

Skanky Tooth Girl

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CHARACTERS

Tami- Beautiful girl with an ugly tooth

Brian and Neil- Best buds

Wendy- A Fairy Godmother

Nick- Wendy's coach driver

(The stage is set as a fast food joint. The counter is stage right, the entrance stage left. Tami is behind the counter. Brian and Neil enter.)

BRIAN- Man, I am so hungry.

NEIL- Me too. I'm doing at least six tacos and—

BRIAN- *(cuts Neil off)* Whoa! *(turns Neil around)* Neil, do you see what I see? Behind the counter?

(Neil looks at Tami, does a double take.)

NEIL- Whoa!

BRIAN- Neil, we are in the presence of the immortals. The woman is a goddess.

NEIL- We must convert to her religion, goddess of the Taco Shack.

BRIAN- We worship thee.

TAMI- Can I help you?

BRIAN- She summons us.

NEIL- Let us not keep her waiting.

(Brian and Neil walk over to the counter.)

BRIAN- Hi.

TAMI- Hi.

BRIAN- Can I get some tacos?

TAMI- I don't know. Do you have any money?

BRIAN- *(exaggerated laugh)* That's a cute one.

TAMI- So are you.

BRIAN- Really?

TAMI- So what can I do for you?

BRIAN- Well, why don't we start off with a number 4 border special with a Coke to go?

TAMI- Number 4 border. Anything else?

BRIAN- Sure. Write your name and number on the wrapper?

TAMI- *(giggles)* You are a cute one. *(smiles)*

(Brian sees her skanky green tooth. He gasps and turns away, trying not to pay it any notice.)

TAMI- The total is \$3.45. I'll bring it right out.

(Tami exits to the back.)

NEIL- Are you okay?

BRIAN- It's horrible, Neil. Simply horrible.

NEIL- What is?

BRIAN- I've never seen anything so hideous in all my life.

NEIL- Her?

BRIAN- Her TOOTH!

NEIL- What's the matter with it?

BRIAN- Neil, it's...it's...green!

NEIL- A green tooth?

BRIAN- It's horrible.

NEIL- You're exaggerating.

(Tami returns with Brian's meal.)

TAMI- \$3.45.

BRIAN- *(pays, looking away from her)* Here you go.

TAMI- *(makes change)* And here's your change.

BRIAN- Thanks. *(turns to Neil)* Good luck.

(Neil steps to the counter.)

TAMI- Can I help you?

NEIL- I don't know. People have tried for years.

(Tami laughs and smiles. Neil's mouth drops when he sees the tooth.)

NEIL- Oh my gosh.

TAMI- What would you like?

NEIL- I'll just have a number tooth.

TAMI- Excuse me?

NEIL- I mean, I want the green tacos. I mean, three teeth. Three green teeth.

BRIAN- *(under his breath)* Neil!

NEIL- I mean, three tacos, and a large green tooth.

(Brian stomps on Neil's foot.)

NEIL-Coke! Large Coke.

TAMI- Okay... \$3.82.

NEIL- Holy horrors.

BRIAN- It seems so unfair.

NEIL- So completely wrong.

BRIAN- This incredibly hot creature.
NEIL- Babe above all babes.
BRIAN- Did we really see that?
NEIL- I don't know what I just saw.
BRIAN- How can the hottest woman alive—
NEIL- Have the skankiest—
BRIAN- Nastiest—
NEIL- Green tooth in the world?

(Tami returns with Neil's food.)

TAMI- \$3.82.

(Neil pays her. Tami makes change.)

TAMI- Here you go. Thank you.
NEIL- Thanks.

(Neil and Brian walk for the door quickly.)

TAMI- Call me.
BRIAN- Sure. I've been needing to go to the dentist lately, so I'll call you for a referral.

(Neil and Brian run out the door laughing.)

TAMI- It's my tooth again.

(Lighting changes to moody blue lights. Tami rests her arms on the register and her head on her arms and cries. Smoke pours on stage from stage left. Wendy enters.)

WENDY- Oh my. What a charming little establishment.
TAMI- *(sniffs, straightens herself out)* Can I help you?
WENDY- I was hoping so... but from the looks of you, I'd say you're more in my need of help than I am of yours.
TAMI- Why, are you some sort of fairy godmother?
WENDY- Why yes I am.
TAMI- Nuh uh.
WENDY- *(flips out a business card)* Read the card, dearie.
TAMI- "Wendy Musserstein, Fairy Godmother."
WENDY- Check out the threads, see the magic wand, do the math.
TAMI- Are you here to help me?
WENDY- No, actually, I'm on my way to see one of my clients, a Cindy Gullen, whose step sisters ripped up her prom dress. But, I had a few minutes, decided to stop in for a taco. Is something the matter?
TAMI- It's my tooth.
WENDY- What about it?

TAMI- What do you think? *(smiles)*

WENDY- Oh, I see.

TAMI- I don't suppose you could work some fairy godmother magic and fix it.

WENDY- No, I'm afraid not. Only your fairy godmother can do that.

TAMI- Oh. Well, when you see her next, maybe you could leave word with her?

WENDY- Better yet, what if I leave a word with you...or encouragement.

TAMI- Encouragement is not going to change my green tooth.

WENDY- No, but it can change your green outlook to rosy!

TAMI- How?

WENDY- My dear, you can't let one little blemish bring you down. You are a very beautiful girl.

TAMI- With a skanky green tooth.

WENDY- Oh, forget the outer appearance. I'm talking about the inside. Tell me, who are you? What kind of things do you enjoy?

TAMI- Well...I like to sing.

WENDY- You like music then?

TAMI- I love music!

WENDY- What else?

TAMI- I love the art museum. And I like photography.

WENDY- Good. Good. What else?

TAMI- I love good friendships, and family gatherings. And Christmas.

WENDY- Good you see? All these things are things of true beauty. These are the things that define who you are, not that discolored incisor.

TAMI- Really?

WENDY- Trust me, my dear. I've served as the fairy godmother to many a vain fashion model. There's nary a flaw on the outside, but on the inside, they're rotten, hollow, ugly to the bone. True beauty is on the inside, and let me tell you, hon, you are one gorgeous girl.

TAMI- Thank you, fairy godmother. You have made my night. Can I get you anything to eat?

WENDY- No, that won't be necessary, dear.

TAMI- But you stopped because you were hungry.

WENDY- Helping you was all the fuel I need. Farewell, dear. And remember what I told you!

TAMI- I will!

(Wendy exits. Tami sighs, and goes back to wiping the counter. She stops, pulls out her purse, and pulls out a compact. She looks at herself in the mirror.)

TAMI- She's right. I am a beautiful person.

(Nick enters, walks up to the counter.)

TAMI- Hi, welcome to Taco Shack.

NICK- Hi there.

TAMI- Can I help you?

NICK- Oh, no thanks. I'm not hungry.

TAMI- Then why did you come in?

NICK- I'm the fairy godmother's driver. She told me there was a girl in here with the most awful looking skanky tooth she'd ever seen and I had to check it out for myself.

(Blackout.)