

Bizly

On our last episode of Wonderlust, we began our journey through the caves leading out of Oasis Flora, but this time without the assistance of a guide. Lurking in these treacherous tunnels was a lone Vixen fleeing for his life. See, a leader of the Vixens named Big had followed Blink, Runt, and Troy into Oasis Flora but instead of finding his way into the small farming town, he met face to face with a monstrous creature. Now the team had a choice to make, either fight this creature and protect those those Vixens that sought to capture them or leave the Vixens behind to their grim fate. Of course, Blink did not have the heart to leave them behind and they defeated the creature. After this, the four made their way back to the Sorting District where they built a rocket that, when affixed to Troy's steam sled, would allow them to rocket up the hole back onto the snowy surfaces of Wonder. And now, my friends, we venture back once again into the world... Of Wonderlust.

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Bizly

We begin on a frame of pure white. As we pan out, we see we're looking at a pile of snow sitting peacefully in this walled-in area with trash going down into the hole. As we pull back, we look up to see the sun shining bright down on Wonder.

Runt

Ugh... Oh, it's so bright.

Bizly

And in an instant, a steam sled goes soaring past the sun and slams down into this snow pile and the three of you and Ripley go flying in different directions.

Blink

AaaaaaaaAAAAAH!

Runt

Oh my fucking God!

Blink

(Coughs violently) What is this cold stuff??

Troy

You're gonna want to tuck and roll! Oh, you guys already hit the ground. Oh, I forgot to do it.
(dies)

Bizly

Runt, could I have you please roll Constitution save?

Runt

Fuck you!

Grizzly

Natural fucking 1.

Bizly

Natural 1. So Runt, as you go careening into this big pile of snow, you're surrounded by the cold. You push your head up to get some air and you breathe in as hard as you can,

Runt

(Inhales hard) (Chokes and coughs)

Bizly

-not expecting to feel that cold pierce your lungs and you take another point of exhaustion.

Runt

Oh my fuck...

Condi

Oh that's rough, that's rough. Dude-

Runt

(coughs her lungs out)

Speaker 4

Oh that's mean.

Runt

Help! Fuck.

Bizly

As you look up and around, everything is bright, almost blinding to both you and Blink.

Runt

(Shivers)

Blink

What's that giant - light in the sky? And why does it hurt my eyes to look at?

Runt

[Shakily] Ugh...

Troy

I don't know, I think it's some fucked up lamp.

Runt

I want to fuckin' die. Ohhh... I wanna die.

Bizly

You see Ripley sticks her head up. She's like, covered in snow.

Ripley

It's actually called the sun. See, it's this big ball of fire that swirls around our big ball that we live on.

Blink

What?

Troy

Yeah, maybe that's what they taught you down there.

Runt

I think I popped a fuckin' lung.

Ripley

Runt, Runt, are you okay? Come here. Look at me!

Bizly

She opens your eye up really wide, and the sun reflecting on all this snow, practically blinds the both of you.

Grizzly

She fucking slaps her hand away.

Grizzly

Oh, fuck!

Troy

No, this is a severe case of snow blindness, ma'am. Allow me solve this trepidacious issue.

Runt

No, no, don't - no!

Charlie

And I take off my little goggles that I always have, my little steam sled goggles, and I put them on Runt's that they apply a vintage and enjoyable boarding tint over their entire cone of vision.

Bizly

You get these on and you can see actually what's around you.

Grizzly

I got the magnifying goggles for inventing.

Charlie

Got like three separate pairs.

(Laughter)

Charlie

Just three pairs of goggles.

Runt

Oh, it's so dark. (Coughs) Are you - Are you sure? I get to wear these?

Troy

You can take them off if you want.

Runt

How does that fuckin' help my lungs? (Coughs) 'Cause I think I ate whatever this white powder is and it's going to fucking kill me! (Coughs) It's poison!

Troy

That's snow. It's like if water just wanted to have a good time.

Runt

It's just - it's water?

Blink

Wait, so I can eat it?

Bizly

Blink, both you and Runt roll a Perception check.

Grizzly

I rolled a 13.

Condi

22 total for me.

Bizly

Runt, looking around, you've never seen anything like this before. You see these metal walls constructed up around this hole, just in the ground. This snow all around you, looking towards the southwest of Wonder you can see a black smokestack going up into the air. Surveying the area around as you got somewhat of an elevation over the rest of Wonder, you can see the train chugging along, just passing this little hole that you're in here. You've never seen a machine like this before, but it has you entranced. It is massive and there's one stacked on top of the other and the rails are elevated. You see one coming by and another in the distance on its way towards you, moving faster than really anything you've seen.

Grizzly

I start slapping, like - punching Troy's arm.

Runt

Hey, hey! What is that? What is that?

Troy

Hey!

Runt

What's that thing?

Charlie

Fucking punch her back.

(Laughter)

Bizly

You actually punch her?

Grizzly

I was like - You know like-? Playfully-

Bizly

Dude, if you're gonna punch her roll to hit, man. Do it.

Grizzly

Like, no - like the side, the side fist. You know what you're trying to get someone to-

Charlie

I know, I just like - I think I do this. My instincts activate, I only got a 3.

Bizly

Troy, you whiff into a full 360. You have no idea who just punched you.

Troy

So, what is - what's up? I just wanted to take in - I just wanted to account for the surroundings.
What were you asking?

Grizzly

It's like reflexes meet. You swing, I duck.

Runt

Hey, whhhh-what's that? What's that over there?

Troy

Oh what, that?

Runt

What's that thing? It's goin' fast.

Troy

God, do you guys just think I know everything up here?

(Laughter)

Runt

Well, yeah.

Charlie

DM, do I know what that is?

Bizly

[incredulous] The train? Yeah, you ride it all the time. It's how you GOT here. You snuck on the top of it.

Troy

I'm wrackin' my brain. I think it's a... Well, that's a train. I've never figured out how to get inside, though.

Bizly

(Laughs)

Runt

Well, today's going to be a fuckin' day. I got to get ON that RIGHT NOW!

Troy

I can show you how. I mean, I think it takes us to Earhart anyway, so that might be the play.

Runt

(gasps excitedly) Oh my God.

Bizly

Blink, with your higher Perception check. You're looking around, you're taking in all these sights of this city above ground. It is exactly what you thought it would be, yet nothing you could have possibly dreamed of. But your instincts get the better of you and you're immediately looking around for trouble. You hear the sounds of a clockwork soldier.

Charlie

Aw shit.

Bizly

Bang. Bang. Bang. Hitting the floor. Whatever it is moving towards you is definitely heavy and definitely getting closer. And as well, looking around, you see a small patchwork done in this metal wall, the surrounding the hole, and a small stain of blood just at the edge of it.

Condi

I reach back and I manage to hit Troy.

Blink

Hey. Hey. Hey.

Condi

I'm slapping your arm.

Charlie

I'm gonna fucking sock this guy, he's fucking coming for me.

Bizly

Roll to hit.

Charlie

Aw, that's only an 11.

Condi

That just misses.

Charlie

Alright.

Condi

Like, barely.

Charlie

I just take in the surroundings again.

Troy

What - What's up?

Blink

I - Th-There's a giant robot coming for us, um - and I think maybe we should get out of here, yeah?

Troy

Oh shit. Alright. Well, my - I mean, those are my dad's guys. They're just for trash, mostly, so...

Blink

Wait, they're just for trash?

Troy

Yeah. I mean, if you're trash-

Blink

I don't think I'm trash.

Troy

If you were like - fuck! How do I explain this? So I litter a lot and if you were like a little bag, or something. Like if you were a fucking bag, dude, they'd pick you up and they'd throw you into this awesome hole we have for all sorts of trash shit like that.

Blink

Yeah, that's where we live. That's where we just were, just now.

Troy

Troy.

Bizly

Run. I will say this is - what he's describing as nothing like your experience. You've known these big constructs to be creatures of destruction. Whatever they are, they have been the biggest barrier between the Street Rats and the warehouses.

Runt

Wh-Wh-Wh- Those are one of those fuckers that took my cousin! (Coughs) We got to hide and then inspect it. Maybe we can get the jump on it and then take it apart, and then maybe we can find out where it takes everyone that I love. (Coughs) It kills them, these fuckers!

Troy

Oh, yeah. Okay, so what about... Here's I'm thinking, we clearly have had very different encounters with this mechanical 'beast', so-

Blink

I mean listen, Troy, if you want to confront it, I mean - your father made them, sure.

Troy

Yeah. Alright, so what if I walk in from the left and you guys walk in from the right and I'll be holding like, I don't know, a - like a plastic rapper or something and you guys will stand there and we can see what is prioritized in its programming.

Runt

(Stutters) Are you fucking crazy? It's going to kill you!

Blink

It could kill us, but it could also maybe be a good ally. I mean, again, maybe you have some control over these machines?

Runt

I'm going to hide.

Troy

I'm not saying I don't believe you guys. I just don't get why my dad would make such a bamboozling contraption.

Blink

There's also some blood over there. We could go check that out instead, but like...

Runt

There's blood? Oh my God! It's got a - it's a fuckin' victim!

Troy

Ohhh, shit. I did not see that. This thing kills stuff.

Bizly

I - I don't really know what you're looking to do. I'd rather not get into a fight before we get to the college. I mean, you guys can fight whatever you want, but I'd love to go see the professor.

Blink

No, I think I agree with you totally, completely.

Runt

There's no way I could fight, I literally popped a lung. I can't.

Troy

I agree, too. We can fight whatever the fuck we want. But I guess, uh - I mean I could show you guys how to ride the train if we want to get there quicker.

Blink

Yeah, let's - do that.

Troy

Is anyone worried about that blood? 'Cause I'm not personally, but just before we go.

Blink

I don't know.

Condi

Are we near the hole?

Bizly

Yes, you guys are probably about 10 feet from the hole. The hole is massive in the ground.

Condi

Okay.

Blink

I mean, maybe we check it out. How far away is the train?

Troy

Uh, 358 meters.

Blink

...what?

Bizly

It is 358 meters away and approaching.

Grizzly

The trash man, how close is he? Or how close, or-? Is it getting closer? Is it going to get here before the train?

Bizly

It is approaching. You don't see or really know from how far, but it is outside of this wall.

Troy

157 meters.

Condi

Okay, so you said the patchwork was on the wall and potentially maybe a way through, but there's blood there, too.

Bizly

Imagine it's like a metal wall and there's another metal sheet put over it seeming to have covered a hole.

Charlie

And that's taking us towards the train or different direction, totally?

Bizly

That could take you towards the train. You're just in almost like a Colosseum-style circle.

Condi

And is there a different entrance somewhere else?

Bizly

Yes.

Condi

Is it crawling with clockwork soldiers right now?

Bizly

With that 22 Perception check, you can tell that that is where the train is going to stop and that is where the clockwork soldiers are all around.

Blink

Okay, yeah, actually. I took another little peek around. I think maybe we should try our luck with that little blood spot there and go through the wall. Because if we go the other way around, there's a lot of guys over there and apparently they're dangerous, like Runt says. So who wants to risk it, right? (Nervous laughs)

Runt

Ohh... (Shivers) Uh, let me see if I can get that sheet off.

Grizzly

And then Runt just hobbles. You can tell that she can't move very fast at the moment, she's moving at 15 feet every 6 seconds 'cause my speed is halved. I get over to the metal sheet. Does it look like with my multi-tool that I can get it off?

Bizly

Alright, so roll and just add your proficiency, and we will see.

Grizzly

I rolled a 4, and that's a 9 total.

Bizly

You're slowly prying this up, but it seems to have been welded on to this wall. You're able to jimmy at the weld, but it's taking you a minute to actually open it up, and you guys hear the... (thud. thud. thud.) And the train slowly approaching and it stops.

Troy

Awww, shit, guys. Fuck. We don't have time. We got to get to the train if we're going to make this stop.

Bizly

The gate starts to open up and clockwork soldiers are going to enter your vicinity unless you want to do something.

Grizzly

How do we get the train fast?

Charlie

I think we just need to fucking get through these guys. Is the rocket still functional or it's totally broken?

Bizly

Looking over towards the rocket, it seems like it was a one-time use thing and it has practically fallen apart.

Troy

Aw, fuck. Alright. Okay, guys, here's what I need everyone to do. You guys stack up behind me perfectly so that in their field of vision, it's just me and I'll make my body really big, and I'll hold out my sled so that I'm really big and then we'll scuttle around them so it looks like it's just me and you guys are behind me like an okay, go music video.

Runt

Okay, no. What?

Troy

Okay, (Claps) go!

Bizly

I will try and Stealth behind the the Troy Sled Meat Shield combo.

Bizly

Everybody give me a Stealth check.

Charlie

Okay, I'm going to put myself basically the sled in front of me to cover as much as possible and I'm going to get them on my back, this is like a fucking Looney Tune, and I'm going to have my head over and I'll be like,

Troy

How's it going? Hey, how are you doing over there?

Bizly

Okay.

Charlie

And I'm going to keep them behind me.

Condi

I got a 9.

Charlie

Can I roll something other than Stealth since I'm shown to them?

Bizly

You want to roll a Performance?

Charlie

Yeah, that makes sense, actually. I got a 14.

Grizzly

I got an unnatural 20.

Charlie

Yo! Alright, I'm going to use my Commanding Presence to expend a superior die and actually add a D8.

Bizly

Really?

Charlie

Because, yeah, my dad made these things. So I'm going to say,

Troy

My dad made you!

(Laughter)

Charlie

That takes that 10 to 16.

Runt

Yeah, one second, though. Quick word for my sponsors Mon'ta' Energy Drink.

Charlie

I point over to the tossed can of Monster Energy, and I say,

Troy

Pick that up.

(Laughter)

Bizly

You see about five or six clockworks get up off of this train as you start walking forward with confidence.

Charlie

Oh, that's not great.

Bizly

Runt, Blink, and Ripley all filing in behind you, just trying to act as natural as possible.

Charlie

Oh, jeez. Alright.

Bizly

You throw that can over and all of the clockworks immediately look over and go,

Clockworks

I'll get that!

Bizly

And in unison, go over and start fighting over it.

Blink

That worked?

Runt

What the fuck? They talk?

Troy

That must be a software update 'cause they were not that way.

Bizly

You've never heard them talk before. That's for sure.

Troy

Alright, here's our opening. Let's get on this freaking train.

Bizly

You guys get up onto the train and in this car, it is completely empty. You can see in the one behind, that's where there seemed to be a gathering of people. It seems like this one is probably just for the clockwork soldiers.

Troy

We should probably get on top of it.

Blink

Yeah, I think that makes sense.

Charlie

[faint disbelief] Okay.

(Laughter)

Bizly

You guys get up on top of it?

Bizly

Yeah. Okay, I do have a spare change of clothes that isn't my tracksuit that I never wear. It just came in my pre-outfitted sport kit. I'm going to put them over Runt so that she can stay a little warmer.

Condi

That's so nice.

Runt

Oh my God.

Troy

It was fuckin' extra weight and it was pissing me off. (Stutters) Don't - get off my fucking back. Shut the fuck up. I'm going to kill someone.

Runt

Mom, thanks.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Runt, I'm going to let you reroll your Con save.

Grizzly

11. Well, I got an 11.

Bizly

You do not shed the existing point of exhaustion, but you do not feel like you're in danger any further. And you all get up on top of the train.

Grizzly

When he hands me his clothes, I'm going to whisper to Blink and be like,

Runt

What the fuck is going on with this guy?

Blink

I don't know. I've never seen him be kind before. Hey, um - Troy.

Troy

Are you guys talking SHIT!?

(Laughter)

Blink

No, no - I just If we're going to be up here, down below, we gave you a fake name to blend in. Should we do the same up here?

Troy

You're right, I could use another fake name. What about, oh, I like Tori. We'll change them around.

Blink

Sure, Tori.

Troy

Good thinking, Blink. Now, hang on. This thing is pretty fast.

(Laughter)

Bizly

The four of you sit atop this train and get a better view of the island than you've had up to this point. You can see where you're headed just goes past this small town of little brick buildings and you can see people walking around in cloaks, some moving up towards this massive mountain that is covered in fog. The train Troy, you would normally expect it to go and take its way through Earhart but because you're at a different stop than you would normally take, the tracks shift and you feel that happen. You go through the mountains just a little bit. Things get kind of dark as the mountains shade your path. Then coming around a corner, you see a structure with multiple towers coming out of it, all sporting the logo of each steam-sledding team. This is the College of Engineering, nestled in the corner of Wonder, surrounded by this wall of mountains. In front of it, you can see students gathered and moving about the courtyard. You can see one group of students feeding this black powder into a small container and two other students on either side of a machine, cranking it closed, almost pressing it.

Bizly

As the train moves around the back of this building, you hear the loud BOOM! And you feel the ground shake, this train trembles. Multiple other students all around, all dressed in fine clothing. This train rolls through the inside of the building and makes it stop in the interior of the main hall. You can see that pipes line the interiors all around you and different elevators take you up to the three different levels here in this college. And all this beautiful marble flooring, statues of different great Inventors from history. It's almost hard to gather how these elevators are moving, where these people are even going. Troy to you this is just another day in your, what is it, fifth year in college as being a freshman?

Troy

Yeah, I believe so. I've had a couple of rough academic semesters.

Condi

(Laughs)

Bizly

The train makes it stop and the doors open up and you see students filing out and making their way up and around the different elevators.

Troy

Okay, you guys just stick with me. I've been an up and coming freshman name for about five years now, so just stick close and we shouldn't have any troubles. Though I do think we do need to do something about you being a bird.

Blink

Shit. Do you think that's going to be a problem? I mean-

Troy

Ummm... I mean, I don't know. Everyone here is pretty chill.

Runt

Everyone here is fuckin' hairless.

Ripley

I have some extra scarves that I can - here, we can just wrap these around you.

Blink

Yeah, sure. Just wrap them around- (Muffled talking)

Runt

You're going to mummify 'em.

Troy

Do you need the feathers? Because under there - it's skin under there, right?

Blink

[muffled] No! No! No!

Troy

I'm going to pluck you, dude.

Runt

I'll help.

Ripley

No need to pluck him! He looks good. Looks good to me.

Condi

I'm covered in scarfs.

Grizzly

Do we have schooling and stuff under Reclaim?

Bizly

You do have schooling down in Reclaim, but it's much different. It's all very intimate classes and people you know, leaders of your community. This is a massive building and the structure is so

pristinely put together. Nothing you've ever seen compares to this. This is not what you would associate with a place of learning. This is like, otherworldly.

Charlie

I don't associate it with that either.

Grizzly

No, but we don't have like, freshman, sophomore, junior, senior.

Bizly

No, it's really more of a loose structure down there where you - the class learns everything you need to learn. It's just dependent on your trade, more trade-oriented, for sure.

Charlie

It's like vocational. Okay. Alright, that's cool.

Runt

So like... You said you're what? A fresh- What is a freshman?

Troy

So I mean, there's like... My head hurts. Who are we looking for again?

(Laughter)

Runt

Hey, y'know - just forget it. I don't want you to break, alright?

Grizzly

I'll put like, something on all my ears and then tuck my tail in.

Troy

That works every time.

Bizly

Those clothes that Troy gave you are very easily used to cover you up. Ripley looks over and just says,

Ripley

We're just looking for a professor. I believe he's up on the third floor.

Bizly

And as she points over - Troy,

Charlie

Yeah?

Bizly

You see a familiar face.

Troy

Oh fuck. Oh, shit.

Bizly

And you see he's talking to a big group. He says something and they all start laughing, guffawing, big belly laugh.

Charlie

Oh, dude, you're about to side-track this entire campaign. Is this who I think it is?

Bizly

Who do you think it is?

Charlie

I think it's Lint.

Bizly

It's Lint.

(Laughter)

Bizly

He's up on the third floor in a grand walkway that has glass underneath it. You can see from a lower angle, he looks down at you from this angle and then he looks back, pretending he didn't see what he just saw. You can hear his voice faintly, and he goes,

Lint

So that's when I told her, 'Babe... Chill.'

Bizly

And they all start laughing like crazy. You see there's multiple people holding their books. One's laughing so hard the book flies out of his hand and falls down and lands in front of you. And there's a drawing of your steam-sledding team.

Charlie

Okay.

Bizly

Cloudspire.

Troy

Oh no, dude.

Bizly

And right in the center, it's a good illustration.

Charlie

Oh, no.

Bizly

Front and center. Your two teammates behind and in front is Lint.

Charlie

I've been gone for two days. How did they even do-? I don't even know how to begin to deal with this situation.

Bizly

You guys slip off the top of the train and you see students moving all around you. But, Troy, your eyes are locked.

Blink

What's wrong, Troy? I mean, you look like you're dying right now. Are you dying? Are you okay? Troy?

Charlie

I get on my knees.

Troy

Did I do something to you, God, for you to kill me and for you to send me to hell?

Charlie

And I stand up. And I go-

Troy

You! I want YOU! (Charlie laughs) You, dude! YOU!

Runt

What the fuck is happening?

Troy

Guys, back me up. Back me the fuck up right now. I need you.

Blink

Okay, I'll back you - listen, I don't know how things work. I'll back you up. YOU!

Troy

Back me up.

Runt

I'm not saying anything.

Bizly

So I did anticipate this, and I need you to roll an Intimidation and beat a 16.

Charlie

Okay. I got a 13. I'm going to use one superiority die. That's a 5.

Bizly

Okay, he just goes,

Lint

Hehehe - aw, crap!

Bizly

And he runs through the crowd and they're like,

College Students

Hey Lint, where are you going, dude?

Troy

WHERE DO YOU THINK YER GOIN'?

Charlie

Start chasin' him.

Runt

I - fuck - I can't run that-!

Grizzly

I'm like fucking limping.

Troy

You did good, Lint! You did good holdin' my place, but you did a little too good!

Bizly

Roll Athletics. He's going to keep trying to run away.

Charlie

I got a 28 to bully someone.

Bizly

You've been in these halls more than once, you know exactly how to navigate it. You jump from one elevating platform to the next, make your way right up to Lint.

Charlie

I'm like the God of Death.

Bizly

As soon as you get close, he caterpillars onto the ground.

Charlie

I start giving him a noogie, and I say,

Troy

How've you been, man?

Lint

Guuuuuuugh! I didn't - uh - I - I didn't think we'd see you again, man.

Troy

Clearly, but you know what? Hang on, just one time for all time's sake.

Charlie

I'm going to pick him up. I'm going to dunk him into a trash can. I'm going to say,

Troy

I'm happy for you, dude! 'Cause-

Bizly

You dunk him into the trash can. His head pops out like a gopher.

Lint

Thanks.

Charlie

You guys could probably see that I started to get a little emotional and a little proud of him, and then I pushed it down and instead I dunked him into a trash can.

Runt

Oh, fuck. He's just a bad person everywhere.

Blink

Oh, God.

Troy

Thanks for holding down the fort for me, dude. These are my two pals, my two new lackeys. Um-

Runt

What the fuck did you just call me?

Blink

We're not your lackeys.

Troy

They look cool. They are pretty cool, Lint. But you know what? It seems like the cool meter and the coolness ratings and the coolness rankings in the leaderboards have slightly changed since I've been gone. What have you been getting up to, Lint?

Charlie

I've got my hands on the trash can.

Lint

Well, I mean, you were just... They had to call it the second strings and I mean, of course, I had to take your place. Just keep the seat warm. I mean, what if somebody else showed up? Y'know?

Troy

No, of course, dude. I appreciate that.

Lint

I had to do it. And you missed practice, you never miss practice. And so I just had to be there - for you, really.

Troy

How did you do on the slope, man?

Lint

So bad. I did so bad. Really - I - I crashed.

Charlie

I want to Insight check that.

Bizly

Yeah, go ahead. Go ahead.

Charlie

I also... I've never wanted to Insight check something so bad in my life. That's a 16.

Bizly

He is - lying.

Charlie

Dude, everyone in this school is better than me.

Bizly

You put together that everyone is suddenly thinking he's cool. So clearly he's done something to win their favor, and it was likely that he impressed everyone on the slopes.

Condi

I grab Troy by the shoulder.

Blink

Hey, I'm going to be honest. I think he's lying. I think he's like a god of the slope or something.

Condi

Dude.

Blink

I'm just reading it between the lines here.

Troy

There's a little snow on your scarf, Lint. How would that get there unless... You were tacklin' the slopes after practice?

Lint

I mean... To fill your shoes, I just had to... I really had to pull it together. I mean, I - um...

Troy

Hey, I'm proud. Hey, buddy?

Runt

(Sniffs) You guys smell that? It smells like someone shit themselves.

Blink

That smell's been here.

Troy

That's my apprentice. That's my appren- Lint, Lint did you just shit yourself?

Lint

Troy, have you not changed in two days?

Blink

I'm just noticing this smell has just followed Troy around since I met him.

Troy

What do you mean? I've changed-

Bizly

Runt and Blink. How loudly are you saying this?

Grizzly

I say it pretty because I tried to join in on Troy. He said back him up so like. (Laughs) You can smell it now that we're not down in Reclaim.

Troy

You're right, Lint! I never change. Just like the structure in this school will never change and just like how I am still king of the slopes. Right, everyone?

Bizly

You say that and the entire grade hall goes quiet. And then you see the coach-

Charlie

No...

Bizly

Start walking along the path and he's just,

Coach

Why'd everybody get quiet? (Sniffs) Oh - oh, oh dear.

Troy

Coach, I just got back and-

Coach

Troy, you're... ough, ugh... What is that - what is that odor? What is this odiferous cloud?

Runt

He fuckin' shit himself 'cause he's the fuckin' man, of course, what do you not know? He's the king of the slopes, he just shit himself. He hasn't changed 'cause nothing ever changes. He's the fucking dude.

Charlie

We zoom into Troy's mind as we see two options. Either A, I blame Lint for shitting myself and try to reclaim my spot, or B, I try to make it so that shitting yourself was always cool and I'm the

only one that knew it. I'm going to roll a D20. 1 through 10 is blame Lint. 11 through 20 is claim that shitting yourself has always been cool.

Grizzly

I'm just doing that already. As far as we know, that's how it works up here.

Bizly

Yeah, yeah.

Runt

He's literally the fuckin' shit.

Blink

He is the shit. Yeah. I mean, everybody should be shitting themselves right now. I'll do it.

Troy

Are you telling me that since I've been gone, no one's even thought to shit themselves ONCE? What is this school fucking gone to, coach? Put me back in.

(Charlie losing it)

Bizly

Alright.

Charlie

Like a single beat of sweat, like- (Laughs)

Bizly

Go ahead and roll Persuasion with Advantage 'cause you got two fucking hypemen around you.

Blink

Yeah!

Bizly

Actually, you know what? Ripley jumps in and is like,

Ripley

I'll shit myself right now, I'm just not cool enough.

Blink

I'll do it, too. I'll shit myself right now if I need to.

Runt

I'm not personally interested in being that cool, so - I'm gonna fucking not do it.

Lint

Ugh, I think I already did.

Charlie

I grab Runt by the scarf.

Troy

I will give you whatever you want, whatever you've always wanted in life. I can make it fucking happen. Runt, I'm so fucking rich. My dad owns fucking everything, dude. I could change the fucking world. Society could change. We could turn this fucking city on its head. I need you to shit yourself, Runt.

Charlie

Is there a way that I could make this a Performance check if we all shit ourselves? Dude, I love D&D.

Bizly

I'll let you roll Performance, yes.

(Laughter)

Charlie

First roll is a 5.

Bizly

That's not good. This one's got to be good.

Grizzly

You can do it. You can do it-

Charlie

Second roll's an 8. I'm going to use one superiority die. This needs to be really good. This needs to be really, really good.

Condi

16! You need to get a 16!

Charlie

Okay, 8 plus 3 is 11. Plus 5 is a 16.

Bizly

To convince everyone here that shitting yourself is cool? I hate to tell you this.

Charlie

No, dude.

Bizly

I came up with a number in my head.

Charlie

What was it?

Bizly

It was 17.

Charlie

Honestly, honestly-

Bizly

I'm so sorry.

Charlie

Very generous, to be real. But- (Laughs)

Bizly

I made it possible! I made it possible. Your dad owns everything, people tend to follow you around here.

Charlie

He does, he does. Do we have anything that can help this right now?

Grizzly

Can I do something here, I have magical tinkering where I can imbue a sound in any object, it can do an odor or a sound and I have two left. Could I please drop a little device out of my bag of tinkering tools and tricks and it just makes the most loudest rip of ass-

Charlie

Okay. (Laughs)

Grizzly

-I've ever heard that echoes throughout the entire hallway as if everyone just shit themselves and then the second object I drop is the odor of shit.

Charlie

Wait, that's actually fucking genius! Even if no one shits themselves, everyone is going to think all of their friends did.

Grizzly

I'm sorry, you're like the loudest shit ever. Collective shit, unison shit, and it just smells acrid.

Bizly

Alright, so I want to let this work. Here's my thing. I'm not going to let it work instantly, but I'm going to give you one more chance with this. Everybody's already looking at you like you are a fucking freak. Eyes are on you and everybody's got that face like they smelled something bad.

Grizzly

Ohhh, no.

Bizly

I'm going to let you roll Performance one more time.

Charlie

Here's the problem, is when all eyes on me, that's when I get the cold. I lock in.

Condi

Noooo. Nooooooo.

Charlie

8...

Bizly

Unfortunately, here's what happens.

Grizzly

Oh, man.

Bizly

The loudest fart imaginable - I'm so sorry, Anna, who's sound designing - reverberates through this hall.

(Players losing it in the background)

Bizly

And everybody starts freaking out and goes,

College Students

Oh! Oh!

Bizly

Starts running away. People start freaking out. The coach is like,

Coach

Oh, what a disgusting scent. Lint, come with me. We have practice.

Bizly

He pulls him up out of the trash can and he looks at you and says,

Coach

Sorry, Troy.

Grizzly

[agony] No!

Coach

Change your pants.

Bizly

And he turns and walks away and people brush past you. This - mouth agape look of shock and despair on your face as people knock into you as they all run away. The fucking sprinklers start going off like a fire has just happened.

Troy

What the fuck did I do WRONG!?

(Laughter)

Charlie

Punch into a wall. I wanna just like-

Grizzly

You punch a locker, dude. Just soaked from the sprinklers.

Charlie

For some reason, I have running mascara, too.

Bizly

That unfortunate dread fills your body. Nothing was directly said to you, but all the clues are there.

Charlie

I'm off the team, aren't I?

Bizly

It seems that way. Spot's been filled, pants have been filled, heart's still empty. Things around you move in slow motion, everything starts to feel light and heavy all at once. The sprinklers rain down on you.

Charlie

I'm playing a very problematic character, but would it be too much if I dropped to my knees and held my sled like I was going to commit seppuku?

(Hysterical laughter)

Grizzly

A little bit of a problem.

Charlie

I'm not going to follow through, I'm just doing it for attention.

Speaker 4

I'm just going to let him do it.

Bizly

You do it. You do it.

Runt

Hey hey hey hey hey - what - what the fuck happened? What's goin' on?

Blink

I think that actually went really well, like - as far as shitting your pants and getting away with it goes.

Runt

Why are you cryin'? Why do you have black streaks on your face? Why are we wet?

Troy

Don't you - don't you understand?

Runt

No.

Troy

[sadly] I'm off the fucking team, dude. That was all I had up here.

Blink

What about, like, your father and the immense riches and all that stuff?

Troy

None of that stuff means anything!

Runt

What team?

Blink

I just feel like things will be okay, I mean, y'know. You could probably convince your father to make your own team.

Troy

[tearful] I never wanted to be this rich and cool, and now... I'm just rich.

Charlie

I drop the sled.

Grizzly

Look, I mean... we're... (stutters) ...we could be a team?

Troy

[tearful] Do you really - do you really mean that, dude?

Runt

Yeah.

Blink

Yeah.

Runt

Sure. I mean, what do we got to do? Wh- What's the game?

Troy

[tearful] There's something you should probably freaking know if you're going to be on a team with me, dude.

Blink

What is - what is that?

Troy

It wasn't... [a pause] It wasn't that other guy.

Blink

What? Does that mean?

Troy

[tearful] The one who shit my pants. It- [chokes up]

Blink

Troy, Troy-

Troy

Come on, Troy. [hits the wall] Come on!

Blink

Troy, no. It's okay.

Grizzly

Hold on. You can do it.

Troy

The one who shit my pants.

Runt

Yeah?

Blink

Uh huh.

Troy

[shakily] It was me, dude.

Runt

We know.

Blink

We know, Troy.

Grizzly

(Laughs) We both put our hands on his shoulders.

Runt

We know.

Blink

Nobody else could have possibly shit your pants under those circumstances.

Troy

[upset] You don't understand what I'm saying to you. I lied to you, dude. I told you that someone else shit my pants. And you believed me!

Runt

'n how do you feel about that?

Troy

I felt good. 'Cause I'm not cool anymore.

Grizzly

You don't look so good right now.

Blink

Yeah, honestly, you look pretty - bad.

Runt

You know what? Look, honestly, you bein' like open and kind of pathetic. And you smell bad, you're ugly.

(Bizly snickers)

Runt

I think you're cool now.

Blink

Yeah, it's kind of refreshing, honestly.

Runt

You actually look like a real person, and that's cool.

Blink

Don't get me wrong Troy, I mean, I accept you as a pants shitter.

Troy

[tearful] You really mean that?

Troy

I look up I'm just fuckin' sobbing, I shit myself.

Blink

I mean, y'know, you're a pants shitter and you should be proud of that I think.

Runt

Exactly what Blink was - yeah. If anything, it gives you more character.

Troy

[tearful] I thought about it just now for a second and I think you're both right. Fuck all these fucking idiots! Shitting your pants IS cool.

Blink

Well, wait a minute. I mean, maybe not-

Troy

And it's not my fault if they don't understand.

Ripley

Of course it is.

Runt

Yeah, of course it is. Up here.

Troy

I'm cooler NOW. I'M COOLER NOW!

Runt

You are so fuckin' cool. You're like water just tryin' to have a good time.

Troy

Ice fucking cold, dude. Now, let's go find that professor and let's go - kill him.

Blink

Well, wait, no, I don't think we're doing that. Yeah, no-!

Ripley

No! No!

Troy

Oh, sorry. This thing is nothing now to me.

Troy

I look at my steam sled.

Troy

Is it even a sled if I'm not a sledder? This thing's just a fucking - re-flavoured maw.

Blink

Well, hold on. Maybe - we don't throw away the big giant weapon sled.

Ripley

Yeah, please. That's a really cool sled. Worked hard on that.

Blink

It's like, really cool.

Troy

I don't deserve it...

Blink

I actually think it makes you cooler just by extension of having it.

Runt

You don't have to give up what you love to be, y'know, cool. We could be a team or we could... Well, can't we enter whatever the game is? Then you can show them how cool you are with your shitted pants on our team.

Troy

Runt, I don't have a spot in the big game anymore. You need an official team with the school, and-

Blink

You're right, we need to get a spot. That means we need to open the spot. So maybe we play it like Troy would play it.... and we kill those guys!

Ripley

Could we not kill anyone, please? And just go find the professor?

Blink

I don't know, I just feel a lot more loose with my morals now that I'm not within my city with my people.

Ripley

Rising to the top has changed you.

Troy

You know what? I started being myself and I felt like all of a sudden, people around me started being more like me, too. I - I didn't know that just being the best version of myself could do this much good. Let's go kill- [Charlie breaks] -an entire team!

Runt

Alright, hold on. Emergency meeting. [buzzer sounds] There's no fucking way. Alright? Usually, I would run along with stuff-

Blink

Okay, for the record, I was joking. I mean, I thought maybe there was some character growth and you wouldn't maybe go kill those people.

Ripley

-what?

Runt

Not a funny joke.

Blink

I thought it was really funny, okay?

Runt

His people's lives are at stake. He's clearly not jokin'-

Blink

I didn't think he would go along with it!

Runt

He's in a vulnerable state. You got to be careful with what ideas you put in his mind, alright? We can make him believe that shitting himself is cool. Killing people is not.

Troy

I just wanted to see how far we could take the joke. How many people before-

(Laughter)

Bizly

You see in this empty hall, a couple of administrators start walking over, heels clicking.

Runt

I imagine if you kill enough people it'll get funny eventually, but that's not the point.

Administrator

Excuse me.

Runt

What?

Administrator

Um... We've gotten some concerns about, uh - pants shitting and people screaming about killing the professors.

Blink

Yeah, that was - that was Lint. Yeah, that guy shit his pants.

Administrator

Lint.

Bizly

Roll Deception.

Condi

(Laughing) That's a natural 20.

Grizzly

Ooo.

Bizly

Natural 20?

Charlie

Oh my God, dude.

Administrator

Lint. I always knew that one was trouble. I'll be back. You stay here.

Blink

Why did that work? I'm sorry, I feel so free right now, actually. This is crazy.

Troy

Hey, honestly, Blink, you should do... What was that? What was that that you just did?

Blink

I lied, I lied.

Troy

I think we should all that more often. It seemed very effective.

Runt

Ohhh no. I have a bad feeling about this. Oh my God, things are going off the rails.

Troy

Let's go find this professor before I make a decision I'm going to regret.

Bizly

Okay, Ripley leads the three of you through the halls. You guys weave through the almost incomprehensible web of hallways. Troy, you've normally had Lint guiding you around, more like a chauffeur.

Troy

I don't even know my own school, dude.

Bizly

Dude, you don't need to, you don't need to. People just tell you what's up. You're good. She leads you through this web of hallways and as you round into a corridor, you hear a: pop, pop! Fizzle, almost like small fireworks coming from behind the door and you hear a muffled voice coming from the inside. As Ripley opens the door, she says,

Ripley

Professor, is this a bad time?

Bizly

And the door opens, you see Professor Cross-

Condi

Aaaaaa!

Bizly

-standing at a table mixing a couple of different things with his hair blown up into his face.

Runt

I'm going to bully the fuck out of this one.

Troy

There's no getting away.

Bizly

He says,

Professor Cross

Time bad not I am? Oh... Strange this.

Blink

I don't understand a word he's saying.

Professor Cross

Can fix I. Can fix I, can fix I, can fix I, can fix I...

Runt

Time good, yes, now.

Professor Cross

You are, hello! How?

Bizly

He looks at you. You see his eyes, big and beady, just staring at you. This man doesn't seem to be all there entirely. He's got this big, long lab coat that goes down, his right-hand being entirely mechanical. As you see gears turn and move and his eyes just are so wide as he looks at you.

Troy

At least someone in this school speaks my freakin' language.

Professor Cross

Are you high?

Troy

Yeah.

Professor Cross

How?

Troy

Actually super high right now.

Professor Cross

How? How? How how how? You are.

Blink

I'm honestly higher than I've I've never been in my life right now. I mean, I've never been this altitude level. I live in a hole.

Professor Cross

I. Apologies, experiment, wrong did. W-Went?

Runt

I think we have to talk like him in order for him to understand. Mind your is all brain there.

Professor Cross

Bad time...

Runt

What the fuck did I just say?

Troy

Egh! Cool, shit, no.

Blink

Troy, I think you got to just leave that one a little bit.

Professor Cross

Stars, the by. Stars, the by. Um... Help you, how can?

Troy

We, uh... way - down-

Blink

Professor look the for... Inventor!

Troy

Down Toplockaclockabopalis. Fuck! I don't know.

Professor Cross

What?

Blink

Need get clock. Clock down under - ground under.

Runt

Hey, we're tryin' to get to fuckin' Cogtopolis and we think you can help us. Can you help us?

Bizly

Ripley goes over and messes with some of the stuff that he had on the table and you see a vial that she spins extremely fast on one of those science spinny things. I don't know what the fuck they're called. She pulls it up and just says,

Ripley

Here.

Bizly

And he kicks it back.

Professor Cross

Oh! Oh, that is so much better. Ohhh, dear. Oh dear. Um... Hello! Howwww can I help you? Ohhh, by the stars, thank you. Ripley, it's so good to see you. How have you been? How have you been? Um, how is the Inventor? Who are these individuals? And why is heee standing ominously, peering at me through the ropes? Have you come to kill me? The Grim reaper! I've been told of you!

Condi

I remove my scarf over my mouth and my beak pokes out.

Troy

Oh, yeah. Just a heads up, Blink. Things will escalate very quickly around here if you do not interject.

(Laughter)

Professor Cross

Oh, it's just an owl man. An owl man. Interesting, new. How can I help you all? You want to get to the... Don't, you already said. Apologies. It has been a long day.

Blink

That was a lot easier than I thought, okay.

Professor Cross

Clocktower. You'd like to go to the clock tower?

Blink

Yeah, you know Cogtopolis? It's where the Inventor lives. It sounds like you know who the Inventor is.

Troy

With a G.

Blink

With a G, yes.

Professor Cross

I, too. The - The Future Thinkers. You all, is it-?

Bizly

And you see, Ripley just gives a nod to the professor.

Professor Cross

Okay. I can help you to get there but I must inform you, security has t-heightened in the area. These clockworks, they patrol, and they're behaving differently. I couldn't explain it if I tried, although I could possibly explain it as there being something updated about them. I'm not entirely sure, but I have wanted to take one apart and look at it for a little while. I have not done so, though, because I do not want to arouse any suspicion that I might be...

Troy

Might be what?

Professor Cross

Anyways, how do you want to get there? Oh, perfect! The only way to get there right now will be through the... What is it called? The airship lounge!

Blink

Okay, cool. Yeah, that means it's just a lounge, right? We can just head up there anytime, right?

Professor Cross

Well, it's not just any lounge. It is one of the most high-end lounges here in Earhart.

Blink

Well, it's okay. This guy is the richest guy in the world, so he can just pay our way in.

Professor Cross

Sure! Oh, and it's - yes, it's perfect because it only goes up every now and again, and all you've got to do is win. So we're set.

Troy

You don't get it, dude. Only the first place steam sledding team is allowed up there.

Runt

What?

Blink

Oh.

Professor Cross

So just win.

Troy

I'm off the team, Professor.

Professor Cross

You're WHAT? What am I going to do with this?

Bizly

He rips open his coat and you can see a big Cloudspire shirt.

Professor Cross

I've been waiting for the game for so long, you cannot be serious. This must be a mistake! Who's replaced you?

Troy

Professor Cross, just save it for Lint, dude.

Professor Cross

[disgusted] Lint? The second string? That'll be no good, that'll be no good.

Runt

Wait, wait! No! This is perfect! Oh my fucking God.

Troy

Oh, I-

Runt

You just got in trouble with the administrators or whoever those scary big people were. That means he's going to get taken off the team and you can get your spot back! And then we can, uh - we can help supe your fuckin' sled up to make sure you win!

Blink

Oh, yeah, true. I mean, I did just lie to them.

Professor Cross

That may be just the beginning of our problems, unfortunately. It seems with your disappearance and the disappearance of one called Mai, uh I.... I don't believe the games are to continue. They couldn't find a replacement for Springhawk.

Troy

...what?

Professor Cross

Yes, I've actually been looking for her all around. I haven't been able to find her. Do you know where she could be?

Troy

Yeah, I tried to follow her home, but I lost her.

Bizly

You're tried to - what? You followed her home after the semi-finals?

Troy

Yeah, that's right. I was just really angry in a dark place. But she went into a hole, which is also a dark place, so I guess I can't really judge.

Professor Cross

Okay, so she lives in a hole.

Troy

Games are cancelled... You're kidding, dude.

Professor Cross

Well, and there's a missing person.

Troy

Ugh, I can't fucking believe the game's off.

Condi

(Laughs)

Bizly

Look, I can perhaps handle getting the games back on, but I can handle your end. But - you are the one who's last seen Mai.

Troy

We got to get the games back on somehow.

Professor Cross

Could perhaps find her.

Ripley

I don't mean to interject, but... We're on a bit of a timetable. I don't know if we want to wait for the games. We could just go to this airship lounge.

Blink

Would we be able to get it up there, though?

Ripley

I - I - just a thought. Just a thought.

Troy

No, that spits in the face of the sport, I won't allow it. I would sooner allow the equivalent of nuclear weapons to fall into the enemy's hands than to sneak onto the second floor of the airship lounge. If we need to find... Fuck. I'm not cool, I'm looking for Mai, Lint's team captain. Oh my God...

Runt

I could just pretend to be Mai? If that's all that's needed.

Blink

That could work, yeah.

Troy

Oh, yeah. I mean, you guys look kinda similar.

Charlie

Is that true at all?

Bizly

Um! No.

Troy

Honestly, she's - I've forgotten about her already, so it's probably just a matter of time before everyone else does too.

Professor Cross

I mean, perhaps you could try, but there would still be a girl missing.

Troy

Yeah, but the games would be back on.

Condi

(Laughs)

Professor Cross

And there's no telling it would work. I mean, do you even know how to operate a steam sled?

Troy

Well, it doesn't matter because you could just throw so that we win, right?

Runt

I can operate anything, first of all, I'm the smartest girl in the fuckin' world. Second of all, don't people go missing all the time? It happens down in Reclaim.

Professor Cross

No??

Blink

It happens down there all the time.

Professor Cross

You're from Reclaim, that's fascinating. Can I see your ears?

Runt

No.

Bizly

He goes to look anyway, and he's looking at them.

Runt

I said no!

Grizzly

Fucking punch him in the dick.

Professor Cross

Oh!

Charlie

I fuckin' kick him in the balls.

Bizly

You both hit him in the balls. Okay.

Charlie

I start beating him.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Is this something you want to roll to hit for? I mean, he's not going to resist that, whatever. He just gets the shit beaten out of him.

Charlie

Just like a casual like, I do this kind of thing all the time.

Grizzly

That's how we greet each other.

Condi

A casual ball-kicking, dude.

Troy

Alright, Professor,

Charlie

Do I know how many players are typically on a steam-sliding team?

Troy

Three.

Troy

Professor, maybe May's dead but... I think we need an administrative sign-off. But if you were to sign off on it, we could make a team and replace Springlock. There's three of us, right?

Professor Cross

You would need an administrator. That's right. It's not been done in a long time. That doesn't mean it hasn't been done.

Blink

We can start a third-party team, yeah.

Runt

I feel like my ideas are getting plagiarized.

Charlie

Dude, I'm going to make that a running bit that I will constantly steal your work and sell it for money.

Runt

You know what, from now on? I'm not sayin' anything. That's it.

Professor Cross

I would be willing to support this team, but I cannot go through all that paperwork and find Mai at the same time.

Troy

You're right. You'll just have to do the paperwork.

(Laughter)

Blink

Okay, no. I think I'm understanding what Mr. Cross here is saying. I think he wants us to go find Mai, and he will work on the paperwork.

Professor Cross

You were the last to see her.

Blink

You just had to go back to the hole, right? I mean...

Troy

Oh, man.

Blink

Oh, you know - oh. You did say she was dead, she might be. There was a lot of blood there.

Professor Cross

Blood?! By the stars, you must go!

Troy

Professor, you just worry about the paperwork. We'll sort of review the evidence. How long do you think that'll take you, by the way?

Professor Cross

I would like to study your brain. Likely not long. It will take definitely a day's time, perhaps two, but it's okay. We have at least five until the game.

Troy

Okay, great. I mean, honestly, do you guys want to just fuck off and I can show you kind of around the place?

Professor Cross

But I doubt Mai has that long, so you must! Go quickly.

Troy

There that name is again. Who is that?

Runt

Is there a strong reason we should go back to where all the fuckin' dangerous machines are to find Mai? Is she like, important to the school?

Professor Cross

I mean... She's a person!

Runt

Can't she take care of herself?

Professor Cross

Did you not just say there was a lot of blood? Look, if you'd rather go about it on your own, so be it. But I did expect more from a friend of Ripley.

Blink

Well, yeah - we'll go find her, yeah. He has expectations for us. I mean, I can't let be - I can't let him down.

Professor Cross

You've already said it! That means you'll do it. Bahh-

Troy

Blink, we need to talk about your susceptibility to guilt-tripping.

Blink

No, but like - I mean, it's like - he's right. I mean, it is a person, right? We can't just leave a person there to die.

Runt

But there's so much cool stuff for us to go around and look at and see how it works.

Troy

Dude, I'm so glad you guys got it to the surface and you're finally speaking sense for once.

Blink

No, but there's five days before the game, so we can just find this person.

Troy

Yeah, I guess that's true.

Runt

I don't know. I mean, this isn't our responsibility. I feel like we got roped into something.

Troy

We could go check out a bunch of the places I frequent and say we're looking for Mai. Then maybe while we're doing that, too, we could come up with a cool team name and stuff.

Runt

Exactly. And we need to have costumes for racing or whatever.

Blink

You're saying this out loud in front of Professor Cross, I mean-

Runt

Don't we have to train?

Blink

Do we?

Troy

We do. Oh, Mai is pretty good at steam-sledding. Fuck, she could train you guys, but she's missing. Wait a second. I think I saw her last by that big hole. If we could find Mai, then we-

(Laughter)

Ripley

Alright, guys, I'm going to stay here with Professor Cross. You guys could find Mai? Yeah?

Blink

Yeah, sounds good.

Runt

Well, now that we have a strong reason to.

Professor Cross

Where did you find these ones?

Ripley

It's kind of - it's a long story.

Blink

I never needed a strong reason. I mean, helping people is all I want.

Troy

Yeah, me too. I think we should get drunk and then we should go to the hole.

Runt

I can't drink.

Troy

I mean, I want to show them the sights. We also made it, so we should probably party a little bit. So maybe we should party tonight and find Mai tomorrow?

Blink

No, but wouldn't it make more sense to find Mai and then party because we found her?

Troy

Let's pregame, find Mai, and then party.

Blink

Okay, yeah, I think I could do that. Yeah. Except for you, you're underage, you're not-

Troy

I'll buy it for you.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Okay, so you guys want to party hard for like a day, chill out for a little-

Charlie

Yeah.

Bizly

get fuckin' drunk, and just have a good time and then go find the person in mortal danger?
Dope.

Charlie

Yeah.

Bizly

Alright. So, here's what we are going to do. I'm going to let all of you take a long rest right now.
I'm going to have-

Grizzly

That's awesome.

Bizly

-all of you, tell me now, are you stealthing around Earhart? Are you trying to keep a low profile? What's the situation?

Charlie

After I pregame, do you know that Spider-Man panel where the costume's in the trash bin?

Bizly

Yes.

Charlie

He's walking away. I think I want to do that with my tracksuit.

Bizly

Okay, what are you wearing now? Are you naked?

Charlie

Oh, fuck.

Grizzly

Yeah, what is Troy wearing under the tracksuit?

Condi

You gave your spare clothes to fucking Runt, dude.

Bizly

Dude, he's just butt-ass naked, fucking like - crazy rash on his entire back, just like walking away.

Charlie

I'm in the bar, I'm in the bar and I turn to Runt and I turn to Blink, and I say,

Troy

One second, guys. I need to do something.

Charlie

And I go outside and I take it off, and I throw it in the trash and I start walking away, and I start looking through my bag for the spare clothes. And I go,

Troy

Oh, fuck.

Charlie

And I turn back. And it's like gone. So I'm going to come back in wearing a trash bag.

(Laughter)

Grizzly

That's so fucking... That's so poetic, dude. You just dunked away, and then now you're wearing the trash bag.

Bizly

I'm going to say Runt and Blink, both of you make Stealth checks for me. Just general for your time here in Earhart.

Grizzly

Unnatural 20.

Condi

23.

Bizly

So you guys keep a pretty low profile. I mean, it's a busy town. Once you get into Earhart, you see these pristine stone brick roads and all these beautiful buildings, winding paths and such. Unbelievably beautiful city.

Grizzly

I want to inspect everything, go touch everything. Try to mess up everything, take everything apart.

Charlie

I'll give as much of a tour as I can, but slightly pre-gamed and in a trash bag. I do just look like I'm a guy on drugs harassing them. I'm going to go ahead and I'm going to show Blink and Runt, the wonders of Wonders.

Condi

While there's a dying girl by a hole somewhere.

Bizly

Your journey starts on the train back moving into Earhart. As you enter the city, you step off of the platform for the train, and you're immediately met with these beautiful streets leading you down to a courtyard. This is where you see a statue of a man named Extraordinary Lougferd. He sits with water coming out of his mouth, going all the way back over onto an umbrella that holds up over his head. All around this massive courtyard, there's tons of people walking around, having a good time, storefronts all around you. A clock tower just in front of that statue goes way up into the sky past anything even remotely tall in the city. You can see that it's got three different clocks up there all telling the time up to the next 100,000 years. It seems like it will tick endlessly. You said you wanted to get drunk, your journey starts over in the bar. You go into the bar that I described Troy being in in the beginning, this is where the airship lounge is.

Bizly

You see, unlike a bar you would see in Reclaim, this is where they're all operating that heavy machinery, pouring drinks.

Bizly

They get you a little water Runt, or they buy you alcohol.

Grizzly

No, no, no, I-

Bizly

Whatever you like.

Runt

AGH, NO, NO!

Grizzly

[unintelligible]

Bizly

Whatever you like. Whatever you like.

Charlie

I'm going to go - I actually, I got... I get Runt a fake-

Bizly

You guys get a fake ID from this guy named Trent. Him and Troy go way fucking back, they're super chill. They dap up in this weird different way.

Grizzly

If it's legal in Wonder-

Bizly

It's not.

Bizly

It's- (wheezes) It's not.

Troy

His full name is Trentanyl.

Bizly

It is Trentanyl because he gets you a little bit of Trentanyl and he gives it to you. It's in a little baggy.

Grizzly

Can I just drink sparkling grape juice, please? Like I don't-

Bizly

Sure. You can drink sparkling grape juice if you want to, but if you want to get underage drunk, just let me know. We can make it happen.

(Laughter)

Grizzly

Ayyyyy-

Troy

To be fair, Wonder doesn't even have laws against this.

Charlie

And I give... I show them a bag of Trentanyl.

Troy

Because no one actually knows what this is.

Blink

What is that?

Bizly

No, dude, it's just Trent's special stuff.

Troy

Yeah.

Bizly

He goes,

Trent

This is my special stuff. Here, try it out.

Blink

What?

Troy

Hope that clears shit up.

Trent

Yup.

Bizly

Okay. And then you guys take the trek down to the Belt. This is like the suburbs that exist just outside of Earhart and you make it down to this grand lake where people are ice-skating all around, having a great time. And this is where you guys ice-skate and learn the wonders of Wonder, just as Troy wanted to give you. These are the main areas that Troy would frequent. Troy, for a second you think about taking them back to the Lougford estate, your home, and then you remember that uh - you shouldn't do that.

Charlie

Yeah, there's a lot to unpack there maybe, um...

Bizly

Yeah, you're not trying to unpack that just yet. And the next stop on your journey would be right back to the hole. You guys have all this different kind of merchandise. Oh, I totally forgot to mention-

Charlie

Oh, that's-

Bizly

As you guys are moving through the city, you see tons and tons and tons of flags, posters, hoodies, everything relating to the different teams. There's rivalries between Cloudspire-

Charlie

Aw fuck, dude.

Bizly

Springlock, Grease Monkeys.

Bizly

All of them are just at each other's throats, they're getting ready for the finals this upcoming weekend. You guys come away with whatever team merch you guys want, and you end up back at the hole.

Runt

I know you guys pre-gamed and stuff and you enjoy all that, but I just wanted you to know that it will kill your brain cells and shrink your brain tissue.

Blink

This is the most yummy-est little spiracle thing I've ever tasted. I'm eating a donut right now, it's really good.

Charlie

Can we buy blanks? Blanks of shirts to just try out some designs on while we're looking for this like probably dead girl.

Charlie

Sure. What do you want on your shirts? I think I buy a bunch of foam fingers that haven't gotten anything printed on them yet, and like - I buy a thousand blanks that individually I'm going to get

someone to draw on all of them because we don't have time to print them. I don't know. I mean, Runt sort of got the brain for design.

Grizzly

Run thinks back to the first thing she saw when we landed in the snow and nearly died.

Runt

What if - 'ey, what do you think about Team Smokestack?

Bizly

Ooh.

Runt

And then it's like - a little wispy fuckin' black smoke for the thing.

Troy

It's actually kinda cool.

Runt

It's like the dark version of Cloudspire because we fuckin' shit ourself, y'know?

Troy

Oh, I like that. Okay, so it's sort of like-

Runt

If you build it up, if you start small, it almost looks like an upside-down shit. Y'know?

Troy

I like that, too. Okay, so what if we do... We'll make it look like it's coming out of a house, but if you look at it upside down, it looks like an ass. You can't tell if it's...

Blink

It's like a butt, yeah. That's good.

Troy

You can't tell if it's a smoking house or a shitting ass.

Runt

You're natural, oh my God.

Blink

If you just happen to look at it from the right perspective, it could be either. I like this. This is a good idea.

Troy

I think we're on to something.

Grizzly

Team Smokestack.

Condi

I did actually end up with a ton of merch. I didn't buy it. It just got thrown on me and I am wearing one of everything. It's just every single team ever, multiple shirts.

Charlie

I say

Troy

Die, fence sitter.

Charlie

And I kick him into the hole. No-

(Laughter)

Grizzly

Is that a term for someone that switches teams?

Charlie

Yeah, yeah - I'm sure you'll take off whichever ones lose. Anyway, so I forget why we were here. We're at the hole. I turn around.

Condi

No, wait, we had to save the girl. We had to find the girl.

Troy

Oh, right! Okay, so.

Runt

Her name is Mai, right?

Blink

Yeah and she's going to teach us how to snowsled because you can't.

Troy

That's right. She was really good.

Blink

Because she won the last race is what you said.

Bizly

So, you guys are looking around the hole for any sight of her. Go ahead and give me Perception checks from everybody who's looking around.

Condi

Natural 1.

Charlie

That's a 5.

Grizzly

Would you let me retry? I'll have a disadvantage. Exhaustion sucks. I got a 9, but I was going to ask (coughs) if I could retry getting that slab of metal off.

Bizly

Yes, you can.

Condi

I'm going to use Enhance Ability on myself and give myself owl's wisdom, fittingly,

Bizly

Ooh.

Condi

-and have advantage on this Perception check.

Grizzly

[scottish accent] Say goodbye to your spell slot.

Condi

[weird accent?] Goodbye, spell slot. 13.

Bizly

Okay, Troy, you look around. It's just a bunch of trash or whatever.

Troy

Uuuuuuuuuuuuggggggghhh.

Bizly

Yeah, you're bored and tired. Getting a little hungry, but like - you just passed food and they asked if you wanted to eat. You said, 'nah, I'm not really feeling it right now', and now you're feeling it. And so it's like, it's like bothering you.

Charlie

That's so awkward. I'm going to look around for maybe half of a granola bar or something and try and stealthily eat it so that they don't know that I'm eating trash.

Bizly

Cool, cool.

Bizly

You roll Stealth and we'll get back to you.

Charlie

Okay.

Bizly

Runt with your Perception check, looking around, you don't see much of anything new here. You really are just overwhelmed by everything that you've seen today, and this just looks like a bunch of trash that you just saw. But you go over to start messing with that little panel anyway, start pulling at it. And Blink, as you're looking around, you take notice immediately of that blood stain again and you get a little closer. It looks to be pretty fresh, maybe like 2-3 days old, not extremely old. It looks like it could have belonged to Mai. You're right up next to Runt as she's opening up this little flap. You look past this hole and you see a little speck in the snow just on the other side of the wall. Once Runt gets it off, because eventually she will be able to, you get a little closer and it's sitting in a massive footprint. It looks like something buried underneath the snow.

Condi

Can I dig it up and take a closer look?

Bizly

Yeah, as you dig it up, you see a pair of aviation goggles.

Blink

Hey, Troy, do these look familiar to you?

Troy

[Mouth stuffed] Ngh? Ngh-

Bizly

What did you get on your Stealth check?

Charlie

Like a 4.

Bizly

4? You guys see Troy pick up what he thinks is a granola bar.

Charlie

Oh, no, dude. No, dude.

(Laughing) No, dude-

Troy

What? He thinks it is? What is it actually?

Bizly

Fifteen or higher, it's a granola bar. Anything lower than that, it's something else. (Dice rolls) 17, it's a granola bar!

Charlie

Oh, thank God. I just start making love to it.

Bizly

Dude, you cannot-

Grizzly

That made me so nervous.

Bizly

You guys see he's eating a trash granola bar.

Troy

Mm - ough - did you find something?

Blink

Yeah, I mean, there's these goggles here. Do they - look familiar?

Charlie

I don't know. Do they?

Bizly

Do you wanna roll a History?

Charlie

Sure. 17.

Bizly

You could never forget the goggles of the one who dethroned you. This belongs to Mai.

Charlie

Yeah.

Runt

Oh, like the ones you gave me, but like... kind of better.

Blink

Yeah, actually, I'm looking and these are much cooler.

Charlie

I just look at Runt.

Grizzly

Uh, uh, uh - uh... But I was still wear yours, of course, because these are May's.

Troy

Yeah, those are uh - those are hers. We wouldn't want to get your fingerprints on the evidence here, would we?

Runt

Right.

Troy

Yeah, those are her goggles.

Charlie

They were under a big footprint?

Bizly

Yeah, so looking closer, you guys can clearly see footprints in the snow.

Charlie

What kind of footprint?

Bizly

Likely belonging to a clockwork soldier.

Charlie

Oh, shit. Okay.

Bizly

Maybe even multiple. And they lead off into the direction of the southeast part of Wonder. A place that, Troy, you really can't remember ever going to.

Blink

I mean, I guess we should follow these steps then, yeah?

Troy

I think that's a good idea, but this direction is covered by fog of war in my mental map of this. I don't think I've ever been this way.

Runt

That doesn't bode well. Alright, let's get a move on.

Blink

What's the worst that could happen? I mean, it's just another part of an otherwise safe city. I mean, this has been a wonderful experience for me so far.

Runt

Yooou! Are going to jinx us!

Blink

Now that I'm back here at the hole where all the trash is, it makes me sad that we live in trash and that you dump it on us all day, every day.

Runt

We don't live in trash, our place is fuckin' beautiful.

Troy

You do live in trash, though, on a - like, technically, yeah.

Runt

Fuckin', Blink is just a traitor. You're turnin'! Watch yourself. I'm going to start pluckin' your feathers.

Blink

No! Don't do that!

Troy

Blink, you should move up here. You should move up here. I can get you a deal. I can get you 100 square feet for 25K a month. Is that a lot? I mean...

Bizly

You have cogs, too. You know that that's fucking ridiculous.

(Laughter)

Bizly

So Troy, going here, you don't remember ever going this way. But... Unfortunately, Runt you do. Along your path are rows upon rows of warehouses, too many to count, all policed by clockwork soldiers and some kind of militia wearing dark red and brown attire, each with the letters WTC stitched into the uniform. Getting closer to the actual town, though, the streets start to get extremely narrow, and this is Docktown. Now, walking through Docktown is very different from the clean, posh streets of Earhart. Those of you from the Sorting District might feel a little more at home here, and it is completely foreign to you, Troy.

Runt

Oh, yeah yeah yeah - I recognize this place. This is where they took my cousin.

Bizly

But - completely foreign to both of you from Reclaim, is - these gusts of wind from the freezing ocean, drawing tears from your eyes as you get closer.

Blink

Ugh, why is it so salty? Ugh-

Runt

(Trills lips)

Bizly

As you all get to the shoreline, the cold reaches your bones and Runt is nearly swept away with the stronger gusts.

Runt

Motherfuck-!

Bizly

Throughout this dock town are children playing in the alleys and the workers that provide the luxuries of Wonder, all going about their lives. Lining the shore here are older-looking brick and wooden buildings, much shabbier than what you've seen so far, and I would say even shabbier than the stuff you've seen in Reclaim. At least the stuff down there feels purposeful and well put together, it seems as though these people are making do with what they have. Opposite them are frozen docks with a couple of ships stuck, embedded in the ice and a fog rests on top of this ice, obscuring your vision of anything much further. The fog of war pushes back to this point.

Troy

Alright, got it.

Bizly

The three of you are in Docktown.

Blink

Wow. Y'know actually, there's a - kind of tension that's been hanging over me the entire time we've been up here. It's kind of gone now, this place is nice. I do think nothing bad could possibly happen here.

Troy

I think you should buckle down on it, too.

Runt

I'm not sayin' anything. I'm not sayin' anything.

Blink

Well, I am saying something, and nothing bad could happen here. This place is lovely.

Runt

You want to test the fuckin' universe?!

Blink

I don't understand.

Runt

You want to test 'em?!

Bizly

What is your passive Perception, Blink?

Condi

13.

Bizly

What is everybody else's passive Perception?

Grizzly

Mine is actually 14.

Charlie

Mine is 13 as well.

Bizly

Okay. A couple of kids moving over into an alleyway bump past you. Blink, remove all of your money.

Condi

41.

Grizzly

Remove all of your money.

Bizly

You don't really notice anything happening here.

Charlie

Ohhh my God.

Bizly

You just see some kids run past, they're playing. They're having a good time. Runt, you know what happened.

Grizzly

You know what?

Blink

Listen, I don't know why you're so averse to admitting that this place is nice and that nothing could, like... Why do you think that saying words is going to make things go wrong?

Grizzly

I give him the most... as the kids are sort of like, running away behind me, I'm giving him the most half-eyelid, open, deadpan stare.

Runt

Uh huh. Suuure.

Blink

Why are you - why are you looking at me like that?

Charlie

I actually start giving Blink a wide berth as well.

Blink

What? Why are you - both are looking at me like that?

Runt

Blink, I - I got a question for you.

Blink

Yeah?

Runt

You rich?

Blink

Mm. No. Why?

Runt

Are you poor?

Blink

Well, I don't think so.

Condi

I reach for my wallet pouch.

Blink

I have like... Oh, I probably left at like... Um, I mean...

Runt

Mmm.

Blink

I don't always...

Runt

I'm sure you did. But you know what? Everything is going to be fine, right?

Troy

Karma's a bitch, I should have known better~

Grizzly

You just start singing Jojo Siwa-

(Laughter)

Charlie

It was relevant. It was relevant.

Blink

Yeah, so I guess I have no money, yeah. But I probably just dropped it somewhere. It wasn't like - a fault of this place, right?

Troy

Plus, if all that could happen is they take your money. I mean, that's not so bad. I mean, is there anything worse that could happen?

Runt

No! Stop! Stop! Stop!

Bizly

Okay. (dice rolls menacingly)

Troy

No I mean, seriously, is there anything worse that could happen? That's pretty much the worst thing I can think of.

Runt

I'm going to hide.

Bizly

Troy, roll... Strength check.

Charlie

Okay, 15.

Bizly

You see three other kids have come out of the alleyway and have come over to you and are just walking by you aimlessly and all three of them reach over and grab your steam sled and start tryin' to pull. They're young kids, probably like eight or nine.

Blink

Look, the kids are so playful.

Charlie

I say,

Troy

How old are you?

Kid

Give it over!

Troy

Oh, I'll give it to you alright! How old are you?!

Blink

They're eight or nine!

Troy

How old are you!?

Kid

[terror] I'm eight or-! I'm eight!

Troy

When you turn nine... I won't stop myself. When you turn nine, I'll find you.

Bizly

Roll Intimidation.

Charlie

21.

Bizly

(puffs lips)

Grizzly

Shits himself, cries.

Bizly

You smell a familiar scent, and they run away.

Troy

Tell all of your friends! That what you just did in your pants, you should be proud of!! It's not embarrassing!

Bizly

He runs away.

Grizzly

I want to see where these kids are running off to 'cause there's been six now.

Bizly

Okay.

Blink

So... Those kids stole my money, huh? Okay.

Runt

Yes.

Blink

Shit.

Bizly

They run off over into a nearby alleyway. It's very tight knit over there.

Charlie

I was going to ask if we saw where the automaton footprints continued to or no.

Bizly

They kind of, as you got towards the city, trailed off and really just led you to this place.

Grizzly

'Cause there's a ton of them here, right? Like a ton of-

Bizly

Yeah, there's a lot of people moving around and there's no way to keep track. At this point, the ground is covered in slush.

Grizzly

Oh, yeah, we're still looking for Mai. Fuck! Okay, never mind. Forget those children.

Blink

Maybe the children will know. And also, maybe they'll give me back my money. Hey, wait!

Condi

I'm going to run after them.

Bizly

You rush over into an alleyway and you see it's got to be 20 or 30 kids, the ones you just saw rushing forward into the crowd of them, and one of them standing around. They're all kind of yelling over each other, and you see one holding up a rag of some kind.

Charlie

Is it a familiar rag?

Bizly

Yeah. As you get closer, you can hear one of them,

Lead kid

I saw it for for myself! He got it, and he took him in there! Now, any one of you, come on, highest bidder, gets it. Do I see 100 cogs? I got 100 cogs. Tell me 110. Tell me 110. A hundred and ten cogs!

Blink

I don't even have that much money.

Troy

These kids have 100 cogs, dude?

Blink

How do they-? I had 41 cogs.

Runt

I don't have enough to bid...

Troy

Dude, I'll be honest, I'm actually poor. I only have \$10.

Blink

Unless cogs are like pennies and not gold coins.

Bizly

They throw in your coin purse, you see it fly through the air and land.

Lead kid

That makes it 130 cogs!

Bizly

And he goes,

Lead kid

Anybody else? Anybody else?

Runt

Hey, wait a minute. You fuckin' stole that money.

Blink

Yeah, you stole that money! Thanks, Runt. I didn't know how to actually do that.

Runt

You! You fuckin' thief!

Lead kid

Oh no! Scatter!!

Bizly

And they start running. And the one with the rag grabs the money and starts bolting.

Grizzly

I'm going to chase the rag, dude. Yeah, let's chase the rag.

Condi

We're going for a rag boy. I don't fuck with this. I cast Haste.

Troy

You, dude. I want you, dude! I want you YOUUU DUDE!

Condi

I don't cast Haste on myself, I cast Haste on Troy.

Troy

I WAANT YOOOU!!!

Bizly

You cast Haste on Troy. Alright, Troy, roll... Contested Athletics with this eight-year-old child.

Charlie

15.

Bizly

That is double what the child got.

Blink

Get him, Troy!

Bizly

So, Troy, you immediately break out into a sprint. You just kick all these different kids to the side. They're fucking... You're parting the sea of children. And you find this one wearing this tattered vest in a shirt underneath. He's holding this rag, clutching it with the coin purse for dear life. He goes in through this building. You guys move through a house. He goes upstairs, three levels, and then jumps across a building. You leap across the building and then over to the other one. As he jumps over, you pop out from around the corner and fucking catch him where he stands and hold him by his head over the ledge.

Troy

You, dude.

Charlie

I just start laughing.

Lead kid

Let me go let me go let me go let me go!

Troy

Ahahahahaha!

Lead kid

You can have it! Are you one of them? Are you one of them? Please don't hurt me!

Troy

Dude. You're in trouble, dude.

Lead kid

Please don't hurt me!

Troy

You're in trouble!

Charlie

Backing him up so his toes are on the ledge.

Lead kid

No, no, no, no, no, okay! Okay! You can have it, you can have it, you can have it!

Troy

Where'd you get the rag, dude?

Lead kid

[hyperventilating] I got it, I got it, I got it- (Stuttering)

Charlie

His feet are barely on.

Bizly

Roll Intimidation one more time. With advantage, with double advantage.

Troy

That's a 21.

Bizly

With a 21, dude, he's fucking trembling, shaking. He hands it over to you. You can see this is a piece of May's scarf. He just says,

Lead kid

I-! I - ggugh - I got it off from... It was - one of the clockworks left it behind!

Troy

[threateningly] Where were they goin', dude??

Charlie

Start lifting him him up.

Lead kid

[terror] They took the-! They took it to the! To the Overseer's place! I don't know!

Troy

Good work, dude.

Lead kid

It was a relicite, I swear! It was! I saw it! They - They kept telling me it wasn't real, but I know they're real. They're real!

Troy

What's real, dude?

Lead kid

They're not as scary as you...

Troy

WHAT'S REAL, DUDE?

Lead kid

[terror] The relicites-!

Troy

THIS IS REAL!

Lead kid

[terror] The relicites!

Troy

THIS MOMENT IS REAL!

Lead kid

[breathing heavy] Ohh, ohhhh...

Grizzly

The what?

Blink

Do you think maybe he's going a little overboard? Like, maybe like-

Lead kid

They're called relicites. They come up in the night and they steal all your stuff. I knew they were real. I knew they were real. But they wouldn't believe me, so I took this!

Troy

You stole our stuff, dude.

Lead kid

No, no no no no no-

Troy

Are you one of them?

Lead kid

No, no, no, no, no! No, I'm not I'm not I'm not!

Troy

Okay.

Lead kid

They took it to the Overseer's Island. Okay? That's all I know. That's all I know.

Troy

[threateningly] Alright. Where can a chill guy find a little seafaring vessel around here, dude?

Lead kid

[babbling] I - I - I don't know, but... my...

Troy

Hey, that's okay, you seem stressed. Why don't you chill out and do what's chill and shit yourself?

Troy

I like to think that there's an Assassin's Creed dumpster or hay bale below us, and I just push them slight- (Laughs)

Condi

I catch the kid.

Bizly

Okay, okay. He goes falling. Blink, you catch the kid, and then he's just standing there staring at you.

Bizly

B-B-B-B-B-Boris, big Boris, big Boris.

Charlie

I'm also still in a trash bag, so you just look up and see me on the ledge like the Batman animated intro with this thing like, fuckin' flapping behind. And I just step back and I fade out of view.

Blink

Hey, so never steal anything again.

Lead kid

Okay, okay.

Blink

This is a lesson. Big Boris?

Lead kid

Boris will take you.

Blink

Good. Okay, now run along, little boy.

Bizly

It gives you the rag and even more money. You can add 128 cogs.

Blink

I need to return this to whoever you stole it from. Oh, God.

Bizly

He just runs away.

Blink

Hey wait, no, where did you steal all this money from?

Charlie

Troy turns the corner back to the guys.

Troy

Fuck, I lost him.

(Laughter)

Blink

Wait, was that... No, that was...

Troy

Huh?

Blink

You were up there.

Troy

What are you talking about, dude?

Bizly

Dude, the greatest superhero of all the time, the trash man. Trash man fucking lives, dude.

Condi

That's fucking crazy.

Charlie

La basura.

Grizzly

Troy is in his captain underpants era, dude.

Troy

Did you guys get anything out of him? What'd you find out?

Blink

He gave us a name and a rag and a lot of money. So. I mean, whoever was up there, extorted him really well. So we're looking for a big Boris. Apparently, he'll take us where we need to go.

Runt

Troy, I understand why you are the way you are now. This place up here is fucking crazy.

Blink

Yeah, no, it actually sucks. I was wrong, I'll admit it. What was the worst that could happen? This.

Troy

Pretty fucking cool. But you know what? We came out the other side, and now we've got the information, and we know where we need to go. Also, everything up here isn't made of fucking trash, so that also helps, I suppose.

Blink

Well, it's like, but there's a term to it.

Runt

No but, when everything isn't made of trash...

Troy

Okay.

Runt

The people are.

Blink

Wow.

Runt

You know what I mean?

Troy

Oh, shit. Nah.

???

That's deep. Profound. I like it.

Runt

What the fuck?

Grizzly

Who said that?

Bizly

You see, there's just a guy looking out a window and he's got these round glasses. He looks down.

Troy

Hey, is your name Boris?

Boris

Might be. Who's askin'?

Blink

Is that true? Are you actually Boris?

Boris

Who's askin'?

Troy

Well, we're askin'. Otherwise, I'm literally asking you right now dude.

Blink

Us, yeah, we're asking.

Boris

Mmm...

Blink

Do you have a boat?

Bizly

Roll... Persuasion.

Bizly

I love it. I got an 11.

Boris

Yeah, got one. Not sure you're going to get far.

Blink

Well, we just need to get to - where do we need to go, Troy?

Troy

That kid mentioned something about the Overseer's Island while it was running away from us.

Blink

The Overseer's Island, yeah. Can we get there?

Boris

Not with a boat... But I got my ways.

Troy

Why not with a boat?

Blink

It's an island. How else would you get there?

Boris

Mate... It's ice.

Blink

Oh, we can walk.

Boris

And walkin', that'd take a day. You'd be lucky to survive.

Blink

Oh, we can take your sled.

Troy

We can take... We c... We can t... We could sled there, dude.

Boris

Sure. If you can navigate the fog.

Blink

Why is there always another problem?

Boris

Listen, I can take you there.

Blink

Okay.

Boris

For a bit of coin.

Blink

How much?

Boris

Well, starters however much you took from that boy. And then... Let's put a cherry on top. Let's call it 250 cogs.

Troy

With a G, right?

Boris

Capital.

Grizzly

I want to look up at this guy and give him the big beady... You know rats have the giant dark eyes and they're just like, y'know.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

I want to give him those, dilate the pupils. Y'know, like puss and boots, cute styleq.

Charlie

Aw that's cute, that's cute.

Grizzly

And then just look up at them.

Bizly

So you're trying to look cute, not scary?

Grizzly

Yeah. And I say,

Runt

Actually, sir, please. My sister might be taken over there, she could be in danger. And we're just trying to save her and get back over here and get out of everybody's hair. I don't want her to die, sir. We don't have a lot of money at all. I don't.

Bizly

He takes a closer look at you. He has never fuckin' seen anything like what you are when your eyes turn into something completely foreign to him. I know you didn't intend to, I am going to have you roll Intimidation because it is going to shake him to his core to see a new race of being.

Grizzly

Just a 12.

Charlie

Oh, fuck.

Boris

Well, I... Have never seen anything fuckin' like that. How about you come up? We'll have a chat. You and I.

Blink

Just Runt? I think we'd all like to be there.

Boris

All of yers. All o' yers.

Blink

Yeah, that's good.

Runt

That fuckin' backfired.

Troy

It's gettin' us in there. So I suppose this works, right?

Blink

I suppose it does. I just hope it doesn't...

Bizly

He throws down a rope ladder out the window.

Blink

There's no stairs? You don't have stairs up here?

Boris

Might be stairs. How much coin you got?

Blink

Oh, Lord. Okay...

Boris

(Laughs) I'm only messin'. Stairs is out of order.

Blink

What?

Boris

That is fine.

Blink

We go up, we go up.

Bizly

You guys go up and you see this shabby apartment with a strange stockpile of boxes over in the corner of this this little room that you're in. As it's opened up, you can see little weapons poking out of the sides.

Boris

Welcome! Alright. You're looking to see the overseer. Whys that exactly? What have you got business with him for?

Blink

Oh, well um... Actually, we're looking for a girl named Mai.

Boris

Girl?

Runt

Yeah, my sister is really sick and stupid. She gets into the bad parts down all the time.

Bizly

Roll Deception.

Grizzly

Love, disadvantage... 7.

Boris

That's a quick tongue you got. Always spillin' lies out of it?

Runt

Ohhh, fuck! No.

Boris

That's Alright. You're a natural. I'm just a little bit keener than that. Your average Joe.

Troy

You have a sister?

Condi

(Laughs)

Boris

Exhibit A.

Runt

Actually, I have 12, maybe 20 cousins. Some of them don't come back all the time from the jobs we do, but I also have a grandma and then we have a few other siblings, but they don't really come around. I have a mom and a dad, but they're somewhere. I don't know where they are.

Troy

Okay.

Blink

Okay, listen. So you said 250 cogs. We don't have that money, but it is urgent. Somebody's life is in danger.

Troy

But you know what, dude? I bet the Overseer has that kind of money is all I'm depositing.

Boris

Ah. You suggestin' I have a little pity on the one got captured. You suggesting we pop off a little heist.

Blink

Or both. Or both.

Boris

I like both.

Runt

Yeah, I'm pretty good at stealin' shit, so we can do that.

Bizly

But unfortunately... This is a cogs up front business, you see. I don't know you from a hole in the ground.

Troy

Well you might not know them, dude, but maybe you recognize me.

Charlie

Do you have an umbrella?

Bizly

Sure, there's an umbrella around.

Charlie

Do you have a tap, like a sink?

Bizly

There's still water around, sure.

Charlie

So I'm going to put up the umbrella, and I'm going to put a bunch of water in my mouth, and I'm going to spit it up on the umbrella and try and look like my in the statue.

Bizly

Roll... Performance.

Charlie

That's actually... Oh, that's a 22.

Boris

Well well... We got a loughferd in the building. Price just gone up.

Boris

Shit.

Bizly

I'm guessin'... yous the baby, 'uh? The little one.

Troy

[indignant] I'm a man!

Runt

He's actually a freshman.

Boris

I'm not movin' for less than five for a Loughferd.

Troy

Less than 500 cogs?

Boris

But hang on, you could always trek it on foot, or... One more option as a transport. High-priority guest making his way to the overseer. You could uh -commandeer some trade company outfits, make your way over. Them's would lead you the way. Or, I'm feelin' generous, I'll take you up on this little heist. Because come to think of it, yous not makin' it back without me. Now, I'm not takin' you back without the cogs. Seems like a fair game. What do you say? Options is options. Take 'em as they come.

Blink

So we have 128 cogs right now from myself. Do you have any Runt?

Runt

Dumbass. You're supposed to start... You say, we have less than what we actually have. And then they don't know the real amount that we have. For example, I only have about five cogs on my person right now.

Troy

Runt, I could honestly give this guy a toilet seat lid that would change his life. You know what I mean? Everything around me is just made of money constantly.

Runt

But we don't have it on us right now. You know what I'm sayin'? Y'know?

Troy

No, I actually only have 10 bucks.

Blink

I mean, you come up here and steal stuff all the time, right Runt? I mean, your family does.

Runt

(Coughs) Aaaall the tiiiiime. Yeahhh.... (Stutters) So we don't need this guy, alright?

Troy

So you're a professional, dude, is what I'm pretty much hearing Runt?

Runt

Pretty much, I can do anything.

Troy

If If anyone could pull this thing off, this heist, it'd have to be you. That just makes sense. Why don't we give this guy half up front? 100 and... 200, uh...

Boris

Sweeten the pot. No up front, don't need it. I know you're good for it... Lougferd. Oh, what a day.

Blink

I feel like he's going to blackmail you.

Troy

I'm already - dude, I'm at the lowest I've ever been. I mean...

Runt

Deal.

Troy

Oh, wait, what was the deal?

(Laughter)

Troy

Well, fuck, alright. Sounds good to me.

Blink

I guess we're in. Yeah, okay.

Boris

How about a shake on it?

Bizly

And puts out his hand.

Troy

I'm not, dude - no, there's no way. I mean, one of you guys can.

Bizly

He puts a hand out to you specifically. You can see his fingernails are long and yellowed. He's very kind of - short and more overweight, he's missing a bit of hair on top. He puts his hand out and he holds it to you.

Troy

Okay, great. Okay, Runt, this is going to be tough. Can I have your support?

Charlie

And I hold out my hand to Runt.

Bizly

He's going to go and try and grab your hand from there.

Charlie

Well, no, I'm holding it back to- I'm going to try and move Runt's hand into his hand so that I'm not making the deal and Runt is making the deal because I don't even know what we just agreed to.

Bizly

So you guys have to go in there and steal the cogs for the price of this.

Grizzly

Yeah, I mean, I spit in my hand and then shake Troy's.

Runt

Alright.

Troy

Great.

Runt

There, you got my support.

Troy

Okay. Alright.

Runt

Now you shake his hand.

Troy

Alright. Sounds - okay, so this is what I was worried about.

Runt

We're like business partners.

Troy

As witnesses in this conversation, I am merely a middleman for that existing handshake. I'm shaking you on behalf of this party.

Charlie

And then I shake his hand.

Bizly

You got to shake his hand and-

Runt

I actually don't want to be in the business anymore, I think I quit so-

Blink

Oh, that's bad.

Runt

Naturally, you're the last one in, so it's your deal.

Blink

So deal's off, I think.

Troy

Okay, well actually, Blink's is still part of it. I would like to also sell my share of the business.

Bizly

You go to put your hand in his. As we zoom in on that handshake, with that my friends, our time together... Is up.

Grizzly

Ohhh my God.

Charlie

Oh. I missed the pocket watch.

Bizly

And my little pocket watch fell out.

Condi

Ohhh, God. We have to steal shit.

Charlie

Yaaaaaaaaaay.

Speaker 4

And look at that, you have made it to the end of the episode. Professor motherfuckin' Cross is here, you know the fuckin' vibes. Anyway, we got to thank the \$50 patrons over at

patreon.com/justrollwithit. I'm going to make it quick. I'm going to say them fast because I'm about to go to Taco Bell and get me some soft tacos~ I'm so sorry. Anyway, thank you so much to Stealthy Bree, Shacko Seek, Dan Fire 444, Boxfish, Cry Says Sunny Stinks, The Megabat Ako, Leaky Lecure, Swirly is a confirmed guest on JRWI, Basic Blur, Avi E, Cinnabunny 03, The Fallen Vines, Blue Alien Fox, Lord of Cheese, Pink Tucky, Ya Boy Mason, M4500N, Eri the King, the Rubik's Cuber, Bogotier FC, King Little Man, Canonical JRWI Jesus, Viper Hypnotic, Icky Clover, Al Major, Type 2 Tiabetes, Kingdom Games, Voyessence, Rock Stoneson, Haze Roper, GBS Child, Gillion's Rich Cousin Billion, Deja Vu, Stinky Man, I'm Just A Burb, Cranky Martin, Goose, Camden Finn, Lightning Deathbringer, Grezgor - dude, I can't say that.

Speaker 4

You've never clarified. Really? I mean, at this point, it is your fault. Cheezus, It's Albert. Insomnia draws. Xena Scythe, Agar Steeljaw, Lim Muncher. Morbius. Oh my God.

Bizly

The Morbius? No fucking way, dude. Mr. Anderson 1078. Oliver Lolly, Erin Moment. Alister Susie, Broderick Motif, Falugash. Constantina- I'm sorry. Misty Butterfly, That One Person. Aldrich Itzafena, Mr. C, Runt Needs a Doctor. You goddamn right, Runt Needs a Doctor. Just wait. I mean, was that in this episode? No, it wasn't in this episode. Anyway, Sif, The Game Hunter, Teeny Ghost, It's Sea Fresh, Me Forever Mate, Serezaku, Charlie Darling, Songbird, Hackle, Eclipse 1680 Gaming, The Oval Lord, Buzozo, Quin Gibson, Kedis Bades, Epikris, Morton Musker, Leftover Rice, You'll Rue the Day, Hmberger, Mr. Unpredictable, Jonathan Bleek, Luke Pierce, Thomas Pierce, Lemon Leviathan, Beebnis, Dapper Unstable Chaotic Cracker, Mia's Motherfucker, Bran Nyan, Bre Lee, Daxie Boy, Vapor, O'Kerberos, Floofle Boo, I'm Butt-flusting, Beans, Pupper in a Space-suit, Kerbwin, Walfie, Pippin the Vagabond, Taine Lambert The Snazziest, Sweet Cacti, Bacca7 - bet it's going to be...

Bizly

Yep, Cals the Folded Pizza Zone. The Awesome Man, F-Bomb, Amber Curry, F-Bomb?? Robert Gangwer, Man-Made Imp, Jordan Darlin, I'm In Your Walls, Dr. Rat Bastard, Abby, Katie, and Elliot. Sam and Ducky, Sarah Lester, Mr. Nacho, Wild James, Samu Bo the Second. Funny dog. Love a funny dog. Finrua, Mitchell Iverson. You want to see my funny dog?

Bizly

She fucking bites my feet when I talk to the camera. I get loud, and she fucking despises it so she starts biting my feet. I don't know why she does it. She wants me to stop. So if you see me

shifting, it's because she's biting my fucking ankles. Literal ankle biter. Boss Goat, Narwhal shellfish, Derpy Trix. Ow! Geekly Legend, Zero Codex, Death Claw, Sandy 007, William Smith, Apple, Soul of a Pep, Big Man Christian, Blublemblop, Ely's the Washed Up Bard, Zerberish, Elvish Cyborg, Obligatory References, Criosanus sin, Spinyax, Raytheon, Jacob Martinez, Kirby Wafro, Silvesoul, Bionical D&D, Jason the Fricker, Gillion's biggest fan. Oh, motherfuck-! The Godly King. She's really going at it now because I picked her up. Cornier Comet, Sorcerer Punk, Charm of the Bard, Kitsune, Nonzlottele, Asteria Nix, George Benji, JRWI Enjoyer, and Devinator. Now, check me out, gang.

Bizly

Something has come to my attention. We had a \$50 patron who was in the \$50 patron tier for, - I think it said over six years. Yeah, over six years. Jay motherfuckin' Newell. Unfortunately, not in the \$50 tier anymore, but we could not appreciate you any more than we already do.

Bizly

Thank you so much for six fuckin' years of supporting this. You will always be a \$50 patron in my heart, just remember that. So shout out Jay Newell. Shout out all of you. Thank you so much for making my stupid fuckin' show possible. There's going to be - okay, I need to warn you, there's going to be a bit upcoming. There's going to be a bit upcoming. You're not going to like it. It's a bad bit. Objective, just on paper. It's a bad bit. I think it's next episode? It may be the one after. It has to do with conflict and our responses to it. I just need you to meditate on this and prepare for what is to come because I have been told it is my worst bit, okay? And not in a funny way. Oh, this is funny. Just like... Nasty. Just not a good bit, okay? And I need you to fucking bear with me.

Bizly

Alright? Anyway, that's it for this episode, I'm getting some tacos. Just stay on the look out for that one, it's a rough one. (Laughs) I think it's fucking funny. I was told later on that it wasn't that funny.

Bizly

Anyway, yeah that's all. Goodbye.