

Grizzly

Jay, during this short burst, what is normally a flash of instantaneous teleportation. For some reason for you, it feels like years. Flashes of memories begin to travel through your mind and hit you all at once. Through these bright streaks of arcane light, as you travel from the Black Sea to the Royale Blue, the first thing you see is Chip. As he walks in through your mother's tavern, Loose white shirt, shaggy brown hair, barely any scars, barely any journey shown on his face.

Condi

He's alive. He has a heart again.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Then you see a figure floating, lonesome on the surface. He stares up aimlessly at the sun. But as you approach him, energy revitalizes him as if a fish just jumped out of water. Gillion greets the two of you with that feral smile that might as well just be brighter than the sun that he was staring at. Then the memories begin rush by faster. You see Edison Kingdom, you see when Chip lost his pinky, you see you three shouting your oath for the first time on the roof underneath that city. In the same instance, you remember the time you shouted your own personal oath on your ship just after you freed your uncle from the prison. You remember the moment in that scenario where you shot your friend and you remember the looks on their faces, and it begins to flash back and forth between the looks, the last time you saw them before you teleported. It hits you that through it all, neither one of your co captains have ever done anything but trust you, and you've never given up on each other. Through these last few months of a journey, you have found a family.

Grizzly

In that moment, you shout it to the world. Then you guys set sail and you look through a spyglass, you see Allport, and then you see Noctis, you see Liquidis, you see the Feywild, and then you see the three of you raising the flag of the Riptide Jolly Roger above Canella. That first island that you guys docked on. The rest of your memories are fresh. That feeling of guilt and doubt still weigh heavy on your heart. But perhaps what is weighing heavier against it is the love and trust you have on your crew as you leave them behind in the horrific Black Sea. Suddenly, while these memories flash, it all becomes one big bright light [whoosh] surrounding you, and you begin to feel this immense amount of heat, and that white begins to fade away and clear up.

As you realize you're standing in this space of pure, almost like heat, flame, gas as it like ripples and waves past you.

Condi

We're in the heat death of the universe. [laughs]

Grizzly

It genuinely feels like you're standing inside of a sun.

Condi

Sensation-wise, am I feeling pain or...?

Grizzly

At the moment? No.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

You see ahead of you in the distance, a silhouette, almost like the bottom black part of a flame, like the wick itself. You see a humanoid figure.

Condi

Is it a silhouette I would recognize at all?

Grizzly

It looks like a woman.

Condi

Mother? Grandmommy?

Grizzly

It's hard to tell.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

It's in the distance. But if you want to discern who it is or what it might be, you can try to get closer.

Condi

Probably through the heat, I would try to trudge forward a bit and try to get closer to see who it is. Maybe expecting somebody who would be familiar in this scenario after seeing all my memories flash by me, but it currently confounding me. I'd love to move forward.

Grizzly

There's a familiar sense once you're about to take the first step. You've had a vision like this before twice. The first time, it was too much and you fell. The second time, you reached into the sun. This time, you're inside the sun and you're walking forward. As you take that first step, you feel this sharp, burning, insane pain in your leg. I need you to roll a constitution saving throw.

Bizly

Did somebody say roll?

Condi

What? No. I've got this dice right here.

Bizly

What's it got there?

Condi

It's just a dice that I brought.

Bizly

You're going to roll with this?

Condi

Yeah I-

Grizzly

I don't man it's looking a little iffy over there.

Bizly

You're going to use this?

Condi

I was going to use this dice.

Condi

[Bizly puts the dice in his mouth and then spits it out]

Grizzly

What the fuck?

Condi

I was going to... Dude, that was a natural 20. That's actually a natural one.

[laughter]

Bizly

Because you weren't using the Jay Riptide dice set.

Condi

What? Seriously?

Bizly

Open those up and roll that instead.

Condi

Yeah, absolutely.

Grizzly

Does he have something that he can maybe roll it on?

Condi

I'm worried about... We have this nice table here. I'm a little worried.

Bizly

Here. [throws merch at Condi] You can have these, too. And these.

Condi

What are these?

Bizly

The Gillion and Chip dice sets! What's up? Merchman Bebo here to tell you about the dice sets. Take them out.

Condi

Where did you come from?

Bizly

Get them out of there.

Condi

You're not supposed to be here!

Grizzly

You're just slowing my session down. Come on.

Condi

Okay, I've got them out.

Bizly

Are you just going to roll that on the...

Condi

Dude, what are you...[Bizly throws mat on table]

Bizly

Open it.

Grizzly

[laughs]

Bizly

Why would you roll it on the table when you could roll it on the Riptide desk mat available now at jrwsshow.com, along with the dice and the other dice and the plushy. [shoves Pretzel plushy in Condi's face] Dah!

Condi

I'm sorry!

Bizly

Available now!

Condi

I'm sorry!

Grizzly

Merchman Bebo!

Condi

I'm sorry.!

Grizzly

Isn't she so cute? There's two of her. You can have two at your place. You can have-

Bizly

[getting in front of the camera] Jrwishow.com

[laughter]

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Condi

Yeah, first roll with the Jay dice. Let's see how it goes.

Grizzly

You step forward and feel that pain. What did you roll?

Condi

That is going to be an 11, actually. That's not good.

Grizzly

Eleven is not enough.

Condi

Hey, actually, last I checked, I was looking at my DND beyond, and I do actually have heroic inspiration on there, it says.

Grizzly

So you want to use advantage?

Condi

Yeah, why not?

Grizzly

Are you sure you want to use it now?

Condi

I hate when you do that to me.

Grizzly

Figure it out.

Condi

No, I won't use it now. I'll save it. I'll save it, you.

Grizzly

So what happens is you step on your leg, you look down. As soon as you feel the pain, you want to get closer. It feels like the silhouette ahead of you is calling out to you, maybe spiritually. It's not verbally. You can't hear a voice, but this entity wants to reach you and you step forward and that pain you look down, your leg looks like it's boiling through your pants.

Condi

I forgot. I fucked up my leg.

[laughter]

Condi

That was so long ago.

Grizzly

You immediately recall.

Condi

It feels like it was years ago. Fuck.

Grizzly

It has, just by the pain alone, I mean, you can't... Visually, it looks like a giant blister. It is wrinkled. Your skin is missing. Parts of your pants are torn. You can tell bone has been dissolved through, muscle has been torn, and completely almost like, disintegrated in a way. It's like whatever Captain Widow was dissolving you with in that sac, it has continued to spread through your leg and up to your hip.

Condi

Is this real? Is this a dream right now or is this real life? My leg is actually boiling and burning.

Grizzly

It's like your inner monologue.

Condi

Yeah, no, I'm looking at it like, What the why now? Why is this happening now?

Grizzly

This pain feels very real. I'm going to ask again with that pain, do you want to push forward?

Condi

I'm getting the sense that it wants to meet with me, essentially.

Grizzly

It feels familiar, like you know this person.

Condi

I have been searching for answers regarding this for so long. Every time I talk to the one person who should know something, my Uncle Drey. He rolls a natural one, Grizzly.

Grizzly

His memory is not great. He was in the Black Sea.

Condi

Yeah, but he rolls a natural one every time. Frankly, I'm tired of it, and I need to take it into my own hands. So yes, I would love to push a little further.

Grizzly

This roll will determine the course of the session.

Condi

Are you fucking kidding me?

Grizzly

What's your save modifier on constitution?

Condi

Plus four.

Grizzly

Plus four?

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

You want to roll a 15 or higher.

Condi

Oh, God.

Grizzly

You want to repeat a DC 19. As you're taking a step forward, what's Jay thinking? Why is she going to push through this pain?

Condi

She has been looking for answers for a long time now, both regarding her place in this world, her family, her sister. I think right now, as she looks into the distance, she gets a feeling that beyond this pain and beyond this horizon, that is what could be waiting for her. And despite any pain that she might be feeling right now, that it is worth it to continue and push.

Grizzly

Roll it.

Condi

Yeah. Twelve. I'm going to-

Grizzly

Use your heroic inspiration?

Condi

Use my heroic inspiration.

Grizzly

Good thing that you didn't use it, huh?

Condi

Yeah, I guess we're using that after all.

Grizzly

Yeah.

Condi

That's a 21 total.

Grizzly

So even if the DC had been 20, you would have fine.

Condi

Okay. Dude, I'm so fucking nervous.

Grizzly

You step on that leg, feel feel that pain, grit your teeth, and you take another step forward.

Condi

As I do, I let out just a pain scream.

Jay

Ahhh!

Condi

As I push forward faster and faster.

Grizzly

You take another step forward and another step forward.

Condi

One foot after the other.

Grizzly

The heat emanating from this figure in front of you, it is like nothing you have ever felt up to this point. It is like a power. It is almost, while calling you forward, too much force of heat to push through. But you continue to do it. You continue to take these steps.

Condi

Does it get more unbearable as we're moving forward?

Grizzly

It continues to get hotter and your leg continues to get heavier. Whatever amount of weight that you carry on your shoulders, it almost feels like it's burning behind you, like burning up into something else. You feel this pain between your shoulder blades and you keep moving and you start to get closer and you notice passive perception. You never have to roll perception because you're still observing it.

Condi

22, baby. 22.

Grizzly

You never have to look. This figure, it does start to remind you of Ava, especially with the way that she stands and the hair, like a flame, wisps and flickers behind her, almost like a cape. Do you want to keep going forward?

Condi

Is it another roll?

Grizzly

It is. You passed the hard one.

Condi

Will this roll determine the course of this session?

Grizzly

This one won't.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

That one did.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

That one did.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

That one did because if you had failed that, you would have passed out.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

This one is different. This is a DC 25.

Condi

Twenty-five?

Grizzly

So you have to roll a natural 20.

Condi

Natural 20 is what you're saying here. Where's Gillion and his aura? That would make things easier. Yeah, I'm going to keep trying. I think as she continues pushing forward, limping through, she starts to reach her hand out as it becomes more and more familiar and tears start filling her eye. I definitely fail this role. That's a 15, 19.

Grizzly

Fifteen, dude. Still so close, but the heat is too much. But here's the difference. You've felt heat that has pushed you back because it was too much for your psyche, too much for your body. You're not being pushed away right now because you are too weak or too scared. You're being

pushed away right now because in an instant, as you feel yourself getting closer, this white flash, you open your eyes and you're in that chamber in your keep.

Condi

Because it was pushing me away, like acting physically, right?

Grizzly

Not so much that it's pushing you away, but that you're walking through a force, almost like fighting against a gravitational pull that is opposite direction. Not pushing you away in a sense where it doesn't want you to come closer, but it's just so much heat to move through, so much air. It's so thick and so So yeah. As you get closer, right before the flash ends and you teleport away.

Condi

I'm screaming out as soon as I begin to recognize anything about Ava, I go,

Jay

Ava! Ava! Ava!

Condi

And then it flashes and I look around.

Grizzly

You were met with the faces of Igneous, Queen and Earl. As Igneous puts his hand on your shoulder,

Igneous

Hey boss. are you all right? It took you a few mintues, whenever- you were out cold, almost unconscious. I thought-

Jay

it was...

Earl

Jesus fucking Christ, your leg is bleeding all over the fucking room.

Jay

Fuck. Oh, fuck!

Grizzly

Old man Earl's like-

Jay

Shit. Um, It was a dream. It was a dream again.

Grizzly

You hear Queen,

Queen

I will find someone who is awake. It is la-

Grizzly

And then they disappears throughout the door.

Condi

Yeah. Can I like-

Queen

[singing] Ensa!

Grizzly

You hear singing throughout the hallway as Queen begins as they go down the steps. You're in the tower part of the keep. It is a tower. You're in the very top. It's where the teleporter was, where Ensa built it.

Condi

I'd like to look at my... I think I'm wearing some jeans or something long legged. Can I see the state of my leg?

Grizzly

You mean the amalgamation that was your leg?

Condi

Oh, is it that fucked up?

Grizzly

[laughs] It's so bad.

Condi

It's actually that fucked?

Grizzly

It is so bad.

Jay

God, I really let this get bad.

Grizzly

You don't know exactly what happened during teleportation. For everyone else, it seemed like it was instant, but they've been waiting for you to come to for like... I mean, Igneous says to you,

Igneous

Like more than ten minutes.

Condi

I look at my leg. It's worse than when I teleported is what you're telling me.

Grizzly

Much worse.

Condi

Much worse, okay.

Grizzly

Much worse.

Condi

Yeah, I look down at it and there are tears filling her eyes right now. She just looks angry and she slams down,

Jay

Why now? Fuck. Really? Fuck, I have to get across the world. My leg's giving out on me now.

Igneous

All right, hold on. Slow down.

Jay

Fuck!

Igneous

What happened?

Jay

It was one of those dreams. I don't know if you were there for the last one.

Igneous

Probably not. I've only been on for a few months.

Jay

For some reason, I keep on dreaming that I'm in the sun. It actually really burns me. It actually really hurts me. That's why my eye is golden now.

Igneous

All right, so the sun changes your eye. I don't know.

Jay

Yeah, something like that. I don't really fully understand it yet. This time, I was really close to understanding it. I was really close.

Igneous

Wait, you-

Jay

It was just out of reach. It was just out of reach.

Igneous

Does this have anything to do with the tablets that you found in the stronghold?

Jay

Yes, actually, I think. There's some stuff about my family in there and whatever is going on with us.

Grizzly

Coming up through the door, you hear [do-do-do-do] and then slamming into it. Now you see a Queen behind Ensa, and she looks at your leg.

Ensa

By the fucking goddesses Jay, what is what?

Jay

Yeah, I mean, my leg got burned off in the sun or something.

Grizzly

She bends down and then begins to... She props your leg up immediately and then starts to rip. She has a big pouch of stuff. She begins to take cloth out, scraps, and begins to wrap it around your leg and stuff like that. She begins to put things underneath the floor, your legs propped up. It is super fucked up.

Jay

I have an appointment across the world in a day. You think I'll be able to make it still?

Ensa

I don't know what the fuck you're talking about right now.

Jay

I have to get across the world and stop Lizzie from getting murdered.

Ensa

Half of the floor right now is covered in your own blood. You're not-

Jay

Oh god, that's a lot of blood. I didn't notice that. Okay.

Grizzly

She's trying to dress it.

Ensa

Where are the others? Where's the rest of your crew? Did something happen?

Jay

They went into the hole in the sea. Yeah, Chip, Gillion, Drey, uh...Everybody who's not here. I remember all their names, I promise.

Grizzly

Wait, what? You forgot the crew?

Condi

What? No, it's been a year and a half.

Grizzly

Finn is actually with you.

Condi

Is Finn with us or is he still in the library?

Grizzly

It's a small room that you guys are crammed in. I think he is still in the library, but you have the library.

Condi

I need to give that to somebody else before I do something stupid later on and potentially kill him.

Grizzly

I think he can get out.

Condi

Is it an artifact by chance? I'm just saying. Under the rules of the talent card, not, wink wink. [laughs]

Grizzly

Don't metagame the deck of many things in my fucking session. Okay, so she looks at you.

Ensa

I don't know. No, you can't go across the world right now! I mean-

Jay

I really need to, though. I really need to.

Ensa

All right, justify it with a leg like this. This justifies...

Grizzly

She points at her leg.

Ensa

I know when I see an amputee.

Jay

Oh, good. Good. Great. I love to hear that. I really do. I really do. So justification um-

Ensa

Your muscle fibers are black ichor and goo.

Jay

Oh, they are. Okay. Cool. Super cool. But if I don't get across the world, the Navy and pirates are going to start an all-out war. It's probably going to really change the landscape of everything that we know forever.

Earl

I mean technically she was going to do that anyways.

Condi

She was going to do that anyways, but it's going to start [crosstalk 00:17:02] in a really bad way. We're pirates.

Grizzly

[crosstalk 00:17:05] You need a drink or something? I'll go make some diet cork.

Jay

Give me some diet croak.

Earl

Croak? Is it croak?

Jay

Yeah, like a frog.

Earl

I don't fucking remember these rest of these things.

Jay

Like a frog. Like a frog.

Earl

Of course, I do actually have them tattooed on my body, on my rib cage.

Grizzly

He rips his shirt off. He's fucking jacked. I don't know what's happening.

[laughter]

Condi

I think he was always jacked, to be fair.

Grizzly

Earl's like so fucking messy.

Earl

I need a fucking bath.

Grizzly

Because he fell in the black seat at one point. Anyways.

Jay

It doesn't matter right now. What matters is my leg is fucked, dude.

Ensa

I don't think that you should travel across the world at all. I mean, this should be dealt with and recovered for weeks.

Jay

Okay.

Ensa

I don't even know if the cleric and the soldier that you sent through the teleporter last time are even still around to help out with this, even if that were going to be a temporary fix.

Jay

Okay.

Ensa

How sure are you that-

Jay

Doctors note here, engineers note? I don't know. If I wanted to leave in the next day or two across the world and get there within, let's say, two hours, what would you recommend doing right now? Right now at this very moment?

Ensa

Oh, my God. Okay.

Jay

Shit, was the mirror real? Fuck.

Ensa

Okay. Processing. I'm processing. Just give me a second to fucking process all of this.

Jay

Yeah, I'll just-

Ensa

Half your crew just jumped into the hole and turned the Eastern Sea black. You came back because you want to stop a war?

Jay

No, it's more like the Navy has been making doppelgangers of people and inserting them into other pirate crews.

Ensa

What the fuck?

Jay

There's one in the Grandberry pirate crew.

Ensa

No, stop. No, actually, just pause. This is too much.

Jay

So these are some state secrets, and they probably will kill you if they find out you know.

Ensa

Too much context. I did not hear that. They don't even know that I've helped you, period, so far.

Jay

That's true.

Ensa

I'm still unwanted. I still have time before I...Okay, not important.

Jay

For now. For now. For now.

Ensa

Getting across the... Where across the world?

Jay

I think they're in the Viridis Sea.

Ensa

All right, help me out, more specific.

Jay

Fuck. They were somewhere. Shadowbeard's Old Island, I think.

Ensa

Okay.

Jay

I don't remember. I don't remember. Chip was the one who was talking to her.

Igneous

We're supposed to get over there because...

Grizzly

And Igneous starts to help explain.

Jay

Yeah, thank you. I'm kind of-

Igneous

Clearly, you're dealing with some pain.

Jay

Yeah. Thanks Earl.

Igneous

She... They are going to possibly, while all the pirates are drunk and asleep from their big party or whatever it was. They're going to attack them while they sleep in basically trying to assassinate-

Jay

Kill them all.

Igneous

Captain Lizzie and the entire pirate revolutionary Force.

Jay

I'm really worried about...

Igneous

I got the gist of it. It's like overhearing. It wasn't really a part of the conversation. I'm new, but I'm Igneous.

Igneous

He leans down, puts his hand out to shake Ensa's, and she looks up. There's a moment. She's like-

Condi

Engineer and rock.

Ensa

Ensa.

Grizzly

And shakes his hand.

Igneous

Cool prosthetic, by the way.

Grizzly

She's like,

Ensa

Thanks. Anyways.

Jay

Yeah, so maybe we cut it off and get a prosthetic on there, I guess, maybe if I want to do that.

Ensa

Okay, okay, okay, okay.

Grizzly

She's like running numbers.

Jay

She really liked my leg. Fuck.

Ensa

Okay, I don't want to wake Ollie and his mother up. So let's just bring it down a second. I'm thinking. I'm thinking.

Jay

Okay.

Ensa

What about your ship? Half of your crew in the other part of the teleporter. Half of your crew jumped into the hole. Other half is here. The ship had the other half, the receiver of the teleporter. What...?

Jay

Yeah, so that's just still in the...I think we were planning on leaving in the black sea because how are we going to get out?

Ensa

That was the plan, right? So we did all of that work and then it's just, okay.

Jay

Yeah. Really unfortunate. I'm sorry.

Ensa

No, I understand. Do you have Alphonse?

Jay

Yeah, I have his soul chip.

Ensa

Hand him to me.

Condi

Yeah, I take out the soul chip and hand it to her.

Ensa

Anything else that was in the pockets or the other side of your... This leg on this pants side that you can hand to me?

Condi

Pull out deck of cards.

Grizzly

You pull out the deck of cards?

Condi

Yeah, that's one of the things in my pocket, sure.

Grizzly

Have you ever held the compass before?

Condi

The compass?

Grizzly

The compass, the black and gold compass.

Condi

I think I have. I haven't used it much. Maybe once. I can't recall if it was used once, but-

Grizzly

Immediately, you feel the cover of it, the case that they come in, it is wrapped and leaking that black ichor and ooze.

Condi

Can I inspect it further?

Grizzly

You want to roll Arcana?

Condi

Yeah, actually. That is going to be a 13.

Grizzly

With a 13, you can definitely tell that this artifact has in some way been affected by the magic of the Black Sea. It's very similar to the monsters, the beast that were in the stronghold, and the thing that emanated from the aura of Doppel Gillion. It's all the same source, some dark, arcane art. Luckily, it ends up says,

Ensa

Okay the chip is fine. That's corrupted.

Grizzly

She points at the deck.

Ensa

That right there is corrupted.

Jay

This thing hasn't really done much good for us.

Ensa

Like your leg?

Jay

Yeah.

Ensa

Anything else that you had on you?

Condi

I pull out gun Phoenix.

Grizzly

Roll D20 flat.

Condi

Oh! That's a three.

Grizzly

It has a small bit of, almost like black ink, leaks from the barrel, the tip of the barrel. You don't know what it means, but it's been affected in some way. The deck of cards has been affected the most for sure.

Condi

Okay, what else do I have on me? Conch shell?

Grizzly

If that's in your bag, it's fine. Anything at your hip is what I was worried about.

Condi

Okay, yeah. I probably have the spy glass at my hip, but I feel like that makes sense, right? Or do you think that would be some-

Grizzly

Spy glass is fine.

Condi

Okay. Yeah, that's about it, I'd say.

Ensa

All right, so here's what I can do for you. First of all, you need at least some temporary brace on your leg. Otherwise, you're not going to be moving anywhere.

Jay

Okay.

Ensa

Second thing is I can reconfigure the teleporter, and I can send you to a point, but it has to be more specific than just the Viridis Sea. If it's Shadowbeard Island, I've seen newspapers, maybe, of the old headquarters. If that's where it is, that's somewhat specific enough. I could try and get more information out of Ollie's mom. Of course, we might wake up Ollie, and that's going to worry him. You know he's going to get super anxious if he sees you and not Chip. You're lucky he's asleep and this didn't wake him up because, oh my God, the boy would be probably in tears. Every single day, we're still working on the magic stuff. He's still working on the magic stuff. He's getting better. Over the last few days, he's really quick.

Jay

That's good. He's always been a quick learner.

Ensa

But he talks about you guys every day.

Jay

Yeah, and I'm really worried about that because if he finds out we came back and Chip didn't come with us, he'll be devastated.

Ensa

I certainly hope they come back alive then. I can reconfigure the teleporter. It's a risky because it doesn't have a receiver. It's a location. You could end up 100 feet in the air of the destination you want to go.

Jay

I have wings, so I can do that.

Ensa

Okay, you might need those.

Jay

Cool. But what about...

Ensa

There's also a chance you could end up in a different plane.

Jay

Good. Good.

Ensa

So there's that. It's a slim chance because we have somewhat of an idea of where it's going to be.

Jay

Just what I needed was go to the Feywild again. Why not?

Ensa

That's the only thing I can think of. I think. Otherwise, do you have any friends that can fly halfway across the world and in an hour? Or however much time you think you have?

Condi

I wish. I really wish. Honestly, I wish I had any semblance of a plan when I came back through the teleporter at all.

Ensa

Okay. Okay. I'm going to need your help if we're going to do this fast. All right. In my workshop...

Grizzly

And she begins to start barking orders at the others. You see, Queen salutes and begins to... She basically says, Go retrieve these kinds of parts, and she's going to help start making some very temporary It's not a prosthesis. It's like, I just call it a brace, a bracket for your leg to help with the movement and take the pain off. It needs to go down to the town and try and find Star and Zamia to see if they're still here because it hasn't been that long since you guys have teleported in a way.

Condi

It has definitely only been a couple of days.

Grizzly

Getting off this island without a ship is going to be tough. We'll see. I'll roll for it and see if she's around because that'll help heal some of the pain.

Condi

Can I actually quickly, unless you don't want me to, and it's unnecessary, make a nature or history check to make sure that I am correct in where I want to be teleported to.

Grizzly

Oh, yeah.

Condi

I'd rather not get the location wrong just off the get go you know.

Grizzly

Yeah, you mentioned Shadowbeard and Ensa put the context clues together. You can make a history check.

Condi

That is going to be in 18.

Grizzly

Yeah, you're spot on. Lizzie is at the same island where, one, it was Shadowbeard's headquarters, and two, where Shadowbeard and Ava fought. That's where her and the other pirate crews that she has gathered have been hiding out and making their preparations, their plans, before they sail out on the morrow.

Condi

That makes sense because she was in Shadowbeard's crew.

Grizzly

For reconfiguring the teleporter and for your brace, just go ahead and make a tinkers tool check. Intelligence proficiency and then extra...

Condi

Intelligence, proficiency. What's my proficiency, five right? Ooo! We have five. What? We have plus five proficiency.

Grizzly

Because Ensa is helping you, so you can roll with advantage. I'm not going to roll for her.

Condi

That is going to be a 15 first. Surely much better this time. A 17, two better.

Grizzly

No way, dude. The Jay Ferin are crazy.

Condi

Dude, I'm just... I pre-rolled this one and I got a natural 20 first. I was like, Yeah, they're blessed.

Grizzly

No way.

Condi

They're doing all right. Yeah, they're doing all right.

Grizzly

You guys together very quickly begin to assemble. You're reconfiguring the runes written on the machine at the same time, bouncing between projects of getting brackets and stuff for your leg. It's very clockwork. It's not made out of steam. It's just gears and pistons and that mechanical assistance to your leg. Something of the stuff you guys are both very familiar with. Together, you get it linked up and then post the project. It takes about, we'll say you guys are fast with that roll, a half hour, 45 minutes. Once you guys focus, get locked in and begin working. Your crew, Queen, Earl brings you a Diet Croak.

Condi

Cheers.

Grizzly

In his signature glass as well. And Igneous doesn't come back in that amount of time. But when you guys finish, she says,

Ensa

It gets riskier if you want to send more people. If you go alone, it's going to be a higher chance of success. If you take people with you, they could end up somewhere else. You could end up somewhere else. You could take force damage on the way. You could have another, I don't know, some kind of episode.

Condi

Is anybody around right now?

Grizzly

In that moment, Igneous comes back.

Igneous

Okay, so they all hold up at an inn. They did tell me to fuck off.

Condi

[laughter]

Igneous

They wouldn't even let me get through a sentence.

Jay

They're on their honeymoon. You know what?

Igneous

And much deserved.

Jay

Much deserved, it's true.

Grizzly

We have lived a very long time in the Black Sea.

Jay

It really sucks though because my leg really hurts right now but...

Igneous

Understood. I mean, do you have... Surely, do you have any... You're magical.

Jay

Yeah, I have...

Igneous

I'm definitely not.

Grizzly

He looks at Ensa and winks.

Condi

I've got cure wounds, honestly. I could pop a cure wounds.

Grizzly

What's your HP at?

Condi

My HP right now is at 78 out of 146, so half about.

Grizzly

I'll say that if you do that, it'll also take pain off.

Condi

I think pain relief would be good for me right now.

Grizzly

If it comes up, if you pop it... Hold on. Do you have any lesser restoration?

Condi

I don't think so.

Grizzly

Okay, then I'll just say that cure wounds would just normally heal wounds and help reverse that decay process a tiny bit, but it's not going to... If it worsens later, you'll still have to deal with it.

Condi

Yeah, we don't have that. That's a Gillion spell. That's a Gillion spell, and he's in the hole in the sea.

Grizzly

Up to you want to pop it.

Condi

I guess I'll use a third level cure wounds.

Grizzly

Yeah, because you're not going to need it.

Condi

Yeah, which is...

Grizzly

You might.

Condi

6d8 plus four, so 32 health. So I'm back over-I'm at 100. No, I'm at 110. I feel healthy. My leg is fully better now. I can walk like normal.

Grizzly

You actually are. It does allow you to, with the help of the brace, the cast, and the cure wounds, you're able to stand up and move around without any pain for right now.

Condi

That's good. That's very good actually.

Grizzly

Major pain killer. Everything is ready. It's all about the decision on whether or not you're going to risk it for bringing people with you or going alone. Queen and Igneous are here. Igneous came back, obviously, just now. Earl looks at you.

Condi

Earl is not coming with me.

Grizzly

With the eyes of like,

Earl

I got to stay here. Look, I know you need me. I know you need me out there. I had a lot to the team. I'm super powerful, but I don't know. I just think I'm better in the kitchen.

Jay

Earl, Earl, Earl, I don't want you to come with me.

Earl

What the fuck? The fuck.

Jay

Earl, frankly.

Earl

What the fuck? Why?

Jay

I've been thinking this for a while. You're a dick to me.

Earl

What? No, fuck you, bitch. No, I'm not.

Jay

That's what I'm talking about.

Earl

No, no, no!

Jay

You don't just call a woman a bitch.

Earl

You don't-You respect your elders, bitch. Fuck this place. I'm going back to the kitchen.

Jay

See frankly, I'm your captain. You should respect me.

Grizzly

[mocking] I'm your Captain, you should respect me. You're only one-third of a fucking captain. You have one-third of power.

Jay

I fucking hate that guy.

Earl

I have all the power.

Jay

I fucking hate that guy.

Earl

I've been through a marriage, you can't do this to me!

Condi

I just imagine he's getting more and more muffled as he walks away. [laughs]

Earl

Whatever, dude.

Grizzly

He didn't even say that, he didn't even say dude.

Condi

I looked to Igneous and Queen.

Grizzly

Queen looks at you, they have very pleading eyes, like very big and bright, full of water. Igneous looks pretty chill.

Condi

Did they hear, over here, the situation already? Do I need to explain to them or do they...?

Grizzly

No, they've been around. They've been helping.

Jay

Shit. I'm inclined to take the last risk because if anything did go wrong, I know I'll be safe. But if something goes wrong and you guys teleport somewhere else or 500 feet in the air, I mean, I can't help you both.

Queen

I cannot fly. I do not have wings.

Jay

And Igneous, I mean, no offense, but I don't think you can fly either.

Queen

I could possibly if I bust a tune real quickly, make us levitate, featherfall. That's if we teleport together.

Grizzly

Igneous says,

Igneous

Look, I'd feel bad if we didn't have some use because we did leave the others, and they're in a much more dangerous place than here.

Jay

No, you're right.

Igneous

I don't want to add any more risk to the teleportation, but how else could we help?

Jay

Chip and Gillion-

Grizzly

So if it's going to be a fight tomorrow, maybe we could try and meet? It's so far. It's so far, we might not even make it through All-

Jay

That's so far to make it.

Igneous

I don't know if they have some sort of-

Jay

It's a multi-week trip, usually.

Igneous

My worry is that if we go to Allport and they realize that I've come from the Black Sea, I'll get detained and quarantined.

Jay

That wouldn't be good.

Igneous

No one's really ever made it out this way. No one's brought a tele... I don't know why they never thought to bring... I'm sure they teleported some of their own, but...

Jay

It's like new technology, I don't know. Maybe they've had it for a while. R.A.F.T does that sometimes.

Igneous

Who knows?

Jay

Listen, when Chip and Gillion get back, they're going to need a ship to be able to come and help with whatever happens on my side of things, and they will be back, and hopefully, only in a couple of days.

Igneous

Sure.

Jay

So I think maybe just getting a new-

Igneous

Sure.

Jay

Ship for the Riptide Pirates.

Igneous

Okay. I mean, I've never built one of those, so that's definitely an outsource. I'm going to have to outsource that.

Jay

I think they actually built our first-

Igneous

Might have to put in a commission.

Jay

Or was that in Loffinlot where they made our first ship? Oh, that was in Loffinlot. Surely there are carpenters here?

Ensa

There is.

Grizzly

Ensa says.

Ensa

I mean, building a ship is not that complicated. It's just the money and the time, really.

Jay

We left all our money on the ship.

Ensa

No fucking way!

Condi

[laughs]

Ensa

You didn't think to bring any with you.

Jay

I mean...

Ensa

No fucking way, Jay.

Jay

One second. I think I have-

Condi

I shake around my...

Queen

We have a briefcase of holding you sure you didn't put it in that?

Jay

No, Gillion, we had to hide them in the walls because Gillion would keep throwing them to the tax fish.

Queen

Oh, that's right. La.

[laughter]

Condi

Yeah, it says... One second, Nate. What does it say? Actually, no, it says I have 5,734 on me.

Queen

He's such a silly guy Gillion.

Condi

I don't know if that's actually on person, but I do feel like we did hide it in the ship. So I'll let you make the decision here on if I have 5,734 right now.

Grizzly

Dude, fuck.

Condi

I won't be offended.

Ensa

So at least for right now, you're definitely broke. So am I.

Jay

God, we had so much money.

Ensa

Can you call in a favor?

Igneous

Do we have any other crew members scattered throughout the world that we could?

Jay

Um...

Igneous

Usually, pirates travel together but you guys are very unorthodox.

Jay

We are unorthodox, yeah.

Igneous

Quite unorthodox.

Jay

Is there anybody...? Hmmm. Hmmm.

Ensa

If you're in a rush, we can figure it out.

Condi

Okay. Nobody's coming straight to here instantly.

Ensa

Where would we meet? When is Chip and Gillion going to be here? Should I wait? We just reconfigured-they can't transport back, so they can't get... Even if they found the ship again, it's not connected anymore. We just...

Jay

Oh, fuck, you're right. They'll figure it out?

Igneous

Honestly, the more that you say this, it makes me feel like they went in there without a plan to get out.

Jay

No, that's kind of what happens. We're the Riptide Pirates. We don't make plans.

Grizzly

He whispers over to Queen. Igneas does.

Queen

That is terrible, la.

Grizzly

If you want a roll perception.

Condi

Yeah, sure.

Queen

You cannot think like that!

Condi

That's a 19.

Grizzly

You hear him say,

Igneous

We should probably start preparing a funeral as well. Two of them?

Condi

It's a 19. Yeah, 31. I hear everything.

Igneous

I don't think they're making it out.

Grizzly

And then Queen reacts.

Jay

No, they're trying to... You just have to... It's Chip and Gillion. They'll get out of that.

Igneous

Fuck, I said that so quietly.

Jay

Yeah, I can hear everything.

Igneous

Okay, let's wing it then.

Jay

Yeah, we wing it. Surely the hole just spits them out.

Igneous

You teleport, we look for a ship.

Jay

Is it possible to re-recalibrate it after I leave here now?

Ensa

Not with a receiver halfway across the world.

Jay

Yeah, I knew that. I knew that. I was coping.

Ensa

We couldn't even test it or communicate with them. Do they have a conch shell?

Jay

They should. We had one for each person.

Ensa

It's possible.

Jay

It's just that they're probably out of service right now in the hole in the sea.

Ensa

Yeah. No, shit.

Jay

We could try.

Ensa

Shit.

Queen

Well, that,

Grizzly

Queen says,

Queen

I think that once we have... Okay, you can trust us with this. We have created the world's greatest lemonade stand once before.

Jay

It's true.

Queen

A ship should be nothing in comparison, la!

Jay

It's true. Honestly-

Queen

And then Allport.

Jay

It's time to branch out our lemonade stand. You're right. That's a great idea. That's a million-dollar idea. We need more branches.

Queen

We would take it on the road.

Jay

On the road? We can get one set up in every city we've I've ever been to.

Igneous

I'm not really sure if this is the conversation.

Jay

No, I'm sorry. I'm a little delirious right now because my leg's still a little...

Igneous

No, me too. It's been a decade. It's been a heavy decade.

Jay

Yeah.

Igneous

All right, no, so you should get going then.

Jay

Okay.

Igneous

How about, as Queen said, Allport. We'll find a ship, get one built. I'll maybe try Loffinlot, if it's close.

Ensa

It's close.

Grizzly

Ensa says.

Igneous

I uh and then Allport. So after you're done doing what you're doing, Allport is where we meet.

Jay

Yeah, Loffinlot. I think his name is Julian. Yeah. Look for Julian.

Earl

That fucking bitch!

Grizzly

You hear-

Jay

What are you doing?

Grizzly

From the bottom.

Jay

Literally, get out of here!

Condi

Through the-

Jay

Just go!

Grizzly

You hear it through the floor. It's so far away. You hear that,

Earl

That fucking bitch.

Jay

How does he hear us?

Earl

I hear everything. Everything, everything.

Grizzly

It echoes through the house.

Ensa

This motherfucker is going to wake up Oliver and his mother.

Condi

That's, yeah okay, we can't let that happen. We already had a lot of people come through. Oh, God, and Igneous and Queen are going to... Oh, God. Okay. No, it's fine. We should get going. Allport is a great place to meet because that's easy. Maybe we can meet in the secret section of the Bed, Bolts Beyond?

Igneous

The what?

Condi

That's how we got into the Black Sea. Yeah, there's a secret section of the Bed, Bolts and Beyond. You don't remember this? Well, you, Igneous, you wouldn't know this, but like, Queen, come on. Seriously, this was a big thing that we...

Queen

No, I remember la.

Jay

We had to solve a riddle.

Queen

You wanted to go back to the entrance where they sent us off all to die?

Jay

Yeah.

Queen

Okay. What about? Is there another safer place?

Jay

Well, I mean, If they can't teleport back, then I figured-

Queen

Oh, you think they would come through back? They would end up there.

Jay

Potentially.

Grizzly

Okay, what was the code? I don't remember the code.

Jay

Oh, fuck.

Queen

La-la-la-la. La-la-la-la.

Jay

Yeah, I don't either. Okay.

Queen

The bolts beyond are black. Bedridden with bugs. Nope, don't remember.

Jay

Nope, that doesn't sound right. Okay, maybe...

Igneous

We could just meet at the docks. I mean, we're not going to fly your flag.

Jay

I guess, yeah, that works.

Igneous

They won't recognize me as part of your crew.

Jay

That's true. That's true, actually.

Igneous

Look, okay, we'll figure this out. The nitty gritty-

Jay

I have my conch shell.

Igneous

If you're in a rush as you say you are, which you are-

Ensa

Then yeah, you should get going.

Jay

Okay. Okay, yeah. This will work. It's going to work great, and I'm going to spawn in right next to Lizzie.

Ensa

I'll take care of... If the kid asks questions, then I'll make something up.

Jay

I really appreciate that. Just take care of each other over here. If Chip and Gillion, come back, take care I'm please as well because, frankly, I'm worried about leaving them alone.

Ensa

I'm worried about what the fuck happened to you guys but for another day.

Jay

It's been a long week or two. I don't know.

Grizzly

Okay, so do you get on the teleporter circle and you get ready to go?

Condi

Yes. Honestly, I probably try to exude an air of confidence right now, deep breaths and confidently, as confidently as I can with whatever limp I might have, walk onto the pad.

Grizzly

You step onto the device, the machine, and you look at the faces, trying to be as brave and confident right back at you. Igneous looks-

Condi

I'm trying to be so brave right now.

Grizzly

Igneous smiles at you. You can tell that he's a great addition, and that when things that need to get done and Gryffon and not being around, they'll get done with Ensa and Igneous and Queen. They smile at you, and right before the flash, you hear Ensa say,

Ensa

Be saf-

Grizzly

And it gets cut off.

Condi

I think as they're looking at me, too, I'd roll for it just for fun. I think they would see me trying to put on a brave face, but deep down, it's really obvious I am feeling doubt and fear about everything that has been happening.

Grizzly

It's attuned to Shadowskull Island. The runes begin to glow around the machine, and then with the electric flash of that arcane burst of energy, once where you stood inside the keep, [whoosh] you blink and you're standing on a beach. With you choosing to go alone, there is no complication with the rolls to set up the machine, you and his dead. It works.

Condi

That's perfect.

Grizzly

Had you had people come with you, maybe not.

Condi

So I flash and I am just there.

Grizzly

You are somewhere.

Condi

I'm just on a beach. I've never been to the North Sea before, have I?

Grizzly

You have. No, you have because Liquidis is in the North Sea.

Grizzly

Right, right, right.

Grizzly

Let's see, Noctis is in the North Sea.

Condi

I forgot. I feel that...

Grizzly

The Sun City above Liquidis is in the North Sea.

Condi

That's before the Feywild arc. Yeah, okay.

Grizzly

When you blink and you open your eyes after the flash and you see the faces of your crew, and then suddenly you're standing, you feel the sand, the shift in texture beneath your feet. You see you're looking out, sparkling under the light of a moon, this beautiful green water. You can still tell it's green even in the nighttime. It gets much, much darker. You are caught off guard by the eeriness of the calm and quiet. It is so serene on this sand, on the beachfront here.

Condi

Yeah, despite the urgency. I think as soon as the flash happened, any façade I was trying to have would melt away. I think the stress would take over and my face would start to pale a little bit, and I would just stand there and stare for a little bit.

Grizzly

Yeah, you stand on this beach completely alone.

Condi

Fuck. I'd like to look around, I guess, now and try to get my bearings. Do I hear anything? See anything?

Grizzly

I'll make you roll perception.

Condi

I could use the Jay dice, but who would never let me down in this moment? Gillion. Gillion and his dice. We're going to pop those ones out, dude. 23.

Grizzly

You whip around and start looking, and you're looking into a dense island forest, tropical jungle, palm trees, but they're clustered together. There's vegetation, and through it, you can get a small peak of warm lantern or fire light. It's a glow that just peaks through the foliage, and it's enough to signal a direction or a lead.

Condi

No noise or anything?

Grizzly

You don't hear any noise.

Condi

Really?

Grizzly

It's very eerily quiet.

Condi

Yeah, I would begin making my way toward that for sure.

Grizzly

Do you want to walk stealthily, or do you just want to start making your way naturally? How do you want to approach?

Condi

I think stealth is the vibe.

Grizzly

Stealth?

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

Okay, roll, stealth.

Condi

Twenty-seven.

Grizzly

You begin to quietly push through the leaves, like the thick tropical leaves. Footsteps as quiet as possible despite the heavy metal on one of your legs. And successfully, with so much practice and so much experience now, you begin to stealthily make your way towards the light. You see a tent. You see a lot of tents on the way over there, but they seem unoccupied. There is debris. I would just say call it party debris that you see. You see lost boots, someone's eye patch, a weapon is on the ground. There's definitely tankers and liquids. It looked like there was a party. But it's quiet now. It's over. It's really late in the night, time for rest. But you get to this one tent, the only tent right now that has a glow coming from it, and you notice a figure creeping around the backside of it, and it's a figure you recognize. You see holding a dagger, trying to be very quiet and careful, you see Caspian around this tent.

Condi

I fucking knew it.

Grizzly

Moving slow. What's your first reaction? What would you do when you see that, if anything?

Condi

I would pause for a moment as I saw him coming around with a dagger brandished. Then I think as he began-

Condi

[rolls dice and gapes]

Condi

-Moving around. That's bodes ill.

Grizzly

What are you watching?

Condi

Moving around the tent. I'm assuming towards the front.

Grizzly

Starts to move closer to the entrance. What would you like to do?

Condi

I think as he was about to go and unzip it, I would get behind him and draw my gun and point it at the back of his head as it was beginning to open.

Grizzly

You begin to move closer to him. Here's the thing.

Condi

God.

Grizzly

You get closer and you begin to... As the figure, as Caspian is moving closer towards it, you begin to move, you reach for your weapon, and at the same time, it clicks with you. With that perception, you're looking at an illusion. Then you feel a knife, right here, on the back of your throat, and you hear

Caspian

What's Navy doing on pirate soil?

Condi

Fucking, God damn it.

Jay

Where did you get that line? You steal it?

Grizzly

You feel it immediately almost make you come backwards to just get you away from the tent. Not prodding.

Condi

Probably pulling it the back of my...

Grizzly

Yeah, like guiding you to back away from getting closer to the tent.

Condi

Yeah, I'd say,

Jay

Where'd you get that line? You steal it from your captain?

Caspian

Might of. I have a few questions before anything else happens here.

Jay

Me too Caspian.

Caspian

It's quite suspicious to see only one of the Riptide pirate captains.

Jay

Quite suspicious to see you sneaking around with a dagger.

Grizzly

The illusion dissipates as soon as you say...[whoosh]

Condi

Yeah.

Caspian

I mean, for the real Jay Ferin, that kind of illusion, she wouldn't have fallen for it.

Jay

I don't know if you've noticed, but my leg's really fucked up right now. I'm not really at my best.

Grizzly

You just hear this movement.

Caspian

[He glances down at her leg] Huh.

Jay

Yeah.

Caspian

I just need you to answer a few questions.

Jay

Okay. You can answer a few in turn if that goes well, I hope.

Caspian

Hey, let's not bargain with the guy with a knife to the throat, huh? I don't think that you're in a position to do that. Let's just keep it cool hmm?

Jay

Yeah, okay.

Caspian

First one, doing the tournament, the Paramount tournament.

Jay

Yeah.

Caspian

Who won?

Condi

Fuck. Fuck. Fuck. I'm getting fucking lore checked. I'm getting lore checked. I'm getting lore checked. [laughs] Can I look back at my notes of old?

Grizzly

[laughs] Sure. If you're not going to look up on the wiki.

Condi

I'm going to look on my Google Docs that I used to use in the early days of my...

Bizly

That's fucked up.

Condi

I can't believe I'm getting fucking lore checked right now.

Grizzly

Capture the flag part, is that what the question is?

Jay

Oh, so it's been a while, but 99% sure it was us and our frogtopus scored the final goal. Also, Lizzie pantsed Chip three times or something. I don't know.

Caspian

Okay, most of that's public information.

Jay

What do you mean? [laughs]

Caspian

That's an easy one. My second question.

Jay

Okay.

Caspian

Jay Ferin.

Jay

Seriously, why do you think anybody would... Okay.

Caspian

Who killed Captain Shadowbeard during the Shadowskull Massacre?

Jay

Am I supposed to know that?

Caspian

I don't know. Are you?

Condi

Okay, so I did, in fact, fight with Lizzie because Ava died on the island during that because they did that. But I don't think... Was it Ava? Fuck. Shit. War Jacks. Am I allowed to have a roll history? Is that allowed?

Grizzly

Roll history?

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

Sure at disadvantage because you don't remember. [laughs]

Condi

[laughs] You are a sick and cruel and twisted person.

Grizzly

I'm making this up as we go. I didn't write this.

Condi

Oh, that's a really good first roll, too. That's a really good first roll. It's a 17 plus my history is four. 21. Now watch as I roll. Fuck.

Grizzly

You got to be easier on the rolls.

Condi

You're so right. A five.

Grizzly

Five.

Condi

So nine total.

Grizzly

Yeah, you're like, What the fuck was it? Am I supposed to say my sister? You don't know the right answer. You're like, What the fuck was it?

Jay

Was it my sister, maybe? She was there when that happened because I guess Lizzie and my sister were lovers.

Caspian

Everyone knows. Sorry, what did you say?

Jay

What?

Caspian

What did you say?

Jay

That Lizzie and my sister were lovers, right? Is that true?

Grizzly

You feel If you have a dagger, go away from your neck.

Caspian

Turn around.

Jay

Okay.

Caspian

What are you doing here? Where's your crew, Jay?

Jay

Okay, so I teleported here all the way from Canella because...

Caspian

Were you going to shoot me in the head?

Jay

Well, I thought...

Caspian

I saw you're reaching for your gun.

Jay

Yeah, well, I thought-

Caspian

What the fuck?

Jay

What's been going on here? Can I just ask that first, sorry?

Caspian

Yeah, let's come with me.

Jay

Yeah, where's Lizzie? Where's...

Caspian

In this tent.

Jay

Okay. Why were you brandishing a dagger at the door of the tent?

Caspian

I don't know. I just wanted to distract whoever the fuck you were. I thought you weren't really you.

Jay

Okay. Am I that rusty right now?

Caspian

Everyone in R.A.F.T has access to an alter self or disguised self. They probably think... It doesn't fucking matter, okay?

Jay

Okay, okay.

Caspian

Point is, we're all good, right? You're not going to shoot me. I'm not going to stab you.

Jay

I'm not going to shoot you. Yeah, I still-

Caspian

Why were you going to shoot me? That's your first reaction.

Jay

Shit, I don't know if I should explain that right now. It's really complicated.

Caspian

Let's explain to the captain how you're going to shoot her first mate.

Jay

Well, okay. So well, Chip sent a message to Lizzie.

Grizzly

I'm actually hurt. I wasn't even going to stab you. I was just... I was just...

Condi

[laughter]

Jay

I'm sorry!

Caspian

I was just posturing.

Jay

Okay, but what if you're posturing right now is my problem?

Caspian

Why would I be posturing?

Jay

What if you're not who you say you are?

Caspian

You have a zone of truth?

Jay

What?

Caspian

Cast zone of truth.

Jay

Do I have zone of truth? I don't think I do.

Grizzly

Gillion probably has zone of truth.

Condi

Gillion has zone of truth. That's a Gillion thing.

Grizzly

Do I know zone of truth?

Condi

Do you know zone of truth? But what if you choose to fail or win.

Caspian

It's okay, to the captain.

Grizzly

You guys at that point have walked to the tent and open it with one arm and lets it... Lets you stand front and center at the gap and you see through the entrance, Lizzie. She just looked to be like writing in a journal with her legs up on this makeshift desk in this tent here. She's not dressed for any combat or anything. It's like very loungewear, as minimal as possible, but still modestly just relaxed. The second that tent door opens, she looks at you, one of her eyes goes wide, and she fucking drops everything and leans forward.

Jay

Hey, yeah.

Lizzie

What the fuck am I looking at right now?

Jay

Yeah, it's me, Jay Ferin.

Lizzie

No, no, no.

Grizzly

She's like,

Lizzie

Where the fuck is my gun?

Jay

No.

Lizzie

Caspian! Caspian!

Jay

[crosstalk 00:51:06] So maybe we don't have to shoot each other right now because there's...

Caspian

[crosstalk 00:51:10] I'm right here, shush.

Jay

I don't know, you got a call from Chip, right? You got the hot dogs, the hot sauce.

Lizzie

Yeah, and I'm looking at what might be fucking Jay.

Jay

I teleported here from Canella, okay.

Lizzie

What's my last name?

[laughter]

Jay

Fuck!

Grizzly

Everyone calls me Lizzie, but no one calls me by my real fucking last name anymore. But you would know, wouldn't you?

Condi

Would I? There's a stone cold face on Jay right now, but deep down, she's head in hands.

Grizzly

Caspian walks in, closes the tent.

Caspian

I've already tested her. It's not some soldier in a disguise or anything. It's really Miss Ferin.

Condi

Do I have the pin, actually?

Grizzly

No, the Anti-Magic Pin? I don't know if you have that.

Condi

Damn.

Grizzly

I don't know if you have it. You have my own pin.

Condi

I have my own pin. Okay, then never mind.

Jay

I was going to say I can anti-magic field us and any disguise would go away if there

Caspian

No, no, no, don't do that. There's protection spells on the tents.

Jay

Oh, well, my bad. Okay. Yeah, I don't actually have that pin.

Caspian

It's a safe place to converse and nowhere else.

Jay

Okay.

Caspian

But no, she's totally clear.

Grizzly

She says,

Lizzie

Jay, what the fuck?

Jay

Yeah, God.

Lizzie

Where's the rest of your crew?

Caspian

That's exactly what I asked, the same question.

Jay

So, yeah, they're in the Black Sea. They went in the hole in the Black Sea.

Lizzie

You guys, you made it very clear you had no interest in taking part.

Jay

I really don't. I really don't. I don't want to fight my family. But-

Lizzie

What are you doing here?

Jay

I was really worried because information was in fact revealed in a really old Navy base in the Black Sea, actually, believe it or not. Apparently-

Lizzie

You left them in the Black Sea???

Jay

Yeah, they jumped into the hole.

Lizzie

They jumped into the hole???

Jay

Yeah, I mean, that's what they were going to do.

Lizzie

Bitch, what are you saying right now?!?

Jay

Well, listen, I had to because I was worried that you were going to get killed in your sleep right now.

Lizzie

What are you saying right now?!?!?

Jay

You were going to die horribly in your sleep because they were going to attack you after the party because that's what-

Lizzie

Let me talk! How do you know that they jumped into the hole? You're telling me he's actually going back to find him?

Jay

That was our goal. Also, I'm pretty sure Chip made a deal with a guy.

Condi

Am I allowed to talk about the deals?

Grizzly

It's not your deal. I mean, yeah, you can talk about them. It's marketing.

Condi

It's marketing.

Jay

Never make a deal with a guy named Niklaus, by the way, in case you ever meet him.

Grizzly

You made a deal- no, I'm just kidding.

[laughter]

Jay

Yeah, that was our goal. We were going to go into the hole in the sea because that's where Arlin is, and we need to find all three of them for... It was for legend lore. It's part of the prophecy stuff. Also because Chip has a magical compulsion because of a deal he made once to go in there, I think.

Lizzie

Okay, okay, okay. Why are you here alone?

Jay

I came here. I was supposed to come here with Queen. You met Queen and Igneous. That's actually a new addition from the Black Sea. Really, really awesome, dude. He's rock solid.

Lizzie

Get to the point, Jay.

Jay

Sorry. I'm really just a little stressed right now.

Condi

And I look at Caspian.

Jay

Because I'm really not sure if I should say this in front of more than one person.

Grizzly

She's like half standing with hands on our table. She's super tense. Caspian, of course, is like, [shrugs].

Jay

Caspian, is it possible that we could get a second of privacy, maybe? Or do you need to be in here? I understand if you had to be in here, but it would also... I'd really appreciate the trust right now.

Caspian

Captain, she tried to shoot me. She thought-

Jay

Okay, he was wielding a dagger in front of your tent, and I thought he was trying to-

Caspian

Because I was looking-

Jay

I thought he was trying to assassinate you!

Lizzie

I, Why? What the fuck?

Jay

Okay, fine. Okay.

Grizzly

Hold on, that was Lizzie.

Lizzie

What the fuck??

Jay

If this bites me in the ass, so be it. But there is 100%, most certainly, without any reasonable doubt, a doppelganger on your crew that is a R.A.F.T plant. They cloned a motherfucker, and now he's just pretending to be on your crew, and they know everything. They know everything that you're going to do, and it's bad. It's really fucking bad. It's really bad. They cloned Gillion, too, but we sucked the soul out of that one.

[laughter]

Grizzly

There's a silence. They look at each other.

Jay

I know it sounds crazy.

Condi

Do I have the documents? I took the documents with me.

Grizzly

Sure.

Condi

Yeah, I'll produce proof.

Grizzly

It was like logs, some stuff. You learned that there is a plant on her crew and that her attack on the Stronghold is 100% expected. The thing that was written, specifically, I believe it was the fact that there's someone under cover on her crew.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

Not necessarily a clone.

Condi

Not necessarily. Okay. I think I took it as clone.

Grizzly

But you guys have been trying to put two and two together. You guys are jumping ahead a little bit. From the experience you guys had in the Stronghold, yeah. But that's what you read in the book.

Condi

I see.

Jay

So yeah, it might be undercover, but it might also be a clone of somebody who you used to trust. And that's why I wanted to do it with just you and not Caspian here, just in case. But I don't know, Caspian, you seem chill.

Grizzly

Caspian is like, for a second, they look at each other in the silence, and then Caspian [crosstalk 00:56:17] puts his head down.

Jay

So Gillion would be really hurt if it was you.

Grizzly

He's like,

Caspian

I can't actually believe that you thought your first thought was me.

Jay

Well, no.

Caspian

No, no, no, no. I just don't. I'm going to leave.

Jay

Okay, I'm sorry.

Caspian

I'm going to leave. I'm going to leave and I'm going to go tell John that you don't trust us.

Jay

No, it's not that he don't trust you. It's just that they know.

Caspian

For as long as we've known each other and as much as we've helped each other out.

Jay

Why are you guilt-tripping me right now?

Caspian

You're going to shoot me there.

Jay

You know how far I traveled to get here and try to help with this situation right now?

Caspian

No, I understand.

Jay

Literally across the world. I was in Canella.

Lizzie

Caspian, just stop whining for a second.

Jay

Do you know the marvels of technology that I had to...

Lizzie

I'm processing a lot right now. So you think there's a plant on my crew and that if there was, you needed to come rescue me from them?

Jay

When you put that way, you could handle yourself, but I was worried they were going to stage an assassination in the night while everybody was drunk and partying. We couldn't really say anything on the conch shell because what if they were listening? It's very reasonable thinking, and we really thought it out, and we weren't panicking the moment. So here I am and they're in the Black Sea. Fuck.

Caspian

A bit impulsive if you're asking me. No one's asking me, though.

Jay

You don't need to hammer that in right now. I already actually feel really guilty about leaving them there.

Caspian

No, we're cool.

Jay

What if they die? Fuck.

Caspian

I'm going to go make some rounds around the rest of the island. I just happened to catch a bright flash of teleportation, and apologies for suspecting the worst.

Jay

Yeah, apologies for suspecting you as well.

Caspian

So we're...?

Jay

We're cool. We're cool. Handshakes?

Caspian

Sure.

Jay

Yeah.

Condi

[laughs] There's a little bit suspicious in her eyes.

Caspian

You're looking at me like you don't trust me.

Jay

No, I trust you fully.

Caspian

Okay. You left my boy in the corruption ocean.

Jay

Yeah, he'll be fine. He's killing it.

Caspian

I believe it.

Jay

Yeah. He's seen better days, actually.

Lizzie

What do you mean he's seen better days?

Jay

Oh, God, you don't know the half of it. So there's this... Maybe we should... No, I'll tell you. There was a spider lady, and she ripped his heart out and ate it.

[laughter]

Jay

But he's fine. He's okay.

Caspian

Captain, I think our adventures are not exciting enough.

Jay

Don't go to the Black Sea. Don't do it.

Lizzie

I got to tell you that. I'm pretty sure we did tell you that.

Jay

You did. You did actually tell us that. You said, yeah.

Caspian

All right, this is... I'm out.

Jay

Okay.

Grizzly

Then Caspian begins to walk,

Caspian

Just conch me if you need me.

Grizzly

Lizzie sits back down and begins to decompress from this sudden thing. So she says-

Jay

Shit, was this a bad move? Should I not have come? It seemed like a really smart idea in the moment. Everybody was like, Yeah, you should go, Jay. You can do it. You're the one.

Lizzie

Look I don't want to...

Jay

Oh, and now if they die, it's my fault. Oh, God.

Lizzie

All right, just relax for a second.

Jay

Okay, yeah.

Lizzie

I'm trying not to be reactionary.

Jay

Okay?

Lizzie

Because last time we talked-

Jay

Yeah, I mean, I'm not totally over that. But also, I think I've been through much worse.

Lizzie

It's just not the time.

Jay

Okay.

Lizzie

All right. Tomorrow's really, really important. This added stress. I just can't fuck it up, okay? So back up for a second.

Jay

Okay.

Lizzie

A plant on my crew, very unlikely. I'll tell you why. I've been at this since I was a child. I know, I have to make sure the people that I bring on my crew are sworn in without... There's no way to see if we have spells for that, Jay and um...

Jay

What? Zone of truth?

Lizzie

I mean, sure, that's One way, although I think it's 50/50. There's other ways of divination. I have one of Shadowbeard's eyes. If you're lying to me, I'll It's part of the thing. No one that's taken an oath to be on my ship has lied about their intentions.

Jay

What things do you ask them?

Lizzie

Look, I have an idea of how this got mixed up, but you're not going to like it.

Jay

Lizzie, this entire notebook is written by my grandmother.

Condi

She's the Vice Admiral?

Grizzly

She's the Admiral.

Condi

Admiral. Admiral.

Grizzly

She's the Top Dog.

Jay

She's the Admiral. She's Top Dog.

Lizzie

She's target for tomorrow.

Jay

Cool. I love my grandma dying.

Lizzie

No, not to kill her. I mean, that would be incredible.

Jay

Yeah, she's really powerful. She scares me.

Lizzie

She's been untouchable for the last few years. Anyways, look, about to plant.

Jay

Yeah.

Lizzie

I'm pretty sure that we know who she's referring to.

Jay

Who's that?

Lizzie

The thing is, if I'm right and it's the same, you would be here saving me from nothing and I-

Jay

I don't want that to be the case. I really don't want that to be the case. I'm going to be honest. We've been-

Lizzie

I don't want to be in this situation right now.

Jay

If this was a book, this would be 115 chapters deep, and we've been building towards this hole in the sea for so long.

Lizzie

Yeah, I know. It's-

Jay

That would be really bad for me.

Lizzie

I don't want to have to be in this position right now and have to watch you break down and stuff. It's not very comfortable for me.

Jay

Yeah. Okay, so what is the misunderstanding?

Condi

Is the logbook dated?

Grizzly

She pauses for a moment, begins to think about how to present this.

Lizzie

Look, I guess I'll just run you through some of the plans for tomorrow and the prep that's been leading up to it.

Jay

Okay.

Grizzly

First... Yeah, okay.

Grizzly

She reaches down and pulls out a big map that has a bunch of notes on it and stuff and circles and puts her notebook on the side of it, which has sketches and different... Just more notes to help explain and point towards stuff. But she says,

Lizzie

At the top of the towers and the strongholds, there are bells and ways to broadcast messages around the world to the other strongholds, to all port. We want to hijack that bell tower. Then I want to ring it because A, it's a bell of surrender and emergency. And B, I want to put a message out to the world that we don't need to be under this tyrannical boot that the admiral is set on putting us under. I want to essentially use this attack as a way to inspire anyone who has fear instilled over the last decade from the Black Sea, from pirates disappearing and being imprisoned in the B.L.O.C.K. We have a good number of really powerful crews, young pirates that are passionate about this so that we can show the world that she is vulnerable, she's not untouchable. We don't have to follow these laws and order of, essentially, oppression that she wants to put a force onto everyone. I want to outsmart her. Part of that has been working with someone. You may know her-

Condi

Kira.

Lizzie

Edyn.

Condi

Edyn. Oh, yeah. Okay, that makes sense, actually. That makes so much more sense. I thought it was somebody else. It's recency bias.

Lizzie

She even came to us and said that the admiral had given her instruction to join our crew and feed information to her about the revolution, about the army, about everything. She had been working against both the elders in her home and the government here, and she wanted to work against them both by working with us.

Jay

Yeah.

Lizzie

So for the last half year, maybe, maybe shorter or maybe longer, we have been playing the admiral's game, playing fools, and any information that the admiral has is false. I'm sorry.

Jay

Gillion's Sister.

Lizzie

Yes.

Jay

Gillion's sister.

Lizzie

Yeah, she has put herself in a lot of risk.

Jay

You're sure she couldn't be a black goop monster?

Lizzie

I honestly have no idea what you're talking about. If you want to explain a little more about that?

Jay

Yeah. The Navy has a secret project in the Navy base in Black Sea, where they clone people and replace them entirely with doppelgangers that have most of their memory.

Lizzie

I see. You're telling me that they were cloning people in the Black Sea?

Jay

Yeah, but it's still being actively used. I mean, my grandma's office was-

Lizzie

I can assure you she's not because, again, my eye, I'd see it. True sight. I would be able to see if she were a doppelganger. I'd see her true form, essentially. I'd see right through her. Every time that I've seen Edyn, she's been her, for sure. Now, I haven't seen her in a while.

Jay

Wait, the information this attack they say they know about, are you doing anything different than what they know?

Lizzie

What's written? I mean...

Jay

In the logbook, though, just to make sure that their information is different than your information, I guess.

Lizzie

Oh, yeah, it would be a lie. Everything the admiral knows.

Jay

Okay.

Lizzie

Tomorrow, the plan is to sneak into the stronghold with ships around. Invisible ships, we used it against your father. The invisible ships of the other crews would surround the stronghold and wait at a distance while we would take our ship flying R.A.F.T flags and colors and sneak into the stronghold posing as soldiers. It's a stealth mission.

Jay

That's a really good plan.

Lizzie

Then once I make it to the top of the bell, I ring it, I put my announcement out, we get out of there. We get out of there before the admiral can act. And honestly, Jay, you being here. No. No, I'm not going to...

Jay

Yeah, that can maybe... Do you have an extra tent, maybe?

Lizzie

I'm not going I didn't ask you to do anything, be a part of this. You said you didn't want any part, and I'm not going to ask.

Jay

Yeah.

Lizzie

I was just thinking that if any distraction was going to be good enough for the admiral, it would be her own granddaughter.

Condi

I mean, you have a really good plan, Lizzie. Again, do you have another tent I can maybe hide in for eight to ten to 12 to 15 to 24 hours, maybe?

Lizzie

I mean, I planned on resting. Obviously, we all planned on resting, so yeah. But I'm sorry that...

Condi

Yeah, I think just visibly on Jay's face, she's definitely coming, a little crashing down right now, realizing the impulsiveness of the decision and...

Grizzly

The panic.

Condi

The panic, yeah. And that she has left her co-captains, her family, the people she cares about the Black Sea to go into a very dangerous hole without her. When the entire time leading up to that, she did, in fact, say she would be there with them for that. She's hanging on a tight rope right now.

Grizzly

Lizzie sees that you are crashing, and she stands up and she says,

Lizzie

Hey, let's take a walk. Come on. I want to show you something.

Condi

Yeah, I think I'd walk with her. I think I'd just breathe a little heavily and walk along with her. Maybe a little despondent at this revelation.

Grizzly

I knew it was going to be bad. You follow her out at the tent. She begins to lead you through this. As you walk past her tent, you get to see there's definitely more of a gathering here behind your initial entrance to the island. You actually do pass a completely drunk, passed out Marshall John on the ground next to this bonfire with four tankers, two in each hand. He's fucking out cold, and he's snoring so loud. As Lizzie just steps over him and continues walking through this pirate hideout. It's decorated as such. Barrells, flags, lots of ale.

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

And past that, you guys end up back in the forest. I wanted to ask, you've already talked I think she's about it a lot, but what other thoughts is she having as you follow?

Condi

I think as I step over Marshall John's inebriated body.

Marshall John

[snoring sounds]

Condi

All I think in her head, is kind of racing between, I'm such an idiot. Why didn't I trust them? Of course, she has her shit together. She always had her shit together. Shit like that. Oh, God, Gillion and Chip are going to die because I'm not there, and I should be there. But also I should trust... Fuck, but they're probably okay. But what if they aren't and they really needed me? It's basically just bouncing between all of that. It's just like she's spiraling. She's spiraling inside, I think.

Grizzly

As you're walking before you, you come to a new clearing where she's leaving you. She shouts out over her shoulder,

Lizzie

What kind of stuff would you... You've probably struggled before. What stuff do you do when you're struggling? Do you like to fight, hunt, drink? I have a lot of that. I like to drink.

Lizzie

At her hip swinging as a round glass-like flask.

Jay

Drinking is never bad. Honestly, when I was back with my mom and had bad days, we'd go fishing and cook a stew together. Usually, when things are really bad, lately, I usually confide in Chip and Gillion. And the other person tells me because... But they're not here right now. Silly me.

Lizzie

I'm sure a large part of this is Chip being Chip, too.

Jay

No, I'm pretty sure this was entirely my idea, actually.

Lizzie

I tried. I like really...

[laughter]

Grizzly

It goes silent. It goes silent for you.

Jay

They might have encouraged me a little bit, but I'm pretty sure I was the one who pitched this idea. I was like, Yeah, we have to do this because what if Lizzie dies? I was angry at you still, but I didn't want you to die because-

Lizzie

Alright, I get it.

Jay

You're still my friend. It's just like, You didn't tell me about my sister and my sister. That's the whole thing.

Grizzly

You get almost cut off by the site that you walk through. You push through leaves and you see four beautiful ponds that are bisected by this X shape of flowers. They are golden, almost like fountain-petaled flowers that sprout and bloom and catch the light and they glow themselves. It's warm here. It's like an oasis on this island. She's led you a bit northeast to where the tent was. It's a bit ways away. You can also see around this, it's a clearing, a large circle that encompasses these ponds and these flowers. In the center, as she's walking through the flowers and leading you, you see a stone, and on it is a hat, and next to it, flies this red ribbon.

Condi

I feel like it's familiar in a way, but am I stupid?

Grizzly

You guys get closer, and she sits down in of it and you see you're sitting at the gravesite of Captain Shadowbeard and your sister. And she says,

Lizzie

Sit.

Condi

She wasn't actually buried here, was she? Or was she?

Grizzly

You don't know.

Condi

No, I never did see her body, I suppose. I think I lag because I'm falling behind her. I think when I see it and read it, I pause for a little bit and then probably takes 10 seconds before I continue moving forward and sit next to her.

Lizzie

When I'm lost and I don't know what to do, I wish I could come back here every time because I usually just want to talk to her, and this seems like as good a time as any.

Jay

Yeah.

Lizzie

If you got things to say.

Jay

I used to, at least when I was younger, when she was around more, I used to confide in her a lot, too. We both had the same upbringing, same father. So it was nice to have somebody who shared that.

Grizzly

She uncorks her flash. [thunk]

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

She takes like a drink. And it gestures out to you, but without looking.

Condi

Yeah, I grab it. I grab it. It's a little limp.

Lizzie

When this fight ended, this was a crater of just an explosion of destruction. When I came back for the first time, it turned into this. I guess I just-It felt like her saying that even when things fall apart, life still goes on. In a way, I feel like... I don't know.

Jay

They never even told me how or where she died. It's just... I don't even know I knew when she died. Just over time, she started coming home less and less, and then one day, she just didn't.

Lizzie

I really wish she was here because I know she would know what to say.

Jay

She was dead.

Lizzie

I am not nearly as great with words obviously.

Jay

What if my rashness, what if me coming here today instead of staying with my crew like I should have, is what leads to... What if they don't come back? What if they don't come back? I mean, this is...

Lizzie

Jay.

Jay

I thought I found my place. No, I have found my place after so long, Lizzie. Right now, I thought I was doing the right thing by coming here, and I am. [starts to cry] I'm scared. I'm scared. I'm going to lose it again like I did before. I can't do that. I can't let that happen. I don't know what to do because now I'm stuck here. I'm stuck here and I can't go back to them. I can't take back what I did. What if they need me?

Grizzly

She just puts a hand on the upper part of your back.

Lizzie

I think uh, it was that bad, huh? I've only really heard stories of the Black Sea because no one goes, and everyone that does. I'm not helping, sorry.

Jay

It's the worst thing you could possibly think. I wasn't joking. I know I said it with a little bit of air of comedy earlier, but the spider did rip out Chip's heart and eat it. He's been slowly getting worse every single day. To be frank, I don't know what we're supposed to do about that because if we

remove it from her, he just dies. He just dies, apparently. What do you do? It's like some fucking twisted, fucked up fates. They're drawing us into this place. This entire time, ever since we got together, it all led to this hole in the sea. We couldn't say no. We couldn't just be normal pirates. Now, in the most dangerous place in the world, Lizzie, I have left my two best friends to god knows what, because what I do know is the horror is everything before that hole was some of the worst shit I've ever experienced in my life. Whatever is in there can't be any better. And they're there without me. They're there without me. [crying] And I was rash and I left them there. Shit.

Lizzie

If I had... I mean, if we had been in danger, would it have been any more worth it? If you saved us, I guess. I think that you guys did what you thought was right, and I think it's some of the most selfless choices I've ever heard. I really care about Chip, and I'm trying not to think about someone I consider to be my long lost family to...I really try not to think about the worst case.

Jay

It's funny because when I thought everything was going wrong here and then you all were in trouble, I was so convinced it was the right move because I had so much confidence, maybe not confidence, trust, just that they would be fine and they could do it without me. But it suddenly, I don't know, maybe I was lying to myself because it's all come crumbling down. I don't even I don't even know if... As I sit here now in front of you, I don't even know if I can say if it would have been worth it if I came here and saved you and they never came back. I don't know. Maybe it just wasn't the right move maybe...

Lizzie

Jay, we're not going to know that right now, right? What's done is done. This is the now. I think imagining that because you're not there means that the worst case will happen for them is the same thinking that brought you here. I think that if anyone is going to be dumb enough to make it out of that place, it's those two for sure. There's still a chance for something, for good things to come of this. I know it doesn't feel like it, but you never know. What if you didn't come and we did get captured or killed? Or maybe you being here will change that. Maybe this is going to be the thing that throws off the admiral more than she could have ever expected because why would she expect it? Maybe there is good. Maybe it's not all bad.

Jay

You know, my uncle went into that hole. Drey, obviously, you know him.

Lizzie

Second time, probably, huh?

Jay

Second time, too, yeah.

Lizzie

I don't know why he would do that. But I think you do crazy things when you love someone.

Jay

Yeah. When Uncle Drey came back from the Black Sea the first time, I didn't see him much, obviously, but he was never the same. From what I've seen of Gillion's grandpa, Finn, he's never been the same. Nobody who came out of that hole has ever been the same. They've all changed.

Lizzie

But champion of the Undersea, hero of the deep, the one chosen, that guy never went in, so you never know.

Jay

Maybe.

Lizzie

Maybe that's what he's meant to do or whatever. Caspian talks about it sometimes.

Jay

I guess if they come out and they are different in any way, I guess I would have just wanted to have changed with them, at least you know?

Lizzie

Sure. I felt lost a lot of people. Every time it happens, like with Chey, and with Ava, and Shadowbeard, and Rose, and everyone else that was lost, I end up wondering if it would have

been better for me to go with them. I also wonder why Chip and I were spared in some ways. I mean, if you count being stranded on an island, spared. But we're alive, aren't we?

Jay

Yeah.

Lizzie

I mean, if you did change with them, thinking in the same light, what if coming here is a difference between you living or dying? What if they're going to need someone to be unchanged when they get out and that person's you. I'm honestly just thinking of...

Jay

No, I appreciate it. I really do. It's really hard see the silver linings when everything around you and everything that has happened is crumbling and so dark.

Lizzie

This world has a way of putting heavy weight on your shoulders.

Jay

Yeah.

Lizzie

I thought...part of the reason I wanted to sit here is because when it feels too heavy for me, I think about how Ava carried it and how bright of a light she was. And honestly, half the shit I'm saying to you right now, it's just shit that would come out of her mouth. There was no way it was going to come to me if I wasn't somewhat in her presence. I mean, if you've got...

Grizzly

You guys have been passing this, subconsciously, not even thinking about it, passing this flask back and forth.

Condi

Yeah.

Lizzie

I don't know. This sounds widely inappropriate and stupid to consider, but when I'm pent up and...

Jay

Are you coming up to me?

Lizzie

No. I'm not.

[laughter]

Grizzly

What the fuck?

Lizzie

No. Okay. No, Jay. It's not what I was going to fucking say at all.

Jay

I'm really vulnerable right now.

Lizzie

Yeah, want to fuck on your sister's grave?

Jay

No!

Lizzie

The fuck is wrong with you?

Jay

No, listen. I just like...

Lizzie

It's not that strong of an alcohol. Maybe for you, do you even drink?

Jay

We've drank together before.

Lizzie

That's true.

Jay

In a bar.

Lizzie

I totally forgot.

Jay

Really? Damn, that was a really- that's a core memory now for me.

Lizzie

It was my birthday.

Jay

Yeah. There was a wrestling pit, and they wrest to get free food or something.

Lizzie

No, what I was going to say was...

Jay

Just remembering things.

Lizzie

I don't know if it would help, but sometimes it helps me. I like to fight whenever I have energy I don't know where to put. If you need an outlet, I'm here for you, I guess. I'm sorry, also. I'm sorry, I feel bad about how I talked to you and treated you. I just wanted to offer both a way to release and get even.

Jay

Yeah, that it sounds really nice. Actually, I think that could help a little bit. For what it's worth right now, apology accepted. Do you think we could build a little arena first?

Lizzie

What kind? Sure.

Condi

God, if only Gillion was here.

Grizzly

Caspian exists.

Condi

That's true. Oh fuck.

Grizzly

If you really want one.

Condi

Actually?

Grizzly

Actually, yeah.

Condi

Well, you know, ice arena.

Grizzly

Yeah, it didn't seem tonally fitting, but...

[laughter]

Condi

I don't know. This is like how we... This is like a Riptide pirate. This is a Riptide pirate-

Grizzly

Do you mumble under your breath, ice arena?

Condi

Yeah like,

Jay

An ice arena.

Grizzly

What?

Jay

Like an ice arena. It's like a Riptide pirate tradition. We do it when things-

Grizzly

She looks to the camera. She looks to the camera.

[laughter]

Jay

We've done it two or three times.

Grizzly

She looks to the camera and she's like,

Lizzie

The fuck?

Grizzly

She realizes that she really can't say no to a weeping Ferin. So she says,

Lizzie

Okay, yeah.

Condi

Yeah. This is totally inappropriate.

Grizzly

I know. She offered to spar as a way to feel better. If you want to accept it, that's what she would do.

Condi

Yeah, I mean, I'll accept it. I'll accept it.

Grizzly

Does it fit the angst? Who knows, dude. That's just what she does.

Condi

Dude, I don't know. There's something like... It's a Riptide pirate tradition. It would be comforting in a way. She won the last one.

Grizzly

True. She hops on the conch, calls Caspian over, and he conjures up very quickly, very effortlessly, after all the practice, an arena of ice. What would you want it to look like? Is it like a dome? Do you want it to be like that?

Condi

Kind of like that or-

Grizzly

Or is it just like a bowl shape of ice?

Condi

It's like a bowl shape of ice. What you'd see in a skate park.

Grizzly

Okay. She says,

Lizzie

I don't know how angry you are exactly, but we should maybe not.

Jay

I'm not really angry, I guess. I'm just sad. Maybe fighting will take it off my mind.

Lizzie

Yeah, it always helps me out. For sure.

Jay

I don't know. I've never tried this before, but I'm also drunk now, too.

Lizzie

No weapons?

Jay

No weapons.

Lizzie

No blood.

Jay

So we're just fist fighting?

Lizzie

Yeah. You know-

Condi

I take my big gun, I drop it. I take two other guns out of my bag and drop them.

Lizzie

Caspian and I, we usually do first to three hits.

Jay

Okay.

Lizzie

Because we hit hard.

Grizzly

Yeah, roll initiative.

Condi

Yeah, I rolled it two.

Grizzly

Two?

Condi

Plus four, six.

Grizzly

Lizzie rolled a ten plus a million. You don't get to know.

Condi

Yeah, of course, one million.

Grizzly

It doesn't matter because-

Condi

She's so fucking cool.

Grizzly

10 is higher. Yeah, she is. Does she feel... No, never mind. I was about to say I was like, Is she being cool about this? It feels awkward for her for sure.

Condi

No, obviously, it's awkward as fuck.

Grizzly

She's fucking trying.

Condi

She wasn't expecting this.

Grizzly

Dude, her best bet right now is to build an ice arena and fight you. That's going to help.

Lizzie

First to three hits, we'll call it there. Probably don't-it feels rude to pull my punches. I'm not going to. You shouldn't either.

Jay

No, don't do that. Don't do that. Maybe getting hurt will help me in this. Maybe I need to be hurt right now.

Lizzie

Yeah. Caspian is going to call it. We're going to start it. Do you want me to explain any? You want me to-

Jay

No, just punch me.

Lizzie

Yeah, okay.

Grizzly

Then she goes...

[laughter]

Jay

Just do it.

Grizzly

She's going to roll to hit. What's your AC?

Condi

My AC is 17.

Grizzly

Oh, my God.

Condi

Wait, do I get armor or no? Are we doing armor?

Grizzly

Yeah, you're doing armor, wearing armor. She really wouldn't be wearing her armor right now. We'll just call it natural AC. You can just see if something's going to hit. It's fine.

Condi

So ten plus dex. 14 then.

Grizzly

She definitely hits then. That's going to be a hit. I'll just say you take a base of... because it's going to be strength based from the hits. So you take...

Condi

I actually had 16 temporary hit points still right now. So unless that went away for some reason.

Grizzly

You take five points of bludgeoning damage.

Condi

I'm not taking any fucking damage today.

Grizzly

Your temp HP is going down.

Condi

Yeah.

Grizzly

Okay, that's the first hit. It's your turn. Yeah. Caspian's in the corner.

Caspian

Let's go, Captain.

[laughter]

Condi

This is a really sad brawl.

Grizzly

Yeah, it is.

Condi

I don't think Jay is fully recovered yet either.

Caspian

Are you two sure about this? You both look like you've been drinking and at least one of you is crying.

Jay

I don't know, I just need to feel something Caspian.

Caspian

Yeah, me, understood.

Grizzly

He looks to the camera.

Caspian

I'm out of my element here.

Condi

Let me look at my... I need to look at my phone for this one. Sorry.

Grizzly

Can you not read your writing?

Condi

I can. I just don't remember what I had to add to unarmed strike.

Grizzly

It's usually just strength, which is not a lot for you.

Condi

[laughs] Minus one, that's an eight.

Grizzly

An eight? Because an eight, unfortunately, does not hit.

Condi

What?

Grizzly

She hears 'Just hit me'. She walks up,

Lizzie

Okay.

Grizzly

Then she just fucking whack right across the fucking jaw.

Jay

So tomorrow, I'm thinking if you wanted to stay-

Jay

Is this really the time for this? Ow!

Lizzie

Is that making you feeling better yet?

Jay

No. Let me try and hit you, maybe.

Lizzie

You want to try again because I feel bad.

Jay

Are you giving me advantage?

Grizzly

You can roll with advantage.

Jay

Are you pitying me right now?

Lizzie

I don't know. I just feel bad.

Jay

I need pity. You're right.

Condi

That's a nine.

Grizzly

It's nine minus one.

Lizzie

Jay, you have to actually try to hit me. I don't...

Jay

I-just maybe one more try.

Lizzie

You're still crying. Oh, fuck. This is probably not good idea. Do I hit you again now? You don't get triple advantage. It's my turn.

Jay

Why not?

Grizzly

Is it still 17 hit? I'm going to say she misses that.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

Basically, she doesn't do any damage. She just looks like...

Condi

[laughing] I feel like she's starting to doubt this plan.

Grizzly

She's like,

Lizzie

Are you sure? Are you sure about this sparring? I don't want to make it... I don't know. I mean, it doesn't help everyone.

Jay

Yeah, I mean, this could be the one. Just let me get this hit in.

Condi

That's a four?

Lizzie

I don't know. Maybe this only works for me.

Jay

I feel so much self doubt right now. I don't even I don't know if I can hit you properly. How do I make a fist?

Lizzie

Yeah, I don't know.

Grizzly

I used my spell slots-

Condi

That's a natural one.

Grizzly

This arena. Oh, my God, dude.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Are you purposely rolling at a disadvantage right now?

Condi

No, I just rolled. Yeah, a second one. It gave me a natural one.

Grizzly

Okay. She misses that one, too. This is like, atrociously bad.

Jay

I thought maybe being surrounded by an ice arena, if I think somebody would make me happy, but I think it might be making it worse. Now my jaw really hurts and I'm still really sad.

Lizzie

I don't know. I guess it felt good to punch you, but it feels less good when you're not hitting me and-

Jay

I'm not really...I'm not a puncher. I'm a shooter. I shoot people.

Lizzie

Yeah, maybe-

Jay

Can I shoot you?

Grizzly

She actually contemplates it for a moment.

Lizzie

You know what? Yes.

Jay

Really? No, you have a bi thing tomorrow. I can't do that to you.

Lizzie

Will it make you feel better?

Jay

No, no. That actually means I came here to rescue you.

Lizzie

I know, but-

Jay

I cannot shoot you. I can't shoot you. I can't.

Lizzie

We have... I yelled at you and stuff.

Jay

No, no. I don't need to shoot you over that because I was just like... I was really upset because they really, really, really want to know what happened to my sister for so long and you just knew and you've been around her for so long, and that really upset me.

Lizzie

Yeah, I don't know. I thought it was just...

Jay

No, I get it. I think I get it. I don't know. It's hard to understand.

Lizzie

It's just...

Jay

Maybe I should just go to sleep for now.

Lizzie

You want to finish talking about it?

Jay

No, maybe I just need to...

Lizzie

You want to go cry in a tent?

Jay

Really stew in it alone.

Lizzie

You want to go cry by yourself?

Jay

Yeah, maybe.

Lizzie

Yeah, I usually do that, too.

Jay

Yeah, that usually helps me. Sometimes it's just locking the bedroom and not letting anybody else in for a whole night while I cry, I guess. Yeah.

Lizzie

Caspian, you can put the arena down. It's not-This was a stupid idea.

Jay

I appreciate it, though, Caspian. Yeah, I really appreciate the arena.

Caspian

Can't believe you tried to shoot me, and then you didn't trust me.

Jay

Now??

Lizzie

Caspian, it's not the time.

Jay

I apologize. We shook on it. We shook on it.

Caspian

I know. I just can't get over it. I'm an emotional guy.

Jay

That's fucked up.

Caspian

It's really, you know?

Jay

It's fucked up. I'm sorry. Listen, I'm sorry he doubted you. I was wrong for that. I was wrong for it. Listen, you're so close with Gillion, and I was like-

Caspian

You're jealous.

Jay

No.

Caspian

Would you like to be besties Jay? Would that make you feel better?

Jay

No, I don't know actually.

Caspian

We could do a squirty together.

Jay

Squirty? Why was squirty done again?

Caspian

Do you want to find out?

[laughter]

Grizzly

He gives you a smirk.

Caspian

Was that a genuine laugh or are you panicking?

Jay

They're a little genuine. Yeah, maybe.

Caspian

We've got extra tents.

Jay

Yeah, I think I just need to maybe sleep for a bit.

Grizzly

The ice arena melts. [whoosh]

Jay

Lizzie, Caspian, I really do appreciate it, though. I'm sorry, I just showed up and accused you of potentially being a fake and almost shot you. I guess just dumped a lot of emotions on you tonight. You probably weren't expecting that the night before your raid thing where you were going to sneak in.

Lizzie

No, not on my 1510 bingo card.

Jay

Yeah.

Grizzly

They begin to walk you back. You walk through this field that has bloomed into this area of tranquility from such a, I just want to say, blight on history, that battle. You, for a second, feel like a bit of almost like someone else is trying to console you, and then you walk away, following them back to the gathering of tents. Is there anything else that you'd like to say to them once you are led to this tent? Lizzie says,

Lizzie

I know this was pretty shitty, but we can talk more about what we can do to make the most out of the present, tomorrow.

Jay

We can talk about in the morning yet. I think I just need the night to myself.

Lizzie

I'll be in this tent right over here. If you want to try the sparring again, or you actually want to shoot me, or just come by. I will be up for a little longer.

Jay

Yeah.

Condi

She goes back in, the tent or...?

Grizzly

Yeah, she starts to walk away.

Condi

Yeah. I think I would stand out in front of my tent for a bit, that Caspian set up, probably a few minutes, honestly, unless somebody came by and was like, What the fuck are you doing? But eventually-

Grizzly

He stands there for a minute, just waiting with you. Eventually, he-

[laughter]

Jay

Caspian, you can go away. I just need a moment.

Caspian

Hey, there's a lot of other pirates. They sleep on their ships. Everyone's docked on the far western side. No one's using the tents.

Jay

Caspian, would you upset if I didn't use the tent, actually? I need to check.

Caspian

Oh, no. You don't have to use the tent. There's a lot of empty ones set up that aren't being used. I just wanted to warn you, you might meet other captains tomorrow, and I just didn't want them to see you at your worst because it's embarrassing. I know it's embarrassing to feel things. I know how that is. You want to always put out the best-

Jay

It's like toxic masculinity.

Caspian

No, it's the impression. You want to put out the best impression of yourself. You're famous, Jay.

Jay

Oh, God, you're right.

Caspian

I mean, you're one of the most wanted-

Jay

You're so right. Nobody can see me like this.

Caspian

New era pirates of our age. I think you cost more than me. Anyways, just take it easy.

Jay

Yeah, I'll-

Caspian

Gillion is going to be alright. He's pretty crazy. Yeah, he's pretty crazily magical. He's got the sword, and that should do it. Yeah, that should do it.

Jay

That sword has helped him a lot.

Caspian

I have no worries about those two.

Jay

I appreciate you saying that, at least. It does make me feel a little bit better.

Condi

I'm actually going to turn away from him and the tent and actually walk back towards the gravesite, I think.

Grizzly

Okay.

Condi

Yeah, and just slowly... I think I'm really trying to think of a good word for slow pace. Not slow pace, you know? Towards it as she... She probably has a blanket or something around her.

Grizzly

Sure. Yeah.

Condi

She walks over to the grave overlooking this little pond you said, right?

Grizzly

It's four different ponds that are...

Condi

Split up by flowers.

Grizzly

Yeah, their flowers split up. It reminds you of the world is shaped with Allport being in the center and those giant mountainous structures splitting up the oceans. Similar. It's got the vibe.

Condi

Is it like a headstone or anything?

Grizzly

Yeah, it's like a makeshift DIY tombstone done by just handcraft and hand carved. The ribbon represents your sister and the hat represents the captain.

Condi

Hope the captain doesn't get any wrong ideas, but I think she'd stand there for a while and eventually sit down and rest her head against the tombstone of her sister. Eventually, whenever it might happen, let sleep take her.

Grizzly

Well, it takes a while, but eventually, out of exhaustion, emotionally and physically, sleep does find you. The sun shines. It almost like, wakes you up when it comes up. Almost like it calls you to say it's a new day. So right at sunrise, after a long rest, which you can mark, you can decide what else you'd like to do on the next day.

Condi

I think upon waking up...

Grizzly

So far, the sky has not fallen So everything's-

Condi

That's good, I guess. I don't know. That's good. I think upon waking up, she would probably just sit. Then she would just, I think, sit up and look over this little pond for a little bit. I do think she would stand up and go find Lizzie again.

Grizzly

When you go back to the tents, more people are gathered around the area. You do see... It's up to you if you want to avoid them, but you do see some familiar. You see Jazz in the crowd. You see Marshall John. You see Caspian, people meagling, and you see a lot of people that you don't... Not a lot of people, but there's a few. It's a handful of strangers and then a few of Lizzie's crew that you recognize. They're all just standing near Lizzie's tent who you would assume is still in there. If you just want to go straight to Lizzie, you can walk up and walk in.

Condi

I think I would avoid any familiar faces.

Grizzly

To avoid the crowd? I would, too. I totally get it. If I'm not feeling great.

Condi

I think I'm just looking for Lizzie.

Grizzly

Okay, you can slip in. I won't have you roll for it. You can slip in the tent relatively unnoticed as they're all mingling with each other.

Condi

I give it a weird knock on a tent as much as you can.

Grizzly

Yeah, you can pop in.

Jay

Hey, Lizzie.

Lizzie

How's the day? Any better after rest? Probably not, but...

Jay

No, no. I mean, maybe, no. I want it to be. I want it to be.

Lizzie

How do you want to move forward? We could get you on a ship and send you back to Allport, and you could try to find them in the Black Sea again, but you know the risks as much as you knew them the first time, that's pretty hard. We could also just send you back to Allport in general. We have extra sailboats, smaller vehicles. So if you want to help...

Jay

About this raid today. If you're not planning on hurting or killing anyone, you're just trying to get to the top of the tower?

Lizzie

No, there's no plan to hurt or kill anyone. I can't really make any promises, Jay.

Jay

I know. I know. That's not how these things work. I know.

Lizzie

When we succeed on the bell, I expect a fight, and a big one. That's why the ships are around the stronghold. If the admiral retaliates, do we do plan to at least open fire on the building. I'm only telling you this because I don't want to lie to you. People do live there, and it-Look, we're going to try to make sure that there's not a lot of collateral. Maybe if you help with the admiral, there won't be.

Jay

I guess that's my hope, is that if I'm there, we can prevent the worst from happening. Because I don't know, I've never really agreed with what my family has been doing at R.A.F.T. I think it's been a long time now since my ideals and theirs have lined up in any way. I mean, my father, we never saw eye to eye, and I never really had a much of a relationship with my grandmother beyond being a good navy soldier. But maybe there's enough there to spark a change.

Lizzie

Yeah.

Jay

If I'm here, I can't go back to Allport. I can't stay there and do nothing. I know if I go back to the Dark Sea, that is just suicide, and that is the last thing that Gillion and Chip want from me. So right now, I just need to have trust and faith in both of them that they'll make it out of there okay. I guess do what I think that Ava would do.

Lizzie

Yeah, that's all we can do.

Jay

So I will help you, but I won't kill anybody. Not myself. If you have to, so be it. You were always going to. But I can't do that.

Lizzie

Yeah.

Jay

Not to them, not to family.

Lizzie

It's not a line I'd make anybody cross.

Jay

So what is it you want me to do?

Grizzly

That's where we're going to end the session.

Grizzly

Ohhhhh!

Grizzly

Oh, my goodness. But if you want to hear us talk about this session, not just us, we've got some people, some extras in the studio right now who are going to join us for the rolled, who have been sitting here listening and watching. You can go to jrwi.com and become a member to listen to the exclusive content, including the Just Rolled With It where we talk about the show after the show. Bye.