

Season 2, Chapter 20 – Amber’s Adventure!



Women scare me; that’s all there is to it. Don’t talk to them, don’t look at them, don’t exist in their general vicinity. Failure to follow any of those will result in eternal pain and suffering!

Anyway, seeing as we have some time to kill before the next big arc of the Season starts, we decided to introduce a new *Sideshow* show that is intended to replace *Zack’s Hacks*. Let’s see how well that goes! Fifty bucks says it gets cancelled after one airing.

--THE SIDESHOW--

Amber’s Adventure!

The scene was set in the middle of the woods at sunset. Here, Amber, JT, and Pillbug were having a bit of a meeting. I’m glad this show doesn’t waste any time with intros or graphics and just gets right to the good stuff!

“Okay! Welcome, everyone, to the first official meeting of the Amber Squad! Trademark pending. Our first mission is to break into the local museum! Yesterday, some guy came and *took* my special rock and put it on display for everyone to see! That is *private* property and it belongs to me!”

“Why did he take it?”

“He said it was a Tranamahoginadodosaurus bone and that it was ‘extremely vital to paleontologists’ or whatever. I wasn’t really listening because I was distracted by his cute neckerchief. They’re in right now! But anyway, I tried asking everyone else to desecrate the museum with me but they said it wasn’t important enough to warrant a chapter so here we are! You two are part of my squad and you’re gonna help me break in!”

She pointed to Pillbug.

“You will be the bossy, commandy, tell-everybody-what-to-do guy who constantly yells at us and makes me mad because I don’t like being told what to do!”

His eyes brightened.

“Oh! Okay! Do this! Do that! You disgust meee! Hee hee hee!”

He might have trouble with the intimidation part, but otherwise a solid choice for the role. Her finger drifted over to JT.

“And you will be the psycho crazy weirdo guy whom no one understands but has a tragic backstory that makes everyone cry later.”

He blinked a few times in confusion, not even sure what he was doing there in the first place.

“What? I don’t even understand what we’re...”

“AND you are only capable of speaking in beeps and boops because you’re weird.”

He rolled his eyes.

“Beep. Beep. *BOOP.*”

She glared at him.

“I don’t need your attitude! Now, finally, I will be the cute and adorable one whom everyone loves and never gets hurt or anything because she has plot armor and that makes her gorgeous and invincible!”

JT sighed loudly.

“Boop boop beep... (Somehow I feel like she’s the only one who will get out of this alive...)”

Amber nodded.

“Yeah, on my mother’s side! Now... let’s get adventuring! What should we do first?”

The group was silent for several minutes- far longer than they should have been- before Pillbug spoke up.

“We... should... fiiind the museum!”

She clapped in delight.

“Great idea, bossy one! But where could it be? I didn’t bother looking it up because museums are dusty and gross and I DO NOT want that in my search history.”

She started thinking rather intensely, trying to wrack her brain for information on the whereabouts of the local museum. The camera slowly panned out, revealing that they were actually standing in a bit of greenery planted in the middle of a busy commercial district and the museum was right behind them. JT and Pillbug, the only ones facing the direction of the museum in question, glanced up at it and flailed around.

“Beep! Boop boop! (Look! The museum is right behind us!)”

Amber waved her hand and continued thinking.

“Not now, psycho! Where would we even get that many bananas?!”

He fell limp and that was the end of that. Pillbug remained silent for several minutes, staring at the building with starry eyes, before finally choosing to say something.

“Look! The museum is right behind us!”

Amber spun around and gasped when she saw that this was indeed the case.

“Wow! Excellent work, bossy one! You got us here in no time at all!”

He smiled wide while JT rolled his eyes and flashed some obscene hand gestures that were promptly edited out. The three then dashed over to the museum and Amber hid behind a large ornate column that sat just before the grand marble steps while the other two started casually walking up with everyone else.

“NO! STOP!”

They froze and whipped around.

“What? Let’s go inside!”

“We can’t just waltz right in! There are invisible lasers that will kill us if we touch them! We have to *sneak* inside!”

Pillbug turned towards the groups of people coming and going from the museum before turning back to her.

“But... other people are going in just fine.”

“Boop, beep beep beep? Beep, boop beep? (Besides, wouldn't the lasers be on the inside? You know, around the priceless artifacts and stuff?)”

She flailed her hand around.

“Those people are dying left and right! And NO, they have security on the outside, too! Just follow my lead...”

She glanced around at nothing in particular before dashing out from behind the column and rolling up several steps. She then ducked as if she were avoiding a missile, attempted to do a stylish ninja-kick, failed horribly, and tumbled down several steps which hampered her progress. Refusing to give up, she jumped into the air, flailed around a bit, then skipped up the remainder of the steps and did a twirl as she reached the top. Pillbug and JT stared at her as she waved at them.

“Now you two do *exactly* as I did!”

It took some doing, but Pillbug managed to flawlessly copy every single step, right down to the falling and flopping, and joined her at the top of the stairs. JT was having none of this nonsense and simply walked to the top like a normal person. Almost immediately, Amber started screaming.

“NOOO! Psycho guy got melted by the lasers of death! Now he's dead and gone forever! I can't believe I already lost a party member when I'm barely past the tutorial! It's gonna cost MONEY to hire another person! NOOOO!”

She spasmed in despair on the concrete floor and, once again, he rolled his eyes.

“Oh, good grief, I'm right next to you!”

She stopped sobbing hysterically and looked up at him.

“Do... Do my eyes deceive me?! Psycho came back to life! YAAAY! Now I don't have to spend money on a replacement! HOORAY!”

She started hugging him and jumping around, then immediately stopped and pushed him away.

“Okay, gross. Get off me.”

She wiped the peasant filth from her lapel as Pillbug spoke up again.

“So, we're at the entrance! What now?”

Her eyes suddenly brightened.

“We should... go inside! And then... taaalk to the lady at the desk to find out where my rock is!”

Pillbug clapped in delight while JT looked impressed.

“Wow... she actually had a thought for once in her life.”

She took a few bows and smiled wide.

“First, I must thank my brain for giving me such a great idea! Ahem... thank you, brain!”

That was literally the most basic idea ever. Normal people could do that without even thinking about it.

“Hey! That’s not nice! I was distracted by the fact that Psycho died!”

No, he didn’t. He was right next to you the entire time.

“I definitely saw him die back there.”

Your intelligence is what died! A long, long time ago...

“Um, *YOU’RE* my brain! Aren’t you just insulting yourself?!”

No, because I’m not your brain! You’re just talking to yourself and everyone can hear you.

“You know what?! You’re a MEAN brain! I don’t like you!”

I don’t like you more!

“Fine! Then I’m done talking to you!”

I’m done talking to you first!

“I don’t even care! Stupid brain!”

She crossed her arms in a huff while JT and Pillbug, along with several other museum patrons, stared at her. Her mood quickly settled and she looked around in confusion.

“Wait, what were we doing again?”

It was then that a Little Bang emerged from the glass doors of the building and marched over to them.

“Hey! You three! What are you doing loitering around here?!”

She saw him, screamed, grabbed the two by their arms, and started running away.

“I’M SORRY OFFICER WE’LL GO PLAY SOMEWHERE ELSE!”

They flopped and tumbled down the steps before running across the busy intersection and disappearing from sight after nearly getting hit by a car. The Little Bang simply shook his head, sighed, and returned inside.

“Kids these days...”

AND THAT IS THE END OF AMBER'S ADVENTURE!

So then! I'm not even sure what I just read. Amber had her own little chapter to go on an adventure and... *that's* what she came up with? No wonder she never gets her own chapters!