

## Who, When, Wow! Mystery Edition

### Total Eclipse of the Heart Emoji

**Carly.** Hello there, people of the universe..I got a question for you. What's your favorite type of eclipse? Me? I love a lunar eclipse, but if I'm in the right mood, an Annular eclipse goes down real nice. BUT ... out of all the eclipses we get to watch from down here on Earth, there is ONE that stands out above the rest; the TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE, where the moon COMPLETELY covers up the sun, and just for a moment, the entire world seems to plunge into darkness ...super spooky, super cool, Now, I've never seen one before; but that's about to change on today`s episode. I`m Carly Q and this is Who, When, Wow! Mystery Edition.

(THEME SONG)

(Soundbite of office noises)

**Carly.** It was the day of the Solar Eclipse, puns were in the air.

**Co-worker.** Monday is PUN-day!

**Carly.** And the office was a hive of activity! There were fun solar eclipse themed foods.

**Co-worker #1.** Has anyone seen my *sun* dried tomatoes?

**Carly.** Solar eclipse themed games.

**Co-worker #2.** It's called "Pin the Corona on the Eclipse ..."!

**Co-worker #1.** Yeah, I still don't get it.

**Carly.** And I was in my very best solar eclipse costume.

**Lewis.** Carly! I've been looking everywhere for.

(Soundbite of Carly and Lewis crashing into each other.)

**Carly.** Gah, sorry Lewis you kinda came out of nowhere.

**Lewis.** Came out of nowhere? Uh, maybe it's because you're wearing 3 pairs of sunglasses INDOORS.

**Carly.** Yeah, it's part of my eclipse costume.

**Lewis.** Whatever, I need your help putting up a banner.

**Carly.** Suuuure. I can help I just ... uhhhh, need to go pee first.

**Lewis.** TMI Carly.

**Carly.** BRB My man.

**Carly.** Can I tell you a little secret my friends? I didn't actually need to use the bathroom. It's not that I didn't want to help Lewis out with his banner, It's just that I already had SO much to do down in the basement to make sure that it was ready for the main event!

(Soundbite of basement door closing.)

**Carly.** I'll need to bedazzle my solar protection goggles, obviously. A big stack of historical events had begun to pile up on my desk since I started my prep for the eclipse, and I was delicately sorting them to clear some space on my desk.

**Carly in the background.** I just got to moovee these out of the way.

(Soundbite of files come crashing to the floor.)

**Carly in the background.** That's better.

**Carly.** When I noticed something on the ground, a time sealed event. Aha.

(Soundbite of Carly putting file in computer.)

**Audio File.** Time Sealed Event (BEEP) Anatolia. (BEEP) 585 BCE (BEEP) Eclipse.

**Carly.** Eclipse?! Well, I've got time for one quick adventure. Right?

**P.A Voice.** Attention BUTTHED employees. Today's special lunch-menu item is the Eclipsicle! It's just like a regular popsicle, only you eat it in the dark. Share and enjoy!

**Carly.** I grabbed my backpack, and headed down the hallway to visit my friend Odie, elevator-operator extraordinaire.

(Soundbite walking to elevator.)

**Carly.** Hey Odie! Nice solar eclipse shirt!

**Odie.** Thank you basement companion, I got it at the last eclipse I went to.

**Carly.** (in awe) You've seen a total eclipse before?

**Odie.** Oh yes. Changed my life, just like my shirt says.

**Carly.** I got totally eclipsed in Orlando, Florida. Total Solar Eclipse 1918'. Wait. 1918?! Odie, how old are you again?

**Odie.** You know we don't talk about my age, basement companion

**Carly.** Right. Sorry. I didn't realize they were giving away souvenir shirts back in 1918.

**Odie.** Oh they weren't. I had to get this custom made.

**Carly.** Oh! That reminds me. I made some bumpers stickers for the Time Traveling Elevator.

(Soundbite of Carly handing over the stickers.)

**Odie.** Thank you, basement companion. Is that why you came down here?

**Carly.** No, there's something else; a time sealed event!

**Odie.** Not so loud Carly! Someone is going to hear you.

**Carly.** Oop, sorry. (clears throat,whispers) A time sealed event.

**Odie.** Let me take a look.

(Soundbite of Carly hands her a slip of paper.)

**Odie.** Ah tsk tsk tsk tsk ... Anatolia? This is a very difficult place to drop you.

**Carly.** Where even is Anatolia? I've never heard of it before.

**Odie.** Well that's because it no longer exists. It is where Turkey is today.

**Carly.** Oh.

**Odie.** But this time and place, oh very dangerous. The closest I think I can get you is ... about a year after this event.

**Carly.** Ughhh, fine. I'll see what I can find out.

**Odie.** Great! You remember the rules?

**Carly.** Yes I do. Don't touch anything and be back by the end of lunch.

**Odie.** Especially today. You want to make sure you're back in time to see the eclipse right?.

**Carly.** You know it!

**Odie.** But keep in mind, believing isn't always seeing.

**Odie.** Okay,remember not to look directly at the sun.

**Carly.** That's why I'm wearing all these sunglasesssss.

(Soundbite of elevator travel noises then thud.)

**Carly.** Oof! Smooth as ever Odie. Woah, it looks like I'm in some kind of palace, this place is massive. Look at these pillars, they must be 50 feet tall. (echos) Hello!

(echos) Haha! (echos) Pigs ... in ... spaaaaace! (echos) This place is awesome.

(Soundbite of a woman yelling in a foreign language.)

**Carly.** Somebody's coming and she sounds angry. H-dad!

**H-dad.** H-dad pooowering up!

**Carly.** Activate translation mode.

**H-dad.** Translating the words from angry woman now.

**Arzu.** You're supposed to be in the kitchen! What are you doing out here?

**Carly.** I'm sorry I think I got a little lost.

**Arzu.** Well let me get you UN-lost. The kitchen is down the end of this hall. You better get there quick. We're about to serve the appetizers.

**Carly.** I'm sorry ... who are you?

**Arzu.** Who am I? Of Ya! This is the last time hire from Bahadır catering.

**Carly.** Catering? What?

**Arzu.** I, dear, am Arzu. I'm the one who's in charge of making sure this Royal Wedding goes off without a hitch and you, right now, are making my job very difficult.

**Carly.** Royal wedding. Right.

**Arzu.** So are you going to come with me to the kitchen or do I have to get one of the guards to escort you from the premises.

**Carly.** No, no! It's cool. I can cater. I can cater real good. Sometimes I cater when I dont even realize I'm catering.

**Arzu.** (unenthused) Great. Follow me.

(Soundbite of them walking down echoey hallway.)

**Carly.** So, who's the lucky couple?

**Arzu.** Whose the lucky couple? Have you been living under a rock? This is the wedding of the century! After 6 years of bloodshed we finally have peace between the Lydians and the Medes.

**H-dad.** The Lydians are an ancient group of people from what is now known as modern day Turkey. The Medes were a group of Ancient Iranians who live in the middle eastern region of the desert

**Carly.** Mute, mute.

**Arzu.** What was that?

**Carly.** Uhhhhh ... Nothing? jus a weird echo in here! Am I right?

**Arzu.** OK that's enough! The kitchen is through here. Stay focused. We can't afford a slip up today.

**Carly.** Got it. Mm smells great by the way

(Soundbite of doors opening and busy kitchen.)

**Arzu.** (yelling to someone else) Is this Kandaulos ready to go? Then plate it up, come on! Let's go.

**Carly.** So, Arzu. What exactly happened to end the war between the Medes and the Lydians?

**Arzu.** I don't know! I wasn't there! Nobody tells me anything. All I know is that a few months after the final battle, the Medes King announced that he's getting married to the sister of the Lydian King.

**Carly.** Woah!

**Arzu.** And I've got the most high stress job of my party planning career!

**Carly.** Innnnnnteresting.

**Arzu.** Now stop messing around and take out some of this Kandaulos to the guests.

**Carly.** Ooooooh soup!

**Arzu.** (whispering, threatening ) It's not soup. It's Kandaulos.

**Carly.** (nervous) Hehe. Okay Got it.

**Arzu.** Now get out there.

(Soundbite of Carly going through heavy doors, party atmosphere.)

**Carly.** Now people. I've been to a few bustling parties in my time. But believe me when I say; this was THE most bustling party I'd ever seen in my life.

**Partygoer #1.** Ooooh is that Kandaulos?

**Carly.** And people were going crazy about this not-soup. Uh, yes?

**Partygoer #2.** That's my favorite!

**Partygoer #3.** I'll take a bowl!

**Partygoer #4.** Me too!

**Carly.** (Overwhelmed) Okay everybody. One at a time. There's enough for everyone. Easy!

(Soundbite of Carly swamped by people.)

**Carly.** Whew! These guys really love their soup! Gah! I mean Kandaulos. I'm sorry, it's not soup. Definitely not soup.

**Man.** (chuckles )It's okay. You're right, it basically is a soup. Is this last one taken?

**Carly.** It's all yours my, dude.

**Man.** Excellent. Kandaulos is my favorite.

**Carly.** Yeah, that seems to be a theme around here.

**Man.** Ahhh Just like how mother used to make. Thank you.

**Carly.** No problem. Hey, I don't suppose I could ask you a question.

**Man.** Of course my friend. If it is in my power I will answer your question.

**Carly.** I heard that the war ended really suddenly. Like ... under mysterious circumstances.

**Man.** That is certainly true. And I should know, some of my best men were there.

**Carly.** Some of your best men? Wow you must be special.

**Man.** No more special than you friend. But yes, I knew people at the last battle of the 6 year war. The Battle of Halys. Although, nowadays people are referring to it as ... the battle of the eclipse.

**Carly.** (huge gasp) Eclipse? Tell. Me. Everything!

**Man.** It's quite a tale. Put your tray down and pull up a chair and I shall regale you with my story.

**Carly.** (places tray down) Done and done.

(Soundbite of chair being pulled up.)

**Man.** The Medes and the Lydians have never really seen eye to eye.

**H-dad.** Activating flashback mode!

(Soundbite of shouting.)

**Man.** It was a slow, painful war. It had been going on for so long that some of us were wondering if it would ever end and we were both engaged in a mighty battle.

We hear crowds of soldiers squabbling with each other. They sound like siblings arguing over the playground. In the background we hear swords and spears clashing.

**Man.** Then, something remarkable happened.

**Carly.** (in awe) Something remarkable? What?

**Man.** The birds; they went quiet. Tweeting in the background dies away. Tension builds. Fighting slowly starts to subside. The temperature dropped. And then ... as if out of nowhere. Twilight. But in the middle of the day! Confusion and chaos fell over the battlefield. And then ... it happened.

**Carly.** Eeeek! I think I know what happens next!

**Man.** A spectacular occurrence; as if obscured by the gods themselves. The sun ... disappeared. Our life giving sun, blotted out, as if by ink. It was clear to all what this meant. The gods were upset by our perpetual bickering. And so we decided right then and there to set aside our differences. Lay down our arms and make peace.

**H-dad.** Story concluded. Flashback mode - deactivated.

**Carly.**(in a trance) Wooooooooooooooooow.

**Man.** I know.

**Carly.** That is one unbelievable story!

**Man.** If I hadn't heard it from my closest adviser's child, I wouldn't have believed it either.

**Carly.** That does sound like a legit source

**Man.** In a way, it seems as though it is the Gods will that this happy day takes place; that my sister shall marry the King of Medes.

**Carly.** Wait ... your sister?! But that would make you.

**Man.** King Croesus of Lydia ... a pleasure to meet you nomad.

**Carly.** Nomad?

**Man.** I am happy to welcome you into my home traveler.

**Arzu.** YOU!

**Carly.** Uh-oh.

**Arzu.** What are you doing away from your post?

**Carly.** I had a post?

**Arzu.** And speaking to the king? Guards! Seize her!

(Soundbite of guards approaching.)

**Carly.** Well, that seems like my cue to leave. Byyyyyyyyyy!

**Arzu.** After her!

**Carly.** Hey is that a large tray of not soup?!

**Guard.** Where?

**Carly.** Haha! Out of there!

(Soundbite of Carly running out of the dining room and through large doors into hallway.)

**Carly.** That was a nice palace. Super nice king. I got news for those people though, that is soup. I didn't even get to try itttttttt.

(Soundbite of elevator travel noises then thud.)

**Odie.** You seem out of breath.

**Carly.** I'm good I'm good. Just had to run from some palace guards. No big deal.

**Odie.** Why is it that you always seem to be running away from a group of angry guards.

**Carly.** I don't know. I always thought of myself as a people person.

**Odie.** I'm sure you do.

**Carly.** Anywho, guess who figured out the mystery of the ancient Eclipse.

**Odie.** (intrigued) Was it?

**Carly.** A full blown solar eclipse in the middle of an ancient battle field?

**Odie.** And did they?

**Carly.** Totally freak out? Yeah, 100%

**Odie.** How'd you find out?



**Carly.** Met the king. NBD

**Odie.** And he just told you?

**Carly.** Yeah. Well, he said it was like one of his friends kids who saw the eclipse. But he seemed cool.

**Odie.** And you're basing this all on one persons ... second hand ...account?

**Carly.** Third hand? but Yeah,I'm choosing to believe it. It's getting me all kinds of excited for our own solar eclipse..because what was it you said? Believing isnt always seeing

**Odie.** Are you using my own words against me?

**Carly.** Ou I might be, I didn` t even think it was possible and yet here we are..

**Odie.** A pleasure as always basement companion

**Carly.** As I walked away thinking about what Odie said, I realized that I still hadn't bedazzled my three pairs of sunglasses and that I still had a lot of prep work to do for the eclipse. But

**Lewis.** Carly Q!Eclipse time! We gotta go to the roof!

**Carly.** Yes!

**Lewis.** The rooftop!

**Carly.** And as the sun disappeared behind the moon and the sky went dark, I thought about the king and his people and how they stopped fighting and became friends all because of the eclipse.

**Lewis.** Oh here we go!

**Carly.** Kind of like me and Lewis.Well not because of the eclipse,but you know what I mean.

**Carly in the background.** This is better than I ever could have imagined Lewis!

**Carly.** This is Carly Q signing off for today. And remember you never heard this.