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Real quick before this episode starts just want to let you know that we have launched our brand new website. justrollwithit.com, the brand new home for all of our exclusive content, as well as a ton of merch that we just dropped. I want to thank you all for supporting us so much this far. It would not have been possible without all of you. I also want to say, Patreon is not going anywhere. So if you like Patreon and you want to stick over there you are free to do so, content will still be getting uploaded over there regularly. But you can also find all of our content over on jrwishow.com where it is so much easier to navigate and built just for you.

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On our last episode of Wonderlust, the team landed back in Docktown after a successful heist. Runt's condition unfortunately seemed to be worsening, so they sought out a nearby clinic. Only this clinic's usual patients aren't exactly human. Sadly, this doctor was of no help and instead directed Runt to an herb in the Harrod Mountains that may at least slow her worsening condition.

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The team then set off to find Grey, a mountaineer who could help them venture into the Harrowed Mountains and find this herb. They took the steam train and got off in Inaro Fell, the small town at the base of the mountain. It's here they met Grey and stayed the night in his home preparing for the dangerous trek up the mountain in the morning. And now my friends, we venture back once again into the world... Of Wonderlust.

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Bizly

We open on a dark clearing with glowing lights moving in towards it. The glow of these lanterns that you carry as you follow Grey up towards the mountain on your ascent. Runt, you can feel the cold once again piercing your bones, and you wonder if this trek up the mountain is a wise one. Though you've never been one to shy away from a challenge... So you face it head-on. Troy, it's early as hell, it's still dark. This is way before your uppies time. You're kinda a little sleepy and a little cranky 'cause Grey whipped you out of bed, gave you some equipment. You're now carrying tons of different - almost like daggers - they're little anchors, is what he said. You've got a big bag on your back with a bunch of sleeping bags and such, a lot of equipment. You've basically become the pack mule in this situation.

Charlie

Just like morning practice, okay.

Grey

Alright. Are we ready to make the trek?

Runt

Uhh - as ready as I'll ever be.

Troy

Well, I thought that was the trek.

Runt

We have more to go?

Grey

Much more on our journey.

Troy

Ohh... Fuck. Does anyone want water or a snack?

Blink

Mm, y'know I am a little peckish.

Troy

Here, I got rid of all that stupid shit you put in here and replaced it with snacks.

Grey

What?

Troy

Yeah, I mean you just gave me a bunch of - what? Like, doodads 'n shrapnel and scrap, so I just-

Blink

I think his father was in there.

(Laughter)

Troy

I'm going to be right back, dudes.

Charlie

I- (Loses it) I go back down the mountain, put his dad back in the back, and I go back up.

Troy

Okay, I hope no one's hungry.

Bizly

You go back down, you grab the bag of stuff you left over, and you bring it back.

Bizly

You can see he does have this box alongside him with chains wrapped around his shoulders, and he was going to carry. But Troy, you're convinced that in the bag was his dad.

Troy

I thought I left his dad.

Bizly

The box was something else, probably.

Runt

Oh my God. Can we just fucking go? It's c-c-cold.

Troy

Wait, I thought that was the trek.

Grey

Just be prepared for what you're about to see up there. It's not like anything down here. Hand over an anchor. Let's climb.

Bizly

And everybody roll initiative.

Grizzly

I rolled a 23.

Charlie

12.

Condi

Willy, what are you doing here?

Bizly

Willy, what are you doing here?

Charlie

Honestly, I don't know. I think my voice is just a little shot, and I have that acclimatory period with Troy where I flit between Edward Twilight.

Condi

Oh no.

Bizly

It is really close to Edward Twilight.

Charlie

He's a little more breathy like this.

Bizly

It's a little more predatory for sure.

Charlie

I don't know what you're talking about.

(Laughter)

Bizly

So, how this is going to work is you're each going to roll an Athletics check on the beginning of your turn to determine how far you move up the mountain. To get to your destination, you need to move 250 feet up the mountain. On a successful check, you'll move 50 feet. On a failed check, you will move 25 feet. You can secure an anchor, which will give everyone advantage on Athletics checks until the end of your next turn, you can assist another person up, or you can brace and prepare for the elements which will give you advantage on whatever is to come.

Charlie

So do we choose that instead of rolling or in addition to rolling?

Bizly

In addition to rolling. So every round you do the Athletics check.

Charlie

Okay, got it sir.

Bizly

For putting in anchors, that's just going to be grab a dagger and put it on your sheet, and you just roll the hit into the mountain.

Charlie

Last question, I swear. You said the anchor was for... That gives everyone advantage or just us?

Bizly

Everyone.

Charlie

Okay.

Bizly

Because you'd be moving up the mountain, putting in an anchor, and putting the ropes onto that. So the four of you begin your trek up the mountain. Up first is Runt. Runt, you face this challenge head-on. What are you going to do? And first, please roll your Athletics check.

Grizzly

Alright. I have armor of magical Strength, which usually lets me extend a charge to add my Intelligence modifier to a Strength check. Would that apply to an Athletics check?

Bizly

That makes sense. You have gadgets that will enhance your Strength, maybe make easier to grip into the rock.

Grizzly

The whirring of the gears and steam mechanisms (zz! zzz!) Start to pump up and move faster all around the joints of Runts' body. And... Plus 4 is 14.

Bizly

You are able to move up the full 50 feet as you begin your climb. Grey looks up and just says,

Grey

Make sure you're grabbing on to the most stable part of the rock.

Runt

Am I looking for a jug or a - or a crimp?

Grey

What?

Runt

Fuck, forget it. You never climbed a mountain before?

Troy

You're looking for jugs! You don't want to go for crimps!

Runt

Alright, but I got strong fingers now.

Blink

Wait, is this a slab climb or is it an overhang?

Runt

Or is it like an incline?

Troy

Right now, it looks like we're comin' up on an overhang.

Grey

Oh, man, I actually - alright, I'm not gonna know the references.

Runt

You call yourself a mountaineer?

Grizzly

Anyways.

Troy

Okay, make sure to take the bright red rocks. I think that's a V1.

(Laughter)

Grizzly

Runt puts her goggles on and some of the fuckin' rocks get highlighted red.

Bizly

(Laughs) That's awesome.

Charlie

That's so funny, dude.

Bizly

With your action, do you want to do something that you have on your sheet, or would you like to secure an anchor, help someone else up, or brace for what may or may not come your way?

Grizzly

Let's secure that anchor.

Bizly

Do you have a dagger on your sheet?

Grizzly

Yeah, I have two.

Bizly

So just roll the hit with that.

Grizzly

[demonic voice] Yes, DM.

Charlie

Holy shit, dude. What happened to your voice?

Condi

Runt, are you good?

Grizzly

[Runt voice] 12!

Bizly

Unfortunately with a 12, you go to take this dagger and stab it into the earth, but it just clinks off and does not embed into the stone properly.

Troy

Okay, looks so secure! I'm going to put all my weight on it, here I come!

Bizly

Okay, up next is actually Grey. He is going to follow up behind you, and he's carrying that- (Dice rolls) As he takes a chain, throws it up over what seems to be a familiar stone for him and starts pulling himself up with that specifically to a landing that he can sit on for just a moment and secure the coffin up on his back.

Runt

Is this dagger really the best way to put in an anchor? Has no one invented a better device for this?

Bizly

Functionally, it's not a dagger. It would be almost like a railroad spike. Dagger is just the easiest thing to throw on your sheet because most people already have them.

Grizzly

Oh. Alright.

Runt

Point still stands!

Grey

It's worked so far for us.

Runt

It doesn't work for me!

Troy

You said you lose people all the time!

Grey

You're free to improvise.

Bizly

Up next is Troy.

Charlie

I'm going for a Dino Run! I got a 21.

Bizly

With ease, you start climbing up this mountain, dude. It's like easy. This is a cakewalk, you're good.

Charlie

I'm going all upper body. I'm going to burn - I'm going to gas out, like - in round two.

(Laughter)

Charlie

If I try and secure a spike, is that going to give people... Is that going to give Runt advantage or just the people remaining in the round?

Bizly

Pretty much to the end of your next turn.

Charlie

I will try and in that case, secure a spike since that still seems pretty helpful. I'll produce one of these railroad spikes. Go-

Troy

Hyah!

Bizly

Go for it.

Charlie

15.

Bizly

(Claps) That's exactly what you needed. With a 15, you embed this spike into it and you take the rope, tie it around, and that is going to give Blink, up next, advantage.

Condi

Yeah, I think I'm going to need that.

Runt

I think mine is broken.

Troy

I did forget to switch them out, so that is just a really hard piece of beef jerky, but you should be okay.

Blink

It's really cold up here, huh?

Runt

You're a fuckin' dumbass.

Grizzly

I start eating it.

Troy

Don't eat that!

Condi

Okay, that's a natural 1 for my first roll.

Bizly

Holy shit.

Condi

For my second roll, it's a 4! 6.

Charlie

Oh! Not much better, bud.

Grizzly

Can't you fucking fly?

Condi

No, it's too windy up here in cold and my feathers are frozen.

Charlie

Shut up, nerd.

Bizly

I mean, you can try to fly, but there's going to be checks involved just the same. It would pretty much be the same Athletics check to fly up. So it's whatever you want to do.

Condi

No, I'm tryin' to trek it by foot and arm and leg.

Bizly

Okay, so you try and climb up this mountain and you make it probably about 20 feet and you slip down.

Blink

Aah!

Bizly

This rope catches you. You just make it up to 25 feet, but you do have an action.

Runt

Thank God for that anchor, huh?

Blink

Yeah, I think I'll put another one right here just be safe.

Troy

Stop eating it, Runt! Stop, you're eating it!

Runt

You said it was jerky!

Condi

Nah, I'm going to brace myself. I'm going to brace myself, I think.

Bizly

Blink, you get that sixth sense that nothing is ever so easy. There's a little bit of a rumbling, and you prepare yourself. You kind of nestle up underneath a bit of a rock, and that brings us to the top of the round where I'm going to roll a little something.

Blink

Hey, guys, something bad is really - going to happen right now! I swear to God, I feel it in my bones.

Troy

Dude, just breathe, man.

Blink

Something bad always happens! (Hyperventilating)

Runt

You can swear to him all you want, but they're not fuckin' real.

Troy

I'm going to cut you loose, you're freakin' me out.

Grey

Alright. Brace!

Bizly

All of you feel the rock start to shake and shift as, come tumbling down multiple stones. I need everybody to roll a Dex save.

Speaker 2

And I get advantage.

Bizly

You get advantage? Absolutely.

Charlie

How did you, Brace? Is that why? Yeah.

Speaker 2

Thank God. I got a 2 and a natural 20.

Charlie

I got an 11.

Speaker 4

16.

Bizly

Runt. With ease, you slide in between some of the rocks and hide away, and you see a rock come tumbling down. But just as you move out of the way, you notice you were right in front of Troy obscuring his vision And Troy, you see Runt moves out of the way and replacing her is a giant stone that comes and smacks you in the face. Oh, Troy.

Charlie

Thanks, Runt. Now I can see that rock.

Bizly

And this rope catches you and you feel it tighten and pull up your midsection. You are now only 25 feet up the mountain. Pretty much you're dangling right down next to...

Speaker 2

Hey, Troy.

Bizly

Next to Blink.

Charlie

One step forward, two steps back.

Speaker 2

I'd say like half a step back, actually more for you.

Bizly

Runt, you can see that grabs this coffin and leans over and the rocks roll off the back of it as he creates a ramp with it.

Speaker 4

My God, he's carrying a full coffin. Why didn't I have that visual in my head before?

Bizly

It's on his back. He leans over and he goes, Still helping me out, old man. That's dark.

Charlie

I mean, it's sick, though, but how is this what your dad wanted? We're all going to die.

Bizly

He wanted to be buried at the top.

Charlie

He's just like, launch him.

Bizly

No, he'd want me to make the trek, and I will. At the top of the round, it's going to be Runt. Roll Athletics. Hips close to the wall.

Speaker 4

Move dynamically. This wondrous coal powering the half mech suit. Alright. That is a 15.

Bizly

A 15. With a 15, you pass and move up another 50 feet. You start to feel the air become a little bit lighter as you breathe in. There's a sharpness in your lungs, and I'm going to need you to, unfortunately, roll a constitution saving throw. No. No.

Charlie

This is fucked. No! My condition's worsening.

Speaker 4

Seven total.

Bizly

You feel that familiar pain in your chest, and you take 10 damage, and you take one point of exhaustion. What?

Charlie

Oh, dude, you are fucked.

Bizly

Disadvantage on ability checks, unfortunately.

Speaker 2

Brutal. I don't think she's okay up there.

Charlie

How did you start to fuck up? I can't hear you over the wind, so I had you get louder.

Bizly

How much farther do we have? About 150 feet. You're 100 feet up now. Blink and Troy are 25. They're 25 feet up.

Charlie

Dude, we're not making it. We're not making it.

Speaker 2

You're on your own up there.

Speaker 4

I'd like to cast jump on myself, and then next turn, my jumping is tripled. I'm going to fucking jump for it, dude.

Bizly

Okay, so you'll still have to roll an Athletics check. I think how we'll rule this is if you use that spell to cast jump, we'll give you an extra 25 feet of movement.

Speaker 4

Yeah, sure.

Bizly

Or how flavor-wise does this work?

Speaker 4

She reaches down holding herself up with one hand on a jug. And then, again, same mechanism on the kneecap, twist thing, almost like one of those wrenches where when you turn

it a certain way, it does the little clicks. It's a bunch of clicks near the knee, and then steam starts to spray out as the tension in the springs and the build are getting tighter.

Bizly

Alright, now, Grey is going to try and make his way up. Actually, you see him slip at first off of one of the rocks, and the first thing he does is take one of his arms to go and secure the coffin. But then he makes his way up, and he gets up next to you and just looks over to you. You doing Alright? I might have to join your dad soon. You'll make it, kid. Don't worry.

Charlie

Hopefully, there's room in there. That's a good idea. If you carry all of us in the coffin, it'll have a much better chance of surviving.

Speaker 2

I agree with that, I think.

Bizly

I don't think he's looking for visitors. Where do you think we go when we die?

Charlie

This goffing on this guy's back.

Bizly

Let's not fall and find out. Alright. You see, he secures another one of these anchors. The rope gets tied up onto that one. So Troy and Blink, you have a lifeline. Alright, dude. Hype. So that advantage will last a little bit longer. Up next is Churbo Troy. What are we doing?

Charlie

Beastman, and I climb. I got a natural one and a Oh, my God. Who fucking made me, dog? I got a 12 total.

Bizly

Troy, for some reason, you think you have a brain blast moment and you're like, Dude, if I Runt fast enough, I can do a whole straight up the mountain, like the flash, Runt up the mountain. Honestly, you're right. You do make it up another 25 feet, but no further, unfortunately.

Charlie

I'm running up the mountain.

Bizly

If you want to with your action, you could try again.

Charlie

I'm going to brace and just take this 25 feet that I've got. Blink.

Bizly

You see Troy Runt up the side of a mountain and still somehow make it up 25 feet. If he can do that, you can do literally anything.

Speaker 2

I can do literally anything. Troyjoy, you're right. Running is smart.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll an Athletics check for me.

Speaker 2

I'm going to cast hast on myself. Oh, okay. I start to frisk up my feathers point up and I'm like, I'm going to Runt up this mountain.

Charlie

What the fuck?

Bizly

I made Runt roll the Athletics check first and then have the spell effect the next one. So that's what we're going to do this time around. I'm going to say it does about the same thing. You'll be able to move up 75 feet.

Speaker 2

17.

Bizly

Okay, with the 17, you are able to make it up 50 feet to a total of 75.

Speaker 2

And hast gives me an additional action Can I use that, the brace?

Bizly

Yes, you totally can. That brings us to the top of the round. That blings us. That blings us. Let's see what's going to happen.

Speaker 2

Let's not.

Speaker 4

Let's not, DM.

Bizly

Okay.

Speaker 4

I have a sneaky I'm not here for a conversation. Bizzly is out to kill me.

Bizly

You all hear the siren calls of a beast unknown to you, something that you've never heard in your entire life, but the sound reverberates through your ears. Each one of you thinks you see something flying through the fog around you. This fog is obscuring your vision of the ground and

the city. All you see is the mountain. As these things fly in and out of your vision, you're unable to really discern what they are. But I need everyone to make a Wisdom save.Oh.

Charlie

Dude.oh, fuck.What the fuck?That's.

Speaker 2

Not a dexterity saving throw, dude.I braced, right?

Bizly

You braced, so you start to get a little wiggled out and you plug your ears. You get advantage.I.

Charlie

Plug my ears while I'm climbing a mountain.I.

Speaker 2

Got a 22.I.

Speaker 4

Got a three.What's.

Charlie

A 13 going to get me?

Bizly

Runt. You and Grey both are overcome with a fear. You take one psychic damage and you are terrified to move up this mountain.Oh, no. Oh, no. Oh, no. Oh, no. No, no, no. No, no. No, no. What the fuck? Alright. Runt, you're not going to be able to move up on this turn. Oh, I know I shouldn't have come. I'm going to fucking die here. So the way he's outside, I can't go up here. What the fuck are those things, Grey? What the fuck are those? Don't worry about it, okay? They just mess with your mind. It's okay. I'm not fucking worrying about it. It's completely safe to go up there. I'm not. You go first. No, you go first. No, you go first. You go first. You go first. I can't go first. I have to watch because what if you fall?

Bizly

I need to be down here to catch you.

Speaker 4

Man, I swear to the non-existent fucking gods.

Bizly

You go first. They are real. Have you never felt the presence of the gods? No. Look at me. What?

Charlie

I'm fucking dying.

Bizly

It is their will. I don't really know what it is, but they willed it.

Speaker 2

That's fucked up, dude.

Bizly

Maybe it'll work out. I really don't know how it works. You're coping. You're coping. I'm not coping. You're He's stalling. Move up the mountain.

Speaker 4

I'm just going to brace.

Bizly

Alright. Up next is Grey. He's not going to move up either, but he is going to attempt to put another spike in. Nope. He goes to stab it in. He's just like, Alright, fuck it. He doesn't get it in, so you guys do not have advantage anymore. Turbo Troy, let's get it. It's a flat roll here.

Charlie

Turbotroy. Alright, he's getting it. Let's go. Turbo Troy gets 25.

Bizly

Okay, Troy, you move up to 100 feet. You make it directly up next to Runt and Grey as they're arguing back and forth.

Charlie

You're thinking about going up the mountain or what's going on?

Bizly

It's a presence that you feel. It's not something that you can see. You don't need to see it to believe it.

Speaker 4

Run's crying. I can't fucking do it. I'm not I went up there.

Charlie

You're not going to go up there. Okay, I'm actually pretty uncomfortable, so I'm going to accent surge and keep climbing. Sure. I just put my hand... I'm sorry, I didn't mean to get in the middle of anything.

Speaker 4

Everyone grabs your leg sleeve as you're going up.

Speaker 2

You got to fucking kill those things.

Charlie

You got to kill them. I'm okay. I'm sorry, ma'am. I'm okay. I keep going.

Speaker 2

You just ma'am, just fucking ride.

Charlie

I get a 23.

Bizly

I climb off. Okay, You move up another 50 feet. It's for a total of 150.

Charlie

I'm going to embrace.

Bizly

Troy, even as you get up here, you feel that just extreme cold in the thin air.

Charlie

It is still more comfortable than whatever the vibe was down there, though.

Bizly

It's all good. Up next is Blink. It's going to be a flat roll. Nobody's been able to secure an anchor. Oh, shit.

Speaker 2

A 19. I got a 19, Ashley.

Bizly

A 19 with hast. You move up another 75 feet. Let's look for some Troy math with 75 plus 75.300.Okay, Blink. When you're at 150. You go up past Grey and Runt as they're going back and forth, freaking out a little bit.

Speaker 2

I think I meet up with Troy here. Troy, I think I found my pace. I'm going to keep going.

Charlie

Okay, dude. Good for you, man.

Speaker 2

I don't think anything could stop me. I'm invincible. I'm young and I'm invincible. Nothing could kill me. Dude, I love that. We're never going to die, dude. We're never going to fucking die. I'm never going to die. That's right. I'm going to fucking die. We're never going to die. We're never going to die, dude. As they continue running up the mountain.

Charlie

Dude, is that an avalanche warning sign? What does that mean?

Speaker 2

Do I have to roll Athletics again to keep going?

Bizly

With your turn? Yeah. You'd roll Athletics again. Natural 20. Natural 20?

Speaker 2

I'm never going to die.

Bizly

You're able to move up another 100 feet, which puts you at 250 feet. You make it up to the top. But we will get back to you later. Troy, you see as Blink moves up the mountain at a pace you've never seen. Olympic-level Strength and he says, I'm never going to die. And.

Charlie

He fades away. That was the last I ever saw him.

Bizly

As he moves up and is obscured by the fog, a rock comes down and lands in front of you, creating two separate pathways up. You can go left or right.

Charlie

Are there any distinguishing factors of either path?

Bizly

On your turn, you can roll a Perception check. Top of the round is Runt. Runt, you're no longer terrified. You regain your composure. You can climb up once again.

Speaker 4

Okay, here we go. Using the jump from the one millionth turn. I go extra 25 feet if I succeed, right?Yup.Expending another charge.Armor of magical Strength.You're.

Charlie

Just making stuff up, dude. None of that's even real.

Speaker 4

Okay, yeah, it's a 10. I would have rolled an 18 if I had advantage.

Speaker 2

My bad. I just really wanted to get to the top.

Charlie

You know how it is? Dude, honestly, no, put on your own oxygen mask before others. It's chill as fuck, honestly.

Speaker 4

Yeah, exactly I get it. Yeah, I mean, the small sick girl.

Charlie

I'm saying it for real. I feel like Runt is about to make it. Yeah, okay. She's made it about herself now. I could have really used an anchor. You know, on the team, we call the anchor the last person in the race. Whatever. I don't fucking need help.

Bizly

I'm coming.

Bizly

With your jump spell, you make it up 50 feet, but not the 75.

Bizly

Grey is also going to make it up next to you guys, and he's going to try and place an anchor.

Speaker 4

I'm going to brace, by the way, on my turn.

Bizly

He gets an anchor into the stone, and the three of you are now right beneath this rock that diverges into two paths. Oh, shit. This wasn't here before. What do you mean it wasn't there before?

Charlie

It's a fucking mountain. Okay, Runt. It's windy.

Speaker 2

I can't fucking hear you. You got to stop.

Charlie

You got to fucking stop. Okay, Runt.

Bizly

This mountain evolves. No climb is the same. We're just going to have to trust our instinct. Right.

Charlie

Okay. Gogo right. Okay. I plug my ears. Okay, what is the difference?

Speaker 2

What the fuck?

Speaker 4

When your ears are plugged.

Charlie

There's like a fucked up seal chasing me. What is the difference between the left and the right path?

Bizly

Go ahead and roll, Perception.

Charlie

Dude, where is that? I feel like playing this character makes me stupider. Okay.

Bizly

I got an eight. The fog obscures so much of your vision that you really can't tell. You got to choose left or right.

Charlie

I just go right. It's just not screaming.

Bizly

You move up right. As you're going up, it seems that this movement of the rock has opened up a pathway for a water or liquidy substance to move down the rock, but it's very slick. It's almost viscous-like oil. As you touch it, you see it starts to slowly burn through your glove. This is going to be a flat roll.

Charlie

I always can say I taste it, so I probably shouldn't do that. I think it's acid.

Bizly

It's a very slight burn through the glove, but you can see it slowly eating at the fabric. Okay.

Charlie

I taste it then. You.

Bizly

Taste it? You immediately take more damage. Runt, why did you make me do that? Don't lick the battery acid coming from the mountain. It's almost like a bee stung your tongue. It tastes numbing. There's no taste to it, but it completely numbs your tongue as you...

Charlie

Warhead alert. What the fuck is this? Candyland? I roll I'm on Athletics check and I get an after-a-week.

Speaker 2

Why, dude? Wait, there was an anchor, right?

Bizly

He anchored? Yeah, but he's moving up a pathway at disadvantage, so it's a flat roll.

Charlie

Because Durant told me to go this way and lick the fucking acid. Yeah, why would you do that?

Speaker 4

I never told you to lick it.

Charlie

No, no, no.

Bizly

So you move up 25 feet, but not the total 50.

Charlie

Fuck. Can I use my second... Yes, you can. I'm thinking to go hard or get home? Is that how it works? Yeah.

Bizly

Okay, I go hard. Go hard? Go hard.

Charlie

I got a 26.

Bizly

26 is to do it. You move up another 50 feet. Let's go.

Charlie

Team Troy, this is for you. I'll blow a kiss to the wind.

Bizly

It brings us to the top of the round. Going to be another avalanche. Everybody give me a dexterity saving throw.

Charlie

Do I have to? Blink, stop kicking it to snow.

Bizly

Blink, you're completely good.

Speaker 2

You're out of it. I'm going to roll it anyway.

Bizly

Okay.

Speaker 2

I have a 16.

Charlie

Dude, that would be so funny. You come falling back down. 18. 16.

Bizly

Everybody passes the Dex save. We're all good. Top of the round is Runt. You just saw Troy I go up the right path, and it was yucky.

Speaker 4

Alright. I see Troy go up the right side, starts slipping and licking acid. So I whisper to Grey, Alright, we're going left. Yeah. And then go left.

Bizly

You go up to the left, and you face no rough terrain.

Speaker 4

So I just roll at this advantage?

Bizly

It was until the end of Grey's next turn, so you have a flat roll here.

Speaker 4

Here I go. Natural 20.

Bizly

Natural 20. With a natural 20, pretty much the same thing that happened to blink, you're able to make your way all the way up to the top. You hear those sirens calling once again, but the sounds are coming from beneath you, so they really motivate you to make it all the way up. Grey makes it up next to you, Troy. Alright, we do this together.

Charlie

Okay. Alright, sure.

Bizly

You've pretty much made it up past the difficult terrain, so you're good. Just give me one final Athletics check with Grey here.

Charlie

I physically do not think there's any way that we could fail this, old man. It's Alright. Okay, 25. Easy peasy.

Bizly

That was close. Oh, fuck.

Charlie

Okay.right, old man?Right.

Bizly

Dude?Alright, Alright. Alright. Grey grabs you by the pack and gestures for you to do the same is he grabs up onto the ledge and pulls you up. You pull him up, you move up together. And as soon as you get up there, a burst of warm, a glowing energy. It feels serene, calm. The wind is gone. A fog is behind you, and in front of you is the greenest, most lush forest you've ever seen. As all of you move up into this lush forest with this warm air hits your lungs, each one of you gains 1D10 temporary HP.

Charlie

Wow. Alright.

Bizly

Runt. Your exhaustion is gone. Nice. Even better. As Grey gets up and puts the coffin down. Beautiful, isn't it?

Speaker 2

I've been staring at it for the last minute. What is this doing up here? It's magical. It's like a little magic. Yeah, it's crazy. I thought it was just going to be snow and rock all the way up. Does it always look like this?

Bizly

It does, and it never gets old. I feel like I can breathe.

Speaker 2

I'm over it.

Bizly

This is one of the five tears of the mountain.

Speaker 2

There's four more of these? Yes. What?

Bizly

But your journey ends here. Any further, and I couldn't guarantee your safety. Come, let's meet up with the base camp. Is as he leads you through the forest. How are you going to make it all the way to the top by yourself? When we meet up with the other mountaineers stationed here, they will assist me on my trek up. It's a journey I've made more than a few times. A journey my father would want me to make.

Speaker 4

What are the other tears like?

Speaker 2

Are they like this cool? Are they this magical? Yeah, I mean-What? You said there's four more?

Bizly

You should focus. The base camp will help you guide you to this you are looking for. It should be in the forest here somewhere, though, I must admit. I'm not familiar with the terrain. He begins to walk forward, and as you look around, you see these massive trees with moss covering them

and little rivers babbling and beautiful big leaves covering your path and little golden bulbs of light move through the forest. You see moving through the dirt and all around jumping around the trees or little creatures that you've never seen before. Troy, you see a little most axolotl-looking creature, like scurrying around.

Troy

I want that.

Condi

You still have the other guy attached to you, like, draining your life force.

Charlie

He needs a friend.

Bizly

Roll Animal Handling.

Charlie

Please. Please, that is 13.

Bizly

With 13, you kneel down. You can see that this little creature is not afraid of you at all. You can see a similar glimmer in its eyes to the glimmer you see all around in the forest. It seems connected to this place. And as it moves up towards you, it's about the size of your palm, it's pretty small. And it will crawl up into your hand very gently.

Charlie

I say,

Troy

I'm gonna be rich.

Charlie

And I put it in my pocket.

Bizly

You put it in your pocket. Now Runt, looking around, can I have you roll a Perception check?

Grizzly

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Bizly

You hear and feel a familiar hum, but you can't place your finger on it. You know what, Blink?
You can roll it too. Go ahead.

Condi

Yeah, sure.

Runt

Blink, I'm hearin' a familiar hum.

Blink

I don't know what you're talking about.

Runt

You see anything similar to um... I don't know, our - what the fuck is that?

Blink

No, I roll a - I'm going to be honest with you, Runt, I rolled a 2.

Troy

(Humming)

Blink

Oh, wait, what is - what is that melody?

Troy

Oh hey, what's up, guys? I was just sorta hummin' something.

Condi

(Laughs)

Runt

Yeah. Can you stop real quick? Like, just stop.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Grey leads you all over to a small camp where you can see tents set up around what seems like an ancient structure, older than anything you've seen before, the stone kind of falling and essentially rubble all around. But it seems to have made up some walls at some point and you can see these - almost like Stonehenge - there's these big pillars all around, but they move up into an archway pointing. As you get closer, you see a group of people who look similar to Grey, some much shorter. And then you see two much taller, bigger people just cooking something on a fire. And they look over and see all of you. And as you move in, Grey says,

Grey

Sorry it took us so long.

Bizly

And he moves in and takes off this coffin and sets it down under the ground.

Person

I see you've brought - visitors.

Grey

Yeah. They needed some help.

Blink

We're looking for an herb to help our friend. She's sick.

Bizly

One of the taller humanoids moves over and says,

Aeis

I can help you with that, um.. There's an herb, I'm sure you've heard in the mountain. In this tier of the mountain. But I - I'm afraid we won't be able to join you on the trek. I am Aeis. I do wish I could assist you. Where... Where do you come from, all of you?

Blink

Um - uh - erm...

Aeis

Are you from the island?

Condi

I look to Trroy... (Laughs nervously)

Troy

Uh... Uh... Nnno? What? Fuck, get off of our back. Jesus fuckin'... Do we have to prove everything to you? Fuck. I'm going to start - I'm gonna - start swingin' if someone doesn't make some sense around here.

Charlie

He's just, is so stressed out.

Blink

Okay wait, no, maybe don't do that. Yeah, we're from the island. [whispers] Is this a - are we on an island right now, Troy?

Troy

Dude, I don't know how to do anything but escalate.

Runt

The mountain is on an island. So we're all from the island.

Aeis

Yes, technically. Just, I guess I was wondering if you were from another island somewhere off.

Blink

Are there more islands?

Troy

There's other islands?

Aeis

Again, I'd love to accompany you on your journey, but uh... I believe Grey needs our help now.

Blink

No, that makes sense. I mean, this place seems absolutely lovely, so I can't see anything going wrong on our search for the medicinal herbs.

Troy

I love it when this guy does that.

Blink

I do it all the time. It's my thing. It's like my thing. I do it.

Aeis

Well, I must say... It is a dangerous path that you venture on.

Blink

What?

Aeis

All should be well... So long as you respect and love the forest.

Troy

Oh, fuck. Um...

Aeis

All of this here, it's connected.

Bizly

And they put their hand up and touch one of the little glowing orbs, and as it pulses, you can see pulsing throughout the entire forest.

Charlie

I poke my pocket.

Bizly

You can see little shimmers around.

Troy

(Chuckles)

Runt

What are some ground rules? What should we not do?

Aeis

It's less that there are rules and more that you should... move forward with compassion. This forest is a home, and this here should guide you.

Bizly

And they hand you a compass with some writing around the rim that you can't seem to discern.

Aeis

Follow this northeast. It should lead you on a path, uh... Through some ruins, and eventually you'll find the remnants of a statue in a building. And that is where, inside, you'll find what you're looking for. I would just be wary of the Ettercaps. They can pose a bit of a threat, but if you are quiet, they won't disturb you too much. I wish you luck on your journey.

Blink

Okay, did you get all that, Troy?

Troy

Yeah, we all know what those are, of course. What?

Blink

Do you know what quiet means, though? Do you get it?

Runt

More importantly, do you know what compassion means?

Troy

Guys, one at a time.

Aeis

Grey, we should be moving as soon as possible if we are to make it through the next layer.

Grey

You're right. We should go.

Blink

Well, good luck with... Your father. Sorry for your loss.

Grey

Thank you.

Bizly

And he moves over, goes to shake your hand.

Grey

But I gained so much more for knowing him.

Bizly

He grabs your hand and shakes it.

Grey

And for knowing you, too. You're good people. I sense it.

Bizly

And he shakes your hand, Troy.

Troy

You seem like you had a really good relationship with your dad.

Grey

He was a good man. A great mountaineer... And a friend to many. If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask.

Troy

Yeah, okay. Um... How do I get that?

Grey

Get what? Sorry.

Troy

Like your dad.

Grey

I mean, it's right over there. I don't know if you want to take him up.

Troy

(Sighs) Never mind, dude.

Grey

(Chuckles) It's not always easy.... But... You'll find your place, your people.

Bizly

And he looks to you Runt.

Grey

Fighting the illness and still stronger than the rest. I see the fire in your eye. You'll do great things.

Bizly

Shakes your hand.

Runt

I promise I won't tell anyone that you almost pissed your pants on the mountain.

Grey

(Chuckles) And I won't tell them the same. You tell them, I'll tell them. Our secret. Alright!

Bizly

Picks up the coffin and puts it on his back. The chains rattle.

Grey

We'll be off.

Blink

Best of luck.

Runt

Bye.

Grey

Don't fuck everything up down here. (Laughs) Let's go.

Runt

No promises.

Grizzly

Look at Troy.

Bizly

And the rest move up the mountain and disappear into the forest.

Runt

What was that? Troy, you... Almost fooled me that you were human for a second.

Charlie

I - I see like a bug that looks like a box, and I'm like,

Troy

Uhh - punch - bug you dude.

Charlie

I fuckin' punch Runt.

Bizly

Are you doing any damage?

Charlie

Yeah.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Roll to hit.

Charlie

Yeah, I got too emotionally vulnerable in front of the team. A 13 doesn't hit, does it?

Grizzly

No, it doesn't hit. She ducks and then fuckin' - punches you in the balls.

(Laughter)

Charlie

Like a fuckin' child! That's so funny.

Bizly

As you go to dab him in the balls, you see some purpling on his skin.

Charlie

What?

Bizly

And you hear a faint...

Nnegh

Nnegh.

Bizly

Right on his stomach, there's some purpling.

Troy

We should probably get a move on.

Runt

Troy, anything you want to tell us?

Troy

Um...

Runt

What are you keepin' in your pants? I think you have a disease.

Troy

There's nothing there, dude.

Runt

Why does your-?

Troy

I don't know how to talk to kids.

Runt

Why are your balls talkin'?

Troy

What'd you say?

Runt

Your balls are talkin'. They're talking!

Troy

My balls are talking?

Runt

And they are bleedin' upwards.

Nnegh

Nnegh.

Blink

Oh, that's just Nnegh.

Runt

What the fuck is that??

Troy

That's just my little Nnegh, which is what I call it.

Grizzly

Can I Medicine check?

Troy

What? What is it from? I don't see an issue.

Bizly

Yeah, you - go ahead.

Grizzly

5, 6.

Bizly

With 5 or 6, you lift up a little bit of his shirt where - actually you're wearing a one unitard, right?

Charlie

Always.

Grizzly

Oh, you said I could see something on his stomach, so I thought it was just open.

Bizly

Let's say there's a little rip or tear. You look through the tear and you can see.

Runt

What the - what the fuck?

Bizly

A almost gelatinous creature - it's so hard to see what it is, but it looks squishy as a motherfucker.

Runt

Aaaagh! Fuck! Fuck!

Troy

What's wrong? It's not that uncommon.

Runt

Stay away from me!

Troy

So what? I have a third nipple. A lot of people do.

Blink

Oh, he's grown a lot.

Runt

You're - you're - you're keepin' a creature and you're fuckin' -!

Troy

That's one way to say it.

(Laughter)

Bizly

He couldn't help himself-

Troy

Up top, up top Blink. Up top. Up top, dude.

Runt

I'm f- I'm going.

Blink

I don't think I should high five for that one.

Charlie

(Laughs)

Runt

You're a fuckin' weirdo!

Charlie

I pet my [unintelligible], and I say

Troy

She didn't mean it. (Charlie wheezes)

Bizly

Blink, give me another Perception check.

Condi

14.

Bizly

Now, the three of you follow this compass northeast and move through the path that was directed to you. And Blink, as you're walking along, you see a purple glow down in one of the root caves. You can see that the roots of these trees form openings, and there's a little glow. And if you - you kind of move to look in a little bit just as you're walking along, and you can see a very similar mineral to what you've been seeing on this journey is that wondrous coal in its natural state as it's kind of embedded just a little bit in the ground.

Blink

Hey, guys, come - take a look at this.

Troy

Okay.

Charlie

Scuttles up to you.

Runt

Don't put it in your pants.

Blink

Definitely don't put it in your pants.

Troy

Okay. Don't put it in your pants, Blink.

Runt

That's the only one you have, right?

Troy

Wait, what are we talking about?

Blink

The thing in your pants, I think.

Runt

The thing.

Troy

Have you never gotten to talk? Like, what is going on right now?

Runt

You know what - stop playing dumb! Stop. Stop playing stupid. You have a creature in your fucking clothes.

Troy

(Charlie lauging) I'm not playing-!

Runt

It is actively fuckin' killing you. I'm askin', is it the only one?

Troy

What? How did you even know about him?

Charlie

I reach into my pocket, I pull out that little axolotl with the glowing eyes.

(Laughter)

Blink

You've got another one??

Runt

Let it go!

Blink

Oh, it's cute. I like it.

Troy

Fine.

Charlie

I let the little axolotl run. I say,

Troy

Go!

Bizly

You let it go and it kind of gets onto the ground, turns around to look up at you with these huge eyes.

Charlie

It's like air bud, and I'm like, shooing it. I'm like,

Troy

Go! [upset] Can't you see no one wants you here, dude? Can't you see that?

Bizly

It runs up over on top of the wonderous coal deposit and the coal lights up with every touch.

Condi

Ooh.

Grizzly

Cool.

Blink

Wow.

Runt

Hm.

Bizly

And skirts away.

Blink

This stuff's cool. I mean-

Troy

Should we just like - hang on to-? We could just take some of this, right? Just in case?

Runt

No. No no, no!

Troy

Wait, why?

Runt

Because part of the... You weren't listening.

Blink

Well no, they said compassion, but like what they do up here is take this coal anyway. So what's the harm if we do it?

Troy

Okay, what if I look really wistfully and I take it really slowly and compassionately, and I trace a finger down the coal and I lift it up and exa-

Blink

Okay, well, you're getting a little... It's like, getting a little weird now.

Charlie

And I examine it really compassionately and I look around the forest and I go,

Troy

Wow.

Charlie

And I put it in my pocket. (Laughs)

Grizzly

No, it's like a deposit, right? You'd have to break it to get some, correct?

Charlie

Oh, do I have to break it?

Bizly

Yeah, you'd have to break it, yeah.

Condi

Oh, well, never mind.

Bizly

If you want to try, you just need to roll a Nature check.

Charlie

Break off a little. Yeah, okay. I'll try and like sort of-

Grizzly

Actively trying to stop him. I mean, like-

Charlie

(Laughs)

Grizzly

Stop!

Charlie

I got a 17, though. It's pretty good. I look - here's the thing is I look really compassionate, so do you really want to stop me?

Grizzly

Yes.

Charlie

Because this is the first time you've ever seen this from me, and you think that maybe a change is starting to happen. Do you really want to interrupt that?

Condi

(Laughs)

Grizzly

Without rollin' Insight, I know you're a fuckin' liar.

Charlie

(Laughs) No, but just - do you really think that this could be the time and if you stop it here, then - who knows what kind of monster I'll become.

Bizly

If you want to try and stop him, we're going to do a contested Athletics.

Charlie

Don't forget you have disadvantage 'cause I'm wrestling a sick girl.

Grizzly

Why would I have disadvantage?

Bizly

Yeah, the exhaustion is gone.

Charlie

Oh, right. The exhaustion is gone. Fuck! Fuck, fuck, fuck.

Grizzly

I will be using a charge.

Charlie

I got a 26.

Grizzly

No. Nope.

Bizly

It's alright. Troy, you move - you move her out of the way pretty easily.

Charlie

I move her out of the way with compassion.

Bizly

Okay, you move her out of the way with compassion. And it's super (Claps) It's super serene and calm. And you chip off a small piece as you intuitively understand right now that if you took more, it would be overstepping.

Grizzly

I don't think he intuitively understood that at all.

Charlie

I intuitively get that. I get that intuitively.

Bizly

Well, you rolled a good Nature check. So, I think how I'm understanding that right now is there's a general Wisdom about the forest, and that has been translated to you in a way you can understand.

Charlie

And I feel it.

Runt

[losing patience] Alright, alright. Okay.

Charlie

Dude, I love - you are - I'm gonna become a Druid. You hate me so much. Like-

(Laughter)

Runt

No, no. Alright, you took a little piece?

Troy

You would hate it if I was wiser than you, wouldn't it?

Runt

No, no-

Troy

You would hate that.

Runt

Now give something back. Now give something back.

Charlie

You don't even know that's the way it works because you didn't even get that high of a Nature check. I know how - the way it works.

Grizzly

I didn't even roll.

Troy

I gave it a salamander. You saw me do it.

Runt

You took the salamander first.

Troy

It didn't see me do it.

Bizly

You only take a little bit and you feel you probably don't need to give anything.

Runt

Give something back right fucking now.

Troy

I feel so connected to the forest. It's like I gave myself up.

Blink

You guys are scaring me.

Runt

I'm movin' on.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Okay, you guys continue down this path. And as you're walking, you can see the pathways are clearly less and less travelled, it's - the terrain becomes rougher. And you pass by what seems to be far and few between stone structures, ruins left behind from a bygone era. A little further in, you hear a... Crying and like a whimpering coming from the forest.

Troy

Blink, are you whimpering?

(Laughter)

Blink

No! Why would I be doing that?

Runt

I thought I told you to stop humming.

Troy

No, I'm not humming. It's just Blink.

Blink

No, it's not me. I didn't-

Runt

Well if it's not one of you two, and it's not me... Where's it coming from?

Grizzly

I listen.

Bizly

You listen out and you follow the sound to underneath a fallen stone column. You lean down to look underneath and you see two eyes open up to look at you. And then two more. And then two more.

Troy

Fuck.

Blink

That's a lot of eyes.

Troy

Oh, wondrous creatures of the forest. What ill straits have befallen you?

Charlie

I get down on one knee.

Grizzly

Holy shit. You made a witch [unintelligible] - he actually became a Druid. (Laughs)

Bizly

You rolled such a good Nature check, you hold out your hand and one of these little glowing orbs moves down into your hand. And you gesture down to reveal underneath this stone column is what looks like a dog, but with three heads. It is a young baby clearly in distress.

Blink

How are you doing that?

Runt

Oooh, you poor thing.

Troy

I hear you. Its mother... They left it here, but it must be nearby.

Grizzly

Can I give it a little bit of that jerky that Troy gave me instead of handing me a fuckin', what was it called? An anchor?

Bizly

Go ahead and roll Animal Handling with advantage.

Grizzly

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Bizly

You see the young cerberus moves out from underneath the stone and one of the heads goes to bite the jerky, and another one moves up to sniff it, but the third one pulls away in fear. Now coming out into the light, it is clear that this young cerberus has been separated from its mother and will die if left on its own.

Charlie

It's been separated from its mother. It'll die if we don't do anything.

Runt

Oh my God. Me for real. Alright, um...

Troy

What?

Charlie

I look around for footprints of the mother.

Bizly

You look around for footprints, go ahead and roll Survival.

Charlie

Easy.

Grizzly

Will it let me pick it up?

Bizly

Yes. It seems that it's not strong enough to stop you and won't snap at you. It is very lethargic.

Grizzly

[accent] Cradle it like a little baby~

Troy

Keep it warm.

Charlie

I got a 21.

Bizly

With a 21, it seems there are some tracks moving in and out of this area, but they are so old that the mother is likely long gone.

Troy

I taste it. 32 days. I don't think the mother's coming back.

Bizly

With that information, it becomes clear that this thing is probably extremely hungry.

Runt

Troy, um... or Blink, um... What limb do you like the least?

Blink

What are you - what are you saying right now?

Troy

Probably Blink's left arm.

Blink

What?

Runt

It's really hungry and... We don't have any f... Unless you, wait. Your bag is full of snacks, right?

Charlie

I check. Is my bag full of snacks?

Bizly

Got a couple of snacks in there. You have some rations.

Troy

Here, put the dog in the bag.

Bizly

(Laughs)

Runt

I want to hold on to it.

Charlie

I look at Runt, and I put a hand on Runt's shoulder and you see that ethereal light of the forest behind my own irises. And I say

Troy

Runt...

Grizzly

(Laughing) I - no, I can't believe this.

Troy

Runt. Put the dog in the bag. It's the compassionate thing to do.

Runt

No. I'm gonna carry it.

Troy

What do you mean 'no'?

Runt

I said no.

Troy

Just put the fuckin'-

Charlie

The light's gone.

Troy

Dude, what the fuck do you mean no? You just put the dog in the fuckin' bag.

Runt

I have my own bag!

Troy

What do you mean you have your own bag? You didn't bring the snacks, Runt! I fuckin' know that I packed all the snacks, you didn't bring all the fucking stuff!

Charlie

I push Runt.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Alright, Runt you get pushed. Go ahead and roll a Dex save.

Grizzly

5?

Bizly

Okay, so either you or the baby cerberus is going to take one D4.

Grizzly

The baby cerberus so that Troy feels terrible about pushing me.

Charlie

YOU FUCKING SICK FUCK!

Condi

Are you actually serious? No, don't say that!

Charlie

Dude, if you fuckin' kill the puppy to make a point, that's crazy.

Grizzly

No, of course not. Of course not. Okay.

Charlie

Of course not, he says, after totally thinking about it. (Wheezes)

Bizly

You take 1.

Condi

Would that have killed the baby cerberus?

Bizly

One probably wouldn't have done it, but there was a chance for sure.

Runt

You fuckin' dumbass, you could have hurt it!

Grizzly

And I cast Firebolt on Troy. (Wheezes)

(Laughter)

Charlie

What the fuck?

Blink

Guys! Wait, no, stop! What? What are you doing??

Grizzly

Does a 17 hit?

Charlie

17 just barely misses. I say,

Troy

Whoa! You almost just burnt the food! This thing needs to fucking eat!

Charlie

I pull my sled, I'm going to bash her on the head.

Bizly

Blink, please father these two. Blink, please.

(Hysterical laughter)

Condi

I'm gonna - I'm gonna interject - I'm gonna fucking-

Blink

Wait, wait, wait, wait!

Condi

And get hit by a sled.

Bizly

You tank the damage, Blink.

Blink

(Coughs) (Gasps a breath) (Stutters) I thought we were supposed to show compassion!

Troy

I'm trying!

Charlie

(Laughs)

Blink

And you were doing so good. Until like - just now.

Charlie

I give the dog a little - I don't know, a little doggy bag of treats or something.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll Animal Handling.

Charlie

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Bizly

You take the treats out and you go to hand it, hand them to the cerberus. Each one at this point, you've got enough, so each one of the heads begins eating it. And as that happens, you see it almost like it regains a little bit of strength in that moment, and a golden shimmer moves from the eyes back in a line across each of the heads. You can see almost written - a text starts to vaguely glow moving down the back and this golden light glows brighter. And you can see on the compass you have, a golden light-

Troy

Oh!

Bizly

-lines out the text that was on there that you could not discern before, and it becomes readable.

Troy

Someone wrote on this dog.

Blink

You're definitely not supposed to do that.

Bizly

You see the compass, the letters shift around and it reads, 'Lest we lose our way once more.'

Condi

Is the dog saying that to us?

Bizly

No, that's what it says on the compass.

Troy

The dog wrote this.

Runt

Because you did something nice, I think the compass liked that. That means when you took the coal earlier, it was fucked. The compass didn't change at all. But keep that in mind next time.

Blink

Well, maybe - no, maybe it was just neutral, and maybe the compass would have scalded him.

Runt

Okay, devil's advocate. Nobody fuckin' asked. Fuck you.

Blink

Okay, I'm sorry. I'm just trying to help my friends, y'know...

Runt

No, I'm sorry. Look, I just-

Troy

Everything here breathes as we do.

(Laughter)

Blink

I'm just tired of the fighting.

Runt

I know, I just - I'm still riled up from getting pushed.

Blink

I understand. And Troy, you shouldn't have pushed her. She's a sick girl.

Runt

I'm holding a dog. I'm holding a dog.

Troy

I'm a different man now.

Bizly

(Laughing) It was like two minutes ago.

Charlie

(Laughing) Where's - where's the compass - where's the compass pointing us?

Charlie

The compass still leads you northwest - or, northeast.

Grizzly

If this is how Troy's character changes forever - this is the development of, actually- (Laughs)

Charlie

Bro atually just needed to touch grass. (Wheezes)

Runt

Alright, which way do we go?

Bizly

You follow the path once again. You're taking the cerberus with you?

Grizzly

Yeah.

Bizly

Awesome. Okay. You swaddle it and bring it with you as you move forward towards-

Grizzly

It's name is Rocket.

Bizly

Nice. (Laughs) I was hoping you would name it. You bring Rocket along this path with you, and these stone structures start to become more common. And still, most of them completely destroyed. But it almost seems like this was a living area at one point, a little neighborhood street, if you will. But there's only one house that is left that you could probably make it into. There's stone walls with curving features in this round doorway left open by the destruction.

Troy

What do you think, Troy Jr?

Charlie

I turn to the dog.

(Grizzly considers killing)

Charlie

(Wheezes) Dude, the actual - the actual anger I just saw inside of - in Grizzly, was crazy.

(Laughter)

Runt

His name. Is Rocket.

Troy

Okay, well maybe it is, but the right head is named Troy Jr.

Blink

Oh, does that mean I get to name the third head?

Troy

Yes, obviously. Balance in all things.

Runt

Who the fuck...?

(Laughter)

Grizzly

Does the dog, does the right head respond to Troy Jr?

Charlie

It does, yeah.

Charlie

Well, you know what? You know what? You know what, Troy? Roll Animal Handling.

Charlie

Okay, this is also - I want to say - this is the head that initially was hesitant to take the jerky.

Bizly

Do it with advantage because you gave it food.

Charlie

You see me. 17.

Bizly

17? Yeah, the answer is Troy Junior.

Charlie

Of course.

Grizzly

Okay, does the middle one, Rock- answer to Rocket?

Bizly

Absolutely. All day.

Charlie

How come I'm the only per... You know what? Whatever.

Condi

Can I roll Animal Handling?

Bizly

Yeah, go ahead.

Condi

I'm going to name it Whisper, I like Whisper.

Bizly

Aww.

Condi

I got an 11.

Bizly

You haven't fed it, so you don't get any advantage, but you can feed it if you want to.

Condi

I don't feel like I know much about what animals want or do.

Bizly

Within 11, it's like... eh. The creature is still pretty lethargic, so it seems like maybe it responds to you.

Blink

Guys, I think it hates me.

Bizly

The left head seems to be more, uh... Tired.

Troy

Alright, Blink, you're workin' on that left head. In the meantime, we can call it Troy Jr. 2.

Blink

No, but I really like the name Whisper. I mean, it's like a...

(Charlie losing it)

Charlie

Let's fucking do it, dude!

(Laughter)

Bizly

So, the creature yawns and a little bit of that glow emanates from it again, and you see a glowing inside that little house. Just a vague one.

Blink

I guess we should head over there.

Troy

Mankind encroached here.

Charlie

Yeah, we head over there for sure.

Bizly

You move into the little home and you see on the left side of this, it's pretty much just one room inside. On the left side, there's a little table that seems to be fallen over and a small chest embedded in the stone that you could probably move some stone and get into. On the right side, there's a little grouping of stones stacked on top of each other. And on the wall, there is that other language you don't understand, and some text is engraved into it.

Blink

Maybe the compass can... Discern it? Is that how that worked last time? I don't-

Troy

Well, no. We have to give something back first.

Charlie

I place a rock atop the pile.

Bizly

Place a rock atop the pile.

Charlie

Of course.

Bizly

You feel unity within the forest, but it doesn't reveal the text.

Grizzly

Could I use photographic memory to discern what the letters were on the compass before they switched to the language that we understand and then reverse engineer it?

Bizly

You just roll with your Intelligence.

Grizzly

Fuck, dude! These dice on D&D Beyond will like - land on a high number and then just slowly move to a low one every single time.

Bizly

It's fucked. It's fucked.

Grizzly

It's really annoying. It's like they changed it. 7.

Bizly

You're trying to remember what it said on the compass and try and figure out how it might have been revealed. It's not coming to you what the actual words were, something about losing your way, and you're trying to think of what that might be.

Grizzly

I do it anyways.

Troy

Hey... hey Runt?

Runt

What? I'm workin' 'ere.

Troy

Quiet your own mind to hear the forest's whispers.

Runt

Shut the fuck up, alright?

(Laughter)

Bizly

Blink, you can go ahead and just roll a general Intelligence as well.

Runt

I think it says Fingledorf.

Condi

I'm not good at that, I'm not very smart. Natural 1. I start drooling.

Bizly

There's a treasure chest. That's pretty sick.

Condi

I think we should open it.

Runt

Mm. There's got to be some sort of word we say that opens it for us. I mean, it's a classic puzzle, I read this all the time in the books. Fingledorf isn't it... We keep tryin', uh... Ficklehorn. No, that's stupid. Uh...

Charlie

I sit cross legged outside and connect with the forest while they seek answers within.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Roll a Nature check.

Condi

Dude, what?

Bizly

With advantage.

Charlie

14.

Bizly

With a 14, a couple of creatures move in out of the dirt. It's just - a small snake just kind of coils up over you and then down back into the dirt. It seems delighted by your presence.

Charlie

I let a bird land on my finger and continue my connection.

Bizly

Okay.

Condi

Dude, you should not exist- (Laughing) -in this capacity. This is - something's not right.

Charlie

(Laughs) I got fuckin' replaced on the way up the mountain.

Runt

Blink, open the chest, but don't take what's in it.

Condi

I try to open the chest?

Bizly

You go to open the chest and the rock will not let you do it.

Blink

The rock won't let me do it. Runt, I just-

Runt

Move the rock. Just move the rock.

Condi

Okay, move - is it the balanced rocks?

Bizly

No.

Condi

Okay, I move the rock?

Bizly

Okay, roll Strength.

Condi

I should not be the one doing this. Um- (Laughs) 10. I got a 10.

Bizly

10? With a 10, you're not able to move the rock on your own.

Blink

Okay, I have a better idea. Hey, Troy!

Charlie

I walk inside with a snake coiled around my arm and a bird on my finger and some other woodland critters.

Condi

Dude, he became a fucking Disney princess.

Charlie

And I say,

Troy

No need, stay in your realm.

Charlie

And I let the snake slither off into the sand and step inside.

Troy

Yes, Blink?

Blink

Troy, we need you to...

(Wheezing)

Blink

What?

Bizly

This is my favorite thing ever.

Blink

We need you to channel your - yourself, really, and move this rock.

Runt

If you're so attuned to the forest, why don't you read the wall?

Troy

Okay.

Charlie

I walk up to the wall, um...

Troy

Eyes of the hawk.

Bizly

Roll... Roll an Arcana check. Roll an Arcana check.

Charlie

(Laughs) Dude, this will be the dumbest shit of all time if this works.

Condi

If this works.

Charlie

It's a 10, it's a 10.

Bizly

You're trying to discern the text and you're having a hard time reading it. But you sense it is... Heartfelt.

Troy

It was written... From the heart.

Charlie

I walk over to the stone. And I - dude- (Laughs)

(Laughter)

Charlie

I have an actual headache.

Charlie

I - not really a way to do this that isn't just like, heaving it, huh?

Condi

Not really. If you find a way, I mean, I'd be impressed.

Grizzly

Maybe you could compassionately caress it and ask it to move.

Charlie

Okay, I do that.

Bizly

Do you?

Charlie

Yeah, but I do it with enough Strength that it could do that.

Bizly

Alright, roll Athletics. If you're actually just caressing it, roll Nature.

Charlie

I'm going to roll... You know what? I'm going to do Nature. That's... That's a 16.

Bizly

It still won't move.

Charlie

But it wants to.

Bizly

You get a sense that the earth is loose.

Troy

The earth is loose here as if it wants to be shifted.

Charlie

Then I roll Athletics and effortlessly, with a 22, push it to the side as if it were dirt.

Bizly

With a 22, you so easily move this rock out of the way. And you open up the chest and you find a bunch of cool shit.

Charlie

I let Blink open it, material wealth is beyond me, so...

Condi

Yeah, sure.

Bizly

You go to open up this chest, and you see it is much deeper than you would have expected. Inside, there is a big bag with clinking bottles inside. There's a ring among some other jewellery,

but the ring glimmers, especially. A couple of gold coins in there, some silver and a small deck of cards that is kind of-

Condi

No.

Bizly

-bound together by a leather string.

Charlie

I'm interested.

(Laughter)

Bizly

In here, there's a bag of a few potions. There is the Ring of Telekinesis. There is a Deck of Illusions. Standing out to you, Troy, especially is the Cloak of the Flamed Angel.

Charlie

(Wheezes)

Bizly

You can see it has this... It's almost like your steam-sledding suit where it's a big cloak that is entirely red with golden tassels on the sides and fire streaking down in gold. It's got a hood as well.

Charlie

Oh, cool.

Grizzly

That cloak looks cool. I'm going to put it on.

Bizly

You take out the cloak, you're going to put it on, and you can feel immediately that there is something about this that is otherworldly. Which is the only way you'd really understand something so magical.

Troy

It fits your color, palette, and demeanor perfectly, Runt.

(Laughter)

Runt

You think so? I feel like it matches Rocket's color.

Troy

I really do. Here, I'll take this Ring of Telekinesis.

Bizly

Divvy them up how you want, but that's what's here.

Blink

Yeah, actually, I love cards. Check this out.

Condi

I shuffle them. (shuffle sounds) I draw one.

Blink

This your card?

Condi

What happens when I draw a card?

Bizly

I don't know. Grab the Deck of Illusions.

Condi

Okay. 17. I pull out a card. I say,

Blink

Is this your card?

Condi

And a priest and two acolytes appear in front of you.

Charlie

What??

Condi

Very, very, very vividly.

Charlie

A priest and-

Blink

What the fuck?

Troy

Oh, what the fuck?

Grizzly

A priest and two acolytes. (Laughs)

Condi

An illusory creature appears real of the appropriate size and behaves as if it were a real creature, except that it can do no harm.

Bizly

The two acolytes stand with darkness obscuring their faces and the priest stands in front of you.

Grizzly

They just magically apparate?

Condi

They just apparate from the card.

Bizly

A tall, bald man with pointed ears and a long goatee as he holds a book that glows.

Priest

Will you accept her light?

Runt

Oh my fucking God! What the fuck!? What the fuck!?!

Priest

Will you accept her light?

Runt

What the fuck?!?!

Blink

Where did this guy come from?

Bizly

He starts to like - he starts to like - murmur in a different language, and you see runes appear around.

Runt

I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I didn't know you were real! I didn't know you were real!

Blink

Oh, wait, one second.

Condi

I pick up the card, and as soon as I move the card, they disappear.

Priest

Accept her I-!

Bizly

Get sucked back into the card.

Blink

Oh okay, so they were coming from the card. That's cool.

Runt

(Deep breathing) What the fuck?

Blink

(Card sounds?)

Runt

How does that happen?

Blink

These are nice. I like cards. I love cards.

Troy

You should start making amends just in case, Runt.

Blink

I wonder what this one does.

Condi

I pull another one and a... and a... Beholder appears.

Beholder

(horrific creature noises)

Blink

Oh-! Nope-!

Troy

What is that thing??

Grizzly

I shield Rocket, Troy Jr., and Troy Jr. 2.

Bizly

You go to shield Rocket and you can see the golden light starts to move back along the neck again, and you can see a vague shifting on the letters on the wall.

Troy

It's connected.

Bizly

There's also fifteen gold pieces in here and five silver.

Condi

Like actual gold pieces or like cogs?

Bizly

Yep, actual gold pieces.

Blink

What?

Runt

What the fuck are these?

Blink

These aren't cogs.

Grizzly

Just to be on the same page here, we don't know what magic is, right?

Bizly

No.

Bizly

You know what wonderous coal is. It has a similar effect, it seems, but this is very different.

Grizzly

But these cards?

Troy

I'm confused. How do they get tiny pieces of coal into those cards?

Blink

That's a good question, actually. How do these cards work?

Bizly

That's a great question. It's a great question.

Troy

I guess they... Okay, so it's really flat coal. That makes sense.

Blink

Well, now, actually, I need to check something.

Condi

I'm going to pull out a king of spades, and I throw on the ground, and the priest and two acolytes appear again.

Priest

Will you accept her light?

Runt

Oh my God! I'm so sorry!

Priest

Will you accept her light?

Runt

I'm so sorry!

Condi

Then I pull an ace of hearts, and I put on the ground next to them, and a red dragon appears.

Bizly

A huge dragon just starts.

Dragon

(Whooshing) (Whooshing intensifies)

Grizzly

Runt passes out.

Troy

Get down, dude!

Bizly

All this shit is happening.

Condi

This is crazy. (Laughing) Does the priest start freaking out?

Charlie

I'm freaking the fuck out. I'm duckin'.

Priest

Will you accept her- What the shit is that? Will you accept her light?

Bizly

He starts to whisper in another language.

Blink

Now is like the perfect time to accept her light.

Bizly

This is just chaos around you.

Condi

I pick them back up and put them back in.

Blink

I can use this. Let's get a move on.

Charlie

What?

Blink

I guess I'll just hold on to these weird drinks.

Charlie

Wait - is that the first time we see a dragon that big?

Bizly

Yeah. Yeah. You've never I've never seen anything like this.

Grizzly

I said, Runt passes out, like- (Laughs) I wake up shortly after screaming.

Runt

(Shrieks) (Deep inahle) Let me see those cards. Let me inspect 'em.

Troy

She's the last person - she's the last person that you should let see those cards.

Runt

I just want to make sure.

Troy

You're going to start doing hypotheses and shit.

Condi

I hand them to Runt.

Blink

Yeah, sure. Go for it. (Springs cards over)

Grizzly

I do a bunch of hypothesis. Is this actually - is there any residue or wondrous cold within the cards or anything like that?

Bizly

Roll Arcana.

Grizzly

10.

Bizly

That's enough. No.

Charlie

What?

Condi

What?

Bizly

This is an otherworldly magic.

Runt

This... This is fuckin'... This is fuckin' wrong.

Troy

How does it - so how does it work? Is it like the coal makes the... This stuff hurts my head anyways.

Blink

I don't really understand my cards. I mean, who designed the cards to summon apparitions?

Runt

There's no coal. There's no coal in there.

Troy

Just save the science. Save the science.

Runt

There's nothing scientific about these cards! Burn 'em, burn 'em! Burn 'em!!!

Blink

No, no, I want to keep them. They could be nice.

Runt

Burn the fucking cards!!!

Bizly

Most sane Salem resident.

Blink

I just - I like shuffling, like they're nice... No, give those back.

Condi

I take the cards back from you.

Blink

I want them.

Bizly

Okay, who's taking what of this loot hoard?

Runt

Stop eyein' my clock.

(Wheezing)

Charlie

That's wild.

Condi

I'm taking the deck and I'll hold on to the potions.

Charlie

I'll take the ring.

Bizly

Do your thing. I just put the treasure there.

Charlie

No, no, listen-

Bizly

Take what you want. Do what you will.

Charlie

It's a cool ring.

Bizly

It is your color scheme, but like... and like-

Charlie

Nah it's cool. I was thinking of doing a more earthy and green tones anyway.

Bizly

(Laughs) Alright, what are you guys doing? Where are we headed? What are we doing?

Charlie

Okay, can I pet the dog?

Bizly

Roll one more Animal Handling check with advantage because you've already gained its trust.

Troy

Bark, bark.

Charlie

I got a 12.

Bizly

You pet the dog and the golden light shimmers down the back of its neck and onto its back, and the letters on the wall rearrange into something that you can read.

Grizzly

What does the lore say?

Bizly

I'm going to deliver the lore, baby.

Charlie

Oh, yeah, baby.

Bizly

Whoever wants to read this can read this.

Grizzly

Can Troy read? Blink, you read it.

(Wheezes)

Blink

My Feinya, though our paths diverge, our hearts remain intertwined. I yearn to leave this new world and be reunited with you once more. Alas, it seems the gods do not will it to be so. Thankfully, my dreams still allow me to drift into your touch. Our boy grows stronger each day - I'm like illiterate, I'm sorry. I will ensure he does not forget your name, your face, and that your teachings are passed down onto him. Until we meet again, may the glow guide our path. I don't understand.

Runt

What name is Feinya?

Blink

Oh, so the gods are real? Is that like...

Runt

There's so much going on right now. I can't fucking process it.

Troy

There's a lot happening, and I think it's helpful if we all just ground ourselves for a second.

(Laughter)

Blink

Okay. Actually, I think I'm in agreement with you.

Runt

I don't fuckin' like it, but yeah, okay, let's just take a second. I don't know what the fuck is going on with this mountain, but we are not - anywhere near Reclaim.

Troy

Everything that's happening right now... Is what should be happening and what's intended.

Runt

What was that big fuckin' red? That red, what are they called? Fuck, what is that thing?

Troy

Let's just breathe on it.

Bizly

You know what a dragon is, it was just way too fuckin' big.

Runt

Why was it so fuckin' big? That dragon. I don't fucking know.

Charlie

Okay, is the compass pointing us anywhere else?

Bizly

No, it's still just pointing down the path it's been.

Charlie

I guess we continue down the path.

Condi

Yeah, I mean, our goal is the herb still, so we should definitely find those.

Bizly

You all follow this path once more and the buildings become more and more destroyed, and eventually, you end up at a larger clearing area. In front of you are three doorways, almost gateways, with broken down doors that are in a line, one, two, three. In the center of this little stone, it's almost like a stone courtyard that has been overgrown with these roots. There is a broken statue of a woman whose wings have fallen and crumpled. You can see there's still the remnants of one side of her face, and you can see the ears pointed up. Elf ears, similar to Professor Cross.

Grizzly

Is Professor Cross the only one with pointed ears in Wonder?

Bizly

Yes.

Blink

Maybe this is something we ask him about? They had the same ears as him.

Runt

What? So you just - you think they're related?

Blink

Maybe. I mean, I don't know. It feels a different world up here.

Bizly

Oh, and also there is, once again, text above the center door.

Charlie

I rub our dog.

Bizly

You give him a little head scratch, and the text reveals, 'To tread the path before, remember the path behind you.' Or sorry, 'To tread the path before you, remember the path behind you.'

Troy

Path behind us.

Blink

It's speaking in riddles I don't understand.

Charlie

I turn around.

Grizzly

Turn around, too.

Condi

I don't. I mean, I do.

Bizly

Just the path that you came.

Runt

Oh. Clearly, it means metaphorically.

Charlie

And there's three doors?

Bizly

Yes.

Charlie

Is there any differentiating factor between the doors?

Bizly

Nope. They're actually extremely similar.

Grizzly

We haven't seen any doors on the way here yet, right?

Bizly

No. Most of what you've seen is ruin.

Blink

I think we go left.

Troy

Okay, elaborate.

Blink

Most situations, they always want you to go right. And so in this situation, we go left.

Troy

What are you talking about? 'Most situations, they want you to go right.' I've never heard that in my life.

Blink

It's like a psychology thing, okay?

Troy

Is that true?

Blink

The brain wants to go right - yeah, it wants to go right. So we go left instead.

Troy

Okay, because I do want to go right.

Blink

Yeah, I figured. See, because that's what-

Troy

Okay, they probably compensated for that by expecting us to go against what they wanted. So the thing actually against what the brain wants, which in your case is left, would be to go right.

Runt

You fuckin' - cheeseballs. There's three ways to go, we can go straight. It's not an either or. So even if you wanted to go right, the only option is not just left, it's left or straight. So therefore, the psychology doesn't work anymore.

Blink

No, I feel like going straight isn't like - yeah, that's... I don't think that's really in the cards.

Runt

Going straight is the shortest path forward. If you do any turns, it makes the journey longer.

Troy

Why don't we all go through one of the doors?

Runt

I call the straight one.

Troy

Okay, I'll take the right one.

Blink

Okay, I'll take left then. Sure.

Bizly

You open up your respective doors and opens up a dark corridor, each one separate, and a door at the end.

Blink

Are we sure about this, by the way?

Troy

See you all on the other side.

Blink

Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

Troy

May the glow guide your path.

Runt

Let's go, Rocket.

Bizly

Alright, so you guys all walk down the hallway, open up the door at the end, and you walk back out into the courtyard in different doors.

Charlie

What?

Grizzly

What?

Bizly

The door that you walked in, Troy, you walked out of the door that Runt walked into.

Charlie

Okay, so I walked through the right door and then came out the straight door.

Bizly

Yes.

Charlie

I'm gettin' my notes.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Troy, you walked in the right door, came out the straight door. Runt, you walked in the straight door, you went out the left door. Blink, you went out the left door and went out the right door.

Blink

So that means that mean the right door is the right one because... Wait. No, the straight... What?

Bizly

(Laughs) I feel like you lost five Intelligence on Blink today.

Condi

No, I've always had a lower Intelligence.

Bizly

And Troy took it and turned it into Druid.

Condi

No, he's got Wisdom. He's got Wisdom.

Bizly

Druid Sense.

Charlie

I put my fingers to the dirt and I take some of the soil. Is it the same soil as it was when we passed through?

Bizly

Yeah. You walked out into the same courtyard you were just in.

Charlie

Okay.

Troy

Now, everyone, close your eyes and remember the path you just took.

Condi

Okay, so here's what I'm going to do. Just in case this works, it brings me somewhere else, alright? I'm going to go in, I'm going to shut the door behind me, I'm going to walk to the end of the hall, I'm going to turn around and I'm going to walk back through the door.

Grizzly

Technically, he's going out the same way he came - in?

Charlie

Yeah.

Condi

Uh huh.

Grizzly

But when he gets to the opposite door and turns around, he'll be going out the door behind him.

Bizly

Are the two of you following?

Charlie

No.

Blink

If I'm not back in five minutes, I've made it through, probably.

Bizly

Blink does not return.

Charlie

Okay.

Troy

Did he tell you what he was going to do?

(Laughter)

Runt

I think - I was petting Rocket, and I noticed that he looked a little concerned. Hold on, I have photographic memory. I can remember. Uh, he went in-

Troy

Okay, so we know that he went in-

Runt

-the right door.

Troy

The door closed.

Runt

You're go in the left one, I'll go in the right one.

Bizly

He said fuck all and just LEFT.

Condi

No, I'm going to say this out loud just in case it works. So I did say it out loud. They're choosing to be wilfully ignorant.

Bizly

Oh, oh okay, okay. I thought you didn't I didn't say it. I think you didn't say what you did. Okay, so I guess he did say it out loud, so you would know.

Troy

Okay. Alright. What did you just tell me to do? Go through the left door?

Runt

Yeah, you go through the left door. I'll go through the right.

Charlie

Okay, I go to the end of my door, I open the far door. Close it, open it, close it, walk back, open my door, close it, walk back to the other side and walk through that door.

Grizzly

I walk in my door and I do exactly what Blink said he did.

Bizly

You'll follow closely behind, and I assume Troy, you'll follow as well.

Charlie

I'll get there eventually.

Grizzly

Eventually. (Laughs)

Bizly

It'll work eventually. Blink, you get there first, you see the ruins of what seem to be some barracks where people would train. You see a couple of training dummies fallen over and

destroyed, tables destroyed as well. A couple of pathways leading off, but in the center, a gate. And inside is a glowing magical presence, and you just know the herb is in there.

Blink

Wow. Okay, um... It's been five minutes. Where are they?

Bizly

Eventually, they will blip out the door behind you.

Runt

Sorry, we - uh - we'll have to wait for Troy a little bit. I feigned ignorance. We'll just see how long it takes him. I thought it was funny. (Coughs) I realized I maybe shouldn't have done that because I don't have a lot of time.

Charlie

40 minutes go by.

Bizly

(Laughing) 40 minutes go by - you guys get a short rest.

Charlie

Oh, cool.

Condi

Except for Troy, who was running back and forth through these doors for 40 minutes.

Bizly

Eventually, you all regroup in this room after 40 minutes. It seems that a stone has fallen onto a pressure plate and closed this gate.

Condi

When you come through the door Troy, I don't know if Runt would go along with this, but like we're playing a card game. It's like Yu-Gi-Oh. It's like a dragon versus a fucking beholder.

Charlie

That's sick.

Bizly

That's awesome.

Runt

My grandfather's deck has no bad cards!

Blink

That's not true. AAAAAAAGH!!!!

Condi

As I get blasted away by this blue eyes white dragon.

Runt

I win again!

Blink

How do you keep doing that?

Runt

It's aaaall strategy.

Blink

It's all in the heart of the cards.

Runt

It's all strategy.

Charlie

I see a huge dragon kill Blink, and I turn around and leave-

(Laughter)

Runt

It's the heart of the cards, Blink. Heart of the cards.

Blink

I just don't believe in that.

Runt

I don't believe in God, but you know - fuck, what happened?

Blink

I summon my priest and two acolytes.

Runt

Put 'em away, put 'em away!

Bizly

The whispering and the runes, then it goes right back.

Blink

Okay, well, the herbs. I mean, we could have just grabbed the herb this entire time, but like - we waited for you, Troy.

Troy

I appreciate it. Here.

Charlie

Is the herb protected by anything, or is it just kind of there?

Bizly

There is this small center, almost garden area. So imagine the room like a big circle, and then there's a smaller circle with a fence around it and a gate that is closed. And I described a pressure plate that had a stone on it that seemed to be closing this gate.

Blink

Troy, you want to work your magic?

Troy

Of course.

Blink

I definitely did not try this at all while we were waiting for you.

Troy

No, of course.

Charlie

I take a knee and I speak to the Green Father, and I hold up a hand. I say,

Troy

Forest, I give you a piece of me so that I may receive a piece of you.

Charlie

And the herb begins to float.

Grizzly

[amused] He's just describing it himself-

Bizly

Sorry, you can't actually see - you can't actually see the herb in there. You just see the plant and the glow from it.

Charlie

Oh, okay. Okay.

Bizly

You will need to go in there. And it's also enclosed in this gate, in this fence.

Charlie

That's fine. I just say that then, I guess I just-

Bizly

Okay, okay.

Charlie

I take the rock off of the pressure plate.

Bizly

It's pretty simple. You move it across and this gate opens up and you see this patch of bluish green grass and a plant sprouting up, huge leaves moving out, and in the center - almost like a spiraling flower, and in the center are these golden buds. It's huge and moves up all the way, it seems to have overgrown in this fenced-in area. And stepping out from behind it.

Charlie

Wha...?

Grizzly

[old-man voice] Hello!

Condi

Hello, it's me!

Charlie

[old man voice] Oh, you've finally found me!

Condi

It's the guy who stabbed you in the prison that one time.

Charlie

Dude, I'll fucking kill myself.

Bizly

A massive 10 three-foot cerberus - three heads, snarling, looking at you.

Condi

Is this the mother? Do you think this is the mom?

Grizzly

Oh fuck. Yeah.

Bizly

As it moves towards you, closer and closer, it sniffs. The middle head sniffs at you.

Runt

Stop!

Bizly

I hold a hand up.

Runt

Stop!

Bizly

Hold the hand up. Where is the baby right now?

Grizzly

In my other hand.

Runt

I hath returned thy son!

Bizly

The cerberus stops in its tracks but continues to snarl as it looks at you.

Runt

Am I doin' this right Troy? Fuck, how do I - what's the language?

Troy

You're doing it right. Just close your eyes... Feel the nature around you, and connect with the mother.

Grizzly

I do that.

Troy

Put your hand on her nose.

Grizzly

I hold my hand out, I hold the baby Rocket,

Troy

Touch her nose, touch her nose.

Charlie

Troy Jr. and Whisper. I wait for the big cerberus to come and put their nose in my hand like fucking how to train your dragon.

Bizly

Roll me an Animal Handling.

Condi

Don't fuck this one up.

Grizzly

I don't get advantage? Troy's been getting advantage the whole fucking session.

Bizly

You get advantage. You get advantage. You get advantage.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Good Lord.

Grizzly

I have the dog.

Condi

Aggressive, aggressive, dude.

Charlie

You're actually such a hater. You're actually such a hater.

Grizzly

I got an 11.

Bizly

Okay, so the creature does not become friendly, but it becomes neutral.

Charlie

I go over to Runt's ear, and as I'm whispering stuff to her, I also go-

Troy

(blows raspberries)

Charlie

-to try and distract her.

Blink

Maybe you should just put the dog down.

Bizly

The cerberus sits there and the left head peeks over to sniff at the pup in your hand.

Grizzly

I raise Rocket up like Simba.

Troy

Okay, now don't move. A single movement could alert its maternal instincts.

Charlie

And I start taking the cloak off of Runt.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Runt, are you letting this happen?

Charlie

It will tear you to shreds if you move so much as a muscle.

Bizly

The cerberus grabs the baby and sets it on the ground.

Runt

Oh. Oh my God. You're fuckin' big.

Troy

Thank God, this thing is just my fuckin' style.

Runt

Where's my fucking cloak?!

Troy

That was stressing me out.

Runt

Where's my cloa-? Troy!

Grizzly

Tackle him.

Charlie

We just start fucking going at it dude.

Bizly

They start fighting. Blink, you look to see this cerberus that is licking its young, and it leans over and it bites one of the little buds and sets it over into your hand.

Blink

Oh.

Grizzly

We are like a smoke cloud in the background.

Bizly

Yeah, totally.

Condi

There's like cameras and shit flying out. Metals scrap.

Blink

Oh, thank you. This is exactly what we needed.

Bizly

Puts his head down and just puts the top of its head towards you.

Blink

I'm happy that we were able to reunite you with your child.

Condi

I'm going to go peeeet iiiit?

Bizly

Roll Animal Handling with advantage.

Condi

I have good Animal Handling. I say as I fucking - fuck it, 11.

Bizly

That's fine. You go to put your hand on the head and you rub. Very soft, very elegant creature. But you hear behind you - aside from that smoke cloud - once again the calm is taken from the room as five creatures jump down all around this room.

Grizzly

What the fuck? What the fuck?

Condi

An ambush?

Bizly

You see these purplish creatures standing at about nine feet tall jump down down. They've got these tusks, almost arachnid-like faces, these two talons on their hands and feet, and they all start lumbering towards you. In this moment, the cerberus jumps out and starts gnashing its teeth at these beings, holding them at bay, giving you an opportunity to leave.

Grizzly

To leave?

Condi

We should do that.

Troy

Oh okay, let's go.

Bizly

It seems she grabs one and does away with it with ease. Clearly, this cerberus is far stronger than these small creatures.

Charlie

Oh okay, so it's all good.

Grizzly

Well, that's fine. We just stop mid-fight, Runt's got like the cloak in her teeth, trying to yank it away from him.

Charlie

I've got my fuckin' fist raised up with the ring on it.

Runt

Oh, so we - oh, oh! Stop, we gotta go.

Troy

Oh, okay, bet.

Blink

I've got the herb. Let's - yeah, run.

Bizly

You guys begin running out the doors. As you move back into the courtyard, the cerberus does away with these creatures with ease, returns to her young.

Grizzly

I'll miss you, Rocket, Troy Jr. and Troy Jr. 2/Whisper.

Bizly

And with that, my friends, our time together... Is up.

Charlie

I feel like I just found my dynamic with Runt.

(Laughter)

Grizzly

It was awesome. It's been that dynamic the whole time.

Charlie

Yeah, I know, but I feel like we hit it extra hard today.

Condi

Oh, surely.

Bizly

Eventually, all episodes must come to an end. And when they do... You will always come crawling back here to hear me shout the names of the members at jrwishow.com, as well as the patrons at patreon.com/justrollwithit. We're going to do some members first because fuck it, why not? Membership stuff is new, might as well give them a shoutout first. So shoutout to Wee Woo, Insomnia Draws, Era the King, ItDemo, Yeedium type Z, Heehoo, Elvish Cyborg, Buzozo, Golden Block 12, Pink Tucky, Awesome Man, Toonie Looney, Bacca7, Twisted Crow, Some Guy Liam,

Bizly

Blue Alien Fox, Wild James, Fungus Knight - holy shit, don't want to fight him. Aaron Moment, Luke P571, Lucar4334, Bebson, Joy Key, Bran Nyan, Unstable Chaotic Cracker - me as fuck. Val Punk, That One Guy, Sumpfee Little King Man, It's Albert, Teeny Ghost, Stinky Man, Eebydeeby52, Cry Says Sunny Stinks, Jason the Fricker, Joshua Mills, Greg Lee, Elvkey, Jvick975, Limb Muncher, Bouncy Birb, Jay, and Emmy Miss PD. I miss it, too. I miss it too. I might work on a freaking comic, though.

Bizly

I might work on a comic. That's what I'm thinking after Wonderlust is over. I don't know, I don't know. I don't know if anyone wants to see that. No way. No way people want a comic of Prime Defenders. Anyway, Cody the Cheese King, I'm Rollin Cu, Narwhal Shellfish - why you make me say that? (Laughs) That One Person 712, G. Emmet, Mario Craft 6000, Hibiscus, Kedis Bades, Jordan Darlin, Alister Suzy, The Retrolyzer, Pine T, Jojo Jordan, 123, Avi E, Chronos, Vapor Slash, Mr. Mustlead, Questionable, Daniel the Manual - I like that one. Cojaht, Nyx, Dev the Dolphin, Cheezus - love that one. Condifiction. What the fuck? Get off here. Milo Mumbles, Grizzly, and... No, you guys... Oh my God.

Bizly

Anyway. We're going to switch over to Patreon. Ooh, caught my dog yawnin' if you heard that. If you heard that. We're going to switch over to Patreon, where I might just end up saying a lot of these names twice. We'll find out. Paige Blakene, Liam Osborne, The One Who Has Finally Come, just call me Retro. You see, you should put Retro at the beginning because I'm always going to read the first part first. Micah Klein, Shacko Seek, Boxfish, The Megabat Ako, Leaky Liqueur, Swirly is a Confirmed Guest on JRWI - Swirly, we got to get you on the membership

site. We got to get you over there. Basic Blur, Cinnabunny03, The Fallen Vines. M- Mason! Mason! I saw - I don't know if you tweeted or something like that, but I saw it.

Bizly

I saw it. You told me to just say Mason. You saw that I said that. I'm just going to say it now. I'm just going to say Mason. What up, Mason? Fungus Knight. See? I knew there's be some repeats in there. Appreciate you, Fungus Knight. We got you doubled up. Era the King, the Rubik's Cuber, Canonical JRWI Jesus, Viper Hypnotic, Iggy Clover, Al Major, Type 2 diabetes. Tiabetes, sorry. Kingdom Games, Voyessence, Rock Stoneson, Haze Roper, GBS Child, Rich - Gillion's Rich Cousin Billion, Heck of a Gecko, I'm Just a Burb, Cranky Martin. Heck of a Gecko is really fun to say. Goose, Camden Fin, Lightning Deathbringer, Grezgorz, Cheesus, It's Albert, Zenith Scyth, Agar Steeljaw, Limb Muncher, Morbius, Mr. Anderson 1078. I can't believe Grezgor, you pay monthly to hear me absolutely butcher your name every single time without fail. I mean at this point, I don't even say the second part, y'know?

Bizly

It - it kind of baffles me. I mean, thank you, right? For the money, but also unbelievable that you have stuck with us through my great many failures. Anyway, Limb Muncher, Morbius, Mr. Anderson1078, Oliver Lolly, Aaron Moment, Alastair Suzy, Broderick Motif, Falugash, Constantina- you too, you too, I fuck up your name every time, bro.

Bizly

Misty Butterfly, Aldric, It's Zafennah, Mr. C., Archibald was the Overseer's Ex-Left Hand - and look where that FUCKIN' got him, Archibald. Oh, man. Sif the Game Hunter, Teeny Ghost, It's Sea Fresh, Me Forever Mate, Serezaku, Charlie Darling Songbird, Eclipse 1680 Gaming. I almost said 1080, uh oh. The Oval Lord, Quin Gibson, Epic Chris, Motor Musker, Leftover Rice, You Will Rue the Day, Hmberger, Mister Unpredictable, Jonathan Bleak, Luke Pierce, Thomas Pierce, The Loot Goblin, Lemon Leviathan, Bebnis, Dapper, Bre Lee, Daxie Boy, O'Kerberos, Flooffle Boo, Beans, Kerbwin, Walfie, Pippin the Vagabond, Taine Lambert the Snazziest, Sweet Cacti, Bacca7, Cals the Folded Pizza Zone, the Awesome Man, Fbomb02. You can't say that. Amber Curry, Robert Gangwer, Shrimps is Bugs, technically.

Bizly

Abby Kate and Elliot, Sarah Lester, Mr. Nacho, Sammie Bo II, Funny Dog, love a funny dog. Finrua, Mitchell Iverson, Ballscope, Derpy Tricks, Zero Codex, Deathclaw, Sandy007, William Smith, Apple, Soul of a Pep, Big Man Christian, Blueblenblop, Elys the Washed Up Bard,

Zerberus, Obligatory References, Cryasanis Sin, Spinyax, E, Jacob Martinez, Kirby Wafro - Wafro, Gillion's Biggest Fan, the Godly King, Cornier Comet, Charmer the Bard, Kitsune, Nonslotl, Asteria Nicks, George Benji, JRWI Enjoyer, and Devinator.

Bizly

Ooh. I miss you, Jay. I say it every time. I don't - I don't mean to be fucked up. It's more so the pattern recognition part of my brain that wants to say your name anyway. Anyway, thank you guys for all of you who went and checked out the membership site, and for all of you that didn't. That's fine, too. Just all of you who make this freakin' show possible.

Bizly

I hope you're liking Wonderlust. It's um... We're almost done with recording it, and it feels surreal to almost be done. You guys are only really halfway. It's crazy, but it's about to get... I think today it already got insane. Next time, it gets even more insane. It stops, we kinda - mm. I don't know if you ever notice this in Prime Defenders, where I just... Say, 'Fuck it', sometimes. Definitely did that at a point, at a point. And you will be able to tell. I think it was funny, though. I think it was funny. And I still like - it is purposeful. It has a reason, right? It's not just crazy. It's like - crazy with a purpose, I promise. Anyway, thank you for - thank you for watching. Uhh... Goodbye.