

Who Ate My Cake?

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LIST OF CHAEACTERS

CLAIR

BETTY

ADAM

GILL

(Four of them are all college students, and they live in the same dorm.)

THE GHOST

SCENE: *The time is noon of a summer day. The place is a dorm with a dining room. On the wall is a window with a window box and a plain curtain. In the dining room is one woody table and four woody chairs. There is a stair which can reach the second floor. At the second floor are two doors—one is printed with color blue and one is printed with red. Both doors can be opened and closed. Clair enters from the right wing of the stage, holding a box with four pieces of cake inside.*

CLAIR *[putting the box on the table]*. Gosh! I spent six hours standing in line for these goddamn cake. If they are not as delicious as people said, I will go back to that store and break its signboard. *[taking a look at her watch]*. 12:30. Maybe I still have time to take a bath and go to sleep for a while.

[She goes upstairs and enters the red door.]

ADAM *[coming out from the blue door in his pajamas]*. What time is it? Have I missed the lunch time? *[He strokes his belly.]* I feel a little bit hungry. *[He slowly walks down the stairs and notices the box on the table.]* Cake? Great! Just let me taste one. *[taking out one piece of cake]*.

[Betty and Gill enter the stage from the right wing.]

BETTY [to Gill]. Gill, you're so sweet

GILL For beautiful lady, it's my duty. [turning to Adam]. Hi, Adam. What are you eating?

ADAM Cake. Do you want some?

Gill Sure. [Adam takes two pieces of cake out of the box and hands them to Gill].

Where did you get these cake? [Gill passes one piece of cake to Betty.]

ADAM I just waked up a few minutes ago and I felt a little bit hungry. When I went down the stairs and tried to find something to eat, I found these cake on the table.

BETTY So you don't know how these cake appear here?

ADAM Theoretically speaking, no.

GILL We didn't buy it, and you didn't buy it, either. So the only one who could buy it is Clair. See, there are four pieces of cake in the box, and we have four people in this house. So obviously our kind sweet Clair bought each of us one.

BETTY Oh, Gill! You're so smart! Just like a detective.

ADAM [taking one bite of the cake]. But the flavor of the cake is a little bit strange.

GILL Really? [taking one bite]. Sucks! What's this? I don't want to take another bite anymore.

BETTY But Clair specially bought these cake for us.....

GILL Well, let's hide it behind the curtain.

[They put the cake on the window box and draw the curtain down.]

BETTY I feel I'm a criminal. What should we do next?

GILL Just pretend that nothing has happened and go back to our usual routine.

ADAM Hey, I bought a new computer game yesterday. Do you want to see that?

GILL Sure. Let's go. *[They go upstairs and enter the blue door.]*

[The light on stage gradually becomes dim. The Ghost enters from the left wing of stage.]

THE GHOST *[with shrill voice]*. Cake! I like it very much. Oh, there is still one piece left in the box. *[taking the last cake and then leaving from the right wing]*.

[The stage becomes bright again.]

CLAIR *[coming out from the red door with a traveling case]*. It's time to take the road. *[going downstairs and staring at the box on the table]*. Hey, what's going on? Where is my cake? *[searching for the cake everywhere around the table]*. Dammmmn! I've promised my family to buy them the cake from that famous store. I remember I put all of them on the table.....

[Betty and Gill enter the stage from the blue door. Both of them stand on the second floor and look at Clair.]

GILL Hey, Clair. What's wrong?

CLAIR My cake disappeared! For my family, I stood in line for six hours to buy

those cake. But now they've all gone! Disappear! Damn it!

BETTY Oops! For your family? Clair, I.....[She is stopped by Gill].

GILL Clair, we're sorry to hear about that. [*whispering to Betty*]. Shh... can't you see that she is angry? We cannot tell her the truth now. She'll kill us all. You know how terrible if Clair gets angry.

BETTY [*adoringly*].Oh, Gill, you're so careful about everything. What should we do now?

GILL It's ok. I can handle this situation. Let's get in and tell Adam this. Maybe we could fake up a story, a ghost story or something like that.

CLAIR [*impatiently*].Hey, what are you guys talking about?

BETTY & GILL [*at the same time*]. Nothing!

CLAIR Where's Adam? Has he seen my cake?

GILL Well, he's in his room. I can go in and help you to call him out. [*pushing Betty to enter the blue door*].

CLAIR Thanks. [*still searching*]

[*Adam enters the stage from the blue door.*]

ADAM Hi, Clair.

CLAIR Hi, Adam. Have you seen my cake on the table?

ADAM No! No! I haven't seen your cake. But...but I...I heard Gill...No! I heard

someone, of course not Gill, say that this house is haunted.

CLAIR What?

ADMA Here lives a ghost who likes cake very much, so probably your cake were eaten by him or her.

CLAIR Adam. Stop talking about such silly things. There is no ghost in this world and no ghost will like to eat cake. [*walking toward the window*]. Maybe some little animals stole my cake from the window.

ADMA No! [*running down the stair*]. No little animals stole your cake, I promise.

[*He stands in front of the window and stops Clair from drawing apart the curtain*].

CLAIR Adam?

[*Betty and Gill enter again from the blue door*].

GILL Hey, have you found your cake yet?

CLAIR Not really. [*ironically*] Adam said that some ghost stole them.

GILL Ha! Maybe it's true. So, Clair, you have to go home today, right? It's a little bit late now. I suggest that you forget about the cake and go home right away.

[*Betty and Gill go downstairs slowly*].

CLAIR [*She looks at her watch*]. Oh. Thank you for reminding me that. I'd better hit the road now. [*pulling her traveling case with her*].

ADAM Yes, yes. It's a good decision to go home without those cake. They taste disgusting.

CLAIR Pardon?

BETTY [pulling Clair by her arm]. He said nothing, Clair. Forget about it. You have to hurry up or you will miss your bus.

[Betty looks at Gill. Gill looks at Adam, and then Adam turns back to look at the window.]

CLAIR [thinking for a second]. No. [disengaging her arm from Betty]. I wonder what's behind the window. [She walks toward the window, pushes Adam away, and draws apart the curtain.]

GILL God bless us.

CLAIR [with irate facial expression] Who can tell me what's this.

BETTY I'm so sorry, Clair. We thought that you bought those cake for us, so each of us took one. However, it was not as delicious as we thought.....

GILL But we still left one for you.

CLAIR [still angry]. Left one for me? But all my cake is gone! I spent six hours doing nothing but standing in line for those cake!

BETTY [starting crying]. I'm sorry.....

ADAM [He starts crying, too.] I'm sorry, too.....

CLAIR Stop crying, you guys. Just tell me who ate the last piece of cake. Be honest
and I will forgive you all.

GILL But we really.....

CLAIR [*with a full-mouthed voice*]. Be honest!

[*All the people fall into silence.*]

SOUND OF THE GHOST [*from a distance*] I did, please forgive me.....

ALL [*astonished*] Who's that?

Blackout.