

What's a Monster is about a young singer named Sarah who is half-succubi (monster), half human. At one of her concerts, Micheal, a vampire, interrupts the concert and claims that he is after the sister of Morgana, Queen of the demon realm. Morgana then arrives and after defeating Micheal, Morgana takes Sarah to her castle in the demon realm. Morgana then tells the story of their father's feud with Micheal. She explains how Micheal and how he will get revenge on both Morgana and her father by marrying Sarah after he defeats Morgana. Micheal t arrives and Morgana and him fight after Morgana takes Sarah to safety. At an abandoned church, Sarah reminisces about her adopted mother Abigail before Micheal arrives at the church and there he reveals to Sarah that due to living for so long, he has not experienced love before and he wishes to share that love with Sarah. However, The sun comes up and Micheal is forced to leave, but he promises that he will never give up on Sarah. Later, Morgana visits Sarah and Sarah says that she wants does not want to remain in the demon realm and although Morgana protests, She decides to let Sarah do what she wants. However, she warns Sarah about the danger of Micheal and staying in the human realm, But Sarah says that she will not worry about it.

# WHAT IS A MONSTER?

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**SARAH:** A young 20 year old half monster, half succbi(monster) singer whose life is about to be changed.....

**MORGANA:** Queen of the demon realm who looks about 28 and somehow related to Sarah....

**MICHEAL:** A monster who fights Morgana for the throne of the demon realm and for some reason desires Sarah...

## SCENE 1: Concert

*The stage lights come up. SARAH, A young half succbi(monster), half-human singer is on stage, her silhouette is lit up. An amber light is above her, coming from a dark circle. Shadows are used to represent the audience, along with a few people on stage. SARAH has a microphone and is in a lovely black dress.*

SARAH: Welcome everyone! [*Shouts of cheering can be heard.*] Thank you for coming on this lovely day! Now, I know all of you know this song! [*She starts to sing.*] [*sung*] Why is the past always covered in shadows? Where do I go when I am confused? Now.....I must find my own way in this shadowed world ... [*A loud, unnatural sound fills the stage and panic ensues.*]

SARAH: Everyone, please remain calm! The exits are in the back!*[Then, the lights go off and the solar eclipse is still seen. A shadow covers the eclipse. MICHEAL howls with an inhuman scream.]*

MICHEAL: Where is the sister of Morgana?!

SARAH: Stop, Stop this now!

*[MICHEAL stares at SARAH and SARAH feels frozen in place, but still holds her ground and remains onstage.]*

SARAH: what the hell are you doing?! Why are you trying to hurt these innocent people?!

MICHEAL*[laughs]*: Oh, That is what you call these weak humans?*[He gestures toward the evacuating audience]*

SARAH: Why are you here?

MICHEAL: Nothing much. The blood of these humans*[SARAH flinches]* and like I said before, the sister of Morgana.

SARAH: Look, I don't know who you are or where you come from, but you will not come here and kill these people!*[SARAH prepares to get in a fighting stance. MICHEAL smiles at her]*

MICHEAL: Oh, sweet innocent girl. You should not know to try to pick a fight with me.

*[MICHEAL lunges toward her, SARAH manages to dodge and tries to exit left. MICHEAL grabs her arm and he plunges his teeth into her neck.]*

SARAH: ow!*[she screams and then tries to punch MICHEAL in the face, but he grabs her hand]*

MICHEAL: Your blood tastes so unique, but it's wonderful...*[SARAH feels a rage raise inside of her and starts to shake, but she tries to force that rage back down.]* you're not a full human, are you? You are a succbi, a monster ...*[SARAH tries to break free of his grip, but fails]* just like

her...[SARAH *finally breaks free and punches MICHEAL across his face. She clutches her head afterwards.*]

SARAH: My head, It hurts.....Stop...Hurting...I need ...to run...[SARAH *slowly tries to move,but MICHEAL grabs her again*]

MICHEAL: You`re just like her, an annoying pest. Of course, you`re more tolertable than Morgana.

SARAH:what?

MICHEAL: you`re so naive. You do not understand anything I`m saying.[*The eclipse is still shining. The chaos is still echoing, but appears to have subsided. MICHEAL chuckles darkly, and whispers in SARAH` s ear.*] You feel like you do not belong anywhere, don`t you. I heard your lovely singing voice. So lonely. Broken.

SARAH: shut up...

MICHEAL: You wish to find a place in the world,but no one accepts you because you are a succbi.

SARAH[*slowly tries to break free*]: You know nothing about me! I don't care what you think about me! Even if everyone I meet hates me, I know that there are people out there who wish to be equal, who wants to live along with humans and not just tools used by succbi, monsters, whatever there is, I know that I`m not the only one who wants the monsters and humans together![*MICHEAL looks confused, then gives a low chuckle, then bursts out laughing.*]

MICHEAL: Oh, you really are naive. How do you know that these humans will accept you? You think humans are just going to accept us? These humans will kill us; even if there is someone who cares, It is not enough. They do not want us to exist, and would destroy all of us if they

could.*[leans closer to SARAH]* But I will destroy them first.*[SARAH looks horrified]* I will become the new ruler of the Demon Realm instead of that inconsiderate Morgana. And I will bring humanity to their knees and even when they beg, I will take their blood.

SARAH:*[shaking]* You`re...a..

MICHEAL: What? I`m a monster? You are just the same as me.*[The eclipse light blinks and then stage lights go off.]*

SARAH: Huh?!*[a blast of light shines onMICHEAL and he falls to the ground]*

MICHEAL: AGRH!*[he lets go of SARAH. SARAH stands, confused]*

MORGANA*[offstage]*: Well, I arrived a little too late. *[MORGANA enters, in full succbi glory.]*

SARAH*[scared, but determined]* Who are you?

MORGANA: I`m sorry that I did not come earlier, sweet sister.

SARAH: What did you just call me*[MICHEAL gets up and lunges at MORGANA]*

MICHEAL: You finally decided to reveal yourself, Morgana!*[MORGANA dodges the attack and moves to the right of the stage, protecting SARAH]*

MORGANA: Now, why are you harassing my little half-sister, Micheal?

SARAH:what? *[ breaks free of MORGANA`s grasp]* Who are you?

MORGANA: Oh, I`m sorry I did not introduce myself. I am Morgana, daughter of the king of the demon realm and half-sister to you, dear Sarah.

SARAH: what!?!*[panics]* I never had a sister, not even a half-sister *[looks at MORGANA]* I never had a family...

MORGANA: I know this is hard to follow, but you are my half-sister...

MICHEAL: And the one who is in the way from me getting to rule the demon realm! (*MICHEAL lunges at MORGANA again, but then SARAH quickly blasts MICHEAL and light hits MICHEAL as he falls again, if briefly.*)

SARAH: Did I just...?

MORGANA: yes, you did, dear half-sister.

SARAH: But...

MORGANA: Half-sister, you have so many questions and it is obvious that you do not know much about the demon realm.

SARAH: wait, I'm a succbi and you are one also! So, How are you ruling over the demon realm?

MORGANA: Wait, you're not a full succbi.

SARAH: I know I'm not. But you didn't answer my question. How are you queen and why are you here?

MICHEAL: Because she does not want me to get close to you! [*MICHEAL grabs MORGANA and throws her across the stage*]

SARAH: Morgana! [*SARAH goes towards MORGANA, but MICHEAL grabs her arm.*]

SARAH: let go! [*SARAH attempts to blast him, but MICHEAL grips her hand tighter.*]

MICHEAL: Don't make this harder than it has to be... [*light flashes again on MICHEAL and he is taken back. SARAH then blasts him after that he falls to his knees.*]

MORGANA: [*Getting up*] You have gotten weaker, Micheal [*stands all the way up*] How can you expect to rule the demon realm when you can not even deal with a half-succbi.

SARAH: Morgana! [*gives MORGANA a quick look.*]

MORGANA: Oh, I'm sorry to offend you...

MICHEAL: Your half-sister is stronger than you think. I got a taste of her blood...

MORGANA[*serious*]: What?

MICHEAL: You heard me, Morgana.[*MORGANA gives a look of pure anger, she lunges toward MICHEAL and kicks him in the head. MICHEAL dodges but then MORGANA blasts him and continues to do this, each blast stronger than the last. The blasts send MICHEAL offstage with him screaming as he goes*]

MORGANA: We need to leave.[*SARAH becomes concerned with MORGANA's sudden shift in tone.*]

SARAH: What happened?[*thinks about the audience offstage*] Will everyone at the concert be okay?

MORGANA: They will most likely be fine. But we need to do something about you quick.

SARAH:why?[*concerned*] What did Micheal do when he bite me?

MORGANA:It means you can not stay hidden anymore. You have to come with me.

SARAH:But...

MORGANA: You do not understand. Your life will never be the same, and I can not let Micheal touch or bite you again.[*SARAH hesitates, but finally agrees*]

SARAH:Alright, I'll follow you.[*MORGANA and SARAH exit and the eclipse shines as they exit upstage center*]

**SCENE 2:MORGANA'S CASTLE**

*(Lights up. The interior of a grand castle is shown. It is very beautiful, but also gives a sort of empty feeling to it, and is very evident. The castle also smells a sort of unique smell. MORGANA enters, with SARAH slowly following behind, admiring the castle.)*

MORGANA: Welcome to my home, Dear Sister. It's not much but it is certainly something....

SARAH:*(defensively)* You never told me about how the ruler of the demon realm[MORGANA looks annoyed] or how are you my half-sister, or about Micheal....

MORGANA: Patience, sister. I was about to explain. *(takes a breath)*. Alright, sister...I will start at the beginning....*(a curtain appears behind them upstage, a transparent curtain that then reveals a shadow of a sort of regal and monstrous figure)*. Our father was the ruler of the demon realm. He was extremely powerful but also had a sort of...soft spot for humanity. He let the monsters roam free in the human realm and even though some monsters would cause havoc, many would remain in the shadows, without harming humans.*(The curtain shows pictures of monsters with wings and other shapes, while the humans are also varied in shape but are different from the monsters.)* However, One monster was different, hungry for blood, and he was named Micheal*(MICHEAL`S shadow shows up on the curtain and SARAH flinches and even MORGANA speaks with venom as she utters MICHEAL`S name.)* Nobody knows where he came from, but he took the blood of multiple humans and even monsters and then fought our father for the throne*(MICHEAL and the demon realm king are engaged in fighting)* Our father won, obviously*(MICHEAL falls)* and Micheal flees from the realm.*(Shadows change. The demon realm king is holding baby.)* I was born after the fight, and Father taught me how to be a queen



for all the monsters in the demon realm...(*Shadow of demon realm king disappear*) and then he disappeared, leaving me to rule.(*MORGANA`s shadow appears behind curtain*) But I was more interested in seeing how humans were, not be in this lonely castle all eternity, so I left the demon realm a lot to explore....

SARAH: How does any of this involve me?(*MORGANA gives a look*)

MORGANA:Sister, You come much later...(*SARAH gives an annoyed look, but MORGANA continues*) Anyway, (*Curtain reveals the demon realm king and a human woman*) you were born in secret, to a succbi father`s and human mother`s love,(*demon realm king exits*) but father left your mother and you were never see again....

SARAH: Abigail said my mom left me on the steps of the church...

MORGANA: Oh, so you were raised by a nun?

SARAH:Yes, for a while...(*SARAH speaks softly, and my face writhes in pain*) until Abigail died...(*SARAH gains control over herself again*) Morgana, How does this relate to Micheal wanting me...

MORGANA: Well, Micheal wanted revenge for our father defeating him. He tried to defeat me and rule the realm(*MICHEAL and MORGANA show up on the curtain, their shadows fighting*) But obviously he lost...(*MICHAEL's shadow falls*) so he went back to where he hid and found you ...( *SARAH`s shadow appears on the curtain with MICHEAL`s shadow watching her*) and that becomes his revenge. He was going to make me and Father suffer by making you his bride (*MICHAEL's shadow grabs SARAH`s shadow and an echo of SARAH`s scream can be heard*)

SARAH(*Horried*): What?!

MORGANA: Micheal is an arrogant and vengeful man. He knows that he can get blood from you and also still hurt me...

SARAH: *(thinks)* How do we defeat him?

MORGANA: *(confused)* What?

SARAH: He has to have a weakness or something, anything

MORGANA: He hates the sun. *(looks at a confused SARAH)*. He will turn to dust if he stays in the sun too long.

SARAH: So that's why he came to my concert today.... *(A loud explosion is heard)* What the hell?!

MORGANA: Damn it! *(she looks outside stage right)* How is he here?! He should be too weak to even move!

SARAH: What?

MORGANA: Micheal. He's here....

MICHEAL *(offstage)*: Where is your sister, Morgana? I smell her blood

MORGANA *(grows)*: Damn you...

SARAH: Let me help you fight... *(MORGANA walks upstage and rips open a door, revealing a portal.)* Morgana?

MORGANA: You're leaving.

SARAH: What?! *(MORGANA pushes SARAH and throws her into the portal)*

MORGANA: Go help humanity, sister... *(MICHEAL enters stage right and goes toward MORGANA.)*

MICHEAL: I'll been waiting for this moment for a long time now, Morgana!

MORGANA: And you will be waiting longer. *(MORGANA dodges his lunge and fires a blast at him. MICHEAL is hit by a blast of light, but gets back up.)*

MORGANA: Come on, Micheal, Give me something to actually work with here ... *(MICHEAL grabs her by the throat) Argh..*

MICHEAL: You're annoying, Morgana... *(holds MORGANA's struggling body)* You always taunt me and think all of our fights is a game *(MORGANA still struggles)* but when it comes to your sister, you always gets serious, like nothing else matters, not even your kingdom... *(MORGANA weakly blasts him and he falls and MORGANA coughs as she regains her breath)*

MICHEAL *(struggling)*: See, What... I mean? You don't care about anything else except Sarah. You don't give a damn about the demon realm or what happens to all the monsters....

MORGANA: Shut up! *(MORGANA tries to blast him, but he dodges).*

MICHEAL: But I do care. And once I'm done with you, I'm taking over the demon realm and make your half-sister my queen..

MORGANA: Over my dead body! *(MORGANA reacts without thinking and lunges toward MICHEAL. MICHEAL grabs her easily and throws her offstage.)*

MICHEAL: I think it's time to pay a visit to my bride... *(MICHEAL exits through the portal, and as MORGANA finally gets back onstage the lights start to dim and MORGANA runs through the portal and lights go out.)*

### **SCENE 3: ABANDONED CHURCH**

*(lights up. SARAH enters stage right, walking up on the steps of an old church. The church looks small and very dilapidated, but still has a homely feeling to it. SARAH is shown with her head down on the steps, praying)*

SARAH: Sister Abigail, I hope you are living in peace up in heaven*(SARAH looks up)* I remember how you hold me in your hands when I was a little baby and calling me little Sarah... and you always knew the answer to everything, even to the world.*(SARAH gets up)* You always told me that I was different, but that difference did not have an evil thing, that being a succbi and a human made no difference..*(SARAH smiles)* and it doesn't. I`m able to sing without judgement and I found my place in the world, at least I thought ...*(MICHEAL appears onstage)* Did you know that I was destined to be hunted by a man that I don't even love or know. My half-sister does care for me, but I feel like She would keep trapped in a castle all my life than interacting with humans beings. All because a man wants to rule the demon realm....

MICHEAL: Ruling the demon realm is not the only thing I want.*(SARAH turns around and is terrified).*

SARAH: Damn it ...*(SARAH runs into the church)*

MICHEAL:Sarah, Now don't be like that. *(An awkward pause.)* I don't want you because I will destroy Morgana...

SARAH:Yes, you do!*(Attempts to blasts him from hiding spot, but fails)*

MICHEAL: Do you know how lonely it is to live a castle for 300 years with no one except brainwashed servants and desire to rule the demon realm..*(Walks into church)*. You don` t understand ...Even if I do defeat Morgana and rule the demon realm, what happens after that? Of course I have a realm to rule, but I don't have anyone to rule it with....I want to feel love. I want

to understand why humans act so stupidly to love....(*MICHEAL walks past SARAH*) I want to feel something besides hate..*(SARAH is about to blast him, but hesitates)* Sarah, I want to love you and you not to be fearful of me...*(The sun starts to come out from the eclipse)* Damn it..I guess I will have to wait, Sarah, but I will never give up on you ...*(MICHEAL disappears offstage left and SARAH finally appears from her hiding spot)*

SARAH: I....*(SARAH seems frozen in place as the lights go down.)*

#### **SCENE 4: Church**

*(Lights up on stage. SARAH is on the steps of the church, lost in thought. The sun is fully up and is shining brightly. MORGANA enters from stage right)*

MORGANA: Wow, that took way too much time...*(notices SARAH)*. Oh, are you okay, dear sister? Did Micheal hurt you in any way...

SARAH: Not really....

MORGANA: What do you mean, not really? Did he touch you? I swear if he touched you...

SARAH: Morgana, He didn't touch me. He made me feel different...

MORGANA: Sarah, are you okay?

SARAH: I honestly don't know anymore.*(looks down)* I used to hate some monsters. I used to think that some monsters were just cruel..even though I wanted peace between us, I just felt that they would not understand humans.

MORGANA: Sister, Now you know...

SARAH: I know, I know. I know that most monsters are not cruel, but some monsters I thought were incapable of feeling anything...

MORGANA: Sarah, really are you okay?

SARAH: But those monsters are capable of loving, of wanting to love...

MORGANA: Sarah, did Micheal do something to you?

SARAH: Morgana, He`s lonely and he wants someone to be with him...

MORGANA: So you are just going to fall for him, just like that? Just a few nice sounding words and now You love him..I thought were stronger than that, Sister...

SARAH: Morgana, I did not say I love him...

MORGANA: Then what, Sarah? How do you feel about him( *A long pause.*)

SARAH: I feel like I misunderstood him...

MORGANA(*upset*): So you are just going to forgive him, just because he's lonely?

SARAH:I am not saying that either.

MORGANA:You know what? We can finish this conversation later. Right now, I need to keep you away from Micheal, because he's already manipulating you...

SARAH:No.

MORGANA:What?

SARAH: Sister, I can fight for myself. I am going to stay where I am.

MORGANA: Really? You realize that Micheal is still after you and you can`t keep doing what you`ve been doing...

SARAH: Why not? (*MORGANA looks insulted*)

MORGANA: Why not? Because ...(*MORGANA thinks for a second and calms down*) You know what? Fine, Stay as a singer and stay in the human realm. But if Micheal comes back, You will come back with me.

SARAH: Alright, Morgana.

MORGANA: You don't know how Micheal really is, Sarah ...(*MORGANA stays a second later and then leaves offstage right.*)

SARAH: Maybe I don't. But I am not about to be worried about it. (*With a confident glare, SARAH remains onstage as the lights slowly fade.*)