Grizzly

Captain Ruben Price. Your old, maybe not a friend, but a shadow from your past, Chip, has returned. This memory, this part of your life following you like the darkness it is, here to claim, to enact, A price, something, a cost, a heavy cost that he wants you and everyone you love and care about to pay. When he entered the tavern, he killed everyone, but not everyone, 'cause you did save people. Killed Jay and Aurora, and with Death Word, the two of you have 1 HP. As all of you awake, hearing his voice in the darkness say that your blood will fill the gaps between the buildings of your old home, Skull Slice Port, which I have with me right now, as I ask you guys to reroll initiative.

Charlie

Okay.

Condi

Okay.

Milo

Okay.

Charlie

Dude, I'm gonna fucking die. Oh shit.

Milo

Well, I have advantage.

Bizly

Natural 20.

Grizzly

Natural 20?!

Charlie

Nice.

Milo

Oh ho, ho, ho!

Grizzly

Close your eyes.

Milo

Okay.

Bizly

Okay.

Condi

Okay.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

Open your eyes.

[all the players] Whoa!

Charlie

Oh, cool.

Grizzly

The darkness, the black board that is is not something tangible to stand on. It is just, you're at the very tops of these buildings. All of the darkness in between is a pit.

Milo

What?

Grizzly

It's a pit. You hear faint rushing water, like faint moving water.

Condi

This looks like Smash Bros stage.

Grizzly

But everything that is dark would be a fall to the death.

Milo

Oh, fuck.

Grizzly

As you guys tell me your initiative, place your mini on the board.

Charlie

Oh my god.

Condi

Anywhere or like...?

Grizzly

Anywhere you want. That's where you'll wake up.

Milo

Oh.

Charlie

Oh man, hang on. I've gotta find the place that I'm moving least to. likely to get instantly pushed off. What's up here in this little clock tower, huh? What if we're like up here? That way if he's anywhere here, we can maybe get down to him.

Grizzly

So Gillion, you've placed yourself. What's your initiative?

Charlie

Like ten.

Bizly

I've placed myself.

Grizzly

Where'd you put yourself?

Charlie

That's a rogue, baby.

Grizzly

It can't be on the—

[Bizly and Charlie in unison] It's not.

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

It's not.

Grizzly

Hey, wait a second. I need to know these things.

Bizly

Stop looking, stop looking.

Grizzly

Well, I actually would know—

Bizly

I got a 28, natural 20. Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom.

Grizzly

Okay, you got a natural 20, you got a 28.

Charlie

That's so funny, you don't know where the fucking rogue put his mini, dude.

[laughter]

Grizzly

I would know these things, you bitch!

[laughter]

Condi

You'll know soon.

Milo

You'll know soon.

Grizzly

You're not stealth.

Charlie

You have ideas of where he could be.

Bizly

Dude, I rolled a good stealth check, you should have seen me place it.

Grizzly

You didn't, you didn't actually fucking—

Bizly

In real life!

Grizzly

Jay, you just placed yours?

Condi

Yep.

Grizzly

What's your initiative?

Condi

Twenty-two.

Milo

I'm not gonna lie—

Condi

It was subtle.

Milo

Aurora needs this aura.

Grizzly

So she's up there? I gotchu, I gotchu. Over here?

Charlie

Aurora aura. Aurora aura. Aurora aura.

Milo

Yeah, that's actually perfect, back to the wall. My initiative is nine.

Grizzly

Since he rolled another natural 20.

Milo

What?

Bizly

So did I.

Grizzly

He also is going to start with a 28.

Condi

Fuck.

Bizly

This bastard.

Milo

Oh my god.

Condi

How the fuck do you decide who goes first?

Grizzly

I'm gonna say that Price will start.

Bizly

Grah!

Charlie

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa! What was that, what was that, what was that? Where is he? Where is he? Where is he?

Grizzly

So Aurora and Jay, you open your eyes. You're in this place that I've described. It is as I've described to Chip before. There is all of these bridges and ladders that connect these buildings that very— it's almost like they've continued to stack garbage, like just recycled buildings and structures on top of each other, on top of storage crates, and they sway in the wind. And everything else, because this is a conjured domain, you wouldn't see the rest of this town of Skullslice Port. It is just darkness behind all of this. Flames, purple flames, bursting out of all the windows of these buildings, and all of these pathways between the buildings themselves look hazardous.

Charlie

Oh, man. Yeah, okay.

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

When you guys open your eyes, you see that's where you are. You also feel the effects of a forced resurrection. The debuffs that you two will start with here in the domain, your max HP and the amount of HP that you're going to start with is half.

Charlie

Oh, no, I get it. Oh, no, I get it.

Bizly

Oh, oh, oh.

Grizzly

There are six debuffs that you guys have. That was two of them.

Milo

Six?!

Charlie

Oh shit.

Grizzly

The 3rd one is you guys have disadvantage on saving throws against spells and magical effects.

Charlie

Oh fuck.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

The 4th one, this might sound familiar, but you will be doing half damage.

Milo

Okay.

Bizly

Are you kidding?

Grizzly

I'm not kidding. The 5th one is you'll also have disadvantage on attack rolls.

Charlie

Oh my god.

Grizzly

The 6th and last one is kind of irrelevant because of your Heroic Feast, but normally you would be frightened of Price.

Milo

Okay.

Condi

That's good.

Grizzly

Aurora and Jay, those are the debuffs that you wake up. This is basically like a forced resurrection sickness. It is specific to his domain. It's specific to whatever he did to you to bring you here. Now, all of you would see him appear, including you, Chip. You guys never knocked out, your eyes are still open.

Bizly

Yeah.

Grizzly

And he appears looking at you, and he is made of pure gold.

Charlie

Oh god.

Bizly

Oh Jesus Christ.

Charlie

What the hell?

Grizzly

Before the top of initiative, I did promise, because Gillion didn't get to take his turn in the last round, before all of this, he'll get a turn.

Bizly

Really?

Grizzly

Yep.

Condi

That's really nice.

Bizly

Holy fuck.

Condi

That's really nice.

Charlie

You're the GOAT, you're the GOAT, you're the GOAT, you're the GOAT. Okay. I'm at one HP, so yeah, so what?

Gillion

Ah, ah, ah, ah! I'm dead. No, I'm not.What? Okay.

Grizzly

The flames burst out from behind you. [pwshhhhh]

Charlie

Okay, this is what I see.

Grizzly

If you'd like to, I'll let you make a free perception check as well.

Charlie

100 percent, if it's free, yeah. Well, seven.

Grizzly

Your eyes lock on the Price in the distance.

Charlie

Bonus action, I'm going to Quicken Spell. Gonna quicken it on Armor of Agathys.

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

I'm gonna cast it at 9th level. I get 45 temporary HP.

Grizzly

Awesome.

Charlie

As this frost encases me, and if he hits me with a melee attack while I have this, he takes 45 cold damage. That's my bonus action. With my action, 29 points of Lay on Hands. I'm gonna go to 30. So I'm gonna move up here kind of as far as I can so that I'm making a little bit of progress, but I want to keep them in my aura just in case.

Grizzly

Gotcha.

Charlie

That's my turn.

Grizzly

Top of the round. It's you and Price. What is your dexterity score?

Bizly

Nineteen.

Grizzly

His is a 26.

Charlie

Ugh.

Grizzly

He's going to go first. Price appears next to you. He doesn't have to be this close to do this, but he will be right in front of your face. His eye glows a bright purple. I need you to make a wisdom saving throw.

Condi

Not a fan of that.

Charlie

This fucker's about to style on you.

Charlie

Oh, god.

Bizly

It's a 16.

Grizzly

Sixteen is not going to pass.

Bizly

I'm just useless now.

Bizly

Price looks at you, and with his action, he will cast Geas.

Condi

Of course.

Charlie

Oh, fuck!

Price

Just like old times. You and me.

Chip

You're sick.

Price

Slaughter them. Start with the one you like the most.

Grizzly

And then, Chip, using his bonus action, instead of teleporting himself, you will move from here. I'm gonna say that you end up right here, about 60 feet away.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

A burst of shadows [pwsssh] emanates from you as you land. It makes the barrels beside where Chip teleports into explode. That is Price's turn. But next up, before initiative, 20, which would be lair actions, it is Chip. It is your go. He gave you the command to slaughter them. Start with the one that you like the most.

Bizly

Geas, I am magically compelled to do this?

Grizzly

If you resist this, you will take 5d10 psychic damage.

Chip

Just stay away from me, okay? I can fix this.

Gillion

What's wrong?

Chip

I can fix this.

Gillion

Chip, what's wrong?

Chip

He did something to my head. I have to kill you. I'm sorry.

Bizly

I'm going to unsheathe my swords, use the poison blade to launch myself forward, jumping up towards Jay.

Grizzly

Jumping up towards Jay?

Condi

Oh, that's so nice.

Grizzly

You have a bonus action dash.

Condi

You like me the most?

[laughter]

Bizly

Sorry.

Grizzly

Correct? You have a bonus action dash, right? You blink, Jay, you're already disoriented, and then suddenly your friend is right in front of you, possessed by magic, his eyes glowing purple.

Condi

Yeah.

Bizly

Jay, I'd be trying to cut your arm and get the gun out of your hand.

Grizzly

All right, roll to hit.

Milo

Fuck.

Bizly

All right, natural one.

Milo

Okay.

Bizly

Natural one on the first one, 16?

Condi

Sixteen doesn't hit.

Bizly

Okay.

Condi

Doesn't hit.

Bizly

I run up, I just start slashing at you, and you see—

Jay

Oh, Chip, I'm so fucking [dodging out of the way].

Bizly

My entire face is shaking, and I just— I stare at you with this horror in my eyes.

Jay

Okay, okay, so you want to kill me?

Chip

No!

Jay

Okay, so you have to kill me.

Chip

Just do it.

Grizzly

On the legendary action, Gillion, because of where he is, you're going to have 3/4 cover, which is plus five bonus AC.

Chip

Cool.

Grizzly

What is that, like 28?

Charlie

Yes.

Grizzly

Is your AC?

Charlie

Yes, 28.

Grizzly

A dagger flies past you [pfffft] sticks into the wooden board behind you, and then disappears.

Charlie

What?

Grizzly

That's his legendary action.

Charlie

Did I see where it came from?

Grizzly

The shadows.

Milo

Bruh!

Charlie

No!

Grizzly

The shadows further in where you last saw Price.

Gillion

Really? Really, really, really, really, really? You don't want the satisfaction of being mono y pesca, right in front of me! Yeah, I keep my fucking streak.

Grizzly

Okay, Jay, it's your turn.

Jay

Chip, I died, I died. Did you not?

Chip

No, no, there was a death ward. It didn't get to me.

Jay

Can you resist it?

Chip

What do you mean?

Jay

Can you resist it?

Chip

I don't know!

Condi

Arcana. I'm going to Flash of Genius this. That's going to be a 22.

Grizzly

Magically, what are you trying to ascertain?

Condi

If I know he can resist it, but it hurts, that's basically what I want to figure out. If he can not do what he's told to do and basically determines if I heal him or run away slash hurt him.

Grizzly

I'll just say, based on some context clues or maybe some downtime talk with Aurora on how she felt, you know that if he resists this, he probably will take a ton of damage and die. You know it can only be removed with powerful spells like Remove Curse, Greater Restoration, and et cetera.

Jay

Okay, Chip, I need you to stay calm, okay? You're going to fight it, okay?

Chip

Okay.

Condi

I'm gonna put my hand on him as he's swinging towards me. I kind of like— my hand starts to glow with this sort of druidic ranger-like magic greenish glow, and I pat him on the back real hard. Just nice [pew, pew] I'm going to use 4th-level Cure Wounds, and that's 8d8 plus four, 32, 34. What are you doing?

Charlie

Is it worth it? Yeah. Okay, I'm going to use one sorcery point. They're within ten feet in the aura, so I have this thing I've literally never used called Empowered Healing, 'cause it's just never been important, but you can reroll any number of these.

Condi

Any number?

Charlie

Yes.

Milo

Any?

Charlie

Yes.

Condi

I'm gonna take anything underneath four, I think, and reroll. That's a six, that's better, and then a two and a one, so better, overall better. Okay, so we got 46 total.

Charlie

That's good, that's actually really good.

Bizly

Yeah, that'll put me at 47 total.

Grizzly

Next up is the lair action on initiative 20.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

Before that, though, Price does have another legendary action. Using it—

Bizly

What the fuck-ass?

Grizzly

He will disappear from here, and then he will—

Charlie

Sup, GOAT?

Grizzly

Reappear right here. He sort of walks this way. It seems like he walks through whatever this is up here, and he stands on the edge.

Condi

Walks through it?

Charlie

Does anything seem to happen when he does?

Bizly

Walks through it.

Grizzly

He himself just seems to walk through it.

Bizly

Why does he walk through it?

Grizzly

As if it's not actually there. So roll for me a d6 for the lair action, one of you.

Bizly

I think I should do it.

Charlie

Okay, yeah, I agree.

Condi

All terrible.

Bizly

Six.

Condi

Six.

Grizzly

Everybody that is up here and Gillion too, shadows begin to swirl around the statue hanging from the bridge. And then there's a big pulse, the building shakes. All of you decrease your stats by one.

Condi

What?

Milo

Huh?

Grizzly

That's the lair action. Jay, before I move on to the next turn, with your arcana check, you also could violently sense the magic coming from a nearby statue. Like, within five feet of you, there is a statue, vibrantly magical.

Jay

Guys, I think we need to get away from this tower.

Grizzly

Next up is Gillion.

Gillion

Uh, Jay, what's going on with the statues?

Jay

I don't know, but the one behind us in the tower is shaking a lot.

Grizzly

It's not shaking, it's just magical.

Jay

It's magical! I don't know. Something's fucked up with it, maybe hit it?

Gillion

I get what you're saying. No, no, no, no, no, it's not shaking, but the vibe.

Jay

The vibe is off.

Gillion

The vibe is fucked.

Jay

Gillion, the vibe is fucked! It's fucked, Gillion!

Gillion

Augh, augh, augh!

Jay

Gillion, I need you to fix the vibe right now!

Charlie

Okay, I'm going to fix the vibe. I'm going to fix the vibe right now by hitting this hard in this Gillion moment. I mean, I'm gonna try and hit a statue. So I grab my sword, I take the blade like this, run my hand along it. There's a red lightning that appears masks my hand in this talon, and I cast Toy Box.

Grizzly

Toy box?

Charlie

No, I open my toy box.

Grizzly

Oh.

Condi

Box of toys.

Grizzly

Oh.

Charlie

My box of toys!

Condi

What are you playing with?

Charlie

You'll see. Pelagus's talon here. I'm going to have it appear floating in the air right here. I'm gonna see what happens. Wide palm, big hand, bitch slap.

Grizzly

Against the statue.

Charlie

Maybe it's good to know why he's gold. I'm gonna try and bitch slap him.

Grizzly

Really?

Charlie

Yes.

Grizzly

Excellent.

Charlie

He needs to make an athletics check. This is not like an attack, it's a— I'm pushing, I'm trying to push him off the roof.

Grizzly

No problem.

Charlie

So that is a— I got a 23.

Grizzly

He got a 20.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

What happens?

Charlie

He gets pushed five feet plus the number of five times my spellcasting modifier, which has gone down, but it's 25 feet. So this thing slaps him, he goes flying 25 feet this way. And then with this thing's 60 feet of movement, I'm going to fly it down here below this statue so that I can effectively— that's just the hand's turn when I cast it. With Quicken Spell, using the last of my sorcery points, I jump onto here. I jump onto the hand. I'm going to take a swing.

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

At this golden statue that's— is it like flying?

Grizzly

Go ahead and roll a perception check.

Charlie

I will do perception because that's the one I'm a little, actually. Oh, that's a natural 20!

Grizzly

Natural 20 on perception?

Charlie

Yes, natural 20.

Grizzly

Price, while walking toward, looks at you guys.

Price

[chuckles] Look at you scramble in desperation. [chuckles again]

[impact noise]

[laughter]

Charlie

I say,

Gillion

I got to hand it to you, Price.

Charlie

And then...

[laughter]

Charlie

With a massive hand.

Grizzly

He goes flying into the darkness, still laughing. He disappears from the battlefield. Natural 20 Perception.

Charlie

Natural 20 Perception.

Grizzly

You can save your attack because you immediately notice that if you strike this, nothing will happen to it. The second thing you notice is that it is a familiar under this hood. It is a hooded statue. It's a face you've seen before. A drow, someone that you know, hung by the throat by this bridge. It is the drow elf Crow.

Bizly

One I killed.

Grizzly

One of the main underlings.

Condi

One you killed.

Grizzly

Also with your perception check, it looks like it's holding a bowl of some kind, waiting for some sort of offering.

[all the players] Oh.

Milo

Oh.

Condi

All of them have bowls, yeah.

Gillion

Chip, Chip, I recognize the face. It's Crow.

Chip

Goddamn it.

Gillion

He's trying everything he can to use everything he knows about you to fuck with you.

Chip

I can't let him win.

Gillion

We're going to make it out.

Grizzly

Because it was a natural 20.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

These are like bowls of offering. Something, some price must be paid to these bowls.

Gillion

Yo, Chip. If I get this wrong, my bad.

Charlie

And I take Destiny's Blade.

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

Do the thing they do in movies where I cut my hand.

Gillion

Ah, fuck! Oh my god, I've seen people do it. It's bleeding more than I thought it would. Ah!

Charlie

And I put it over the bowl and like squeeze as much as it hurts.

Grizzly

You begin to squeeze and fill this bowl with your blood.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

You hear, as you do, a voice. It's Crow's voice.

Charlie

Yeah.

Crow

You can pay the price, but you alone will forever suffer the cost.

Grizzly

Do you do it? Do you pay it? The one that decreased all your stats?

Charlie

Oh my god.

Milo

Fuck.

Condi

Oh my god.

Bizly

Oh my god.

Charlie

Would I— oh man, oh man, oh man.

Bizly

Maybe if we wait for a different lair action and then it's...

Charlie

We don't even know how this works either yet.

Bizly

Yeah.

Grizzly

You will once you take the first leap.

Charlie

This seems like a shitty first leap.

Bizly

I just think we wait.

Gillion

We don't have to play your games, Price. Guys, the bowls are really bad. They make you stupid and slow and unwise and undexterous and unstrong and weaker forever.

Grizzly

You reject this voice in your mind, all the blood that you put in the bowl begins to, like, drain into itself. It goes away. Nothing happens.

Charlie

Yeah.

Charlie

All right, check this shit out. He's gone. I'm gonna beat him at his own game. I'm gonna take everything I've learned from Chip.

Bizly

You're gonna hide?

Charlie

Minor illusion [snaps] I'm a barrel.

[laughter]

Bizly

You're playing [inaudible 00:17:29] .

Milo

I was about to say that.

Grizzly

He has an eye that sees through illusions.

[laughter]

Charlie

I'll use Divine Sense. How's this place smelling?

Grizzly

Yeah. Bad.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Bad. So bad.

Charlie

All right, that was a good turn.

Grizzly

Okay, so legendary action at the end of your turn. This is the last one of the turn. Price reappears right over here.

Bizly

Okay.

Milo

Hello.

Grizzly

He's gonna use his legendary action, Incite Violence. Jay, can you make a wisdom saving throw for me?

Condi

Yeah, it'll be fine, don't worry. That's a two.

Charlie

What's his DC?

Grizzly

A 20.

Condi

That's an 11.

Charlie

So you physically can't pass that.

Condi

So that is a natural— that's just a one. That's not a natural one, it's just a one.

Grizzly

Price's laughter reverberates throughout the void around you as the flames all burn. They're not hot flames, but they are visually intimidating, the whole place flickering with the purple. Jay, you hear in your mind,

Price

Do me a favor and kill that one.

Grizzly

And take a shot on Gillion as your reaction.

Condi

On Gillion?

Grizzly

You'll use your reaction and take a shot on him.

Condi

Gillion.

Charlie

What's up?

Condi

My hand shakily rises, slowly whips out before I can even really understand what's happening, and I shoot a barrel. I rolled a 21.

Charlie

Twenty-one?

Condi

Twenty-one.

Charlie

Twenty-one doesn't hit.

Grizzly

[pew]

Jay

It was just a barrel. It was just a barrel.

Aurora

Jay, why are you shooting barrels right now?

[laughter]

Chip

What are you doing?

Price

Do you see that Chip? Do you all feel it? How useless you are? How easy it will be to kill you?

Grizzly

You can see as well he has taken no damage.

Charlie

Yeah.

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

That's a legendary action.

Charlie

Oh my god.

Grizzly

The last turn of the round is going to be Aurora.

Charlie

This isn't possible.

Milo

Hello!

Charlie

I don't know how this is possible.

Milo

As Chip is poofed in in front of her and sees him lunge towards Jay, she immediately recognizes this dreadful look in his eyes. She has felt this way before. She knows that this is not him. She could see how bad he looks. Immediately after he takes that swing on Jay, I'm going to run over

to him, uh, and I'm going to cast Greater Restoration on him, and I'm going to remove the charm.

Grizzly

You can absolutely do that.

Milo

Instead of using my own greater healing potion, I'm going to reach for the one on his hip.

Bizly

You would have seen me slash down at Jay and kind of fall onto my swords.

Chip

Aurora, get away from me!

Aurora

No, it's all right, it's all right. I've got you, I've got you.

Milo

You watch this orange glow come out of her fingertips.

Chip

What are you doing?

Aurora

It's okay, it's all right. We can do this. You've got more time. Just think.

Bizly

And it would go away?

Grizzly

You are freed from Geas.

Aurora

And now, drink this! [shoves potion at him]

Chip

[choking sounds]

[laughter]

Grizzly

Okay, go ahead and roll that superior healing potion dice.

Bizly

Sure. Sure.

Grizzly

8d4.

Bizly

8d4?

Grizzly

8d4 plus eight.

Bizly

We each want to do two?

Charlie

Sure, big dog.

Bizly

Yeah, you rolled one.

Milo

That's a four!

Bizly

Oh my god, these are huge. Four. Oh dude.

Milo

Holy fuck.

Bizly

Oh dude.

Condi

Four and three.

Milo

Oo! Ooo!

Bizly

Aww.

Milo

Aww.

Condi

We almost had like the craziest potion run of all time.

Bizly

That was a one. Yeah, it was close. It was close.

Aurora

You've got this, but I can't do damage, Chip.

Chip

It's okay. Thank you.

Aurora

But I've got you.

Chip

Thank you for being here.

Aurora

I've got all of you.

Chip

I'm sorry.

Aurora

I've got to go.

Milo

And I'm going to use the rest of my movement to hide inside that clock tower with that extra statue.

Grizzly

You won't be able to functionally hide, but you'll have cover.

Milo

Could I just take a look and get a vibe check on this statue?

Grizzly

Roll arcana.

Milo

Okay, that's a 20.

Grizzly

These statues can be activated if a sacrifice is made. They hold a bowl of an offering.

Milo

Yeah.

Grizzly

If you give them— you saw Gillion do it.

Milo

Yeah.

Grizzly

That's how you interact with it. It's a bonus action.

Milo

Yep.

Grizzly

Inside seems to be the statue of a bald, like, pig-faced man holding the bowl. And then with the arcana check, you realize what it is you have to do to interact with it, to engage with it, but you don't know what's going to happen What do you do?

Aurora

There's one in here as well.

Grizzly

Top of the round, on Price's turn, before he takes his attacks, he yells out,

Price

So it's her, huh? That's your favorite?

Grizzly

And then, before he takes the attacks, he's going to use an ability called Force Teleport. Jay, can you make a constitution saving throw for me?

Milo

Ahhh.

Condi

Five.

Grizzly

You all watch as Jay disappears, reappears next to Price.

Charlie

Oh god.

Condi

Fuck.

Price

Let's see how tough the Ferins really are.

Jay

Not. Not very tough.

Grizzly

He's gonna take his attacks. Twenty-four on the first one.

Condi

Oh my god.

Milo

Jesus.

Grizzly

First one hits?

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

That's a 19.

Condi

Yeah, I'm gonna cast Shield.

Grizzly

Okay, you'll shield that one.

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

Then the 20 is gonna hit as well for the third one.

Condi

Ooh, that's bad.

Grizzly

He's only gonna take three attacks.

Condi

Uh-huh.

Grizzly

The first dagger he uses—

Condi

Only three?

Grizzly

He uses, it is piercing damage. It's 20 piercing damage. And you would be poisoned and bleeding, but you can't be poisoned, so you're just bleeding.

Condi

Just bleeding.

Grizzly

Bleeding, functionally, at the end of each of your turns, unless you stop the bleeding, you take a d4 of damage.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

And then 20 points of necrotic damage.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

And when you're getting hit with the other dagger, which is made of pure shadow, you can choose any spell slot or any of your ability slots and mark it.

Condi

Any of my features?

Grizzly

Anything that has a slot. You can mark it.

Condi

Easiest choice of my life.

Charlie

What'd you do?

Condi

Magical tinkering.

[laughter]

Charlie

But what if we needed a rock to make a weird odor at him?

Milo

I cast a smell on you!

Grizzly

For his bonus action, he's going to use his Essence Thief, so go ahead and make a con save again. Can you pass him?

Condi

No, that's a natural one. Not even gonna bother rolling again.

Grizzly

You take 17 points of necrotic damage.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

And, he teleports this way. Underneath your feet, you feel a similar massive magical aura inside of this sort of like destroyed old boat.

Condi

One moment, I'm on my knees [inaudible 00:24:05].

Jay

Chip, are you okay? It's gonna be fine, okay? Just get up.

Chip

I'm feeling better.

Jay

You're good?

Chip

I'm feeling all right.

Condi

And then suddenly I'm gone.

Chip

No!

Condi

Let's see how tough Ferins are. [fight noises] Half dead on the floor.

[laughter]

Condi

I punched myself in the face really hard just now, actually.

Charlie

Oh no!

Milo

Method acting.

Grizzly

He flourishes both of his daggers, one of them pure shadow, the other one in really ornate, something that he's had for as long as you've known him. He cuts every crease, all the creases in your arms and your knees.

Condi

Yeah so totally—

Charlie

Oh, that sounds awful!

Milo

Ewww!

Condi

I'm so totally caught off guard that I don't even react to it happening until it happens. Like, and you just hear Jay scream from across this entire arena, just,

Jay

Ah!

Grizzly

That's Price's turn. Next up is Chip.

Chip

Goddamn it, just stop this!

Bizly

I look to the statue. Who is it?

Grizzly

Inside the tower, it is not someone that you recognize. Hiding behind it is Aurora. It is, as I described, a man, an older looking man, pig-faced, bald. It's a statue, a bronze statue.

Bizly

Is this someone who died in the fire?

Grizzly

Make a history check.

Bizly

I got a 19, natural 17.

Grizzly

This man you don't necessarily recognize from your childhood, but with the roll you've seen an image, like a drawing of him.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

He was known as the Butcher, just some like lore of the town, and he died a really, really long time ago. But yes, it would appear to you that your assumption that all of these statues of people that you caused to die is wrong.

Bizly

Okay, yeah, that's good to know.

Chip

I don't hate killing people because I'm afraid I'll like it. I'm afraid I'll end up like you. I set that fire so you could never hurt anyone again. You are evil. There's something sick in your head.

Price

The world is sick. The day you set that fire is the day you became exactly like me.

Chip

I'm not like you. I'm not like you. I'm not weak. I'm not some little boy fighting for vengeance in a world that's doomed. You're arrogant, you're selfish, and you're gonna die. No matter what you do, who you work with, you will die.

Bizly

I'd like to use my actions to use Panache, he has to make an insight check against my persuasion. On a success, he will have disadvantage on attack rolls against targets and can't make opportunity attacks against targets other than me for one minute.

Charlie

Oh, holy shit.

Milo

Oh my god.

Bizly

Twenty-six.

Grizzly

He rolled a 13.

Chip

Gillion, you said the statue.

Charlie

It takes something, Chip. It takes a lot of things. It's a really fucking high price.

Bizly

Yeah, I'll do it.

Grizzly

Okay.

Grizzly

You use your movement. You walk into this tower with an open face, like an open window, almost like a clock tower that was ran down and there's no clock anymore. There's just stained glass being lit by all the fire outside and the fire within here, but as you walk in, the fire sort of like It becomes a low flicker on the ground. You approach the statue and it holds a bowl. It awaits an offering.

Bizly

I take my sword. I extinguish the poison.

Chip

A good captain always pays the price. [slicing sound]

Grizzly

You cut your hand open and you squeeze into the bowl. A voice enters your mind.

The Butcher

You can pay this price, but you alone must suffer the cost.

Grizzly

Do you do it?

Bizly

Of course.

Grizzly

You begin to have flashes of memory, images, and suddenly you close your eyes. When you open them, you are in the body, not your own, but of a young boy. You are strapped to a wooden chair, both your wrists and your legs. You only see meat hooks in a cold room.

Bizly

Oh, Jesus.

Grizzly

Animals, dead pigs. To the table on the left, it's a wheeled rolling, almost like a surgeon's table. There is an array of tools for dissecting, gutting creatures. When you hear the footsteps, heavy stomps of a very heavyset man with the face of a pig, some tusks, pig ears, bald, wears a bloodied apron over sort of a leather outfit, brown leather. When you hear the sound of his steps, you begin to tremble and shake, sweat. You want to cry, but your mouth— there is a device locked around it. When you see him, you instinctively close your eyes. And you hear,

The Butcher

It'll just be the one. That'll fetch a high enough price, and then you're free to go.

Grizzly

He opens your eye forcefully. You see him as he says,

The Butcher

It's just bad luck for you, born into this life.

Charlie

Oh, fuck.

Grizzly

He grabs a tool and then you feel your eye removed out of your skull. It's all dark and you scream, muffled. You begin to cry, filled with rage. He takes the eye, puts it in a jar. He turns around and in that moment all you can think of is I'm gonna kill him. I'm gonna kill him. I'm gonna kill him. I'm gonna take back what he took from me. Just rage. Just rage. Hate. Hate for this world. Hate for this man, that rage, you feel your hands, your wrists, and your legs. You, with all the force that you can, dislocating some of your bones, some of your ligaments and tendons, you rip yourself out of this chair. You grab a tool and you jump on the back of this man and you begin stabbing into his neck over and over and over and over again until he falls to the floor dead. You're just a boy. This was your first kill. Price's first kill. You've just paid the price to the wealth of health. In doing so, this statue, as you come back to this battlefield, this domain, this statue disappears.

Charlie

What?

Grizzly

I hand it to you.

Milo

Whoa.

Charlie

Whoa.

Bizly

Whoa.

Grizzly

Everyone in the domain except for you, Chip, your maximum health is restored.

Milo

Okay.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

It's still your turn. Do you do anything?

Bizly

I'll just stay where I am, and after paying the blood, paying the price, I'll stumble back out.

Chip

Aurora, just get to the statues.

Aurora

All right.

Chip

Stay away from him if you can.

Aurora

What did it take?

Chip

I'm not exactly sure, but I saw something. Just, please.

Aurora

All right. I'm sorry.

Chip

No, I'm sorry. You shouldn't be here for this.

Aurora

I'm glad I'm here with you.

Grizzly

Chip, are you moving?

Bizly

I'll stay where I am, and I'll direct Aurora to head that way.

Grizzly

Price will take a legendary action. I think he hears you scream at him. And then go into the tower, and he just kind of watches you get comforted by Aurora. I think from there he will, because the statue is now gone, he's going to throw a dagger at her, and he will do so at disadvantage.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

Natural one.

[laughter]

Grizzly

That is an automatic miss, I believe. So another dagger flies past, like between your faces as you're being comforted, and then it disappears.

Chip

Just get to the statue, please.

Aurora

Oh, okay. All right, all right, all right, all right. [running sounds]

Price

You're awfully far away for someone calling me a coward.

Grizzly

That's going to be his legendary action. Now it is Jay.

Jay

Chip, I think that did something.

Condi

I'm going to try it again. And I'm going to crawl over off this ledge here, probably really limply because I'm really hurt, and try to get this one in here. And I climb in and I'm bleeding already. [laughs]

Grizzly

Okay, you crawl through a broken window in this recycled boat. Go ahead and use your bonus action. Yeah, which one is that?

Condi

Which one is that is such a good question. I want to know, do I recognize?

Grizzly

When you crawl in, you look up and you see a statue. You see a bronze statue of a woman, a long trench coat, a black leather trench coat, Seems to be feathers around. She has dark raven hair. It's braided on the side. She holds the bowl out, and you're going to give her the blood that's bleeding from the creases on your arms and legs?

Condi

Yeah. It's probably really sloppy and like, you know, but I go—

Jay

Ah, how bad could it be?

Condi

And yeah.

Bizly

Gross.

Grizzly

You hear in your mind a woman's voice.

Price's Mother

You may pay this price, but you alone will suffer the cost.

Grizzly

You pay it?

Condi

Yeah, I do, I do.

Grizzly

The bowl fills with your blood, and images hit your mind, a series of them, a memory, a perspective that's not your own. Your eyes suddenly, you are not a young boy, but you're still a boy. Can't tell, maybe by the way that you feel, maybe a teenager, maybe a little younger, or maybe you're getting there to be a young adult. It's— you're in that range. You are sitting on a barrel on the outside of a building, looks like a tavern of some kind, while holding a knife that the person you're looking at gave to you. You're using it to carve just sort of like a wooden— like a wooden owl or something. You have one leg on the barrel, up on the barrel, and one that's just swinging underneath it. You keep looking up and glancing up suspiciously, anxiously, at the woman who adopted you long ago, your adopted mother, the first person that you've come to care for, the first person who when they raised a hand at you, it was gentle. They took you into their care. And now, for the last few years, when you struggle, you struggle together. You watch as he talks to this flamboyant, charismatic, tall, happy, joyful man in this gray, gray town. He wears a black captain's coat with roses on the shoulders.

Condi

Mm.

Condi

A robed hat, long red feather. You watch Captain Rose just leaning up against a wall, speaking the sweetest words to your mom. You like seeing her smile, you like seeing her happy, and that's the only reason you haven't cut this guy's throat in his sleep. 'Cause you don't trust him. Don't trust anybody. And the flash of this memory ends, and suddenly you are forward in time. Your mother lays on a bare wood floor in an abandoned building. You bring her a blanket. She's sick. It's been years since you saw Captain Rose, either of you. You try to care for her silently. You're not really one that talks much. You say,

Price

Mom, I got some gold. We can use it to find you a doctor.

Condi

She's been in this state that pisses you off. She says,

Price's Mother

He'll be back any day now. He promised us endless treasure, endless riches. He'll be back to take care of us. I just wanna— I don't wanna expend too much energy. I don't want the baby to suffer.

Grizzly

You look down, your mom dying. She's pregnant, and she's been holding on to this hope for a lover to return. He never does because one morning, news hits the world that the Black Rose Pirates disappeared as the Eastern Sea slowly turns black. Then your mom dies and you're alone. When you come back to this reality, you feel the exhaustion. You'll take another point of exhaustion. But everyone else, all of those points of exhaustion, if you had any, and drunkenness, all of it goes away. Jay, that was your bonus action. You come back, the statue begins to disappear, and I'll hand it to you.

Charlie

Looks cool.

Grizzly

You can feel the, like, biting your tongue so hard in a rage, the blood in your mouth. You feel a lingering hatred for pirates, for that one in particular, for that man that spent so much time with your mother and then just abandoned her, like everyone else does. She died and you were abandoned too. She died for what, love? That doesn't exist. Price, still standing above. Jay, you might not see this just yet, but everybody else, if you have eyes on Price, who's standing on that building.

Milo

Yep.

Grizzly

Chip, most certainly. The color of his metal, he goes from a gold, fully made of gold, to a silver.

Charlie

Okay.

Milo

Oh my god.

Grizzly

He says this.

Price

What is this? What are you doing? You have no power here! You have no power here!

Grizzly

He's getting visibly angry.

Price

This is my domain! You have no power here!

Grizzly

Jay, still your turn.

Condi

I think I'm going to use, just to be safe, I'm going to use my second 4th-level spell slot on Cure Wounds on myself because I'm really hurt.

Grizzly

Okay.

Condi

Really, really hurt. I hurt so bad.

Grizzly

Use your action to heal yourself. Go ahead and roll that.

Condi

4d4.

Jay

Your memories are your weakness. You die here. You die today. You're going to leave Chip the fuck alone.

Grizzly

Now it is a lair action. Roll a d6, and if you roll a one, three, or six, reroll. What's that?

Milo

That is a five.

Bizly

You watch shadows begin to form around this statue in this vicinity, and there's a blast of darkness. I'll have everybody here make a wisdom saving throw.

Milo

Twenty-seven.

Grizzly

Twenty-seven will pass.

Charlie

I got a 13.

Bizly

Eight.

Condi

I don't remember what I rolled. All I know is 2 single-digit numbers, and I have a minus four on everything.

Grizzly

You feel like barbed wire begin to grow out of your— the flesh of your skull, of your forehead, and around like a crown. This is basically the Crown of Madness spell, but essentially what you will do is on your turn, you will use your action to attack the nearest creature. Next up is Gillion.

Charlie

Gillion. Gillion with a crown of crazy-ass barbed wire comes out of his head, uh, uh, and he starts swinging his sword around at everything around him.

Gillion

Die, Price, die!

Charlie

Just swinging it.

Grizzly

It does say that you have to use your action on your turn before moving to make a melee attack on a creature other than yourself.

Bizly

What about the hand?

Charlie

[laughs] I think it is.

Grizzly

I think you would.

Charlie

Okay, yeah, yeah, yeah. Die, Price, die!

Milo

Jesus Christ.

Grizzly

Oh, this is not good.

Charlie

Twenty-two to hit.

Grizzly

Does it hit?

Bizly

I'm so sorry.

Charlie

Uh, yes.

Grizzly

Okay.

Condi

How much damage is it doing?

Charlie

Second attack is—

Bizly

Is he gonna fall in?

Charlie

This is a 16 to hit, doesn't hit.

Bizly

Oh no.

Charlie

Cool, I get to use the dice. Great.

Bizly

Oh no.

Milo

Um...

Charlie

Fourteen damage to the hand as I stab down into it with my sword. The hand, by the way, for you guys' reference, has 181 HP.

Bizly

Oh!

Milo

Good, good, good, good, good.

Charlie

That is my action. I see what's happened. I see this crown has sprouted on me. I see that it's sprouted on Chip. I see that it's sprouted on Jay. I see that he's turned silver. I see that I see how powerful Price is, and I see that there's a chance Chip will never be able to hug his father again, and I cut my hand and I put it in the bowl and I pay the price. And I feel as pretty much all of the power and more from the blessings of the Leviathans, yeah, starts to drain away, and I pay the price.

Grizzly

Like I described, you hear the same voice, Crow's voice. When the image come to your mind, You feel your perspective shift to a memory of Price's. This is quite far in the future. You just lost everything. You walk out of the ashes of your hideout that you spent so long finding people that were broken like you, abandoned like you. You don't believe in love. You believe that if anything is going to pull people together, it's the fact that you can guarantee them power, money, survival. You don't know what compelled you to do this, to put this thieves' guild together, these bandits, but you're standing just past the mound of ashes that you survived, scarred heavily by flames. There's a period of time with these memories and these flashes, a feeling of hopelessness, like a depression, until one day in the city of All-Port, in an alley in the Darkport, a drow around your age finds you, nurses you back to health in this small hut. And then, with their encouragement, show you a path, a way that you can rebuild not only everything that you've lost, but more power, more followers. This grand strategy, bounty hunters, rich as can be, powerful, you the leader, ruthless, charismatic, strong. The thing, the eye when you have the pull, you have the reach, you'll have the resources, you'll get this eye or these eyes, you'll get unstoppable power, and you'll be on top. That person becomes your right-hand man as you build it all back up. When you come back to, the guilt and the rage, it all festers in you. You get it.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

You get how cruel the world is and how easy it is to hate it and everyone else. And now that you've got nothing, you've got nothing to lose. You've paid the wealth of power, everyone else. Your stats go back up to normal.

Bizly

Jesus.

Grizzly

Gillion, yours do not. The statue disappears and I hand it to you. Also, on top of you guys regaining that stat, that plus one to all your stats, you feel that you no longer have the debuff. The ones that had it, you no longer do have damage. Price will use a legendary action, 31 to hit Chip.

Bizly

Yeah.

Grizzly

This time when he throws the blade, something in him begins to boil. The blade doesn't teleport back to him when it hits you. He teleports to hit. Let me roll damage. You take 15 points of piercing damage and 34 points of sneak attack damage.

Condi

Ooh.

Grizzly

And now you are bleeding.

Bizly

I will use Uncanny Dodge to halve this damage.

Grizzly

That'll be 25 points of damage. When he teleports to you, the dagger is at your throat. He pushes you against the wall.

Price

All of you. I'm gonna kill you over and over again.

Chip

Ruben, the statues. I saw something.

Grizzly

He doesn't have a look of recognition in his eye when you say the statues.

Chip

A man with a pig face.

Price

Stop trying to lie to me!

Chip

He took my eye!

Price

You don't know shit!

Chip

He took your eye!

Grizzly

Next up, Aurora.

Milo

I'm going to make a leap. I'm going to run out of the door. I'm going to head towards that dock area. I'm going to cast at 5th level Mass Cure Wounds. That is going to be 5d8 plus six, 22.

Grizzly

Nice, cool.

Milo

Points of healing for Chip, for Gillion, as she leaps out of there, goes for a running start, and these astral wings flap behind her and she begins to hover about halfway to this next statue, she turns in the air. She looks down at the two of them. She shoots this beam. It looks like a black hole. It's got a very nefarious dark energy to it. It is not cold. It is warm to the two of you.

Charlie

Hmm.

Grizzly

Awesome. They're gonna need that.

Jay

Thanks, Aurora. I could sense you really wanted me to be there.

Aurora

I love you. I—

Price

Stop loving each other!

Jay

I appreciate the sentiment.

Price

Ahhh!

Jay

So much rage. You should see a therapist.

Grizzly

Price is going to use a legendary action to use the eye. With it, he's going to cast a 6th-level spell. Chip, go ahead and roll wisdom saving throw.

Charlie

I'm going to try and Counterspell it.

Milo

Oh!

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

I'm close enough.

Grizzly

You want a 12 or higher?

Charlie

I need a 12 or higher.

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

My hand is bleeding. You see the blood's glow begins to dim, but I still reach out to Chip. Oh, it fucking rolled over. That's a four.

Bizly

I have a plus five in wisdom. I need a—

Charlie

Fifteen or higher.

Bizly

[rolls dice]

Grizzly

You start telling him this memory that you suddenly know, this information that no one's supposed to know about him. He's starting to crack, he's starting to lose it, he's starting to get even more pissed off at you. Whatever his goal was to make you suffer, to make you kill everyone else, it doesn't matter right now. He's gonna kill you. He's going to kill you right here for that. Right now.

Chip

I felt how you felt. The fear. The anger. I felt that before. When you made me kill that man, I felt— he was our friend! And that's how I felt. It's exactly how I felt. And anything I did, I just— maybe I am like you. As hard as I tried to be, maybe I am like you.

Price

No. No, you're nothing like me. I was wrong. You see, what I did for you that was nothing compared to the cruelty I've seen. I was doing you a favor, trying to make you stronger, but you're still so weak.

Chip

I didn't need to be stronger!

Price

You're gonna close your eyes now, and if you open them again, you're gonna be just as alone as I am.

Chip

Don't do this.

Price

Just you and me.

Grizzly

And he casts Eye Bites and you go unconscious.

Charlie

Oh, fuck.

Condi

Fuck.

Bizly

Yeah, Chip falls to the ground pleading.

Grizzly

Your eyes fill with this inky blackness as it becomes dark, forced into a slumber. This roll is gonna determine how angry he is at the moment.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

And if he targets you or if he moves on and saves you for last. Anything below a 15 and he will target you.

Bizly

Yeah, okay.

Condi

Wow.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

[rolls dice] What is it?

Condi

That's an 11.

Charlie

That's an 11.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

Twenty-two on the first one.

Bizly

He won't.

Grizzly

Eighteen on the second one.

Charlie

Really?

Bizly

My AC is 20.

Grizzly

Third one is a natural 20. That is a 34.

Milo

Okay.

Grizzly

The final one is 20.

Condi

One of them, you can make this!

Milo

I can make one fail.

Condi

Yeah.

Milo

And I did.

Grizzly

Right now it was a 22, a nat 20, and a 20?

Milo

Yeah.

Grizzly

So three are hitting, so you can make it two.

Milo

I'm gonna use it. I rolled a three.

Grizzly

So two attacks will hit.

Bizly

If he does 173 damage, I will die outright.

Grizzly

Mm.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

Total, you take 111 points of damage.

Bizly

Okay, yeah.

Grizzly

When he hits you with the first one, it is 36 points of damage.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

And then it does 56 sneak attack.

Condi

So that puts you down.

Charlie

So the first one puts you down.

Grizzly

The following 19 damage will be the death save.

Charlie

It's two death saves.

Grizzly

So you would automatically fail two death saves.

Charlie

Fuck, dude.

Grizzly

Before or after his attacks, he can use his ability, Force Teleport. Chip, you can't pass this con save. Whenever you take damage, for a second, you feel yourself wake up. You try to gasp in air into your lungs, but there are daggers in them, and he pulls them both up in a rage, your own blood splattering against his face. He stabs you a third time, and with that, he essentially rips through the fabric of space in his own domain. You feel yourself go both unconscious and disappear from this space. You teleport, you arrive up here. You fall, and you crash into this wooden bridge.

Charlie

Oh god, no. I gotta attack something within five feet of me, bro.

Grizzly

You take 17 points of bludgeoning damage as you hit the ground. Will you fail another save?

Bizly

That is my 3rd death save. Chip is dead.

Grizzly

Gillion, you fighting this Crown of Madness?

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

You think you're still sane enough to know that whenever you hear the sound, of a body hit a bridge next to you?

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

Chip lies next to you and he is dead. Price, looking above, seems to clean himself, like he just lost his temper for a sec.

Price

What am I doing? No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. [chuckles] You need to see all of it happen. Yeah, oh wait. Hey, hey you. Get over here. And if you all come to me and let yourselves be killed, I'll bring him back. I'll bring him back right now. Just a snap of my finger, I'll bring him back so he can see you all die. Yeah, that's what I'll do. That's what I'll do.

Gillion

Sounds good. I'm coming over. And I'm going to fucking cut your head off.

Grizzly

While your character's dead, I'm going to ask you to step away from the table.

Milo

Oh my god.

Bizly

Okay.

[Bizly gets up and leaves]

Grizzly

Next up, after what would be Chip's turn, it's Jay. Jay, you can now see through the windows of this broken boat. You can see Chip, he's not moving. You heard Price all around this area basically say, let me kill you and I'll bring him back.

Jay

Oh, fuck, Chip. It's okay, it's okay. We have diamonds, we have diamonds. We have diamonds, we can do this.

Condi

I'm hyperventilating a little bit.

Jay

No, come on. It's okay, he's going to be okay.

Condi

And I'm going to run towards— I see Aurora going for that one up there.

Grizzly

With your observant feat and already having rolled the arcana check, You know what the magic of the statues feel like. You can feel a statue somewhere underneath this balcony that you stand on, but you would need to dash to get there.

Condi

Yeah. I cast Hunter's Mark on him.

Grizzly

Okay.

Jay

You're going to find out why they call me Sure Shot.

Grizzly

Price is going to throw a dagger with a legendary action.

Condi

At who?

Grizzly

Let me decide with a roll. It's going to go for Gillion.

Charlie

Good.

Grizzly

Twenty-one.

Charlie

Twenty-one does not hit.

Grizzly

21 doesn't hit.

Charlie

Bitch.

Grizzly

That is now Gillion's turn.

Charlie

I still have the fucking Crown of Madness.

Grizzly

As you say that, that you still have the crown, Jay, reroll your wisdom save.

Condi

Ha! Yeah, it doesn't matter.

Grizzly

Jay, you continue to feel this immense pressure of violence just to attack anything near you, attack.

Charlie

There's the hand and there's Chip.

Grizzly

I'll say the hand, yeah.

Charlie

I do not stop looking at him as my body is forced to jam this sword downwards. I'm not even thinking about what my body is doing. I am picturing him dead, his head in my hand. That's it. I'm gonna hit the hand. It's a 21, even with all the reductions, 13 damage.

Grizzly

Okay. Price nonchalantly He's not even sure which one of you he's gonna hit, but he's just— he's done it so much, he just throws it in a direction that he remembers, and he's like in his head—

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

Walking back and forth trying to figure out something, laughing to himself.

Charlie

Still gonna bonus action.

Grizzly

Mm-hmm.

Charlie

I'm gonna fly the hand up right here next to him. I'm going to have it grab him. This thing reaches around, talons reach to grasp him. He needs to make an athletics check. Fist mode!

[giggles]

Charlie

Jesus fucking Christ. I rolled a natural one, and I rolled a four. It has advantage, 12 total.

Grizzly

Twelve is not going to beat a 26.

Charlie

Yeah, he slips through this thing's fingers.

Grizzly

Still fighting that Crown of Madness, go ahead and roll that wisdom save.

Charlie

God fucking please, dude.

Grizzly

What's the total?

Charlie

Fifteen. I'm gonna use Favored by the Gods.

Grizzly

How much does that add?

Charlie

An extra 2d4.

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

So 15, 19—

Condi

Literally can't fail.

Charlie

Twenty.

Grizzly

That's enough. As the crown fades from your skull, two things.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

The lair action, Price's legendary action, they will happen at the same time.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

Go ahead and roll a d6.

Grizzly

On a one, three, or six—

Condi

That's a four.

Grizzly

You see, Aurora, where you're heading on the top of this building, the roof, the wooden planks laid across the peak, this statue, all you can see is the back of it. Some sort of coat and a tricorn hat. Shadows whirl around it in a blast. Everybody make a charisma saving throw.

Condi

Mmmh.

Milo

It's a three.

Charlie

Twenty-eight.

Grizzly

Gillion, you pass.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

But the two of you? Whenever you make a saving throw or an attack roll, you will subtract a d6.

Charlie

Oh my god.

Grizzly

You feel in the air like the already terrible fate of your luck has shifted.

Condi

I'd like to use a legendary resistance.

Grizzly

[laughs] I have those.

Condi

No, come on.

Grizzly

Then Price's legendary action, which I have famously called Chaos Control.

Charlie

Cool.

Milo

Chaos Control!

Condi

No fucking way dude.

Grizzly

He's going to end a spell or magical effect within 120 feet, the hand—

Charlie

Oh.

Grizzly

That just tried to grab him.

Condi

Oh okay.

Charlie

That's fine.

Milo

Okay.

Charlie

I got so scared for a second.

Condi

I was actually really scared too.

Grizzly

Do you think he was gonna dispel her?

Charlie

Yes.

Grizzly

Next up is Aurora.

Milo

Aurora.

Charlie

Aurora.

Milo

Halfway to her destination, eyes flit between—

Grizzly

You also will see the lifeless body.

Milo

Yes. Her eyes flit between this golden statue and Chip's dead body, back and forth, back and forth. I can bring him back.

Grizzly

I think I'm going to have you make a wisdom save.

Milo

Oh, fucking me.

Charlie

Okay. I think Gillion knows you have the diamonds.

Gillion

[screaming] Bring him back!

Grizzly

With advantage.

Gillion

[screaming] Bring him back now!

Milo

That's a natural 20.

Grizzly

You can very easily make a decision right now.

Aurora

Yeah, yes, yes, yeah, absolutely, absolutely.

Milo

And she is going to use her movement, she's going to fly directly down to Chip. I'm just going to cast Revivify on Chip. I lay my hands on his body. It's not this bright glow, it is the ice from her arm slowly moving down on both of them. They almost completely turn into this icy shell for a moment as she places her hands on his chest, and that flows down into his chest and it branches into these crackling veins of icy cracks on his body, and then it shatters into this bright, sparkling, icy light, and Chip is revived.

Grizzly

Chip, you're back up with one hit point.

Aurora

I will fix this.

Grizzly

Your fucking guardian angel that has saved all of you countless times since she's been introduced is standing over you.

Chip

[gasping for air]

Aurora

Chip, you're all right, you're all right, you're all right. You hit the ground very hard. I need you to be careful.

Chip

Aurora.

Aurora

Don't, don't move too much. Um, uh, um, um.

Chip

Gah!

Milo

I'm gonna reach into my pocket. I'm going to pull out the potion of Greater Healing that I have. I'm going to pour it in his mouth one more time.

Grizzly

Got it.

Aurora

Chip, just, just, just—

Chip

Are we on the ship?

Aurora

Nope, nope, nope. We're still here. I'm so sorry. We're still here.

Chip

Still where?

Aurora

We're still with Price. It's all right, it's all right.

Grizzly

Chip, you weren't in the darkness when you died. You were hanging by a thread with countless hands pulling you down into the depths of hell, and just as you were about to slip, you're back up.

Aurora

How do you feel?

Chip

We can't lose.

Aurora

I know. You still got more time. It's all right, it's all right.

Milo

I reach my hand out.

Aurora

Get up. Get up.

Chip

We can't lose now.

Gillion

Did you do it?

Aurora

He's back.

Gillion

Okay. We're not going to lose. I'm going to keep him right here. Do what you got to do, whatever you need, but you're not— that's not going to happen again.

Chip

No, it's not.

Gillion

That can't happen again!

Chip

I know, I know.

Grizzly

When you are resurrected in this domain, debuffs that are not— that have not been dealt with, you'll have them. Disadvantage on saving throws against spells and magical effects, and disadvantage on attack rolls. All of you, your stats go back up, and at the same time, you no longer feel weakened. I wasn't going to bring it up until you started taking your attacks, but as you're standing here, you do feel weaker. What did you roll for the healing potion?

Milo

I rolled a 15.

Grizzly

You get 15 health points back. Also, Chip, when you are resurrected in this realm, in Price's domain, you will suffer some of the debuffs that have not been dealt with, as the debuffs are linked to the statues. You have disadvantage on saving throws against spells and magical effects, and disadvantage on attack rolls.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

You would also be frightened of Price if you weren't immune to being frightened right now. That one is still up, but it is completely like, you guys have negated that one effectively. Now it's the top of the round. He looks to have locked eyes watching Aurora bring Chip back. First thing, he uses his bonus action disengage, and then he'll use a dagger to throw it at her.

Charlie

So as he disengages, creatures provoke opportunity attacks from you even if they take the disengage action.

Grizzly

Go ahead and roll to hit.

Charlie

Okay, I'm gonna try and roll to hit as he turns his back on me. Oh, thank fuck, dude. That is a 30, 30.

Grizzly

A 30 will hit.

Charlie

Yeah. Oh yeah. He runs past me and I say,

Gillion

Never again.

Charlie

And I flip around, swing my sword. I'm gonna immediately smite at 4th level.

Milo

Oh ho, ho!

Charlie

Thirty-three radiant damage. Does it look like the silver on top of him reduces this or stops it or anything?

Grizzly

It doesn't seem like radiant specifically, like he takes less. It seems like the silver is like a coat of armor. It makes him harder to hit.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

You could just tell by the amount of— you've struck a lot of armor. This is very similar.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

He will take the full damage, though, and he'll be stuck here.

Charlie

Cool.

Grizzly

So instead of throwing a dagger at her—

Gillion

Look at you. Look at me. You're not going anywhere, and I'm going to eat you.

Price

Fine, then. You think you're in control, huh?

Gillion

You're not even half my fucking macros.

Price

You're that eager to die?

Grizzly

He'll give you what you want and he's gonna fight you. It is just you two.

Charlie

Good.

Grizzly

First one, is a 30?

Charlie

Thirty hits.

Grizzly

Second one, is a 25.

Charlie

Twenty-five hits.

Grizzly

Third one, that 19, that's probably gonna hit, huh? With 33.

Charlie

Thirty-three hits.

Grizzly

The last one, don't think that one's gonna hit, 19?

Charlie

Nineteen does not hit.

Grizzly

So three attacks.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

When you get hit with this dagger, one of these daggers, you do bleed, which means you will take 1d4 at the end of each of your turns.

Charlie

Okay, I'll mark it once I get hit by it.

Grizzly

First two.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

Eighteen and sixteen piercing damage.

Charlie

Okay, cool. He takes 45 cold damage and then another 45 cold damage. So 90 cold damage.

Grizzly

It doesn't go away after the first one?

Charlie

Nope. Mm-mm. I've got 45 temp HP. Every time he hits me while I have it, he takes 45.

Grizzly

You will take 32 points of sneak attack damage. He takes another 45?

Charlie

Yes, he takes another 45.

Grizzly

Woo! That's 135.

Charlie

135 damage.

Grizzly

Cold damage?

Charlie

Cold damage.

Grizzly

And then with the, the last, the third attack that hit, this is a different dagger.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

You take 28 points of necrotic damage.

Charlie

Oh, fuck me, I had 97.

Condi

You had 97.

Grizzly

What?

Charlie

He did 97 damage.

Grizzly

Yeah.

Milo

Oh my god.

Charlie

Gillion's down.

Condi

It's bad, it's bad, it's bad.

Grizzly

The dagger absorbs your energy. I will say, because he was silver, the one vulnerability that he had was cold.

Charlie

No fucking way.

Grizzly

He took 270 cold damage.

[shocked expressions from players]

Condi

Jesus fuck, that was a high-value level nine Armor of Agathys, dude.

Charlie

I go down and I go,

Gillion

You're still such a bitch.

[laughter]

Grizzly

You watch as you are falling into unconsciousness, Price, the silver, as he's in a rage, slashing you, just screaming. He goes from silver to bronze.

Charlie

Ooh.

Condi

Ooh.

Gillion

Chip, finish what you started.

Charlie

And I fall unconscious.

Grizzly

Whenever you took in necrotic damage, your maximum— your hit point maximum is also reduced.

Charlie

Got it.

Grizzly

So it's reduced by, what'd I say, 28?

Charlie

Okay 28, yes.

Condi

You did say that.

Milo

Dude.

Grizzly

Next up, Chip. I'm assuming you used half your movement to stand up, yeah?

Bizly

Yeah.

Grizzly

In that instant, you hear Gillion say those words. Price just, as he did to you, unleashed his fury, and Gillion is down.

Bizly

Yeah.

Charlie

Yeah, as my eyes close, I just look at Chip, just smile to know he's not dead.

Bizly

I'll run to the statue, closest one to me, that one right there. Can I do that in 15 feet.

Grizzly

I think you'd have to use your bonus action to dash.

Bizly

I will do that.

Grizzly

This bronze statue, as you run up to it, it seems to be almost like a featureless horned figure, like a tiefling.

Bizly

I'm bleeding plenty. I just lean over the bowl.

Grizzly

You approach. When you start to bleed into the bowl, it is a voice that makes your spirit want to run away from your body.

Demon King

You can pay this price. You alone will suffer the costs.

Grizzly

Doubled, multiple, the voice of the Demon King.

Bizly

Oh god.

Grizzly

The flashes come to your mind of a memory.

Bizly

Mm-hmm.

Grizzly

Cold, dark. You've been here lying in this cell, shackled, dying, embarrassing as soldiers have to come by and force-feed you just to keep you barely alive in case you'll be of use to the Admiral at some point, you assume. The rage in your heart. When you get out of here, you will make sure that the one that did this to you, you don't care what you have to do, you're going to rip and destroy everything that they love and care about. A silhouette kind of just melts through a wall or through shadow. You're not sure, but you just see a horned figure imposing. You think, death has come for me, the Reaper here to take me away to hell. Finally, in this cell, I'm dying. But then it speaks. It speaks in voices that are layered, thousands of voices in one. It says,

Demon King

I have scanned this realm, this world. You have a desire similar to my own. You have a desire, it is strong. Your will for destruction We are alike in that way. And you possess a power that belongs to me. I'll free you from this state if you agree to be my underling. Price in this moment? You? Anything. Anything. You'll do anything. No hesitation. He makes a deal with the Demon King and is freed, and with that, granted power, the necessary amount of power to carry out both the Demon King's will and Price's. That's the wealth of will that you've just paid. You come back to this space. Unfortunately, this is the statue—

Charlie

Oh no.

Grizzly

As I hand you this one, that takes care of the frightened debuff. You feel a force of fear of Price and of the Demon King that the only reason you can stave off is Aurora's magic, the feast that you had this morning in preparation. When everyone feels that the effects of fear that you were already immune to go away, so does the Crown of Madness.

Charlie

Oh, thank God.

Condi

Thank god!

Charlie

Oh, thank God, that was so bad.

Grizzly

Chip, that's your turn. I'm going to say, Jay, it's your turn.

Condi

To get down there, do I— you said it might be an acrobatics or athletics check?

Grizzly

Yeah, it'll be either or if you want to get down to the statue that you feel beneath this balcony.

Condi

Then I'm going to run up there, and before I jump down, I'm going to fire some shots off at him. I need to feel useful. I have disadvantage on all these. No longer half damage. That's all I care about. I just want to hurt this guy. I want to hurt this guy.

Bizly

I would love if you shot him in the face.

Condi

I'm going to shoot him in the face.

Charlie

Please shoot him in the face.

Grizzly

He has Hunter's Mark on him. Doesn't really affect much at disadvantage. Fucking nat one, baby. Wow, that was the worst disadvantage roll I've ever had.

Charlie

How many shots do you get? Two?

Condi

Two. So 13 and a 19. So 13, 22.

Grizzly

Twenty-two is going to hit.

Condi

This guy's going to take 2d6 plus six plus 2d8 plus another d6.

Grizzly

Okay, roll it.

Condi

So 3d6.

Grizzly

Roll it.

Charlie

Bro, holy shit.

Condi

Roll it in the face!

Grizzly

Yeah.

Milo

It's on me. He killed two of my friends.

Milo

Get him!

Condi

Fifteen, two radiant. The rest is just piercing damage.

Grizzly

Okay, 15 piercing damage, two radiant damage. The piercing damage gets halved to eight. You notice that he's still protected.

Condi

Yeah. And I'm going to try to jump down here. Yeah, and I guess I'm going to yell at him as I shoot.

Jay

Get away from Gillion!

Grizzly

Acrobatics or athletics?

Charlie

Athletics, my goat.

Condi

I don't know, I could rage bait him, but I don't know. Athletics, where's my d20?

Grizzly

You like this guy. You guys like this one.

Condi

Tell me if 14 is enough.

Grizzly

Fourteen to swing over and land. I'll say that's enough.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

You land in front of this bronze statue and you see a bronze statue of a legendary pirate, Captain Rose.

Condi

I know exactly which one this is going to be. I probably am still bleeding. Well, I am still bleeding. I have the condition on me. So I'm just going to lean over it and slowly my blood will fill the pool.

Grizzly

Okay. You lean over the wealth of magic. You recognize it. Captain Rose's voice.

Condi

Mm-hmm.

Captain Rose

You can pay the price, but you alone will suffer the cost.

Jay

No price too great.

Condi

I'll take it.

Grizzly

All right, the flashes come to your mind, and once again you are Price sometime before, and you've seen the memory of his mother. You are standing with your mother and Rose somewhere on like the, the outskirts of Skullslice, the port side where all the docks are, where all the ships are, where some flat land is before the buildings start to rise up into these haphazard, you know, makeshift columns, towards the back mountain where all the mining and the caves and the

tunnels go. As people try and try to build up and climb the great wall that divides the oceans to see if they can make it to the top or if there's any treasure, any kind of wealth that they can bring to Skullslice, to the port. And you stand at the very bottom, at the very edge. You're in the middle, two arms around your shoulders, and you're staring, as I am now, at some sort of callnch shell. A camera callnch shell, one that takes pictures, one that takes images, still images, and makes them permanent. You, as Jay, you've seen this photo before, the one that's being taken right now. It was also left behind. And once it's taken, you hear—

Photographer NPC

All right, say cheese!

Grizzly

There's a little bit of a flash.

Photographer NPC

It'll take a moment till, you know...

Grizzly

He starts like waving some sort of like parchment in the air.

Photographer NPC

It'll take a moment to really, you know, process, but it'll be all right. Just give me a second. Two gold pieces, by the way, and then we'll be on our way.

Grizzly

And Price, you as Price, you're just over this, but in the moment, Rose kneels down to you.

Captain Rose

Hey, kid, I know you— I can tell you don't like me very much, but I think I like this place. It's got potential. I like your mom. She's good people. Good heart. Wish I could take you with me, but where we're going, it's just too dangerous for you. Someone should have this. Use it to protect your mom. Maybe you can use, well, you've got that one at your hip, but, uh, an extra dagger never hurt anybody.

Grizzly

He hands him a dagger. It's really, really well made. It's a treasure. When you look at it, you think you could sell this for a fucking fortune if you could find someone that could afford it. Not here in the port, but somewhere else, if you could just get away. There's a very short moment where you have hope. If this man comes back, maybe you will have a family. And that hope, that hope is a magical feeling, especially for someone like you. You come back to reality as Captain Rose ruffles your hair and walks up to the ship, the Midnight Rose, with his crew. They spent some time here, just to rest, and now they leave. And when you come back to your senses, Jay—

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

You will continue to have disadvantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects, but everyone else— everyone else, that price is paid. And you may have the statue. You may have the statue. Price, still here, goes from bronze to himself. He watched that protection, that metal around his body, the value melt away.

Jay

Hey, Chip, you got this, okay?

Bizly

I'm looking at Gillion. And Price standing over him. I look back to you.

Jay

Has to be you. Aurora, keep him alive, eh? Hey, Price, I get it. You're angry. I would be too if everybody abandoned me. You're angry at Chip because he has everything you've never had, a family. He has us!

Grizzly

Yeah, I'm going to say that it's going to activate again. Go ahead and make a charisma save.

Bizly

Thirteen.

Grizzly

What about you?

Milo

Eight.

Condi

I fail. I can't not fail.

Grizzly

If you already had it, do you continue to have the bane of d6, 1d6. And Chip, you'll have it now too. Price is going to take a legendary action. He shouts back out at you, all of you, watching the bronze melt from their skin in his domain.

Price

What the fuck is happening?

Price

What the fuck is happening? No! Family? [growls] Family? I don't need family! I need no one! There's no value in family! The only value in this world is currency, and not even that matters anymore! Nothing matters! It's all worthless! You care so much about your family.

Grizzly

And then he takes his dagger. And with his legendary action, he plunges it into Gillion's chest.

Charlie

Yep.

Milo

Eugh!

Grizzly

Twenty-three to hit.

Milo

I look over at Price. I look over at Gillion's dead body. I shoot daggers into the back of his skull, but he can see everything, minus two.

Charlie

In my sleep, I catch it in my teeth.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Holy shit. Thank God for that armor. Yeah, awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome. Then it is Gillion's turn, roll your death save.

Charlie

I fail.

Condi

That's an eight.

Grizzly

That's a failure. After your turn, he'll take another legendary action.

Milo

Okay.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

Can you describe to me how you alter fate using the power of the stars to make him miss that attack and land directly in Gillion's teeth?

Milo

Aurora is very anxious, and a flash in her mind as she sees this dagger hovering over Gillion is her hand gripping a dart and hovering it over her own eye. She thinks back to that moment and how badly she wanted to turn it around in her hand and grip it as tight as possible and plunge it into his. The pure blackened essence of that horrid vibe, that black hole that healed Gillion and Chip earlier. It still permeates in her vision, and I think it just sucks out any of the luck in his body.

Grizzly

He looks up at you. His neck cracks as he cranes it over.

Price

This is your fault, isn't it?

Aurora

It was an easy choice.

Grizzly

Twenty-two hit?

Milo

It does.

Grizzly

A dagger flies out at you. You'll take 25 points of damage. Mark your highest level spell slot or any of your abilities.

Charlie

[laughs]

Grizzly

And decrease your max HP by 25.

Milo

Okay.

Grizzly

And when he throws the dagger at you, he teleports behind you.

Condi

God fucking damn it.

Bizly

Shit.

Charlie

Oh god.

Price

Nothing personal.

Charlie

I knew it!

Milo

Jesus Christ, man! Fuck you!

Charlie

No money, no bitches, no aura.

Grizzly

I said that, okay? Price says,

Price

It's personal now.

Aurora

It's always been personal.

Price

I'm gonna kill you.

Aurora

I'd like to see you try.

Grizzly

Then next up is Aurora.

Bizly

I'd look at you and you'd see in my eyes a determination.

Milo

Yeah, yeah. At the beginning of my turn, I could change my starry form. It's not a bonus action, I don't believe. I could just change it.

Charlie

Just a thing you can do, yeah.

Milo

The wings on Aurora's back dissipate slowly and her skin begins to glow. It's very noticeably changed. She has taken the chalice form now. I am going to cast Mass Cure Wounds at 8th level.

Charlie

Holy...

Milo

is going to be 8d8 plus six healing. That healing is going to be 38, but before that happens, the chalice also activates. I'm going to give that extra 2d8 plus six to Gillion.

Charlie

Woah. Woah. Woah.

Charlie

Okay, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure.

Milo

That is another—

Grizzly

Nice.

Milo

Thirteen. So Chip, you get 38 points of healing. Gillion, you get 51 points of healing. Aurora shoots another one of these massive balls of healing light out of her hands. This time it does not look like a black hole, but instead it looks like the sun has entered this dreary, dark realm. It looks like it's never seen the light of the sun, but for the first time it glows this bright color and it grows brighter and brighter and brighter. It starts to collapse in on itself into a supernova. And it bursts as you see the life slowly begin to well back up in my two companions.

Gillion

Morning.

[laughter]

Charlie

And I fully from a prone position [pwsssh] blast back up.

Grizzly

You will like sit up with your legs straight out.

Milo

And I turn around.

Grizzly

Cold eyes.

Milo

Mm-hmm. And I don't say anything.

Grizzly

Yeah.

Milo

I just look him in the eye.

Bizly

Tell me, Aurora, does a 30 hit you?

Charlie

Uh!

Milo

What does he roll?

Grizzly

A 30. Does that hit?

Milo

Yes.

Grizzly

Twenty-one points of necrotic damage, which it will then reduce your maximum HP by, and then 26 points of sneak attack damage.

Milo

Okay.

Grizzly

Are you still up?

Milo

I'm resistant to necrotic damage.

Grizzly

Okay, so you'll half that one, but not the 26.

Milo

Yes, I am still up, bitch.

Grizzly

Top of the round is Price. Aurora, when he looks at you with his cold gaze, the frantic, almost like panic that he was feeling, the rage, in an instant [snaps] he's switched. He's over it. Whatever is stripping him of protection and power and control, he's done. You've brought people back to life in his domain. You've healed them in his domain. He looks at you in the eyes. He says,

Price

I'm sick of you. Die.

Grizzly

With a power word kill.

Condi

Fuuuuuck!

Charlie

And I say—

Condi

Counter spell.

Grizzly

He doesn't have a high enough spell slot.

Charlie

I can cast it at 6th level.

Grizzly

Okay, so you need a 15 or higher?

Charlie

I need a 15 or higher. Okay, everyone blow on it. Everyone blow on it. It is your destiny to live.

Condi

What is that?

Grizzly

Is that a natural one?

Charlie

No, that would be funny.

Condi

That would be funny.

Charlie

That's an 11 plus four is a 15.

Condi

In the sky you see Jay, a figure— the ghost of Jay dabbing up Gillion. No, it's not, it's a 19.

Charlie

Ow!

[laughter]

Grizzly

He just tells you to die, and when he speaks the words, you remember that power word stun, and it permeates, and you feel it enter your body, the magical effects. And in an instant, if you were alone in this moment right now, dead, you would be dropped just instantly. And you almost, it's— your life flashes before your eyes right then. It's over. How do you counter-spell it? How do you Flash of Genius it?

Gillion

You don't get to take any more of them today. And this is no longer your domain.

Charlie

I swing my sword through the air. There is like a ripple. The statues all around us start to fuzz, um, and I think like the magic in this dimension begins to disrupt as he for just a second sees them. And when he sees their eyes, he gets flashes of memories of the pig-headed man, of being in that chair, of the captain of the Midnight Rose, of that hate, of that fear, and most importantly of all, of that loneliness that he has and we do not. Because in this moment, he stands completely alone, and although he has all the power in the world, he is completely powerless.

Grizzly

Jay, flash of genius? You see in this moment, you see the magic in the air, Gillion's magic rushing towards Price's, this dark, old magic. You can tell that the dark magic will overpower Gillion's Counter-spell. What do you do in that moment to give Gillion a flash? Just a moment of genius.

Condi

In the moment, I see that Gillion isn't going to win, so I think about how I could maybe knock him off balance. And I see the bridge he's standing on, rickety, old, broken, and I pull my gun out and I shoot under his foot and try to make him slip up a little bit so he reacts a little slower.

Charlie

And then I have a flash of genius and I say,

Gillion

Two plus two equals fish.

Jay

That's right, Gillion. Good job.

Grizzly

With this, Aurora, your life is saved. That is his action.

Gillion

You should have killed me, bro.

Aurora

What, what, what, what the hell did you just do? Oh my god. Oh my god. Oh my god. Oh my god. Okay, I'm good. I saw everything.

Gillion

You might own the world, Price, but you can't put a price on family.

Milo

Is this Fast and Furious?

Condi

Fish and Furious.

Price

Shut up! Shut up! Shut the fuck up!

Grizzly

He's gonna use his bonus action, Essence Thief. Jay and Aurora, make con saves.

Condi

I rolled a three, I have minus four, so that is a minus, but I also had the d6 that I had to roll, that's another minus four, so that is minus five.

Grizzly

Both of you will take 19 points of necrotic damage.

Milo

I didn't even get to say I failed, but I guess I did.

Grizzly

I will add here that the resistance that you have to necrotic is a ring, right?

Milo

Yes.

Grizzly

A ring that you were given. Price uses that to teleport into five feet of one of the targets.

Condi

Hi.

Grizzly

Next up is going to be Chip.

Bizly

You'll watch as Chip steps out from the radiant light from Aurora's sphere onto the bridge here, moving over towards Aurora.

Grizzly

You approach your crew member and you face Price.

Bizly

As I'm walking, I'll say to him,

Chip

I used to look up to you. When everything got taken from me, I thought you and that gang would be the— would be the family I needed. But you threw that away! The hatred that festers in you, you threw it all away. The world didn't take it from you! I didn't take it from you! You let it burn! You lit the match!

Bizly

I go to Aurora. I want to grab the library card.

Chip

You wanted so bad for everyone I loved to be in a room so you could kill them in front of me. That's all you cared about. Did you ever stop to think that a room filled with all the people who care about me would be one you could never walk out of alive. I'd be dead if not for them, 1,000 times over.

Bizly

I'm going to swipe the library card.

Grizzly

In the crevice of this bridge.

Bizly

I just want to walk inside. I don't think we need to move to inside. But he wanted a room filled with people I love. I want to give him that. I want to walk out with Arlin. I want to walk out with Lizzie. I want to walk out with Queen. I want to walk out with Ensa. I want to walk out with Igneous. And I want him to see all of them.

Grizzly

All right.

Bizly

I want him to see everyone standing by my side.

Grizzly

When you first walk into that room, you feel a hand grab the back of your head as Lizzie pulls you in. She has been pacing in a swimming motion in here, wondering, sobering up what the hell is happening. I assume in that moment you tell her and everyone what's happening?

Bizly

I do.

Grizzly

And you're going to take them out of the library?

Bizly

I don't even think I need to explain too much. I just tell them I need them now.

Grizzly

I put your crew around you.

Bizly

As I walk out with all of them, I want to look at Price, Ruben. He was about to kill Jay.

Chip

You could have had this. Maybe you could still have this. You don't have to die with all that hate. I'm sorry. I only ever did what I thought was right, but I'm sorry. He offered you a deal. He gave you power. You don't have to keep it. I'm sorry.

Grizzly

He's just gonna shout this out at you with one dagger pointed at Jay, one dagger pointed at all of you.

Price

[chuckles] Oh, that's just great. You think—

Grizzly

He looks at all these people, many of them are out for blood.

Price

Don't do that, don't do that. Don't look at me like that! I hate that look in your eyes! Don't you dare pity me!

Grizzly

Price yells that out at you. I'm gonna ask you to roll persuasion.

Bizly

Can I have a DC?

Grizzly

Thirty.

Bizly

I actually do have to roll pretty high for that.

Grizzly

And I think, disadvantage.

Bizly

You ready?

Charlie

Yeah, bro.

Bizly

On go. Three, two, one, go.

Charlie

Go.

Condi

The Yaoi gods will it.

Grizzly

I see a 16 and a 14. Am I wrong?

Charlie

That's a— oh my god, that's a 15 and a 16.

Condi

The Yaoi gods will it.

Milo

The Yaoi gods will it.

Condi

As the Yaoi gods will.

Charlie

Oh!

Bizly

Oh!

Charlie

Okay, okay.

Bizly

That is a 15 on the die.

Charlie

Fifteen on the die. It's gonna bring me to a 31, Dungeon Master.

Grizzly

Even on something like this, it's not gonna flip someone's hostility.

Bizly

I understand.

Grizzly

But I will say that your words and the sight of this gets to him. Emotionally, the coldness that you saw, there are cracks in that. And he's so in his own head after he screams that at you not to pity him.

Price

This isn't how it's supposed to go. This isn't how it's supposed to be. They shouldn't be here. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no.

Grizzly

He starts to just fucking, almost like a child throwing a tantrum. Like, this isn't how— this isn't the script he wrote. He's not going to take a legendary action. So Jay, it's your turn.

Condi

Is he ignoring me? Am I free to move fully?

Grizzly

After Chip does all of this, right now seems distracted.

Condi

Then I am going to fucking move away from him. Can I go up the ladder?

Grizzly

I think you get right to the bottom of the ladder.

Condi

Okay, that works for me. I'm just going to hold my action. If he tries to attack anybody, I would like to shoot him.

Jay

I really do feel for you. I see it everywhere I go. The world just takes and takes.

Condi

And I look towards Gillion for a second.

Jay

And it never stops. And I'm sure you deserve that loving family, and I'm sorry that— sorry that she left you when she did, and that Captain Rose never came back. But I know if he had the opportunity, he would've. I saw the way he looked at you. So much hope in his eyes for who you could be, for you You and your mother. You can't control what the world takes from you. All you can control is how you handle it and who's at your side when you need it the most. It's not too late.

Grizzly

You hold your action to attack if he attacks anyone?

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

Physically, they'll all be around. Mechanically, you can choose one of your crew members to give you a passive bonus to the rest of the combat. They won't be targeted. They will just be here to support.

Bizly

Okay.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

However, you can choose a different NPC, any NPC, to join the fight. They will be targeted, but they will be here and they'll fight with you. The others, emotional support, and as soon as things turn sour, they'll hop right back into the library.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

If you don't want an NPC to help you out, they'll all jump back in except for your crew member.

Bizly

I'd like a buff from Arlin if I can get it. I think Lizzie should join the fight.

Condi

That makes sense.

Charlie

Yep.

Grizzly

Lizzie's fuming.

Bizly

Yeah.

Condi

Yeah.

Bizly

I know she is, and I know after I've tried, there's no holding back.

Grizzly

So wherever the bronze statue is, that's where Lizzie actually is. So you want Arlin to passive?

Bizly

Mm-hmm.

Grizzly

You want Lizzie to aid you in the fight?

Bizly

Yes.

Grizzly

You all feel the power of the raging waves begin to back your weapons.

Bizly

God, that's awesome.

Charlie

Woah.

Grizzly

And Arlin puts a hand on your back.

Arlin

As a good captain should, taking responsibility. No matter what happens from here, you did what you could.

Grizzly

Lizzie, the whip [pfffft] unfurls. Chain. She— eye glows bright.

Lizzie

Hey, fuckface!

[laughter]

Bizly

Yes! Yes!

Lizzie

I'll hold off for long enough for you to look in your dead black little heart. But if this is what you want,

Grizzly

She flips her eyepatch open,

Grizzly

It's right here.

Bizly

Yep.

Milo

Ooo.

Grizzly

So next up, distracted Price will still be skipping his legendary actions. So Gillion, it's your turn.

Condi

What is the power of the Raging Waves, by the way?

Milo

Oh yeah.

Grizzly

When you guys hit with your attacks, I will be having Price roll a strength save, and if he fails, he will go prone.

[all the players] Woah!

Bizly

Oh my god. On every attack?

Milo

Oh yeah.

Charlie

I put two fingers up to my temple. I don't say anything to Price. I truly could not care less. I want this man dead, but I respect Chip, of course, whatever his choice is. But while my steed is within

one mile of me, which it is again, I have a telepathic bond and as soon as Price makes a move—

Bizly

Thank you.

Charlie

To harm me or any of my crew mates, just like how he said with Aurora, a 1,000-pound horse will come charging out of that door, will blow up a square block of this city.

Grizzly

Oh, fucking hell, dude!

[laughter]

Bizly

Yes, he will. I didn't shut it. I didn't shut it.

Charlie

Door's not shut.

Bizly

Because if he, because—

Condi

Charlie. I think this is a square block.

Bizly

We're in the square block for sure.

Charlie

We can take it. We can take it.

Milo

None of us are death warded.

Charlie

And then with my bonus action, I'll do some fucking shit I never do. In case it comes up, I will turn a 3rd-level spell slot into three sorcery points.

[all the players] Yay!

Grizzly

Is that a bonus action?

Charlie

Yeah, I believe so.

Grizzly

Cool.

Charlie

And I'll stand up and I'll jump down here to be awesome and join everyone else. Can I do that?

Milo

Gillion!

Bizly

That's my dog.

Charlie

Does it kind of hurt?

Milo

Probably.

Grizzly

Three points of bludgeoning damage.

Bizly

I look to the door, I look back to Arlin.

Chip

Whatever happens from here.

Grizzly

Both of your things trigger when Price does what?

Charlie

For me, when he shows any aggressive intent towards anyone on the crew.

Grizzly

Got it.

Charlie

I am not saying attack. I don't even want to give it that long. If he fucking looks at Chip wrong, I will blow him up.

Grizzly

Aurora.

Milo

Hello.

Grizzly

He's— for the entire round, because of your brilliant 31, he's been distracted this whole time. No legendary actions. It is your turn.

Milo

I look around at my crew. I'd just like to gauge first, how is everybody looking?

Bizly

We're could use some help.

Charlie

Still hurt.

Condi

Yeah, I'm pretty hurt.

Charlie

We're all still pretty hurt.

Condi

I'm actually within range this time, I think.

Milo

Still hurting. Now that I have my entire team at my side, or within range. Aurora, once more, is going to cast Mass Cure Wounds.

Charlie

Cool.

Milo

All of us.

Bizly

Thank you.

Grizzly

Okay.

Milo

That is at the 7th level. That is going to be 7d8 plus six. That is going to be for the entire team, 34 points of healing.

[all the players] Woo! Huzzah!

Milo

I'm going to give an extra nine to Chip.

Bizly

Ooh.

Milo

As Aurora—

Grizzly

Okay.

Milo

Looks to the sky. I would like, for just a moment, a star in the sky to glow so dimly. And it grows brighter, and soon you realize it is not a star, but Varius, as she imagines it, where it should be in the cosmos, and that beam or that glowing light, casts a beautiful blue glow on all of my teammates. And I look to Price and I smile.

Aurora

You can hurt them as much as you'd like, but I will be there to aid them. And I hope that you may find someone to aid you.

Grizzly

Good. We go to the top of the round. You guys start to feel that familiar, unstable, wild abyssal magic begin to stir within the entire vicinity, this entire domain.

Charlie

Okay.

Bizly

And he looks at you.

Price

No, no, no, you can't do this. You can't! You can't do this to me. Why? Why is it you? Why do you get so— everything? We had nothing together. We were brothers. There are no happy endings, Chip. Not for you. Not for me. For no one. There's nothing!

Grizzly

And as tears begin to fall down his face, before he takes his attacks, he uses Force Teleport on you, Chip. Go ahead and make a con save.

Bizly

I'm going to roll the d6 first.

Condi

That way you know what you need.

Bizly

I have minus four. My Constitution is a plus three, so I have a minus one on this roll.

Condi

Is that even possible? Probably not.

Milo

We'll see.

Grizzly

I don't think so.

Bizly

Natural 20.

Charlie

[gasps]

Grizzly

Unfortunately, because of the vane, this d6 of— it's not the Bane spell, but it is a d6 that is similar to Bane of that one statue. Anyone who can see that statue— nah, its back is still turned to you. You can't tell, it's just a figure wearing a tricorn. Nineteen is gonna fail. With Force Teleport, You take 17 points of force damage.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

And he brings you to him. He has you with a knife. He has his arm around your neck with a knife to it. You can hear his voice breaking, pain in it, maybe a tinge, a twinge of fear.

Price

I don't wanna die alone, man. If you're gonna tell him to kill me, do it. Do it, but you're coming with me. You and me, like it's supposed to be. You and me, we're gonna die right here, right now. I'm not gonna die alone.

Chip

It's okay.

Price

I'm not dying alone.

Bizly

It's okay.

Price

You're dying with me. You're dying with me right here.

Chip

Neither of us have to die.

Price

Yeah, we're all gonna die anyway. We're all gonna die. You've seen it. You've seen it. He's gonna kill us all. He'll kill me. He'll kill you.

Chip

Ruben! We can stop it. We know how to stop it. Him.

Charlie

What's the look in Chip's eyes?

Bizly

Steadfast.

Charlie

Then no horse?

Grizzly

If you guys are locking eyes and stuff, you're waiting for some sort of trigger. You say that you can win.

Grizzly

He says,

Price

No, no, we can't!

Grizzly

And he stabs.

Charlie

Okay, the horse.

Grizzly

That's a nat 19.

Bizly

The horse.

Grizzly

That hits.

Charlie

The horse. Would be a nat 19, still got a reaction.

Grizzly

Silvery Barbs?

Charlie

Silvery Barbs.

Bizly

Ooh.

Grizzly

Still gonna be a 24 to hit.

Charlie

Damn. Chip, you got advantage on whatever your next thing is.

Bizly

Twenty-four does hit.

Grizzly

You take 20 points of piercing damage and now you're bleeding. You would be poisoned. as well, but you're immune right now. And then you take 35 points of sneak attack damage.

Bizly

So 55 damage. Yeah, I'm still up. I'm gonna use my reaction to Uncanny Dodge.

Grizzly

Okay, he's gonna do it again.

Charlie

The horse is coming.

Grizzly

He's got four attacks total.

Charlie

Does the horse not have time to—

Grizzly

The horse, the horse, the horse is coming. All right, you've said it. The horse is coming.

Charlie

The horse is coming.

Grizzly

Jesus Christ.

Charlie

As soon as the knife comes out, the horse is coming.

Grizzly

What did I say, 30d6?

Bizly

Yes, you did.

Charlie

Horse? Grandpeepaw. It's time.

Finn

I can't wait any longer.

Condi

How big is the explosion radius for a horse?

Grizzly

It's probably—

Grizzly

Horse?

Gillion

You say there are no happy endings, Price!

Grizzly

Do you want it to be doubled or tripled?

Gillion

I say neigh!

[laughter]

Grizzly

Okay, so tell me the horse's speed.

Charlie

It would be 60 if it was not prepared to dash and leap to its death.

Grizzly

I'm just gonna say it's normally a 5-foot radius, I'll let you decide, do you want to double it or triple it?

Charlie

I would like to blow up half of Skullslice Port. I'd like to blow up this whole building. All I know is that a warhorse, a free warhorse, sails through the air. Spirit—

Bizly

That cannot be broken.

Charlie

And I invent Spirit Airlines. As it flies, it soars. For one last time, and as Spirit Airlines Flight one annihilates—

Condi

Dude, you can't—

Milo

A bomb?

Condi

A bomb?

[laughter]

Milo

I don't think we're even legally allowed to say that.

Charlie

As a horse named Spirit, with a legally distinct airline name that I come up with, soars through the air, dynamite fictionally affixed to the fictional horse.

Milo

Not plane!

Grizzly

Why does all—

Condi

Emphasis not real.

Charlie

To eliminate a city.

Grizzly

His turn completes before your turn goes. You guys rolled the same number, but effectively he's faster. Everything that he would— his turn would end— start and end before your turn went. Your thing happens on Price's turn. You won't be able to move out of the way.

Bizly

Then I watch my friends.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Both you and Price get to make dexterity saving throws.

Bizly

Oh, we're really good at this.

Charlie

We're really good at that. Is there anything we can do here to make this—

Condi

I can make you better.

Grizzly

I'm going to raise the DC to 18.

Bizly

I want to hold him gently.

Milo

Gently?

Bizly

Yeah.

Grizzly

You want to— okay.

Bizly

We die together. That's what he wanted.

Charlie

That's what he wanted.

Bizly

I was giving up my dex save. Auto fail.

Grizzly

Oh.

Charlie

Oh.

Grizzly

Yeah, I'll let that work.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

Auto fail?

Bizly

Auto fail. I just hold him.

Grizzly

I have decided that I'm going to roll his dex save at disadvantage on the table. I will tell you right now, um, he has a plus 14 to his save. I've raised the DC to 18.

Bizly

Yes.

Grizzly

So he has to roll a three or lower.

Charlie

Oh man.

Grizzly

At disadvantage.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

And you guys have things. You have your one thing.

Bizly

A three?

Milo

We have one thing.

Grizzly

Now success is half damage.

Condi

We're just kind of blowing you up and not him.

Bizly

Yeah.

Condi

And he's a rogue. And he's a high-level rogue.

Bizly

It's funny, we've set up the horse, we're doing the horse.

Charlie

You sure? Okay.

Bizly

Can you at least shoot him first?

Charlie

You sure you want to auto?

Bizly

Oh, wait!

Condi

Wait, can I shoot him?

Bizly

She totally had the ability to shoot him first, and if she shoots him, she can knock him—

Charlie

She can knock him prone!

Bizly

She can knock him prone!

Grizzly

Yes, yes, you can do that.

Condi

Thank god. Okay, I have disadvantage on weapon attacks, though.

Grizzly

Yes, you do.

Bizly

Okay, but just do it!

Charlie

You have two shots, though. You have two shots.

Condi

A 15.

Grizzly

What's the total?

Condi

Does a 19 hit?

Grizzly

Nineteen hits.

[all the players] Yes!

Condi

I have two attacks, I have two attacks.

Grizzly

Nineteen hits his AC of 18.

Condi

Okay, one more attack. That's a natural 20.

Bizly

Oh my god.

Charlie

Get another one, get another one.

Condi

That's an 11, 24.

Grizzly

So two attacks hit?

Condi

Two attacks hit.

Bizly

He's got two chances to roll the same strength saves.

Charlie

Two strength saves!

Grizzly

Okay, he only has a plus four to strength save.

Bizly

Oh yes.

Charlie

Save it for the final. Save it for the final.

Milo

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Charlie

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Milo

Oh, save it for the final?

Grizzly

Here we go, two Strength saves. Let's go, Arlin.

Milo

Surely.

Grizzly

Seventeen on the first one.

Condi

What's the DC?

Charlie

We don't know the DC, it's all you.

Milo

What's the DC?

Grizzly

Oh, I think because Arlin is with you this time, DC 18.

Charlie

Papa!

Grizzly

I think he fails that, right? Because I said 17?

Charlie

That's a fail.

Bizly

Yeah, that's one. Yeah, that's all we needed.

Grizzly

Jay, motherfucking Sure Shot, how do you knock this motherfucker prone?

Condi

There's just one obvious answer. I have a gun, he has kneecaps. What do you fucking do?

[laughter]

Charlie

Yeah, let's see that fancy footwork now, bitch.

Bizly

You shatter a kneecap. That's what you do.

Condi

Not even just one kneecap. I get the one that's slightly away from you, and he recoils down as I shoot him in the kneecap, and his other one exposes. I'm like, fuck it, that one too.

Bizly

Oh my god, you double kneecap him.

Condi

I double kneecap him. He doesn't have kneecaps anymore.

Grizzly

How much damage does he take?

Condi

I've rolled 5d6s. I've rolled 3d8s. I have achieved 43 damage.

Bizly

Oh my god. Goddamn.

Milo

Fucking Jesus.

Charlie

You're crazy.

Grizzly

He's taken the damage. He's prone. I don't think prone really does anything for dexterity saves.

Charlie

How does he dodge an entire horse?

Grizzly

Either way, he's still got disadvantage.

Condi

Whatever, he has disadvantage.

Grizzly

That was still sick.

Condi

Does he? I mean, do you want to run away, dude?

Bizly

I have so little HP.

Condi

Dude, dude.

Bizly

Would I be fucked up to walk it back?

Grizzly

Okay, flat roll?

Bizly

Flat roll, and I'm rolling this shit.

Grizzly

Yeah, three or lower.

Condi

Hit it.

Grizzly

Because of the nature of the prone coming from Arlin being here and supporting, I'll give him disadvantage. Special prone, special prone.

Bizly

Okay, we're looking for three or lower?

Charlie

Three or lower.

Condi

Three or lower.

Grizzly

That's a natural 20.

Charlie

That's a 17. Fuck me, man.

Milo

I can't even do anything about that.

Bizly

Yeah. That's— he takes zero damage.

Charlie

He takes zero damage.

Bizly

Dex save, that's a three.

Charlie

You're kidding.

Bizly

DM, what's a 12 gonna get me?

Grizzly

A 12 is not going to beat the DC that I raised to 18.

Bizly

Okay. Okay.

Condi

Ugh.

Grizzly

However, I will say that Price sees you trying to run, trying to break free. He sees this coming and he is— he's ready to die.

Charlie

Holy shit.

Charlie

Oh fuck.

Grizzly

He's ready to die with you, 'cause he knows he's outnumbered.

Bizly

And he knows there's a horse coming at us with bombs?

Milo

He sees it, man!

Grizzly

No, all right, now I would, I would like to have you roll 30d6.

Bizly

Yeah.

Charlie

Everyone...

Condi

Lend me—

Bizly

Oh, that's a six!

Charlie

Five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Okay, I have ten. I need 20 more.

Milo

I'm opening my dice bag.

Condi

I'm opening my calculator.

Charlie

I'm going to do them in batches.

Condi

Okay.

Bizly

Big dog, I don't know with that one.

Charlie

Fuck!

Condi

Yeah, they're going to—

Charlie

Whatever. No, no, no, we still have piles. We still have piles. It's okay.

Bizly

Big dog, I found.

Condi

Your grand total, if you would like to read it out.

Bizly

Do you want to know how much HP I have first?

Charlie

Yeah.

Bizly

Fifty-two.

Condi

That's actually unironically so close.

Charlie

What's your max?

Bizly

One hundred and seventeen.

Charlie

Oh, thank god.

[laughter]

Condi

No, because you automatically halve it, right?

Condi

Yeah.

Charlie

109 horse damage.

Bizly

Can you halve that?

Condi

That's gonna be 55.

Bizly

Oh.

Condi

Yeah.

Bizly

You guys watch—

[laughter]

Milo

Can we describe the facial expressions?

Bizly

As the horse flies through the air directly towards Chip and Price.

Condi

Uh uh.

Bizly

Even though it is the dumbest thing that we could possibly do, that's us. That's who we are. We're silly. We do things that are stupid sometimes, but we thought it might work. We tried our best, gave it our all. I then blow up—

[laughter]

Bizly

In a fiery explosion. The smell of horsehair fills the void.

Grizzly

This whole section of the domain is just blasted away.

Bizly

I am dead. I am down.

Charlie

You're not dead. You're down. You're down. You're down.

Bizly

I'm down. I take 55 damage. I'm down. Aurora just healed me by a ton, with huge high-level spells.

Milo

Don't talk to me, I'm circular breathing.

[laughter]

Bizly

It's all gone!

Grizzly

Price naturally succeeds and takes half damage. He chooses not to evade. Price in his base state has one vulnerability and it is fire. So what became 55 will now double and he will take 110 fire damage.

Bizly

Does, if he's not evading, if he's not using evasion—

Grizzly

I halved 109.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

To 54.5, it rounds up to 55.

Bizly

Okay.

Charlie

And then you double it.

Grizzly

And then I double that to 110.

Milo

One extra point.

Bizly

That's enough to kill him.

Grizzly

After Jay's shots, that's enough to kill him. Without her shots—

Condi

Just quickly, I shoot him in both kneecaps. I smile. I still got it. Suddenly, out of the peripheral of my fucking vision, a horse flies into frame and I—

Bizly

I would not have it any other way.

[laughter]

Charlie

And Spirit flies free.

Grizzly

As far as you know, when the smoke clears and the fire is just raging, it starts to turn purple. The heat is still immense, but nobody crawls out of that crater that you just created.

Charlie

Then I want to go in and find Chip.

Condi

I run in, I run in, I run in, I run in. I'm so close.

Grizzly

Jay, you run in into the crater over all of the broken pieces of metal that have been melted through, still red-hot orange glow on the edges of them as you make your way into the smoke and you will find two bodies. Chip, it is your turn, so I will ask you to make a death save.

Bizly

Okay, I got advantage on these.

Charlie

Nice.

Bizly

It's a fail. Oh, it's two fails. I fail one.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

Okay, so you fail one.

Charlie

Wow.

Grizzly

Now I will leave the initiative order and all you can do is you.

[all the players] Yeah I rush in!

Charlie

Yeah, I rush in with Jay as well. I saved one point of Lay on Hands so I don't have to roll anything and I grab Chip's arm. [Bizly and Charlie dab up] a single point of HP courses through him, bringing him back to life, and I lift him up.

Milo

Yeah, I'll cast Cure Wounds on him.

Bizly

In death, my arm raises.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Whenever you're brought back, everyone stands around you.

Bizly

The horse?

Grizzly

The horse, Lizzie, Arlin, Igneous, Ensa, Queen. They all stand around you. Lizzie kneels down.

Lizzie

You crazy son of a bitch. I didn't even get a chance to hit him.

Grizzly

She looks over at the fucking charred body, holes in the coat, just completely smoke and flames rising. His last words were, I don't want to die alone. And this domain, you're still there. It's not going away.

Chip

Shouldn't we be gone by now?

Gillion

Unless he's not actually—

Aurora

Um...

Jay

There's also one more statue.

Milo

Can I take my dragon and form and make my way over there.

Grizzly

Float up to the statue?

Milo

Yes.

Grizzly

Yeah, you can do that.

Bizly

Can I actually?

Grizzly

Yeah.

Bizly

I wanna grab him.

Grizzly

Okay.

Bizly

I wanna carry him up to the statue.

Grizzly

You can do that. You pick him up, you feel the flakes of burnt skin flake off as you grab him. He's still hot to the touch. A lot of his frontal features taking it head on, completely blown off, showing a lot of the skull. And you can carry him up with everyone's help, using the ladders and stuff. The flames all around are dying down. Does everyone follow or no?

Bizly

I want everyone there who can be there.

Grizzly

You approach a bronze statue of yourself.

Bizly

Thought so.

Condi

Mmmh.

Grizzly

Just stands there holding a bowl. What would you like to do?

Chip

It's when you put your blood in, you see it, and you pay the price.

Gillion

Yeah.

Bizly

DM, would you allow us all to do it? I know what this memory is, what we would see. At least I think I do. Would you at least allow us all to see it?

Grizzly

Sure.

Charlie

Okay. I'll put blood in the bowl as well.

Milo

Me as well.

Condi

And Jay.

Grizzly

Okay.

Chip

I might just need you guys in there.

Lizzie

Do I do this too? What the fuck?

Grizzly

Lizzie says.

Chip

No.

Gillion

Oh, you just put blood in the bowl and then you, um—

Lizzie

Is this how we get out?

Gillion

You get cursed forever.

Chip

Maybe.

Lizzie

All right. I'm not gonna do it, but I'll be here behind you.

Jay

Okay.

Chip

Come on, dude. In it together.

Lizzie

I can't—

Grizzly

I want you to roll—

Chip

I just said all that shit about friendship.

Grizzly

I want you to roll persuasion, but I know you'll pass.

[laughter]

Lizzie

This is so fucked.

Chip

Yeah, it's all fucked.

Lizzie

I don't want to be here.

Chip

I know.

Lizzie

Okay.

Chip

I just got blown up by a horse.

Grizzly

All of you, she'll join, even Arlin.

Charlie

My GOATs.

Bizly

Oh, whoa. Okay. Fuck.

Condi

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Bizly

Forgot he was going to see it. He can come, but damn, I forgot.

Condi

He gets to see what you're up to.

Bizly

No, I think they should all see it.

Grizzly

In your own voice, you would say— it would be different than what the rest of you have heard the other statues say in your minds. You hear yourself say,

Chip

If all you start to see, if the only value in life you think is currency or power, all that is priceless becomes worthless.

Grizzly

And as you say that to all of you, memory flashes appear in all your minds. This time your perspective is not from Price, it's of Price. Waking up, washed ashore somewhere stranded. Someone slaps your face. Price slaps your face, Chip.

Price

Hey. Hey, what are you doing?

Chip

Oh what—

Price

Get up! If you stay here, you're gonna die.

Chip

Who are you?

Price

What? Oh, fuck, dude, you look— whatever, man.

Grizzly

He just like picks you up, puts you on his back like a piggyback ride.

Price

Whatever, just don't move. I know a place.

Chip

Where are they?

Bizly

This teenager carries you as a, as a kid, a toddler, to a warehouse, a hideout. And you fade in and out of unconsciousness as you're being carried. You're scared. You feel such loss, and something haunts you as you feel like you have just seen and felt an unimaginable horror. And lost everything, you feel probably the most alone you've ever felt. So when you wake up, you're already crying, and this kid with dark raven hair and a bunch of friends that he's pulled together, they say,

Price

Stop your crying. What's your deal, little bro?

Bizly

I don't know if he would I don't think I'd be able to talk at that time.

Bizly

Price gets closer, he puts his hands on your head.

Price

Hey, hey.

Chip

Yeah.

Price

All right, whatever's going on, whatever shit you've been through, whatever you— whatever happened to have you wash up all alone, you're good now. I got you.

Chip

You got me?

Price

As long as you're with us, we got you. We take care of each other like brothers, okay? You're good.

Chip

Like brothers.

Grizzly

More memories flash. All the times, all the first times you had from going from a 9-year-old boy to a teenager, 19. Stealing for food, for money, climbing, fighting with swords. All the things that you should have learned on the ship, you learned with these thieves, these bandits. For a while, it was life. You would sit on the top of these rooftops, these buildings. You would watch the sun go up and down, up and down, and you'd dream together. You'd dream about leaving this place, About having so much, so much gold, too much gold. You could just buy happiness, buy a place in the world. And you were the first friend he ever made. First real friend. You both understood the loneliness, the darkness that you carried, and that all changed. That all changed when he had— he had to prove himself a leader. Someone sold them out, got someone else killed, and he used you to prove that point because he wanted you to be his right hand, right at the top. This is the life he knows, and he shared that with you. But deep inside, he knew it was wrong. It changed how you saw him, and every time you looked at him, you couldn't stop seeing the person you killed. The fear in their eyes as the light left it. You all see this memory. You all feel this, and everyone When you come back to reality, you're once again inside the salon, and where you were carrying Price, you now hold a glowing purple eye.

Charlie

Oh my god.

Bizly

I'd look around for him. I'd look for a body. I'd look for anything except just the eye.

Grizzly

Go ahead, give me investigation.

Bizly

Okay, 13.

Grizzly

Is there anything specific that you're looking for besides—

Bizly

I wanted to find his body. I wanted him to be here. I maybe wouldn't say anything, but you'd see me searching.

Grizzly

With 13, he's not here.

Bizly

Fuck.

Chip

No, no, this isn't right. He was— I didn't know that would happen. I thought maybe we could bring him back. Is that something you guys can do?

Jay

If—

Aurora

Not without a body.

Condi

If it's not too late, I'd like to help, I guess, search.

Grizzly

I'll let you roll investigation.

Milo

Could I look for either of the daggers that he had?

Bizly

Jay, you can roll with advantage.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

I'll let you help, Jay.

Condi

Oh, that actually did help. I didn't think it would 'cause I rolled really high. It was a 25, you brought it to a 28.

Grizzly

You guys look around and underneath a fallen chair and table that's broken, there's still some residue of like black ooze, but most of the tavern is just clear. Just looks like a tornado swept through here. You guys look around and you do find one of the daggers that he had.

Condi

Do I recognize it? I saw the vision where he got it.

Grizzly

It is the dagger that Captain Rose gave him.

Jay

I couldn't find him, but Rose gave this to him. Maybe you should have it.

Bizly

Chip holds the dagger and he sees his reflection in it.

Grizzly

You see behind it Arlin's face in the reflection too. He puts a hand your back.

Chip

He didn't deserve that. Any of that that happened to him.

Arlin

Maybe not. Some people, they're alone too long. And regardless, his actions are his own, as are yours. Not much we can do about the cards we're dealt. Drey always used to say it's how we play him. I've seen even the worst hands have swindled me a time or two before.

Gillion

I think he was right, Chip. You, you could have been him, but he could have also been you, and you wanted to give him a chance.

Bizly

I stand up. Flip the dagger, sheathe it. The eye, I'll just hold it for now.

Chip

The only thing that kept me from being him was you. Thank you, all of you.

Bizly

I think many of your friends in this moment who saw the memory, there's—

Grizzly

And Arlin knows this too. There's only so many things that you can say to try and cope with the brutality and unfairness of the different parts of the world. But— and everyone gets this sense all they can do in the present moment is lean on everyone around them.So Arlin pulls the entire crew into a giant Goliath hug. And you all sit there for a good few moments and mourn many things. And that is where we're gonna end the session.

Charlie

Oh man.

Condi

Ooof.

Grizzly

If you want to watch the next episode, you can do so right now.

Bizly

Oh my god.

Charlie

Or you could stop here.

[laughter]

Bizly

Actually, that's it. It's over.

Condi

That's the end of Riptide.

Bizly

The next episode is not available at JRWIshow.com.

[laughter]

Bizly

Except it is.

Condi

It is.

Milo

It is, and you can watch it right now.

Bizly

For money.

Milo

For money. If you go to JRWIshow.com. That's JRWI—

Grizzly

Maybe you're already on JRWIshow.com.

Bizly

You might be there.

Grizzly

And you know what? If you're watching this on JRWIshow.com right now, just know that with $5, you can watch the next episode right now.

Charlie

What can I do with $5?

Milo

And for $10, you could bring Price back to life.

Grizzly

For $10, you can watch the after show, which we might not even record.

Condi

We might not because—

Charlie

No, don't say that! We record it, we record it!

[laughter]

Bizly

It's 1:30 in the morning.

Condi

It's 1:30 in the morning.

Milo

It's 1:30 in the morning.

Charlie

Amazing job, amazing job, Nate. That was great.

Milo

Holy fuck.

Charlie

That was so good.

Milo

Ugh.

Bizly

Ow.

Milo

Ow.

Condi

Ow.

Grizzly

Hey everyone, you made it to the end of the episode. Welcome! I'm about to shout out the members and our High Roller tier and the ones on our Patreon, but before I do that, I just want to say this is one of my favorite episodes we've ever recorded. And I just hope you guys like how it came out. I know that this is a character that has been in the background for a long time in this campaign, and I know that the sort of story arc, this plot beat, was kind of wrapped up in an episode, you know? And I had worries that it would be too much to pack into one combat and that it would kind of all happen too fast, but...there's a part of me that thinks things like this often do happen way too fast, and I don't know, I just— I'm pretty happy with it. It was a pretty challenging combat and a lot of very crazy mechanical ideas, especially for high-level D&D, that I tested out here. And a lot went wrong but I think— I'm just hoping that it made for a very enjoyable experience, and a memorable one narratively. I'll be interested in reading the comments here on the post, but now what I'm gonna do is get into thanking and shouting out all the people that make making episodes like this possible. So a big thank you to the following: Mobile Review, Hydes JG, Matty PXD Full, Spoopy Teru, Visconti, British Gun, Juniperx, ZeroLyn, Insert Rap Adlib, Slowkay Is Massive, Stimuli Friday, Baron Ballistica, Flora's Freaking Awesome, Spinnin Spider, Pot4Top, Sabe, Flame Twisted, 2 Bugs, BDevil7, Kamikaze Slug, CrystalFox497, Actual Soap, Trench Voidwater, Ace HSG, Isaac, Celio Slime, Raxoid1109, Captain Speck, Nervous Leg, Terrarian Ace, DarkShadow4993, Ash Has Left, Straxolato, Strong Bond Cosplay, Vivien O, Noble Squad, Itachi Sensei, Fallen Beck, Crangelius, Node the Toad, Canonical JRWI Jesus, Illuvia, Ridu Ridu, Rova Rock, Soulking073, Gandhi Sharma, Scoob Dubious, Jam Volker, John of All Trades, Fatebreaker, Ginger Mallow, Al Major, Titan Storm, I Eat More Paint, Species Broom 23, Hintologist, Bobo the Jackalope, Stealthy Bree, Hush Shush, Deruff, Domo, Moon's Alibi, Mel Mel, Mel Mel again, Shiloh's Shh! Expugalu, Rosemary Norton, Lauren Rose V, Darling Songbird, Cinnabunny03, Mr. C, Praying Price Is Dead— well, Frogonaut1618, Inigo Devlin, Cranky Martin, Cows, Insomnia Draws, Ara the King, It Demo, Elvish Cyborg, Skylabber, Mazozo, Firefox Awesome Man. Nora Knightley. Blue Alien Fox. Wild James. DJ1001. Caffeine Connoisseur. Bronyon. Unstable Chaotic Cracker. Alien Coordinator. Red Static. The Jane. QB Feels. Sumphy. It's Albert. Teeny Ghosts. Stinky Man. Jason the Fricker. Joshua Mills, Big Bean Gamers, Tired Eldritch Horror, Mylern, Noctic Paladin, I'm Rolling Cut, Narwhal Shellfish, MarioCraft 6000, Sporkman 212, Cadus Betus, Caspian's BF Rydian, The Loot Goblin, The Retrolyzer, JoJo Jordan 123, Avi_E, Kronos 513, Paper Slash, Mr. Muselid, Dev the Dolphin, Edgar Cheeses Poe. And now for our patrons: Cherry Lane, Kevin Cook, I Heart Peridolia, Austin, Luca Toni, Chief, Just a Guy, Psycho Pyro, Aura the King, Viper Hypnotic, Heck of a Gecko, I'm Just a Burb, Lightning Deathbringer, Mr. C, and in brackets they put incredible job with the bomb collars. Damn, thanks. It's Sea Fresh, Me Forever Mate, Mr. Nacho, Meta Mayhem, and Jay Newell. Thank you guys so much, and we will see you in the next episode. Take care.