



Special Mini-Episode: Halloween
By Rachel

Characters:

ANNCR

Buffy Summers

Xander Harris

Anya Jenkins

Tara Maclay

Willow Rosenberg

Dawn Summers

Rupert Giles

Joyce Summers

Spike

Janice Penshaw

Melinda (Dawn's friend, mentioned as living across the street in Family)

– Miranda from Firefly Talk

Trick-Or-Treaters (3) – Charles' kids (Mostly News)

Guy 1 – Mario from the Game Master show

Guy 2 – Joe from Firefly Talk

Girl 1 – Christiana from Podculture

Girl 2 – Naomi S from Firefly Talk

Notes to keep in mind: After *Family*, Buffy and Giles know about Dawn's key ness. Since it's before *Triangle*, Willow and Anya are still at each other's throats.

HAL_000

TABZ:	Hi, welcome to Buffy Between the Lines. We're gonna take a step back in time and do a Halloween special for Season 5! Since Buffy Between the Lines takes place in the summer we wanted to have a special mini-episode for you about Halloween! We'll be back in two weeks with Episode 3!
ANNCR:	Previously on Buffy the Vampire Slayer...
BUFFY & DAWN: (5.01)	MOM!!
JOYCE: (5.04)	Who are you?
MONK: (5.05)	The Key is energy. It's a portal. It opens the door [...] We had to hide the Key, gave it form, molded it flesh... made it human and sent it to you.
BUFFY: (5.05)	Dawn... [...] She's not my sister?
MONK: (5.05)	She doesn't know that.
GILES: (5.06)	Do we tell the others?
BUFFY: (5.06)	It's safer for everyone if they don't know.

HAL_001- Buffy's House

XANDER:	I have with me the quintessential Halloween film. Halloween.
WILLOW:	Xander.. Not again...
XANDER:	Why not Will? It has the holiday in the title!
WILLOW:	But it's not really halloweeny. It's just... mass murder.
XANDER:	Well what do YOU propose we watch?
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XANDER:	Sleepy Hollow is so unrealistic with the things rising from the grave and the protection spells and the (OH DUH...) kind of stuff you see every single day if you're us. All the more reason to not watch it! It's our night off.
	<i>(Xander, Anya, Willow, and Tara continue the conversation in the background as Buffy and Giles talk- See Appendix)</i>

GILES:	Buffy, are you sure it's wise to have let Dawn go out to this... party. (SOFTLY) Especially now that we know it's she whom this person is looking for.
BUFFY:	Giles if I had my way, she wouldn't be out at all tonight. But she threw a huge fit, locked herself in her room crying until mom said I wasn't her mother and she could go. At least it's only across the street, so I can... you know, make sure she's alright? Demon lady isn't exactly low profile, if she makes a scene, I'll know about it.
XANDER:	Hey you guys, stop being all mopey by the window. We need a deciding vote on our horror flick of the evening.
WILLOW:	It's tied, two votes for Halloween and two votes for Sleepy Hollow.
BUFFY:	(SFX: foot steps as she walks over) Let's see... blonde girls are having sex and getting mass murdered, or Johnny Depp goodness? No question there.
ANYA:	(SFX: Slaps Xander) They're having sex and getting KILLED? You made me vote for something where boinking equal dying?

XANDER:	It's a classic, Ahn! (To Giles) Come on, Giles, back me up.
GILES:	If those two films are our only choices, I would have to not go with the mass murdering psychopath. In fact, I find Tim Burton's work to be - on occasion - quite entertaining.
JOYCE:	(Walks in) Happy Halloween everybody!
XANDER:	Oooh, candy for us? You shouldn't have, Mrs. Summers.
JOYCE:	(laughs) And I didn't. It's for the trick-or-treaters. (to Buffy) Sweetheart, do you think you can take care of that tonight? I think I'm going to get an early night's sleep. Those headaches just won't leave me alone.
BUFFY:	Get some rest mom. I've fought vampires, I think I can handle sugar hyped kids in costumes.
JOYCE:	Good night
	<i>(Everyone says good night in their own way)</i>
TARA:	I don't get it, I thought Halloween would be a busy night for demons and monsters and stuff.

XANDER:	Ah, the newbie is unfamiliar with the supernatural laws of Halloween! ...And I could not possible be a bigger dork, could I?
GILES:	(Clears throat) Yes, quite. You see, Tara, Halloween for all intents and purposes is a night off for the undead.
WILLOW:	Only with our track record, it seems to be an every other year kind of thing. So this year should be a year off. Next year we can worry about the supernatural crazies.
BUFFY:	And yay. I seriously need the downtime. With every thing that's been going on, it'd be nice to have a night to just chill with my friends.
	(SFX: Doorbell)
BUFFY:	I'll get it
	(SFX: foot steps, door opens, outside in the distance there is music from the party across the street)
TRICK OR TREATERS:	Trick or treat!!

BUFFY:	Hey there, aren't you guys scary? Let's see what I got for you here. (SFX: candy wrappers) Here's some for you, and some for you and... (trails off as she notices something across the street) They're playing Spin the Bottle. (To her friends inside) They're playing spin the bottle! My fourteen year old sister is playing SPIN THE BOTTLE! (slams the door, the third trick or treater yells "HEY!!!") She's not old enough for that, She-!
ANYA:	At least she's not having sex. Halloween is a great night for that.
BUFFY:	(whimpers)
WILLOW:	Don't you think about anything else?
ANYA:	Of course I do! (thinks) I think about money.
WILLOW:	(sarcastically) Oh right, of course. Almost forgot about that.
XANDER:	Come on guys, lets just chill, we have candy, we have movie, we have night off. What could go wrong?
EVERYONE:	XANDER!
XANDER:	Oh... dammit.

(BBTL THEME SONG)

HAL_002- Melinda's house

	(SFX: Halloween music, some conversation (See Appendix), but not much going on)
GUY 1:	Hey Summers, what're you supposed to be? A hobo? (LAUGHS AS HE WALKS AWAY)
MELINDA:	Don't listen to him Dawn, I like your costume. You're a pop star right?
DAWN:	I'm supposed to be a-
JANICE:	(Walking up) Hey Melinda, the party is a total snooze. Bobbing for apples? PG movies?
MELINDA:	My parents don't like crude stuff. I'm lucky they let me invite boys to the party. I know it's not like the parties you throw, Janice.
DAWN:	The party's fine, Melinda. You have... really good... music.
JANICE:	Uh-huh. Anyways, I found something in the basement, that might just liven things up around here.
MELINDA:	My brother's ouija board?

JANICE:	Yup.
MELINDA:	What do you wanna do with that?
JANICE:	Mischief. Mayhem. Contact a few ghosts. Oh come on, Melinda, lighten up, you know there's no such thing. It's just some Halloween fun, you know, so we don't all die of boredom. Which is 10 times more likely than us contacting a ghost.
DAWN:	I'm not so sure this is a good idea. Giles... I mean... my sister says ouija boards are dangerous.
JANICE:	Come on, Summers. You never listen to your sister. Why start now?

HAL_003 Summers' Home

	(SFX: Sound of movie going in background)
XANDER:	Buff, you don't need to look out the window every five minutes. Dawn's gonna be fine.
BUFFY:	No. It's Tuesday...

HAL_004- Melinda's Home

	(Some kind of spooky music, setting an eerie tone)
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GIRL 1:	Oh Spirits... am I ever gonna find a boyfriend? (Pause as the planchet moves)
GUY 1:	NO
	(Roar of laughter from party guests)
GIRL 2:	My turn! Okay... listen to me oh spirits... What am I gonna get on the big math test next week. (pause, waiting) Q?!
	(Roar of laughter)
GIRL 2:	You were moving the thing!
GUY 2:	I was not! Besides if the forces of darkness say you're gonna get a below failing grade on your test, who are you to say otherwise?
GIRL 2:	Melinda, you were moving it!
MELINDA:	I was not! See. I'm not touching it!
DAWN:	And... it's still moving... guys!
JANICE:	Stop pushing it, Dawn.
DAWN:	I'm not. (Reading slowly as it spells out) R- E- L- E- A- S- E M- E

	(SFX: loud sound of rushing wind, the sound of an animal growling, party goers start yelling as the wind gets faster, objects start flying around the room and crashing)
MELINDA:	What is that thing? It looks like a wolf!
DAWN:	I don't know. It doesn't look like it's solid, but it-
	(SFX: Shattering glass)
DAWN:	OW! My hand!
MELINDA:	You're bleeding.
DAWN:	Only a little bit. I'm fine. But we need to get out of here before it-
JANICE:	SUMMERS! Look out! It's coming right at you!
DAWN:	(Shrieks)
MELINDA:	Are you okay?
DAWN:	I think it just passed through me...
JANICE:	What's it doing?
DAWN:	It... it's... becoming... solid

	(SFX: Animalistic growl, winds dying down, the beast exits by jumping through the wall so crumbling walls and glass smashing.)
MELINDA:	How did... oh my god... my parents are gonna kill me!
BUFFY:	(Off mic) DAWN!
	(SFX: Running footsteps and panting as Buffy and Co all running over to Melinda's house)
DAWN:	Great -
BUFFY:	Dawn, what did you do?
DAWN:	ME?!

HAL_005- Spike's Crypt

	(SFX: TV static, Spike banging on the TV trying to get it to work)
SPIKE:	Sodding television. WORK. (Hits TV) Bloody hell. It's Halloween, nothing to do but watch Great Pumpkin, and what do you do? You break. (Scoffs) worthless piece of junk.

	(SFX: outside, growling as the same beast from the party shows up in the graveyard)
SPIKE:	Oh balls.

HAL_006- Melinda's house

	(SFX: Footsteps on rubble)
TARA:	The energy here is disturbed... unstable. Whatever it was came out of a portal.
WILLOW:	But how? Opening up something like that would've taken a lot of juice. Unless someone at the party was a witch or a warlock... but I don't think a fourteen year old could have that kind of power.
DAWN:	I didn't see anyone casting spells... it just kind of happened.
GILES:	It sprung forth fully formed?
DAWN:	No... it was... all see through at first... then it rushed at me and got solid.
GILES:	Perhaps it needed time to get in phase with this dimension.
BUFFY:	Are you hurt?

DAWN:	It's just a cut. Not the beastie though.
XANDER:	Great. Portal. So how do we send it back?
TARA:	The natural state of all things is low energy, the energy here is excited, so it should be easy to do a reversal spell and send it back.
BUFFY:	What's the 'but'?
TARA:	But we can only send it back from here.
BUFFY:	Right. Xander, Anya, and I will go try and find the big meanie. Can you guys handle the spell part?
GILES:	I have the supplies at the Magic Box. Willow will you come with me?
WILLOW:	Sure, magic's my middle name.
TARA:	I thought it was Danielle?
WILLOW:	Well... yeah.
BUFFY:	Tara, watch Dawn, don't let her out of your sight. (To Xander and Anya) Come on.

	(SFX: Footsteps)
XANDER:	Are we sure it came this way?
ANYA:	The tornado-like path of destruction doesn't give you a clue?
XANDER:	Okay, point taken. But what are we gonna do when we find it? I haven't seen anything that big.
BUFFY:	I'm not worried about fighting it, just getting it gone. I just hope Willow and Tara have the spell set up by the time we get back there. (huffs) You know, Halloween, my night off and I still have to cover.
XANDER:	Nights like this make you wish Faith wasn't evil?
BUFFY:	Oh yeah.
ANYA:	It's leaving a large trail but how are we gonna find it, it has a big head start.
	(SFX: Growling in the distance)
SPIKE:	(offmic, in the distance) Oh you wanna play it that way, do ya?

XANDER:	I think Spike took care of that for us.
BUFFY:	(sarcastically) Great. Just what I needed.
	(SFX: Growling, jaws snapping, punches flying, assorted fight sounds)
SPIKE:	(grunts) No real beastie ever goes out on Halloween. So quit making the rest of us look bad.
	(More fighting noises)
BUFFY:	Spike, stop bantering with that thing! I'm pretty sure it doesn't speak human.
SPIKE:	I suppose you have a better idea? I've been fighting with this thing for twenty minutes. (Grunts, and is knocked to the ground)
XANDER:	Yeah, WE actually have a way to get rid of it.
SPIKE:	Why didn't you say so?
ANYA:	Let's go before this thing makes Spike it's chew toy.
SPIKE:	(Getting up) Hey, rover. This way!
	(SFX: Running)

ANYA:	He doesn't know where he's going does he?
BUFFY:	Nope. (shouting to Spike) It's this way!

HAL_008- Melinda's House

	(SFX: Crickets chirping)
MELINDA:	So... does your family do this stuff a lot?
DAWN:	(whimpers)
GILES:	Timing will be crucial.
TARA:	If they don't get here soon, the energies might settle out. Then we'd have to open a new portal and we don't have the supplies for that.
GILES:	The spell should be simple as long as this area is disturbed.
WILLOW:	Right, we just scatter the herbs and say the incantation and presto.
TARA:	Or hopefully presto.
GILES:	I just wish they'd get here soon.
	(Growling, panting, running in the distance)

WILLOW:	Hey look. Wishes are horses.
SPIKE:	OW! OI! This better work, I'm not too keen on being this thing's chew toy.
BUFFY:	(not feeling guilty at all) Should we feel guilty that we're just letting it chase Spike?
XANDER:	Nah, look how well they're getting along.
TARA:	Let's get ready, scatter the herbs.
	(SFX: Sprinkly noise? I don't really know.)
SPIKE:	Down doggie!
WILLOW & TARA:	Hear our prayer- Goddess of Time, Goddess of Space.
SPIKE:	Hurry up! Almost-
WILLOW & TARA:	Remove from here what does not belong, return it to it's rightful place.
	(SFX: whooshing winds as vortex opens. The creature growls as it begins to be sucked through.)
SPIKE:	Not me too! Someone give me a hand here! Come on people!

BUFFY:	No one? Fine, grab my hand, Spike.
	(Buffy and Spike both grunt as she pulls him out of the swirling vortex, there is a whoosh as it closes. Both stand panting, crickets chirp.)
BUFFY:	So... who wants to watch Halloween?

HAL_009- Buffy's house

	(SFX: Halloween playing in the background, popcorn is being munched. Feet heard on stairs as Dawn walks down.)
BUFFY:	Dawn. Bed.
DAWN:	Oh come on! Compared to tonight what's one scary movie? It's not like I can have less nightmares.
BUFFY:	Bed. You summon a hell beast, you don't get movie goodness.
DAWN:	Mom said I could.
BUFFY:	Nice try, mom's been asleep for hours.
DAWN:	Well, Fine!

XANDER:	Wow, so glad I don't have siblings. Probably would've made my parents drink even more.
TARA:	So... Halloween isn't eventful?
WILLOW:	Well at least it wasn't like when we all turned into our costumes.
XANDER:	Or the time we had a tiny fear demon ruining a perfectly good frat party.
TARA:	Maybe next year will be quiet?
GILES:	Perhaps. Or perhaps I should recheck the texts on the subject of All Hollow's Eve... perhaps there was something I missed...
ANYA:	(at movie) That's sex? Xander.. call Hollywood. That isn't sex. It's only five seconds long.
XANDER:	Hey, we made it through Halloween alive... now lets just enjoy the B movie goodness so we can deal with tomorrow's hell beasts tomorrow. And hey, we still have candy left over.
	(SFX: door bell rings)
BUFFY:	I'll get it
	(SFX: walking, door opens)

EVERYONE:

Happy Halloween from the cast
and crew of Buffy Between the
Lines!

Appendix

Scene 1

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WILLOW:	Well I don't wanna spend my night off watching something that would actually appear on the news.

XANDER:	But it's Sleepy Hollow, and not the B movie goodness of a more traditional Halloween movie.
ANYA:	Depends what you mean by tradition, Sleepy Hollow is a generations old story... and great gossip material, you know Lady Van Tassel was actually a really funny person, with a great eye for vengeance
XANDER:	Ahn, if you're gonna be human, you have to do human things. Watching Halloween on Halloween is one of those things. Besides... there's sex.
ANYA:	Okay, I vote for Halloween.

(If they make the party sound more partyish, then use these, if not, feel free to discard them)

Party Conversation One:

GUY 2:	Hey what're you up to later tonight, babe?
GIRL 2:	Take a walk, loser. (to Girl 1) God can you believe that guy?
GIRL 1:	Hey, at least you have guys talking to you.
GIRL 2:	Oh come on, don't say that. Guys talk to you.
GIRL 1:	Yeah, to ask for help with math homework.
GIRL 2:	But... they're talking to you. Just not the way you want.

GIRL 1:	I suck. Wouldn't it be cool if I could be pretty or something?
GIRL 2:	You are pretty! I mean, if I was a guy, I would totally hit on you.
GIRL 1:	Really?
GIRL 2:	Yeah... if I was a guy.

PARTY CONVERSATION TWO: (Slightly staggered afterwards)

GUY 1:	Denied!
GUY 2:	You suck, man.
GUY 1:	Man, this is so lame.
GUY 2:	It's not so bad. Besides, it's not like the night is ending any time soon. We can still do the mischief thing later.
GUY 1:	‘The mischief thing’? Dude, it's not just the mischief thing. We're the reason people fear Halloween. Not stupid ghosts or vampires or dumb stuff like that.
GUY 2:	Dude, you take this way too seriously.

