

= Espantito =

Espantito (Spanish for " Little Terror " or " Little Scare " ; born April 24 , 1968) is the ring name of a Mexican luchador enmascarado , or masked professional wrestler working in the Mini @-@ Estrella (" Mini @-@ Star ") division . Working in the Mini @-@ Estrella division does not automatically mean that Espantito has Dwarfism as several wrestlers who are just shorter in stature work in the " Mini " division . Espantito 's real name is not a matter of public record , as is often the case with masked wrestlers in Mexico where their private lives are kept a secret from the wrestling fans .

Espantito made his professional wrestling debut in 1993 and was allowed to use a version of the Espanto mask and name with permission of the only surviving Espanto , Espanto III . He has worked primarily on the Mexican independent circuit but has also worked for Asistencia Asesoría y Administración (AAA) , one of Mexico 's largest professional wrestling promotions .

= = Personal life = =

The man only known as " Espantito " (Spanish for " Little Terror " or " Little Scare ") was born on April 25 , 1968 in Torreón , Coahuila , Mexico . Growing up in Torreón he became a wrestling fan at a young age , often watching local wrestlers Espanto II and Espanto III wrestle in his home town . In a 1999 interview he remarked that while his friends would cheer the técnicos (the faces , those that portray the " good guys ") while he personally always favored the rudos (those that portray the bad guys , also known as " Heels ") . While he wanted to become a luchador , it was hard for him to find a trainer willing to train someone of his diminutive stature , standing only 151 cm (4 ft 11 in) in his teens .

= = Classified as a Mini @-@ Estrella = =

While the wrestler known as Espantito is known as a Mini @-@ Estrella (" Mini @-@ Star) it does not indicate that Espantito has Dwarfism . Unlike Midget professional wrestling where all competitors are under the height of 147 cm (4 ft 10 in) , Mini @-@ Estrellas are often wrestlers of shorter stature such as Espantito at 160 cm (5 ft 3 in) , but not true Little People in a medical sense .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

Due to the secretive culture around masked wrestlers in Lucha libre Espantito 's real name is not a matter of common knowledge , nor has it been revealed if he worked under a different ring name before he made his in @-@ ring debut as Espantito . It has been confirmed that Espantito trained in his native Torreón , Coahuila under the tutelage of Edgardo Cisneros Díaz , better known as Espanto II and also received further training from Indio Chirikawa . In the early 1990s the Mini @-@ Estrella concept was introduced in Mexico , featuring not just Midget professional wrestling but also wrestlers who were short in stature . A lot of these new Mini @-@ Estrellas used the same ring character as regular sized wrestlers such as Octagoncito being a smaller version of Octagón . Due to his short stature , 160 cm (5 ft 3 in) , the future Espantito became a natural fit in the Mini @-@ Estrellas division and was given permission by his trainer to start working as a smaller version of Los Espantos (" The Terriors ") and became known as El Espantito , wearing the signature black mask with a white cross on it popularized by Espanto I , Espanto II and Espanto III as well as the same black @-@ and @-@ white ring gear of the originals . As Espantito he was one of the first competitors in the newly created Asistencia Asesoría y Administración 's (AAA) Mini @-@ Estrella division . Most of AAA 's Mini @-@ Estrella division consisted of luchadors that had followed AAA founder Antonio Peña from Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre (CMLL) , where some of the Mini @-@ Estrellas changed their name and mask due to the larger version of the character not jumping to AAA at the time . One example was Super Muñequito , who was working as " Angelito Azteca " in CMLL , but had to change his name as Ángel Azteca did not leave CMLL . It has not been revealed if Espantito also worked in the CMLL Mini @-@ Estrella division at the time of the AAA Exodus .

For a short while Espantito was teamed up with a wrestler working as " Espantito II " , but Espantito II was only used for a few matches in 1993 . Despite working for AAA for several years he never made an appearance on one of their major shows , despite the Mini @-@ Estrella division being featured on several , even headlined some shows . In 1999 Espantito once again briefly teamed up with a wrestler working as " Espantito II " , although it is unclear if it was the same worker under the mask than six years prior . By the late 1990s Espantito left AAA and began working primarily on the Mexican Independent circuit , often touring with a troupe of Mini @-@ Estrellas such as Octagoncito , Piratita Morgan and Tzuki . The group toured the U.S. , working for various National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) promotions as well as showcasing lucha libre and the Mini @-@ Estrella style throughout the south @-@ west . On September 20 , 2009 Espantito wrestled Octagoncito for the vacant NWA World Midget 's Championship on a Pro Wrestling Revolution (PWR) show , which saw Octagoncito win the match and the championship . The troupe of Mini @-@ Estrellas would continue to use the NWA World Midget 's Championship as part of their shows , promoting matches where Octagoncito would defend the championship against Espantito . Later on when Pro Wrestling Revolution split from the NWA the championship was re @-@ branded the PWR World Midget 's Championship , with Octagoncito defending it on occasion against Espectrito in various southern states of the United States .

= = Legal rights to the Espanto name = =

While several wrestlers have used the " Espanto " name of the years , El Hijo del Espanto I claims to currently have full rights to the use of the name " Espanto " in Lucha Libre , though his claim to the name does not seem all @-@ inclusive as CMLL has Espanto Jr. on their roster . It is unclear if Espantito legally owns the name , or if that was what prevented the " Espantito II " name from being used more than once or twice .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Plancha (slingshot crossbody)

Signature moves

Plancha suicida (Diving slingshot outside the ring)