

BOY GIRL DOG CAT MOUSE CHEESE
SPEC SCRIPT

"THE RIGHT MOODS"

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PREMISE: The siblings, except Boy, are in a bad mood, so Boy zaps them with Mouse's latest invention, the emotion ray device, to make them feel happy all the time!

DOG (CONT'D)

Aw, another dog probably has their filthier paws on it by now! Worst day ever!

CHEESE

11 You think you got problems, Dog? My recent post got three hundred likes instead of three hundred thousand! Argh! Worst day ever! 11

BOY

12 And why's Cat in a bad mood? 12

DOG

13 Because we are. 13

Cat grumpily folds her arms.

CAT

14 <MEOW!> (Hmmp!) 14

BOY

15 Aw come on, guys. Why don't we watch TV? That'll calm us down. 15

Boy picks up the TV REMOTE and switches the TV on. A MEDITATION PROGRAMME shows on the screen. A LADY, calm, sits cross-legged. (This could be Hipster Woman from "Cat's Secret Life".) <CALM, SOOTHING MUSIC> plays in the background.

LADY

16 *Hello and welcome to the Meditation Channel. Let's start with some calm breathing exercises: breathe in, breathe out, breathe in.* 16

As Girl, Cheese, Dog and Cat all watch the programme, they are sent into a trance of relaxation.

CHEESE

17 Oooh. This feels nice. 17

BOY

18 See, all better now? 18

Pause as the siblings are all calm and soothed.

MOUSE (O.S.)

19 Argh! WORST DAY EVER! 19

The siblings are taken out of the trance.

20 CHEESE
Mouse is right! This is still the
worst day ever! 20

Cheese grabs the remote, switches off the TV, and throws it behind her shoulder, as the remote lands UNDERNEATH THE COUCH. Cheese then storms off as Dog and Cat follow.

21 DOG
Yeah! I'm out of here! 21

22 CAT
<MEOW!> (Yeah!) 22

Girl gets off the couch and follows them.

23 BOY
Oh come on, guys! What's the matter
with you? You should all be happy
like me! 23

24 GIRL
Newsflash, Boy. Just because you're
in a good mood doesn't mean
everyone has to be. We all have bad
days, Boy. <SIGH> Just give us a
moment to cool off, okay? We'll
hang out later. 24

Girl then leaves, leaving Boy all alone.

25 BOY
<SIGHS> I wonder what Mouse is up
to? 25

2 **INT. LAB - CONTINUED** 2

Boy walks in and notices MOUSE shaking a DEVICE. It has a dial on the front with a button next to it and a screen above. An antenna also sticks out from the top.

26 BOY
Mouse? What's that? 26

27 MOUSE
Argh! My latest invention. It's
this device that changes your mood
with one zap. I call it the Emotion
Ray Device. But it doesn't seem to
work! Why is it not working?! I
tried everything! 27

28 BOY
What have you tried? 28

29 MOUSE
Well, shaking it, yelling at it,
throwing it against the wall... 29

30 BOY
So, you're in a bad mood too? 30

31 MOUSE
How'd you guess? 31

32 BOY
<SIGH> Let me try. 32

Mouse gives it to Boy. Boy then looks at the button and presses it as the screen SWITCHES ON.

33 MOUSE
That's it? You just pressed the
button? 33

Boy sees FIVE EMOTICONS on the screen. HAPPY, SAD, ANGRY, DISGUSTED and FEAR. Under each emoticon is the number "20%".

34 BOY
Pretty much, yeah. What are all
these settings? 34

35 MOUSE
Those are the five main emotions,
Boy. Happy, sad, fear, anger and
disgust. Right now, the device is
set to twenty percent on all
emotions, which is normal. The dial
is for switching to which emotions
you want the settings to be on
whatever percentage. 35

Boy absent-mindedly turns the dial to "100% HAPPY".

36 BOY
(to himself)
I sure wish I could make everyone
happy. 36

37 MOUSE
Now whatever you do, don't press
that button next to the dial. 37

38 BOY
Do you mean this one? 38

48 BOY
Yes! Everyone's happy! Now, let's head out for some good family fun! 48

49 GIRL / CHEESE / DOG / MOUSE / CAT
Yeah! 49

Girl, Dog, Cheese and Cat dash out in the COLD RAIN. Boy sets the device aside, on the table.

50 BOY
Uh, guys? Don't you need umbrellas? 50

4 **MUSIC MONTAGE - "FUN" DAY OUT!** 4

5 **EXT. PARK - DAY** 5

Dog and Cat both have WET FUR but they both laugh. Mouse almost gets stepped on by Boy, but Mouse laughs anyway.

6 **INT. BOBBLEHEAD STORE - DAY** 6

All the siblings play with BOBBLEHEADS and laugh. We focus on Girl laughing and playing with a BORING-LOOKING BOBBLEHEAD but still shining a toothy grin.

7 **EXT. FUN FAIR - DAY** 7

The siblings are all having ICE CREAM despite it still raining. Cat's ice cream falls off her cone and onto Mouse. Girl laughs but then slips on the wet floor and lands on her butt. Everyone laughs still.

7A **EXT. FUN FAIR - LATER** 7A

The siblings ride on a ROLLERCOASTER, but it stops mid-way due to dysfunction as SMOKE emits. The siblings still laugh, but the PASSENGERS look at them bewildered and annoyed.

END MONTAGE

8 **INT. SKIPPY'S - LATER** 8

The siblings are all sitting at a booth, having SMOOTHIES. They are all having a great time, <LAUGHING>.

51 DOG
Thanks, Boy! Zapping all of us to
one hundred percent happy was the
best thing you've ever done for us! 51

52 MOUSE
Normally I'd be furious with you
for misusing my inventions for your
selfish gain. But hey! I don't know
how to be! 52

53 BOY
Well, I'm just glad that everyone's
in a better mood now. Cheers to
being happy all the time! 53

The siblings all <CLINK> their smoothies.

54 SIBLINGS
Cheers! 54

Boy then notices OLD LADY MAGUIRE sitting far away, alone and
sad. Boy sympathises with her. MISS SKIPPY then walks by
holding a PLATE OF FOOD to serve.

55 BOY
Hey, Miss Skippy. Why's Old Lady
Maguire upset? 55

56 SKIPPY
Her grandkids postponed their
visit. She was excited to see them
too. 56

Miss Skippy then walks off.

57 BOY
Aww, poor Old Lady Maguire. Maybe
she can come sit with us. That'll
cheer her up. 57

58 GIRL
Uh, yeah. No thanks. 58

Pause. Boy is shocked, but the rest all nod in agreement.

59 BOY
What? Why? 59

60 CHEESE
Because she's sad, Boy. She's gonna
ruin the vibes. 60

61 BOY
Look, guys. I'm sure, it's cool to be happy most of the time, but you should still have empathy for those who aren't. 61

62 DOG
Sorry Boy, but we can't empathise with someone who's not feeling what we're feeling. 62

63 GIRL
Especially not some sad sack Debbie-downer. 63

64 BOY
Sad sack Debbie-downer? 64

Cheese and Dog both <LAUGH> watching something on her phone. Cheese shows it to Cat.

65 CAT
<MEOW GIGGLES> 65

66 BOY
What's so funny, guys? 66

67 CHEESE
(laughing so hard)
We're watching a charity PSA on abandoned chinchillas! BWAHAHAHA! 67

68 DOG
Someone left them on the front doorstep of a vet, and they need to be adopted by the end of the week. Otherwise, who knows what will happen to them? 68

69 BOY
Oh no, that's awful! 69

Cheese shows the phone to Girl.

70 GIRL
Oh! More like awfully hilarious! <LAUGHS> 70

JOCKO is seen through the window, walking by. He then slips on the wet floor and lands on his face.

71 JOCKO
(muffled)
Whoooah oof! 71

72 Girl, Cheese, Dog, Mouse and Cat all point and <LAUGH> Boy ⁷²at
Jocko. Boy covers his eyes and turns away from his siblings.

BOY

72 (to himself)
What have I done? I created MONSTERS! 72

73 (to siblings)
Uh, I just remembered I have homework to do. I'll see you guys back at home! Enjoy the smoothies! 73

Boy gets up and exits. The rest of the siblings look at each other and smile evilly.

9 **INT. LAB - LATER** 9

Boy rummages through boxes and looks through shelves.

BOY

74 <SIGH> It wasn't in the living room. I've got to undo this! Once I find that device, I'll zap them back to normal when they walk in. 74

But Boy can't find the device.

BOY (CONT'D)

75 Where is it? Where did I put it?! If it's not in the living room, where could it be? 75

MOUSE (O.S.)

76 (sing-song)
Oh, Boy? 76

Boy turns his head to see the siblings in the doorway with Cheese holding the emotion ray device.

DOG

77 Looking for this? 77

BOY

78 (pleading)
Guys! I'm so sorry I changed your emotions. Please let me turn you back to normal! 78

GIRL

79 Normal? No thanks, we're happy the way we are now. But... are you? 79

Cheese then slowly points the device at Boy.

80 BOY
What are you -? Oh no... 80

Dog and Girl grab Boy by the arms to prevent him from escaping.

81 GIRL
Sorry, Boy but you've been bringing
down the vibes lately. 81

82 CHEESE
(to Mouse)
So I just set the device to one
hundred percent happy, is that
right, Mouse? 82

83 MOUSE
Affirmative. 83

84 BOY
No! Let go of me! 84

85 CHEESE
Smile, Boy! 85

In a panic, Boy KICKS the device out of Cheese's hand as it hits the wall and lands on the floor.

86 EMOTION DEVICE
*Now activating automatic randomised
mode on maximum settings.* 86

87 BOY
What? Automatic? Randomised?! 87

88 MOUSE
Oh yeah, why did I install that
feature? 88

Suddenly, the device <ZAPS> Girl. Girl then <CRIES> WATERFALL STREAMS OF TEARS as she drops to her knees.

89 GIRL
(overdramatic sobbing)
I'M SO SORRY FOR BEING MEAN TO YOU,
BOY! I'M A HORRIBLE SISTER! Also,
the chinchillas! They were so
saaaaad! <SOBS> 89

The device <ZAPS> Dog. He clutches his stomach, feeling sick.

90 DOG
Ugh! Disgusting! This floor is filthy! When was the last time you cleaned this place, Mouse?! <GAGS> 90

Dog <SNIFFS> himself.

91 DOG (CONT'D)
Ugh! I'm filthy! I smell like a dog! Oh, I think I'm gonna hurl... 91

Dog grabs a nearby BUCKET and <THROWS UP>. Mouse is then <ZAPPED>. He runs around the room, panicking and screaming.

92 MOUSE
Oh my Gosh! THESE INVENTIONS! THEY'RE ALL DANGEROUS! AHHAH!!! 92

93 CHEESE
The device! Grab it! 93

Boy, Cheese and Cat all fight over the device. They then lose their grip as it flings out the doorway.

10 **INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUED** 10

All the siblings run down the stairs as the device rolls down, ZAPPING everywhere. They trip and pile onto the floor.

94 GIRL
Owie! That hurt. <SNIFFS> 94

95 MOUSE
I think I broke a nail. Or a bone! 95

96 DOG
Ugh! All of you get off of me! 96

Cheese gets up, still grinning, despite her eye twitching. Boy gets up and tries to reach for the remote.

97 CHEESE
(through gritted teeth)
Happy place. Happy place. 97

Cat is <ZAPPED> and turned ANGRY STEAMING RED! Boy retrieves the remote.

98 BOY
Gotcha! 98

Cat POUNCES on Boy and hugs his face.

99 CAT
<MROWR>!!! 99

100 BOY
Ah! Get off of me, Cat! 100

Boy drops the device as it ROLLS UNDERNEATH THE COUCH. Cat pounces off of Boy and causes CHAOS elsewhere whilst Dog, Girl and Mouse continue <PANICKING> and <CRYING> in their emotional states.

Cheese and Boy look at the couch and then at each other. It's a Mexican standoff! They both crawl on the floor and dig their hands under the couch. They both then feel something!

101 BOY / CHEESE
Aha! 101

Boy and Cheese both stand up quickly. Cheese takes out the emotion ray device and points it at Boy. Boy takes out the TV remote and points it at Cheese. Cheese wins.

102 BOY
Oh no!! 102

103 CHEESE
Yes! HA! HA! You stay right there! 103

Cheese hits the device with her fist.

104 EMOTION RAY DEVICE
*Automatic randomised mode settings,
off.* 104

Cheese is now in control. She turns the dial on the device to "100% HAPPY" and then zaps Girl, Mouse, Dog and Cat as they revert to being super-happy again.

105 DOG / MOUSE
I feel better already! / Phew! 105

Girl touches her face and notices her eyes have been wet.

106 GIRL
Yes! No more tears! 106

Cheese then points the device back at Boy. The siblings slowly approach him menacingly with bright creepy smiles, as Boy backs away into a corner. Boy is trapped!

107 CHEESE
End of the line, Boy. Aww, Don't worry, suga. One zap and it'll be nothing but smiles for you.
(MORE) 107

CHEESE (CONT'D)

Then you'll always be happy just
like us.

CHEESE / GIRL / MOUSE / CAT

(zombie-like)

108 Just. Like. Us. / <MEOW> <MEOW> 108
<MEOW>.

BOY

(hopeless)

109 No! This really is the worst day 109
ever.

Boy then covers himself, waiting for the inevitable whilst still holding the remote. But suddenly, he accidentally presses a button and switches the TV on. The TV shows the MEDITATION PROGRAMME from the beginning.

LADY (ON TV)

110 *Breathe in, breathe out...* 110

As soon as Boy looks at the screen, he has an idea!

BOY

(to himself)

111 Wait, that's it! 111

(to siblings)

112 GUYS, LOOK! 112

Boy points to the TV as the siblings look at the screen. Like in the beginning, they are sent into a trance of relaxation as they watch the programme.

GIRL / CHEESE / DOG / MOUSE / CAT

113 <RELAXED SIGH> / Aww that's so 113
relaxing / Soothing / <MEOW>

Now's Boy's chance. Whilst Cheese is distracted, Boy grabs the device off her as the siblings snap out of it! Checkmate.

BOY

114 Yoink. 114

CHEESE

115 <GASP>! 115

Boy quickly turns the dial, sets the device on "20% ALL 5 EMOTIONS" and then points it at the panicking siblings.

GIRL / CHEESE / DOG / MOUSE

116 NOOOOOO!! 116

117 MOUSE
 (laughing nervously)
117 Now, Boy. Let's not get too hasty. 117

118 CHEESE
 (still smiling)
118 YOU'RE NO FUN, BOY!!! 118

119 BOY
119 Sorry guys, but fun's over. 119

Boy presses the button, and <ZAPS> his siblings! The siblings then rub their heads, dazed.

120 GIRL / CHEESE / DOG / MOUSE / CAT
120 <GROAN> 120

Boy approaches his siblings with caution and worry.

121 BOY
121 Guys? How do you feel? 121

122 GIRL
122 Weird? 122

Triumphant, Boy hugs his confused siblings. He did it!

123 BOY
123 Yes! You're all back to normal! 123

11 **INT. LIVING ROOM - NEXT DAY** 11

It is now SUNNY. Boy, Girl, Dog and Cheese are cross-legged on the floor in front of the TV. Mouse sits on the table to be in line with his siblings.

124 BOY
124 Guys, I'm really sorry for 124
 literally toying with your emotions
 and turning you all into psychos. I
 thought that it'd be better if I
 made you happy like me. But from
 now on, whenever you guys are in a
 bad mood, I'll try to understand
 and give you time, just like you
 said, Girl.

125 GIRL
125 I appreciate that, Boy. Especially 125
 being told I'm right. But please...
 never do that again.

