Charlie

My name is Gillion Tidestrider, and after being in the ocean and then being on a boat and then being on an island and then being on a boat and then being on an island, I'm on a boat. Let's just roll with it.

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Grizzly

Hello everybody and welcome to Just Roll With It. My name is Grizzly the DM, and today I lead another evening of adventure.

Bizly

With me, Bizly, playing the character named Chip. You know him, you love him, he's a bastard, you know it, and you gotta love it, and you gotta see it. But I'm accompanied by my two other friends—

Grizzly

Yes sir, yes sir, yes sir.

Bizly

Who are they? I wanna know. Tell me your names.

Condi

Hey, I'm Condifiction, I'm here playing Jay.

Grizzly

Welcome to the show, Condifiction Jay Ferin.

Condi

Thank you, thank you so— yeah, it's a pleasure to be here, you know, but there's one other guy here who really needs to be here.

Charlie

Hey, and I'm Charlie Slimecicle, see, playing Gillion Tidestrider. You know him, You love him.

Grizzly

Welcome.

Charlie

Come to steal your water.

Bizly

He's playing Gillion.

Condi

Yeah, GIllion.

Grizzly

Glad to have you back, Gillion Tidestrider, known as Charlie Slimecicle. Let's get right in.

Charlie

And it's great to be here.

Grizzly

To the next episode of Just Roll With It!

[everyone] Har, har, har!

Charlie

The boss is going to love this one.

Grizzly

The boss is going to love it.

Charlie

The boss is gonna love it.

Grizzly

I hope you guys love it.

Bizly

I love his wife.

Charlie

What about the boss? Hey, what about the boss's wife, bro?

Grizzly

Where we last left off. The three of you, Chip, Jay, and Gillion, freed the sisters and the people of Desire Island by using the blood from the heart of the Empress, which you acquired after battling her and playing her a song using instruments imbued with her magic to turn her into stone. On your final day, Gillion and Jay collected, ahem, a new fruit, dragonfruit, with Old Man Earl, and Chip talked to Aslana about seeing the world. At sunset, Marshall John arrived at the shores of this island's only town, and together once again, you all set back out to sea. During the first few days of travel, everyone did their own thing and kept to themselves, like reading a crafting book or fixing up the ship and teaching our beloved frogtopus battle strategy. However, your ship was attacked and boarded by a crew called the Goblin Raider Pirates. Who aimed to not only slay all of you, but also take everything that you had. During the battle, the goblins only managed to injure Oliver, but were swiftly mowed over and defeated. And so the journey continues. You all continue to sail in a northwestern direction for about a week, just because of— you didn't go full speed.

Grizzly

You didn't sail at full speed during the entire travel, and that goblin encounter sets you back a day. So during that week, Gillion would— everyone would keep to themselves as normal, but Gillion would read through 'The Rose-Colored Spectacles' written by his grandfather, Finn Tidestrider.

Charlie

Absolutely.

Grizzly

Jay spent more time alone, keeping to herself and presumably working on things, learning from that book about tinkering. And Chip has— all of you would notice that his hair has grown just slightly a bit more. It's now shaggier.

Condi

We're finally getting there.

Charlie

This is the slowest burn fan service the world has ever seen.

Grizzly

Still shorter hair, but now a bit unkempt. And also creating his own forms of entertainment alongside Ollie. Old Man Earl, however, experimented with the dragon fruits that you guys acquired, as well as began strength training with Marshall John.

Charlie

Yeah.

Bizly

Oh, yes.

Condi

Earl!

Bizly

Yes.

Condi

Oh, fuck.

Charlie

What?

Condi

God, he's getting fucking jacked, Charlie. That's fucking—

Charlie

Dude, wait, he's coming for my fucking position. Hang on.

Condi

He's coming for the strongest motherfucking— whatever we are.

Grizzly

You know Earl to be kind of this small and feeble-ish old man, so it's not like the first day of training with Marshall John went exceptionally well, but he did inquire and they did work out together.

Condi

Listen, I want Earl to be able to make a ton of juice with a single step. You know? That's his arc.

Grizzly

That's the goal.

Charlie

Yeah, I can't wait for him to learn level one spell Create or Destroy Juice.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Eventually you would all sail to your next destination. On the morning of your arrival, whoever kept watch this day besides Marshall John would be the first to see the outline of land break the horizon. You'd all rush to the front of your ship to see tall stone perimeter walls that define the circular shape of this island. The Albatross would sail under this, uh, about 15 to 30-foot wide open portcullis made of stone carved to look like two fists on either side of the entrance. These

act as the gateway into a dark tunnel, and afterwards, you would emerge beyond the threshold of the entrance of the southern wall. It's almost as if you guys cut through one side of a donut. The water now is shaped into a circular lake by the land around you. Off in the distance, you see numerous ships docked at the port, with even more empty docks to spare. Eventually, following John's lead, you maneuver both the Albatross and the Marshall's ship onto the side of the docks, and you've arrived here. On Joaldo Island. You guys have just entered port. I assume that you would all hop off the ship and group up at the base of these wooden docks.

Grizzly

And as you guys get off the ships and you're walking onto now the land, you get a good sense of the busyiness of this island. There's a ton of foot traffic coming from all kinds of walks of life, a mixture of smells, both earthy, sometimes rancid, and others more pleasant or more refined. You guys meet up with Marshall John, and it's just him who gets off his ship, and he says,

Marshall John

I expected more chaos being an island of pirates and the like.

Jay

Yeah are you not worried, actually? I mean, like, you were Navy, you know? You're not allowed on this island, technically.

Marshall John

That's true. Well, I just— I hope I don't get recognized.

Gillion

Ex-Navy John, you forged your own destiny.

Marshall John

It's a—

Jay

It's destiny of the pirate, awesome.

Marshall John

It's fair to assume that I haven't arrested anybody on this island since, well they're on the island and not in jail. [laughs]

Jay

Yeah, I mean, I'm just, you know, you have this big navy flag with a cross through it. I just figured maybe—

Marshall John

Well, I painted an 'X' over it.

Gillion

It's a big 'X;, he'll be fine.

Jay

I mean, you know, it's still a little sus. Okay, yeah. That'll be fine.

Gillion

Okay.

[laughter]

Marshall John

No, you can trust me. I've left that life behind. I'm not the imposter here. I think if I tell people that I left the Navy, beat them up, I'll get some street cred if I absolutely need it. But I'm a pretty big guy, so coming to try and intimidate me isn't really smart.

Grizzly

He looks around and just sees a bunch of people that are a lot shorter than his way above average height.

Marshall John

Well, it wouldn't be a good time. Anyways...

Grizzly

He walks over a bit. There's just a placard with a simple sketch of the island's map that's just right here at the entrance, or basically where the dock turns into the main road of this island. And he kind of inspects it and he says,

Marshall John

Hmm. I gotta get searching for Lizzie. I think I'll ask around. Maybe check the taverns.

Chip

No, why are we gonna go look for her? I mean, we could just, we go get some food, John, or we could, we could maybe, uh, do something else.

Jay

Chip, come on, the entire reason we came here was to find Lizzie.

Chip

Okay, well, what's so special about her anyway?

Jay

What, are you jealous? You jealous because she's better than you?

Chip

No, I'm not. She, she is not better than me, okay? No one is better than the captain of the Millennium Chipper.

Jay

Listen, I mean, she's got a bigger bounty than you, Chip.

Gillion

Albatross.

Jay

It is the Albatross, by the way.

Gillion

It is the Albatross.

Chip

Yeah, well, maybe that's because she got caught more than me.

Condi

I dap up Gillion.

Charlie

Let's go! I dap up.

[laughter]

Charlie

Your hand's all wet.

Marshall John

Don't worry, Chip. I'm sure that whenever I meet her and introduce you, you'll be able to learn a lot.

Chip

Yeah, sure. I'll learn so much.

Grizzly

Now, what— you said you were wanting to make a perception check. What are you looking for, Gillion?

Charlie

I want to see how the inhabitants— what curse the inhabitants of this island are under so that we can free them.

[laughter]

Bizly

Jesus Christ.

Charlie

No, but for real, is there anything happening in this island?

Condi

It's the curse of piracy.

Charlie

I just want to take it all in. Like, what the hell? Something's got to be going wrong. Who's stoned? Who's laughing? Let's find out.

Condi

Maybe they're crowning here.

Bizly

Is there any stone statues that are laughing profusely?

Charlie

Are there any, yeah suspiciously...?

Grizzly

No. Go ahead and roll a perception check.

Charlie

I just— yeah, generally. Let's go!

Grizzly

Jay, with your passive perception, there's no laughing stone people.

Charlie

Five.

Grizzly

Five, dude?

Charlie

My god, they're everywhere.

Grizzly

You know, nothing— Gillion, nothing catches your eye. I'm just checking your passive perception here.

Charlie

Completely glazed over always.

Grizzly

Okay, so Jay and Chip, You would notice things of interest as you're getting off your ships and walking along the docks here. Besides the map that kind of just basically explains, or sketches out, that this main road leads straight down to the coliseum, and this main road is bisected by another road, and on the left side of this road, if you went down the left path, it would lead to something called the Forgehood, and on the right side it would lead to the Respite District. And even from here, all of you, including Gillion, you can clearly see this large construction of a pillared stone building taking up the majority of the northern section of the island. But Jay and Chip, another thing with your passive perception, you would notice that there are two ships amongst the various sizes of— or amongst the ships of all different sizes, but two ships in particular are flying interesting Jolly Rogers. One of them has a Viking helmet with two axes acting as crossbones and another with this almost diamond or triangle-shaped musketeer hat with a very large feather.

Jay

Those are crazy ships.

Chip

Think they got a lot of stuff on them?

Jay

Probably. Chip, we're not stealing from the other pirates.

Chip

Well, I mean, I don't know. I thought we were kind of like good pirates. Don't like good guys steal from bad guys?

Jay

I don't know. Is there honor among pirates? Is that a thing?

Gillion

So much.

Chip

I've never heard it.

Gillion

There's so much. We have so much.

Marshall John

Well—

Jay

Maybe you, Gill.

Marshall John

From the information that I have, there is a such thing as the pirate code. Up to you whether or not you follow it.

Chip

Yeah. I knew about that. I knew the pirate code. Read that as a— used to read that, that was one of my bedtime stories as a kid. I know all about that.

Gillion

Oh really, Chip, what's the pirate code?

Chip

It's a code. Gill, you know what, you need to get up in the ranks a little bit—

Charlie

I'm noting these all down in character.

Chip

Alright? Before I can give you all of the code.

Gillion

Is this part of the code? So you have to be a pirate long enough to even find out what the code to be a pirate is?

Chip

Yeah, you do, you do. You know, it's kind of like a—

Gillion

Makes so much sense.

Chip

Leveling up thing, you know, you're just not at a high enough level, Gill.

Marshall John

It's just simple things like invoking the right of parley and etc., etc.

Chip

Invoking parley. Yeah, that's one of them.

Marshall John

Every pirate captain knows at least half of the pirate code. It's just tradition passed down to all the pirates.

Jay

Yeah?

Marshall John

You know, the Navy doesn't really talk about it, but we have like SparkNotes versions of it. So I think we could probably meet back later this evening. If you find a place to stay, maybe here in the Respite District.

Jay

Yeah.

Chip

We can do that, I think.

Jay

What do you want to do? I mean, there's this huge coliseum I wouldn't mind checking out. That looks interesting. Maybe, Chip can go in there and prove his worth, eh?

Condi

I kind of like elbow him.

Chip

What? I don't need to prove my worth to these guys.

Old Man Earl

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. Hey!

Gillion

But I totally have to.

Old Man Earl

Wait, come back to the ship! Hello!

Chip

Oh, Earl!

Old Man Earl

Hello!

Jay

Earl?

Gillion

Earl, what's going on?

Old Man Earl

Crew, before you go, where's that briefcase? Open up the briefcase.

Gillion

Oh.

Charlie

I open up the briefcase.

Old Man Earl

All right, give me one second.

Grizzly

And he's still on top of the ship here. He's most likely gonna be holding back this time just because of the experience of the last island, but he runs into where the kitchen of the ship is and comes out holding these three mason jars filled with peach-colored liquid. They're all glass mason jars.

Charlie

Yo, we got a juice mechanic! Let's go!

Condi

Yeah, juice!

Charlie

Open up!

Chip

Yes!

Old Man Earl

Hold open the case. I'm dropping them in.

Gillion

Old Man Earl, aim two in the case, one right here.

Charlie

I open my mouth very wide.

Condi

It's horrifying.

Grizzly

Alright, I'll do a waterfall.

Grizzly

You hear [foom foom] as two of the jars drop into the briefcase. And then you hear [popping noise] sorry, whatever sound the glass lid makes when it pops open. And he starts waterfallling it into your mouth.

Charlie

Yes, dude!

Condi

How's it taste?

Charlie

Dude, I thought you were going to ask me to make a con save. I was like, bro, what kind of juice is this?

[laughter]

Grizzly

No, no, no, no.

Condi

It was actually poisonous.

Charlie

Go ahead and die.

Grizzly

No, no, no, it's fine. I was kidding. You don't need to make a check. He makes it into your mouth.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Okay.

Charlie

He's waterfalling? Yeah, I want to get progressively further away so it gets more impressive. You know what I mean?

Grizzly

Yeah, no.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

It's actually— it's a sight. This catches the eyes of people who are walking down the main road from the right to the left side and just bypassing each other. Some of them stop, look over, see you guys on the docks, and there's just this stream of peach-colored liquid, almost as if as if he's urinating from the top of the ship.

Charlie

Let's go dude!

Grizzly

I'm just waving at people as they go by like,

Chip

Hi, Chip. Hi, Captain. Captain.

Gillion

Oh, Old Man Earl! [gurgling noises]

Chip

Hi, how are you doing, Captain Chip?

Grizzly

You feel—

Charlie

Can I use Shape Water to make it like bendy straw and make it really impressive? It's looping all around.

Grizzly

Yeah, sure. It looks amazing. It's a sight. Definitely brings a lot of attention unnecessarily to you and Old Man Earl here on the ship. However, as this juice— it's a bit citrusy, but also kind of sweet. It's much milkier than expected, and you feel a sense of inspiration as you finish the juice.

Charlie

Yo, what?

Old Man Earl

Alright, so that's my own personal concoction. I'm calling it the drug orange juice. Drag Orange! Drag Orange! The Drag Orange!

Gillion

Say it one more time, Earl!

Old Man Earl

Drag Orange! Not Drug Orange! There's no drugs in there.

Gillion

Wanted to make sure. I know there's no Navy here, but—

Old Man Earl

Hur, hur, hur. No drugs.

Grizzly

He crosses his fingers and puts it behind his back.

Jay

Where the hell did he get drugs?

Old Man Earl

None of your goddamn business!

Chip

I don't know.

Grizzly

I mean, no drugs.

Charlie

My pupils are huge.

[laughter]

Old Man Earl

All right, I'll stay back and watch the ship. I mean, the effects of the juice are only going to last, like, today, so keep that in mind.

Chip

The effects?

Gillion

I got a new— I need to do something drastic.

Grizzly

I'm shaking. The blacks of my pupils too—

Jay

Gill, you're dilating. Oh my god.

Chip

Oh god.

Gillion

I'm dying? What do you mean?

Chip

Oh god. Jay—

Jay

No, no, no.

Chip

I think he's high.

Jay

I think he's high too.

Gillion

What do you mean? I'm right here!

Chip

Gill!

Jay

I've never felt more in danger than this exact moment.

Gillion

That's what we need. Danger! We need danger now!

Chip

No! No, Gill! You're on drugs!

Grizzly

At this point, Marshall John has walked off on his own. There is no immediate sight of Oliver.

Bizly

Okay. There's not?

Grizzly

No, not at the moment. He didn't seem to get off any other ships.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

If you guys want to head somewhere, there's three options that you know of, which is the Forgehood, the Respite District, and the coliseum.

Chip

Alright, Gill, I'll take you to the coliseum. You'll get a lot, a lot of stimuli. I know you're looking for that.

Gillion

I've already got it. I've already got it so much. I hear everything, even colors.

Chip

Alright, just calm down. Alright this is—

Gillion

That's very green of you to say.

Chip

We need to keep a low profile here, alright? These aren't like those laughing guys we just fought!

Gillion

A low profile?

Charlie

I start to slowly crouch down on all fours as he says this...

Jay

No no no, stand up!

Chip

No, no, no, no!

Jay

Don't draw unnecessary attention to us please!

Chip

See, I know these kind of people!

Gillion

Never!

Chip

I need you to just keep your cool, follow me, everything will be fine!

Gillion

Now is this coliseum— does it happen to be a place of battle, honor, maybe?

Chip

Um...

Jay

Maybe not honor. Maybe not honor, but surely battle.

Chip

Probably not a whole lot of honor.

Gillion

Oh well.

Chip

But you could bring honor to it.

Gillion

Oh, I could bring honor to it, couldn't I?

Chip

Yeah, yeah.

Gillion

We could bring honor.

Jay

No, no.

Chip

You could, and we wouldn't bet any money on you, would we, Jay? We wouldn't do that.

Jay

Yeah, I wouldn't bet any money on you, Gill.

Chip

Okay, Gill—

Jay

I would never do that.

Chip

We might bet money on you.

Gillion

Tell you what, tell you what, if I, if I win in there, you have to tell me at least two bullet points on the pirate code when I restore honor to the coliseum.

Chip

[sighs] Sure.

Charlie

Give me one teaser now, give me one teaser now so I can conduct myself as is appropriate. Just one— just give me one bullet point from pirate code.

Chip

Uh...

Gillion

Ja, g—

Charlie

I've got it, I've got the notebook out.

Chip

Don't...

Gillion

Don't—

Chip

Don't...

Gillion

Just don't?

Chip

Don't pee your pants.

Jay

That's not on the code. That's not on the code, Chip.

Chip

Well, I mean, yeah, it is. It is. That's a pirate thing. You pee your pants, you're not a pirate anymore.

Grizzly

I'm so glad this came up because I actually have a written down pirate code here in my notes.

Condi

Nice.

Charlie

Yeah, I know, dude. And number one is don't pee your pats

Condi

Is there a poster on a wall somewhere that just says the pirate code on it?

Gillion

Chip, I've been underwater for 99% of my life. I can't help it, okay? So sue me.

Grizzly

You do not see any poster. It depends on where you guys— are you walking and talking? Are you headed towards the coliseum?

Charlie

Yeah, out of character.

Bizly

I would be.

Condi

Out of character, I kind of want to go to the— I don't know what you guys are feeling. I kind of want to check out the Forgehood.

Condi

I kind of want to check out Forgehood too.

Charlie

Oh, for real?

Bizly

I was leaning more towards coliseum, but we can go there too.

Charlie

Okay, I have an idea. I have an idea.

Grizzly

Two out of three votes.

Charlie

Okay, okay.

Gillion

Oh Chip, the coliseum sounds good, but I don't know how much mileage I'll get out of this old—it's all beaten up. It's all rags at this point.

Chip

Wait, what? What's all rags?

Gillion

My armor, it's all the rags.

Chip

Oh, oh, oh yeah, we can go get you something like—

Gillion

The little coral is chipped.

Chip

Hmm, okay.

Gillion

Pretzel has a paper clip.

Chip

Yeah, let's get you fitted out and then we can enter you in there and make a lot of money.

Jay

Maybe, maybe. Wait...

Chip

I mean, he's a pretty good fighter.

Jay

Wait Gill, do you have any money?

Charlie

I empty my pockets and hundreds and hundreds of sand dollars fall out and kelp.

Chip

That's just sand.

Jay

That's worthless.

Gillion

I think we'll be more than good. I think this will be more than enough.

Charlie

I wink at them.

Jay

Chip, those are worthless.

Chip

Yeah, I know that.

Jay

Why is he like this?

Gillion

Sorry, better not draw any unwanted attention.

Charlie

I start taking the sand dollars. No one fucking cares.

[laughter]

Gillion

I think we're more than good. What about you two?

Chip

I mean do you have any?

Jay

Yeah, I've got— yeah, I have like 1,500.

Chip

Okay, I mean, listen, if we pull together we can—

Gillion

You have 1,500 sand dollars?

Chip

We can make all that money back.

Gillion

I'd like to see that.

Jay

Okay, yeah, as long as we win it back.

Chip

Yeah, we'll win it back. He's a good fighter, right, Gill? You're a good fighter.

Jay

Listen, I'm trying to put this money away in a roth IRA.

Gillion

Champion of the undersea, baby. We got this.

Chip

Who the fuck is Roth?

Jay

He's my accountant!

Chip

Why do you have an accountant? We're pirates! Pirates don't have accountants!

Jay

Okay, maybe you don't...

Grizzly

It's part of the code.

[laughter]

Charlie

You can't have an accountant if you're a pirate, dude!

Grizzly

Nobody will touch me booty!

Gillion

Have you been investing in your Pirate IRA? Do they have those up here?

[laughter]

Chip

No.

Gillion

P-Pirate arrrgh a.

Grizzly

Pirate arrgggh gay.

Chip

Let's just go get some armor, alright?

[laughter]

Chip

Try and act cool, okay? And if someone comes up to you, bumps into you, anything like that, act tough, alright? Give like a grunt or something.

Gillion

I can be cool, I can be cool.

Charlie

The air around me just starts to— crisp ice freeze.

Chip

Gill. Gill, let's... No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, not that kind of cool, alright? Let's play this out, alright?

Gillion

I'm tough.

Chip

I'm a mean pirate. I walked up and I'm gonna— I'm gonna step on your shoe. What do you do?

Gillion

I'm not wearing shoes. I guess it's fine.

Chip

No, no, Gill, you have to like— okay, I step on your foot or I— I just— I took your sand dollars. What are you gonna do?

Gillion

I'm gonna kill you.

[laughter]

Chip

No, you can't just kill people! You have to display your strength without getting us killed.

Gillion

Unless that's part of the pirate code. Unless that's totally fine. Unless that you're supposed to do that.

Chip

Try and say this: if something happens, just go uh, say something tough like— Hey buddy, I wouldn't do that if I were you. You know? Say back to me.

Jay

Hey you got a problem pal?

Chip

Something like that. Yeah say that back to me Gill. Yeah.

Gillion

Hey pal, I think your life's gone down the wrong path. Take my hand we can fix it together.

Chip

No no no no no no no.

Gillion

How's that? Is that good?

Chip

Gill these guys won't respond to somethin' like that. You need ta show they're tough.

Gillion

Well I think we would all look pretty tough with a little bit of new armor right?

Jay

Chip, you're going to have to be tough for him.

Chip

I can't be tough for him. I can't even be tough for me.

Jay

What?

Chip

What? I mean, yeah, let's go. Armor!

Gillion

Destiny, that way!

Jay

Armor!

Bizly

And I start marching towards it.

Grizzly

Following the road down the left side into the Forgehood, you guys actually would have passed this and caught a glimpse of the buildings, at least the silhouette of the buildings on your way in here. As you enter, a variety of structures flank both sides of the road as you guys enter. And while the ground level holds smaller stalls under awnings and the like, there are wooden inclines that lead up to a second story of different buildings supported by tall stilts and the island's topography. A few places catch your interest immediately, but not before you hear the shouts of struggle nearby. You see two bulky men, in front of a stained wooden shop, teasing a small halfling by holding up a cat in the air.

Charlie

I rush in!

Grizzly

Alright.

Chip

No Gill!

Jay

This one, I don't think this one's a— oh fuck.

Gillion

Hey!

Grizzly

As soon as you get closer, you hear immediately,

Bully NPC 1

It's simple, little potion seller. Give us some stock on the house and your cat will go free!

Grizzly

And he's jumping up to the cat.

Braxton

Come on, fellas, is this really good business? I mean, what happened to sportsmanship?

Grizzly

And then you show up and say, 'Hey.'

Gillion

Hey! Is this cat bothering you?

[laughter]

Bully NPC 1

Mind your business, pirate.

Condi

Wait, he knows what a cat is?

Bully NPC 1

It's part of the code.

Gillion

Yeah?

Bully NPC 1

We're just trying to get a little bit of merchandise.

Grizzly

And he's like squeezing this cat. The cat's like, [mrowwww, mrowww]

Gillion

Hey buddy, I've got some merchandise for you.

Charlie

And I—

Chip

No Gill, please don't.

Charlie

Bounce my pecs.

Grizzly

[laughter]

Chip

Oh my god.

Charlie

And I look back at Chip.

Gillion

How is this?

Chip

Not the pecs.

Jay

No, no this is a good attempt, Chip. He's doing it.

Grizzly

Make a—

Charlie

Make a what check?

Grizzly

Make a pec popping intimidation check.

Charlie

Intimidation check. All right, that is going to be a 23.

Grizzly

Damn.

Bizly

Holy shit.

Condi

Dude.

Charlie

Our thumbnail artist draws me like that for a for a fucking reason. Boom, boom, boom!

Grizzly

You see the one that's holding the cat up into the air, and getting a closer look at these guys, they're wearing black and furred leather armor, and they're a lot bigger muscular-wise and taller than you guys are, and they have these large axes with black wraps along the handles with very silver delicate, very finely made blades. The one holding the cat drops it from the air and it lands on its feet. [mrowww] It scurries off behind the little halfling man into the shop. And then he turns towards you, Gillion.

Bully NPC 1

What's your problem, man?

Gillion

I can see at some point your life took the wrong turn. Here, take my hand. Together we can change your destiny.

Jay

Oh my god.

Gillion

It doesn't need to be this way.

Bizly

Can I do something?

Grizzly

Yeah, what's up, Chip?

Bizly

I would like to stealth behind them if possible, like slip away, sneak back behind them. And I want to, with both of my swords, kind of just slit the belts from their waist and have both of their pants fall down.

Charlie

Yes!

Grizzly

Okay, first roll stealth check. Second roll, sleight of hand check. I'll say roll stealth with advantage because Gillion's distracting them.

Bizly

All right, first roll is a 16. Second roll was a six. Okay, so—

Charlie

Can I do it? Can I time it so as my pecs bounce, their pants fall down?

[laughter]

Bizly

I'll time it. I'll time it, sure.

Charlie

That would be awesome. That would be awesome. Yeah.

Bizly

Sleight of Hand is going to be a 22. So it's a 16 stealth, 22 sleight of hand.

Charlie

Yeah, fuck these guys.

Grizzly

All right, that's enough. You carefully, as Gillion has their attention and offers his hand, beckoning them to follow him into a new way of life, a new path, creep around behind them. And with a swift cut, both pants, both belt straps holding the pants of both of these men drop to the ground, exposing these loincloths underneath and very unimpressive back sides.

Gillion

Woah! Are those up to pirate code?

Chip

Oh, geez, guys. Looks like your pants fell down. How'd that happen?

Bully NPC 1

Ahhh! You bastards!

Chip

Now everyone's looking at your undies. Gross!

Grizzly

Everyone turns around and starts laughing at this point. You're starting to point and make a big deal out of it.

Gillion

I think you need to visit the forge, get a little plating for that flat ass.

[laughter]

Bully NPC 1

We'll— let's get out of here. We'll get our revenge at the tournament. Fuck!

Chip

Oh, bye-bye, ladies.

Grizzly

And they start hobbling over like penguins away from this little building.

Braxton

Oh, thanks. Thank you guys so much.

Gillion

Are you and your scream beast okay?

Braxton

Oh, you mean Alky? That's my cat. Yeah, we're—

Gillion

Alky.

Braxton

We're doing all right. It was quite a scare, though. There's some guys like there that are really hotheaded. They come in and just kind of mess around and try and get free stuff, but it is what it is.

Jay

Does that happen a lot here?

Braxton

Of course, got ruffians all over the place. No rules.

Jay

That's the price of doing business here.

Chip

That's so awful. What did you say your name was?

Braxton

My name? Okay, I'm Braxton Brady, and this is my shop, Calico Mists. I'm an alchemist and a potion seller. And creator, amongst other things, small knickknacks.

Chip

So I'm not gonna say Braxton. What if we just call you B-Man?

Braxton

Well, for heroes that have saved my cat Alky, you may call me whatever you wish.

Gillion

Heroes!

Braxton

And speaking of, if you'd follow me into the shop, I can actually give you something on the house.

Chip

Oh, too kind. Sure, yes, we would love something.

Charlie

I look up on the roof.

Chip

Gill, come on.

Gillion

Where? Oh, okay.

[laughter]

Bizly

He's looking on the house. It registered in my brain a little too late. That's really good.

Grizzly

Yeah, I just got it too.

Charlie

Yeah, he does weird shit like this. But yeah, I come.

Grizzly

You guys enter this small, again, stained wood building, and inside it's filled. There's a big, long wooden table stretches from the door to the other side. There's books and all kinds of vases and decoration on the walls and on shelves and tables. He goes behind this glass counter that has potions of different containers, some that look more fancy. Some actually are, like one in

particular that catches your eyes in the shape of a heart and all kinds of these things. And Braxton himself, now that you are in the shop and he's kind of ducked behind the the counter, collecting some things. You hear glass clinking together. He's wearing this lengthy brown leather coat covered in belts, straps, and clips, holding a copious display of potion bottles and vials, books, pouches, and other containers, as well as this large haversack that's larger than his height, covered in a similar fashion of items. He comes back around and sets three small red potions on the counter.

Braxton

Huh, here you go, some healing potions on the house.

Chip

Healing potions?

Braxton

Yep, all yours.

Chip

Huh.

Braxton

And if I can interest you with anything else, please let me know. You're free to peruse, and I'm sure even Alky wouldn't mind a few, you know, some lovin's. Go over there, he kind of hangs around.

Grizzly

And you guys see there's this calico cat just on the top left shelf mounted to one of the walls.

Charlie

Yeah, I put my hand on my sword and slowly approach it to pat it.

Jay

No, no, no, no, no, Gill.

Gillion

Just in case.

Bizly

Do you think I would have had a healing potion before? Sorry.

Grizzly

Not technically, no. You guys don't usually start with healing potions.

Bizly

Okay.

Charlie

I feel like we would— would we conceptually know what this is? I feel like I kind of would.

Condi

My character definitely does.

Charlie

This is just a regular healing potion, by the way?

Grizzly

Yeah, just a regular potion of healing. Three of them.

Charlie

Cool.

Grizzly

It is essentially about 150 gold pieces worth of healing.

Bizly

Oh, shit.

Charlie

Oh, my god. That's a lot.

Bizly

He just blessed us.

Charlie

Damn, bro.

Condi

He just gave us three of those for free.

Charlie

Potion of healing, holy shit.

Condi

Do you, by chance, have a list of his wares? Or, like—

Charlie

Potion seller?

Condi

I'm not looking for anything in specific.

Grizzly

Yeah.

Condi

Show me your wares, potion seller. I'm going into battle.

Grizzly

You cannot handle my strongest. No, we're not doing this again.

[laughter]

Charlie

We have to.

Condi

How many times? How many times?

Braxton

I assume you guys are going into battle on the great coliseum. I'm willing to bet on your strength. And if you'll have it, I have some items that may be of interest to help you get farther in the bracket. So...

Grizzly

He pulls out another vial, much bigger red liquid, same as the healing potion, but this time a lot bigger. You would get the sense he says that these are greater healing potions. And then he pulls out a potion that also the glass is carved like a fist, which is similar to the entrance of this island's portcullis. And it's got this orange milky liquid inside of it.

Braxton

This is the potion of fire giant strength. Don't know how I acquired this or how they got it from the giant, whatever. And this—

Grizzly

And then he pulls out— it's the same container that's in the shape of a heart. That you noticed on your way in. It's pink liquid. The glass vial is in that heart shape.

Braxton

And this is a filter of love. May or may not be useful.

Gillion

Reminds me of our new hot single, actually.

Jay

What does that do?

Braxton

What does this do? Well, give it to somebody and the next person they see is charmed. And if it is someone they may be attracted to, they believe it's their true love.

Gillion

That's messed up.

Chip

That could be useful.

[laughter]

Grizzly

So he tells you that the greater healing potions are 150 gold pieces, the fire giant strength is 675 gold pieces, and the potion of love is 350 gold pieces. And you guys, if you want, you can buy something here or we can do it later if you want to think about it.

Charlie

How much do the sand dollars get me?

Grizzly

You pull out some sand dollars and put it on the counter. He kind of looks at them and goes,

Gillion

This will be more than enough.

Braxton

Hmm, I wasn't paying attention, but now I realize you're not from around here, huh?

Gillion

Not at all. I don't know any of what's happening right now.

Jay

What I wanna know, can you tell us about the tournament? We aren't from around here. This is our first time on this island.

Braxton

Of course. So, Joaldo Island. I know you're asking about why I set up business here in a place that's just pirates and other criminals and all kinds of messed up people, strong people. Well, it's because it's also a lot of people looking for things to help them fight better. And while it can be hard to run the business sometimes, it certainly is very good business most of the time. Ah, so back at the coliseum, every year there's a fight, and this year is going to be the largest fight, a tournament. They call it the Paramount Tournament.

Charlie

All right, Gill's eyes light up a little at this. This is pretty cool.

Braxton

The Paramount Tournament, held once a year, every year, all fighters, pirates, vikings come from around the world here into the Southern Ocean and fight for a reward. And this year is the most special of them all, the biggest. More people on this island than I've ever seen in my ten years of living here and selling.

Gillion

Wow, the reward must be a lot of honor.

Braxton

Well, it's probably because that name of the champ has traveled far, reaching more people. And reward up for grabs, I hear, is quite special.

Gillion

And who is this champion?

Braxton

[chuckles] You haven't heard of him? They call him the Immortal.

Jay

Why do they call him that?

Braxton

Because he doesn't lose, ever.

Chip

He's never lost?

Braxton

Not in the last five years.

Chip

Hmm, never lost.

Jay

Well that's about to change because of good old Gillion here, eh? This guy's loaded with money.

Gillion

Hey, if it's my destiny, it's my destiny!

Braxton

Well, I wish you luck, and if you need any more potions, you're welcome to return here anytime you need.

Chip

It's just a quick question, this Ccoliseum, they fight to the death? Like death death, like dead?

Braxton

I think that's something you'd probably have to ask. For the most part, I don't think I've ever seen somebody die die, and we do have a doctor here on the island. His name is Rudith. But, hmm, I suppose it could happen.

Chip

Okay, so if I were to plunge my friend into this perilous journey, he wouldn't die-die, he would just like get hurt.

Jay

Actually, that brings up a good question. Is this like team battles or is it 1v1s? You know, like...

Chip

I assumed 1v1s.

Braxton

As far as I'm aware, anything goes.

Jay

Hey Gill, I guess we're joining you.

Gillion

Hey, well then, it's our destiny, comrades.

Jay

Yeah, Chip!

Chip

All right, we better get to it. Let's go get you that armor. I'll meet you outside in just a second, guys.

Charlie

Uh-oh.

Jay

Okay.

[laughter]

Condi

I see absolutely no problem with what you're saying right now.

Jay

Do not buy the filter of love.

Gillion

Chip, that seems completely fine.

Charlie

Okay, yeah, I walk backwards out the shop.

Jay

And use it, in strange ways.

Charlie

I walk backwards out the shop and go,

Gillion

Ahoy.

Charlie

And then leave.

Grizzly

I want to lean in like real close.

Chip

Alright, B-man, level with me here, okay? This love potion, how exactly does it work?

Braxton

Well, like I said before, somebody drinks it, the next person that they see, they're automatically charmed by for the rest of the day. However, if this person would be attracted to the person that they see, that person who drank this potion believes it's true love.

Chip

So if I drank it and I looked at someone, they would be charmed?

Charlie

Bro, he's gonna go outside and see a frog. This is exactly what this kind of shit does.

[laughter]

Braxton

No no no no— you've got it backwards, my friend.

Chip

So if they drink it and look at me—

Braxton

If you drink it, the next person you would see, you would be in love with!

Chip

Oh okay, okay, okay, okay, okay, so now one more question...

Charlie

Oh no.

Chip

Could we like, make it a spray? Would it still work if I sprayed it at someone?

Charlie

That's horrifying.

Chip

How's this work? How do we make this happen?

Braxton

Hmm.

Chip

I need you to work with me, B-man. I need you to level with me, all right? You're one of the few people I trust around here.

Condi

What?

Chip

We're gonna win this tournament, all right? You bet on us.

Condi

Jay's eavesdropping a little.

Chip

You make all the money you ever needed.

Grizzly

Go ahead and make a persuasion check.

Bizly

Sure, natural one.

[laughter]

Charlie

How is it you're so bad at the one thing your character's supposed to be good at?

Grizzly

I have a plus six, so that's seven but like—

Braxton

Hmm.

Grizzly

So it's seven total, gotcha.

Bizly

Yeah.

Braxton

I suppose I could do some tinkering and make this a custom order and turn it into a spray, but the cost is going to raise, and since it's a custom build, it might take a day or so.

Chip

Dang. How much?

Braxton

Uh, about 550 gold pieces.

Chip

550 gold pieces? Come on B!

Braxton

Magic is a hard thing to come by and mess with. Once it's taken the substance it was made for, it's a little bit hard to turn into a different, well, I don't need to waste time explaining it to you.

Chip

Come on, how about just flat 500? All right, if you bet that extra, that gold on us in there, you'll quadruple it.

Braxton

550 on your team in the tournament, and you've got a deal.

Chip

All right.

Grizzly

I go take his hand and I shake him very, like, strong, like lifting him up and down when I shake his hand.

Braxton

Swing by in the morning and I'll have it for you.

Chip

Sure, sounds good.

Bizly

I walk out.

Grizzly

Mm-hmm.

Bizly

And right before I go out, I kind of like puff up my chest again and I push the door open.

Grizzly

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Grizzly

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Jay

Hey, so Chip, you realize if we lose this tournament, we're 550 gold in the hole?

Condi

I'm sitting right outside the door. I listened to everything.

Chip

What? No, it's fine!

Charlie

I'm sitting right outside the door too, but I'm looking straight through the glass at the hair beast.

[laughter]

Jay

Gill that's a cat. It's a pet.

Chip

What are you talking about Jay?

Grizzly

Mrowwww.

Gillion

You can't fool me. I know what you want.

Jay

I'm just saying you're the one taking a bet here.

Chip

I'm not taking a bet, okay? I'm just—

Jay

I thought we were learning— I thought we we learned that gambling is bad at the casino.

Chip

I'm just doubling down on my faith in my friends. Is that so bad, Jay?

Gillion

Which devil sent you here?

Chip

Wait, what about you?

Gillion

Herd.

Jay

Are you not—

Grizzly

Mrowwww.

Gillion

Why do you expulse your coat from your maw? You sicken me.

Grizzly

Mrow.

Chip

Gill, stop messing with the cat.

Gillion

Unnatural. An aberration and crime against God.

Chip

Gill, okay.

Grizzly

As you say this, you see a little bluebird land on the head of this cat, and the cat goes [hissing sound] and then it scares the shit out of the bluebird as the cat who had followed you guys outside runs back inside at this point.

Gillion

One day, when you are old and weak, I will be back.

[laughter]

Jay

Gill, what the fuck?

Grizzly

And Apple lands on the shoulder of Chip after being scared off by the cat.

Gillion

There, there Apple.

Chip

Hey Appple. See, Apple has faith in us.

Gillion

Don't play with demons.

Jay

Listen, I'm not saying we can't do it, but like...

Chip

Gill, you hearing this? Jay thinks we can't win, bro.

Charlie

Bro, I ain't hearing this. I'm playing with Apple.

Grizzly

[do, do, do] He's like petting Apple on your shoulder.

Jay

Listen—

Gillion

We're going to obliterate the competition, aren't we?

Jay

Let's just get moving, okay? I mean...

Grizzly

So around you guys—

Chip

Look, we got in the bag?

Bizly

Alright, go ahead. Sorry.

Grizzly

Yeah, around you guys, the other things that catch your interest here in the Forgehood, you see an almost large— it's like a black stone in the shape of a large furnace building where the top of the building, like the chimney, stretches all the way up from the ground floor all the way up to the second story of this vertically built area. And you would assume that this place, just by walking over to it and looking around, it's got this metal placard carved in, hung above the door, and it's called Corkscrew, likely where the blacksmith/armorer is. You guys already met the alchemist, and the third place that catches your interest around here would just be a a colorful awning on the top floor or the second story of this place, just above Braxton's or B-Man's shop. It's a general store. You can just tell by seeing faint basic things in the windows called Too Cool for Spool. And there's also a little icon of like a shirt. Those are the three buildings that stand out. Other than that, there's like people selling fruits, vegetables, and also one person in the corner selling clams.

Condi

[gasps] Clam seller.

Clam Seller NPC

Anybody want my clams?

Gillion

No!

Charlie

I buy the best oranges in an act of riveting character development.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Easy, easily done.

Charlie

Yeah.

Gillion

I think the blacksmith could be a good choice for us. Jay, Chip, is there anything that you need forged?

Chip

I'm good. I'm good with my swords.

Jay

I think I'm okay. I don't know, I'd like to peruse.

Condi

Can we like expedite the shopping process?

Charlie

Yeah, I'd love to. I was gonna say, if you could just tell us like what kind of—

Condi

Yeah.

Charlie

Because I mean so for me—

Condi

If you have a copy paste list.

Charlie

I'm looking for plate mail from this armorer guy. That's what I'm looking for.

Condi

How much does that cost?

Charlie

A lot of money.

Grizzly

Jay, Chip, were you guys looking for anything specific? Here, I'll tell you what. So walking around here, the first thing that you guys check out would be this blacksmith's shop, this stone building shaped like a furnace. It looks extremely unique and it's very tall. Inside, you meet the owner whose name is Cork. Now you know why it's called Corkscrew. He's a muscular dwarf with dirt and grease-covered skin, tied black leather muscle shirt, a black satchel across the chest, and a brown tool belt around these cargo— gray cargo pants. He's got short jet black hair with a thick braided jet black beard, and on the sides of the hair, it fades into this silver gray, like salt and pepper. You can tell when you meet him the first time, he looks very worn out and exhausted, but still hammering away, very muscular dwarf. I think as soon as you enter this place, you learn from him that there is plate armor that is being sold, and it is 1,200 gold pieces at first.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

Studded leather, which is 45 gold pieces. Chain shirt, which is 50 gold pieces. A breastplate, which is 400 gold pieces. Bracers of Defense, which is his only magical item, which is 1,000 gold pieces.

Charlie

Oh, god.

Grizzly

And then there's a wide array of basic weapons of all different kinds. You would also learn from him that he considers himself the best blacksmith and armorer in the entire world, and he also does custom orders for both weapons and accessories.

Charlie

Holy shit.

Condi

Would he do bows by chance?

Grizzly

He can do bows and he can do pistols.

Charlie

Yo!

Condi

How much would a custom pistol?

Charlie

Jay buys a gun? Let's go!

Condi

I'm going to buy a gun. How much does a pistol cost?

Charlie

Does he do a background check? What's this guy's views on gun control?

Grizzly

He doesn't. A pistol costs 250 gold pieces. This blacksmith in particular cannot enchant weapons. He can only make the base of them. If you wanted a plus one pistol, you'd have to bring it to an enchanter, which there did not seem to be one on this island.

Condi

Gotcha, gotcha.

Grizzly

However, he can get you started with the base component of that plus one pistol by making a pistol or just selling one of the— some are used, some are brand new pistols that he has, you know, in the back and in the counters or amongst the other weapons. So I'll put it here.

Charlie

I know what I want to do.

Gillion

Chip, get that plate mail. That plate armor looks really good, much better than what I have, but it costs too much. If only there were a way to make the price less and yet still acquire the armor. I suppose I'll need to think on this.

Charlie

I begin walking out of the shop.

[laughter]

Charlie

If only there was some way.

Chip

Did he just— did he just, Jay he— I think he just—

Jay

I think he's dropping hints at you.

Chip

How much gold does he even have?

Jay

Oh, he gave it all away, remember?

Chip

Okay, well then—

Jay

At the casino.

Charlie

For you listeners at home, I have zero gold.

[laughter]

Chip

Do you think he wants me to steal it?

Jay

No, no, there's no way Gill would want you to steal it.

Chip

Well, I don't know, maybe like, kind of like...

Jay

Maybe he's saying like, talk it down a bit.

Chip

Talk it down to what, zero gold?

Jay

No, no, I mean—

Chip

He has zero gold!

Jay

Yeah, but I mean, I thought you wanted to buy him armor.

Chip

I— okay, how much do you have?

Jay

I have 1,020.

Chip

Are you willing to spend 1,000?

Jay

No, what, half and half me?

Chip

I'm not gonna half and half you, I just spent half of my money on something.

Jay

You didn't even give that guy any money.

Chip

Okay, but I'm gonna...

Jay

That's like a what-if, that's if we lose. I thought I was the one with no faith in us.

Chip

What if I just steal it? Alright, no, no, no, no, no! I got it!

Jay

How are you gonna steal an entire set of plate armor?

Grizzly

There's no way there's no way.

Jay

It's like a 1,000 pounds!

Grizzly

That's like 80 pounds!

[laughter]

Chip

No, no, no, here's what you do, alright? I want to do the senile old woman.

Jay

What?!

Chip

Yeah!

Jay

How is that going to work in this situation to get this fucking armor?

Chip

It's gonna work okay if you lead him that way.

Charlie

Sonny, I need some plate armor across this the street in case I get hit by a car.

Chip

No, no, no. All right, how about you just tell him you're looking for a new cane, have him take you over there, and then I will take it.

Jay

I am literally fucking 21 years old.

Chip

I can make you look older.

Bizly

Do I have anything to make her look older? Like some things I could use to disguise her?

Charlie

With this simple sentence, I have thrown the show into chaos. This is incredible.

[laughter]

Grizzly

You do not, unfortunately. You would have to have a— it's like a makeup kit. It's like a painter's tools or etc. Or disguise kit. That's what they call them. You don't have that.

Chip

You don't have to be senile.

Jay

No, fuck this. Sir, hi. I'd like to buy this plate armor for 750 gold.

Cork

Alright.

Jay

Final offer.

Cork

Throw me the money.

Jay

Okay.

Condi

I pull out 750 gold.

[laughter]

Cork

Lass, that's not nearly enough.

Jay

I said this and I told you what I said. I just don't think that it's worth 1,500.

Grizzly

I want to walk up and just kind of,

Chip

Hmm. Yeah, this isn't going to be worth it. No, no, not for 15.

Jay

Look, there's a little dent in there.

Chip

Yeah, I see the dent.

Jay

This looks used, actually. Has this seen combat?

Grizzly

Deception check.

Bizly

I want to lean down and sniff it.

Chip

[sniffs] Musk of a fighter.

Grizzly

But I'll say since Jay led, make a deception check with advantage.

Condi

Okay.

Charlie

Uh...

Bizly

Uh...Jay, make a deception check?

Condi

Yeah, so 18's the roll.

Grizzly

The dwarf stops what he's doing, Cork, which you guys learned as you entered.

Cork

Welcome to Corkscrew. I'm Cork. What have you? The fuck do you mean there's a dent in— ah!

[laughter]

Chip

You don't see it there. Yes, there's a dent. It has quite the aroma of a fighter. I do believe this has been used before.

Cork

Alright, alright. You can have it for 750 gold. Take it or leave it.

Jay

That's a good deal. That's a good deal, Chip. I think that's a good deal.

Chip

I don't know!

Cork

But if I find out that you dented it on your way in here—

Jay

I wouldn't do no such thing. Pirates—

Cork

I'll have your head!

Jay

—code.

Chip

Don't do that.

Condi

Yeah, sure. I'll pay the man 750 gold.

Charlie

You fucking guys.

Chip

I still think senile old woman would have worked.

Jay

It would not have worked.

Chip

How would you know? Because you'd never try it with me.

Jay

What, you think I'm fucking— fucking—

Chip

I would believe that you were old.

Cork

Alright, alright. What have you? Anything else?

Condi

Studded leather for me, please.

Chip

You're starting to get some crow's feet up there.

Grizzly

Okay, mark 45 gold pieces off your sheet.

Condi

45 off my sheet. Okay, and—

Chip

And what's that?

Jay

Now Chip—

Chip

Gray hair?

Bizly

[boop] I pull a gray hair out of her head.

Condi

I steal 25 gold pieces out of his coin purse.

Bizly

Of mine? You can't do that. I would not let you. I'm simply too strong.

Grizzly

You would have to roll a sleight of hand against fucking his dex.

Condi

Damn it.

Bizly

Ah, all right, I'll roll a dex save.

Condi

Surely there's no way.

Bizly

Eleven.

Condi

Ah, damn, it's so close.

Charlie

What'd you roll? What'd you roll, Jay?

Jay

Here, give me 25 gold.

Condi

Nine.

Grizzly

Jay rolled a nine, Chip rolled 11.

Charlie

Oh.

Chip

Why do you get 25 of my gold?

Jay

Because I just spent 750 on Gill and you didn't pitch in at all and you bought a love potion.

Cork

Are ye lovebirds gonna argue in my shop?

Chip

What?

Jay

I am not in love with this guy.

Chip

Ew!

Cork

Are you going to buy something else?

Chip

Gross. I'm personally offended by what you've just said. Therefore, I think you should drop the price.

Jay

Oh my god.

Chip

No? Yeah, I didn't think that one was going to work. All right.

Cork

You're pushing your luck, lad.

Chip

Yeah, I know. It was worth a shot.

Grizzly

What else are you guys looking for from the blacksmith here?

Bizly

Nothing. I don't really need anything.

Grizzly

Okay.

Condi

Any chance I can get a gun made out of 225 gold? Because Chip sucks.

Bizly

Why do I suck? I gave the 25 gold.

Condi

You did?

Bizly

Yeah.

Condi

Oh, you didn't say that. Okay, then. Yeah, I want to get a gun. I just get a gun.

Grizzly

All right, yeah, you acquire it. Go ahead, add it to your inventory, and you guys get what you need—

Charlie

Let's go!

Grizzly

They walk out with a full set, both of them. Well, Cork actually would pick it up and set the plate armor outside the door right in front of your face, Gillion. And then he'd walk back in.

Gillion

Oh, just letting it dry.

Jay

No, no, we bought it, we bought it.

Chip

Yeah, that's for you.

Gillion

Really? Are you sure that your bones, your human bones, will support it?

Chip

No, we bought it for you.

Gillion

Oh, really? I was going to save up. Thank you.

Jay

Listen, the sand dollars weren't going to buy you anything ever. You've been collecting them for as long as I've known you. And they're worthless, Gill.

Gillion

They're gonna help. No, they're not worthless. They're worth so much though. Also, you didn't have to do this.

Jay

Maybe like in a sentimental way.

Gillion

I was just thinking to myself how it would have been really convenient if the price came down. Thank you for doing this.

Chip

Yeah you know what Gill? We thought that it was your destiny to have that armor.

Charlie

Oh my god!

Chip

And it's your destiny to win in the coliseum and make us a lot of money.

Jay

I don't have any money to bet anymore.

Chip

Don't worry, I got us.

Jay

Okay?

Gillion

Oh, don't worry, Jay. If gambling is our destiny, then so be it.

Jay

We have come full circle.

Bizly

All right, I would now like to take us to the nearest inn and try and try and get us a night.

Grizzly

Well, alright.

Gillion

Thank you.

Condi

Is any sort of bullshit happening at the Coliseum as we walk by?

Grizzly

Just one second. So before you guys leave, the last place that you encounter or check out before you leave the Forgehood here would be the general store/tailor. And inside there you meet Pauline, who is a muscular, pastel orange-skinned half-orc wearing a yellow tube top. She's really sweet. She has this odd accent you've never heard before. It's a Southern, like a Texan sweetheart, old mom voice. Like aunt, an aunt. And she's selling, I just put it in the chat, painter supplies, cook utensils, tinkerer's tools, and cartographer tools.

Condi

How much is a tinkerer's tool?

Grizzly

Twenty gold pieces.

Condi

Fuck. I'll come back later.

Condi

Okay.

Bizly

I am going to buy—

Grizzly

She also does tailored clothing, custom clothing for 20 silver pieces on the low end, 75 gold pieces on the high end.

Charlie

Yo.

Bizly

Alright, I'm going to get two things of painter supplies and I'm going to get a custom old woman dress just to have. Just for me to have.

Charlie

This is alarming. Alarming prices.

Condi

Yeah, yeah?

Grizzly

Old woman dress. I'd say just a basic old woman dress. That'll be 20 gold pieces and 20 silver pieces.

Bizly

Okay.

Grizzly

For both those things.

Charlie

Hey, yo, out of character, by the way, Condi, dude, thank you so fucking much, dude. You didn't have to.

Condi

I got you, bro. I got you.

Charlie

I owe you big time. I'm gonna pay you back.

Grizzly

That puts Gillion at 20 AC, right, when you're holding your shield?

Charlie

Yeah, it does.

Grizzly

Very hard to hit. Okay.

Condi

Good god.

Bizly

That's un-fucking-believable.

Charlie

Plate mail, baby!

Grizzly

You guys—

Charlie

Let's go.

Grizzly

Since you arrived here on this island, on Joaldo Island, which is pretty easy to get the name of the island just from the name above the map that you saw when you first got here and then people asking around. As you are— like I said, you got here on morning, so when you leave the Forgehood, it is about midday at this point. You can see off in the distance down this main road, it is a bit of a distance, but because the coliseum is so big and takes up so much space in that northern and that back wall of this donut-shaped island, essentially, you can see the building just fine, but you can't really get a sense of anything strange going on. It looks like you would watch groups of people, sometimes just lone people. I would say whoever was looking can make a perception check as you walk by the main road.

Condi

Twenty-one.

Grizzly

Okay, so Jay, you would actually see multiple people walk towards the coliseum, some people coming back. One person in particular has this very strange outfit, especially considering or comparing it to pirate attire or any attire that you've seen so far.

Grizzly

It's this almost like— red and white silk robe, kimono in a sense, with this very, very long, long sword strapped by a sash at the hip. And they are walking towards the coliseum.

Condi

Would I know of where they're from or like—

Grizzly

No idea.

Condi

Can I do a history check?

Grizzly

No idea. But they have a— well, you can make a history check. But I would say the specific area where they're from, you wouldn't.

Condi

Just like general culture-wise, yeah. That's an eight, so.

Grizzly

Yeah, unfortunately, that's not enough to refresh memory on something you may have read in a story or an infograph. I don't know. But I was going to say that when you were asking questions to Braxton, he would have told you that sign up for the coliseum for the tournament, the Paramount Tournament that he described, would end today at sunset.

Condi

Oh, yeah we should probably—

Grizzly

And you would do that by going to the coliseum.

Jay

We should probably sign up. Wait...

Gillion

Sign up? What tournament? Where? When's the deadline?

Jay

Tonight. We have to do it now, otherwise we're not gonna make it.

Gillion

Where's the sun?

Grizzly

Sun is mid— it's mid-sun. It's mid—

Condi

I point straight up.

Grizzly

It's noon. It's high noon.

Gillion

Jay, we're not gonna make it!

Jay

No, we have several hours, but we should probably, you know, be on top of this, Chip. Where's Chip?

Chip

Huh? What? I was paying attention. What happened?

Jay

We're signing up for the—

Gillion

We have to get on top of the coliseum, Chip.

Jay

No, we don't have to get on top of the coliseum.

Chip

Uh, um, yeah, I mean, sigh—

Jay

I mean maybe we do.

Chip

Sign your name.

Gillion

Come on, we're evaporating daylight, guys.

Jay

Wait, you're joining us right?

Charlie

I start sprinting towards the coliseum.

Chip

What? Yeah, of course I'm joining you. Why wouldn't I join you?

Charlie

Wait a second...

Jay

Okay, yeah, I'll make sure to put your name down.

Chip

No, no, no. I'll write it down. I don't like people writing my name. It's pet peeve that I have. I write it a specific way. I put a little accent on the 'i', it's a special...

Condi

I'm going.

Gillion

You don't even have a pet!

Grizzly

All three of you start to rush off and run down this main road, opposite direction of the port from which you first started. And you make it to this large pillared, again, it's almost— it's reminiscent of the marble stone structures that you saw on the previous island, on Desire Island and inside of the temple, but it's massive. Looking up the building, it is circular in nature, but it seems to share the back wall of this island's perimeter wall that you saw when you entered. But it's so tall when you get right up or get closer to it that it almost seems to— it feels unreal to be close to something so big. I want to say it almost kind of curves up on your vision as you get closer to these pillars.

Charlie

Whoa. That's cool.

Grizzly

You— when you guys get to the entrance here, you see that there is a large wooden bulletin board of sorts with a few different pages posted on it, and you watch as two people walk up, write something down on this bulletin board, and then leave. And it seems to be like this short two-person line, and you guys can get right behind them.

Gillion

A puzzle?

Jay

No, this is the sign up sheet, Gill. This is where we sign up for the tournament that we're going to win.

Grizzly

Yeah.

Grizzly

And right in front of you is that strangely dressed figure. He takes a second to write something down and turns around. And for a second, he turns his head only slightly to meet your gaze. Or not your gaze, but he looks in your direction, Jay, and then starts to walk off.

Condi

I just kind of linger looking at him for a while as he walks off.

Charlie

Yo, he ain't blue, right? He ain't blue or green or teal?

Grizzly

No, he actually has very, very, like, tanned skin.

Jay

Strange guy. Let's get our names down. Where's Chip? He said he wanted to write his name down himself.

Bizly

I am there. I'm trying to blend into a crowd, like a— I don't know, like a bar or something or something. Just anywhere near where I can blend in and try and hide from her, from Jay.

Grizzly

Well, around here, there aren't many— there aren't other buildings other than this coliseum, the entrance to this coliseum. And this bulletin board is blocking the main entrance. And the other entrances or just openings like windows and such are kind of closed up, boarded up at the moment. There is no— way to get into the coliseum. And around it, there's a few tents of people who are just kind of camping out next to it. But there's nothing other than maybe some bushes or a tree you could hide behind.

Bizly

I want to hide behind a barrel, like, very much in view, but still I'm hiding.

Grizzly

Okay, if you're in view, then no stealth check. So you guys make up— Gillion and Jay, you get through this list.

Charlie

Okay.

Grizzly

Very clearly says the Paramount Tournament sign-up sheet.

Charlie

Okay, is it individual entries or is it a team entry or what does it look like?

Grizzly

It looks like a sheet with just line or 2 to 3 columns of line per sheet. Some people have just written singular names, other people have written pirate crew names.

Charlie

Oh, okay.

Grizzly

If you want to make an investigation check to read through all of the pages.

Charlie

Interesting. Yeah.

Gillion

Okay, I don't know if this will be enough. Gillion Tidestrider, the one champion of the Undersea. Oh, I'm in my second box.

Jay

No, you're not supposed to put them all in that—

Gillion

Award-winning—

Jay

He just filled out the entire round.

Gillion

Gold star singer and songwriter of Gillion and the Tidestriders, generally chosen.

Jay

You just need to put—

Gillion

Do you have more maybe by now, do you think? Oh shit, I forgot. Hero of the Deep sounds good.

Charlie

And then I put at the end, plus Pretzel. It's like fucking like five columns.

[laughter]

Jay

Okay, you used like three rows for that.

Grizzly

You get the sense that as long as your name is present here on this list, you can probably form or decide teams later depending on—

Condi

Alright.

Grizzly

On the morning, basically the next morning of...

Condi

I write down my name quickly and then I write Chip.

Gillion

The size of your name is directly proportional to power!

Condi

I just write Jay.

Bizly

You see me hiding behind a barrel.

Jay

Hey Chip, I'm running you down! Chip...

Chip

Chip's not here!

Gillion

Pip.

Gillion

Chip...

Jay

Baaa—

Gillion

Baaa—

Chip

Alright alright alright alright alright!

Bizly

I get up, I get up and take it before she can write bastard.

Chip

Fine. All right.

Grizzly

I want to, as we're walking away, I'd like to go in and I'd like to change the name. I'd like to turn the 'P' into a 'B' and I write an 'O'. It's Chibo.

Charlie

Chibo? Chibo?

Bizly

Put down the pen and I just kind of— [claps hands together]

Grizzly

Okay, Chibo.

Chip

Works for me.

Condi

All right, Chibo.

Charlie

We're calling him Chibo.

Bizly

Don't call me Chibo. I'm not Chibo. Who's Chibo? Chibo's some guy who's going to be in the competition. I don't know Chibo. Who's Chibo?

Grizzly

Chip, make an investigation check and Jay, make a perception check.

Bizly

Alright, a 16.

Condi

Seven.

Grizzly

So Jay, looking around, I keep forgetting you have an observant feat and that your passive perception is always just really high.

Condi

It's 19, yeah.

Grizzly

Okay, so despite the perception check, Jay, you noticed on multiple of these pillars there are the same flyer posted over and over and over again, especially near the entrance here. And Chip, as you're affixing your name into Chibo. You actually notice about a few names above and a few names above Gillion Tidestrider. The Hero of the Deep, etc. plus Pretzel.

Charlie

Champion of the Undersea, the one award-winning singer of Gillion and the Tidestriders.

Grizzly

You see signed up, Marshall John.

Bizly

No.

Charlie

Let's go.

Grizzly

And a page before him, Captain Lizzie and the Grandberry Pirates.

Bizly

Oh, of course.

Condi

Oh.

Bizly

I wanna like— can I go in? I want to go to where it says Captain Lizzie and the Grandberry Pirates. I want to scratch out 'Gran' and write 'Dingle'.

[laughter]

Charlie

That's so unbelievably petty.

Condi

That is so fucking—

Grizzly

Okay, dude.

Condi

My god, okay.

Grizzly

All right. All right.

Bizly

Dingleberry [chuckles to self].

Grizzly

So Captain Lizzie and the Dingleberry Pirates is what you just did. Is what you just did, you just did that. All right, cool. So let me just write that down.

[laughter]

Grizzly

All right.

Chip

Dingleberry pirates. Yeah, that's good.

Jay

Hey Chip, come on.

Chip

Yeah, I'm coming!

Charlie

This is like in a Telltale game. A thing pops up in the left corner of Chip's UI and it says this choice will have consequences.

[laughter]

Grizzly

Jay, do you pay any mind to the multiple flags?

Condi

I definitely do.

Grizzly

Okay, I just want to know if you guys were leaving or if you wanted to check it out.

Condi

Yeah, I absolutely do.

Grizzly

So you lead the others to one of these pillars, right, just behind this big bulletin board after you guys sign up on your name. And all of these flyers are the same thing. It's the silhouette of a masked fighter with animal-like ears popping out of the mask.

Condi

Oh, my god.

Bizly

Oh, I know who that is.

Grizzly

And there's text.

[laughter]

Grizzly

There's text that reads, "Viva la Immortale."

Bizly

I draw a mustache on every single flyer I see.

[laughter]

Chip

One for you.

Bizly

I took the pen, by the way. I took the little pen from there.

Condi

You stole it?

Bizly

I stole it.

Charlie

You are fucked up, dude. Who steals a pen from a sign-up sheet, you sick fuck?

Condi

You are fucked up. You are the worst.

Charlie

Jesus Christ.

Bizly

We're on an island of horrible criminals who have murdered and stolen their way—

Condi

Yeah, and you're the worst of them all.

Bizly

—through their lives, and I've stolen a pen from a sign-up sheet, and now I am the worst person here.

Condi

Yeah, you are.

Grizzly

And as you guys are—

Condi

My opinion of you is dropped.

Chip

One for you, one for you.

Bizly

Little mustaches.

Chip

I'll give you a squiggly one. Oh, I'll give you a swirly one.

Grizzly

Your conversation is interrupted as you're vandalizing these flyers. A figure steps out from the shadows behind one of these pillars and says,

Barron

Well, aren't you a colorful bunch?

Chip

I wasn't doing nothing! It was like that.

Bizly

And I—

Barron

You think you can beat him this year?

Jay

Yeah, absolutely.

Chip

Huh? Beat who? Yeah, we can beat him?

Bizly

I puff out my chest.

Jay

Anybody who's deemed a mortal is actually secretly a bitch.

Chip

Yeah, secretly a bitch.

Gillion

He's probably not even a pirate. I bet he did pee his pants.

Grizzly

And this figure steps out and it's a slender but shorter than how you are.

Charlie

It's slender!

[laughter]

Grizzly

It's Slenderman! Yeah, this figure steps out—

Condi

Where are the pages?

Grizzly

And you see this person in a black suit, but when you get to the face, there is no face.

[laughter]

Charlie

I'm fucking sorry.

Condi

Chip vandalized seven pages.

Bizly

Person steps out, but it's slender.

Grizzly

No, what you do see is a very finely made suit. Fine dress shoes step from the shadows, and it's a black suit with a little red bow tie and head of that of a cat person, similar to the calico you saw at Braxton's shop.

Jay

Yeah, I like our odds. We're pretty—

Condi

I look at Chip and say, "Awesome," and then...

Grizzly

It's not Slenderman, but that's where we're gonna end this episode.

Charlie

No. It's something worse.

Condi

Oh, I meant Chibo, not Chip. My bad.

Grizzly

It's a furry.

Bizly

Fuck off! I'm not Chibo. You don't get to call me that.

Charlie

I put my hand on my sword and go, [ppppsss, pppps].

[laughter]

Charlie

[guitar music playing] Hey girl baby, I found this royalty-free acoustic guitar instrumental beat for singing and rapping. This one's for you. [singing] *Our Patreon has been popping, so now I'm gonna sing all the High Roller tier names without stopping. The big motherfucking cheese, I'll eat a lot of dairy, then I won't shit For a weak charm of the bard. Give me inspiration and give it hard. Alex X is Kira, but Alyssa is just Alyssa on this list. Anon, don't greet or acknowledge fuck I did. Asterionix is on this list, and so is Ben 10 with his Omnitrix. Buttery toast. I like toast. I don't usually put butter. I just put like jam or something. Cornier comment. Creepy Reaper. Christ on a cindream strider. Edgy moss. Yuliolane. Gillion's biggest fan. Okay. Grilled salmon. It's kind of weird that grilled salmon comes right after Gillion's biggest fan, because he's a fish. So it feels almost a little insensitive to just have it come after all, uh, iridescent cakes. Jade Newell. Jazzy bagpiper. Brrr, that's like a bagpipe. Jello gumdrops. JRWI enjoyer. Jumpiest Venus 34. I just also realized that the song just got soft again. King of Ranch, Kirby with fro, Luna Sophie, Miss Gladeyis, Nico Lord, non-ex-lodal obligatory references, Reshisnivy, Raikou, Kurotu, Salutatien, Serene is actually a skeleton, bones We've all got bones in us.*

Charlie

Everyone's got bones, even Viridin and your gal pal Valerie V and Zig Zag Sugar. They all have bones. That's actually the last name on the list. Ha ha.