

[Catacombs Intro music plays.]

Sage G.C.: Thank you and welcome to the *CATACOMBS*.

[Music fades out.]

Sean Cowhig & Kristin Sanchez / Marty & Mary Jane

[Marvel Intro music.]

Sage: Hello! My name is Sage. I'm the director of *20 Sided Stories*. I'm joined, of course, by my fellow hosts on their phone [chuckles].

Travis: It was about the show.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Sage: And *who* are you? [chuckles]

Emily: Why don't you read it to the whole class here?

Travis: [stage whispers] It wasn't about the show. Wasn't about the show.

Jessica: Hi! I'm Jessica! I wasn't.

Sage: [chuckles] Travis isn't gettin' an intro. Emily?

Travis: That's fine.

Emily: I'm Emily. Travis doesn't get an intro.

Travis: People already know who I am. I am the fan favorite [stifles laughter].

[**Sage** chuckles.]

As—

Sage: *Were*. We'll see, this season, who's the new one.

Emily: For *now*.

Jessica: Ooo.

Travis: We'll see who gets a mini series after this season.

[**Kristin** chuckles.]

Sage: Yeah, yeah [chuckles].

Travis: That's th- that's the prize if you're the favorite. You get a mini series [stifles laughter].

Sage: And we're so lucky to be joined by *two* guests on this one.

Sean: Hi.

Kristin: [chuckles] It's us.

Sage: We have with us Sean Cowhig.

Sean: Hi.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Yes. Hello, how are you?

Sage: And Kristin Sanchez.

Kristin: Yeah! Kristin Sanchez, that's me. Hi, how are ya?

Sean: Hi!

Sage: So grateful to have you guys here.

Sean: Thanks for having us.

Kristin: So great to be here.

Sage: So we're just gonna do—

Kristin: We're gonna speak in unison the entire time. You're- go- gonna be the same thing.

Sean: We're gonna talk at the same time. 100% this whole thing.

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

Jessica: This was our first double guest.

Sage: It's true. You guys are a duo, which I can't wait. It's gonna be fun.

[**Kristin** chuckles.]

Sean: Duo.

Sage: Yeah.

Sean: That's cool.

Kristin: Nice.

Sean: That's cool.

Sage: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So we're gonna do a quick powwow.

Sean: Yeah.

Sage: First, before we get into your characters.

Sean: Mm-hmm.

Kristin: Mm-hmm.

Sage: Tell us about yourselves. I don't know who wants to go first, but you both host a podcast called *The Way Highway*.

Sean: Yeah.

Kristin: Yeah.

Sean: We drove here from the way highway.

Kristin: We did.

Sean: A cannabis comedy show.

Sage: You recorded today?

Sean: No, no, no.

Sage: Oh, okay.

[Everyone laughs.]

Sean: I was just- we took the way highway.

Travis: You took that far too literally.

Kristin: Yeah.

Sage: Y-you- yes.

Sean: Like, that would be cool, but no. We, like, we, yeah. We're on the—

Emily: The highway was the way that you took.

Sean: The highway was the way that we took, yeah.

Emily: To arrive here, yeah.

[**Jessica** and **Kristin** stifle laughter.]

Sean: We arrived enroute from the way highway to here.

Kristin: Yes.

Sean: But that's a cannabis comedy show that you can check out on idobi Radio, Thursdays at 4 PM Pacific, 7 PM Eastern.

Kristin: You're nailing it.

[**Sean** stifles laughter.]

Travis: Has a release time? It comes out at a time?

Sean: Yeah. So—

Emily: 420, baby.

Travis: Ahh.

Sean: Yeah, idobi is an online network that is always going.

Travis: Oh.

Sean: So there's a specific time you can go there and listen to it *live*. I'm doing quote fingers now.

[Everyone chuckles.]

'Cause it's "live".

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

And then also listen to the podcasted version after the fact.

Travis: Dig.

Sean: Yeah.

Kristin: Yeah. It's a radio station as well.

Sean: It's a radio station.

Kristin: I'm just gonna whisper in radio station voice, though.

[**Sean** stifles laughter.]

Entire time now. This is my character.

Sean: Yeah. Yeah.

[**Emily** laughs. **Travis** stifles laughter.]

Jessica: [mimics] Very strong choice, I like it.

Sage: [mimics] Some smooth jazz comin' your way.

Travis: Right, and that *one* energy throughout this whole show.

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

Sean: Yeah.

Kristin: The whole time.

Emily: This a one or a two for you?

Kristin: Really staying in that pocket. That gentle little area. Oh yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

[**Jessica** and **Travis** stifle laughter. **Emily** laughs.]

It's a- still good radio calming voice.

Kristin: Yeah.

Sean: Hey, everyone.

Kristin: You know, just the ones and twos and here's a love song.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Sage: So what is your two, um, I mean I know a teeny bit about you, Sean. But your guys' background with improv.

Kristin: Yeah [chuckles].

Sean: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

[**Kristin** and **Sage** chuckle.]

Kristin: Yes, we have those [chuckles].

Sean: Kristin, you go first.

Kristin: Um, okay, yeah! So I've been doing comedy for about, um, close to ten years now, and I started in Orange County and then was like, let's foggin' *do this!*

[**Sean** stifles laughter.]

And so then I came up to L.A. and I studied at iO West and then I went to Second City, and I also studied at the Pack, and then I plan on doing all the rest of them, because fuck it, it's all just fun and it's a tool belt, so...

Sean: Second City. West side comedy theatre.

Kristin: I already did Second City.

Sean: Club house, UCB, Groundlings.

Kristin: All of 'em?

Sean: What's the- The People's Improv Theatre, the Ruby when it moves downtown.

[Everyone chuckles.]

I was just tryin' to see how many improv theatres I could—

Kristin: That you could name.

Travis: Several independent workshops.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Sean: [mockingly] That's so funny.

Kristin: So yeah. Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Kristin: So that's my improv background [snorts].

Sean: Yeah. I started doing improv in college at Emerson on a group called This Is Pathetic.

[**Kristin** chuckles.]

And we read the *Truth in Comedy*. And we were like, got it!

[**Sage** chuckles. **Kristin** laughs.]

And then turns out, we didn't know what we were doing.

[**Sage** stifles laughter.]

Kristin: That happens a lot in that book [stifles laughter].

Sean: Yeah. You just read the book and you're like, I got it. Harold. Easy.

[Everyone laughs.]

Travis: Oh, we been there.

Sean: Yeah, right?

Travis: Oh, yeah.

Sean: Oh it's the greatest thing to do.

[**Sage** stifles laughter.]

Our break from that was we would, um, because we were a school and Emerson College entity, we would get them to fund field trips for us to go to New York and take workshops at UCB.

Kristin: Oh, fun.

Travis: *What?*

Sean: Yeah. It was pretty badass.

Sage: That's a steal.

Which is...yeah, it was a steal. It was like, you put together a budget and you were like, this is a planned field trip for this improv team.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Jessica: Nice.

Sean: And they were like, yes do it. But that's when we learned we didn't know how to do improv from the *Truth in Comedy*.

[**Kristin** chuckles.]

As it turns out. But I've been a iO West guy and now I teach improv at Art of Acting out here in L.A., which is a Los Angeles branch of the New York Stella Adler program.

Sage: Amazing.

Sean: Yeah.

Travis: And our community college in the East Bay area, we tried desperately to have them let us use a room to practice in. They said we don't want that, and we said, can we do it on the lawn? They said, still no!

[**Kristin** chuckles.]

Sean: Ah, *man*.

Travis: Yeah.

Sean: Ah, that's...yeah.

Sage: Yeah, it was kind of an anti-improv school in a lotta ways.

Travis: With a large theatre program. I will never understand it.

Sean: Oh, that's crazy.

Sage: Yeah. It's the most bonkers scene.

Kristin: They were like, [mocking] the spoken word, but not the made up one.

[**Sean** and **Sage** chuckle.]

Travis: Exactly.

Sean: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Kristin: Not how—

Sage: [mocks] You must *write* your way through this.

Travis: Yeah.

Kristin: Yes.

Sean: Yeah. Emerson College now has- you can get a BA in comedy.

Kristin: In comedy.

Jessica: [gasps] Wow!

Travis: I heard about that.

Sean: A Bachelor of Arts in comedy. Yeah, it's crazy.

Travis: That's fuckin' fantastic. That's great!

Sean: It's pretty awesome.

Kristin: I wish I had done that [snorts].

Sean: Yeah. I mean, simultaneously I'm like, I wish I did that and that's the most awful thing ever.

Kristin: Yeah.

Sean: Because if someone's ever like [mocks] I have a degree.

[Emily stifles laughter.]

Kristin: Oh my god.

Sean: I don't know- I don't know what'll happen.

Kristin: Oh! Oh my god!

[Everyone laughs.]

Sean: I- that'll happen. That'll happen too.

Kristin: I d- oh! That's- that would be the worst thing.

Sean: That would be a bad thing.

[Sage chuckles.]

Kristin: If someone was just like, [mocks] I'm sorry, I have a degree in comedy so I think I know...[chuckles]

[Jessica laughs.]

Sean: Yeah [chuckles]. Sorry, Steve Carell.

Emily: It would be the first thing in their Tinder bio [chuckles]. Yeah.

Sean: Yeah. Oooh nooo.

Kristin: Oh my god, yeah. That person never dates.

Jessica: Masters in comedy.

Sean: No. Never. It'd be real bad.

Kristin: That- oh god.

Sage: Should be illegal.

[Everyone laughs.]

Sean: Should be illegal.

Jessica: But honestly, I'm really excited. It's basically like you guys do have a masters in comedy in my heart.

Sean, Kristin: [together] Awww!

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Travis: The College of Jessica's Heart.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Jessica: Yeah, truly.

Sean: [awed] Wow.

Kristin: I'm so excited to be getting this honorary masters.

Sean: Yeah.

Jessica: From me.

Kristin: Really.

Sean: Oh my god.

Emily: It's a certificate program, but it counts.

Sean: Yeah. That's amazing.

Kristin: I like it!

Jessica: Hey, it's great.

Kristin: I mean, I'm hanging it up on a wall.

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

Sean: I would like to also hang one up on a wall.

Jessica: I will- okay I-I'll make you one.

[**Kristin** screams in excitement.]

Sean: Ah man. I feel like you're gonna actually do that and it's gonna—

[Everyone laughs.]

Oh man.

Jessica: You- you know, and—

Sean: I do. I know.

[Jessica chuckles.]

Oh, that's amazing.

Kristin: Oh, this is wonderful.

Sean: This is the greatest thing.

Jessica: Yeah.

Sage: So this is always a fun kinda loaded question that I've been giving the guests. Answer however you please. [amused] What does the MCU mean to you? As in, gimme your hot takes on Marvel. The cinematic universe specifically. If you read comics that's cool too. What's your level of nerdism? Do you have an opinion on the movies? How many have you seen? What does it mean to you?

Travis: Or what did you watch instead of Marvel movies?

[Sean chuckles.]

That's been something that's come up a lot [stifles laughter].

Sage: Also it's important to note, Kristin is wearing a Captain America sweater right now, so...

Sean: Yeah.

Emily: It's great. Where did you get it?

Travis: I'm jealous.

Kristin: Thank you. I got it from a place called- I believe they are now called For Fans By Fans. I don't know if the sweater is still available because they used to have a Spiderman cardigan—

Emily: Ooo.

Kristin: and I owned it and I literally lost it in Queens—

Jessica: Oh!

Emily: Oh, no.

Kristin: —and I was SO UPSET! [angry sigh]

Sean: Oh, no [chuckles].

Kristin: But yes, I did own that and it was a thing. I love Spiderman, he's a big, um, I- I almost said he's a big fan of mine.

[Everyone laughs.]

Sean: He is!

Jessica: Well, I think he would be.

Emily: Yeah, he would be.

Kristin: He's a big fan of— Thank you.

[Everyone chuckles.]

But, yeah. I have a pretty big Marvel background. I'm a huge fuckin' nerd, and then on top of that, I used to work at the Disneyland theme park and I was a Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. and was certified.

Jessica: Official.

Sage: Wow. Jess, I didn't know about—

Jessica: I told you that.

Sage: *Did* you?

Jessica: I did.

Emily: The look on Travis's face when you said S.H.I.E.L.D. was not okay [chuckles].

Jessica: I don't know why you guys don't remember, because the moment I found this information about Kristin, I *immediately* texted.

[**Kristin** and **Sean** chuckle.]

Sage: You know what? You're right. You did say that.

Travis: We weren't listening!

[Everyone chuckles.]

Jessica: Well, I should be used to that by now.

Sage: No, no. She just jogged my memory. She just jogged my memory. You're right. You did tell me like, Oh my god, turns out Kristin's a huge nerd and blah, blah, blah and here's the stuff.

[**Kristin** and **Sage** laughs.]

Jessica: I didn't say you're a huge nerd, but you're- I mean.

Kristin: I mean, you would not—

Sage: A total dork.

Jessica: [chuckles] Oh, yeah.

Kristin: It's still accurate. It's still accurate. All of these words are correct.

Sage: No, no. This is a nerd-friendly space. This is- this podcast is probably the nerdest-nerdiest podcast.

Jessica: Nerdest [chuckles].

Kristin: I'm drinking—

[Everyone starts shouting over each other.]

Sean: The nerdest [chuckles].

Travis: It's the nerdest [chuckles].

[??] [distant] This podcast isn't [crosstalk]—

Sean: It's not the nerdest. It's not actually the nerdest [chuckles].

Sage: It's not a nerd...it's not the nerdest!

Emily: We are *not* the nerdest.

Jessica: Hey, hey, hey. Kristin.

Kristin: At this current moment in time, I am drinking out of a goblet glass that says "The Lord of the Rings, the Fellowship of the Rings". The bottom of the glass is three rings stacked, and then on the other side, etched in glass is Aragorn/Strider's face. Yeah, I think this is a nerd-friendly household.

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

Sage: And there used to be little light extensions that could fit under the cup.

[**Kristin** gasps in excitement.]

Sean: Whoa.

Sage: I lost them or they broke, but it would light up all the glass like a—

Travis: Where did these come from?

Kristin: [excited] Oh my god, that's so cool!

Sage: Burger King.

Emily: Burger King.

Travis: That's right. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sage: They came from Burger King [chuckles].

Travis: I couldn't remember which one.

Kristin: Of fucking course they came from Burger King.

Travis: It coulda been a McDonalds thing, I don't know.

Sean: Oh man.

Kristin: Oh, McDonalds wouldn't get this fancy.

Jessica: But technically, those came from a thrift store that I got them at.

Sage: It's true. It was a sweet find from Jess.

Sean: Okay.

Kristin: Yeah, these are...

Sage: We lost one. We had four. Now I have three.

Emily: A+.

Jessica: Thank you.

Kristin: Ah, what did you lose?

Travis: [snickers] It was Boromir.

Kristin: Was it Boromir?

[Everyone laughs.]

Best thing! [claps]

Travis: Yes! Ah, Sean Bean.

Sean: Awesome.

Kristin: Sorry, my palms are so sweaty.

Travis: Oh, no, no. Same, same.

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

Likewise. We are...

[**Kristin** chuckles.]

Sage: So anyway, Marvel.

Sean: Yup.

Kristin: Yes, yes.

Sean: I played- Uh, no I didn't.

[**Jessica** and **Travis** chuckle.]

Um, I played Spiderman.

Travis: Turn off the dark?

Sean: Didn't turn off the dark, no, no.

Travis: Okay, good.

[**Kristin** laughs.]

Sean: I would call myself an aggressive dabbler.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

I've seen all of the films. I don't think I've seen the latest Spiderman.

Jessica: Oh, the *Far from Home*?

Sean: *Far From Home*. I haven't seen—

Kristin: With Mysterio?

Travis: European vacation?

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Sean: Yeah, I haven't seen that one yet, but I think I'm caught up everywhere else. I enjoy them. It's entertainment for me. I don't think my nerd-cordum is very strong. I'm not a comic book reader.

Sage: Right.

Sean: And I've dabbled in some of the cartoons. I think the original X-Men series.

Kristin: So good.

Sean: Some original Spiderman cartoons. Like that.

Kristin: The '95?

Sean: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Exactly, exactly.

Kristin: [whispers] That one's so good. I just bought—

Sage: Word.

Sean: That's one's so good. Then- the original Action Man cartoon was so good. So good.

Kristin: Binged that shit so hard. It's so good. They have a crossover, I'm like...[chuckles]
Sorry, you're gonna have to watch the whole—

Sage: That's on Disney Plus now, right? Isn't it?

Kristin: Yes!

Sean: Yeah.

Travis: Yes [chuckles].

[Jessica chuckles.]

Kristin: Sorry.

Jessica: Don't apologize.

Sean: No.

Kristin: It is- I watched- I literally just finished binging it.

Sage: Nice.

Jessica: Oh, wow.

Kristin: Uh, it is sixty-five episodes and it took them sixty-five episodes to get to the multiverse. So you guys have sixty-five episodes.

Sean: Wow.

Travis: Wow.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Kristin: Just letting you know.

[Sage chuckles.]

Jessica: Damn.

Sean: Whoa.

Travis: Did you ever get into...not the most recent Avengers cartoon, *Avengers Assemble*, but *Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes*?

Kristin: Was that the, um... Was that the one where they're animated very childlike?

Travis: No. They're not.

Kristin: No. Okay.

Travis: It's on Disney Plus as well. It came out around the time *Ironman* one came out. It covers- it does what the X-Men cartoon does, where it takes giant arcs and smushes them into ten episodes.

Kristin: Oh, I've probably watched it then.

Travis: *Really* good.

Kristin: I'm a *huge* animation nerd as well.

Travis: Really?

Kristin: Oh yeah!

[Everyone laughs.]

I fuckin' suck. I do voices! [laughs]

Sean: Yeah.

Kristin: I do voices. And, specifically on a show called *Hell Den*, that you guys can watch on ScyFy.

Jessica: Oh, yeah!

[Everyone cheers.]

Sean: Oh no, that- that is...

Travis: What?

Sage: No way.

Travis: Ooh!

Sean: I made that show.

Kristin: It's a Dr. God production and Sean Cowhig is one of the members of Dr. God.

Travis: [impressed] What?

Kristin: And he made that fuckin' show, so that's a thing.

Jessica: Really amazing, star-studded team.

[**Kristin** grunts and laughs.]

Sean: Oh.

Jessica: I'm gonna emphasize.

Sean: Yeah, *Hell Den*'s crazy. It's a trip. It's original animation also with recut and redubbed properties. So like Robot Chicken, but not stop-motion animation.

Kristin: Yeah.

Sean: We used old cartoons but also some old live-action, and then let's- cross your fingers season two we'll delve into it even more.

Kristin: Yeah.

Jessica: Whee.

Sean: Can't wait.

Travis: God, and I taped your mic to the stand. I'm sorry.
[Everyone laughs.]

Kristin: Do not ever apologizing for improvising.
[Everyone laughs.]
Why did that rhyme unnecessarily?

Sean: Whoa.

Kristin: I added too many extra things to it [chuckles].

Travis: Do not ever apologizing for improvising.
[**Jessica** chuckles. **Kristin** laughs.]

Sage: Unless you invite me to your class show, in which case, you owe me at least one.
[Everyone chuckles.]

Kristin: My words. They're dumb. I love it.

Sage: So let's- let's fill out those character sheets.

Sean: Oh yeah.

Kristin: Okay!

Sage: So we've chatted a little bit off-air to rope it into your guys' own podcast.
[**Kristin** chuckles.]
We're playing some cannabis-powered heroes of some kind.

Kristin: Yes.

Sean: Yeah, that's right.

Emily: Oh, *fuck* yeah! [laughs]
[**Kristin** laughs, **Sean** chuckles.]

Sage: Oh, yeah. Emily, you're probably not caught up to date on this.

Emily: I know nothing.

Jessica: Oh.

Emily: You don't tell me who the guests are. I don't know who you people are!
[**Sage** chuckles.]

Sean: Wow!

Emily: It's great to meet you.

Sean: Great to meet you!

Kristin: It's incredible.

Emily: I know nothing [chuckles].

Travis: We let her out of a closet every week to do the show.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Emily: [tearful] Please don't put me back.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Sage: So step by step, you can come up with it right now if you had something in the back of your mind, go for it. But real name and hero name.

Sean: Right.

Sage: What is their persona? And what is their secret identity? Do they *care* if their identity is secret too? That doesn't necessarily matter. You can just have one name.

Sean: Right. Right, right, right. Cool.

Sage: A lot of people—

Emily: I *get* the Mary Jane joke now.

[**Travis** snorts. **Kristin** laughs.]

Jessica: Yeah, that makes more sense.

Kristin: For those of you who don't know, Mary Jane is a cannabis reference name.

Sage: Yup.

[**Jessica** stifles laughter.]

Kristin: I don't know why I would have to explain that, but also—

Sean: That- that's- that'd be crazy.

Jessica: Just in case. Yeah.

Sean: That would be crazy.

Kristin: I did a joke before we got on the air about being named Mary Jane.

Travis: Tom Petty just got completely recontextualized for me.

[Everyone laughs.]

Emily: Last chance for Mary Jane.

Sage: [amused] I think you should do it.

[**Kristin** laughs.]

Somebody should.

Kristin: I feel like MJ.

Sean: Yeah.

Travis: Sure.

Sean: D'you wanna Ma— Be Mary Jane.

Kristin: Okay.

Sean: Should we be related? 'Cause then I could be Marty Jane.

[Everyone laughs.]

Mary and Marty Jane!

Jessica: Oh my god.

Sage: Please. Please.

Kristin: Yes.

Sean: Okay, Marty Jane.

Travis: [accent] It's your cousin Marvin Berry.

[**Sean** chuckles.]

Sean: I want my alias to be High Guy.

[**Sage** laughs.]

Jessica: Hi, guy!

Sean: It's the High Guy! [chuckles] Hey, High Guy. [claps]

Kristin: Okay. I have an idea for what my hero's powers would potentially be.

Sage: Sure.

Kristin: But I don't know if I tell you and *then* we create a na- or like [whispers] I don't know. What's- how—

Jessica: You're like ganja girl. Kind—

Kristin: Yeah. Okay.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

'Cause here's my brainwaves on...

Sage: Yeah, go for- shoot it off.

Sean: [fast] Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Kristin: My brainwaves on what my character would be. It's kind of like a weed version of the Green Lantern, and I would get high, and then whatever I fuckin' imagined, I would use my puff of smoke in order to create that fuckin' thing, and then that would be my power.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Sean: Yeah.

Jessica: Whoa.

Emily: I fuck with that.

Sage: That's pretty great.

Kristin: Thank you.

Sage: Also potentially overpowered as shit.

Kristin: [whispers] Dammit.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Dammit! I understand.

Sage: But I think- I'm not saying no, I'm saying yes, but we have to find some way to limit it.

Kristin: Of course.

Sage: What's her weakness or her- the thing that would be—

Kristin: [amused] Lung capacity.

[**Sage** chuckles. **Kristin** laughs.]

Travis: Short-term memory.

Sage: Yeah.

[Everyone chuckles.]

You could only do- once you create something it's like, Oh [exhales] hold on, that was a big [coughs] got cough it out. You know what I mean? Then- and then take a couple minutes before you can do another thing. Okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

How closely does this align with High Guy? Do you guys kinda have the same powers? How'd you guys meet?

Sean: Okay, High Guy- no. I thought High Guy would have cannabis mind-control powers.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

In that if bad guys are comin' up and he's like, wait, wait, wait, wait. Guys, guys. We're cool.

[**Jessica** stifles laughter.]

And They're like, oh, yeah.

And I'm like, Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. We go way back [claps].

Yeah we do! Yeah, yeah, yeah. We went to swim class together!

Right, right, right.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

And so then they stop.

[**Jessica** stifles laughter.]

Sage: Fantastic.

[Stat test chime.]

So this is where we start going into the stats. This is perfect segue.

Sean: Cool.

Sage: I think both of these are awesome, we're gonna do them, we're gonna work with them.

[Stat building music.]

Basically you have your Personal stats, that's the top row when you look at all these empty little slots down there, and you have your Powerful stats, that's the bottom row. They're gonna pull and tug on each other, a little tug-o-war. Sometimes I'll have you roll just Personal, sometimes I'll have you roll just Powerful. Depending on the stakes and the vocabulary. And then, occasionally, if it's a really big deal situation, I'll be like roll full blue, or full green, or you know what I mean? I'll have you roll both.

Sean: Right. Whoo.

Sage: They correlate and there's a little, little chart right there on the bottom left of each of your sheets.

Sean: Mm-hmm.

Sage: To these two dice here. So you have your d6, that's the six-sided one. Regular dice. And you have your twenty-sided one. The twenty-sided one is gonna be the heavy Powerful stats and the six-sided one is the more simple Personal stats.

Kristin: I should have brought my own dice. Fuck.

Sage: Sorry, that's on me. Should have mentioned this on the table.

Emily: Oh, wait, do you need?

Kristin: Oh, no, no. I- I do not need.

Emily: Oh.

Kristin: Y'all have dice to share.

Sage: We have spare. There's also—

Kristin: I's just tryin' to say I had dice too. I'm sorry [stifles laughter].

[**Jessica** stifles laughter.]

Sage: All good. So—

Kristin: [amused] Ah!

Sean: You want one?

Sage: —the way this works is you get—

Travis: Sage is a den mother.

[**Kristin** stifles laughter.]

You can't say things like that around him.

Sage: I'm a *what*? [stifles laughter]

[**Travis** stifles laughter.]

A de—

Sean: A *den* mother.

Sage: [amused] A dead—

Sean: A den- a dead mother.

Travis: A *den* mother.

Kristin: Den. *Den*. Not dead.

Emily: D-E-N.

Kristin: *Not* dead! That was not the word.

[**Sean** chuckles.]

Emily: *Den*.

Travis: *Den*.

Sean: [amused] Oh, just like a dead mother.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Jessica: I was like, uuummm...

Sean: Always nagging.

[Everyone chuckles. **Travis** laughs.]

Kristin: Oh, gosh.

Sage: So it's a point-spending sort of system. You have 18 points you get to spend into your Personal, and you have 16 that you get to spend into our Powerful. Like I said—

Kristin: This is also my favorite thing. We got...high before we got onto this podcast.

Jessica: Yes.

Sean: Of course we got high before we came here.

Kristin: And now we have to do numbers.

Sean: Right.

[**Jessica** laughs. **Emily** chuckles.]

I know. I know, I know, I know.

Sage: We timed it just awful. Better if we were to—

Sean: Yeah, this is part of...hold on. Uuuhhh...

[**Kristin** screams.]

Sage: I promise this is gonna be the hardest part of the night.

Kristin: Perfect.

[Beat.]

[Everyone chuckles.]

My high brain is also telling me to just put numbers randomly.

[**Sean** chuckles.]

Sean: Put numbers places.

Jessica: Just let fate decide. Whatever your instincts, just do that.

Travis: Really.

Sage: Nothing can be higher than a 6.

[**Travis** snorts. **Jessica** laughs.]

And if you have a 6 I need to look at your sheet and adjust [chuckles], but otherwise, yeah, go nuts.

Kristin: 8.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Travis: She just wrote a big-ass 8!

Kristin: It's just an 8 on top of everything.

Travis: Yup.

Sean: Okay, I think I did it.

Kristin: Mm-kay.

Travis: Hell yeah.

Sean: Now, just to throw this out there, to make sure I'm not screwin' myself over. I gave myself a 1 in Power, 4 in Soul, 5 in Mind, 1 in Time, 3 in Reality, 4 in Space.

Travis: That's wild. I love that.

Sean: Is it wild? It's a little crazy, but it's—

Sage: It's good. Yeah, no it's good.

Sean: Alright.

Travis: Yeah.

Sean: So I'm not gonna be very powerful, and I'm [stifles laughter] always gonna be late.

[Everyone laughs.]

But that makes sense, man.

Sage: Good.

[**Jessica** chuckles.]

Kristin: [groans] Fuck.

[**Sage** stifles laughter.]

Jessica: No, you're totally good.

Sage: Don't overthink it.

[Kristin chuckles.]

Just plug in a bunch o' numbers, and I'll- and I'll—

Kristin: Mm-kay, I'm doing it. I'm doing it.

Sage: Do what feels right, and then I'll look at 'em and I'll go, this is too weak or this is too powerful and I'll hand it back to you.

Kristin: I'm gonna do that.

Sean: Oh, um... I don't need to be incredibly strong.

Travis: There's the chart for that one too, if you like.

Sean: Whoa.

Emily: Oh, yeah, 'cause some of them, like, with a 1 in Strength I think is something wrong with you.

Sean: Oh, just weak.

Travis: There's- what d'you mean there's something *wrong* with you have a 1 in Strength?

[Sage chuckles.]

Sean: Oh, you got 1 in Strength?

Sage: Says the man...

Emily: You know or just, uh...[tsks and hums]

[Travis stifles laughter.]

Sean: [away from mic] 1 more Strength. 1 more Strength.

Travis: No, no, no. Keep digging. Keep digging!

Jessica: You don't have to- you don't have to. You don't have to answer him.

Emily: Below average.

Travis: Okay, there it is.

Emily: Below average.

Sean: Be like [groans] Intelligence.

[Emily, Sage, and Sean chuckle. Travis stifles laughter.]

Kristin: Oh, I have no focus.

[Sean laughs.]

Hold on, wait.

Travis: This feels legitimately like a crossover episode right now.

[Sage stifles laughter.]

Sean: You know, I wanna be a little fast.

[Sean chuckles.]

Jessica: Also, I totally forgot to note that Sean taught me improv.

Travis: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, I totally taught you improv.

Jessica: Yeah.

[**Sage** chuckles.]

Sean: Sorry.

Travis: And I also saw Sean in a production of *Last Days of Judas Iscariot*. And it was...

Sage: Oh my gosh. Forgot about that.

Emily: Who d'you play?

Sean: Oh boy.

Sage: Where he just killed it.

Jessica: Satan.

Travis: Satan!

Sean: I was Satan in the thing.

[**Sage** stifles laughter.]

Travis: And it was, in a word, sensual.

[Everyone chuckles.]

[Music fades.]

Sage: Okay, so we got Marty Jane and Mary Jane.

[**Jessica** stifles laughter.]

Marty's got a 2 in Strength, 4 in Energy, 4 in Intellect, 2 in Speed, 2 in Durability, 2 in Combat. Yeah. That seems...that seems apt. That's good.

And then Mary, she's got 2 in Power, 3 in Soul, 3 in Mind, 2 in Time, 4 in Reality, 4 in Space. Wow! So pretty good. And then 1 in Strength, [chuckles] That a 6 or an 8 or a 9? [chuckles]

Kristin: I gave myself all the points. I don't know.

[**Jessica** laughs. **Travis** snorts.]

My...I don't...[chuckles]

Sage: Can I see that pencil?

Sean: [chuckles] Wait, I'm just be like, high—

[Chuckling.]

Sage: I gotchu.

Kristin: What- what—

Sage: Gotchu. Don't worry.

Kristin: I'm sorry right there.

[Everyone chuckles.]

Sean: I don't know what I do there.

Jessica: Like, I drew a fish [chuckles].

[Everyone chuckles.]

Kristin: I did an infinity symbol. I don't know if that works.

[**Jessica** chuckles. **Sean** laughs.]

Is that allowed?

Sean: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Cool, cool, cool.

Kristin: It's like an 8 but not.

Sage: Alright, I think they're built. Think they look great. If you guys have anything that would be important to put in your inventory, do it before we start the episode, but I think we're—

Sean: Bong.

[Everyone laughs.]

Sage: I think we're ready to do it.

[Episode End music builds]

Sean: Cool.

Kristin: Yeah. I mean...

Sage: Kristin, Sean, thank you so much for being here.

Sean: Thank you.

Kristin: Of course.

Sage: Let's do some improv.

Jessica: Thank you so much.

[Episode End music crescendos and fades.]