

Big announcement! With screaming!

<sound of champagne cork popping>

<happy screeching and woohooing>

<sound of a bubbly liquid being poured into a glass>

Haley 0:08

This is now an ASMR channel. These are our bubbles. <laughter>

Lori 0:12

And why do we have bubbles, Haley?

Haley 0:14

We found out that we got nominated for a Hugo award! <all screaming and woohooing>

Amy 0:17

Yeah we did!

Haley 0:19

Our little podcast about Hugo award winning books. Some people thought that we were good enough to get a Hugo ourselves, and who knows? Maybe we will!

Amy 0:26

Those people - bless you!

Lori 0:28

Oh my gosh, I know!

Haley 0:30

Who all should we thank?

Amy 0:30

I'm just glad that our podcast can cover our podcast now. <laughter>

Haley 0:32

That's true! It's very meta.

Amy 0:36

Um, also - the day after we found out, I was recognized in public by a listener, which I think we've reached the height of fame now. I think that's it.

Lori 0:46

I'm still reeling from that.

Amy 0:48

Hi, hi, Warner!

Haley 0:51

Well, so - set the scene. You're playing tennis in Atlanta.

Amy 0:53

So I was playing tennis in Atlanta. And then I was telling my friends that I was playing tennis with that we recorded an episode about Station Eleven. And I was like, "Lori and Kevin liked it - or didn't like it. Me and Haley did like it." And somebody from the next court was like, "Are you from that podcast, Hugo, Girl?!" And I was like, "You stop it right now!!" <laughter>

Lori 1:11

And wasn't that the day after we got the email saying we were on the shortlist?

Amy 1:15

It was the day after! We got the information that we were going to be nominated for a major award. And then the next day, I got recognized in public! <laughter>

Lori 1:22

I mean, we were just - I could barely fit my head through the doorway.

Amy 1:26

I was over the moon. Just over the moon!

Haley 1:28

It's just all downhill from here folks.

Lori 1:30

Which is honestly fine. If this is - if nomination is the peak I'll be perfectly happy.

Amy 1:36

Oh, me too. This is the best. I mean, winning would be nice, but...

Lori 1:38

I mean, it's amazing! Thank you to everybody who listens, and who nominated us, and who's retweeted and followed and left reviews. You know how I like those! And just like, everyone is so nice! <glass clinking together>

Haley 1:52

We did it! Well, I guess we should tell people about what this means. So we will be going to Chicon, which is - it's a Worldcon. So I never understood how it works. So Chicon is...

Lori 2:05

It's Worldcon. It's the 80th Worldcon. And Worldcon is in a different city every year. The members vote a couple of years ahead. So this year it will be in Chicago. Next year, it's in Chengdu, China. The year after that, it's in Glasgow. So yeah! We'll see you in Chicago, if you're going to Worldcon! I've got my sparkly outfit. I bought an outfit instantaneously.

Amy 2:31

I am superstitious.

Haley 2:32

I will just be wearing some sort of black suit.

Amy 2:34

Yeah. So come find us. Come hang out! And if nothing else, vote for us for the final actual award. <laughter>

Lori 2:41

Um, anyway, it's exciting.

Amy 2:44

I think I've taken a gulp of champagne into this microphone twice now, so I apologize to everyone.

Lori 2:48

Glug glug!

Haley 2:49

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Lori 2:50

It's like our cookbook episode. It's fine. People liked our cookbook episode!

Amy 2:54

I bet there are some people who would not.

Lori 2:57

Well, don't leave us a review if you don't like it. Don't leave us a review.

Amy 3:00

Or leave us a five star review, but kindly say, "Don't chew into the microphone." <laughter>

Haley 3:05
Some people love it.

Lori 3:05
The important part is the stars. Someone clicked on three stars at some point on Apple Podcasts. And they didn't leave a review, so I just presume it was an accident, and I forgive you. It's not too late. Go back, check your Apple Podcasts, and be like, "Oh no! I accidentally picked three stars on Hugo, Girl! and I meant to pick five!" You can fix it! It'll let you fix it.

Haley 3:28
If you have suggestions for things to do, or places to eat in Chicago, let us know! I spent six months as an infant in Chicago. I don't remember anything about it. It was cold. So if you have suggestions for good restaurants, or cool museums, or Atlas Obscura esque type detours, let us know.

Amy 3:44
Cool. Chicago: I'm looking forward to it. I've been a couple times. I like the pizza.

Lori 3:49
I've never been. I heard it's windy.

Amy 3:50
It can be.

Haley 3:51
Do you know that it's not windy because of the weather? It's windy because of the politicians.
<laughter>

Amy 3:56
Yes, it's the Windy City because of the politicians!

Haley 3:57
Because they're full of hot air. I thought it was because it was just cold and windy!

Lori 4:01
You're kidding! But it is actually windy.

Haley 4:01
It is true. That's the funny part.

Amy 4:03
It's the Lake Effect.

Lori 4:03

Like it's literally and figuratively windy.

Haley 4:05

Truly!

Lori 4:06

Wow whee! That's a fun fact.

Amy 4:08

Well, I don't know if the politicians are still full of wind. But I imagine they are.

Haley 4:11

Oh, yeah. I only learned this last week, and I was shocked.

Amy 4:15

You said it with great conviction. Like you'd known it your whole life.

Haley 4:17

I saw a Tik Tok about it, and I was like, "Surely she's kidding." And I Googled it.

Amy 4:20

And she was like, "Don't call me Shirley."

Haley 4:22

And it was.

Lori 4:23

That's fun.

Amy 4:24

That IS fun.

Lori 4:25

Okay, all right. That's it.

All 4:28

Bye!