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Well... the nephew, niece, and I have returned safely from the *Hotel Transylvania*. Rather humorous tale how the trip was initiated. I woke this morning to find a message from my eldest brother who is still down with SPOTTY(?) pneumonia... honestly, has anyone ever heard of spotty pneumonia? The message was sent at 3:43AM asking if I would take Noah since there was no way that Jeff would be able to. While at work, my brother-in-law was in and somehow I volunteered to take his oldest along. It was fine, one more would not hurt.

The show was actually really cute. It centered around Dracula's (Adam Sandler) efforts to protect his daughter Mavis (Selena Gomez) from the evil world of humans. While still an infant, Mavis' father build a hotel at which only the monster kind could check in. On the eve of Miss Dracula's 118th birthday, Jonathan, a young human male (Andy Samberg), happens across the hotel and the story takes off. How long can a parent protect their child from the world outside? Could monsters live amongst humans after 118+ years? Just two of the themes presented in this entertaining little movie.

Some clever bits scattered throughout most notably the cavalcade of misunderstood creatures... Frankenstein (Kevin James) and his bride Eunice (Fran Drescher); the Invisible Man (who is a terrible charades player... David Spade); Big Bad, his wife Wanda, and their brood; Quasimodo; the Mummy; and countless others. I found myself just attempting to recognize as many as I could. Of course, Noah's favorite part centered around Frankie's all-powerful flatulence.

There was nothing too scary about the movie (I would say over the age of 5 would be acceptable). Noah and Kyli both got a kick out of it as did their uncle. At least, we all went to the facilities before the movie started and were able to sit through the entire thing. Of course, that changed when we had

to stop at Taco Smell to get a take out for a pregnant mother
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Next on the agenda, *Skyfall* with Alex... did not know he was a James Bond fan.