

Dungeons & Daddies

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Season 2 Ep.40 - The Teenhigh Saga: Break-in Wrong: Part 1

Matt: Dungeons & Daddies is a rowdy, horny, violent podcast for grownups. Content warnings can be found in the episode description.

[the following is ~~the only intro I've ever partially skipped~~ a cover of the song Y.M.C.A. by Village People]

Freddie: Young Man! Time to wipe off that frown, I said—

Freddie: Young man! Come get down with the clown, I said—

Freddie: Young man! With Rondald's nuggs in your mouth, there's no—

Freddie: Need! To! Be! So! Horn-ey!

Freddie: Young man! There's a place you can go, I said—

Freddie: Young man! Where you can get that big O, you can—

Freddie: Drive through! Just get ready to blow, cause we—

Freddie: Love! To! See! You! Smi-le!

Freddie: McNuggets that make you C-U-M—

[sexual moans to the rhythm]

Freddie: McNuggets that make you C-U-M—

[I'm not paid enough to describe this sound more than once; more cast members this time]

Freddie: So just take a big bite, and go bust a big load, gotta let the world hear you moan!

Freddie: McNuggets that make you C-U-M—

[yeah, that again]

Freddie: McNuggets that make you C-U-M—

[they only get more dramatic]

Freddie: Now go get yourself clean, you just came a great deal, yeah I call that a Happy Meal!

Freddie: McNuggets that make you C-U-M—

[still happening]

Freddie: McNuggets that make you C-U-M—

[music stops and it's just... yeah it's just that. There is not one member of the cast not in on this. You're Welcome.]

[intro music plays]

Freddie: Welcome to Dungeons & Daddies, not a BDSM podcast. Instead! A Dungeons & Dragons podcast about four teens from our world, sent back into our world to fix all the mistakes their grandparents made. I am... so nervous because I had one hiccup right before I started and like—

Will: Woo...

Freddie: I just feel like at any point it's gonna—

Will: Boo!

Matt: *[gasp]*

Freddie: That scared me a little bit.

Will: Problem solved.

Beth: Boom.

Freddie: My name is Freddie Wong. I play—

Will: Boo!

Freddie: *[chuckles]* My name is Freddie Wong. I play Taylor Swift, the... ranger, anime loving, survivalist teen. Two out of those three things have almost no bearing on Taylor's abilities in terms of what I'm looking at on the D&D character sheet, but that's all right, you know what?

Will: Which two things?

Freddie: The survivalist stuff hasn't really come into play? And all the Ranger stuff. It's just basically like, imagine you have spells, but they're all kind of shitty spells.

Will: Interesting.

Freddie: I might just come up with my own ranger spells at this point.

Will: You're going to do your own OC? For...

Freddie: Yeah, my own OC. Teen fact for Taylor this week, merging a little bit with a real life fact, I have a cat now.

Matt: Yeah!

Anthony: Yeah!

Will: Meow!

Beth: Yeah!

Matt: She's cute...!

Freddie: Where is this kitty cat? She's here somewhere around here.

Matt: Right over here, she's on the couch!

Beth: Yeup!

Anthony: It's on the couch.

Will: [*"adorable" high pitched voice*] Meow, here I am, Fweddie! Meow, meow!

Matt: Oh, no you ruined—

Beth: Uh-oh.

Will: [*"cat" voice*] It's me, Fweddie's cat!

Anthony: Oh, weird. I don't like cats anymore.

Matt: Yeah!

[*laughter*]

Beth: And that was the last episode Will was on.

Freddie: And that, funnily enough, Will, that ties into Taylor's teen fact, which is that Taylor also has a cat... boy costume that he uses to do....

Will: [*displeased hum*]

Beth: *[laughs]*

Matt: To do what?

Freddie: NPC Videos on TikTok.

Matt: Oh, of course.

Anthony: Oh, no.

Will: I knew—

Matt: I knew.

Will: I knew NPC videos was going to fucking crawl its way into our podcast this week.

Anthony: I scream so good.

Beth: I scream so good!

Will: Via one Frederick Wong!

Freddie: Sorry, sorry. It goes, "Ice cweam, yes please!"

Beth: Oh...

Freddie: "Ice cweam, yes pwease—" Okay. Let me just pitch, real quick. Just quick— just—

Will: Fucking intro's going to age like fine wine.

Freddie: I just wanna say this—

Will: Timeless comedy.

Freddie: I just want to ask really quick. I just need a yes or no from all—

Matt: No.

Freddie: —my fellow cast members.

Will: Absolutely not.

Beth: No...

Will: Whatever the question is.

Freddie: Would you, if I could figure out a way...

Will: Would.

[laughter]

Freddie: If I could figure out a way of seamlessly looping video...

Will: [sigh]

Matt: No.

Freddie: ...of you guys playing the season one dads doing NPC content—

Matt: No.

Freddie: Now hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on! Hold on! Imagine just for a second that you got to Darryl Wilson—

Matt: No.

Freddie: —sitting there, being like... [*Darryl Impression, sounds more like Goofy*] "Ice cream?"

Beth: You know what, Freddie? I actually—

Anthony: Is it Goofy?

Beth: I would—

Anthony: [*Actual Goofy impression*] "Ice cream?"

[laughter]

Beth: [*Goofy impression*] Balloon! Pop, pop, pop!

[laughter]

Freddie: But here's the thing. We could just keep this going on in the background.

Will: Hi! This is Will Campos, advocate for people who have no idea what their fuck you're talking about, who are listening to the podcast. And I just want to say I see you and I support you.

Matt: You don't need to look it up!

Will: Do not look it up. Do not learn about it.

Matt: Yeah.

Anthony: You don't need to know about NPCs.

Matt: And I don't even want to say, "don't," because that makes it seem like, "Ooh, it's exciting. Like somebody's telling you not to something."

Will: No, really...

Matt: It's just not wor—

Will: ...do yourself a favor.

Matt: Just, it's not worth your time.

Anthony: It's dystopian.

Matt: We're saving you. It's fine.

Will: It's not even a little topian.

Matt: Hey, everybody—

Freddie: Hey, wait. Real quick. Taylor made so much money on it—

Matt: Oh, Go...

Freddie: —but he was only on for two days because they got slammed with content violations. Because it was just a little too weird for TikTok. And Taylor likes to think—

Beth: That's saying something, yeah.

Matt: That was too weird for TikTok?

Freddie: Likes to think it was because he was like—

Taylor: I got brigaded. Everyone saw how much cheddar I was making and they brigaded me.

Matt: Hey everybody....

[pained laughs]

Matt: Hey everybody, my name's Matthew Arnold. I play Lincoln M. Kicks. A schooled in prison...!

Will: Ex—?

Matt: A schooled in prison...!

Will: What?

Matt: ...future soccer pro who's got no dads anymore! And he just lo—

Will: Lincoln M. Kicks?

Freddie: Lincoln M. Kicks?

Matt: That's right! He's changing his last name!

Will: Prison??

Freddie: And his middle name.

Matt: He's his own man.

Freddie: Wait, what's his middle name? M?

Matt: Mr.! Because it's—

[laughter with claps]

Matt: It's in honor of the only person who ever cared about him when he grew up.

Will: Mr. Kicks, his FIFA character?!

Matt: *[laughing]* Which is Mr. Kicks, his true dad.

Freddie: Holy shit!

Anthony: Oh, is that his FIFA character?

Matt: Yeah, the person who never betrayed him. Yeah. So he's...

Freddie: I find it hard to believe having played FIFA, those fucking crossbar hits? Like, come on.

Matt: I mean that's pretty much his teen fact. It's kind of hard to get research—

Freddie: Lincoln M. Kicks?

Matt: —but he's looking at how he can legally change his name and also how do you do the minor emancipation to become his own person. And he's very attached to this new family that he's found.

Will: Lincoln M— where did prison come from?

Matt: Because homeschool? More like prison school, Will!

Will: *[laughs]*

Freddie: Yeah... yeah!

Beth: Oh my god!

Anthony: Oh wow!

Matt: Schooled him in prison!

Anthony: He looks back—

Matt: Yeah!

Anthony: —no longer fondly on his... on his homeschool.

Will: Fair enough!

Anthony: That's dark.

Will: Hi everyone, I'm Will Campos. I play Normal Oak, purpy peper, pippy, perpy—

Matt: Purpy.

Will: —chipper, cheery, school spirit, something or another mascot kid. Normal fact about Normal this week, in honor of Freddie's cat, I also have a cat related fact.

Matt: Ooh!

Freddie: Yay!

Will: Normal's favorite cat... is Nermal! From Garfield! Because their names sound alike.

Matt: Love it.

Beth: Wow!

Will: And he's like, "I bet we'd get along." This is the closest Normal's had to another person with a name like his.

Matt: Can't believe—

Freddie: Wait, wait, wait, wait—

Anthony: That's why representation matters in media.

Freddie: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Will: Exactly.

Freddie: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Will: He finally saw himself on the screen, yes?

Freddie: You're telling me that you like Ner— and you haven't tried breaching that as a way of deepening your friendship with—

Matt: I was about to say! For all the complaints that Normal has about not hanging out with Lincoln, you have the most obvious, like...

Freddie: Yeah, you have such an in, man!

Will: What?

Matt: Yeah! Normal's just you've got to give it— Lincoln loves Garfield!

Beth: Link loves Garfield!

Will: Yeah, but who does Garfield hate?

Matt: Yeah but he loves the—

Will: Nermal!

Freddie: Ooh...

Matt: That's true. Ooh.

Beth: Damn.

Freddie: ...shit.

Matt: You know what, it's a test, you don't know how Lincoln's going to respond.

Will: I don't know!

Freddie: He's too nervous.

Will: This could go either way. This could go either way for Normal if he says his favorite cat is Nermal.

Matt: I mean I think Lincoln would appreciate...

Will: I kind of think that maybe there was a kid in school that he went like, in elementary school named Norm L?

Freddie: Yeah, yeah.

Will: Like his last name was Loos— Lewis or something.

[thought hums]

Will: And then—

Beth: Loser, did you say?

[laughter]

Beth: His last name was Loser?

Freddie: Norm Loser!

Will: Norm— so, and Normal thought— Normal and Norm L! We can be best friends! And then everyone at school got ahold of that and started making fun of them for it, and then Norm L was like, “absolutely fucking not.”

Matt: Yeah.

Freddie: Weirdly enough, weirdly enough. NarmL is the class president, so.

[chuckles]

Beth: *[Goofy impression]* Save me! Um...

[chuckles]

Beth: My name is Beth May and I play *[intensely]* Scary Marlowe.

Freddie: *[gasps that starts with a criminal amount of spit]*

Beth: Goth Punk, seeker of darkness, who doesn't want to care anymore and is level 10.

[laughter]

Will: Oh, right.

Freddie: Dude, what's that like? What did you lose?

Will: How's that feel?

Freddie: What did they ta—

Beth: It's sooo tragic.

Freddie: Beth, what did they take from you?

Matt: Yeah.

Beth: They took so much from me. Now I'm just like... a normie hack who doesn't know how to play D&D.

Matt: What's your HP now?

Beth: Oh wait—

Anthony: We're talking about the game. We're talking about the game.

Beth: —that's how I was when I was level 14.

Matt: What's your HP at?

Beth: My HP is 83.

Matt: *[frustrated]* Aw...!

Will: Still more than mine. How'd that happen?

Matt: Still more than mine, but still a lot dropped.

Beth: Yeh.

Freddie: Wait, do I have the most HP? I have 94.

Matt: Yeah.

Beth: Wow!

Matt: Wow. Good for you.

Beth: Congrats.

Matt: You big boy.

Beth: Ice cream so good! Okay, um...

[laughter]

Beth: So, tragic facts about Scary this week.

Freddie: Tragic fact?

Beth: Yeah.

Matt: Love it.

Beth: I should have called them tragic facts all along.

Matt: Yeah, that's great.

Freddie: Yeah, that's great.

Beth: I don't know why. Scary realized after the departure of Willy and then also after going on TikTok and doing some of her own research.

Freddie: *[loud]* Ha!

Beth: That she actually does have delayed onset insult phasia. It's not a joke. It's really serious. It's a disease... where when you want to say something mean to the person, you can't think of what to say until they leave.

Freddie: God.

Beth: And so she realized that she has that.

Matt: That's hard for her.

Beth: And it's pretty crushing, but she's going to survive and thrive.

Will: Dang.

Matt: Dang.

Anthony: I'm Anthony, I'm your dad.

Freddie: [*like Taylor*] Hey, dad!

Matt: Hey, big papa.

Will: [*wheezy laugh*]

Anthony: My dad fact is— Oh God.

Freddie: Oh, Matt, no.

Anthony: My dad fact is that Freddie's cat is a little baby.

Matt: Yeah!

Anthony: It is very small. And if the cat ever gets in front of me while I'm talking or anything like that, I'm going to... snuggle it and be cute with it and I'm not going to redo whatever audio. So you just have to deal with that now.

Matt: Oh yeah! If the cat meows...

Anthony: It's goin' in.

Matt: ...and any fan complains about cat meowing in the background? We're just shutting down the podcast.

[*laughter*]

Matt: Like 100%, this cat can do whatever it wants.

Anthony: It's so beautiful. Cat's name is Tamoku.

Matt: Aw...

[*intro transition plays*]

Anthony: So last episode, you basically fought to get the Doodler out of the clutches of Willy Stampler. You managed to basically tackle him when he was just about to put a cuff—an emperor collar—on the Doodler.

Freddie: Is that what they're called? Emperor collars?

Anthony: I called them that once and then forgot to tell you guys—

Matt: Hell yeah.

Anthony: —because I have it written down here.

Freddie: Yo, that's so cool!

Beth: That is tight.

Matt: That's some Warhammer 40K shit.

Freddie: That's some Warhammer shit, dog! You've been holding back on us, dog!

Beth: That's some Mad Max shit.

Anthony: Yeah, sorry. Imperator collars.

Freddie: Fuck, that's cool.

Matt: Now, I'm scared of them.

Anthony: You managed to sort of beat Willy away. I know. What I could have said, and I didn't.

Freddie: That's a wordsmith right there, folks.

Anthony: You managed to get him out of there, but he swore all it takes is him finding the Doodler and putting the collar on him and he will once again have control of the Doodler.

Will: It's funny that all it took for me to never be scared of Willy again was him to do the Inspector Gadget/Dr. Claude—

Anthony: Yeah.

Will: —exit ovra.

Matt: "I'll be back."

Will: "I'll get you next time. You rascally teens!"

Matt: *[laughs]*

Anthony: Yep. The physical manifestation of the Doodler shrunk itself down to the size of a teenager. It is no longer in the sky. It is now an amorphous blob of teenage-dom that is purple in color that you've named Dood. You were told by your—

Freddie: But spelled in the cool way.

Matt: D-O-O-D.

Anthony: Spelled the cool way. D-O-O-D.

Freddie: D-O-O-D.

Matt: You were told by your—

Will: D zero, zero.

Freddie: D-0-0.

Matt: Yeah, zeros if it's online.

Anthony: Oh sure, for sure.

Freddie: Can I say really quick a little confession? My first email address was 1337h4x0rd00d@yahoo.com.

Anthony: Un-ironically?

Freddie: Unironically spelled out in leet speech.

Matt: Shit.

Anthony: That's kind of fucking awesome.

Matt: Yeah.

Freddie: I remember the first time a girl asked me what my email was. It didn't go well.

[laughter]

Anthony: Your dads told you that basically the plan should probably be to hide Dood somewhere where Willy cannot get to him. Because in all the realms, if Willy's in control of D.A.D.D.I.E.S., which he is, he basically has the means of transporting himself to all the realms to find yoU. with an army of the CIA and the FBI and everybody on earth who thinks he's a super cool dude.

Anthony: You then received a text from Mae Hailes that she had received that was from Ron Sampler, who you know to be your step-grandfather, I guess, Scary.

Matt: Oh, do we hear the message?

Beth: You want to hear what it says?

Matt: Yeah.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah.

Will: Let's do it. Take me away.

Ron: Dear Terry, I'm sorry I could not say this letter to you in person, but as you know I'm a very much better writer than speaker, though I excel at both. Anyways, I've been thinking about the concept of time lately, parentheses, is it even real? And I know I can't make up for all the time I've lost with you, but I can let you know that every moment I think of you makes me very happy.

Ron. I am in heaven and the business prospects are dire. Everybody seems to want everything for free.

[*quiet chuckling*]

Ron: Oh, well.

Will: [*quietly, chuckling*] What?

Ron: The only thing I could never put a number on is how much I love you and how proud I am of you.

Matt: [*chuckling, quietly*] Oh, no...

Ron: This is day 9,855—

Freddie: What?

Will: What?!

Ron: —of me telling you I love you and I mean it every time. Even if time is not real. Sincerely, Ron Stamper, your stepfather.

Anthony: So you're currently in what you know of as Old Earth. This is not the place you grew up, this is the place that your parents and your grandparents grew up.

Matt: So real Earth.

Anthony: So real Earth, yes.

Freddie: Earth prime!

Anthony: Earth Prime. The sky is dark but no longer dark with the bulk of the Doodler's undulating body. It is dark... because it's night.

Freddie: [*laughs*]

Anthony: And you can see pinpricks of stars in the sky for the first time. You can see the moon.

Will: Not the first time, we were in space.

Matt: Yeah.

Anthony: Oh, right. I forgot about that.

Matt: We've seen stars.

Anthony: For the first time... in an atmospheric situation, kind of thing. And, uh... you're just vibing. You're just vibing with your new friend, Dood. So. Grant says—

Grant: Heaven? Okay, well that's cool. I didn't know there was... a heaven.

Normal: What—? But—?

Link: Wait.

Normal: Wait, what—?

Taylor: Wait, who—

Normal: What?

Taylor: Who is it?

Link: Grandpa Darryl was—

Taylor: How— who the fuck is this guy?

Link: Grandpa Darryl's right, there's a heaven.

[laughter]

Normal: What? You got a call from— excuse me.

Will: I grab the phone and I call Mae Hailes back.

Anthony: Yeah, Mae Hailes is still on the line. She's—

Mae: [*over phone*] Hey, what's up.

Link: Hey put it on, put it on speaker.

Normal: Hold on, I'm going to put you on speaker.

Mae: *[over phone]* Okay.

Taylor: Tell her who everyone is, out of courtesy.

Normal: Hold on. I think I put her on mute. Are you still there?

Mae: *[over phone]* Can you hear me?

Normal: Yeah! Okay, I'm going to put you on speaker now!

Mae: *[over phone]* I can't hear you.

Normal: Oh. Hold on. I guess you— hold on. Oh, I'm Face Timing her. I'm just going to turn the volume up. Okay! Hey. Hi. Did you get a message from heaven? How did you get a call?!

Mae: *[short syllabus cutting out]*

Normal: Hello?

Freddie: *[loud laughter]*

Scary: Oh, gosh.

Link: Oh...

Mae: *[over phone, through cuts]* Turn your FaceTime off.

Normal: Oh— oh, okay. .

Link: We don't have the reception.

Taylor: Try killing the video because of the bandwidth.

Normal: Oh, okay, okay, okay. I'm just going to call her back.

[phone rings, picks up]

Normal: Hello?

John: *[over phone]* This is... John?

[group laughter]

John: *[over phone]* You've dialed the wrong number.

[all laughing, something gets slapped]

Link: Wait... How do you—

Normal: That's so weird!

Link: Wait, how do you know you have the wrong number?

Scary: Yeah!

Link: We haven't even said we wanted!

John: [*over phone*] Because I hate using the phone and I don't give my number to anyone.

Normal: Then why did you pick up—?

Scary: This is real funny, John!

Link: Wait, John!

Normal: John, why did— John! Who are you?!

Link: And why do you hate using the phone?

John: [*over phone*] I'm a very private person. I don't owe you any information about myself at all. I am a police officer...

Scary: O-kay.

Normal: All right!

Will: I hang up.

[*group laughter*]

Normal: Hold on...

[*phone rings, picks up*]

Normal: I'm can try another number here. Hello?

Mae: [*over phone*] Hey.

Normal: Mae Hailes?

Mae: [*over phone*] Hey, what's up?

Normal: Is heaven real?

Mae: [over phone] [laughs]

[group laughter]

Mae: [over phone] I don't know!

Normal: Well, how did you get a message from heaven?!

Link: Yeah, from Ron.

Mae: [over phone] I didn't get a message from heaven, I got a message from—

Normal: Where did it come from?

Mae: [over phone] ...from your high school.

Scary: What?

Normal: It came from our high school?

Mae: [over phone] Yeah, I triangulated where the texts got sent from and it was your high school. It was Teen High.

Link: High school is kind of like heaven.

Scary: I thought high school was hell.

Link: No!

Scary: I mean, I guess we've been to real hell, but—

Link: If heaven's a place that you go to after you've been stuck in the horrible world that is life, then high school was that because I was stuck—

Scary: Oh, fuck off!

Link: What?

Scary: [laughing] Fuck off!

Normal: Mae Hailes, I'm going to call you back. We're fighting.

Will: I hang up.

[laughter]

Normal: What's going on guys?

Link: Wait why— why? Scary, why you say that?

Scary: Oh, my God! As much as I want to think that every thought in my head is original and beautiful and dark—

Link: It is.

Scary: It's like, it's not an original thought to think that high school sucks ass!

Link: Oh yeah, no, that's cool. I just say for me it was like heaven.

Scary: Oh... well—

Link: Yeah. I was just trying to talk about how I hated my home life.

Scary: Yeah. Okay, well okay. Um. That's...

Normal: Kind of a bank-shot, I got to admit.

Taylor: Yeah.

Scary: Yeah, that's... I mean—

Link: Well, I'm sorry I'm not a poet like Scary.

Scary: —good for you. -I-I'm sorry, I'm sorry! I'm sorry.

Link: That's okay.

Normal: You're sorry?

Taylor: Again?

Scary: Yeah— well. Yeah.

Normal: [*same time*] For what?

Scary: [*same time*] For this. For—

Link: Don't, don't— Stop asking her that.

Normal: And you know I thank you for the apology! For...

Link: Stop asking her that.

Normal: ...for that you gave to Link. Thank you for giving Link that apology. Feels nice to apologize for stuff, right?

Scary: [*like she's speaking a new language*] You're welcome.

Normal: [*gasps*]

Scary: [*stilted*] Thank you for saying thank you for my a-ap-appology. Okay, so—

Normal: You're welcome and thank you.

Scary: —so what should we do? Should we go... back?

Link: I feel like we didn't have to hang up on Mae Hailes.

Normal: Oh, you know what? That's right.

Will: I call her back.

[*phone rings, picks up*]

John: [*over phone*] Hello?

[*laughter*]

Scary: [*sighing*] Oh, God.

Link: Hey, John.

Normal: John!

John: [*over phone*] How did you get this number?

Link: He—

Normal: I don't know! I keep pressing the same button in my phone and you get— wait a second.

Link: John, one time...

Will: I roll Perception!

Anthony: Roll Perception.

[*dice roll*]

Link: Does the name Willy Stampler mean anything to you?

Will: I got a 6.

Normal: It's Stewie Griffin, I bet!

Will: I hang up.

[laughter]

John/Stewie?: *[sounds a bit more like Stewie]* Yes, it's a— he's the mayor. You found me out, aw...

Matt: I refuse to believe John's the mayor. John is somebody we're going to call again.

Will: Okay. Yeah, we'll call John if we need a cop for some reason.

Matt: Yeah.

Normal: Well we got a lot going on so, hey! You guys! You!

Will: I point to the dads.

Sparrow: Yeah?

Normal: So well what's the deal, did Ron die? This is Ron.

Taylor: Yeah, who's Ron?

Normal: That's the Ron from the journal, right? Ron Stampler, you should know if he died or not.

Sparrow: Yeah, Ron died!

Normal: Okay?

Link: Okay?

Normal: So then...

Scary: Well, allegedly.

Normal: I mean...

Link: How?

Normal: ...but, we got a phone call from him.

Taylor: Yeah, how did he die? How do you know that?

Sparrow: As far as we know he died, he went on a trip. He never came back. We assumed that he died.

Link: Okay, well.

Taylor: More details! Explain.

Link: Saying—

Sparrow: And frankly of all the dads, Ron was the one the most likely to just die on a camping trip.

Link: Well, getting...

Taylor: Camping trip?

Link: Saying...

Scary: Well no, he was on a boating trip.

Sparrow: Yeah. A camping trip in the white rapids.

Scary: Oh!

Link: If he sent us a text message...

Scary: I thought it was in the middle of the ocean.

Sparrow: You know what, it was.

Scary: Yeah.

Will: [*wheezy laugh*]

Link: Oh.

Sparrow: He went on a boat trip... like the movie with Cuba Gooding Jr.

Link: A text message would imply he's alive.

Sparrow: It would.

Link: But he said he was in heaven, which would imply he's dead.

Normal: Yes.

Link: But! He said—

Scary: And why is it a text message if he said it's a letter?

Normal: Why is it a text message if he's an old person? They leave voicemails.

Link: Yeah...

Normal: None of this is adding up.

Link: And there's John. Where does John fit into all this?

Normal: Yeah, who is John?

Link: One time's an accident, two times is...

Taylor: Is what?

Link: ...coincidence.

Normal: Yes.

Link: And you know what they say about coincidences?

Taylor: What do they say?

Link: They don't exist.

Taylor: No, I think they do exist.

Link: No, that's what they want you to think.

Freddie: *[laughs]*

Link: You of all people should know this.

Normal: Who is "they"...?

Link: I don't know the people... who is they?

Taylor: Who is they? Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Hold on. Yeah. We need—

Link: Hey, Mae Hale.

[short pause]

[phone calling]

Link: Oh, can we call?

Normal: I'm calling Mae Hailes. Hey, Mae? Mae Hailes?

Mae: [over phone] Yes? What's up?

Normal: Who's they? When they say, "It's what they want you to think"?

Mae: [over phone] You've got to have better questions for me when you call.

[laughter]

Link: Okay.

Mae: [over phone] You got to have something more specific than that.

Link: Really quick. Here's a phone number. Can you— here, we're going to send you a phone number. Find out who this guy is. We called him twice.

Taylor: Yeah reverse engin— I want the whole...!

Will: [laughs]

Link: It's a little suspicious.

Taylor: I want a stack on my desk... by tomorrow morning! Everything you've got! Surveillance, search history, the whole works.

Scary: Yeah, c—

Taylor: Do the whole works on this—

Will: [laughing] I want a fully fleshed out, three-dimensional character, in 30 seconds when I follow up on this.

Mae: [over phone] I'll have it ready for you.

Scary: Code name John.

Link: Yeah.

Mae: [over phone] I'll have it ready for you. Sure, no problem. Not a problem.

Link: Don't trust anything he says.

Mae: *[over phone]* Because of time dilation, I'll have all the time I need to do all the research on this guy.

[laughter]

Mae: *[over phone]* So yeah, just whenever you call me back I'll know everything there is to know about John.

Link: And Ms. Hale this is important... I think he's a smart one, so don't let him know you're onto him.

Mae: *[over phone]* I can be subtle.

Link: Okay.

Mae: *[over phone]* I have a... what's the word?

Normal: Hey, Ms. Hailes?

Mae: *[over phone]* Yeah.

Normal: Thanks.

Mae: *[over phone]* God damn it.

Link: You're doing a good job.

Mae: *[over phone]* Your family.

[click]

Will: I hang up.

Link: Um... I forget why we called you, though.

Taylor: So how do we...

Normal: I already hung up.

Taylor: This Ron guy...

Link: Oh.

Taylor: Oh yeah. Well, okay, well this Ron guy. He says he's existing in a place without time. Maybe this could be where we could hang out.

Normal: Yeah! So... Dood! Dood.

Will: I turn to Dood—

Taylor: We need to all get to heaven.

Will: I turn to Dood.

Dood: Hey!

Normal: When you were up in the sky, because you were on... you were here, and you were in Earth, and like— do you know if there is a heaven? Did you ever see a place called heaven?

Dood: I don't know what heaven is. There was a place that was up.

Normal: There's a place that was up.

Scary: Oh...

Link: Okay but like really... So like, it would be up—

Scary: Like those trampoline places.

Normal: Yeah!

Link: There'd be like a place that's full of clouds and really like...

Dood: I couldn't, I didn't...

Link: ...bright.

Dood: I couldn't go in but there was an up. I tried— When I was looking for friends and family, I looked through all the places I could go, like, the different realms, but there was an up and I couldn't get in there for some reason.

Link: Oh, well hey, you were looking for friends...

Dood: I sound like Emo Philips.

Freddie: *[laughs]*

Scary: Well maybe you did something bad, y'know?

Link: No...

Dood: I don't...

Link: You were looking for friends and look, you found them! Right here!

Dood: Aw...!

Link: Yeah, so... looks like your journey, or your journey's ended to find friends but it just started with your friends. So that's good. Maybe the up place is heaven.

Scary: Yeah. I'm sorry, Dood, that I said that you did something bad. I think...

Normal: [*gasp*]

Scary: ...we've all done things that are considered...

Dood: What did I do that was bad?

Scary: No, I d— I just said that!

Dood: What did I do?

Scary: Okay, uhm, uh, nevermind.

Dood: I want to know what I did!

Scary: You did nothing wrong! Ever.

Anthony: Roll Deception.

[*group laughter*]

Beth: [*dice roll*] 16.

Dood: Oh! I'm perfect.

Taylor: Uh...

Link: Well—!

Scary: Exactly!

Taylor: Eh!

Dood: I've never done anything wrong.

Taylor: Eh...

Link: Yeah, okay.

Normal: So...

Scary: That makes two of us, right?

Normal: [*disagreeing hum*]

Scary: Hell yeah, girlfriend!

Dood: Besties!

Scary: [*laughs*]

Normal: So...

Taylor: One step at a time, folks. One step at a time.

Link: We just have to... Looks like we just got to hide Dood here, right?

Normal: We— step one is we got to lay low with Dood. Because Willy could get anywhere. Seems like somehow a text message got to us via our school from maybe heaven? So if we go check it out, maybe we can find a way up there. Maybe Willy can't get in— I mean, he probably can't get in, because's like a bad guy. So then we could lay low. Maybe that's step one, and then we can figure out how to get Dood back to wherever they came from.

Link: Yeah...

Normal: Or like wherever, y'know, we can figure out —

Link: Can we—

Normal: —a sort of more...

Link: [*gasp*]

Normal: ...a safer home for Dood.

Link: Can we also test? Okay, so like... we don't want Willy to put a bracelet on you, Dood, because then he'll make you do things.

Taylor: An imperator bracelet!

Link: Yeah, imperator bracelet. So...

Dood: I don't want that.

Link: Can we test, like...? Does it have to be around *you*? For example, one of my other favorite—I don't know you all like Garfield. There's another movie called Bubble Boy, which was also pretty good.

Scary: Oh, my God.

Link: Where a boy was in a bubble.

Normal: Mhm...?

Link: Because the parents were scared of them getting sick, and they really love them, and when you love somebody, sometimes you do everything you can to make sure nothing can harm them.

Normal: Mhm...?

Taylor: Ah...

Dood: I like the idea...

Link: At least that was the lesson in the movie. I think that was the le— We always stopped halfway through, I never figured out what the rest of the movie is about.

Beth: *[laughs]*

Link: But like, if Dood's in something... Like, if we wrap Dood up, like, he also looks kind of weird.

Normal: In a bubble?

Link: Or, or even just like a person suit? Like, if you put a bracelet on a suit, does that count as putting it on them?

Scary: Oh...

Normal: I see what you mean.

Link: Like, if we put him in a Mission Impossible sort of...

Normal: If we had— Oh, if only we—!

Scary: Like a mascot—

Anthony: Are you really taping the fucking One Ring to a turtle and then having Frodo carry the turtle because now he's technically not the ring bearer?

Beth: I was thinking Dawn from Buffy.

Anthony: Is that what you're doing?

Matt: Who's talking?

[laughs]

Link: I'm just asking. Can we test that? Like can we test how a ring like that works?

Dood: I guess you could if you had a spare cuff.

Scary: Or—

Taylor: Yeah, it's not like we have cuffs just lying around able to

Link: They're on our dads— Or on, on, your dads! And this gentleman here named Grant... Li-Wilson.

Normal: I'll also say this! I'll also say this! You bring up a good point Link, which is that if we're going to bring Dood—and no offense Dood, but you've got kind of an Eldritch vibe.

Link: It's really cool.

Dood: Thank you!

Normal: Yeah! [genuine] I love it, personally. But it might set off a couple alarm bells back on the other earth where Willy is, but we do have... a giant person suit...!

Link: Ooh...!

Scary: Yes!

Normal: That we can put them in!

Taylor: Oh!

Link: Teen! Teeny The Teen!

Scary: Yes.

Normal: Oh yeah, Teeny The Teen! I don't know what I was thinking of.

Link: What were you thinking of?

[group laughter]

Will: He's got, and I go— and I um...

Normal: Where did I leave Teeny The Teen? [gasps]

Will: Wait, where did I leave Teeny The Teen?

Anthony: Oh gosh, I don't remember.

Will: Is it in the goof realm? Where is it?

Link: I mean I'm sure we could get the school to make another one, worst case scenario.

Taylor: Oh!

Scary: Yeah.

Taylor: Isn't there a room that's like a Batman room that you have? I've seen it!

Anthony: Yeah.

Will: That's right.

Anthony: I feel like you're like the family in Blue Ruin and you've just got Teeny The Teens stashes stashed everywhere.

Normal: I have a back up Teeny The Teen in my house—

Beth: The only time I've heard a Blue Ruin reference.

Normal: —in case the original Teeny The Teen ever fell into the hands of enemies.

Taylor: You got a Teeny The Teen in a suitcase that you open up and it attaches onto your body like Iron Man suit?

Normal: Yeah. I broke my leg one time trying to turn into Teeny The Teen while I was falling through the air. It didn't go so well. All right, well yeah! We'll go get the spare Teeny out of my locker at school, and we'll dress up—

Taylor: How big is your locker?

Normal: How, what? ...It's a standard size. What are you coming at me for?

Taylor: I'm just saying that—

Anthony: It's a soft head Teeny.

Taylor: I'm just saying that... I have—

Link: Yeah, you can also fold it up, dude.

Normal: Yeah, the costume bunches up.

Taylor: I'm just saying that I have...

Link: It's big enough to hold...

Normal: How big is— Hey. Hey, hey. How big is your locker?

Taylor: I thought that was a normal size!

Normal: Oh, no...

Taylor: But I can't fit any of my cosplay in there!

Normal: I think you've got a small locker.

Scary: Yeah. Big enough to stuff You inside though, man.

Hermie: [*chuckle:*] Meh!

Link: [*chuckles*]

Dood: Haha.

Scary: [*chuckles*] Oh, Dood likes my mean sense of humor!

[*laughter*]

Dood: Yeah. Yeah, fuck Taylor.

Link: Oh.

Taylor: Hey, what the fuck?

Scary: [*laughs*]

Dood: Fuck you. You stupid fucking idiot.

Normal: Woah!

Link: Oh, well—

Scary: Okay, all right, okay. When I say... It's fu—

Taylor: I'll kill you. I'll fucking kill you!

Dood: Motherfucker.

Scary: Wai— Dood, when I say it it's funny because I'm damaged.

Normal: [*disagreeing hum*]

Scary: But when you say it, it's just...

Normal: Actually—

Dood: Do I to...?

Normal: Y'know—

Dood: Do I—? I could damage myself.

Taylor: Nope!

Link: No, no.

Scary: No, don't do that! Just, uh...

Taylor: Maybe just not be mean.

Scary: Yeah!

Taylor: Hey, Scary?

Scary: Oh...

Taylor: I'll kill you.

[*group laughter*]

Scary: Okay, so, actually, Dood, we're all deciding that none of us are going to be mean, I guess.

Normal: [*thrilled gasp*] Yeah! Tha— this is great, y'know?

Link: Alright.

Dood: Okay...

Normal: Hey—

Dood: I guess.

Link: We're going to dress you up in a cool outfit so you can...

Dood: That sounds fun.

Link: Alright!

Taylor: So you blend in. Yeah.

Link: So let's just, I guess go back to school and get...?

Normal: Yeah that sounds goo— wait.

Link: ...him in an outfit?

Anthony: The dads go—

Sparrow: Okay, yeah. We can send you back to...

Normal: Teen Huddle.

Link: Yeah.

Scary: Okay.

Normal: Dood, get in here.

Link: Dood, Dood, yeah. You're team.

Normal: And Hermie, get in here.

Hermie: Oh! [*pleased hums*] Don't mind if I do!

Normal: Wait a second.

Will: I roll sense motive on Hermie.

Freddie: [laughs]

Will: Or Perception on Hermie.

Anthony: Yeah, roll Insight, it would be.

Will: [*dice roll*] I got a 14. What do I perceive about him?

Anthony: You can perceive that he is just as loyal to the group as he's ever been.

Will: But he wasn't loyal to the group! He tried to betray us!

Anthony: Exactly.

Normal: Okay...

Anthony: He's exactly that amount of loyal still.

Normal: Al- alright. Hermie, I got to be honest, I don't know what you're still doing kicking around.

Hermie: You're my- you're my friends.

Normal: [*distrusting hum*]

Will: [*laughing*] I roll Perception again.

Anthony: Insight.

Will: [*dice roll*] I got a 6.

Matt: I'm going to roll Insight.

Taylor: I trust my main man, Herm.

Matt: [*dice roll*] I got a 9. I got 3+6.

Anthony: Okay.

Normal: Wow! G—

Scary: I say if we all decided that none of us are going to be mean and all of us are going to be, like, loyal to the group or not betray the group or whatever, then I think Hermie has... just as right... to be here as anybody else.

Normal: Okay.

Scary: [*pained sigh*]

Link: Okay. No, that's fair. And like—

Hermie: Thank you. Scary.

Link: And Hermie, we are all in this together. We're all married. And really quick, I'd just like for you all to know, we don't have to follow, we don't have to take each other's names, but if you don't mind, if you call me, my last name is now Kicks.

Beth: *[laughs]*

Normal: Kicks...

Taylor: Normal Kicks.

Link: Is that okay?

Normal: Okay!

Link: So, I mean, you're free to take that name if you want, or not.

Normal: *[trying it]* Kicks...

Link: I don't feel any respons— You, as my spouses, do not need to take my name, but I'm now Kicks.

Normal: All right.

Link: Lincoln Kicks.

Normal: I'm going to be Normal Oak-Kicks.

Link: Oh that's—

Normal: No, that sounds weird. Oak-Kick— Kick-Oaks?

Taylor: Taylor Kicks.

Normal: Kick-Oaks?

Link: Normal O-Kicks, Normal O'Kicks sounds pretty good.

Normal: Norm— *[bright, Irish accent]* Normal O'Kicks! *[normally]* No, that's offensive to the Irish. I'm not going to say it like that. So but I was wondering, what do we do with our dads? What do we do? What do we...?

Link: Hm... well...

Normal: Do we want them to come along? Do we...?

Taylor: You guys have anything to do other than kicking bricks?

Normal: I feel like, do we want to have them investigate John?

Freddie: *[laughs]*

Normal: Do we want them to... maybe they can try to research a way to break these collars so that—

Link: That's a good idea.

Taylor: They need- they're useless—

Normal: I feel like we could divvy up. I don't know if we need 12 people on this job.

Taylor: Yeah I agree. They're useless to us until they are able to be at full operating combat capacity. Which they're not! Owing to their collars. Do you guys have any ways of getting those off?

Link: Oh yeah, let's do a little... A little Zone of Truth on them.

Taylor: 'Kay.

Link: Hey, everything you just heard, are you going to talk to Willy about it or anything?

Freddie: And you've cast Zone of Truth at this point?

Matt: Yeah.

Anthony: Lark says—

Lark: Fuck, no.

Link: Okay. It's just you have the collars I say you can't hurt him, I'm just wondering like how that works.

Lark: We can't physically hurt him, but we can hurt— y'know, if he's working with other people, if he's got minions and stuff, we can fuck them up.

Link: Okay.

Taylor: Is there any way you can get those collars off?

Link: If not telling him something would hurt him... could you still not tell him it?

Lark: Uh, I don't know. I think so.

Link: Okay, so... uncertainty...

Lark: I'm not rushing to call him right now and tell him, so I guess that seems to imply that I don't have to actively tell him.

Link: Okay. Okay. Fair.

Normal: Yeah. Okay. Okay.

Link: Good point. Just making sure.

Normal: Do we want to send them to see if they can break these collars?

Link: Yeah. Okay.

Normal: We—!

Taylor: Two missions for you.

Normal: Dads! We have a quest.

Link: Well there's two dads here and there's this gentleman...

Freddie: *Pff.*

Link: ...Mr. Grant Wilson.

Grant: Son!

Link: Mr, Mr. Wilson.

Grant: ...Kicks.

Link: Li-Wilson, just letting you know...

Grant: [*sad grunt*]

Link: ...that I think it's best if we just are now both adult friends.

Normal: [*gasp*]

Freddie: [*chuckles*] Oh my God.

Link: ...and that way I can still speak to you. And... these are just the boundaries I've set up.

Beth: [*laughs*]

Link: And... it's okay! And you seem like a very nice gentleman and maybe someday you'll be a good dad.

Normal: *[gasps]*

Taylor: Kicks.

Link: Just like someday I'll be a good dad.

Normal: *[gasps]*

Taylor: Kicks.

Anthony: Grant stops posting bikini pictures of himself.

[group laughter]

Taylor: Kicks. Kicks.

Beth: That's the boundary?

Link: Okay. Lark—

Taylor: Kicks, listen to me.

Link: Mr. Lark, Mr. Sparrow, and Mr. Wilson. Li-Wilson, sorry. I hear your husband's really nice.

Grant: Yeah, he is.

Link: Great.

Grant: So is my son.

Link: I miss... nothing. Um—

[laughter]

Link: So we need you three to... why don't you say it Normal, you knew what we were doing. I'm a little...

Normal: We need you to figure out a way to break out of these bracelets, both for you and in case the worst should happen with our friend Dood here.

Link: Yes.

Taylor: And we need the whole enchilada on this John fella.

Grant: Okay.

Will: *[laughs]*

Link: Yeah, make sure Ms. Hale's on this John guy.

Normal: And dig into John, just in case something goes wrong with Mae Hailes.

Taylor: He hacked his phone number into Normal's phone. That's weird!

Link: Look if I know anything, anytime there's a case that you think is not related to the case you're on, oftentimes... it's the same case.

Scary: Wait, Link—

Link: So this John case...

Anthony: Sparrow nods and goes—

Sparrow: Oftentimes...

Scary: What cases are you working on, Link?

Link: Well there's the Doodler case with Willy, and now there's this John case. Who's...

[laughter]

Link: Who's this John guy. And it feels like they're going to connect somehow.

Lark: Well you already got Mae Hailes onto the, the John case.

Anthony: Lark says.

Link: That's true. OOH! We could also, could you start putting out misinformation on where the Dood is? Like, maybe just like, keeping like, "Whoa...!"

Taylor: Yes. You needc —

Link: "...there's this teen that looks weird!"

Taylor: You need to create—

Link: "That's like five teens in one..."

Taylor: That's right. That's right.

Link: "...in the Philippines, and oh wait, I saw him in the Antarctic. How's that possible?"

Taylor: What's he doing over here at the research station in Antarctica?

Link: Yeah.

Taylor: Yeah, we need disinformation.

Sparrow: So you want—

Anthony: So Sparrow says—

Sparrow: So you want us to start a whisper campaign that...?

Link: Yeah.

Taylor: Yeah.

Sparrow: Okay. I guess we could do that, sure.

Link: And do it everywhere. Well no, no, don't do it everywhere but here, because sometimes the misinformation is not pointing to... like "avoid" can sometimes be as big of a sign as a blinking light. So like, also say he's at school, like also say occasionally that he's with us.

Sparrow: U— ...U—

Link: Do you understand what I'm saying?

Sparrow: You're sure you don't just want us to stay with you and fight guys alongside you and...

Link: No, we're good with the fighting.

Sparrow: —have conversations between scenes and stuff?

Link: Nah.

Taylor: We got it from here, loser.

Sparrow: Okay!

Scary: But—okay. Y’know, just being practical here. If we go back to Old Earth or whatever to get the Teeny costume from the high school, how are we going to get off that planet?

Grant: Well as long as you're with us, we can go between realms and stuff. Although as far as up goes—

Anthony: Grant says—

Link: I mean we can do that without you guys. Just back off a moment, you three, like. It's cool. You can... go to HQ...

Normal: Actually, real quick, how do we go back...?

Link: We just go back to the HQ. We got the meat wall...

Normal: Yeah but where—

Link: We got lots of people to talk to.

Taylor: Willy controls—

Link: Oh...

Taylor: —D.A.D.D.I.E.S., you moron.

Normal: How do we get from here to... how do we get—

Scary: They're going to help us.

Link: Oh yeah.

Taylor: Yeah.

Link: Change your plan. You guys have to help us.

Will: *[laughs]*

Sparrow: Yeah, that was always the plan. That was always what we wanted to do. Was help you.

Link: Okay.

Anthony: Says Sparrow.

Normal: Alright, you could come along for now, but I want you all thinking about how to break these bonds!

Link: Yeah, collars.

Normal: And you got to post memes that say the Doodler's somewhere else.

Scary: And you got to keep your distance.

Taylor: You're on social media.

Scary: You got to keep your distance, like...

Link: Yeah.

Scary: Emotionally.

Normal: Like if we go somewhere, you got to drop us off a block away so we can walk up to where we're going by ourselves. So it looks like we got there by ourselves.

Link: Yeah, this is a professional relationship, and it's important that we keep the boundaries of... boss... and employee.

Grant: You got to stop saying boundaries, Son. It's so weird.

Scary: *[laughs]*

Link: Okay, well, I would appreciate if you didn't call your boss, son.

[all laugh]

Anthony: Grant's just shaking his head and Lark's like—

Lark: Just call him Boss.

Anthony: Grant's—

Grant: I'm not going to call him Boss. That's not going to happen.

Will: *[laughing]* Boss Kicks!

Grant: I'm not going to do it.

Freddie: Boss Kicks!

Link: Boss Kids! Aha.

Freddie: Boss Kicks is a Star Wars character, dude!

[laughter]

Anthony: Sparrow says—

Sparrow: Boss Kicks, that is a very good offer that you've made and we will follow it.

Anthony: And Grant's like—

Grant: Don't call him Boss Kicks!

Sparrow: [placating stutter] Boss Kick—

Link: Boss Kicks.

Sparrow: Thank you, Boss Kicks. Thank you.

Matt: The more he says Boss kicks like Lincoln looks up to the stars, says like—

Link: [quietly] Boss Kicks.

Freddie: [laughs]

Matt: Like this is his whole identity now. He's very excited about Boss Kicks. Okay.

Scary: All right. I can't believe I'm saying this, let's go back to high school.

[ad break]

Link: I really like how you said that.

[laughter]

Link: That was really cool...

Matt: [laughs]

Anthony: A little while later...

Link: It really put a capper on this whole situation. Loved it.

Anthony: ...a little while later you find yourselves back on the earth that you grew up on. New Earth. And-

Freddie: Neo Earth! Come on.

Will: Where do we, do we...?

Matt: Wait, how did we get here?

Will: Yeah, how do, how do we portal through? Like...

Anthony: The dads have little portal devices that they have that allow them—

Matt: Oh!

Anthony: —to go back and forth. They never use the meat wall, they just use their portal devices.

Will: Ah.

Matt: Can they give them to us?

Anthony: Yeah, they could.

Link: Hey, give those to us.

Sparrow: No.

Matt: [*already laughing*] I'm Boss Kicks!

[*all laugh, something getting smacked*]

Taylor: Yeah. Hey, listen!! Listen fella, this is Boss Kicks you're speaking to! That's "no sir"...!

[*group still laughing*]

Anthony: Roll Persuasion.

[*more than ten seconds of uninterrupted laughing trying to stop*]

[*dice roll*]

Matt: Could I get advantage cause I'm their boss?

[*renewed group laughter*]

Anthony: Yeah, you get advantage for being Boss Kicks.

Matt: Okay, good. Because my first one was a 4. [*dice roll*]

Freddie: Fuck.

Matt: God damn it, a 9.

Anthony: Uh, so yeah. Sparrow says—

Sparrow: Boss Kicks, I appreciate that you are in a position of authority over us, but I think it's probably smartest if we hold onto these because we're more used to them, it's...

Taylor: Now listen, now—

Sparrow: They're better in our hands.

Link: Okay...

Taylor: —you listen, this is going to come up in your performance review.

Beth: *[laughing]* What if we get back to school and everybody's whispering, "That's Boss Kicks!" In the hallway?

Will: *[early 20th century American accent]* Sorry, Boss Kicks never drinks with the customers.

[several more seconds of laughter dying off]

Anthony: Aw, God.

Matt: All right, so we're at school.

[laughs]

Anthony: You're at school.

Will: *[accent]* Boss Kicks runs the best watering hole in all of Casablanca.

Anthony: Boss Kicks sticks his neck out for nobody.

Will: Kicks! Hide me, Kicks!

[whole group laugh]

[phone rings, picks up]

Link: Hey, Ms. Hale, can you get some extra portal guns for us?

Mae: *[over phone]* I can probably make some— Oh yeah. I also learned some stuff about John.

Taylor: Yes!

Link: Oh!

Normal: Ooh! What do you got?

Link: Ooh!

Mae: *[over phone]* I've got this recording from him. I called him. And he went:

John: *[over phone]* This is John... John... *[voice gradually transitions to...]* John the count of three you'll be hearing from Scam Likely!

[laughter]

Will: *[shouting]* No!

Matt: *[laughing]* No!

Freddie: *[yelling]* No!

Will: *[shouting]* No!

Freddie: *[just yelling]*

Link: We knew it. We knew something was up with John!

Normal: Was that it? Is that the whole message?

Mae: *[voice is a bit deeper than normal]* *[over phone]* Yeah, that was it. He seemed to be really happy about the Scam Likely gag and he just kind of... hung up on me.

Normal: Wait a second.

Link: Y'know what, on the plus side—

Will: I roll Perception on Mae Hailes' voice.

Anthony: Okay, go for it.

Will: *[dice roll]* I got a 20. Is it Scam Likely?

Scam Likely: *[over phone]* Oh, you got me again!

[chuckles]

Normal: Son of a bitch!

Link: What did you do with Ms. Hale?

Normal: Where's Ms. Hailes?

Scam Likely: *[over phone]* She's probably still at D.A.D.D.I.E.S. I just rerouted your phone!

Normal: *[unassured hum]*

Link: Wait, so are you John or did you just trick us into thinking that—

Will: I snap the phone in half.

Scam Likely: *[over phone, fading off like he's comedically dying]* Noh...!

Link: So my question...

Anthony: You hear his voice whining from the phone as he's—

Link: Wait, so here's my question though. Was the scam that he was John or is the scam that we thought we were going to find out who John was, and Scam Likely...

Scary: Yeah, I think John's still out there somewhere.

Link: Call John back. Call John.

Normal: I broke the phone, I can't.

Matt: I call John.

Will: How do you call John? You don't have his number!

Link: I have a phone, too. I'm a teen, I got a phone!

[someone's laugh has devolved into animalistic throat sounds, something gets slapped]

Link: You're not the only one with a phone, Normal!

Freddie: *[still laughing]*

Will: Dude, Matt bangers, af— Matt, Matt fucking bangers this episode. I'm a du—"I'm a teen, I got a phone!"

[phone rings, picks up]

John: [*over phone*] This is John. Wh— with a new number? What is this?

Link: Hey, um...

Taylor: This is Boss—

John: [*over phone*] Stop spreading my number around.

Taylor: Hey! This is Boss Kicks, let him know who you are.

Link: Scam Likely?

[*pause*]

Scam Likely: ...Yes?

Scary: [*chuckles*]

Link: Oh it's okay. Now I know the whole situation.

Scam Likely: [*over phone*] Aw.

Link: All right. Well thanks.

Scam Likely: I liked the character I made. It was a well-thought-out character that you would have learned to love.

Will: I break Link's phone.

Link: Oh!

Scam Likely: [*over phone*] Noh...!

Normal: We can't let him trace us.

Link: Normal...! That...!

Normal: Link! He's got—

Link: You broke... Okay!

Normal: What?

Link: I'm going to hang on to this feeling, and we'll talk about it later.

Normal: Wait, what feeling? [*stutters*]

Link: You just broke my phone!

Normal: But we can't be tracked! We're getting traced! Here, here—

Link: Oh...!

Normal: You gotta— go get a burner phone. Do you know what I mean?

Link: ...kay.

Normal: Yeah.

Link: That's a good idea.

Normal: Okay.

Link: Just next time, just tell me your good idea beforehand.

Dood: Are we breaking things now?

Normal: Whuh?

Scary: Oh. Um...

Normal: Dood!

Link: Oh, Dood.

Normal: Oh, um! Just phones when people are tracing us.

Link: Yes.

Dood: So all phones should be broken. Wuh-yah!

Anthony: And he takes Scary's phone and he breaks that and he goes—

Dood: Taylor.

Scary: Oh, my God!

Dood: Taylor.

Normal: No, that's good thinking. He could be tracing you on your phone too, Scary.

Scary: Damnit!

Dood: Taylor, give me your phone.

Taylor: Dammit, no!

Link: Taylor.

Normal: Taylor.

Dood: Give me your phone!

Normal: Taylor, you got to give him your phone.

Link: You got to do it.

Taylor: [*rough sigh*]

Dood: Give me your phone, Taylor.

Normal: Hermie, do you have a phone.

Taylor: Good luck with this.

Freddie: And I— it's a Nokia brick. It's one of those fucking Nokia's.

Taylor: It's got Snake on it.

Anthony: He eats it.

Matt: [*chuckles*]

Taylor: God damn it!

Freddie: And he gets exactly one unit taller.

Anthony: [*laughs*] Yeah, his girth increases a little bit. Hermie goes—

Hermie: I don't need a phone. I speak with the birds.

Scary: Oh...

Link: Oh. What...

Scary: Like... on Twitter...?

Anthony: The Dood goes—

Dood: Give me your phone.

Anthony: And he goes—

Hermie: Okay.

Normal: It's called X now, not the birds.

Scary: Yeah.

Anthony: Hermie gives up his phone and the Dooder that breaks that one too.

Normal: Okay.

Matt: Okay.

Normal: We accomplished a lot today.

Scary: Yeah.

Link: Yeah. We're in a much better situation now that we're...

Anthony: Then wh— not talking to you.

Scary: [*sighs*] Alright.

Anthony: So now the dads are like—

Grant: Well, now you have to keep us around. How are you going to get in contact with us otherwise?

Normal: Aw, shit! Ah, shit. Okay.

Link: Now they're just going to trace you guys. You guys got to break your phones, too.

Will: [*wheezy laugh*]

Taylor: Everyone phones on the table!

Normal: Phones in, come on!

Grant: Oh, my God!

Anthony: So they all put their phones on the table, and—

Taylor: Dood, break `em.

Dood: [*grunt, grunt, grunt*]

Anthony: They smash them each with the palm of their hand. They're all obliterated, and the Dood goes—

Dood: Cool. We're all friends now.

Link: Yeah! Okay.

Dood: We're besties.

Taylor: Isn't it nice? To just have conversations again?

Matt: *[laughs]*

Dood: Just be living in the moment?

Taylor: To just live in the moment...

Dood: Yeah.

Taylor: ...again? Y'know?

Dood: Wow, that's a lotta... that's a lotta guys.

Anthony: He says looking at the school. The school seems to be bustling with activity. In addition to the regular amount of students that you see, you see a lot of security officers. You see a lot of people inspecting bags...

Matt: Uh-oh.

Anthony: ...throwing back people's hoodies to check their faces. It seems like they're looking for somebody. If you'd like to roll Perception, you can see a sign on the wall.

Matt: Yes.

[dice roll]

Anthony: Or, a little poster on the wall.

Will: Oh, that's a natural 20...!

Freddie: *[dice roll]* I got a—

Will: ...on the most worthless thing in the world.

Freddie: I got 3!

[dice roll]

Freddie: I got a 3. I—

Beth: I got a 7.

Matt: 11.

Freddie: Everyone got low numbers. We can't read the sign, huh?

Beth: [chuckles]

Link: It's far away!

Anthony: So...

Freddie: I get closer to it.

Will: Not only did I see the sign, but [chuckles] it opened up my mind, I saw the sign.

[laughter]

Beth: Wow.

Anthony: From a distance you can see a picture that says, "Warning: if you see any of these five people, please report them to the school immediately. They are led by Taylor Swift".

[snort]

Anthony: And it just shows a picture of Taylor Swift holding a sword.

Freddie: No, no, no. It shows—

Anthony: And his picture's bigger than everybody else and then the other four are the rest of you.

Taylor: Shit, I've been made.

Beth: I cast Disguise Self. [laughs]

Will: Ooh!

Matt: Ooh!

Will: There you go!

Anthony: All right. What do you look like now?

Beth: I... look so cool...

Matt: You look just like Taylor.

[laughter]

Will: Just like Thomas Crown Affair, the kid catches it, we're all Taylor.

Beth: I look like Pierce Brosnan.

Will: [laughs]

Matt: Hell yeah.

Normal: Woah!

Matt: But a teen.

Freddie: Wait, wait. Young Pierce Brosnan?

Beth: Yeah.

Freddie: Or old fox Pierce Brosnan?

Beth: Um, young Pierce Bros—

Freddie: Because if you were old fox Pierce Brosnan, we could sneak You in as faculty.

Beth: Damn.

Freddie: Young Pierce Brosnan.

Anthony: I think Scary is of the height where young... Pierce Brosnan makes the most sense.

Matt: Although, it could just be old gray fox Pierce Brosnan, but short.

Anthony: Old, short king. Short king. ['husky'] Short fox.

Beth: Okay, yeah. I'm sneaking in as faculty, baby.

Anthony: Okay.

Freddie: Okay, cool.

Anthony: What are the rest of you going to do, to...

Link: I guess we're just going to wait until, you just got to go get the Teeny.

Taylor: Wait, hold on, hold on. Wait. Oh! Oh, ooh! Here's what we'll do. What's your code name?

Scary: My name is, uh...

Freddie: Bond?

Scary: GoldenEye.

Link: GoldenEye.

Normal: Cool.

Link: What's your last name?

Scary: Bond.

Normal: GoldenEye Bond.

Taylor: GoldenEye Bond.

Link: That's pretty cool.

Taylor: Here's the thing, here's the thing.

Anthony: That's what old people use for their joints.

Link: Mist— So you're mis—

Freddie: [*loud witch laughter*]

Link: So you're Mr. Bond.

Scary: Yes.

Taylor: GoldenEye Bond, wait, hear me out. ...Bond. You can sneak in, get to Normal's Locker, extract the Teeny suit that he has in there so that we can—you know what I'm saying? We don't need to all go in just to get the suit.

Scary: Ah.

Taylor: And then you can maybe scrounge up other disguises for us.

Scary: Okay! From the drama department?

Taylor: Yeah.

Link: Perfect!

Taylor: Hermie.

Beth: Is Hermie, is Hermie on the sign?

Freddie: Wait, is Hermie on the list? No.

Anthony: Hermie is on the sign.

Beth: Dang.

Anthony: It's all five of you.

Will: Hermie can disguise himself, right? Isn't that his whole thing?

Anthony: Hermie goes—

Hermie: Who, me?

Anthony: And you turn around and he just looks like a completely non-descript teenager that you've never seen before that you—

Normal: Where'd Hermie go?

Taylor: Hey, who's this asshole?

Normal: Who's this kid?

Hermie: Exactly.

Link: Ooh!

Scary: [*dramatic gasp*]

Normal: Who a—who are you?

Taylor: Who is this guy?

Hermie: Oh, sorry. No, it's me, gu— it's me, Hermie.

Anthony: And he—

Normal: Gah!

Anthony: And he washes off some of his makeup to show the Joker makeup beneath and he goes—

Hermie: It's me. It's me.

[laughter]

Normal: Hermie and GoldenEye... will sneak into the school, get the Teeny The Teen outfit, reconnoiter, and then we can all get in and get the Doodler to heaven.

Taylor: [quietly] Yes....

Link: I hate... I hate to be... just, just throwing out there as an idea amongst the five of us, the bosses of this company. There are probably places with less security that we could get costumes. Not to like, turn it all around, but like, there's a lot of people that are looking for us. We could go to Party City.

Freddie: Like a Spirit Halloween.

Beth: Is D.A.D.D.I.E.S. headquarters is Spirit Halloween now that the Mayor is running it? [laughs]

Matt: Yeah, we could go to a Spirit Halloween.

Normal: I'm just saying, she's got to go in to get the Teeny The Teen outfit anyway. So we—

Link: But we could just get like a... y'know. Like a sexy nurse outfit.

Beth: Where's the nearest Spirit of Halloween?

Matt: Grant is checking his phone and he goes—

Grant: Guys, it's kind of—

Freddie: [shouting] What phone?!

[laughter]

Link: What? Hey put that...!

Anthony: He goes—

[clap]

Grant: I have a burner. I wasn't going to give you my only phone.

Taylor: Dood!

Normal: Excuse me!

Link: Lemme...

Taylor: Dood, you know what to do.

Grant: I'm going to show you tha—

Dood: Gimme.

Anthony: And Dood holds out his hand to Grant and Grant, he's going to roll Intimidation on Grant. [*dice clunk*] He got a 14. Grant's going to roll, opposed. [*clunk*] Grant got a 16. He goes—

Grant: No, Dood. I'm going to show them what I saw on my phone. It's more important that I have a phone.

Freddie: And then—

Grant: Dood.

Freddie: And then Taylor leans over like—

Taylor: You can break it after he shows us.

Link: Yeah.

Dood: Yeah, I'm going to break it after he shows me.

Grant: I heard you say that.

Link: Yeah, because we're going to do it.

[*chuckles*]

Grant: ...Anyway. I—

[*laughter*]

Grant: I looked online, like you're America's Most Wanted right now.

Anthony: And he shows you the FBI...

Freddie: The episode of America's Most Wanted. John Stozzle—

John Walsh: I'm John Walsh!

[group laughter]

Matt: "And if you thought these—!"

John Walsh: These four teens and Hermie the Unworthy look like they may have had a normal day at school, but Normal is actually the biggest problem of all.

Anthony: And they're like, crash zooms on normal.

Normal: What did I do?!

[laughter]

Anthony: That's what you say in the dramatization.

Will: [laughs]

Freddie: Dude they got— Dude they got some fucking dramatization!

Matt: [nasally voice] "Oh, we'll tell you what he did!"

Freddie: It's got dramatization where it's just like, completely different actors for all of us.

Anthony: Yeah.

Taylor: These are adults.

Anthony: [laughs] Okay, so.

Grant: Yeah, currently you're being sought... everywhere.

Link: Okay.

Anthony: And he starts flipping through news pages and you can see that there are checkpoints on the road. The entire city is in lockdown, basically. It's like a dystopian "Willy's in charge of everything" kind of a... kind of a setting.

Matt: Okay, fair enough.

Scary: So the world's a Spirit Halloween.

Normal: Dang.

Link: Dang, okay.

Taylor: How can we disguise ourselves? I have a Cat Boy outfit, but I don't know if it's sufficient to disguise me entirely.

Normal: So I think we can all agree that the easiest way...

Link: yes.

Normal: ...is for Scary to go in as Pierce Brosnan and get us all...

Link: Yes. And Hermie, go in with her.

Hermie: It's the most straightforward way.

Link: Yeah.

Scary: Okay.

Link: Oh, okay, you could be like a new dad bringing your new teen to the school.

Scary: Ah, yes!

Normal: Ooh!

Scary: [*stilted as she plays the character*] This is my son, and I'm faculty. It's so embarrassing for him.

Link: Oh good, good. That's hard.

Normal: That's great. That's great.

Hermie: This is great. This is great.

Normal: Use it!

Hermie: This will work. Let's go up to the metal detector in front of the school.

Link: Okay, we'll hide...

Taylor: Oh, wait, wait! Everyone get your weapons out and put it into this hole that I dug.

Link: Well, we should all go in the hole. We have to hide.

Normal: [*half-laugh*] What?

Will: Okay? Normal dives into a hole.

Taylor: And our weapons.

Link: The three of us, the four of us have to hide.

Taylor: Alright, well give me a second.

Link: We can't be seen.

Taylor: I need to make a bigger hole, hold on.

Anthony: Use your Nature roll.

Will: Yeah, boi!

Freddie: [*shouting*] Yeah, baby!

Matt: Yeah! That's right!

Will: Ranger style!

Freddie: That's what I'm talking, baby!

Will: Motherfuckin' strider up in the house!

Freddie: The nature boy! That's right, Taylor's the nature—

Beth: Nature—

Freddie & Beth: —boy!

Link: Y'know I bet you... I don't have a costume, but I bet you if I just held a tennis racket, they wouldn't— because I'm the soccer guy.

Freddie: [*dice roll*] 11+2.

[chuckles]

Link: So they would be like, "That can't be Link."

Freddie: 11+2.

Normal: Get in the hole, Link.

Link: Okay.

Freddie: 13.

Anthony: With a 13 you have a hole big enough for everybody to lay in.

Freddie: Ah! But here's the— check this out. Check this out. I have Hide in Plain Sight. I can spend one minute creating camouflage for myself from naturally occurring materials. Once I'm camouflaged—

Matt: like PETA.

Freddie: —I can press myself up against a solid surface, and gain a +10 bonus to Stealth checks. So while they're in my hole that I dug quickly.

Will: For one minute?

Matt: You're on top of us?

Freddie: I'm off to the side. Or am I? It's—

Matt: We're like a trap door spider.

Freddie: It's just a bush to the left. It's like there's a, there's a trench and then like an azalea bush, and that's...

Anthony: Okay. Are you also sneaking in or are you just doing this just to do it?

Freddie: I'm hiding.

[pause]

[group laughter]

Freddie: In my camouflage...

Matt: And, and the bush! Hides the...!

Anthony: Yeah, fuck me. Fuck me. Dumb question for me.

Matt: Anthony, the bush hides the hole better. Like if the bush is in front of the hole—

Anthony: Yes.

Will: Yeah.

Matt: —so it's even harder to see the hole.

Will: For one minute.

Beth: *[laughing]* okay!

Matt: But here's the thing, Anthony... that's not a bush.

Beth: *[delighted squeak]*

Taylor: That's me...!

Matt: That's Taylor.

Will: That's—

Matt: That's Freddie.

Beth: *[hiccup-wheezing]*

Will: What Beth?

Freddie: Oh, no, no, no, no. I can— I'm just spending one minute—

Will: *[laughing]* Bu— the bush hides the hole, better?

Freddie: Wait, wait. Listen to me. Listen to me, listen to me— the bush does hide the hole.

Beth: Yes!

Will: *[loud laughter, taken off mic but still loud]*

Matt: *[laughing]*

Beth: What a horrific statement!

Freddie: Um. I'm spending one minute just to create the camouflage—

Anthony: That's what it's for right, to make me miss?

[laughter]

Freddie: Really quick—

Will: *[laughing]* I'm in for my holes with no bush.

Freddie: When I'm camouflage, if I press against any solid surface, I get a +10 to Stealth. That's what it is.

Anthony: Great. Great.

Matt: Cool.

Anthony: I like it when there's a bush covering the hole. I'm a feminist.

Beth: Nice.

Will: A big old bush, like back in the— when the school was in the 1970s.

Taylor: Back in the '70s, this school had a lot more foliage.

Anthony: Okay.

Matt: Okay.

Anthony: So Hermie and Scary are going to head towards the front where there are two armed guards and a metal detector.

Freddie: And an azalea bush that's listening in. Impre—

Anthony: Off to the side, there's an azalea bush covering a hole.

Matt: With us in it.

Scary: Hey, it's me, Mr. Bonds. Just checking in with my son.

Hermie: Hi. Dad, don't call me your son, it's embarrassing!

Scary: Oh... well...! Yeah. Well, you suck. I mean—

[all laughing]

Hermie: Wow! Wow!

[something getting smacked in the laughter]

Hermie: Right in front of new people, huh?

Scary: No, I just meant that's your name, Sucky.

Hermie: I...

Freddie: *[giggly]* Sucky...!

Hermie: Sorry. Yes. My name is Sucky Bond.

[laughter]

Matt: Oh, no. This poor kid!

Scary: So yeah, just do the metal detector on it so we can get to class. Me to teach it, and Sucky to learn.

[hysterical laughter]

Anthony: Go ahead and roll Deception.

Beth: Okay. [dice roll] Fuck. Do I get advantage because I have Disguise Self?

Anthony: Yes, you do.

Beth: Okay. [dice roll] [wheezy laugh] Ha! So with advantage, that's a 3.

Matt: [laughing] No!

Anthony: So the two guards at the front go—

Guards: ...Who are you again exactly? We don't have anything on here for a new teacher coming and there's nobody on the roster.

Scary: Oh, yeah, I'm here to interview.

Guards: You're here to interview for the teaching position. Then why did you bring your son?

Scary: Because he supports [Beth breathless with laughter] me in all that I do.

Taylor: Uh-oh, guys.

Will: [laughing] He's my emotional support child.

Taylor: Guys, this is looking bad!

Scary: Yeah, this is my emotional support son.

Taylor: Guys, this is looking bad.

Link: Just start crying.

Scary: Some people are like, "That's not how it's supposed to be. It's supposed to be the opposite of that." But I defy, uh... the norms.

Guard: ...um...

Taylor: Guys, this is bad. This is bad. This is bad.

Normal: Uh! Uhm!

Taylor: Should I go in? Am I moving in?

Anthony: So one—

Taylor: Are we moving to Bravo?

Anthony: One of the—

Link: Distraction—

Normal: Go, go, go, go!

Matt: I shoot the— I shoot human gun!

[*cartoonish sproing*]

Anthony: [*laughs*] Okay.

Matt: [*laughter weezing*]

Anthony: So a naked... version of Grant?

Matt: Yes.

Anthony: Flies out of the bush.

Matt: I shoot over them, over the school.

Anthony: Okay, like... towards the interior of the school?

Matt: Like over the guards. I'm essentially just trying to create a distraction.

Anthony: Okay. So... yeah, that's going to cause a distraction for sure—

Beth: Okay. So—

Anthony: —as a naked human body flies over them.

Beth: So Scary as Bond says—

Scary: This is taking too long. Not that I'm being suspicious by going in anyway, but I just am!

Anthony: Okay, so a naked body flies over the two guards and you go, "This is taking too long" and you start walking forward. So I'm going to have them roll Perception to see if they can stop you.

Matt: I whisper into the gun. I say—

Link: Say you want to go to school.

Matt: And I shoot another human... right at the door.

Anthony: Okay, so immediately a second human...

[*cartoonish sproing*]

Matt: [*sounds like he needs an inhaler*]

Anthony: ...flying at them. One of them gets on the microphone and goes—

Guard: We're under attack! We're under attack, somebody's throwing people at us!

Anthony: I feel like they get advantage now [*clack*] for their Perception against you.

Beth: Damn it!

Anthony: Yeah, 16. So you try to walk in and one of them stops you and goes—

Guard: You're a part of this, aren't you? What the fuck is this?

Anthony: And they draw their guns.

Scary: Oh my gosh....!

Will: I come out of the hole.

Taylor: Wait there's only—

Link: No, Normal don't!

Taylor: Wait, wait, there's only one way to save this. Fellas... TikTok prank. A TikTok—

Link: You got two seconds to describe that.

Normal: Go... for it?

Taylor: We just say it's all a prank, bro.

Normal: Boomshakalaka! You just got prank meh'danked by me, Normal, the rude prank teen!

Will: I say, mugging into... I don't have a phone!

[smack, group laughter]

Will: ...as I'm filming it on!

Matt: You just revealed yourself!

Will: I'm just gonna—! I'm holding up a rock and I'm going to try to use Sleight of Hand to pretend that it's a phone, so that they...

Anthony: All right, first roll Sleight of Hand to pretend that your rock is a phone.

Matt: *[gasp]* We're the distraction.

Will: What?

Matt: Well they saw Normal, they're going to come after you. So they'll leave—

Will: Alright, I got a 10. On my roll—

Anthony: All right, sure, it kind of looks like a phone.

Will: And I go—

Normal: Whoa, what a zany prank!

Anthony: Roll Deception.

Will: *[dice roll]* I got a 12 on my Perfor...mance.

Anthony: Okay, so when the security guards see Normal, they stand up at attention, having seen one of the most—

Will: Uh-oh.

Anthony: —wanted people on the entire planet.

Will: Augh...!

Anthony: Immediately two of them go—

Guards: Normal's here! Normal's here!

Normal: Uh-oh!

Guards: It's Normal!

Matt: Link stands up and says—

Link: Yeah, come get us!

Matt: And then I shoot the rest of the four bullets at them.

Anthony: So go ahead and roll four range attacks.

Matt: And I'm hoping Hermie and Scary will just run into the school now.

Anthony: Okay.

Beth: Yeah, I think we will.

Will: [*chuckling*] Yeah, to get the disguises.

Anthony: Roll four range attacks.

Matt: Well yeah! Now we're going to really need them, Will! Cause now they're chasing us!

Will: [*laughs*]

Anthony: Roll four range attacks, Matt. You also notice that as this is happening, Dood begins to slowly stand up. His purple form undulating in the morning light.

Matt: [*dice roll*] A 10. [*dice roll*]

Anthony: Miss.

Matt: A 10.

Anthony: Miss.

Matt: [*dice roll*] Ooh, a 22. [*dice roll*]

Anthony: Hit.

Matt: And a 19.

Anthony: Hit. Okay, so—

Freddie: You got shot with a naked human body?

Matt: Grant. We already said Big Boy.

Anthony: Yeah. So both of them get hit by a human naked body and they take a, I think it was 2d10 damage.

Matt: Yeah.

Anthony: And they fall to the ground, prone. The bodies then dissolve into hair and fingernails and stuff like that.

Matt: *[laughs]*

Freddie: God.

Anthony: So as they're about to get up, Dood goes—

Dood: Guys, I have an idea!

Anthony: And he goes over to the bodies and he puts his hand into their mouth and he goes—

Dood: *[three second long:]* Uh... *[normal speaking]* this is gonna hurt.

Anthony: And he sucks the moisture out of their bodies.

Matt: Whose bodies?

Anthony: The two guards.

[industrial sucking of liquid]

Anthony: You see their bodies begin to grow desiccant.

Normal: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa! No, Dood, don't!

[squelching]

Anthony: All the blood rushes out of them up into his hands and into his body. Their eyes shrivel like two grapes left out in the sun.

Will: Oh!

Anthony: Their bodies—

Freddie: Those are called raisins.

Anthony: Yeah, that is correct. You're right.

[laughter]

Anthony: They're like raisins now. All of their skin goes sallow and horrible and they die right in front of you horribly.

Will: [*matter-o-fact*] Oh!

Matt: Link is just waving...

Anthony: When they die, they are screaming.

Freddie: Oh now, wait, hold on, hold on—

Matt: Link is just waving to Scary and Hermie like, "Go! This is a good distraction."

Freddie: And then really quick, really quick. Do they just turn into dust and then blow away in the wind?

Anthony: It's like an old dried husk of a grasshopper or something like that?

Freddie: Oh, okay.

Beth: Oh...

Anthony: Where if you push them a little bit too hard, then they would break and turn into dust.

Freddie: Oh, does the wind pick up. And then they just kind of flit away?

Normal: Wait!

Anthony: Uh...

Normal: Dood, no!

Anthony: Dood goes— Dood goes—

Dood: Oh, got to make sure.

Anthony: And he smashes them on the ground.

Normal: [*shouting*] Oh!

Freddie: [*shouting*] Oh...!

Anthony: And that turns...

Normal: [*shouting*] No, Dood, no!!

Anthony: They explode into dust and their dust gets blown away in the wind.

Beth: Well, that's how I want to go.

[*laughter*]

Normal: W— I— Uh—

Link: Woah. I—

Dood: I did it. I solved the problem.

Link: Okay goo—

Normal: Can you undo it?

Link: Good job, Dood. Just run. Uh, leave, we're going to run now.

Dood: Okay, where are we running?

Link: We just got to get away from here because they're all going to come after us.

Dood: Okay. Good idea. Let's go.

Link: Yeah. Let's just, let's not. He's experimenting with his new body. Let's like...

[*laughter*]

Link: Let's not, let's just take a breath and we'll talk about it a calm way.

Normal: [*lacking breath*] Take a breath?!

Link: We'll talk about it in a calm way, Normal!

Normal: Okay! Okay! Okay! Okay! Okay.

Link: This is like a chi— [*softly*] this is like a baby!

Anthony: So all of you, except for Scary and Hermie run—

Freddie: Wrong. Wrong. Taylor stays put.

Anthony: Okay.

Freddie: Taylor is the most camouflaged...

Matt: Yeah, that's true.

Freddie: ...he's been this whole fucking campaign. If you think I'm moving and breaking my cover now? You got another thing coming, buddy.

Anthony: Okay, great.

Will: Do we have, like, coordinates for where this message came in? We just have to explore the school, right?

Anthony: Yes, you do have coordinates actually.

Will: Okay.

Freddie: Wait, are you guys running away from the school?

Anthony: It was in the cafeteria.

Freddie: Are you guys running away from the school or you running into the school?

Will: Okay.

Matt: We are getting pursued. I'm assuming that when Normal jumped up and revealed himself, they're going to pursue us.

Anthony: Yeah.

Matt: And are there multiple, I'm assuming there's not just these two. Like did we kill all the security guards or there lots of—?

Anthony: There are more security guards here, that you saw...

Matt: Yeah, so security guards are literally running at us from the school.

Anthony: Correct.

Will: Okay. My vote would be that we run into the school because we're trying to get to heaven and...

Matt: Yes.

Will: ...we're trying to get through whatever thing is going to hopefully be there.

Matt: Do we want to run through them or do we want to scream—? I can scream “stinky” so that we create a rendezvous point, the stinky bathroom. That nobody wants to go in. Because Hermie and Scary need to know where they're going to meet us.

Will: I see. So we lead the guards away from the school...

Matt: Hide, and then try to sneak back in to meet with Hermie, and...

Freddie: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Will: Yeah, that sounds great. I love that.

Matt: Okay.

Will: Okay.

Matt: We got to lose them.

Link: It's like a soccer move. You like, stretch the defense and then you make a hole.

Normal: Sounds great! Let's go!

Link: Okay.

Anthony: So first let's stick with—

Matt: So Mr. Gameplay man, decide how our Stealth... how do we avoid this group?

Anthony: Well, it sounds like a chase. Because they're going to run out and they're going to see ya.

Matt: Yes.

Will: [*he's got food in his mouth*] It's like one of those car chases?

Matt: Yeah.

Will: [*still eating*] Where then they turn the car into a little alley?

Matt: Oh yeah, that's what we're trying to do.

Will: All the other cars zoom by. [*food gone*] And we're like, "He, he, he, he."

Anthony: [*chuckles*]

Matt: He, he, he, he, they drove right past. But then surprise, there's one right behind you?

Will: No, don't give him ideas!

Matt: [*chuckles*]

Anthony: So first we're going to do Hermie, Taylor, and Scary.

Will: That's right, I forgot. Taylor's hiding.

Matt: Wait, is Taylor with them or just sitting out in the open?

Freddie: Taylor! Taylor. Taylor—

Will: He's scooting behind an azalea bush.

Anthony: Taylor's just hiding.

Freddie: Taylor is a third party here.

Matt: Yeah.

Freddie: We have two parties here. We have Taylor on his own. As a bush.

Will: Taylor Gear Solid over here.

Freddie: Taylor Gear Solid, yup. And then everyone else on the— So I think you, resolve me separately, I think.

Anthony: Yes. Okay. So, Hermie and Scary walk into the school and Hermie is like—

Hermie: [*cheek click*] I always knew it'd be the two of us at some point. Hermie and Scary back at it again. ...Y'know? Perfect little, little gruesome twosome, little duo, dynamic duo.

Scary: Okay, okay. Let's just go to, oh fuck. Do you remember which locker is Normal's?

Will: [*wheezy laugh*]

Hermie: I do...

[*chuckles*]

Hermie: ...not.

Freddie: [*chuckles*]

Hermie: Remember that.

Freddie: It's probably the one with all the stickers on it.

Scary: Um... It's probably a gross one with a bunch of stickers on it.

Matt: When in doubt, follow your nose.

Hermie: I guess we should start sniffing like a couple of bloodhounds.

Scary: Okay.

Matt: It's going to be a stinky locker.

Hermie: Let's find the stinky locker. I'm going to roll my Perception.

Freddie: It's going to be like, you have those little vents at the top? It's just going to be like foam being pushed out of it.

Scary: I got a 10.

Hermie: I got an 18. Don't worry, my love. I mean—

[*laughter*]

Hermie: Sorry, my friend. My friend. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. My friend.

Scary: [*sigh*] Just—

Will: Somewhere, Normal senses a disturbance in the Force.

[*laughter*]

Scary: Just call me Dad so that I don't get out of character or whatever.

Hermie: Yes.

Scary: I'm not as good of an actor as you.

Hermie: Yes, sorry. My lovely dad.

[*something that might be sniffing, might be repressed laughs, might be both*]

Anthony: And he follows his nose like a bloodhound.

Bully: Hey, what's this freshman doing, sniffing my locker?

[laughter]

Hermie: Nevermind me just trying to find my own locker.

Scary: Hey, young man, have some respect!

Bully: Oh wait, whoa. Sorry, sir!

[group laughter]

Anthony: The incredible author—

Beth: Well, that was easier than I thought.

[claps in the laughs]

Anthony: Apparently you didn't even have to roll for it!

Matt: A bully who respects authority, love it. [laughs]

Will: What is it when like... What is it when like instead of "yes, and" it's like "yes but no." Like I'm not gon— I'm just going to roll over.

Anthony: So you find Normal's locker, which is reeking of sweat and foam.

Freddie: Oh, God. Is it like leaking onto the locker below it and the one person—?

Anthony: Yeah, a little bit. There's a little drippy drip of sweat.

Matt: Oh, God, Normal!

Anthony: Of dirty brown sweat.

Will: I don't know what's sweating in there. I haven't been to this locker in weeks!

Anthony: It just soaked up so much from the constant—

Will: I don't sweat in my locker! What do I...?

Freddie: The costume, dog!

Matt: The costume!

Anthony: The costume. The costume's in there.

Will: Oh, okay. Oh...

Freddie: You're putting the costume in damp, dog.

Anthony: So...

Freddie: Oh there's just going to be mold in this.

Will: Rode— yeah, that thing's rode hard, put away wet if you know what I mean.

Freddie: There's fungi and mold in this thing, dude.

Anthony: Hermie's like—

Hermie: Well this is the locker, but I don't have his combination or a key or anything.

Scary: Okay, um... What would Normal's combination be? How many numbers is it again?

Freddie: It'd be three numbers.

Scary: Ah, of course. As I remember, because I have a locker, three numbers.

Matt: Freddie, you just say that. Just pretend to be the bully that knows the...

[*pause*]

Bully: Hey you guys try breaking into Normal's locker?

[*all laughing*]

Bully: Heheh, we all, all of us. We all know how to do it.

[*something getting slapped*]

Hermie: Oh, yeah? How do you do it?

Scary: Oh yeah?

Bully: Yeah, he's such a loser. His combination's the— y— the day—

Will: The day, month, and year—

Bully: —school

Bully & Will: —was founded!

[*shouting*]

Will: Oh my God!

Freddie: Boom!

[*laughter*]

Will: [*off mic*] Yeah, boy!

Freddie: [*off mic*] My boy!

Freddie & Will: [*off mic, passionate, bro-yelling*]

Anthony: They just got up and hugged each other.

Freddie: [*off mic*] No shit! We just fucking— [*on mic*] made eye contact and said it at the same time!

Will: [*laughing*]

Freddie: And 've never felt fucking more powerful in my life!

Beth: Oh my God.

Matt: That's the most sensual thing that's ever happened in this apartment.

Anthony: Yeah. I think you may have outdone Evangelian.

[*bump of a mic adjusting*]

Freddie: [*off mic*] Holy shit!

Will: Holy shit!

Hermie: Thanks sir!

Will: I'm a little turned on, I'm not gonna lie.

[*chuckles*]

Freddie: Dude. I'm fully torqued right now, dog.

Anthony: Roll for Kinsey scale.

[laughter]

Anthony: Hermie goes—

Hermie: Thank you, sir! Alright month, the day and the year and... et voila!

Anthony: And inside is a horribly, horribly still stinky, Teeny The Teen costume. What else might be in there, Normal?

Will: Oh, y’know, there's like a pack of gum, there's—

Beth: Chewed. [chuckles]

Will: —a bunch of my old homework in there.

Matt: A thousand Pop-Tarts.

Will: There’s— oh yeah. [laughs] It's a thousand Pop-Tarts. And then there's another kid that gives me a toaster strudel every day at school.

Beth: There's a kid in there?

[laughter]

Freddie: There's 400 laser pointers.

Kid: [scratchy, like he’s dehydrated] Please! Kill me!

[laughter]

Kid: Kill me!

Matt: “I'm the original Teeny!”

[laughter]

Kid: I was originally a character who was a man and Normal murdered me and made me fictional.

Beth: Oh my God! Well, you're free now!

Will: No, that's not in there. That's silly. That's just our DM being silly, everyone. Normal didn't murder anybody!

Anthony: Yet.

Freddie: 400 laser pointers that you're trying to flip.

Will: Huh? Stop trying to make the laser pointer thing happen.

Freddie: *[like a 12 year old holding a pack of Pokemon cards at Target]* I love laser pointers!

Anthony: *[laughs]*

Will: Well maybe that's in Taylor's locker. No, Normal—

Matt: Yeah, but not Normal. That's a Taylor...

Will: He's got a calendar up there, that's like...

Freddie: It's just him. It's just 12 months of Teeny The Teen in different poses.

Will: Yes! It's all the calendars I was—

Freddie: And it's all self-made at fucking print4us.com or whatever the fuck.

Will: Exactly. I was trying to raise money and I, uh... couldn't sell any of them.

Freddie: Ha!

Will: Because it was all just pictures of Normal in the Teeny The Teen outfit.

Matt: You're have like, every yearbook that's ever happened.

Freddie: *[laughs]*

Matt: For school. All the research.

Will: A lot of yearbooks, Normal's zine is in there.

Matt: Love it.

Beth: Nice.

Anthony: Okay!

Scary: Okay. Well, let's get this costume. Uh, why don't you be the one that touches it, Norm— I mean Hermie?

[laughter]

Hermie: Oh... okay,

Scary: Great.

Anthony: [*makes horrible squelching sounds with his mouth*] Gets his arms around it. [*squelch*]

Scary: Okay. And now we're headed towards the stinky bathroom. Whose idea was this?

Hermie: It was—

Anthony: And then you hear guard going—

Guards: It's Link! It's Link!

Anthony: That's how we transition.

Matt: Love it—

Anthony: With somebody yelling your name.

Matt: Love it.

[*ad break*]

Anthony: And so you are now running from a group of three guards, all of whom are armed, all of whom have their hands on their pistols. What are you going to try to do to lose them?

Matt: Could we hold our turn until Freddie, as a bush, lights a fire somewhere and creates a distraction?

Will: A distraction from our distractio— There's, there's a small fire somewhere else!

[*laughter*]

Will: Where are the dads? Are the dads with us?

Anthony: The dads are with you.

Will: So they're also running?

Anthony & Matt: Yes.

Will: So we're all running.

Anthony: Yes.

Matt: We just need to—

Will: They've got portal guns! We zap a portal somewhere. We jump through that portal, they follow us through the portal, and then bing bang boom, there's like 12 portals on the other side. But we are in the portal that went back to the school and we close it behind us.

Matt: Ooh... yes. I like that. They zap a portal, ee go in, and then when we're in that new realm... they zap like 40 portals—

Will: Yes.

Matt: —and we go in one and then when they come out they go, "Which one did they go in?"

Will: Because of the time dilation, by the time they get through the portal, we've already set up a bunch of portals.

Freddie: Dude, you know what's crazy? If you do a bunch of the portals, you can fucking stack that time dilation and all their loved ones will be dead by the time they get back.

[laughter]

Freddie: You curse them, they fucking come back the same age they are, but it's like 400 years in the future, dog.

Matt: That's what we want to do.

Anthony: Okay, so you're going to have Lark shoot a portal to... where? Would you like to shoot to?

Matt: Anywhere. It doesn't matter where.

Will: Anywhere but here. But it's got to be somewhere that goes faster than here? Slower than here.

Anthony: So back to Old Earth.

Will: Yeah, Old Earth will because work then it's slower here than it is on... Earth.

Matt: And we're doing this as we're running.

Link: And the moment we go in, shoot as many portals as you can. We all hold hands so we don't go in the wrong portal together. Just shoot a ton of portals and then we'll all jump in one. And that one that we jump into needs to come right back here.

Anthony: So Lark says—

Lark: Yeah, okay, I'll make just one portal that comes back here and the rest I'll send to hell.

Link: Love it.

Normal: Perfect.

Anthony: Okay, great. So—*pewvv!* He shoots a portal into the ground in front of you. You all jump, the surprised guards behind you see that that happened. They follow you in for you. For you it's been about a day later.

Will: Oh, so we've had a day there...

Anthony: You've had a day to set up—

Will: It's only been seconds on Earth.

Anthony: Yes.

Will: Got it. Okay. So great.

Anthony: So he spends the day... just sort of trying to, "Should I approach my maybe-son about this stuff? Should we have a conversation, like...? Things are pretty intense right now, but we actually have a moment of respite," so he is like—

Lark: Hey, Normal.

Normal: [*purposeful exhale*]

Lark: How you, how you holding up?

Normal: Hey Lark, what's up?

Lark: Just—

Normal: Uncle Lark?

Lark: Just wondering how you're holding up.

Normal: Oh, I'm g- I'm good! Yeah. How's the portals going?

Lark: It's going good. Um... I just wanted to... thank you for, um. For calming me down. About...

Anthony: And he nods over at Dood. And he says—

Lark: when I was gonna. Y'know.

Anthony: And he makes a finger gun with his hands.

Normal: Well yeah! I'm glad that worked, y'know. I'm glad you didn't kill me or anything like that.

Lark: I was never going to kill you, I was just going to kill...

Normal: Okay, well...

Lark: ...kill him.

Normal: Y'know, well I... but yeah!

Lark: I was curious if you still had the sun.

Normal: The sun?

Lark: Yeah, the sun you stole from Erin O'Neil in the forest?

Normal: Where did we put the sun? One of us still has it, I'm pretty sure!

Beth: We made it small, right?

Will: Yeah!

Anthony: You made it small, you put it in a box.

Link: Hey, I can't help but notice that you're asking about the sun.

Lark: Yeah, sure, you can be part of this conversation Link, why not.

Link: Well, i wasn't part of it, but now you're asking suspicious questions.

Freddie: Sorry, that's Boss Fucking Kicks to you, my man.

Link: I'm hearing suspicious questions.

Lark: No, no, no, I— not for me, for you. LIke I felt like it just might be a worthwhile trump card to use in case you need to, y'know...

Normal: Well, I mean I guess now that the Doodler's gone, we should probably give the sun back to this world. Y'know, I've never seen this...

Lark: Oh, we should. Actually, while we're here, we can just go to the forest and do that real quick.

Normal: We just yeet it back up into the sky, don't we? LIke...

Matt: I going to cast a Zone of Truth on him.

Anthony: Okay, go ahead.

Matt: I'm going to say—

Link: So uh, why do you want us to get the sun?

Matt: Charisma, saving throw.

Anthony: He succeeded then because he won a 16.

Matt: So he can lie.

Anthony: So he can lie. He goes—

Lark: Oh, was just, in case you needed it as a trump card that you could, y'know, threaten everybody with it to blow up the whole world or whatever, or just blow something— It's a useful weapon to have. That's all. That's all I'm saying.

Link: Normal, do we...? What do you think? Do you think we just...?

Normal: Uh, I mean, I—

Lark: I don't need it!

Normal: I feel like let's give this sun back to the people! Y'know? Like, and— I've never seen...

Link: Do we need?

Normal: Do you— have you ever seen blue sky before? Wa—

Link: No, it's pretty cool. But do we need to do it now?

Normal: Oh, shit we would have seen blue sky for the first time in the last realm we were in.

Link: Do we need—? Do we need to do it now? Could we just—

Lark: And in memories, as well.

Normal: Huh?

Link: Maybe like, get the rest of our group in on this. I don't know. I'm a little suspicious. Not suspicious— I just don't... Do we need to add another thing to the things we're doing?

Normal: Well, Scary's got the sun anyway, so... let's put it on the list! We need to give the sun back.

Link: Yeah. Put it on the list. We'll put it on the list, okay?

Lark: Okay. Just. We can just hurl it up really hard, and I think it'll work.

Link: Hey. We said we'll do it.

Lark: Okay.

Freddie: *[short laugh]*

Link: So just like... chill.

Lark: All right, well I'm wait— I'm waiting.

Link: Okay, well why don't we just put the next portal in. Or you guys can finish your conversation, I didn't mean to interrupt.

Lark: I put like 15 portals to hell and then one to go back.

Link: Okay, well let's put another 50 in there.

Lark: All right, fine. I'll go do that then.

Link: We got a lot of time.

Lark: I'll go do that then, fine.

Link: Okay.

Lark: Okay.

Normal: Hey, Link, do you want to like...

Link: What?

Normal: Nevermind.

Link: No, what's up?

Normal: *[low stutter]*

Link: We got time.

Normal: Your dad's kind over there. I mean Mr. Link-Wilson...

Link: Mister— Yeah. Mister, Mr. Li-Wilson?

Normal: I mean maybe you want to, do you want to... y'know?

Link: Is there something we need him to do?

Normal: I, mean, do you want to... It just seems like, I don't know. He seems real sad.

Link: Well... sometimes your employees are sad and you just don't... need to... Okay. Hey. Mr. Li-Wilson.

Anthony: He immediately, his face brightens and he stands at attention almost, like he leaps to his feet and he goes—

Grant: Yeah, what's up? Boss Kicks.

Link: Yeah. Me and Normal here realize that you look a little sad.

Grant: Uh, yeah. My son won't talk to me.

Link: Tha—

Normal: Wow! That sounds like something that only a great boss like Mr. Boss Kicks can deal with. And also I see that Sparrow Oak seems to be having some problems so I'm just going to make sure he's okay while you're doing that. Okay!

Link: Oh...

Normal: Hello, Mr. Oak!

Link: Oh!

Normal: And I walk away.

Link: Um, sir? Look, I understand this is a little tough conversation for me both as your boss and as your once son that you no longer will talk to.

Grant: I'll talk to you. You won't talk to me. My— I mean my son wouldn't, Mr. Boss.

Link: Oh, I am talking to you.

Grant: You are talking to me Boss Kicks.

Link: Yeah, like I said, I just think that... I respect you. As a man.

Freddie: [*quiet scoff*]

Link: And as a fellow human being. And maybe just the whole baggage of being son and father was just getting a little rough there. So I just feel like the best way I can still keep you in [*voice cracks*] my life. [*clears throat, sniff*] Um! [*steadier*] Keep you in my life is we just accept that we are just... two grown adults. Who have done some things. And will do more things.

Freddie: [*cackling laughter*]

Link: And some of those things have been bad, some have been good. And that's just what I need right now.

Anthony: So... Grant... scratches his chin and he—

Link: Because as a son! ...I might have a lot of feelings.

Grant: Sure.

Link: But as a man...

[*group laughter*]

Link: With just another man. I can accept. Your flaws.

Grant: Okay.

Anthony: So Grant nods. And goes—

Grant: I-I understand that. I just thought. Just something that just occurred to me. Hey Dood.

Dood: Yeah?

Grant: Why did you kill those two guys?

Dood: Because I love you so much and I wanted to protect you.

Grant: Okay. That's all I wanted to know.

Beth: [*scandalized chuckle*]

Grant: That's it. But uh, yeah. Happy to be...

Link: Sounds like a lot of us have made really tough decisions when we've loved somebody.

Grant: Mhm. I agree.

Link: It's really tough being a grownup.

Grant: Yeah, it is. But—

Link: I understand... oof. Man. I can't imagine when I have my own kids. It's probably pretty hard, huh?

Grant: Yeah, it's really... It's very hard. It's the hardest thing there is.

Matt: Link does one of those things where he's gonna like, *[laughing]* pat him on the shoulder.

Freddie: Like a good strong man pat.

Matt: Yeah. And then just backs away. He's like—

Link: A-anyways, g-good talk.

Grant: Good talk—

Link: Good talk, sir.

Grant: Good talk sir.

Anthony: And he holds out his hand for a handshake.

Will: *[gasps]*

Matt: And I shake his hand.

Anthony: And he-0

Matt: And I turn away—

[laughter]

Matt: —so he can't see my face.

[group laughter]

Anthony: Okay.

Link: One last question. Not to get too much into, y'know... house life. But how's... how's your husband doing?

Grant: Husband's doing, doing good. Uh—

Link: *Guh!*

Grant: Really—

[*all laugh*]

Link: Tell him I love hi— I mean! Tell him your boss respects him as a man.

[*laughter*]

Grant: I will do that, s—sir.

Link: Okay.

Anthony: So—

Link: Another handshake? Too weird?

Will: [*wheezy giggles*]

Grant: No, the handshake is good.

Matt: Put another hand... shake.

Anthony: He handshakes you with both hands.

Link: Okay.

Anthony: He's like—

Grant: Thank you. Thank you. Sir.

Link: Thank you, sir.

Grant: Thank you, sir.

Matt: And I walk away.

Anthony: And he just—

Matt: But I'm still holding his hands for a moment.

[group laughter]

Matt: So I'm kind of like pulling him, but then I let go.

Anthony: Okay, great.

Link: Alright, got a lot to do.

Anthony: So what are you going to do with the sun and the... all that stuff?

Will: We're saying Scary has it.

Matt: Yeah.

Anthony: Oh, Scary has it.

Will: But it's been added to the quest list is to give the sun back to this realm.

Matt: Yeah.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah. This is a side quest and the level right now is very low and you're like, "I don't want don't to fucking do that—"

Anthony: I don't know if I need to go back and do that, yeah.

Freddie: It's a green color one.

Will: This was a quest from a couple of levels ago, I don't even remember what it was back then...

Matt: Yeah, it's not even worth the XP.

Anthony: How good could the reward possibly be.

Freddie: It's not even going to worth the XP, the fucking gun I have now is better..

Anthony: God, we're such a cool group of gamers.

Anthony: Yeah, about a day later you hear—

Guards: Whuh-uh! Uh-ah!

Anthony: And the three guards come in.

Will: [*half-whispered*] But we're gone!

Anthony: But you're gone.

Matt: How many portals do they see?

Anthony: They see

Freddie: 50 some...?

Anthony: 50.

Matt: One of them has a sign that says "not this one."

Anthony: But that's the one?

Matt: No, it's not.

Anthony: It's not the one? [*chuckles*]

Matt: They would think that's this, so that's the ultimate...

Will: I feel like you should roll like a hundred sided dice to see if they do by accident get the fucking right one.

Will: Well, they'll probably split up.

Anthony: Okay! That's fun.

Matt: Shh!

Will: Oh I guess yeah, they get three—

Matt: Don't give him help! Let Anthony make his own mistakes.

Anthony: If you had gotten a 100, they would've found the right portal to get back home. They rolled a 95.

[*group of low-registered "ooh"s*]

Matt: Okay. Mokay!

Anthony: So what does happen is once you get back to the school...

Will: Uh-oh.

Anthony: ...a portal opens and a single magical speaking stone comes out and plops and hits the ground. Next to you.

Will: I... I pick up the speaking stone.

Normal: Hello? Is this J— Is this John?

Matt: John? No, that's Scam...

Anthony: No, you hear—

[magical effect of the stone recording activating]

Guard: *[over stone, like over a phone]* If you're hearing this, then I've somehow managed to get a speaking stone back to where...

[group laughter]

Guard: *[over stone]* ...our original home was. It's been years. Me and my two fellow guards have spent years jumping from portal to portal trying to find our way home.

Link: Normal, turn it off. We can't handle this guilt.

Normal: I have to know!

Guard: *[over stone]* My family...

Link: We can't handle the guilt. You don't want to know.

Guard: *[over stone]* ...I took this job as a guard to pay for my sick daughter.

Link: No! Normal, it's like one of those links that you get like "gory video, don't watch—"

Normal: Ah!

Link: And you're like, "I shouldn't watch it." You got to just turn it off.

Guard: *[over stone]* I just need you to find my wife and tell her that I love her.

Normal: Ah!

Grant: *[over phone]* I don't know how long it's been. It must've been years back home as well. It's been years and years and years and years for—

Normal: *[shouting]* No, it's been seconds!

Matt: I grab the— I try to grab the stone from him.

Will: I shout back—

Normal: *[shouting]* It's— We're right here!

Matt: I grab the stone from him.

Guard: *[over stone]* Once again, this is a recording.

Normal: We were in the other—! We were in the other sign that said—!

[laughter]

Matt: I want to grab the stone!

Normal: We're on the other side that says it's not— it's not here!

Matt: I want to grab the stone!

Guard: *[over stone]* Just give this recording to my family—

Normal: *[shouting]* NO!!

Guard: *[over stone]* —and sure to tell the families—

Matt: I grab the stone and throw it as far as I can.

Guard: *[over stone]* — of the other two guards. The other—

Matt: Anthony! DM! I am making a request! *[laughs]*

Anthony: What do you do? You throw it?

Matt: Can I grab the stone?

Anthony: Yeah. Opposed Sleight of Hand.

Matt: *[dice roll]* 22.

Anthony: All right, so you probably grab it.

Will: *[dice roll]* Oh, I got a 19.

Anthony: Close! But no cigar.

Matt: I grab it. I just chuck the speaking stone as far as I can. I go—

Link: Just like that. Your guilt? *[blows a puff like the wind]*

[group laughter with claps]

Link: We can't, Normal.

Normal: But... but...

Link: There's too much to hang onto right now.

Normal: But- but- but his wife! His wife wanted it—! We had a wessage for his wife!

Link: [*could be Link getting teary, actually Matt trying not to laugh*] Normal. Please, one thing at a time. We can't... I can't handle it, otherwise I'll start crying too.

Normal: Oh, my God! I'm gonna start crying!

Link: We got to get to the stinky bathroom, that's our holy chance. The wife is just, just collateral damage.

Normal: [*stutter-starts*]

Link: Just another one of all the collateral damage we've done.

Normal: We'll fix it later. We'll fix it later. We'll fix it later. We'll fix it later!

Link: 'Kay. Those firefighters had wives.

Will: Then another little sub quest pops up on my radar and it's "get this guy back to Earth."

Matt: [*laughs*]

Anthony: Okay. So as you head back into the school, you can see a bunch of black SUVs pulling up and screeching to a halt outside in the parking lot leading to the school.

Will: What is Taylor up to this whole time?

Matt: Sneaking in the back door.

Freddie: So Taylor has the blueprints of the school and the electrical setup. So he's going to cut power to the outer perimeter, the electri-cut—fied fences, the metal detectors, all of that. He's going to irrevocably cut—

Anthony: Roll Stealth.

Freddie: Psh. +10.

Anthony: +10.

Freddie: [*dice roll*] 2... +5+10. 17.

Anthony: So 17. Okay. Yeah, you managed to do it.

Matt: +5 and +10?

Freddie: Yeah. Dude, the one time the Ranger thing's going to play. I'm going to do it. So—

Matt: Well just so we're all on the same page, the idea is that we're just trying to meet them in the bathroom because the only real costume we needed was...

Freddie: Yeah, it was—

Matt: We were going to the school in order to get Doodler's...

Freddie: Yeah.

Beth: Um...

Matt: ...costume.

Beth: Yeah. But then find what's in the cafeteria.

Matt: Yes.

Beth: Yeah.

Matt: And yeah, preferably we would be in there with costumes but we don't have any costumes.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah, so that, but—

Matt: So now we're just trying to sneak into the school altogether.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah.

Matt: But the problem was that we got attacked by all the guards, cause...

Will: I mean, we're still recognizable as Public Enemy Number One.

Matt: Yes. We got to sneak into using Stealth!

Will: Yeah. And then we get the co—

Matt: *[laughing]* Not standing up doing a TikTok thing is what I'm saying.

Will: All right, all right.

Freddie: All right. And then Taylor's also going to arrange for... costumes for Normal and... who needs costumes? Normal and Link, right?

Anthony: Correct. Normal and Link and you need costumes.

Freddie: Yeah. And also Dood's probably not on the picture list, right?

Anthony: No.

Matt: But he is like a shifting amalgam of four nightmare creatures.

Anthony: Yeah, he looks like a weird alien.

Freddie: Well, he'll wear a mask or something, y'know.

Anthony: Yes. He'll be under the Teeny The Teen costume.

[agreeing mumbles]

Freddie: He'll have a mask under that as well in case they pull off the mask. Be like, "It's Normal." And it turns out it's not.

[laughter]

Will: The fuck—

Matt: Sure.

Will: *[laughing]* It's a guy in a creepy ass with a purple neck.

Matt: *[laughing]* Imagine taking off a mascot's head, and it's just a man in a mask underneath it. That's a serial killer.

Anthony: Definitely. Definitely a fucking serial killer.

[chuckles]

Freddie: Okay. Taylor's also going to spend one minute—I assume the school's in just disarray right now—to disguise himself as something else and he's going to go to the bathroom and meet everyone.

Matt: Freddie, use...

Anthony: Give me som— give me something better than “something else.”

Freddie: He's going to disguise himself as a trash can.

Anthony: Okay.

Freddie: The ultimate in urban camo.

Anthony: All right, great.

Taylor: It involves... going into a trash can and punching some arm holes and some leg holes.

Anthony: Okay, fantastic.

Beth: The grouch is in there like, “Ah!”

[laughter]

Matt: He's got a hat that's just covered in trash so when he tips all the way down—

Freddie: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Matt: —it just looks like the top is trash.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah yeah. What costumes should you guys have?

Matt: I mean, I honestly think that if we can sneak in... I just don't think— if you meet us at the stinky bathroom, we're already going to be in the school.

Freddie: Okay. Okay, okay, okay. All right. And so then—

Matt: We just got to get to the cafeteria, right?

Will: All we need is costumes that can get us from the stinky bathroom to the cafeteria.

Matt: Yeah.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah. Okay.

Will: Assuming we can get to the stinky bathroom.

Matt: That's true, yeah.

Will: And the stinky bathroom's got a window to the outside, so we're probably going to crawl through that.

Will: Yeah.

Freddie: Okay. Okay, cool.

Anthony: All right.

Beth: Then why is it the stinky bathroom?

Will: They d—

Freddie: That's the mystery of it!

Beth: Why doesn't anybody ever over open the window?

Freddie: That's the mystery of it! The windows are open but it still smells like poop.

Beth: Mm...

Matt: [*chuckles*]

Anthony: Okay, so roll Stealth to see if you can sneak into the sneaky bathroom without any of the students—not the guards, but the students—seeing you. Also, again, as you showed up a bunch of FBI and CIA guys...

Freddie: Oh!

Anthony: ...pulled out of their fucking vans.

Freddie: I have an idea. An idea for what—

Anthony: And are... about to swarm the school.

Freddie: I have an idea for what Taylor can do.

Matt: TikTok. Or—go somewhere else?

Freddie: Taylor goes, very quickly, finds a blank wall to record a TikTok. How many people follow Taylor's TikTok at school? He's popular. Everyone loves—

Beth: You can't tell because you don't have a phone.

Anthony: Yeah, you don't have a phone.

Freddie: Shit you're right! Okay.

Matt: Oh, shit.

Freddie: Taylor. Taylor. Okay, here's what it is. Taylor starts posting flyers, and then goes to the school computer lab and prints out faces. Of! Link and Normal! Like 2D faces, right? Paper faces. And he starts distributing to the students as this act of rebellion.

Matt: [*chuckling*]

Anthony: You are doing Thomas Crown affair.

Freddie: So it's Thomas Crown Fair, but it's your guys' faces!

Will: So your— what? Why-wha- why are the students... what?

Matt: Anthony...

Freddie: What are you talking about “what”? Taylor goes and prints out masks.

Will: Uh-huh...

Freddie: That look like you two.

Will: And wh—

Matt: Step one.

Will: And then you conv— okay?

Matt: And then you convince the whole school.

Freddie: And then he starts—

Anthony: So first! First, roll Stealth for that part.

Freddie: Psh... [*dice roll*] 9. +15. Is—

Anthony: 24, okay.

Freddie: 24.

Will: Okay.

Matt: It's okay, he's gonna have to roll some non-stealth stuff in a se—

Anthony: So you managed to print a bunch of 2D pictures of your faces.

Freddie: And then he's going to distribute them around the various bathrooms.

Anthony: Okay...

Matt: *[laughing]* So this is the strat— Every time a kid tries to throw, "Oh, I'm done with my juice box," I throw the trash at Taylor's head pops like, "Hey, buddy..."

Freddie: No, no, no! He puts—

Matt: "This is Taylor. Distribute these flyers."

Freddie: He uses his whisper network. Well, here's the goal, here's the goal. Let me just tell you the goal. Link! Shut the fuck up, listen to the goal!

Matt: No, I'm helping you! So you— You've just got to roll Charisma or something.

Freddie: Listen to the goal! The goal is...! To have all the students protesting about the fascist takeover of the school...

Anthony: The goal, I understand.

Matt: Yeah.

Anthony: It's the how you get there. Are you going to tell them? Cause if you're just leaving them in the bathrooms hoping that people will be like, "Yeah, revolution because I saw some flyers..."

Matt: Yeah, you gotta convince them.

Freddie: Yeah! It sa— It's a bunch of—!

Anthony: I have bad news for you about the way revolutions work.

Freddie: Well no! It's a bunch of—! Well, no, no, no. But let me argue this. Let me argue this. The kids coming in have, one, they're teens. They fucking hate authority.

Anthony: Sure.

Freddie: And what do they see? They see that— they're getting late to class...

Will: They see pictures of someone's face!

Freddie: No— wait!

Anthony: They see pictures of America's Most Wanted. As far as they know...

Freddie: Wait, wait, wait, wait—

Anthony: ...fucking—

Will: If it were a prob—

Freddie: [*shouting*] No, no, no, no! [*speaking*] Listen to me. Let me finish this. Okay, let me finish.

Will: Let him cook.

Freddie: The kids are going to fucking see what? A bunch of fucking security apparatus. They're getting fucking wanded on their way into class. Some of them are showing up late.

Anthony: Yep.

Freddie: A bunch of fucking adults are imposing martial law on the school. That's fucked! Any kid's going to be like, "This sucks." All right?

Anthony: Sure.

Freddie: [*slowly getting louder*] And who are they looking for? Their classmates. I don't know what everyone's relationships is. But! They know that the classes are people who have gone to the school. So in the bathrooms and all the bathrooms are little face masks of the people who are most wanted. Every kid's going to be like, "Yeah, fuck authority, let's put these on!"

Will: Roll for it. Roll for it baby!

Matt: Will— Freddie, Freddie, Freddie!

Will: Roll for it!

Matt: Wait, wait!

Will: Roll for it!

Matt: Before he rolls! Freddie, I'm just saying... I think the charisma of Taylor, who is popular at school, would be helpful in convincing them to do it. So why are you getting rid of one of your best assets?

Will: Yes!

Freddie: No, no that's true!

Will: Maybe you hijack the fucking school announcement system.

Will: Yeah...

Freddie: Here's how Taylor's... yes, exactly.

Will: Or you just put some propaganda on the back of the fucking flyers.

Matt: That's what I'm saying. I'm saying just a flyer's not going to do it.

Freddie: Yeah, yeah, no, here's— Here's what it is, here's what it is. All right, you hear— *[makes some techie sounds with his mouth]*

[Freddie click mixed with actual click sound effect; tap tap tap on a mic]

Taylor: *[over PA]* Is this thing on? Listen, fellow students! Now is our time to rise!

[laughter]

Taylor: *[over PA]* In every bathroom is a face mask c-containing the faces of America's most wanted!

Matt: *[chuckling]* Don't stole hte bath...

Taylor: *[over PA]* Let's show these stupid fucking adults that we mean business! Let's Thomas Crown Affair this fucking shit!

Freddie: And then meanwhile, by the way, Anthony? The fucking FBI guys are already stacked on the door! We're cross cutting! To the sound of Taylor. Inciting revolution. He's telling these kids, being like—

Taylor: *[over PA]* Throw off the yoke of your oppressors! Show these adults that we mean business—!

Freddie: And then the fucking guy? The fucking guy does the two figure things like—

FBI Guy: Go, go, go!

Freddie: And they fucking kick the door down. And guess what, Anthony? It's just a fucking recording!

[smack, someone is silent-laughing]

Freddie: It's just a tape recording the whole time! Dude, and they thought they had 'im! They came up with their guns drawn, lasers and like, flashlights sweeping the room!

Will: *[no longer silent]*

Freddie: And they all converge on the fucking phone! And it's just a recording and be like—

Will: [*cry-laughing*]

Taylor: [*over recording*] This recording will [*Freddie laughing*] self-destruct... [*tries again*] This recording will self-destruct in five seconds! Nice try FBI losers!

Freddie: And then it goes, “pff.” And a little bit of smoke comes out.

Anthony: There, uh, this has been Dungeons & Daddies, a podcast, DM'd by Freddie Wong.

Freddie: Now, what do I roll?!

Anthony: Now you roll Stealth again... to set up the recording.

Freddie: [*dice roll*] 7+15, 22.

Matt: [*has been laughing for a while*]

Anthony: Okay. Now roll Persuasion to see if you can get the kids to rise up.

Freddie: But people like me.

[*laughter*]

Anthony: You get Persuasion.

Freddie: [*dice roll*] 19+1, 20!

Anthony: Jesus Christ. So the kids go—

Kids: Fuck. These. Cops. Fuck. These. Cops. [*chanting*] Fuck these cops!

Taylor: That's right, fuck cops! Fuck all these cops!

Anthony: And the kids—

Taylor: And war the masks to fuck them!

Anthony: You hear a lot of people going like—

Kid: Uh, ma'am, I got to go to the bathroom.

Other Kid: Ma'am, I gotta go—

Another Kid: Can I leave to go to the bathroom.

And another: Gotta go to the bathroom, ma'am.

Kid 5: Just gotta go to the—

Anthony: And then you see a bunch of—

Freddie: [*psyched*] This is cross-cutting with the FBI stacked on the door?

Anthony: Yeah. Fuck, [*singing*] "Do you hear the people sing?"

[*laughter*]

Anthony: All the kids go into the goddam bathrooms. Coming out with masks of Link and Normal on. And they're just like—

Kids: Fuck cops! Fuck cops!

Anthony: And they're chanting and they're parading around. So it is... weirdly super easy for all of you to get in.

Matt: Link hearing this puts on a mask of Normal.

Freddie: Yeah!

Matt: And hands Normal a mask of Link.

Link: Now we fit right in.

Matt: And we walk proudly through the halls! To the stinky bathroom.

Anthony: All the adults you're with also put on masks, so they're like, Lark and Sparrow put on masks of Normal to support him.

Will: Aw!

Anthony: And Grant puts on a mask of you.

Normal: Nicky! Go f—! Find those two men, get them out of hell. Bring them home to their wives.

Nick: Okay. I'll be right back.

Anthony: Zeeoo!

Link: Nicky, dude—!

Normal: I don't want to know what happens!

Anthony: Nick comes back, and he goes—

Normal: I assume it all goes great!

Nick: Uh... uh...!

Will: We're gone.

Link: Nicky...

Will: We're not there.

[laughter]

Will: We're not there.

Freddie: We're gone! We're gone.

Anthony: You were just there! You were, it's two seconds passed, for him it's a week.

Beth: That's in the past, man.

Anthony: So he comes back and he is just like—

Nick: Um... Uh...

Link: Nicky.

Normal: It went great, right?

Nick: Uh...

Normal: You got them to their wives?

Nick: Uh... do you want to know or do you want to— maybe we should just keep going.

Normal: I want to know.

Beth: Oh, God.

Anthony: So he's going to roll— So roll Insight.

Link: Do their wives know what happened to them?

Will: [dice roll] Okay, I got an 11 on my Insight.

Anthony: Okay. So you know whatever he says is going to be a lie.

Will: Okay, what does he say?

Anthony: If he speaks. He goes—

Link: We know you're lying, so don't say anything.

Anthony: He goes—

Nick: Oh—!

Matt: [*laughs*]

Anthony: And he closes his mouth and he goes—

Nick: [*high-tone hums*]

Link: Normal...

Normal: Okay. Okay. Okay.

Link: ...you have to decide if you can live with this or not.

Normal: All right, well, we'll- we'll- we'll figure it out later.

Link: Okay. Thank's Nicky—

Nick: [*in a rush*] They died of old age. [*normally*] So. Uh...

Link: That's not bad.

Normal: No!

Link: That's not bad, though.

Freddie: Horribly. Surrounded by their enemies.

[*group laughter, something getting hit*]

Matt: Just mocking them. "Ha ha! You're dyin'!"

Freddie: "Ah, you stupid old man! You're dying!"

Matt: "No loved ones here, just us!"

Freddie: [*mocking*] "You can...! You have no loved ones!"

Will: [*laughing*]

Freddie: Fuck, that's a hard way to go.

Anthony: Aw man. And then they die and they go to hell. They pop up right where they were, but now they're a demon.

Anthony: Okay, so yes, you have everything you need to get into the—

Freddie: Wait can we put—

Anthony: —cafeteria, where you heard the signal.

Freddie: May we, may we— May we please play the scene inside the stinky bathroom?

Anthony: Sure. You are inside the stinky bathroom.

Freddie: Taylor's not there.

Matt: [*quiet laugh-wheeze*]

Freddie: And you hear—

[*clap. clap. clap.*]

Taylor: Took you guys long enough.

Freddie: And the garbage can in the corner starts clapping?

Matt: [*laughing*]

Freddie: I just wanted that little beat. That's all.

Anthony: Great.

Normal: Phew. Ah! Scary!

Link: Good job, Taylor.

Taylor: Hermie, how'd it go?

Scary: Um...

Hermie: It went fine. We got this stinky, horrible thing. This thing that I wanted so long to steal and bring back to my father. But now having done it...

Normal: But you did, this is my backup.

Hermie: Yeah, I know. And it just means nothing to me now.

Normal: Always gotta have a backup.

Scary: Yeah, that smells and then this bathroom stinks. It's a veritable buffet of awfulness.

Link: So let's uh, Doodler. Dood?

Dood: Yeah?

Link: Want to put on this costume? It should stop them from putting on a...

Dood: Oh!

Link: ...bracelet and—

Dood: Oh, it smells nice!

Link: Oh, good!

Normal: Thank you!

Scary: Okay...

Link: There you go.

Dood: It smells like the spirit. I can feel the spirit of the person who wore this.

Link: Aw...

Normal: Oh my— Wait, that's the whole point!

Dood: Sounds like— smell, somebody really cared.

Scary: [*vocal sigh*] Yeah...

Link: Okay. Well I'm glad you two are happy with the smell.

Scary: Doodler's like taking communion, scent-wise over there...

[*chuckles*]

Scary: Body and blood.

Dood: So... So what do we do now? We go to the cafeteria? That's where they said the signal was.

Link: I guess that's where heaven...

Taylor: We need to investigate—

Scary: Yes...

Taylor: We need to investigate the cafeteria. I'll be the vanguard. I'll meet you guys there.

Anthony: Okay.

Freddie: As you go in the cafeteria, there's a trash can in the middle of the room.

[laughter]

Anthony: People are just nonchalantly walking past it, bumping into it, not even noticing it when it's there.

Freddie: But throwing things away.

Anthony: Yeah.

Freddie: Part of the disguise.

Anthony: Also that power was only for a minute. Just so you're aware—

Freddie: No, no, no, no, no, no, no! It takes me a minute to get into the costume and then once I have it on, I can do it—

Anthony: It's a concentration forever?

Freddie: +10 bonus of Stealth checks. As long as I remain— without moving.

Anthony: *[victory laugh]*

Matt: *[laughs]*

Freddie: I mean—! Yeah, that's what it is, like!

Matt: Oh!

Freddie: In that moment...

Matt: Little sneaky...! Forgot the important part.

Anthony: Hoisted on your own petard, my friend.

Freddie: I'm just saying during a lot of this stuff, I'm not moving. I'm just sitting there.

[silly group laughter]

Freddie: They're coming in... Oh by the way? By the way, you know that scene—

Will: *[from off mic]* No!

Freddie: Hey, real quick. You remember that scene with the recording?

Matt: *[laughing]* You're moving, you moved so much!

Freddie: Remember that scene with the recording?

Anthony: You were only moving.

Freddie: Remember that scene where they came in, it was just a recording?

Will: *[dubious but agreeing hum]*

Anthony: Yes, I remember that scene.

Freddie: Now we flash back and we pan to the left. It turns out Taylor was there the whole time.

[laughter]

Matt: Taylor—

Freddie: As a trash can, dude!

Will: *[laughing]* I fucking hate this shit...

Matt: In fact! In fact! One of the guards—

Will: I hate this shit so much!

Matt: ...one of the guards picked up the recording—

Will: Where, alr—

Matt: One of the guards picked up the recording and said, "Fuck!" and threw it in the trashcan.

Anthony: [*laughing*] Yeah, and threw it in the trash can?

Matt: It was just, it was just Taylor, Taylor was like, "Heh."

Anthony: *He-heh-heh-heh.*

Matt: And he pockets the recorder...

Taylor: I got it back.

Anthony: [*laughing*] In case you need to use it again.

Will: So we're in the cafeteria.

Anthony: So you're in the cafeteria and you can see that today. Is. Career day!

[*cheap party horns*]

Normal: [*gasps*]

Anthony: It's...

Scary: Oh, God.

[*jaunty elevator-music-esque tune plays*]

Anthony: If you want to...

Link: [*gasp*]

Anthony: ...you can use this time to respect your character, re-class your character.

Freddie: Holy shit!

Anthony: Change your character as you so wish—

Matt: Soccer player!

Freddie: [*laughs*]

Anthony: And you see a big list of different jobs that you can have, and they are, in order...

Matt: Wait, is this heaven?

Anthony: No. This is just where the text message came from.

Beth: *[laughs]*

Will: I'd like you to j—

Scary: No, this is school.

Will: I'd like you to join my professional network in heaven.

[laughter]

Anthony: So, you—

Beth: I work at heaven.

[laughter]

Anthony: So you see kiosks for many different kinds of jobs. You see: accountant, soldier, samurai, chef...

Freddie: *[very quietly laughing]* Soldier...?

Anthony: ...sports mascot, ontra-pra—

Will: *[gasp]*

Anthony: —newer, contractor, athlete, and programmer.

Freddie: So...

Anthony: Where would you like to go first?

Freddie: Accountant, soldier, samurai chef, sports, ontra-pra. Newer.

Will: It's the worst John Le Carre novel of all time.

[laughter]

Anthony: Samurai, sports mascot, athlete, chef, soldier, ontra-pra newer—it's spelled all weird—contractor and programmer.

Matt: I mean I guess we're supposed to be looking for heaven though, right?

Will: Yeah. Is heaven here?

Anthony: You're looking for whoever sent that text message.

Normal: Ooh guys, this is where the text message came from.

Link: Ooh. It's probably a sports guy.

Scary: Link, are you just saying that because you want...

Beth: *[laughs]*

Link: I really want to go see sports. If that okay? No, you're right. You're right. You guys decide. I can't be unbiased in this decision.

Normal: But...

Link: I'll follow you.

Normal: It does feel like maybe we can all take a look... around. Probably one of the guys here sent the message.

Link: True.

Will: Do we know what Ron looks like?

Anthony: You know what he looks like from the neck up because of the video you saw at D.A.D.D.I.E.S.

Matt: Yeah.

Beth: Scary's like—

Scary: Yeah, I think we should go to sports because it looks like Ron would probably be there.

Beth: And I'm going to roll Deception because Scary just wants to check out the sports.

[chuckles]

Beth: *[dice roll]* I got an 18.

Anthony: Great!

Link: Oh that's—! Okay. I didn't see them there, but if you want to go to sports, that's cool. We could go to sports. We both want to be sports people. Soccer specifically, right?

Scary: *[a bit hesitant]* Yeah...

Taylor: On three. Everyone say what booth you're going to? One, two, three.

Taylor: Samurai!

Scary: Sports.

Link: Sports.

Normal: Mascots!

Taylor: Both of you going to sports?

Link: Yeah, we're going to sports.

Taylor: Okay.

Scary: No. Okay. We can't both go to sports.

Link: We're not together...

Scary: On three. On three. Let's just say which booth we're going to.

Link: Okay.

Scary: One, two, three.

Link & Scary: Sports.

Link: Cool.

Scary: [*sigh*]

Freddie: Okay. So we'll split up.

Link: Hey Normal, we're going to go to sports.

Normal: Okay! Uh...

Link: We see Ron there. But don't come. You don't need to come.

Normal: Okay. Okay...

Link: You should probably look somewhere else in case he's not where we think he is.

Normal: Yeah, okay, that's fine.

Will: I cast about the room to see if I see Ron Stampler anywhere.

Anthony: Roll Perception.

Matt: I look at the sports booth—

Anthony: Or Investigation.

Matt: —only. Is he in the sports booth?

[*dice roll*]

Anthony: Again, roll Perception or Investigation?

Will: I got a 5.

Anthony: Can't tell.

Matt: Do I get Double Perception since I'm focusing on just one spot?

Freddie: You have two eyes.

Anthony: You have two eyes, bubby.

Matt: [*dice roll*] I got 20.

Anthony: Wow!

Matt: With one try.

Anthony: Okay, you can tell he is not in the sports booth.

Beth: Damn it!

Freddie: Taylor's already at the Samurai one. Be like—

Taylor: Tell me of the ways.

Samurai?: Oh. Oh, the waves of the samurai are many and varied—

Taylor: Yes, indeed.

Samurai: —but foremost amongst them is...

Anthony: *Pff!* And a smoke bomb goes off. CIA guys repel from the roof...

Beth: Oh, God.

Will: [*gasp*]

Anthony: ...their guns drawn and the guy takes off his mask and it's Agent Schmegan. And he goes—

Schmegan: Deception.

Matt: [*gasp*]

Will: [*gasp*]

Freddie: And I hold still.

[*laughter*]

Schmegan: Where'd you go? Where'd he go? I lost him!

Anthony: Meanwhile, over at the athlete booth, you both walk up. And there is a fresh-faced, kind looking young woman there who says—

Woman: [*with a suspiciously familiar sweetness*] What are you, what are interested in?

Beth: Is it Mia Hamm?

Anthony: Yeah.

Link: [*gasps*]

Freddie: [*laughs*]

Anthony: Yeah.

Link: Mia Hamm?

Anthony: Yeah, it's Mia Hamm.

Link: I want to be as good of a soccer player as you.

Mia Hamm?: Oh well, the most important thing to remember when working as an athlete is the element of...

Anthony: And she takes off her mask...

[*group laughter*]

Anthony: And it's the Mayor and she goes—

Mayor: Surprise!

Will: Ah!

Anthony: And Doodlerized people come in as well.

Scary: Oh, God!

Will: Wait! There's one more place to check! And then Normal and Dood, holding hands now, run over to the mascot booth, going—

Normal: Please tell me you're really a mascot guy and you can help us!

Anthony: John turns around and goes—

John: Oh, I'm a mascot guy, all right.

Normal: [*shouting*] No!

[*group laughter*]

Scam Likely: A mascot of scams!

[*outro music plays*]

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Freddie: Next week we are touring the West Coast for the Do or Dice Live tour. Five. Cities. Five. Dates. Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego. You're going to pay for the whole seat, but you only need the edge, as... as they say. A lot of the shows are sold out, but some have released some tickets as we get closer to these dates. So check it out. That's dungeons&daddies.com/live. You can see the tour dates. Just see if there's any tickets left. I know Los Angeles has some, so get on that, LA come on. It's hometown! I'm going to be bringing out the original Honda Odyssey for this. I mean... I'm going to try and park it in front of the theater, we'll see. And also there's a little bit of ticket trading and extra selling happening in our Discord, which you'd know about if you were a Patreon supporter.

Freddie: In fact, Patreon supporters got access to those live tickets 24 hours before the rest of you normies, and that's just one of many benefits that you could

receive if you support us on Patreon. We just posted the live show we did at RTX on the Patreon, a video and audio feed, and that's on top of hours and hours of bonus content. We have the Dadatha Christie miniseries up next. Some of the bonus content, we talk about the show, some of the bonus content is bespoke, original one shots! Gameplay, and more. Lot of content, lot of stuff to listen to and get entertained by. All that at patreon.com/dungeonsanddads, check it out. Twitter, [dungeonsanddads](https://twitter.com/dungeonsanddads), website, dungeonsanddaddies.com, merch store, [.dungeonsanddaddies.com](https://dungeonsanddaddies.com), our subreddit is [dungeonsanddaddies](https://www.reddit.com/r/dungeonsanddaddies) And that next episode's coming at you August 29th. We hope to see you on the tour! But otherwise we'll see you back on, we'll see you on August 29th.

[outro music finishes]

Will: Are we like two weeks in the future, now? This is like the opposite—

Matt: *Shh...*

Will: —of how it used to be, I think? It—

Matt: *Shh...!*

Freddie: Hey, look at me.

Matt: Shh!

Freddie: Look at me. Will? Will? Will?

Beth: Will, shut up.

Freddie: Shut the—

Matt: Shut up.

[all laugh]

Freddie: Will?

Beth: Here's the new rule: Shut the fuck up.

Matt: —fuck up, Will.

[chuckles]