

EPISODE 16: "MEET TOMAS"

Marcy: (calls Gary)

Gary: Yo, what's up?

Marcy: Can you and Penny come over? I have someone to introduce to you.

Gary: Sure!

(Gary and Penny come in)

Gary: Oh, hey, is this a new friend?

Penny: Hi! Where did you two meet?

Tomas: In a URM foster home.

Marcy: Yeah, my parents are friends with his foster dad and decided to adopt him. So he's my new brother.

Penny: Wow...a family of five.

Gary: I wish we had a family of five.

Tomas: Well, I originally came from a family of seven.

Gary: What happened to your family?

Tomas: Well, thankfully my younger siblings were adopted to a different home. My parents and older siblings are currently detained. They didn't do anything, it's just a customs and immigration thing.

Penny: Oh my gosh, I'm so sorry!

Tomas: Yeah, it was really hard on me for a while. But you know, life happens as it happens.

Gary: Where are you originally from?

Tomas: Honduras.

Gary: And that is...?

Tomas: Country in Central America.

Gary: There's a Central America? I thought there was North and South. Uh, sorry, geography is first period so I tend to fall asleep.

Tomas: No worries, man.

Penny: Any particular reason you left, may I ask?

Tomas: Oh, just our neighborhood was filled with gangs and drug dealers.

Penny: Oh. Dang.

Marcy: Yeah, he escaped the hood.

Tomas: There were a lot of nice people there too, it's just they were usually lower on the food chain, heh. So, Gary, I heard you were trying to court Marcy or something.

Gary: Well, you know, "court" is a strong word, but we're *probably* gonna get hitched later on.

Marcy: I don't think that far ahead.

Tomas: And you are Penny?

Penny: Yes.

Tomas: I heard a little bit about you.

Penny: What do you think of your new home?

Tomas: Well, I've only been here for three days, so I'm not sure. I think Dan is an interesting guy.

Marcy: Yep. He's definitely interesting.

Penny: What do you think of living with Marcy?

Tomas: She hogs the TV, she hogs the video games, she hogs the couch, she hogs the office, she hogs the bathroom-

Marcy: Alright, alright, that's your perspective. Who cares?

Tomas: Marcy, you're being rude.

Marcy: No, you're being rude for bringing up only bad things about me.

Tomas: Bro, I was trying to be funny.

Marcy: Then you've got a lot to learn about funny.

Tomas: If you said the same thing I wouldn't have acted like this about it!

Gary: Wow, they're already getting along.

Penny: What do you mean? They're fighting.

Gary: All healthy siblings fight.

Penny: You're right. And from an outsiders' perspective, it's pretty entertaining.

Marcy: (sighs) Anyway, do you want to go over to the Joneses' house?

Tomas: Who are the Joneses?

Marcy: Gary and Penny. And their parents. They live right next door.

Tomas: Cool.

Melody: Hey, Marcy! Tomas! Where to?

Marcy: Oh, we're just going over to the Joneses.

Melody: Okay. You'll like them, Tomas, they're really nice.

Tomas: Alright.

Caroline: Welcome back, kids! Welcome, Marcy! Who's your friend?

Marcy: Not friend, he's my brother.

Caroline: Oh right, your new brother! Tomas, right?

Tomas: Yeah.

Caroline: Hey, honey, meet the Smiths' new kid!

Bob: Tomas? In the flesh? I heard about you!

Tomas: From who?

Bob: From your new father. We're sort of best friends, you know.

Tomas: Oh, nice. You've got a cool casa, Mr. Jones.

Bob: What?

Tomas: "House" in Spanish.

Bob: I thought you're fluent in English!

Tomas: Well, I am, but sometimes the Spanish word is the first thing that comes to mind. Also, sometimes I just think the Spanish word sounds better. Anyway, all of the houses here are much nicer than the ones in Honduras. That's probably because Honduras is a third-world country.

Bob: Third world? You're from another planet?

Penny: No! Dad, third world means a poor country.

Bob: Oh, I think I knew that. It's just a weird term for it...why would they call it third-world?

Tomas: I don't know. Anyway, what kind of music do you guys like? I already know what you like, Marcy. Anything with a guitar.

Marcy: Right.

Gary: I also like anything with a guitar, but I like some keyboard stuff too.

Marcy: Bleh. Not into keyboards.

Penny: I don't listen to a lot of music, but I guess I like...

Gary: Artsy stuff.

Penny: Yeah. (laughs) Artsy stuff. How about you?

Tomas: Oh, I like stuff in Spanish. Mostly Latino rappers and dance music. But I like some American stuff also. You guys know "Party in the U.S.A?"

(Everyone looks grossed out)

Marcy: Yeah...we do.

Tomas: Sorry, my American taste is a work-in-progress. What kind of stuff do you like to watch?

Marcy: Anything cool.

Penny: Educational stuff.

Gary: Gaming videos. Funny movies. *Sitcoms*. Anything weird is good.

Marcy: Why aren't you mentioning SpongeBob?

Gary: (chuckles) Oh yeah, of course.

Tomas: I used to watch SpongeBob. I watched the Spanish dub. It wasn't as good after season 4 when his voice actor changed.

Gary: His voice actor never changed!

Tomas: The Spanish SpongeBob did.

Gary: Oh, right.

Tomas: Do you want to play something?

Penny: Sure. What do you want to play?

Tomas: How about FIFA?

Penny: What's that?

Tomas: A soccer game.

Gary: Sorry, we don't have that one.

Tomas: What are you talking about? Everybody has it!

Marcy: Soccer isn't as big in America. Most people here are more into football.

Tomas: Uh, football is the same thing as soccer?

Marcy: Not here.

Gary: In American football you don't kick the ball, you throw it.

Tomas: Then why is it called football?

Penny: That's a mystery for the universe.

Tomas: Americans are stupid, bro.

Penny: No we aren't!

Bob: Caroline, what happened to the new can of Pringles?

Caroline: It's right there on the shelf.

Bob: Oh, sorry, I was looking in the fridge.

(Back to the kids)

Penny: I mean, just like with any place, some people are brighter than others.

Tomas: That's true. So, if you don't have a soccer game...oh, I know! Do you want to play chess?

Marcy: Eh, I'm not great at chess.

Gary: Me neither. I used to be, but then I lost my touch.

Penny: I'd love to!

(Penny and Tomas start playing chess. Gary and Marcy watch)

Gary: Ooh, good move!

Marcy: Didn't see that coming. Hey, what's that piece called again?

Tomas and Penny: A knight.

Penny: I know, it doesn't make sense, because it's a horse, not a knight.

Tomas: Oh, what's knight usually mean?

Gary: Like a guy who *rides* on a horse.

Marcy: And fights dragons and saves damsels in distress.

Tomas: What are damsels in distress?

Marcy: You're better off not knowing.

30 Minutes later...

Marcy: (yawns) Taking a while.

(Gary hums the Jeopardy music)

Penny: Quiet you, I'm trying to focus.

Marcy: Gary, while these two finish you want to do something else?

Gary: Sure.

(Gary and Marcy go to the other room and play Smash)

Marcy: Now, this is more like it.

Gary: Tomas is a neat guy.

Marcy: Yeah, since I'm the one who explains everything it can be a little tiring, but he picks it up really quickly and he's so nice I'm fine doing anything for him.

(Back to Penny and Tomas)

Penny: Wow, we've been playing for 45 minutes and haven't even gotten into stalemate!

Tomas: You're really good at this.

Penny: Can I tell you something?

Tomas: Go ahead.

Penny: I think you're kind of...I don't know...not cute exactly...handsome?

Tomas: Sure.

Penny: To be honest, I thought you'd react more.

Tomas: Well, sometimes people call me "tall, dark and handsome." I don't like it.

Penny: Yeah, that's pretty stereotypical.

Tomas: Anyway, I liked you but I wasn't going to say anything unless you said something first.

Penny: Oh, nice! Wait, you know something weird? That's exactly how Gary and Marcy's relationship started. Or so I heard.

Tomas: Hey, I didn't say anything about starting a relationship.

Penny: Well, I am.

Tomas: No, this is weird.

Penny: What? We're the same age.

Tomas: Not that, I mean people in the same family liking each other.

Penny: Well, you're not even blood related to the rest of them.

Tomas: I see your point. Let's stop talking about this and focus on finishing the game.

Penny: Alright. Checkmate!

Tomas: Oh, I was distracted. Good game!

(The kids regroup)

Tomas: Well, Gary, Penny, it was nice hanging out with you. I think I'm going to go home now so I can say the rosary before dinner.

Gary: Alright.

Penny: Bye, guys!

Marcy: See ya!

Tomas: Bye!

Bob: Adios, amigo!

Caroline: Give it a rest, Bob.

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