

Filipino, as Filipinos speak it.



## **Newbie Lesson: Yaya! I'm Scared!**

Joeyboy! Huwag kang pupunta diyan! – Joeyboy! Don't go there!

Bakit, yaya? - Why, yaya?

May mumu diyan! - There's a ghost there!!

Takot ako... huhuhu. - I'm scared.. huhuhu...

### Tambay Talk:

May mumu diyan!

May + *noun* + diyan!!

### More words that can be used to scare kids:

**Manananggal** – a mythical Filipino creature that preys on pregnant women; takes the form of a woman, but at night, her body is torn into two – her upper torso spawns wings and takes flight, looking for its next prey, while it's lower body stays; garlic is a known deterrent of these vampire-like monsters

**Kapre** – a mythical tree demon which usually houses itself in Balete trees; known to be reach 9 feet tall, these creatures usually smoke cigars; legends say that kapres aren't really that evil, but it's better to stay away

**Tiyanak** – a Filipino baby gone mad is the best way to describe this mythical creature; these babies are usually found abandoned in forests or uninhabited places, waiting for good Samaritans to pick them up and care for them; but it's best to leave these demonic bundles of hell alone as they transform into monsters once picked up

**Tikbalang** – a half-horse, half-man which live in the Filipino forests and jungles, these disproportionate creatures are known to lead travelers astray; one of the methods of getting free from the clutches of the tikbalang is by wearing one's shirt backwards