

## **Who When Wow, Season 2, Episode 22**

### **El Chupacabra**

**Carly.** Hey there Who, When, Wowzers and welcome to another episode of the podcast. This week..

**Lewis.** Hey! Carly! What are you doing in the janitors closet? We're about to start the movie!

**Carly.** (yelling) I'm just recording my podcast Lewis, I'll be out in a couple of minutes.

**Lewis.** Uh huh. Guys! She said to start without her!

(Soundbite of door closing.)

**Carly.** (yelling) That's not what I said! Yeah, OK, I gotta make this quick Wowzers, it's the office movie night, and tonight we're watching Paranliens 2: Return of the Space Nibblers. It's about alien piranhas.

(Soundbite of office crowd gasp and then laugh.)

**Carly.** OK, you know what. This'll have to wait, sorry. Here look I'll write you a note. I ... owe ... you ... one ... intro. This is ridiculous, I'll just do it. I'm Carly Q and this is Who, When, Wow - Mystery Edition.

(Soundbite of door opening.)

**Carly.** What did I miss?!

(THEME SONG)

**Carly.** It was the day after the office movie night and as always Lewis was stapling documents and being his usual annoying self.

**Lewis.** How'd you like that movie last night Carly Q?

**Carly.** (nervous laugh) Yeah. I loved it.

**Carly in background.** I didn't.

**Lewis.** Yeah, seemed a little unrealistic to me.

**Carly.** It was a little TOO realistic for me.

(Sound bite of stapler punch.)

**Carly.** Look I love aliens, and I actually like piranhas, but I don't think they should ever be confined.

**Lewis.** I mean, I've seen piranhas in action before and that's NOT how they would devour a sheep.

(Soundbite of stapler punch.)

**Carly.** And every time Lewis punched that stapler it reminded me of those creepy alien fish.

**Lewis.** And I know what you're gonna say Carly Q. 'They're not really Piranhas; they're Alien Piranhas.' And trust me, I get that.

**Carly.** And it was starting to get to me.

(Soundbite of multiple stapler punches.)

**Carly.** Gah!

**Lewis.** You okay, Carly Q? Is my stapling bothering you?

(Soundbite of stapler punch.)

**Carly.** Yeah. No! No, I'm fine! I just need to go back down to my desk and work, in the basement.

**Lewis.** Well, I guess I'll see you round Carly Q. Don't let the paraliens get you.

**Carly.** (nervous laugh)

(Soundbite of door opening to basement.)

**Carly.** You see listeners of the universe, I have a very active imagination. Usually this is a good thing ...like the time I decided to put hot sauce on my PB and J. It was so delicious I made a dozen of them and left them in the break room to share! But other times, my imagination can get a little carried away.

(Soundbite of rat scurrying and squeaking.)

**Carly.** Hello? Who is that? If you're an intergalactic space fish you have to tell me.

(Soundbite of rat scurrying and squeaking.)

**Carly.** Oh it's just you, Nibbles

(Soundbite of rat squeaking.)

**Carly.** What do you mean why am I so jumpy? I'm not jumpy! I could tell that Nibbles was onto me so I decided to get to work.

(Soundbite of rat squeaking.)

**Carly.** I don't have time for this Nibbles. I've got work to do.

(Soundbite of rat squeaking.)

**Carly.** What work? Uhhhhhh ... this!

(Soundbite of thumb drive coming down vacuum tube.)

**Carly.** Another time sealed event to investigate. See, very important.

**Audio File.** Event. (BLEEP) Puerto Rico(BLEEP) 1995 (BLEEP) El Chupacabra.

**Carly.** My Spanish was *un poco* rusty, so I booted up H-dad to help me translate.

**H-dad.** H-dad powering up!

**Carly.** H-dad, Translate El Chupacabra from Spanish.

**H-dad.** Traductorio! emoji bandera española. emoji de la bandera americana. emoji de reloj de arena.

(Soundbite of Ding.)

**H-dad.** El Chupacabra translates to ... The Goat Sucker. Goat emoji, juice box with straw emoji.

**Carly.** The Goat Sucker? What is that?

**H-dad.** The Goat Sucker, or El Chupacabra, is a legendary creature found in Latin American folklore. The first sighting of this creature was in Puerto Rico in 1995.

**Carly** in the background. A legendary creature? Sounds like something from Paranliens 2.

**Carly.** I was hoping this legendary creature doesn't give me the heeby geebies. When lunch came around, it was still on my mind.

**Carly in the background.** Hey Nibbles, you ever seen a piranha in the wild? Guess you wouldn't be here if you.

**Carly.** I was heading toward the time travel elevator, thinking about aliens and piranhas when I bumped into Odie.

**Odie.** Woah, easy there, basement companion.

**Carly.** Sorry Odie, I was... Not watching here I was going.

**Odie.** Obviously.

**Carly.** Just thinking about this movie I saw and just imagining it was real and.

**Odie.** You know what they say Carly Q. Everything you can imagine is real. The artist Pablo Picasso said that.

(Soundbite of wind chimes.

**Carly.** Oof. Wise words huh?

**Odie.** Indeed. So where are you off to this time?

**Carly.** Puerto Rico, 1995. I got a time sealed event with the phrase "El Chupacabra" plastered all over it.

**Odie.** El Chupacabra?

**Carly.** Yeah, it's this wild creature that started showing up across Latin America in the late 90s.

**Odie.** Sounds like that time I was a back up dancer for the Ricky Martin tour.

**Carly.** What?

**Odie.** (changing the subject) So, you remember all the rules?

**Carly.** Uh.. Yes. Of course. Don't change the past. Be back by the end of lunch.

**Odie.** Aaaaaand be sure to try the alcapurrias while you're there. That's not a rule; they're just super tasty... Now hold on tight. Here. We. Go!

(Soundbite of elevator ding and travel noises.)

**Carly.** Here I come goat suckerrrrr.

(Soundbite of elevator landing.)

**Carly.** San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1994. Boy it is warm out today.

**Nibbles.** You think you got it tough? Try being covered in fur! It's like a winter coat you can never take off.

**Carly.** Oh, sounds awful.

**Nibbles.** What's awful is this hunger I got going on. You in the mood for some Caribbean food? Maybe get out of this heat for a second?

**Carly.** Maybe for a second. How about over there? There's really enthusiastic guy waving a menu at me.... Hi! Hola!

**Nibbles.** If he has food, I'm all for it. I'll be in the backpack if you need me.

**Pedro.** Amiga, welcome to San Juan! My name is Pedro. You looking for some food today?

**Carly.** Uh, yeah.

**Pedro.** Bueno! Follow me. I've got a table for you inside out of the heat.

**Carly.** Oh great. Whew, it is hot out here.

(Soundbite of Carly follows Pedro into a restaurant.)

**Pedro.** So, tell me, what brings you to my beautiful city today?

**Carly.** Well, I'm actually here on an investigation.

**Pedro.** An investigation? What are you investigating?

**Carly.** It's a creature that goes by the name El Chupacabra.

**Pedro.** El Chupacabra?

**Carly.** Um ... yes?

**Pedro.** What is your name, señorita?

**Carly.** Oh, I got this one. Mi nombre es Carly Q.

**Pedro.** Well Carly Q. I believe I can help you with your investigation.

**Carly.** Really?

**Nibbles.** Can he help us get some food?

**Pedro.** What?

**Carly.** I said ... that's really goooood.

**Pedro.** Uh huh.

**Carly.** So, how can you help?

**Pedro.** I've see it. El Chupacabra.

**Carly.** You've seen it?!

**Pedro.** Just a few nights ago, in my back yard. It attacked one of my goats!

**Carly.** Really?

**Pedro.** Sí.

(Soundbite of mysterious music.)

**Pedro.** I was just coming home from seeing a movie with my brother. As we got out of the truck.

**Carly.** (interrupting) Ooooh, which movie?

**Pedro.** Uhh... Species, I think it was. Have you seen it?

**Carly.** I Have *seen* it. It's a classic!

**Pedro.** How could it be a classic already? It just came out.

**Carly.** I mean an INSTANT classic!. So good. You know what I mean

**Pedro.** Anyway, I was walking up to my house when I heard a strange noise from my back yard.

(Soundbite of mysterious music.)

**Pedro in flashback.** ¿Qué fue eso?

**Pedro.** I decided to investigate ... I grabbed my flashlight and headed out into the backyard.

(Soundbite of door opening.)

**Pedro in flashback.** ¿Hola? ¿Hay alguien ahí?

**Pedro.** And that's when I saw it. Four feet tall. Leathery. Scaly and green with a sharp row of spikes coming out of its back.

**Carly.** Woah.

**Pedro.** It was on top my goat, sucking the life out of it. And when I approached it.

**Pedro in flashback.** ¡Ey! ¡Sal de aquí!

**Pedro.** It hissed at me and scurried off into the night.

(Soundbite of someone running away into the bushes.)

**Carly.** So what do you think it was?

**Pedro.** I have no idea, I've never seen anything like it before.

**Carly.** Huh.

**Nibbles.** (muffled) Maybe some food would refresh his memory?

(soundbite of the doors of the restaurant burst open.)

**Isabel.** Pedro!

**Pedro.** Isabel? What are you doing here?

**Isabel.** It's your brother, he caught it!

**Pedro.** Caught what?

**Isabel.** El Chupacabra!

**Pedro.** Are you sure?

**Isabel.** I saw it myself, it's in a pit trap just down the street.

**Pedro.** Señorita Carly, we must see! ¡Vamos!

**Carly.** Come on Nibbles. We can't miss this.

**Nibbles.** I'm still starving. If I lose any more weight I'm just going to be feet. Are we ever going to get any food?

(Soundbite everyone rushing out of restaurant.)

**Carly.** No, we got something even better!

**Nibbles.** I doubt it.

**Carly.** One of the locals up the road trapped El Chupacabra.

**Nibbles.** Uh huh. So... no food?

**Carly.** No!

(Soundbite of loud crowd.)

**Pedro.** Señorita Carly! Over here!

**Carly.** Pedro? Where is it?

**Pedro.** Right there, in the bottom of the pit. Look.

(Soundbite of a dog whimpering.)

**Carly.** Woah. What is that thing?

**Pedro.** I thought you could tell me!

**Carly.** Right. Uhhh, let me just get out my handy dandy H-dad here.

**Nibbles.** (to crowd.) Hey watch it.

**Carly.** Ah, here it is!

**H-dad.** H-dad back in action.

**Pedro.** That is one fancy looking Walkman.

**Carly.** It's not a Walkman, it's a ... never mind. H-dad, take photo of the creature that's in this pit and tell me what we're looking at.

**H-dad.** Affirmative. Camera mode activated. Say cheese.

(Sound bite of camera shutter.)

**H-dad.** Analyzing. Analyzing. Aaaaaanalyzing.

**Carly.** That's one weird looking creature.

**Pedro.** Sí.

**Carly.** But it doesn't really look like the creature you described.

**Pedro.** Sí, no scales... no spikes.

**H-dad.** Analysis complete!

**Carly.** Hey! H-dad's done analyzing. He usually takes way longer than this. OK H-dad, what have you got for us?

**H-dad.** The creature photographed is...(bleeps)..a canine.

**Carly.** A canine? Like a dog?

**Pedro.** Un perro?

**H-dad.** Afirmativo. Dog emoji, sad face emoji.

**Carly.** That doesn't look like any dog I've ever seen.

**Pedro.** That is no dog, señorita. That is a monster.

**Carly.** H-dad! Explain yourself!

**H-dad.** Based on it's appearance, it's possible this canine may be suffering from a disease known as mange.

**Carly.** Mange?

**H-dad.** Affirmative. Mange is caused by a parasitic infection of the skin and causes severe hair loss in some animals.

**Carly.** Well I guess that would explain the leathery skin.

**H-dad.** Mange also depletes energy levels, resulting in afflicted animals attacking livestock rather than hunting.



**Carly.** And that would explain why it's been attacking your goats! Are you sure that this isn't the animal that attacked your goat the other night, Pedro?

**Pedro.** I don't know, it was so dark. I suppose it could be?

**Carly.** But where's the scaly green skin? Where's the spikes?

**Pedro.** Well.

**Carly.** (big gasp) Oh Em Gee! I just had a brainwave.

**Pedro.** What is it, señorita?

**Carly.** Pedro, that movie you were watching just before you saw the Chupacabra.

**Pedro.** Species. Sí.

**Carly.** What did the monster in THAT movie look like?

**Pedro.** Oh it was terrifying; it was about 4 feet tall with reptilian-like scales, with a row of boney spikes along its spine.

**Carly.** Just like the Chupacabra you saw moments later!

**Pedro.** Well, I suppose...oh.

**Carly.** I knew that description sounded familiar!

**Pedro.** You're saying what I actually saw was this dog? This is the thing that attacked my live stock?

**Carly.** That's what I'm saying!

**Pedro.** Dios mio, I feel like a fool. I have a.. imaginación activa. No?

**Carly.** Believe me ... I understand, Pedro. But an active imagination isn't always a bad thing. I bet it helps with recipes, right?

**Pedro.** Sí! I came up with the idea for our signature alcapurrias when I was in the shower!

**Carly.** Cool! You know, I make these PB&J sandwiches with hot sauce and it's actually, (Soundbite of a watch alarm buzzes.)

**Pedro.** I'm sorry Carly, but we have to go! The lunch rush is about to start!

**Carly.** And I think my lunch break is about to be over.

**Pedro.** Adios, Carly. Muchos Gracias!

**Carly.** Adios!

(Soundbite of Pedro walks away. Nibbles makes her way out of Carly's backpack.)

**Nibbles.** So what's the situation on those alcapurrias?

**Carly.** Sorry, Nibs. I hear they're great, but we don't have time. We need to get back to the elevator.

**Nibbles.** Well at least we got to the bottom of that El Chupacabra mystery.

**Carly.** Yeah, turns out it was a dog with mange.

**Nibbles.** Mange is a nasty business. I got a cousin back home who had it. No bueno. Comprende?

(Soundbite of DING. The elevator arrives and takes off.)

**Carly.** Well, this is our ride, Nibbles.

**Nibbles.** Guess I'll be scrounging for pizza in the cafeteria again.

(Soundbite of elevator landing.)

**Odie.** Welcome back, basement companion. How is El Chupacabra?

**Carly.** So it turns out the whole legend of El Chupacabra was basically just a case of mistaken identity! The guy who saw it had a very active imagination.

**Odie.** Reminds me of someone I know.

**Carly.** Oh you're talking about me.

**Odie.** Uh huh.

**Carly.** But honestly though, a world with a Chupacabra and aliens and ghosts and mystery. Well it's alot interesting than a world without it.

**Odie.** I suppose that's why our friend Mr. Picasso said,

(Soundbite of wind chimes.)

**Carly.** Everything you can imagine is real.

**Odie.** Ooh like you imagined those peanut butter, jelly and hot sauce sandwiches you left in the break room.

**Carly.** PBJ AND H, good right?

**Odie.** Oh salty, sweet and spicy. I never would have thought of that! (chewing) I'm adding it to my lunchtime rotation. Try one!

**Carly.** Awww, thanks Odie.

(Soundbite of rat squeaking.)

**Carly.** So it turns out a little imagination isn't such a bad thing after all!

(Soundbite of rat squeaking.)

**Carly.** I saved one of those sandwiches too. Sweet, spicy, oo spicy! (chewing) That's it for this episode of the super-secret podcast! And remember. You never heard this! And let me know if you run into any paraliens and dont approach them and dont tell them about this podacst. They're one mystery I do not wish to solve.