

Matty: Unlock Brick

Scene Starts: INT. Ally - Midday

MATTY and GRIFFIN are working late after Griffin's last major victory. Matty is behind the counter, counting the spare change in the register as Griffin finishes sweeping up.

Matty

HA HA! Record profit, Sunshine.
Keep it up, and I might be able to pay you in bills.

Griffin

Will it still be in a sock, boss?

Matty

Baby steps, kid.
But I got something that will help.
A little bonus for doing a good job.
Get over here.

Narrator

Griffin puts aside his broom and walks over to Matty, who is wrangling with something behind the counter, before slamming down a heavy case on the countertop. He sweeps off a layer of dust to reveal the words "old reliable."

Matty

Listen, sunshine.
Those mana-doping nerds don't play fair, and they've read enough fancy books to get ahead of 90% of what you can throw at them.
But I got a secret that those geeks never see coming.
Main reason why we're not entirely destitute and it's what got me to the top back in the day.
A secret I now pass on to you.

Narrator

Matty opens the case and spins it around to Griffin, revealing several misshapen red bricks packed into it. Griffin looks down at the case for a moment, picking up one of the bricks to examine it, revealing that it is, in fact, a brick.

Griffin

Are those bricks?

Matty

Grade A.

Griffin

What do I do with them?

Matty

You chuck'em, sunshine.

Griffin

Seems like there should be more to it.

Matty

That's why they never see it coming.
Come on, I'll show you how it's done.

Narrator

Matty grabs two bricks from the case, tossing one to Griffin before heading down to one of the lanes and chucking it full force down the middle like a softball, blasting down all the pins set up, missing Auto's head by an inch.

Auto

Matty, you crazy hick!
Stop throwing bricks down my lanes, or I'm going to start throwing them back!

Matty

I'd like to see you try, gecko!

Narrator

Matty grabs Griffin's brick, tossing it down the lane only for Auto to catch it, slings it back at him, and peg him in the gut, sending him to his knees.

Griffin

Boss! You okay?

Matty

Dandy, sunshine.
But get the mop.

Scene End: Transition back to gameplay.

Seline: Unlock Curve

Scene Starts: INT. Lower Ally - Morning.

Narrator

Griffin arrives to work ahead of time as usual but sees that the lights are already on. He looks around for Matty's car but doesn't see it. He then spots someone moving around inside, too big to be Auto or one of the other Kolbolds and too quick to be Matty.

Carefully, Griffin pushes open the door, careful not to sound the chime, and creeps behind the counter pulling out a bat with the word: "problem solver" carved into it.

Problem solver in hand, he approaches the lower lanes where he can overhear someone fishing around one of the ball returns, only to find Seline feeding a hot dog down the ball return.

The two co-workers lock eyes, freezing up like deer in the headlights.

Griffin

Hey.
What are you doing?

Seline

Nothing.
What are you doing?

Griffin

I thought you were a burglar and I was going to bash you like boss told me to.
How'd you get in?

Seline

Micky let me in.

Narrator

A little hand comes out of the ball return and waves to Griffin.

Micky

Morning, Griff!

Narrator

Griffin lowers the problem solver as the picture became clearer.

Griffin

Are you the one feeding the Kolbolds?

Seline

Maybe. Are you going to tell Matt?

Narrator

Griffin looks between Seline and Micky's hand, which is groping around open air looking for the hot dog. When he finally finds it, he pulls it down into the underlane with a giddy little cheer before frantically devouring the sausage.

Griffin

Well...I got to tell him something.

[Emotion shift]

Seline looks disappointed.

Griffin

But I think I can leave a few things out.

[Emotion shift]

Seline perks up.

Seline

Sweat of you to lie, Griff.

Didn't think you had a dishoset bone in you.

[Emotion shift]

Griffin flushes

Griffin

Its not dishonest.

I'm just withholding information until Matty's in the mood to hear it.

[Emotion shift]

Seline snorts as resists laughing.

Seline

I got a couple years then.

Narrator

Seline finishes pushing the pack of hot dogs down the ball return and stands up.

Seline

Well, I'm gone.

Can't have Matt thinking he's got two model employees.

See you when we open, Griff

Narrator

Seline leave, while Griffin tries to parcel out how he was going to explain this to Matty, not realizing that he's staring at her until she waves back to him from the door. Griffin stiffens, hoping she didnt notice how weird he was being and waves back, forgetting he was holding the problem solver and clocks himself in the head.

Seline

Oh my God.

Are you okay?

Griffin

Yeah I'm fine.

Dont let me keep you.

Scene End: Transition back to gameplay.

Auto: Unlock Predict

Scene Starts: INT. Ally - Midday

Griffin and Auto stand under an open air vent. Griffin is up on a latter, half in, half out of the duct, while Auto shouts up to him.

Auto

You seem him yet?

Griffin

Yep. But he's not comming down.

Auto

Stuborn son of a.

Narrator

Auto scampers up the ladder and Griffin to poke his head the vent and sees Micky, another kolbold sitting about five feet from the open portal waving to Auto when he pops into view.

Micky

Hi Auto.

Auto

Mic, get your butt back on the ground before you buckle the foundation.

Micky

But I like it up here, and I don't know how to get back down.

Auto

Why do you think I brought Griff up here?

Now roll yourself over before Matty get's fed up and turns the air on.

Narrator

Micky, shocked to action complies with a stifled screech before crawling over to Griffin and plops down into his arms like a oversized house cat falling out of a tree. The shift causes the ladder to shake, but Auto, now on Griffin's back, stablizes them in time before they lost their footing. After that, Griffin carefully descends the ladder with the two kolbolds, setting Micky down on the ground with an exhausted heave of relief.

Auto

There, now wasnt that easy.

What do we say to Griff, Mick.

Micky

Thank you, Griffin.

Auto

Thata boy. Now go make yourself useful and check in on Spud and Vic before they do something stupid.

Micky

On it boss!

Narrator

Micky races off to one of the ball returns and jumps down it. Getting stuck at first, but manages to wriggle his way past.

Auto

Hey, I appreciate the help Griff.
Seline usually helps get Mick down, but I couldn't find the lay about today.

Griffin

Its no problem.
Happy to help.

Auto

Your a good kid, Griff.
Don't make sense why your in a dump like this.
But its good to have you around.

Narrator

Auto then shifts about, making sure he and Griffin are alone before motioning for Griffin to kneel down. He complies and Auto starts to whisper in his ear.

Auto

You know, the boys and I can see what gets set up each frame.
That includes anything one of those mana dorks send your way as a surprise.

Griffin

What are you getting at?

Auto

Well they're not playing fair, so why should we?
Not saying we do anything drastic. But if Mic or one of the boys was to tell you what was coming up on the next frame.
What's the harm?

Griffin

Seems dishonest.

Auto

And flash freezing your balls isnt?
Look, Griff; these chuckle nuts don't care, and I'm not saying you shouldn't care either. More that you shodulnt say no to a little heads up.

Griffin

I guess that makes sense.

Auto

Ata boy, Griff.

Narrator

The whole lane shakes for a moment as a low boom is heard from bellow them and smoke starts to trail up from the ball returns.

Auto

Peachy. Just what I needed.

Hey, keep Matty from having a canipcion while hose down Spud and Vic.

Narrator

Auto scampers down the ball return and shortly afterwards the smoke starts to die down; repliaced by a near constaint string of curses emanating up from the floor instread.

Scene End: Transition back to gameplay.