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A man with a beard and goggles (Tío) is talking to a group of people. One woman in a purple tank top with a skull and crossbones is pointing at him.

When I lived in Seattle, back when I was young...

You walked uphill both ways to school!


ELENA AND JORGE'S TÍO IS JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE—EXCEPT HE HAS A TIME MACHINE IN HIS GARAGE.

A group of four people are talking. A woman with glasses is asking a question.


As I was saying, in 1996 there were rumors about a ghost running around historic Pioneer Square, throwing toys at tourists.

Toys? Like... kid toys?

ELENA AND JORGE, ALONG WITH THEIR FRIENDS, TRAVEL THROUGH TIME TO KEEP THE SUPERNATURAL WORLD AND THE HUMAN WORLD SEPARATE.

A close-up of Tío with a determined expression, holding a wooden staff.

Yep! You need to go find this toy-throwing **poltergeist** and make sure it doesn't get discovered.

Elena and Jorge are in a laboratory setting. Elena is pointing towards something off-camera.

This is so cool. Seattle had an awesome music scene in the 90s!

Eyes on the prize, Jorge! Eyes on the poltergeist prize!

**tío:** "uncle" in Spanish  
**poltergeist:** a ghost or supernatural being that causes loud noises, flying objects, and other physical disturbances



## TIPS FOR THE DECADE

The Cold War ended in 1991 when the Soviet Union fell. Bill Clinton was president for most of the 1990s. To many Americans, it felt like a hopeful time. But to other Americans, things weren't so simple.

- \* Same-sex marriage was illegal.
- \* The country was starting to become aware of continued racism against African Americans.
- \* **Domestic terrorism** also began to increase during this decade.

Pop culture became huge in the 90s.

- \* Grunge, a kind of rock music, started in Seattle, Washington.
- \* Rhythm & blues (R&B) singers like Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston became megastars.
- \* Pop stars like the Spice Girls and Britney Spears became popular near the end of the decade.
- \* Hip-hop became more mainstream. Groups like the Fugees and De La Soul and stars like 2Pac and Snoop Dogg helped define the decade.

**domestic terrorism:** terrorist acts where victims within the offender's own country are targeted



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