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[00:00] THE DUNGEON MASTER: Welcome. ...You're listening to WRBB, 104.9 FM. And this is *The Dark Forest*.

THE VOICE: *THE DARK FOREST. TH-THE DA-DARK FOR-FOREST.*

DM: With your hosts, the Dungeon Master, *and...*

THE "CRYPT KEEPER": *The Crypt Keeper.*

DM: And, uh, we were going to have an additional *guest* today, but, uh, they seem to have *no-showed* on us...? Uh...

CK?: Yeah, don't know what's up with *that*. And, uh, not only *that* — I don't know if you've noticed, but, th-the *void mold*... It's gone too far! Th-the entire *path* here is just *covered* in the stuff.

DM: I, uh... I, if you *say* so. I guess our—our *plan* is kinda... Kinda *bunk* for today, huh.

CK?: Yeah, I mean, I-I don't wanna just, you know, turn *back*. But... there *is*, right over *there*... I *think* I see another path.

DM: Are—I—*sure*! Lead the way.

CK?: Yeah! You know, it-it looks, it looks *good*. Looks nice.

DM: [overlapping] We'll, we'll *improvise* today, why not.

CK?: Okay!

DM: Why not.

CK?: [stuttering] Yeah, yeah, let's go!

[00:57] SONG 1: Oneohtrix Point Never - Nil Admirari

[05:36] SAMPLE: Disasterpeace - One

[05:55] [sample slows down to a halt]

[06:01] **SAMPLE:** Radiohead - The Tourist

[06:01] **SONG 2: Lilien Rosarian - i'm wide awake!**

[09:02] **SAMPLE:** EPHEMERALD - Analemma

[the following samples play...]

Audio from Regular Show

Global Communication - 9:25

Sheena Ringo - やっつけ仕事

Queens of the Stone Age - Go With the Flow

Pink Floyd - Wish You Were Here

FM Skyline - dream tape

Chris Christodoulou - The Choir Invisible

christ††† - broadcast

Audio from "WHAT HAPPENED TO CROW 64?"

[09:17] **SONG 3: Xinlisupreme - I Am Not Shinzo Abe**

[11:40] DM: You know, this doesn't seem like... the safest path to me, uh, Crypt Keeper.

CK?: *No...* Not at all. I mean... I-I *thought* it was a *noisy* path, but I wasn't expecting anything like *this*.

DM: Yeah, I mean... [pauses] I-I, like... Are you sure this is good—are you doin' alright?

[12:00] DM: I mean you *sound* a little weird.

CK?: [sputtering like a dying putt-putt] *Ohh*, okay, so what happened earlier, is that I actually bit my tongue while I was, you know... Uh, I went to get, y'know, some chicken, some fries; I, I bit my tongue really bad, and it hurts—

DM: [overlapping] Right.

CK?: It's even hurting me *right now*. This *actually* happened; you can look it up, I promise.

DM: ...*Yeah*, um...

[beat]

DM: Right; yeah. *Anyway*, y'know, how have things been going with you? Uh, I feel like we haven't had a good talk in a while. Uh...

CK?: Well I, I, it's a little hard to talk on the noisy path, but I'm, I mean, well, y'know—

DM: [overlapping] Sure, sure; hard to hear.

CK?: Well while you were out, I... I saw a bear? In, in the Forest?

DM: Uh huh. Yeah.

CK?: Y'know, as one does. H-here in the, the *DARK. FOREST*... you see *many* things. I saw a bear — bear in a cave. Glowing cave, multicolored cave. Don't know what was up with the cave; that bear looked like, uh, he was having a lot of fun. [clicks tongue] Uh...

DM: [overlapping] What else is new?

CK?: Yeah! You know. I, I hope to be having as much fun—

DM: [overlapping] Not, not a lot of things have a lot of *fun* in the Dark Forest, I find, though; that's, that's a little strange to me, but—

[13:00] CK?: Well you— [stuttering]

DM: Uh.

CK?: You can have fun if you know where to *look*.

DM: Ehh? Yeah? Yeah. How's the—how's the ol', ol' *Crystal Ball* been treating you?

CK?: ...The.

[beat]

CK?: *Oh!* Well, you know. Oh, I just *love* crystals. Can't get enough of crystals—

DM: Yeah.

CK?: —here, here in the Glittering C— [clears throat, pounds chest] —the *Dark Forest*.

DM: That's *weird*, 'cause usually you *hate* crystals, which is, [chuckles] so I — what — so I guess something changed your *mind*? I dunno, that's...

CK?: If you *see* a *nice*, like, an *amethyst*, like, an *opal*, uh, it can really change your perspective on a lot of things; that's what I've found.

DM: *Yeah*, let's just—shall we just continue down the road here?

CK?: By all means.

[13:36] **SAMPLE: Swans - Volcano**

[13:40] **SONG 4: Kazumoto Endo - Itabashi Girl**

[17:33] **SONG 5: SUICIDETWINK - ROAD HEAD**

[21:18] **SONG 6: Yves Tumor - Hope in Suffering (Escaping Oblivion & Overcoming Powerlessness)**

[26:13] DM: ...So, Crypt Keeper.

CK?: Y-yes.

DM: If that *is* your real name.

CK?: ...It is.

[beat]

CK?: It *is!!*

DM: Yyyyyeah. *Sure.*

CK?: [overlapped] Dungeon Master's *your* real name!

DM: What's your, what's your favorite spell?

CK?: M-my favorite spell? ...Uhhh. I.

[long pause]

CK?: I was trying to think of something, like, *funny* to say—

DM: Uh huh.

CK?: —But I couldn't really think of anything to say. You know—

DM: Uh huh. What was the first, uh, *potion* you ever made?

CK?: ...Potion of healing?

DM: What's your mother's maiden name? What's the street you grew up on?

CK?: [overlapping] I, uh, wh—*okay* okay, this is getting a little too *personal* for me, I—

THE CRYPT KEEPER: [in the distance] *DON'T LISTEN!*

CK?: Wh—

CK: [in the distance] DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!

CK?: Wh-what??

CK: [getting closer, audibly winded] Don't, don't listen! I, wh, *Dungeon Master*... I'm so glad I could — finally *see* you...

DM: It's, it's the *Crypt Keeper!*

CK: [overlapped] It's been *so long*...

CK?: [overlapping] Who, who *is* this guy.

DM: The *real* Crypt Keeper.

CK: It's... it's *me*. I'm the *real* Crypt Keeper. I've been *gone*, for... I don't know how long.

[27:00] CK: It's been... wizard *decades*, wizard *minutes*?! I don't even know! I was *captured* by... the dreaded *Pulse Demon*. I was sent into a pocket dimension where I laid *dormant*, unthinking, unknowing, for longer than I could fathom. I saw... *things*. Things you wouldn't believe. Flashes of black and white. Static in my vision. A dark alleyway — I couldn't see... the other side. But, after what felt like an eternity, I made it *out!* Dungeon Master! It's, it's so *good* to see you... and...

DM: ...So who's this impostor?

CK: Yes... *you*. The Pulse Demon didn't act alone. It was *commanded*... by somebody. And I know *exactly* who it is. I've *seen* you before. Your face. Your gait. Those *robes*... they're *mine*. I — can I have those back, please?

CK?: [mumbling] Uh, if you really want them, yeah sure, here you go.

CK: Yeah, thanks, yeah, can I—

CK?: Hold on, I gotta— [audibly moves, takes off robes, hands them to Crypt Keeper]

[28:00] CK: Yeah.

CK?: Yep, here you go.

CK: You know, like, they look better on me.

CK?: Yep. ...That's fine.

CK: They really; they bring the whole *look* together, I dunno. Like, you're kinda just... *cramping* my style?

CK?: Okay.

CK: *Anyways*—

CK?: I, I know when I've been beaten. You can have those.

CK: Yeah. *Explain* yourself!! What brings you back here, *Tourist*. And why now?

THE TOURIST: [laughs] *Well!* I mean, I was in the neighborhood. A tourist always... loves to wander these paths. And you, you two were so eager to escape my clutches *last time*, that I felt you deserved a little extra-special... *taste*... of what the Forest can really *provide* to you, if you would listen. But... you *never* listen. I call myself a *fan* of yours, and you *never* listen to what the Forest *actually* tells you! You avoid its true depths out of... fear? *Cowardice*? You choose to stick to what you think you *know*, and you *ignore* the full potential of what *sound* can *be*. The two of you — [laughs] — you're nothing but *genre tourists!!*

CK: Wait. Stop.

[29:00] CK: Are we really just gonna take that lying down?

[beat]

DM: *No*.

CK: *No*.

DM: *No!*

CK: I'm not, I, I don't *buy that*; you're really gonna say that we know nothing of the Forest? *We*, who have bound our *souls* to its limitless potential?

TT: [cackles]

[beat]

TT: *You have no idea how dark the Forest can truly be.*

[29:21] SONG 7: death's dynamic shroud - Perfect Angel

[the following samples play...]

Uboa - Lay Down and Rot
the Microphones - Something
Swans - I Love You This Much
SplitSuns - Last Chance to Dance
Disasterpeace - Beta's Brilliancy
Daughters - Ocean Song
clipping. - La Mala Ordina
Sewerslvt - dissociating
The Femur Breaker scream
Pan Sonic - Keskeisvoima
black midi - Years Ago
Merzbow - Woodpecker No. 1

[30:12] SONG 8: Animal Collective - Forest Gospel

[34:05] SONG 9: Granular Synthesis - Modell 5

[37:40] SAMPLE: Godspeed You! Black Emperor - Static

[38:00] SONG 10: EPHEMERALD - HELLGATE

[40:45] DM: ...Here we are.

CK: Yeah. ...In the void.

DM: Yep.

CK: As one... is.

DM: Trapped within the Pulse Demon.

CK: This is, honestly, when I was trapped in it, it was kind of, like, untold nightmares upon nightmares; this is, just...

[41:00] CK: An endless void. It's kinda chill.

DM: It seems alright.

CK: Yeah.

DM: We got each other, you know. Uh...

CK: [overlapping] Y-yeah; you know, we'll figure it out. Probably.

DM: Do... do you see that down there? It seems like...

CK: *Oh*... It seems like a light—

DM: Oh!

CK: I never saw a *light* before...

DM: Some sort of... some sort of rest stop?

CK: Maybe... we could... could sit there for a bit, you know?

DM: Yeah.

CK: I don't, I don't even remember how long we've been *walking*. Would be nice.

DM: Well — yeah, I think we've got time for one more song. Uh... so... that's gonna be it.

CK: Yeah.

DM: From *The Dark Forest*, um... As always, you can catch us, uh, you can catch this show's recording and all *previous* shows on our website, "darkforestwrbb.com." That is, uh—

TV: *DARK FOREST. WRBB, DOT COM.*

CK: Wow; that even works in the *void*.

DM: *Yeah!* Apparently. Uh... "darkforestwrbb.com." Um... I guess we'll just be on our way; *no thanks* to the Tourist!

CK: Yeah. I mean—

[42:00] CK: —We'll get *out of* here, *eventually*, and when we *do*... We'll have *words* for the Tourist, but—

DM: Yeah. We *might* even have actions.

CK: Who can say? I don't know.

DM: ...Well, uh... it seems like they're serving, so... let's go take a rest.

CK: Yeah.

[42:14] SONG 11: Kero Kero Bonito - Rest Stop

[43:34] SONG 12: The Gerogerigegege - The Gerogerigegege

[58:29] —*the clouds*
hold your neighbor close
as the trumpets
echo 'round
you don't wanna be—

[58:46] END