in a volleyball tournament during P.E. where they go up against the two strongest opponents in the tournament, Kim and Grey. Jack has won a few matches so far, causing the girls in the gym to faun over him which makes Shiv upset. Shiv and Jane are terrified but Kim and Grey show no mercy and hit the ball so hard that the force of it near Jane's face causes her to pass out. Jane shows bravery and sets for the next serve. The ball comes hurdling towards her face when suddenly Jack slides out of nowhere and catches the ball with one hand. Shiv is relieved but doesn't really care for his heroic moment, so she drags Jane off the court. In detention the football players surround Shiv with intensity. She has her head facing the desk to avoid eye contact. Shiv asks Mrs. Polar when she can leave the room because she has work soon, but Mrs. Polar says she still has time.

FOOTBALL PLAYER #1

Why are you in such a rush, Shiv?

Shiv explains that she now has an afterschool job at Ghostly Gadgets and the football players make fun of her, talking about how only freaks work there. This comment gets Shiv angry and she gets in one of the football player's face, but before it can escalate any further, Mrs. Polar interrupts them. Mrs. Polar then dismisses detention and Shiv runs out of the door. Once Shiv arrives at Ghostly Gadgets, Mr. Ecto explains her assignment where she will be going with a trainer to the light district in the spirit realm. Mr. Ecto calls Jack into the room to be her trainer.

Both Jack and Shiv are shocked to see each other. Shiv is opposed to working with him, but she has no choice, that is what Mr. Ecto has decided. Jack and Shiv enter the green room where they harvest fairies that live in fiddlehead ferns. Shiv addresses the elephant in the room.

SHIV

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

Jack doesn't explicitly say what his powers are, but he tells her he wants to keep his job at Ghostly Gadgets a secret from everyone else. He knows that if the people at school find out that he works there, then they'll know he has powers and they'll treat him differently. Shiv says she won't tell and jokes that it's because she has the upper hand at school now. The fiddlehead fairies bite Shiv and Jack reminds her that she should've put her gloves on, but Shiv doesn't listen and ends up getting attacked by a bunch of the fairies. As they prepare to enter the spirit realm in a company car, Shiv has claw marks all over her face and Jack is upset at her for wasting their time catching the fairies in the green room. They drive into light district, going down Scream Light RD. where they're client, Big Ghost Larry lives. Shiv and Jack notice Larry's house at the end of the road has dark fog surrounding it. The car runs over a large stick which unlatches the box of fairies. As they pull into Big Ghost Larry's driveway, Shiv sees that her physical body is still in the car.

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

They enter Larry's house where they see him sleeping on the couch. He isn't supposed to be sleeping still because his hibernation period is over. Jack and Shiv are nervous to wake him because he is considered an angry spirit. Jack notices the fairies have escaped the box and he goes to look for them while Shiv turns a pen into a feather to wake up Larry. Larry sneezes ectoplasm all over Shiv and gets upset that she has woken him up. She gives him a box of the fairies and he consumes them, but he wants more. She tries to stall while Jack gets the rest of the fairies which upsets Larry even more because he needs to fairies to be all full power after hibernation. Shiv sees an old childhood picture of Larry eating what looks like a burger.

SHIV

Right, but is there anything you've
been craving besides fairies?

(beat)

Maybe a favorite dish or something?

Larry reminisces on his childhood, remembering that his favorite meal as a kid was a phantom burger. He explains to Shiv what is in the phantom burger while she scrounges up a few rotten vegetables to turn into his favorite meal. She gives him the burger and he physically lights up, making the fog go away that surrounded his house. Jack sees this from the outside as he grabs the last fairy. Larry is happy for a moment but his stomach rumbles and he becomes ravenous again. Jack comes just in time to serve him the rest of the fairies. Larry apologizes for his rudeness and gives Shiv a token of gratitude. A ring to guide mortal souls back to the physical world. When they enter the office, Jack is feeling drained from using his power. Mr. Ecto informs the two that Larry has spoken to him about their delivery. Shiv is worried because in her head it didn't go so well. Mr. Ecto reassures sure that Larry was pleased with their visit and that Shiv must've done something special to receive a token from a spirit. Mr. Ecto offers her the job and Shiv accepts with excitement. Mr. Ecto has big plans for Shiv and wants her next assignment to be visiting the ministry, the headquarters of the spirit realm.