GODZILLA VS. HIGH SCHOOL

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EXT. DOWNTOWN TOKYO - DAY

GODZILLA, THE Godzilla, STOMPS through a DENSE METROPOLIS. He's ATTACKED by **KING GHIDORAH**, a THREE HEADED, GOLDEN DRAGON. The two BATTLE it out in an EPIC FIGHT, just like the movies.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL:

EXT. GODZILLA'S HOUSE - DAY

The two KAIJU (Japanese monsters) are actually SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOYS, about the size of linebackers, TUSSLING and SLAPPING each other on the front lawn of an American suburban home.

The City of Tokyo just a SMALL, CARDBOARD MODEL in the GRASS beside them.

Ghidorah PINS Godzilla to the ground with TWO OF HIS HEADS, TAUNTING him with the THIRD ONE. Godzilla FIGHTS back.

GHIDORAH C'mon! Give me a ride, Godzilla! Give me a ride to school!

GODZILLA No! Why don't you take the bus?

GHIDORAH I don't fit in the seats!

GODZILLA Well, they can strap you to the top like luggage!

Godzilla KICKS Ghidorah off of him. Ghidorah TUMBLES backwards.

Ghidorah turns to Godzilla, who quickly CLIMBS into his OLD, CRAPPY MINI-VAN. Ghidorah SCRAMBLES to his feet.

Ghidorah reaches out to GRAB Godzilla. Godzilla SLAMS the DOOR SHUT before GHIDORAH can REACH him.

Ghidorah SHAKES the door handle and HEAD-BUTTS the door.

GHIDORAH C'mon! Open the door! Open the door! INT. GODZILLA'S MINI-VAN - DAY

Godzilla LIGHTS a cigarette as Ghidorah POUNDS on his window through his MUFFLED YELLING.

EXT. GODZILLA'S MINI-VAN - DAY

Godzilla ROLLS DOWN the window and BLOWS SMOKE into Ghidorah's LEFT FACE. The face COUGHS.

LIGHTNING CHARGES around Ghidorah's Left Head. He HEAD-BUTTS the door, SLAM!, leaving a HUGE DENT.

GODZILLA Ghidorah!! Fuckin' calm down. People are going to think we're fighting.

GHIDORAH We are fighting!

GODZILLA I mean, like, Kaiju, giant Japanese monster, property destruction fighting.

GHIDORAH Why won't you give me a ride? You give your girlfriend a ride.

GODZILLA Okay, Mothra is NOT my girlfriend. We're just friends, man.

GHIDORAH We've been friends way longer.

GODZILLA We're neighbors. Not friends. Do friends steal your comic books?

GHIDORAH You already read them!

GODZILLA Do friends break your playstation controller?

GHIDORAH It was broken when you handed it to me! GODZILLA Do friends tape your porn search history to your locker?!

GHIDORAH You did that to me!!

GODZILLA Oh, yeah. Hey, is a K.I.L.F. what I think it is? A Kaiju I'd like to--

Ghidorah's MIDDLE HEAD LUNGES at Godzilla.

Godzilla DUCKS. He TURNS the KEY. The motor WHINES awake.

Ghidorah GRABS onto the front of the van. RIGHT HEAD through the DRIVER'S WINDOW, LEFT HEAD through the PASSENGER'S WINDOW, MIDDLE HEAD staring down Godzilla through the WINDSHIELD.

Godzilla SWERVES BACKWARDS down the driveway.

GODZILLA (CONT'D)

GET OFF!

GHIDORAH

DRIVE ME!!

GODZILLA YOU HAVE WINGS! FLY YOURSELF TO SCHOOL!

GHIDORAH I HATE FLYING!! IT'S WORSE THAN WALKING!

GODZILLA

THEN WALK!!

GHIDORAH

NEVER!!!

Godzilla SWERVES onto the FRONT LAWN, SQUASHING the TOKYO MODEL.

The mini-van CAREENS off the CURB, sending Ghidorah FLYING OFF.

The van lands in the street with CLUNK and a chassis SQUEAK.

Ghidorah, DAZED, picks himself up off the ground. He SPOTS his DESTROYED TOKYO MODEL and GASPS.

He picks up the destroyed model and examines it. ALL THREE FACES FROWN and TEAR UP. The little paper Tokyo Tower at the center FALLS to the ground.

Ghidorah LOOKS UP to see Godzilla DRIVING AWAY. Godzilla hangs a MIDDLE FINGER out the window as the van disappears into the distance.

Ghidorah DROPS his model. All three faces get MAD.

GHIDORAH (CONT'D) (VILLAINOUS) YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, GODZILLA!

INT. MOTHRA'S BEDROOM - DAY

Through the upstairs window, Godzilla's VAN PULLS UP to the curb on the street below.

A PHONE on the desk by the window BUZZES. A HAND picks it up so we can read: "outside"

MOTHRA, INSECT KAIJU, MASSIVE WINGSPAN, jean jacket and messy hair, TEXTS BACK the awkward-walking-guy emoji.

EXT. MOTHRA'S HOUSE - DAY

Mothra WAVES and SMILES at Godzilla from her WINDOW. Godzilla waves back.

INT. GODZILLA'S MINI-VAN - DAY

Godzilla TURNS UP his MUSIC and SMOKES a CIGARETTE.

POOF!! A PUFF of PINK SMOKE FILLS the entire VAN. Godzilla COUGHS and WAVES the smoke away.

THE SHOBIJIN (O.S.) Good morning, Godzilla.

THE SHOBIJIN, two small, identical, beautiful, FAIRIES have APPEARED, STANDING on Godzilla's dash, FROWNING and ARMS CROSSED.

Godzilla SCREAMS. He THROWS his CIGARETTE out the window.

GODZILLA (Coughing) SHOBIJIN?! Good morning!

SHOBIJIN #1 What is that dent in the side of your car? Have you been fighting?

GODZILLA Oh, no! No, Ma'am.

Shobijin #2 RUBS some SMUDGE off the windshield.

SHOBIJIN #2 Can you even see out this thing?

Godzilla WIPES the rest if the smudge off with his JACKET SLEEVE.

GODZILLA

Yes, Ma'am.

SHOBIJIN #1

Because you know we're raising Mothra in a non-combative Kaiju environment.

GODZILLA

Yes, Ma'am.

Shobijin #2 starts PICKING a SPRING out of the PASSENGER SEAT.

SHOBIJIN #2 Is this car safe to drive?

GODZILLA

Yes, Ma'am.

Godzilla SHOVES the spring back in the seat.

SHOBIJIN #1

As you know, we gave up our immortality and most of our magic in order to create the egg from which our beautiful baby was born.

Shobijin #1 PULLS OUT a FRAMED PHOTO of a DROOLING LARVA and SHOVES it in Godzilla's face.

GODZILLA

Yes, Ma'am!

Shobijin #2 continues to PICK APART the interior of the van.

SHOBIJIN #1 Mothra puts a lot of trust in you, Godzilla. A LOT of trust.

GODZILLA

Yes, Ma'am.

Both Shobojin FLY right up in Godzilla's FACE.

THE SHOBIJIN Do NOT break that trust.

GODZILLA Mothra is my best friend. Honestly, I would never do anything to intentionally hurt her.

The Shobijin share a SIDE-EYE.

SHOBIJIN #2 Hm. Well, you know what they say about good intentions.

GODZILLA (Visibly confused) Uhhh, you'll make good out of "inten" and "tions"?

SHOBIJIN #1 That's assume.

GODZILLA

(proud) No, I just knew that off of top of my head.

The SOUND of the FRONT DOOR of the house SHUTTING can be heard. The Shobijin are STARTLED.

SHOBIJIN #2 (to Shobijin #1) That's her!

SHOBIJIN #1 (to Godzilla) Don't tell Mothra we were here!

SHOBIJIN #2 We respect her personal life!

POOF!! Another PUFF of PINK SMOKE and the Shobijin are GONE. Godzilla WAVES away the smoke and COUGHS. GODZILLA I should *intentionally* put down some fly paper.

The smoke DISSIPATES just as the BACK DOOR SLIDES OPEN.

A KEYBOARD CASE, a TENNIS RACKET and a hand-made MODEL of CHICAGO are THROWN in the back seat.

Mothra CLIMBS in the van and gives Godzilla a BIG HUG. She WHIPS OFF her backpack and PLOPS into the PASSENGER SEAT.

MOTHRA Hi! How's your morning?

GODZILLA Uhh, normal. Chill. Hey, do you ever get the feeling the Shobijin don't like me?

MOTHRA You mean like when they do that?

Mothra POINTS at the FRONT of her HOUSE where The Shobijin have their LITTLE ANGRY FACES PRESSED against the WINDOW.

MOTHRA (CONT'D) They do that to everyone.

GODZILLA Aw man, I thought I was special.

Godzilla turns the ignition. The motor WHINES and the van SPEEDS AWAY.

INT. GODZILLA'S MINI-VAN - DAY

Godzilla DRIVES as Mothra STUDIES, with an OPEN TEXTBOOK and NOTEBOOK. Godzilla POPS a CIGARETTE in his mouth.

MOTHRA Oh! Can I have one?

GODZILLA No, c'mon, I'm running low. I got you a pack on Monday, you smoked all those?

MOTHRA I accidentally washed them with my jacket. And I have a midterm today and I'm super stressed! Please! Okay, okay!

Godzilla PULLS another CIGARETTE from the PACK with his TEETH. He EXHALES SMOKE through his NOSTRILS, LIGHTING both cigarettes. Godzilla HANDS ONE to Mothra with a SMUG look on his face.

> MOTHRA You think you look real cool doing that, huh?

GODZILLA No, I look *hot* doing that. I look *cool* doing this.

Godzilla SUCKS the CIGARETTE INTO HIS MOUTH, then BLOWS IT OUT HIS NOSTRIL. He takes a DRAG through his NOSTRIL then BLOWS the SMOKE out his MOUTH.

Mothra SMACKS Godzilla's arm.

MOTHRA

GROSS!!

Mothra takes a DRAG from her cigarette to HIDE a SMILE.

MOTHRA (CONT'D) Hey, can I vent for a second?

Godzilla EXHALES smoke.

GODZILLA

Vent away.

MOTHRA

(Fast) So, I was talking to Emi and Yumi and originally they weren't planning to go to homecoming but then Ted Marker asked Yumi, and Emi didn't want to be left out so she asked Ethan Lauren-

GODZILLA Emi and Yumi are from Jazz Band?

MOTHRA

Emi, plays Tenor Sax, long hair, really pretty. Yumi gave the answers to your biology homework that time-

GODZILLA Oh right, right, right.

MOTHRA

Anyway-

EXT. SCHOOL PARKING LOT - DAY

It's PACKED. The mini-van PULLS UP to the ONLY OPEN SPOT.

MOTHRA (0.S.) (Fast) So they're all going in a group together, and they're going to take pictures at Yumi's house before, because Yumi's mom has to have every moment of her life documented and triple notarized-

The ground CRACKS open. **HEDORAH**, the GOO MONSTER, OOZES out of the crack. He FLOODS the parking space and ABSORBS the CARS on either side.

GODZILLA Hey, that's a compact spot!

INT. SCHOOL ENTRANCE - DAY

Students stand in a LONG, SLOW MOVING LINE that ends at a METAL DETECTOR.

MOTHRA

(Fast)

Now they want me to go, too, and I told them I don't have anything to wear, and they said they were going dress shopping after school, but those places never have anything for kaiju and I'd have to cut holes in the back for my wings, and cutting a brand new dress just makes me sad, you know?

MECHAGODZILLA, a ROBOT MONSTER, walks through the metal detector. It FLASHES RED LIGHTS and an ALARM BLARES.

Everyone else in line GROANS.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

GODZILLA and MOTHRA walk together. It's CROWDED with HUMAN and MONSTER students.

MOTHRA

(Fast) And for what? So we can hang out in the cafeteria? On a Saturday? Dancing to music that was popular five years ago while teachers stare at you?

GIGAN, a MONSTER with HOOK HANDS, struggles with his COMBINATION LOCK. Frustrated, he TEARS open the LOCKER DOOR.

INT. AT GODZILLA'S LOCKER - DAY

Godzilla puts his backpack away. Mothra LEANS against the next locker.

MOTHRA So, what do you think?

GODZILLA What do I think what?

MOTHRA What do you think about going to Homecoming together?

GODZILLA Oh, you *want* to go to Homecoming?

MOTHRA Uh, well, I'd want to go with you.

GODZILLA It just seemed like- I didn't know you liked... dancing.

MOTHRA Yeah, I'm not a monk or dead. I like dancing.

Mothra senses Godzilla's HESITATION.

MOTHRA (CONT'D) I mean, it would be dumb. But it would be dumb together. I don't know. GODZILLA No, yeah, I'd be down.

MOTHRA

Really?

GODZILLA Yeah, sure, why not?

MOTHRA (Beaming) Great! Okay! I'll text you the details and stuff. I gotta go to class.

GODZILLA (Not cool) Cool!

Mothra walks backwards. The NERVOUS ENERGY between them

WIDENS.

MOTHRA (Equally uncool) I'll text you.

GODZILLA Yeah, you said that.

MOTHRA Oh, right. Okay Bye.

GODZILLA

Bye!

MOTHRA

Bye!

Mothra TURNS AROUND and is QUICKLY LOST in the CROWD.

Godzilla keeps STARING in that direction.

RODAN (O.S.) What're you doing?

Godzilla JUMPS. He turns around to see **RODAN**, 16, a PTEROSAUR MONSTER with THINK RIM GLASSES, a FOOT SHORTER than Godzilla.

GODZILLA Rodan! Nothing! Just getting my, uh, everything I need for class. (MORE) GODZILLA (CONT'D) Let's see; Pencil.... That's it! Let's go.

Godzilla SLAMS his locker shut.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Godzilla and Rodan walk together.

RODAN

It looked like you guys were laughing about something. But not something funny, because your faces looked like you were in pain.

Rodan SCRUNCHES his face in IMITATION.

GODZILLA Mothra asked me to homecoming.

RODAN No way! As friends, or as, you know, other.

GODZILLA Uhh, I'm not sure.

RODAN

You don't know? You have to find out. This could be a seismic shift in your life-long friendship!

GODZILLA

Okay, okay. Don't lay an egg.

RODAN Hey! That only happens when I'm under extreme stress.

GODZILLA

(Shrugs)

If the most stressful thing to happen to me today is getting asked out then I think I'm doing pretty good.

RODAN Oh, you're not stressed about the physics test today?

GODZILLA (Correcting) Physics test *next week*. RODAN No. The unit exam? That's today.

GODZILLA I don't think so.

RODAN It's first period! It's right now!

GODZILLA (Smug) Okay, we'll see.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Godzilla sits at his with HUGE TEST PACKET in front of him.

He turns to Rodan sitting at the desk next to him.

GODZILLA Why didn't you tell me this was today?

Rodan opens his mouth but he's cut off by-

MR. SERIZAWA, THIN and TIRED with an EYEPATCH over his right eye, SLAMMING the left over tests on his desk, CRASHING into the chair behind his desk.

SERIZAWA Big unit exam! Today. First period. But you all knew that.

Godzilla puts his HEAD in his HANDS.

SERIZAWA (CONT'D) You know the rules. No talking, even if you're done. And if you cheat I'll know. I got one eye in the front of my head, but two in the back. And others you don't want to know where.

Only RUFFLING PAPERS break the silence as the class takes their test.

Godzilla looks down at his test. The questions look like GIBBERISH to him. He looks over at Rodan.

GODZILLA

Pst. Pst.

Rodan looks over. Godzilla gives him PUPPY DOG EYES.

Rodan glances at Mr. Serizawa. He looks VERY distracted by his phone.

Rodan DISCREETLY SLIDES his test to the end of his desk.

Godzilla NOT SO DISCREETLY eyes Rodan's test.

GHIDORAH (O.S.)

Mr. Serizawa!

Godzilla and Rodan SCRAMBLE back to looking at their own tests.

Ghidorah is SITTING BEHIND GODZILLA.

GHIDORAH (CONT'D) Mr. Serizawa, can I ask you about this question?

Serizawa PULLS himself up from his chair. He walks IN BETWEEN Rodan and Godzilla to get to Ghidorah's desk.

Rodan gives Godzilla a SYMPATHETIC GLANCE. He MOUTHS: "Sorry."

Godzilla STARES DOWN his test. He SWEATS. He FLIPS through the PAGES. How LONG has it BEEN?? THE BELL RINGS.

All the students STAND UP at ONCE and DROP their TESTS in Serizawa's desk.

Godzilla looks down at his desk. He QUICKLY CIRCLES random answers.

SERIZAWA (O.S.) You have to turn it in.

GODZILLA

What?

Godzilla looks up. The class is EMPTY except him and Serizawa.

SERIZAWA

The class is over you have to turn in your test, Godzilla.

Godzilla approaches Serizawa's desk and hands him his test. Serizawa WINCES.

> GODZILLA You can tell it's that bad?

SERIZAWA Well, I can tell you all the answers aren't "A".

Serizawa HOLDS UP the test with all the A answers CIRCLED.

GODZILLA I was counting on the law of averages. That's physics.

SERIZAWA No. It's not. (Sighs) Godzilla, at this point in the

semester, having an "F" is going to put you on academic probation.

GODZILLA

Uh, okay.

SERIZAWA I'm happy to help you find ways to raise your grade but it's going to take a lot of work. Got it?

GODZILLA (Shrugs) Yeah, sure.

SERIZAWA

Man, I promise you, you will care about this. And I just hope it's before it's too late.

Godzilla ROLLS his eyes and STOMPS out of class.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Godzilla CLOSES the door behind him REVEALING GHIDORAH, waiting for him RIGHT OUTSIDE.

GHIDORAH Academic probation, huh? That sucks!

GODZILLA

Yeah whatever.

Godzilla starts walking away. Ghidorah FOLLOWS him, producing a STUDENT HANDBOOK. He reads from it.

GHIDORAH Says here you can't, participate in athletics, clubs, or any extracurricular activities. That's a real shame.

GODZILLA Do I look extracurricular to you?

Ghidorah STOPS but Godzilla keeps TRUDGING forward.

Ghidorah calls out after him.

GHIDORAH Yeah, you're right. Doesn't sound like a big deal at all.

Godzilla DISAPPEARS into the CROWD.

GHIDORAH (CONT'D) (Reading from student handbook) Oh yeah. And banned from attending all student dances.

Ghidorah SLAMS the book closed. All THREE HEADS LAUGH MANIACALLY.

A BUG FLIES into the LEFT HEAD'S OPEN MOUTH. He CHOKES until the RIGHT HEAD SPITS it OUT. LEFT and RIGHT catch their BREATH.

> GHIDORAH (CONT'D) (MIDDLE HEAD) God, I can't take you guys anywhere.