

EXT. MARSHALL'S FAMILY HOME - DAY

Marshall wears a black cape and goblin mask. He goes up the path to a house themed with Halloween decorations. He rings the door bell.

Opening the door is his Mom, VALERIE (65), dressed like a 60's era Catwoman.

VALERIE
You're late.

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The Halloween decorations, smoke machines, themed food, the music -- it's all over the top. Marshall follows his Mom through the living room and a dozen family members.

VALERIE
(to everyone)
Look what the cat dragged in! A
SCAAAARY goblin!

MARSHALL
I'm a Hobgoblin.

VALERIE
(to Marshall)
Your cousins can't do Thanksgiving on
Friday so it's Sunday now.

INT. MARSHALL'S FAMILY HOME - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Valerie and Marshall enter the kitchen. She decorates a Halloween cake with plastic spiders and skulls.

VALERIE
Did you see the decorations in the
front? It's a mess, I had to do it
myself.

MARSHALL
Mom, it looks fine.

VALERIE
Can you fix it please?

MARSHALL
Everyone's already here.

VALERIE

It's for the kids. Is that too much to ask? And try to socialize. I don't want to see you in the corner on your phone.

They finish the cake and she picks it up.

VALERIE (cont'd)

We're doing Day of the Dead tomorrow, you don't have to be there. I know, you're heart broken. So the decorations can stay up an extra day.

MARSHALL

So ... on that topic, my friends and I are doing a little project. A movie, actually, so I'll be tied up for the next few days.

VALERIE

No. No. You've got to be kidding me.

MARSHALL

This is important.

VALERIE

Is this a joke? Not more important than your family, Marshall.

MARSHALL

I'll talk to Uncle Diego, I'm sure he'd be happy to help.

VALERIE

No, this is about you participating in this family. At the end of the world. This is not the time to drop the ball.

MARSHALL

Fine, fine! I'll do it all. Forget I mentioned it.

VALERIE

Marshall, sort your priorities.