

[19:23] <~G-Man64> When we left off, the group was talking with the AI PNK3, about the Boxcar situation, PNK3, said they had her co-operation, under one condition, exactly what that was, had yet to be said, but it couldn't be that bad right?

[19:26] * Bitwise raises an eyebrow, "What exactly do ya need?"

[19:27] <~G-Man64> "To explore!" PNK3 yelled excititly, "I've been alone in here for a long time, last I remember was that janitor coming in, taking the rifle to hunt some roaches, then there were sirens, and after that I was basically left sitting here, being alone isn't exactly fun you know?"

[19:29] * Spider_One scratched his head. "I didn't think it would be, but exploring? You're... an AI, I'm not entirely sure you're really even... ambulatory, I guess."

[19:29] <Fenrir> "So explore what? or take you some where? Care to explain more?" he says mildly confused.

[19:31] <~G-Man64> "Well it wouldn't be to hard, I mean I may be complicated, but at my core, I /am/ just a program, I could easily be taken anywhere, as long as there were something to carry me. As for what, anything and everything, I've been here since I was created, I want to know what wonders Equestria holds."

[19:32] <Spider_One> "...Wonders, for a given sense of the term. And all we need to do is find you a vessel?"

[19:33] * Bitwise hides her PipBuck behind her leg

[19:33] <~G-Man64> "Something that can carry code, basically anything with an arcane matrix, I mean you were in Static's room, you should at least have an idea, do you know her?"

[19:34] <Spider_One> "Not really."

[19:34] * Bitwise shakes her head, "Nope."

[19:34] * Oatmeal_SL wakes up from his sleep, and after a while of stumbling through the facility encounters the group again "Sorry for dozing off! I see we've made a new friend though..."

[19:34] <~G-Man64> "Aw well, point remains, I'm sure she wouldn't mind me going on a little adventure right?"

[19:36] <Fenrir> "Well I mean I already have tower so this shouldn't be hard? Speaking of Tower," he says as he pulls Tower out of his bag.

[19:37] * Spider_One rubs his eye. "Well, for a given definition of adventure- and that's Tower."

[19:37] <~G-Man64> "About time," Tower said, "I've been in there for what seems like forever, what you just haven't needed the assistance of a talking faceplate from before the war?"

[19:37] <Spider_One> "You didn't exactly make yourself known."

[19:38] * Bitwise tries to look at the computer rather than the plate

[19:38] <~G-Man64> "I suppose there's that too..." Tower said quietly.

[19:39] * Fenrir rubbing the back of his neck "Yeah sorry about that Tower I forget what I have in my bag sometimes."

[19:40] <~G-Man64> "I'll remember to make my presence more known in the future," Tower said, "So, where are we anyway? Do you require my assistance?"

[19:40] * Spider_One clapped his hooves together. "MoM Outpost, there's an AI, name of PNK3. That ring a bell?"

[19:42] <~G-Man64> "Not at all, I was a member of the military, not M.o.M. why would I know about some AI?"

[19:43] <Fenrir> "Well you can still say hi to it or um.... Her" he says kinda confused on how to describe PNK3

[19:45] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "PNK3, meet Tower. Tower, meet PNK3. I'd assume it was the government lacking transparency that restricted your knowledge of the AI."

[19:46] <~G-Man64> "I'm not sure, I have very much to say to an AI, but, I am Tower," he said to PNK3, "Former commander of the Equestrian Rail Defense." "And I'm PNK3," PNK3 replied, "Basically built to keep this facility in order."

[19:48] <Spider_One> "No questions about him being... a faceplate? None at all?"

[19:49] <~G-Man64> "I'm disembodied code in a program built to represent a Ministry Mare, I don't think this is all that odd."

[19:50] <Spider_One> "You got me there."

[19:51] * Spider_One readjusted his duster, looking the AI in... well, the area of the screen where her eyes were. "So... you want to be an explorer?"

[19:51] <Fenrir> "Like I said when I met Tower," he says quoting himself "I've seen worse."

[19:52] <~G-Man64> "Absolutly, again I've been here forever, I wanna at least see a bit."

[19:52] * Bitwise "So ya need a Robronco Robot, a Bonfire... or a PipBuck? Any idea on someplace close by that might have a robot? Preferably non-hostile?" she asks PNK3

[19:53] <Spider_One> "If all else fails, we could just use that doohickey on your hoof." He points to Bitwise.

[19:53] * Bitwise quickly whispers "Hush now about that ya hear?" to Spider_One

[19:54] <~G-Man64> "Why would I?" PNK3 asked, "Maybe there's some parts somewhere, but then you'd need to build something, point is, I have the codes you'll need, and I'm not giving them up, I'll input them, but I'll need to be with you."

[19:55] <Spider_One> "It's a possibility, and honestly, which is more portable- a giant robot or a PipBuck?"

[19:55] <~G-Man64> "Well, Pipbuck, duh, that's just on your leg."

[19:56] <Spider_One> "My point exactly."

[19:56] <Bitwise> "... horse apples."

[19:57] <Fenrir> "I kinda prefer a giant robot but thats just an opinion."

[19:57] <Spider_One> "Face it, even with your Stable pony charms, practicality wins out- now, PNK3, you said you needed to be with us if you're gonna input the codes?"

[19:57] * Rolling_Gears snored in his hiding space, having fallen asleep while guarding Oatmeal.

[19:58] * Bitwise nickers indignantly

[19:58] <~G-Man64> "Who said anything about giant? I could probably make do with a Spritebot, just something with a matrix I could implant myself in, but then I'd need to get used to everything."

[20:00] * Fenrir pointing to the door "Should I go wake up RG then and see if he can help us."

[20:00] <Spider_One> "True, true- I believe we've got a friend here who can whip something up if given the chance."

[20:00] * Spider_One looks at Fenrir. "Please do, and make sure he doesn't explode in joy. And if he does, prevent any secondary explosions."

[20:01] <~G-Man64> "Alright then, I'll be here, I don't have anywhere else to be, or the ability to be there if did.."

[20:01] <Fenrir> "ok he only allowed to explode one got it," he says as he goes to find RG

[20:04] * Fenrir finding RG asleep next to Oatmeal at the front of the building "Hey RG," he says as he pokes him "We need you to find or build a robot for an AI program to do stuff."

[20:04] * Bitwise sighs, "Its fine, so long as she don't nothin' to muddy up mah PipBuck and she don't go poking 'round in it." she says, holding up her hoof, "Just tell me what to do."

[20:05] * Oatmeal_SL wakes up first "mmm...huh? Did I doze off again?"

[20:05] <~G-Man64> "Just plug in, and I'll take care of the rest, and don't worry, I'm just tagging along, I don't plan to mess anything up."

[20:06] <Spider_One> "Good, I don't want to have to listen to Red Hotel Radio for longer than I have to."

[20:06] * Rolling_Gears stirs.

[20:06] * Bitwise plugs into PNK3's terminal and lets her go to work

[20:07] * Fenrir startled but suddenly Oatmeal "Um ... yeah lets go with that," poking RG again and shouting "WAKE UP AND DO SCIENCE WITH US."

[20:07] <~G-Man64> On screen PNK3, was seen running around with suitcases, and it said, "File Transfer in Progress," eventually PNK3, was gone and it said complete.

[20:08] <Rolling_Gears> "Not now, Pa, I need moar worm gears!"

[20:08] * Spider_One rolls his neck. "Alright. That doohickey's got speakers on it, right? PNK3, say something real quick."

[20:09] <~G-Man64> "Heya, this is awesome!"

[20:09] <Rolling_Gears> "Flux...capacitor-" His eyes shot open. "Gah! WHAT- What is it?"

[20:09] * Bitwise holds the PipBuck to her face, "Ya in there?"

[20:09] * Fenrir now shaking RG "Equestria to RG we are about to science and your missing it."

[20:10] <Oatmeal_SL> "Sounds beyond my comprehensions, I am intrigued!"

[20:10] <Spider_One> "Alright, but before we go, PNK3, do you have a complete map of this entire facility?"

[20:11] <Rolling_Gears> "Get your damn claws off you damn dirty alarm clock! Where's the science!?"

[20:12] <~G-Man64> "I have a map, security logs of basically everything that's happened since Static gave me the skill, though there isn't much more to this place then it seems."

[20:12] * Spider_One hummed. "Alright, well... what kind of projects went on in this place?"

[20:13] * Bitwise nods, "Right, we got what we need, an' Ah found the Jukebox parts so Ah say we get goin'!" she says to Spider_One

[20:13] * Fenrir letting go of RG "down all the halls to the back room there is AI and stuff and you need to make a robot if you want." pointing down all the halls

[20:13] <Spider_One> "Hey, despite the appearance, I have an intellectual bent- some of this stuff might be useful, if it's still left."

[20:14] <~G-Man64> "This place was more or less a warehouse, the trains would come, get loaded up, and be sent out. Nothing to, to special."

[20:14] * Rolling_Gears charged down the halls to the back room.

[20:14] * Fenrir looking to Oatmeal "Wanna follow him?"

[20:14] * Spider_One turned, almost drawing his guns but stopping himself. "RG, welcome to the show. You're a bit late to the party, aren't ya?"

[20:15] * Bitwise nods, "We've gotten everythin' we need out of here, we can head on back now." she says to Rolling_Gears as well

[20:16] * Oatmeal_SL shrugs and trots after him, though it looks like skipping

[20:16] * Fenrir follows

[20:16] * Spider_One exhales, following after the group. "Let's roll."

[20:17] <~G-Man64> Once outside, the crew reunites with the Pinks that are camped out, "So, everything go fine?" one asked.

[20:17] <Spider_One> "Yes, you could say it went fine."

[20:19] * Bitwise nods, "We found some of 'em party supplies in there, we left em for ya to collect as you need 'em."

[20:20] * Spider_One whistled. "Not quite." He drew a bag of balloons out of his bag. "Found these in a desk."

[20:20] <Fenrir> "I found a pencil."

[20:21] * Bitwise pulls out the food dye and recipes, "Ah also found these if ya want them."

[20:21] <~G-Man64> "Great, we'll get a crew in there, and here's a reward for those," the Pink replies taking out some sacks of caps.

[20:22] * Spider_One smiled, exchanging the balloons for the caps. "Thank ya kindly, miss."

[20:23] * Bitwise exchanges her dyes and recipes for the sacks of caps, "Thats mighty generous of ya."

[20:24] <~G-Man64> "Thank you for helping with everything, may the Goddess light your path," the Pink said bowing their head.

[20:26] <Spider_One> "You're welcome, it was a pleasure working with your group. You're some of the better ponies I've seen in a long, long while."

[20:27] <~G-Man64> "Well, all we really want's a smile, smile, smile." the Pink said, very cheery.

[20:28] <Fenrir> "Yeah, you guys are nice and fun." agreeing with Spider.

[20:30] * Spider_One grinned. "Y'know, y'all would do a lot of good for the Wastes, the way you think."

[20:31] <~G-Man64> "If we get the numbers, we'll spread what cheer we can" the

[20:31] <~G-Man64> Pink said.

[20:32] * Bitwise nods, "Well, thanks for the help!" she says to the Pink. Prodding Spider_One she adds, "Lets head on back to Shining Time!"

[20:33] * Spider_One readjusts his duster. "Yes, most definitely. If you need us, we'll be at the station."

[20:36] <~G-Man64> Upon returning to the Station, the team was presented with much fanfare, "So, you get everything?" Station asked, "The parts, and a way to open the boxcar?"

[20:37] * Bitwise nods, holding up her PipBuck, "Both in fact."

[20:37] <Spider_One> "With a minimum of violence, in fact."

[20:39] * Oatmeal_SL laughs "It was almost too easy!"

[20:39] * Bitwise also pulls out the Jukebox parts, holding it out for Station

[20:41] <~G-Man64> "Great, I'll get these to Railrunner, and he'll get to work, you should all head out back and open the boxcar."

[20:41] * Spider_One nodded. "Yes, let's get to it."

[20:42] * Bitwise nods, "Sure thing!" she says, trotting over to the boxcar

[20:42] <~G-Man64> Kettle and the Mare were waiting out back, next to the Boxcar attached to the Steel Horse, "Good," Kettle said, "Let's open this, and tally up the loot."

[20:43] * Spider_One whistled. "Once again, third-party arbitrator to the rescue. C'mon, Bit, you have the codes."

[20:44] * Bitwise trots over to the boxcar, nonchalantly plugging her PipBuck into the terminal, "Do yer thing PNK3."

[20:46] <~G-Man64> "Just tell me the boxcar's number, and I'll give the code."

[20:46] * Spider_One looked at the leaders for the groups. "No funny business, alright?"

[20:46] * Rolling_Gears eyed the PipBuck and terminal; the pink orbs darted eagerly between them.

[20:47] * Fenrir whistles nonchalantly

[20:47] <~G-Man64> "We just want to get this done, so that I can get back to my base!" Kettle said, "And I still gotta feed Toothy," the Mare said.

[20:47] <Bitwise> "Its One-Six-Seven-Nine, PNK3."

[20:47] * Spider_One coughed. "Actually... the gator's name is Gummy."

[20:48] <~G-Man64> "That should be the supplies that were bound for Ponyville, that's one that went missing, code was, "Party Pony."

[20:49] * Bitwise shakes her head "Why am Ah not surprised." she remarks as she enters the code into the boxcar

[20:50] <~G-Man64> The boxcar opens, and after Bloon and Chili open it, inside were boxes filled with crystal orbs instead of the supplies, "well, that explains Bunker's and Tender's conversation the day before the sirens went off."

[20:52] * Bitwise tilts her head, "Ya said this was supplies PNK3? These don't look like no supplies."

[20:52] * Spider_One smiled like a foal on Hearth's Warming. "Memory orbs? Memory orbs? Well, now I'm curious!"

[20:53] <~G-Man64> "Well, like I said Bunker and Tender met up before, and Tender explained that she may have mixed up some items, and asked Bunker to divert them."

[20:54] <Spider_One> "And they were memory orbs? I can see why they were panicked."

[20:54] <~G-Man64> "Yeah, I'll bring this up with Static next time I see her."

[20:55] <Oatmeal_SL> "Could've been a disaster. Civilians with confidential intel."

[20:56] <~G-Man64> "Huh," the Mare said, "I guess it was just the Boxcar being taken that made my hoof itchy, what would we do with these? The Rangers can keep them, I don't care, but the Boxcar is ours."

[20:56] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "I'd... like to take a look at a couple of these, for the sake of sating my curiosity."

[20:57] <~G-Man64> "Well, I suppose that can be arranged, after all you did," Kettle said, "Help yourself to a couple, A COUPLE!"

[20:58] * Spider_One smiled. "Thank ya kindly..." Then he trotted over and started looking around for labels.

[20:59] * Bitwise shakes her head, "Don't go gettin' lost in those now, ya hear?"

[20:59] <~G-Man64> The labels are all just numbers.

[20:59] <Spider_One> "I'm a responsible adult, my wife can attest to that. If she were here, I mean."

[21:00] * Oatmeal_SL takes a random one

[21:00] * Spider_One rolled his neck, picking out four and dropping them in his bags, next to the glowing blue one.

[21:01] * Fenrir continues to whistle nonchalantly.

[21:01] <~G-Man64> "COUPLE!" Kettle yelled.

[21:02] * Spider_One rolled his eyes. "Fine." He put one of them back, leaving him with three.

[21:02] <~G-Man64> "Thank you, we have no clue what these may entail."

[21:04] <~G-Man64> "Well then, if that's all taken care of," Kettle said simply, "I once again thank you for everything, and hereby officially offer the Rangers assistance in the future, call on us, and we'll get the Steel Horse here ASAP."

[21:05] <~G-Man64> "Yeah, and I'm leaving Squeaky here as the official ambassador of the Pinks to Shining Time," the Mare said.

[21:05] * Fenrir smiling with glee "You mean we can call you for help and you'll bring your train?"

[21:06] * Spider_One smiled. "It was all we could do. Thank you for your support."

[21:06] * Bitwise smiles warmly, "Thank ya kindly! We'll remember it."

[21:07] <~G-Man64> "Alright," Kettle said, "Ms. Mare, I believe we have some conversations to go over, feel free to contact when you're ready," he said climbing onto the Steel Horse, "Let's go."

[21:10] * Spider_One dusted himself off. "C'mon, I'd bet the folks inside the station are dying to see us."

[21:10] * Bitwise trots back into the station, "If they're gonna take some time, Ah could sure use a drink." she remarks on the way in

[21:11] * Spider_One trotted inside.

[21:12] <~G-Man64> Upon returning into the station, Conductor gathered everyone on the Restoration team, "Now then," he said to the team, "While you were gone, we hit a bit of a snag," he said with a sigh, "And this is larger then a broken Jukebox, or feuding factions, this was a direct threat to us..."

[21:13] * Spider_One looked curious. "What do you mean, direct threat?"

[21:13] * Bitwise raises her eyebrows in shock, "Say what? By who? Ya'll seemed non-hostile to outsiders."

[21:14] <~G-Man64> "He means that a pony named Stelle, came by and tried to claim the Station as his, saying that all the rails are his, that only he could revive them, at first he simply made offers, but eventually it escalated, had the Pinks and the Rangers have not been here, I'm not sure what may have happend," Railrunner said.

[21:15] <Rolling_Gears> "So where does he sleep?"

[21:15] * Bitwise bristles, "Well, is he much of a threat? Ah can't see one pony bein' able to do much." she asks

[21:15] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "What did he look like?"

[21:16] <~G-Man64> "He wore a cloak, as for how much of an actual threat he is, we're not sure," Station said, "But we shouldn't take it lightly..."

[21:16] * Bitwise "Ah sure hope you ain't suggestin' what Ah think you're suggestin'!" she hisses at Rolling_Gears

[21:17] * Spider_One coughed. "Well, it'd be a good idea to keep an eye out. Bandits ain't good, I'd imagine, especially what with you... kind of lacking a security force."

[21:18] * Rolling_Gears raised a brow at Bitwise. "He knows where we sleep. I wont afford him such an advantage."

[21:18] <~G-Man64> "We're just saying keep a sharp eye, we don't want anything to happen, the rails can't be owned by a single pony, and we can't have him threatening us, hopefully it'll just be idol threats, but you never know in this climate." Conductor said.

[21:19] <~G-Man64> "Anyway, you all may be best getting some rest, I'll work on the Jukebox," Railrunner said, "Should be ready by the morning."

[21:19] <Spider_One> "Yes, but the second you start receiving threats, it's a good idea to invest in security. I learned that the hard way- and are those two salesmares still here?"

[21:20] * Bitwise "Well Ah hope you mean so that we can talk it out with him, civilized ponies can usually talk with each other!" she says back to Rolling_Gears

[21:20] <~G-Man64> "Fiddle and Faddle went out scavenging, they probably won't be back for a couple of days." Station said.

[21:20] <~G-Man64> "But who knows what they'll have when they do?" Station said.

[21:21] * Spider_One nodded. "Well then- I need some way to offload some of this loot, you know any traders nearby?"

[21:23] <~G-Man64> "Nope, it would probably be best to just catch some z's," Station said, "Tomorrow, you can go out and continue work on getting things for the restoration."

[21:23] <Rolling_Gears> "I'm sure this 'Stelle' will speak plenty, it's listening that matters."

[21:24] * Spider_One rubbed his brow. "Fine then, we can wait. It's been a long day as it is, I just want to kick back and read a book for once."

[21:25] * Bitwise "Well just make sure ya listen before ya shoot!" she says back, taking off her armour, "And right ya are Station, some rest never hurt anypony!"

[21:26] <~G-Man64> "The rails are for everyone, we listened and what he wanted to do was madness, complete control, over everything, ripping out places not willing to pay, slaves powering his rails, he can't ruin the rails in these ways." Conductor said.

[21:27] * Spider_One growled. "Well... there's a prescription for that, it's called a bullet between the eyes."

[21:27] <Rolling_Gears> "Except the atrophied or those suffering from bed sores."

[21:27] * Bitwise "By the way, do ya'll have a doc 'round here?" she asks Station, putting away her armour

[21:28] * Spider_One stripped out of his duster, trotting over to a seat and digging through his bags for the old book about trains.

[21:29] <~G-Man64> "Well, goodnight to you all," Railrunner said, sticking his head into the Jukebox.

[21:30] * Fenrir mumbling to himself "I wish I had a book about trains" as he finds a place to lay on the other side of the room.

[21:30] * Bitwise spreads out her bedroll and settles in for the night

[21:30] * Spider_One looks at the griffon before continuing to read. "I'll let you borrow it as soon as I'm done."

[21:32] * Oatmeal_SL crashes in bed, but it takes a while for him to drift off

[21:33] <~G-Man64> The next morning everyone was awakened by Railrunner, "It took most of the night, but it's ready," he said at the jukebox, "Modified for caps, and robots have been fixed, this thing can do literally any song."

[21:34] * Spider_One rubbed his milky eyes, snatching his sunglasses before rolling off the seat and stretching like a buck twenty years younger. "And good morning to you."

[21:34] * Bitwise stretches her legs, "Hoo boy! Ah can't wait to try that thing out!" she says happily, hopping up to check it out

[21:34] <Spider_One> "Play some Flank Sinatrot."

[21:35] * Rolling_Gears walked up to the Jukebox. "Hmm, Sapphire Shores is satisfactory."

[21:35] * Fenrir siting up "play JukeBox Hero."

[21:35] * Spider_One started putting on his clothes quickly, hiding a criss-cross pattern of scars before tossing the duster on without sticking his legs in.

[21:35] <Spider_One> "Flank Sinatrot for life."

[21:36] * Rolling_Gears puts in a cap and plays 'The Cart Wash'

[21:36] * Bitwise feels around before realising, "Aw shoot, Ah left my caps in Mah armour!" she quickly trots off to put it on

[21:36] * Fenrir now standing already in armor because he sleeps in it

[21:36] <~G-Man64> "Please," a voice came from the entrance, everyone turned to see a large grey stallion in a bowler cap, "I know exactly what to do to test this thing."

[21:37] * Spider_One nodded. "Play Flank Sinatrot, right?"

[21:38] <~G-Man64> Well, that's good, but no, perhaps I should introduce meself first?" he said taking off his hat, "Name's Ironside, and I represent Mr. Steele, bit of an enforcer, I am, now then, will this be easy, or 'ard?"

[21:39] * Bitwise looks up, "Oh horseapples."

[21:40] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "Ironside, Mr Steele? Don't believe I'm familiar. You can call me Spider and you can explain just what you mean by 'easy' or 'hard'."

[21:40] * Fenrir picking up his shot gun "Depends on what you want to want to say first?"

[21:40] <Rolling_Gears> "Easy, what are the terms and what's in it for us?"

[21:41] * Bitwise trots over, "Just calm down now everypony, we can settle this all civilized like. No need to fight, ya hear?" she says, standing beside Spider_One

[21:41] <~G-Man64> "Easy way means that, all you blokes walk out in one peice, and Steele gets what 'e wants, 'ard, way means that I getta have some fun, and he gets what 'he wants, and please, c'oose 'ard, I've been itchen for a fight."

[21:42] <~G-Man64> As he says this he pulls out some spiked horseshoes, made of iron and attaches them to his hooves, along with some spiked shoulder pads.

[21:43] <Oatmeal_SL> "What exactly do you want Mr. Steely Dan?"

[21:43] * Bitwise blinks, "Thats it? Now what kind of an offer is that?" she asks, prodding his chest, "Come now, Ah know you can do better than that!"

[21:44] * Rolling_Gears looked back at everyone, "Everybody shut up." He walked towards Ironside. "Sorry, but I don't think we'll be obliging your urges. How long do we have to get out?"

[21:44] * Fenrir readying his shotgun "Well you can leave now and live and tell your boss he aint getting shit or we can kill you and do it ourselves."

[21:44] * Spider_One rolled his neck, drawing his guns. "I am not a violent stallion, but eviction has never gelled right with me. You have ten seconds."

[21:45] <~G-Man64> "It's the kind you get," he said, "And as for you Birdy, you really think t'at pebble s'ooter's gonna do a t'ing?" he asked pulling out a knife, and jamming it against his side, breaking the knife, "T'ink again."

[21:47] * Bitwise looks around, not liking the way its going, "Come on! Ya don't need to do this! Just get out or be more reasonable!" she says, pointing to the door

[21:47] <Rolling_Gears> "Well, I'll be on my way out if you don't mind Mr. Ironside." RG walked close by him, before reaching in his pack for something.

[21:48] <~G-Man64> "Now t'en," he said, "I'll give you all, a munite to t'ink it over, t'en, I'm putting me cap in t'e box, and blastin me song."

[21:49] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "Well, as I said before, you had ten seconds. It's been thirty."

[21:50] <Spider_One> "If you want to, hell, we could discuss this politely. Barging in and claiming you own the place isn't exactly going to make you very many friends."

[21:52] <~G-Man64> "As Steele said, 'In my culture, stealing shows friendship.' I know t'at's bullex, but the point remains, fight, or flight, t'e options yours."

[21:55] * Spider_One scoffed. "Steele must be a sick, pitiable stallion if that's what he thinks. Thievery's a dirty, low-down, despicable thing to do. And if we're talking bullshit, knock it off with the accent."

[21:56] <~G-Man64> "Accent?" Ironside asked, "W'at accent, you blokes are the ones with the accent."

[21:56] * Bitwise retorts, "Ah'm no... shut up!"

[21:57] * Fenrir trading out his buckshot for slugs "I'mma just going to agree with Spider here."

[21:58] <Spider_One> "Accent? Me, accent? I spent years learning how to speak without an accent!" As he said this, his voice slowly fell into a deep, gravel-toned growl. "You're reaching the end of my patience. I am not a violent stallion but I am not afraid to defend myself."

[21:59] <Spider_One> "And you don't look tough in that get-up. Your momma sew it up for ya and kick you out of the house to learn some manners?"

[22:01] <~G-Man64> Ironside saw Rolling_Gears reaching into his bag, and smacked him upside the head with his horseshoe, "Well t'en, t'at's playing dirty, looks like it'll be t'e 'ard, way," he took out a cap and threw it into the Jukebox, "Eternity, by t'e Blue Dragon's," he said as the music started blaring. "Let

[22:01] <~G-Man64> s do, t'is."

[22:01] * Spider_One drew his guns. "I'll give you thirty seconds."

[22:16] <~G-Man64> "T'e music's on, times up!" Ironside yelled.

[22:16] <Spider_One> "You got thirty seconds, make 'em count!"

[22:23] * Spider_One sprinted forward, coming dangerously close to Steele and opening fire. Six shots in all, two striking the stallion and one of them biting through a soft spot on his armor. The rest either grazed off or never hit, despite the paltry distance between them.

[22:25] <Spider_One> Er.

[22:25] <Spider_One> Ignore that last statement, instead:

[22:25] * Spider_One sprinted forward, coming dangerously close to Ironside and opening fire. Six shots in all, two striking the stallion and one of them biting through a soft spot on his chest. The rest either grazed off or never hit, despite the paltry distance between them.

[22:26] <~G-Man64> "T'at all you got, it was like being bitten by a Bloatsprite but, a'least those itch."

[22:27] * Spider_One put on an 'oh fuck' face. "Death by a thousand cuts."

[22:37] * Oatmeal_SL makes a few panicked shots at Steele, only landing one, and a another nearly grazing him.

[22:39] <Oatmeal_SL> *Ironside

[22:40] <~G-Man64> "T'at it?" Ironside laughed, "T'at was more pat'etic t'en t'e last one!"

[22:42] <Oatmeal_SL> "I would be suprised if it wasn't."

[22:49] * Rolling_Gears narrowed his eyes into pink needles of concentration, then fumbled about with his satchel charge for awhile, and finally ran around Ironside.

[23:02] * Fenrir lighting a cigarette before laying down his shot and connecting it

[23:04] <~G-Man64> "T'at it?" Ironside asked, "T'at may 'ave been t'e worst yet."

[23:05] * Fenrir not surprised

[23:05] * Spider_One facehooves. "Dammit."

[23:09] <~G-Man64> "Now t'en, let's show you 'ow a REAL stallion fights!" he yelled raising his hooves, and trying to slam them down on Bitwise, only to miss, and fall flat on his face, "Bugger it all," he said.

[23:12] * Bitwise narrows her eyes, "It. Is. ON!" she shouts as she hops into SATS and takes a shot at him, the charge from the Recharger Rifle striking true

[23:13] <~G-Man64> "BUGGER!" Ironside yelled as the rifle's magic struck him, "Alright, I felt that one..."

[23:23] * Spider_One cracks his neck. "You're gonna feel this too-" he growled, emptying the magazine before reloading, firing three more shots, and unfortunately having the gun jam on him. Six of the 10mm bullets connected.

[23:25] <~G-Man64> Ironside, still laying there, now noticeably damaged simply said, "T'at I did," he said nearly crying, "W'at would Steele t'ink of me in t'is state?"

[23:25] <Spider_One> "That you're a worthless piece of shit?"

[23:25] * Oatmeal_SL follows up on the shots, one of them bouncing around the room several times before connecting with Ironside

[23:26] <~G-Man64> "Proolly," Ironside said breaking down, "Just make it quick, FINIS' ME!"

[23:27] <~G-Man64> With the final shots from Oatmeal, the music fell, and Ironside lay there, no longer a threat to anyone.

[23:28] <Oatmeal_SL> "Who has some healing potions?"

[23:28] * Spider_One raised a hoof. "I do."

[23:28] * Fenrir from the other side of the room "me too"

[23:28] <Oatmeal_SL> "Take his weapons and armor, help him up after though."

[23:29] * Spider_One unjammed his gun, holstering it before spitting on the ground in front of the stallion. "I told you, thirty seconds."

[23:30] * Bitwise checks for a pulse on Ironside

[23:30] <sophos> "What the fuck did you finish him off for Oatmeal!?" He scoffed. "We could have pryed some info out of him."

[23:30] <Oatmeal_SL> "The longer you wait the more blood he's losing."

[23:30] <~G-Man64> There is none, he is certifiably gone.

[23:32] * Bitwise shakes her head, "Ah think you're a mite late for that."

[23:32] * Fenrir walks up to him and pokes him with his gun "Eeyup hes dead."

[23:32] * Spider_One coughed, turning away from the body and frowning at a red stain on his duster. "Dammit, he got blood on me."

[23:33] * Oatmeal_SL sighs "Damn, my luck got carried away."

[23:35] <Spider_One> "Shit... is there a washing machine somewhere in here?"

[23:35] * Rolling_Gears reached down and took the hat off the thug's head. "I doubt he has anything that can lead us to Steele."

[23:35] * Fenrir hearing some mumbling from his bag opens it and pulls out Tower.

[23:36] <~G-Man64> "What was that racket?" Tower asks, "I mean, come on, some of us are trying to sleep."

[23:37] <Fenrir> "Just that guy over there we had to shoot," pointing to the dead body.

[23:37] * Spider_One glares at the faceplate. "We just killed a hideously-incompetent thug, an emissary of some slave-lord who wants to rule Equestria with an iron hoof."

[23:37] <~G-Man64> "Oh, tell me was there anything odd with him?" Tower asked, "Some kind of skill that set him apart, form most equine?"

[23:38] <Spider_One> "Dying, for one."

[23:38] <Oatmeal_SL> "Lot of bullets"

[23:38] * Bitwise shakes her head, looking through Ironside for anything of value

[23:38] <Spider_One> "Mostly dying."

[23:38] <~G-Man64> "Yes, but during the fight, anyone can, and everyone will die."

[23:38] <Spider_One> "He was especially good at dying, though."

[23:39] <Fenrir> "He also had a hat"

[23:39] <Spider_One> "An /ugly/ hat."

[23:40] <Fenrir> "I say it was more dapper tho."

[23:40] <Rolling_Gears> "Get your head out of your asses!" He snorted. "It was five against one and we got lucky, multiple times. This Steele won't underestimate us again."

[23:41] * Fenrir looking to RG "hey all I said is that he had a hat I just havent got to the bullets nit hurting him thing yet."

[23:41] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "True, true, but chances are he wasn't expecting us."

[23:42] * Bitwise "Ah think you're overestimating 'im a touch. Not sayin' to not be careful, but he dont seem like much 'ight now."

[23:42] <Spider_One> "And if I have to say anything, that sonuvabitch ate bullets like candy."

[23:43] <Fenrir> "He also had a hat and such."

[23:43] <~G-Man64> "I ask because there's something in him, something familiar, I think he had help from a zebra." Tower said simply.

[23:43] <Rolling_Gears> "You all can sit here and stroke your egos, I'm going to find the conductor and come up with a plan."

[23:43] <Spider_One> "We mentioned that, Fenr- Zebra? Oh hell, that'd explain it."

[23:43] * Bitwise looks up, "A zebra? Where in Equestria did he find one of 'em?" she asks, instantly curious

[23:44] <~G-Man64> "I'm not sure, but whatever happened, chances are, there's still some of it in him, if you're willing I'd wager that you could get at least a part of whatever power he had." Tower said.

[23:45] <Oatmeal_SL> "Some still exist. Probably descendents of prisoner of war."

[23:45] * Spider_One coughs. "Well, hell, anyone here know how to extract zebra alchemical enhancements?"

[23:46] * Bitwise blinks, "An' how exactly do ya do that? We ain't no Stripes."

[23:46] * Fenrir looking to Bitwise "Well Zebras are more common then they were during the war." then looking to Tower "Drinking the blood of our enemy I'm in." waving his talon up.

[23:46] <~G-Man64> "Whatever it was, it was bound to him, part of him, if any of you are willing to go Vampony, there may be enough for one of you to get more or less the same effects."

[23:46] * Rolling_Gears left to find the conductor, but not before scoffing at the mention of Zebras.

[23:47] * Spider_One shrugs. "Well, hell, I'm all for partaking in barbaric rituals. Fenrir, share some of that good ole' hemaglobin with me."

[23:47] * Bitwise looks queasy, "Ah pass... in fact, ah think Ah have a better idea in mind." she says, licking her lips and pulling out one of the beers

[23:48] <~G-Man64> "There's probably not enough for more then one to have the benefits, and even then they'll be decreased."

[23:48] <Oatmeal_SL> "I'll do it if it truly will make me less weak!"

[23:48] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "Well... three of us, drinking it isn't a very efficient way to get it into the body..."

[23:49] <Spider_One> "Anyone have syringes?"

[23:49] <Fenrir> "hmmmm Why is everyone want to drink some guys blood all of a sudden?"

[23:49] <Spider_One> "It's in vogue."

[23:50] <Spider_One> "Anyway, syringes? Empty, preferably- I have an idea."

[23:50] * Fenrir sudden realization dawns on him "Ah that makes sense."

[23:50] * Bitwise sits away from the crazy surface dwellers and cracks open the beer, taking a good long drink

[23:51] <Spider_One> "Yes, yes it does. Tower, anything you want to say?"

[23:52] <~G-Man64> "About what? I just presented the possibility, you can choose on your own."

[23:52] <~G-Man64> "You could always just roulette it, all drink it, and see who it takes hold with."

[23:53] <Spider_One> "Sounds like a fine idea. Fenrir, Oatmeal, you in?"

[23:53] <Fenrir> "But if we all drink it only one of us will get it so couldn't we random see who gets it?"

[23:54] <Fenrir> "Eeyup."

[23:54] <Oatmeal_SL> "If it's an issue, I'll back down and let one of you have the blood."

[23:55] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "Well then, Fenrir, bottoms-up?"

[23:56] * Bitwise waves Oatmeal_SL over, "Ah got a much better drink over here Oats, join in!"

[23:56] * Rolling_Gears makes his way to wear he presumed the conductor to be.

[23:57] <Fenrir> "Welp I guess I am in then. This is about norm for griffons anyway."

[23:58] * Oatmeal_SL goes over to Bit and watches the blood ritual

[23:58] <Spider_One> "And I'm always interested in participating in demonic rituals. C'mon, get a knife, this is gonna be good."

[23:59] * Bitwise hoof him a beer, giving a slighty buzzed smile

[00:00] <Fenrir> "Fuck a knife," picking up leg and cutting it with his talons

[00:01] <Spider_One> "...Okay." Then he levitates the blade of the broken knife over, cutting an incision into the pony's neck and siphoning the blood into a small sphere. "Bon appetit." And then he gulped the blood down.

[00:01] * Oatmeal_SL drinks it and gives his trademark grin back.

[00:02] <Fenrir> "Down we go," biting into the cut he made in his leg.

[00:04] * Spider_One wiped his mouth off, gulping a couple times to get the iron taste out of his mouth. "Do you feel anything?"

[00:05] * Bitwise "Now Ah ain't from up here, but is this all normal for surface ponies?" she asks Oatmeal_SL, finishing off the can

[00:06] <~G-Man64> "It was normal even in my time," Tower said, "Some will pay any price for power, as you can tell by me."

[00:07] <Oatmeal_SL> "Relatively."

[00:08] * Bitwise shakes her head, leaning back against a wall and relaxing, "Ya'll surface dwellers are an' odd bunch."

[00:09] * Fenrir Wiping the blood feeling a bit better and tougher and a little funny on the inside "I FEEL GREAT."

[00:09] * Spider_One rolled his neck. "That we are. Can't say I've done a griffon blood ritual before, was an interesting experience."

[00:10] <~G-Man64> Rolling_Gears returns with Mr. Conductor, "What did I miss?" Conductor asks, "Something about Steele sending an Enforcer is all I really know."

[00:11] <Spider_One> "Griffon blood ritual. It was Tower's idea."

[00:11] * Fenrir still feeling great "Its been awhile since I've gotten to do that which is the norm for Griffons and Dragons and such."

[00:11] <~G-Man64> "It's not a ritual, I just said that some zebra alchemy may still have been in the ponies blood, they drank it of their own volition."

[00:12] <Spider_One> "...You gave us the idea, ergo it was yours."

[00:12] <~G-Man64> "Touche, I'll just go back to someone's bag, anyone willing?"

[00:12] <Oatmeal_SL> "Let's hope he didn't have any other surprises in his blood."

[00:13] <Spider_One> "Hopefully- anyway, Conductor, do you have a washroom in here?"

[00:14] * Bitwise nods, "Ayup."

[00:14] * Fenrir pointing to Tower "You can always ride with me mate."

[00:16] <Spider_One> "Anyway, Conductor, yes, Steele sent an Enforcer. He blew hot air and got in over his head, managed to fuck up bad enough to piss me off."

[00:17] * Spider_One pointed to the corpse, peppered with bullet holes. "And that happened."

[00:17] <Fenrir> "And then I ate him," motioning to the blood all over us

[00:18] <~G-Man64> "Yes, though you'll need to deal with Dirty water," Conductor said, "Though Railton may give 64's talisman to us, that's one of the things on the list, for the other things for today, talk with Railrunner in the workshop."

[00:18] <Oatmeal_SL> "I think I killed him though by accident."

[00:18] * Bitwise perks up, "64? Whats that?"

[00:19] <Spider_One> "Alright, I need to get this blood off me before it stains. I'll catch y'all in a moment, fill me in later."

[00:19] <~G-Man64> "Stable 64, remember, under Railton? Railrunner told you about it on the first day."

[00:20] <Fenrir> "I think I'll keep some blood on me for a snack later."

[00:21] * Spider_One starts walking towards the washroom, muttering under his breath about "zebras" and "alchemy" and how hard it was to get blood off of A REALLY NICE TRENCH COAT DAMMIT

[00:23] * Bitwise thinks for a moment, "Ah, right! Ah did want to take a look at that place." she exclaims, then says under her breath, "Another Stable... wonder what its like..."

[00:30] <~G-Man64> With everything in order, Ironside beat, the Jukebox repaired, and the war between the Pinks and Rangers all cleaned up, as well as adding their assistance to the Restoration Project, the team cleaned themselves up, and prepared for their next exciting adventure, what would await them in Railton? And what did Railrunner want? Find out next week.