

Egg's First Day of School
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INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

30 small EGGS with a variety of hairstyles and wearing school uniforms sit on the carpet. On one wall is a blackboard. On the others are childish drawings and a list of names in large writing, with varying amounts of gold stars after them. An EGG TEACHER faces everyone whilst sitting on a chair.

TEACHER

Now that we have finished playtime, I think we should all play a numbers game! When I say 'one', I want you to bob up and down once. When I say 'two', I want you to bob up and down twice. How many times do you think I want you to bob up and down when I say 'three'?

HENRY BALDWIN

Three?

TEACHER

Well done, Henry! You're a smart egg!

HENRY

Thank you, Mrs. Robertson.

TEACHER

One!

Everyone bobs up and down apart from an EGG that leaves the group and sits by a wall in silence.

TEACHER

Are you ok, Mike?

The EGG doesn't respond.

TEACHER

Not much of a talker, eh?

There is more silence. The TEACHER looks sad but continues.

TEACHER

Two!

Everyone bobs up and down twice, apart from MIKE.

TEACHER

Mike, is there something wrong?

MIKE bobs up and down to an EGG PUPIL and headbutts him.

TEACHER
 MICHAEL! I will NOT have bullies in
 this class! Sit in the corner!

MIKE does so.

TEACHER
 (nervously)
 Three...

All EGGS apart from MIKE bob up and down three times.

MIKE
 (under his breath)
 Stupid teacher...

TEACHER
 What did you say??

MIKE
 Nothing...

TEACHER
 What an Earth is wrong with you??

HENRY
 Teacher, there have been rumours
 going around that Mike doesn't have
 any parents and he was invented just
 for the purpose of a sketch...

TEACHER
 (sadly)
 Well, I'm sure it isn't true.

An EGG with long blonde hair bobs up and down to get the
 TEACHER'S attention.

TEACHER
 Yes, Jenny?

JENNY
 You don't sound very convinced, miss.

TEACHER
 Jenny, the thing with being an egg is
 no one really can remember the
 circumstances of their birth. Whilst
 technically speaking Mike COULD have
 been invented for a sketch, we can
 all see him very well! Can't we
 class??

The CLASS is too nervous to answer.

TEACHER
(awkwardly)
Right, class?

MIKE
(defiantly)
I'm not listening to your lies and
I'm not listening to you in general.
Screw you.

TEACHER
I'm going to call your mother!

MIKE
Go on then...

TEACHER
Ok, I will.

The TEACHER looks sad.

TEACHER
Can you tell me exactly who your
mother is, Mike? I can't remember
everyone's parents...

MIKE
Well, isn't that convenient?

HENRY
He bobbed his way to school on his
own...

TEACHER
Oh.

JENNY
He goes shopping on his own, too...

TEACHER
I didn't know. Mike, you must have
things you enjoy, it can't ALL be
bad?

MIKE
I like listening to Rammstein...

TEACHER
Great! What's your favourite song?

MIKE
Mutter...

TEACHER
Brilliant. And what is the song
about?

MIKE
A baby with no parents...

TEACHER
Oh God.

MIKE
I'm actually pen pals with the
members of the band. They said how
sad it was that I'm the purpose of a
joke and how much of a valued fan I
am. They said they'd write a song
about me called 'Verwaistes Ei'.

TEACHER
Orphaned Egg?

MIKE
Yes!

TEACHER
Do you know any other German words?

MIKE
Hassen, schmerz, einsam...

TEACHER
Hate, pain, lonely?

MIKE
Ja...

TEACHER
Well, you know what Mike? I think one
day, you will be the world's most
successful, multilingual egg. I'm not
just saying that.

MIKE
Danke.

A bell rings, loudly.

TEACHER
Well, it's the end of school! I'm
sure you all had a ton of fun, apart
from Mike of course, he's too sad and
rightly so! Mike, have you got
someone to walk you home? I'm
guessing no...

MIKE

No. Miss, I'm scared that once this comic situation is over, I won't exist anymore...

TEACHER

Oh, I wouldn't worry, I'm sure you'll appear on James' radio show very soon. The Eurovision Song Contest is coming up soon, you can be a part of that, too!

MIKE bobs up and down with enthusiasm and leaves the class on his own.

HENRY

(to the teacher)

My dad headbutts people all the time as well, him and Mike will probably be best friends!

TEACHER

Well there you go then, Mike isn't going to just disappear he just will continue feeling empty and will refuse to bob up and down...

The TEACHER smiles.

HENRY

He doesn't know what he's missing.
Bye miss.