

Bizly

On the last episode of Wonderlust, Runt and WD fought a deadly battle against the Guardian of the Clock Tower. Using every bit of technology in their arsenal, they just barely defeated it before arriving at a small room at the top. Meanwhile, Troy, Blink, and friends escaped the Vixens and sought refuge in the Hourglass district with the Church of Reflection. There they met Aldrich, a leader of the church who showed them the true history of Reclaim, and along with it, his true intentions. WD also revealed some secrets of her when they found that the Inventor was never at the top of the clock tower because the Inventor... Never existed. And now, my friends, we venture back once again into the world... Of Wonderlust.

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Bizly

We follow the two of you, Runt and WD, as you descend the clock tower, following the gears and using the tool given to you by Grant. As you make your way - I assume in silence after that tense moment at the top - you enter that small opening once again where you originally found Grant, and instead of his presence you find a note on the ground.

Grizzly

Okay. Where Grant was, where we left him?

Bizly

Yes, in that small cavity.

Grizzly

You want to pick it up, WD? I think Runt would be deep into a notebook, just scratching a bunch of stuff into it.

Milo

WD bends down and picks it up. Take a look at it.

Bizly

WD, you pick up this note, and it reads, 'I will gather who I can. We will meet in the winery. Grant.'

Grizzly

Dude, perfect! Our little speech to him paid off.

Milo

Out loud, I go,

WD

Nice.

Milo

I look over at Runt, I'm like,

(Laughter)

WD

Wha-? This note is, um... It seems like, uh... We got through to him.

Milo

I just kinda hand it over to her.

Runt

Good.

WD

Good.

Runt

I'm going to be pretty busy for the rest of the night, I think, I got a lot of ideas. And, uh... y'know, I've never really been allowed in the wineries back, uh... Back where I'm from. So maybe you just go handle it.

WD

You don't want to come at all?

Runt

There's a lot of work to do, alright?

WD

Yeah. No, that's... That's fine.

Runt

You know, I don't want to waste any more time. That's all.

WD

I - I - I won't. I won't waste yours then.

Runt

(heavy sigh) Alright, look, I'm... I'm sorry for getting worked up back there. I'm just mad, you know? And I'm not, like, directly mad at you. I just... I just took it out on you and it's not okay. And I'm sorry, alright? But - I'm f- I'm angry at a lot of things. I just want to make some progress. You know? That's all. I'll go with you. And um... Here's some of my ideas.

Grizzly

And as we head there, I'll show her some of the scribbles and book and stuff for the plan to clear the rubble.

WD

Listen, I - I get why you're mad, I... I'll be honest, I wasn't even planning on dropping that on anyone today. I thought I'd... Thought I'd die with that secret, but... We need to move forward. And I'm sorry that I... Hindered that progress.

Runt

I guess I'm also just... It was still fun to go up there. I mean, like, boring at the top, but that's what... That's part of the journey, right? I think - y'know, a famous quote guy said that once. One

of them, there's a lot. I mean, I keep bringin' them up, and I'm blankin' right now. Fuckin' Joey Wheeler probably said that.

WD

Thomas Jefferson?

Runt

Or Thomas Jefferson.

WD

Albert Einstein...

Runt

My point is-

WD

Those are my uncles.

Bizly

(Chuckles)

WD

They didn't really get that famous.

Runt

That's sad. Sorry. That happens to a lot of people, they go out before their ideas are ever known, y'know? Before they make a difference. And I'm just... (Sighs) I'm not mad at you, alright? That's all I wanted to say.

WD

It's okay if you are.

Runt

No, I'm just more mad at myself. That's all. So, (clears throat) the clearing. About that. I think that, despite not finding anything that's gonna help us, there's a lot of people here that obviously could, especially - it's good if we got through to him. Maybe we could get through to the other people. And this is the idea I have. I got to build some shit, and I'm going to your help and their help to actually pull this off. However, I don't think they're going to listen to me. If the free - Future Thinkers had any inclination of how I am taken seriously, probably not gonna happen. So I would appreciate if you did most of the talking. You look more put together, despite not bein' at all, but...

Bizly

(Laughs)

Runt

You at least present very well.

WD

No, you know what? I will take that as a compliment. I will - I will - I will take that as a com - I will take that as a compliment...

Runt

It is! It is! It is a compliment, I swear. Like, you should see Blink. I mean, he's got his struggles written on his face all the time.

WD

Doesn't that guy have a foot fetish?

Runt

Yeah!

(Laughter)

Milo

Haven't even met him-

Runt

Again, you should bring that up. Just sayin' that he looks like the kinda guy that would be into feet.

Grizzly

Alright, we just walk and go over it.

Bizly

The two of you have this conversation and you follow the gears and metalworking down back into the city of Cogtopolis, passing by some of the workers who are looking up in horror at the inner workings of the clock that have - for the most part, have stopped. A lot of these gears are not moving anymore, so climbing down, moving through the commotion of people. You see, they start to get a couple of them moving, but it's not looking so great at the moment. So, a lot of attention will likely be drawn there. But you move down through the city, there seems to be commotion throughout the entire city around all of this stopping of the gears and you use that to easily pass through without notice from Future Thinkers or anything like that. The two of you descend down towards the winery. WD, this would be a place that you likely have been to but not frequented, especially the lower sections. While there are people that work here, a lot of - most have moved to different professions that might help with cultivating food and things like that. So this winery has, for the most part, been abandoned, maybe just kept up.

Bizly

And as you descend down, light begins to dim and you have to climb down some of these cogs.

Bizly

Can I actually get you both to make Athletics checks?

Grizzly

I got my little chest here, and I'd like to roll my Riptide dice in them.

Milo

It's going to be close. It's 24.

Grizzly

I got an 8.

Bizly

WD, you climb down first. This massive gear, you grab onto the different footholds and make your way down. Runt, you climb down and you feel your chest tighten up as you descend, and some of the dust in this area starts to fill your nostrils and create a fire in your lungs. You go into a coughing fit, which leads you to lose your foothold and slip down.

Runt

(Coughs) Oh, fuck!

Bizly

WD, go ahead and roll Sleight of Hand for me and try and catch Runt as she falls.

Milo

Yeah, that's a 2 plus 3.

Grizzly

Runt says,

Runt

Fuck!

Milo

Yeah, you fall next to me, you splat on the ground. I don't catch you because I'm literally like fucking with something in my pocket, I'm not even paying attention.

Bizly

WD, you see Runt start to fall from above you. You reach your hand out, but you feel yourself start to slip and you instinctively grab tighter, missing your window to grab her hand. Runt, you go falling down into this chamber, it becomes dark. You feel your head crack against a gear and you land flat on a platform. You take 14 points of bludgeoning damage.

Runt

Son of a bitch!

Milo

14??

Bizly

You hear a...

Grant

Oh, my...! (Breathes) You scared the- are you okay??

Runt

Holy fuck. Ohh... No!

WD

Oh my God!

Runt

I'm not okay!

WD

Runt, oh my God! Okay, wait, no, I can uh - I can fix this! Um...

Runt

Oh, my brain is bleedin'!

Bizly

Small torch illuminates the platform that you sit on.

Grant

Oh my gosh. I'm so sorry, I should have lit the way, I - I-

Runt

Ooooh-!

WD

No, it's okay-! We're going to fix this-! We're going to make it all better, okay-!?

Milo

I start digging through my... What do I have?

Grant

Oh my God, she's bleeding everywhere! Do something!

Runt

Aaaa!

Grant

Do something!!

Milo

I cast! I cast Cure Wounds on her!

Bizly

Grant starts screaming.

Grant

Aaaah!

Milo

I give you 15 points!

Grizzly

Oh, thank God. You cured my concussion.

Milo

WD rifles through her bag and like - grabs three different things and cobbles together a splint for your hand, wraps your hand up. It looks like dog shit, but for some reason, you feel better than before you fell.

Grizzly

It's just the white bandages.

Milo

Yeah.

Grizzly

The goggles still on top.

Milo

I reach in my bag, I pull out a cookie, and I give it to you.

Grizzly

I see chibi Runt just sitting there, teary-eyed, eating the cookie now.

Runt

(nibbling)

WD

You feel better?

Grant

Are you okay?

Runt

I've never felt from that far before, I feel like I broke everything in my spine.

WD

You might've. You might've.

Runt

No, I didn't. (Coughs) It's not funny. I'm fragile, okay? Alright, but don't anyone I said that.

Milo

She has like, bones like a bird. They're hollow. It's - you know.

Runt

Yeah, made of - I'm like, the glass... Girl.

Grant

I should have lit the way, I apologize.

Runt

It's fine.

Grant

So were you able to find him?

Runt

No, he don't exist. I'll break it to you right now. He's not real, he wasn't up there.

Grant

Funny. Funny, funny.

Milo

WD looks at her. She's like,

WD

Dude-!

Grant

I gathered a ton of people, they're on their way here right now. It was hard to convince people, but... The Inventor, they - they believe in him. I wasn't able to get through to them until I told them it was him. He had come to clear the path. And I... I know, I know this will work. What did he tell you? Did he tell you how to... Is he here?

WD

No, he... You know, on business. Inventor.

Grant

No, of course, of course.

Runt

A lot of people are after him, alright? So for safety reasons, he cannot be here in person to tell you his grand idea to save the fuckin' city.

Bizly

But there is an idea.

WD

We're here to tell you his idea.

Runt

There is a few ideas, but there was one that stuck out among the rest, and it will require everyone's help. Ow.

Bizly

Of course, of course. Okay.

Milo

Like, patting Runt's back. I'm like,

WD

You're good, you're good. You're okay.

Grant

There was quite a commotion up there. I imagine it wasn't easy to get to see him, but...

Runt

He teleported away and broke the whole clock. Crazy shit.

Grant

He did that?

Runt

Yeah.

Grant

He must've have had a reason. Okay. Uh... Well, I'm - not sure how old you are, not sure if you're supposed to be here, but I was able to keep the winery intact.

Runt

He made me his apprentice.

Grant

What?

Runt

Yep.

Grant

You?

Runt

Yep.

Grant

Well, surely you'll lead us from here. Let me set the stage for you all.

Bizly

And he rushes over with this torch illuminating the small area. You see him grab a lever and pull at it, and he can't seem to get it.

Grant

(Strains) It's just... Gimme just a- (strains harder)

WD

Can I walk over and pull it for him?

Bizly

You walk over.

Grant

I got this! (panting) Let me do something!

WD

Are you sure? Oh-

Grant

(Strains some more)

Runt

Actually, it was both of us that were made apprentices. I'm just-

Grant

Oh, both of you? Sure, if you don't mind, if you could help.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll a Strength check.

Milo

Both of us?

Bizly

You, just you. Just you.

Grizzly

I'm eating my cookie and nursing my wound. I can't help.

Milo

That's a 24.

Bizly

Alright, you fuckin'-

Milo

I like pull it super nonchalant. I push it with my pinkie.

Grizzly

(Laughs)

Bizly

You look at it and you go, 'Kachow', and it goes...

Milo

Kachow.

Bizly

You pull this lever and around you the room illuminates. You're in what appears to be a barrel-shaped room sitting on a platform made of metal workings that keep it centered and almost suspended in the center of the room, and it starts to slide across horizontally this barrel-shaped room, and lights begin to (lights turning on) illuminate the now spinning surrounding area full of barrels. At the end of the room, you saw this slight glow of purple that seemed to remind you of the wondrous coal. But as you get closer, you can see these are vines of grapes that have been cultivated here. Runt, very clearly to you, these have a magical property may have been impacted by the Wondrous Coal, leading to this wine also having magical properties, likely. As these barrels start to shift, the loud creaking of the gears and cogs around you begin to smooth out and everything moves in unison. And as you make it to the other side, big doors open up with these grapes surrounding them and people gathered en masse moving in onto the platform. The platform is fairly big, and on it, you see different workbenches and winery equipment, things for a bar area where things can be tested.

Bizly

General winery things. I've never been to a fuckin' winery, but it looks like one. Just trust me.

Milo

There's fuckin' barrels and shit. There's wine.

Bizly

I swear to God, I looked up pictures of a winery, and it was just barrels. It was just fucking barrels.

Grizzly

That makes sense.

Milo

I've got insane news of what the wine is in.

Grizzly

I played Stardew Valley in college and there was like, you could make a winery, and I literally just...

Milo

Yep, it was just barrels.

Grizzly

No no no, it was like a garage, and I turned it into winery by just filling it with fucking barrels of wine.

Milo

Yes, just barrels and barrels.

Bizly

Basically what it is, that's basically what it is. It's a Stardew Valley garage.

Grizzly

We should get into the alcohol business together.

Bizly

I've been thinking this.

Milo

Oh, in real life. I thought you were saying in character. I was going to be like, You're 16.

Grizzly

(Laughs) Yeah. No.

Bizly

So these people start to file in, all these animal-human hybrids stepping onto the platform, and you feel it bearing under the weight. The platform begins to move back as they all step in and these doors close. You see, it's probably around 200 people that have stepped onto the platform.

Milo

Oh my God.

Bizly

Definitely filling up a lot of the space. And you see towards the end where you're at, Grant runs over and goes,

Grant

Oh, that's right!

Bizly

And he grabs a barrel and starts to roll it out, just making the loudest work noise as possible, just-

Grant

(Straining hard)

Bizly

-moving this barrel, and he sets it over.

Milo

What is this dude? He's the most like, 'Oh, I'm so happy that you could- (intense straining)'

Bizly

Sets this barrel down in front of the group, and he goes,

Bizly

Oh, attention, everybody! Thank you so much for coming. Listen, the Inventor has sent his new assistants to help us. I know you've all been scared, terrified that you might not be able to feed your families, but we're going to fix this together with their help.

Runt

Yeah, what he said.

Runt

I got bandages. I did fall on my way in here, but do not fear, my brain still works. You're in a full body cast. It still works as soon as my hands. Big ass gauntlets. I got all the tools. I'm ready It's going to start working. But I'm sure you're curious what the idea is.

WD

Oh, that's me. Hey, guys. Um...

(Laughter)

WD

What's up? (snaps fingers) He's pretty cool, right? Like, we all agree?

Crowd

(Clapping) Yeah.

Milo

He can fix your problems, fix my problems.

Bizly

Roll a...

Milo

Oh, no.

Bizly

Performance check.

Grizzly

(wheezes) She hasn't even started talking and she's already rolling. (Laughs)

Grizzly

It's a - It's a 9.

Bizly

Looking out at these people, some of them are looking being angrily up at you, a lot of them with fear in their eyes. It seems like they're not really taking to what you're saying, and some of them are looking at you and doubting you instantly.

Grizzly

Can I pull her down?

Runt

Sidebar, real quick. Hey.

WD

Yeah. Yeah, no, what's up?

Runt

I'm gonna give you another chance.

WD

I'm used to doing this at like colleges, man.

Runt

The problem is... You're talking at them, but not to them, alright? Think about how hard it is to be here trapped, you're trapped. How much you want to go out and see Ripley again. Think about how much they want to go out to. Alright? Speak to their hearts. Tell them the plan and that it's going to work. Alright, I'm going to give you this chance. (Claps) You're about to start flyin', are you ready?

WD

Yeah, no. Thank you. Yeah.

Grizzly

I'm gonna use Telekinesis and she's just going to start floating up like the- (Wheezes) Like the ascended one.

Milo

You could see my demeanour has completely changed. I floated on the stage.

Milo

I know we're all scared. I... Got lost on the way here, and y'know... I can't find somebody that I need dearly in my life because of this. We have no food, no water, and the people that are supposed to be helping us refuse to. So listen, we have a plan, and with the help of the Inventor and the brilliant mind of Runt, we've come up with something that we know is going to work.

Runt

Damn right.

Bizly

They start clapping. Roll Performance again.

Milo

That's still not good. 14.

Bizly

That was with advantage?

Milo

That's with advantage, dog.

Grizzly

14 isn't bad. I mean, it's six away from 20. It's much further from 1 than it is from.

Bizly

You see, some of the people are moved. Others are still sceptical and have questions clearly, but they're starting to understand as you relate to them like a person.

Grizzly

And she's floating.

Milo

Yeah, yeah I'm still floating, I'm glowing. BE NOT AFRAID.

WD

Runt is making a super sick invention that is going to reinforce the cave so it doesn't cave in. Bullet point two, um...

(Laughter)

WD

We're gonna gather at night when those guards aren't there, and we can start work. Listen, it's going to take a while.

Grizzly

I walk forward with my hands in the air, clearly showing that I'm making her levitate.

Runt

Isn't this fucking sick?

WD

Right, guys?

Runt

Alright, tell me this isn't the coolest thing you've ever seen.

WD

And this is what's going to help us.

Bizly

How about you roll a Performance check?

Grizzly

Trying to prove that I'm cool.

Milo

I'm really bad at this, man.

Grizzly

This is not going well. I rolled a 17.

Bizly

The crowd kinda goes,

Crowd

Oh! Oh!

Runt

Yup, yup! I am the, uh - the Invention apprentice and also, that means I'm going to be making the device-ish to - ah, there's so many people. How do you do- how do you do this?

WD

This is what I'm saying, man!

Runt

No, look. Alright. Simple shit, okay. Just - fuck it.

Grizzly

I'm going to drop the Telekinesis.

WD

Woah-! (thuds)

WD

(Laughter)

Runt

Okay, I can't make this as wonderous as I want it to sound. But look, okay, there are cracks in between the rocks that are blocking the - that is the cave in, alright? We're going to fill those cracks and we're slowly gonna tunnel our way in, reinforcing the tunnel as we carve our way through. And as I have just levitated WD here, the engineer apprentice of the Inventor and the public speaker, I can also help keep the rocks that are on top from falling as you guys have to build the archways to reinforce it as we go in. Does that make sense? Now, the fluid is very magical, alright? I'm gonna to be using this.

Grizzly

I pull out wonderous coal.

Runt

Have you ever seen this before? Is anybody with me? Are you all too fu- you guys are in Cogtopolis, you are not stupid enough to be behind, alright? You get what I'm sayin'?

WD

Yeah!

Bizly

Roll one more Performance check... With advantage.

Grizzly

Natural 20.

Milo

I think I'm cursed.

Grizzly

(Laughs)

Bizly

They all just go,

Crowd

Yeeeah!!

Milo

They're not even listening anymore. (Laughs)

Grizzly

You appeal to their hearts and I appeal to their minds. That's all it is. (Laughs)

Milo

It's like when you're concert and people go like, 'How you feelin' tonight?' And people just go, 'WOOOOO!!!!' (Laughs)

Runt

Alright. I'm going to convert this with a different material - using a different material, I'm going to make this into a fluid that will solidify over in about a half a second. Or a second, I haven't mapped that all out yet. We'll fill the cracks with this, it will harden. And because it's magical - I'm saying magical - this rock is filled with some sort of magic, it's not from our island. We can get into that later, alright? But it doesn't matter. Hopefully, the veins that this creates stabilizes the entire cave in as a whole so that we can carve through it and reinforce it and make a new tunnel. Yeah?

Crowd

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Runt

We need to do this fast and quiet and at that night time. That's what WD was sayin'. Because the Future - the Future Thinkers don't give a fuck about your future! They don't care about any of you, all they care about is stroking their own dicks and egos! I'm not afraid to say it, but I care. The Inventor cares. WD cares. We're gonna take the future out of our minds and into our hands and build it! Build it together!

Crowd

YEEEAH!

WD

WOOOOOO!!!

Bizly

Roll me one final Performance check.

Grizzly

I've rolled like 14 of them, dude. My natural 20!

Bizly

They're for something.

Grizzly

Bitch. I rolled a 14.

Bizly

As everyone begins cheering and you begin to enact your plan, we're going to switch over to Troy and Blink.

Charlie

Hey, I heard it was go time.

Bizly

We followed the two of you, Blink and Troy with an unconscious Aeon, as you make your way towards the cave-in that blocks your path into Cogtopolis. The two of you are heading through the Hourglass district where you see these moving structures all above you, buildings built into the side of the walls, and overall, a low population in the streets. There are some buildings here and there. You can see some jovial patrons of a nearby tavern enjoying their time, completely oblivious to the struggles within Cogtopolis that they're dealing with due to this cave-in. Very wealthy, upper class energy in the area. And as you move away, you can't help but keep looking back at that massive hourglass structure, knowing that your companions are trapped inside, held hostage as you do the bidding of the high priest, the Church of Reflection.

Blink

Sorry, can we take a little break here?

Troy

Yeah, dude, this is um... Oh, man. I mean, this is royally kind of fucked up and down, huh?

Condi

I set Aeon off to the side, like on a bench or something.

Blink

Yeah, I mean, it feels like they're just two steps ahead of us, like always. And every person that they except for maybe Mei, was on the list of people I saw at the Overseers. People he wanted to eliminate.

Troy

Oh, that's really bad, dude.

Blink

Yeah, it's really bad.

Troy

That's really really bad. So we don't even know if they're oka- i mean, they could be dead already, dude.

Blink

I hope not.

Troy

Ohhh, fuck.

Blink

I really hope not because I really don't feel like there's anything we could do.

Troy

I know. I mean, she's one of the best steam sledders I've ever seen. That would be such a shame.

Blink

Well, maybe she can kill them like you killed that one guy.

Troy

I just...

(Laughter)

Bizly

You just twitch a little bit.

Troy

Dude, alright? We just got off on the right foot. I really don't want you reminding it of all that stuff back there. I've, for the record! I've changed. I'm made you blink.

Charlie

(Laughs)

Blink

Alright, I mean I believe you, I believe you. What's the plan? I mean, are we just going to link up with Runt and bring them exactly where they want?

Troy

We can at least tell them what's going on, right? I mean, do they tell us not to tell them? I was pretty stressed out.

Blink

No, no, we tell them what's going on no matter. I don't care.

Troy

Yeah, I know. It's just like if I tell them and then they put a bug in my ear and then all of our friends heads explode or something, I want to avoid that.

Blink

I don't think they had the chance to do something like that, no.

Troy

I haven't thought they'd had the chance to do any of this, dude. But you're right, they've always been two, if not three steps ahead, according to Troy Math. And there's something else, dude, that I've been wondering.

Blink

Troy Math is always right.

Troy

Yeah. Um... There's something else I've been sort of, uh, I guess, rumbling and milling and turning over in my head. Okay, I'm gonna try and recall a lot of events right now. Do you remember... Um... When we first got to Oasis Flora and there was the big crater, and Ripley was there, and there was the big explosion because the inventor- inv- uh- 'cause the Inventor teleported away.

Blink

Yeah, I do.

Troy

Okay. Alright. Stick with me. Fast forward, fast- (rewind sound) I have to... Hang on, I have to play through my memories in real-time.

Blink

Uh huh.

Troy

Okay, okay... God, shit, and that guy heard me stutter. Alright. And then, um... After that, dude, do you remember when Ripley took a feather,

Charlie

And I take a feather off Blink,

Blink

Ah-

Troy

And did a - like a thing with it and like dropped it over here-

Charlie

And I drop his feather.

Troy

With the... Maybe she like, touched it to the coil. Do you remember what I'm talking about?

Blink

Yeah, yeah, I mean, she said my - my little thingy here was like a matter displacer of some sort?

Troy

Yeah. Okay, yeah! Okay, yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah! So those are words for sure. But then, um... Uh... When it did happen. Okay, do you remember what happened again? It did the same darn thing!

Blink

With the crater?

Troy

Yeah! Dude, what I'm trying to get at is if they're trying to send all the animals back to the zoo or wherever they came from. Dude, it's a matter displacement. It's gonna exp- It'll do the same thing that all of the other ones did. It's going to blow every... Did you already know that?

Blink

I think I put that together already. If it wasn't explicitly stated to us, I forget.

Troy

How long ago did you put that together?

Blink

Well, like sometime between when we were walking here and here, I think in that sort of area of time, I'd say. If they didn't - again, if they didn't just tell us explicitly.

Troy

Has been - Has been a few hours...

Blink

I don't know, it's been like half an hour. I've - Brain's a little fuzzy.

Bizly

They didn't tell you explicitly. They don't know that.

Blink

Okay, so I've - then we figured it out. Then, yeah. Yeah, I did, I did, I guess, put together at some point that it's basically just a giant fucking bomb. Yeah, and-

Troy

It's a giant fucking bomb, dude! When were you gonna tell me!

Blink

I don't know, I mean I was just-

Troy

I was working through it in real time, I hadn't gotten there yet! Jesus fucking Christ! What the fuck, dude!? They're trying to kill us all!

Blink

Well that was like the whole point of taking the pause here! Listen, I just! Okay, sometimes I struggle. You know how babies have that thing where um... When they don't see something, it doesn't exist anymore. What's it called?

Bizly

Object permanence. Sorry, a person walking by just says,

Person

Object permanence.

Blink

Object permanence, yeah. I'm like that, except I haven't realized that other people don't know the things that I know.

Troy

Oh, dude, I get it. And sometimes they think that-

Blink

I thought maybe you... I looked at you and you were like, I saw your brain wracking, and I thought, 'Yeah, he's coming to the same conclusion I'm coming to right now.'

Troy

I think what happened was you assumed that when I started talking to you, I already knew what I was gonna say.

(Laughter)

Blink

Yeah, I mean, I guess.

Troy

Is that how it is for you?

Blink

Yeah, usually I know what I'm gonna say before I say it.

Troy

God, that's got to be so stressful.

Blink

No, actually, it's nice. You kinda know things. It's pre-planned in a way.

Troy

Pre-planned. Hey, dude, speaking of pre-planned,

Charlie

I look over at Aeon.

Blink

Oh, I was thinking the same thing. We are so in sync today.

Troy

We're on the same wa- honestly.

Blink

What the fuck are we going to do with her?

Troy

I don't know, man. I say we fuckin' clobber her- well, hang on.

Blink

Maybe not. Listen, maybe not clobber her, okay? But I don't think I want to bring her with us. For sure, I mean.

Troy

I just feel like she's gotten like - chance after chance, dude, and she just keeps stabbing you in the back. I'm not trying to tell you to hang out with or whatever, like... I feel like a good friend wouldn't try to get you killed by like a lion. And get the whole world - blown up.

Blink

I don't think she knew that part, but... Everything else. Yeah, no, it sucks. It sucks a lot.

Troy

It does suck, dude.

Blink

Y'know, I - I was ready to turn the new leaf. I was ready to move on and try to rekindle... Our - our relationship. But... After everything I did and said, I meant it, too. I mean, I was going to help her. She still went ahead and just turned us over just like that. I don't know how I'm supposed to continue trusting somebody like that.

Troy

Feel what you're feeling, dude. If you don't think you can, then you can't.

Blink

I mean, maybe we just... Leave her here. Like, bring her to an inn or something and continue on our way. I don't know when she's going to wake up.

Troy

Do you think that's the right thing, dude? I'm not one to tell you what to do, but uh - I'm going to tell you what to do.

(Laughter)

Troy

I think this is one of those moments where if you want to stick up for yourself, you should, dude. You really should, 'cause this might be... this might be the last chance you ever get to talk to her. We don't know what's gonna happen.

Blink

It's hard, y'know? I mean I kinda just want to run away and hide right now, more than anything. Even just looking at her, I just feel hurt, y'know? I don't know how I'm supposed to manage a conversation. And like - am I going to hear anything that makes it better? She still made the choices she made.

Troy

What's the play, co-captain?

Blink

Let's find somewhere to rest, I guess, until she wakes up.

Bizly

The two of you begin moving through the Hourglass district and very easily come across an inn with few patrons, but still fully in business. As you step inside, there is a chipmunk-human hybrid woman who is leaning down under the table, and as you walk in, she perks up.

Chipmunk Woman

How can I help you? Oh, you look like you've seen hell.

Blink

Yeah, you could say that.

Chipmunk Woman

You're really bringin' down the vibe in here.

Charlie

(snickers)

Blink

We just need somewhere to - to hang out for a little bit, um-

Chipmunk Woman

What are you laughin' at back there?

Charlie

Dude - out of character, I'm tryin' to hold back 'cause I want this scene to proceed, but it is so hard when people say stuff like that. I'm showing restraint right now.

Blink

We just need somewhere to rest for now. Maybe just some - some drinks, I guess.

Chipmunk Woman

Uhh... Yeah, 'course. We can do that. It's going to cost you a penny, though.

Blink

I've got a penny.

Chipmunk Woman

Lookin' at - room, service...

Troy

Dude, all of that for a penny?

Chipmunk Woman

200 cogs.

Troy

What??

Blink

200 cogs. Wow.

Bizly

She slides it over.

Troy

I thought you said it was a penny, dick.

Blink

You said a pe- You did say a penny. 200 cogs is like a lot, is it not? Like...

Bizly

It's - considering, I'd say yeah.

Chipmunk Woman

Hey, if you can't afford it, feel free to go stay in - the Sorting District. (laughs)

Charlie

Do we have any money, DM?

Condi

Well, you had some money from that chest that we opened once.

Bizly

Runt has it all, unfortunately.

Charlie

Runt has it all? Fuck.

Condi

Hey, do you have like a cr-credit card, Troy?

Charlie

Can I roll to see if I have a credit card?

Bizly

You know what? How often has you being Troy Lougferd been an advantage? Very little.

Condi

Very few times.

Bizly

Very little has it been an advantage.

Charlie

I would say, if anything, it has cost us significantly more.

Bizly

Yeah, no, 100%. I'm gonna say you totally have a credit card.

Condi

Do they take credit card here?

Charlie

They totally don't, dude.

Troy

Do you guys take credit?

Chipmunk Woman

What?

Troy

Fuck this, dude.

(Laughter)

Troy

I fucking throw it at her face. I just leave.

Bizly

She backs up, grabs it.

Chipmunk Woman

Whoa. This is like from top side, this thing's gotta be worth at least 500 cogs. I'll take this for it, sure.

Charlie

Okay, I sell the woman my cre- okay, I make a call and I cancel my credit card, and then I sell my credit card-

(Laughter)

Charlie

And we get a fucking room.

Blink

Good thinking throwing that piece of plastic at her, I guess. I mean...

Troy

Yeah. Wait... Blink, do you not know about credit?

Blink

No. What - What is credit?

Troy

Oh dude, you're going to love this. It's like unlimited money.

Blink

Like for real? Like unlimited money?

Troy

With a couple stipulations. But one of 'em.

Bizly

She hands you a key.

Chipmunk Woman

I'm gonna put you guys up in the dome, this will actually get you our best room.

Blink

Oh, cool. Yeah.

Troy

Oh, well don't you look at that?

Bizly

And you ascend up a spiral staircase all the way up to the top. And at the top, there's a little hatch with a lock on it. You use that key to unlock it, you get up there. It's almost like an

observatory where you can see a big magnifying glass or not a magnifying glass, what is it? What are they called? Telescope? Big telescope. And the entire room will turn based on this mechanism in there. And there's a large bed in the center of the room.

Blink

Oh, wow. A mini fridge. Cool.

Bizly

And you hear a voice from down there.

Chipmunk Woman

Hey, you're not, uh - kidnapping that girl, right?

Blink

No, she's just - hurt, we're nursing her back to health.

Troy

Yeah, we're not kidnapping that girl.

Bizly

Roll Persuasion.

Charlie

Both of us or just one of us?

Bizly

I want to say Troy. He had the last word.

Condi

I believe in you.

Charlie

Now, I would like to say first that 11 is above an average roll.

Condi

(Laughs) Do you have a plus zero?

Charlie

I am... Not exactly the most persuasive person.

Bizly

Roll with advantage because Blink said something that made sense.

Charlie

Alright, what? What I said makes sense. That's a 7.

Bizly

[Troy voice] 'Yeah, we're not kidnappin' that girl.' [normal] Dude, if somebody said that to me I would think they were kidnapping the girl.

Charlie

Telling the truth is illegal now?

Condi

Yeah, it is. Yeah, yeah.

Bizly

Not illegal, but kidnapping is.

Charlie

7/11.

Bizly

7/11? Okay, you get a free slushie, but she doesn't exactly believe you. She goes,

Chipmunk Woman

Okay...

(Laughter)

Bizly

And backs away. You think she might get it.

Troy

Seems sold.

Blink

You think Runt's doing better than us? Over in Cogtopolis? Maybe she's already found the Inventor.

Troy

Wait. Dude, I was thinking about what happened when we saw the mou- I think Runt might be in Cogtopolis, too.

Blink

Yeah, I think we knew that.

Troy

What?

Blink

Well, she had a tracker, and we like reversed the signal and found out she's in Cogtopolis.

Troy

And Runt's attached to the tracker! So Runt's in Cogtopolis. I hope she's doing better than us.

Blink

Me too. Me too, Troy.

Bizly

Fucking love it so much.

Troy

Oh, dude, by the way, look out for the mini fridge. That's how they get ya. You didn't move anything, right?

Blink

What?

Condi

I crack open a bottle of fuckin' - whatever the fuck they have in a mini fridge.

Charlie

I wince. I actually wince.

Bizly

Beautiful vintage of wine that glows a bright purple.

Condi

Yeah, I crack it open. I'm mid-swig when you say that.

Blink

What?

Bizly

Actually an entire wine rack full of these bottles in here. They kind of like, hoist up with a lever. The rack kind of like, spins. Almost like when you see futuristic closets where the clothes auto-sort. It's like that but wine and alcohols and finer things, many cheeses.

Troy

I mean, I guess technically they have my card, so it should be fine.

(Laughter)

Blink

She said it was worth 500. I'm sure this is like, what, 20 cogs? Maybe?

Troy

Alright, we're going to need our strength for what's coming.

Condi

Do we want to take a short rest or long rest? Or-?

Bizly

You guys can do whatever you like, long rest.

Troy

Split this wheel of cheese with me, dude.

Blink

Is that a charcuterie board? Oh my God.

Troy

No, just the whole wheel.

Blink

Just cheese, okay.

Troy

I mean, we could put it on it. We could cut it if you want, but...

Blink

No, no, no, it's okay. I prefer to peck at the whole thing instead of slices.

Troy

I like to peel apart entire wheels like a Babybel.

Bizly

Okay. Are you just pulling a bottle off the rack?

Blink

Yeah, pulling a bottle off the rack.

Troy

We're gettin' a little wine.

Blink

Big - Big thing of cheese, wine and cheese.

Bizly

Sure. Roll a D100.

Charlie

Both of us are just one of us?

Bizly

If you're grabbing the same bottle, just one of you. If you're grabbing different bottles.

Charlie

Grabbing different bottles.

Bizly

Both of you.

Charlie

Okay, yeah, I'll roll a D100.

Bizly

Sure.

Charlie

Okay, I rolled a 95.

Condi

I rolled a 15.

Bizly

Troy, when you drink this, you - it is essentially a Potion of Climbing.

Charlie

Ooh.

Bizly

You gain a climbing speed equal to your walking speed for one hour.

Charlie

Ooh!

Bizly

And you also have advantage on Strength checks you make to climb. Blink, you get the potion of Invisibility.

Condi

Do I - I just turn invisible?

Charlie

Does this just activate right away as soon as we drink it?

Bizly

Yeah, as soon as you drink it.

Condi

I start drinking it and I just start fading.

Bizly

Well, as a matter of fact, you do have to finish the entire thing.

Charlie

Yeah, I'll finish it.

Condi

How long does it last for?

Bizly

One hour.

Condi

Yeah, I chug it down.

Bizly

I'll say you can at will go invisible, at the moment. Like, for the next hour.

Troy

Dude, do you feel that? Try and climb that wall, try and climb that wall.

Blink

Okay.

Condi

And I start walking over to the wall and you see me slowly fade out.

Blink

I can't do it.

Bizly

(Snickering)

Troy

Blink?

Blink

Yeah, I'm right here, Troy. I'm trying to climb the wal, I just can't do it.

Troy

Blink?

Condi

I walk back towards you and I reappear.

(Laughter)

Blink

Yes - Yes Troy?

Troy

It's all... It must be a dream.

Bizly

(Laughing)

Blink

What's going on, man? Why are you - Why are you touching me?

Troy

You're not there, but you - are.

Blink

What are you talking about, Troy? I'm right here. I'm right here, dude.

Bizly

You're feelin' drunk.

Blink

I'm right here, dude. Can you climb that wall?

Troy

I have to get higher.

(Laughter)

Charlie

I'm going to start climbing.

Bizly

Okay. (Laughing) You climb up the wall with a wistful look in your eye. Climb up the wall. You look out and you see the city and it glows. The hourglass glows.

Condi

You look back to Blink and he's gone again.

Troy

Yeah...

Bizly

Dude, my fucking spleen hurts.

Charlie

I put my hand to the window. And I say,

Troy

I'm sorry. I never saw you like this before.

Bizly

Got to stop touchin' the camera like this.

Charlie

I look over the city.

Condi

Are you just caressing the camera?

Charlie

(Laughs)

Condi

Like-

Bizly

There's just - such a look in your eye.

Charlie

'cause that's I feel like I would feel if I was drunk and my friend just disappeared and then came back. If I was really drunk.

Bizly

Okay. Your potions will wear off after this long rest, though.

Charlie

How many can we take with us? How many can I fit in my bag?

Condi

(Laughs)

Bizly

I'll let you both take one.

Charlie

My bag can fit more than one.

Bizly

I'll let you both take one.

Condi

Yeah, I mean, just like - for future reference, I would like to take another one.

Bizly

Sure. Go ahead and roll D100s.

Condi

I got a 90.

Charlie

I'm not drinking this, I'm just determining what it is. Hang on.

Bizly

Sure. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Charlie

86.

Bizly

I know what you have.

Condi

Okay, cool.

Bizly

Are you guys spending the night here?

Condi

Yeah, I think so.

Bizly

So let me know once you're done and you go to sleep.

Charlie

I go to sleep hanging like a bat above the bed. Directly above Blink.

Condi

When he turned- (Laughs) -like back around to look to me and I wasn't there, I was passed out on the floor, invisible. Um - So I'm asleep. I'm asleep directly underneath Troy, who's hanging off the wall, who's about to run out of potion.

Bizly

The two of you drink and eat cheese into the night and pass out in your various hilarious positions. And as you drift off, you feel a sense of joy that you get to spend a moment just relaxing, having a good time. And Blink, in the night, you awaken to hear a bump. Your eyes peel open and you see standing in the hatch is Aeon. She just looks at you for a moment... And then she closes it and leaves.

Blink

[whispers] Oh, hell no.

Condi

I like brush myself off, and I'm going to chase after her, I think. I climb through the hatch and start going down.

Blink

Hey.

Bizly

You rush down. Go ahead and roll Perception to just try and find her as she...

Condi

Uhh, 13.

Bizly

Unfortunately, as you reach down the spiral staircase you blast out the door and you see the illuminated city. You don't see her.

Blink

So that's it, huh? You think you can just leave without saying a word? After everything? Fine. Just remember, I've never been one... (sniffles) That's too quick to move on from things like this. I wanted to help you! I really did! If this is how you are, then - so be it. Maybe you don't deserve my help.

Condi

I think he just stands for a couple of seconds and turns back into the-

Bizly

Cut to a wide shot of her hiding behind a corner. Tears falling. As you walk in, she rushes off. Fade to black. Go back to sleep and we come back to the morning time. Troy you, at some point in the night, fell from your perch position.

(Laughter)

Bizly

You awake to see Blink already awake, doing whatever it is you want to be doing.

Condi

Dude, I grab another bottle. I'm drinking now. (Laughs)

Charlie

(Laughs)

Bizly

Roll a D100.

Condi

That's an 18.

Bizly

(Laughs) Alright, your hair color changes.

Condi

Like permanently or temporarily?

Bizly

For - uhhh - for one D6 days.

(Laughter)

Bizly

I'll let you roll it.

Condi

It's four days.

Bizly

(Laughs) Four days! So - probably the rest of the campaign.

Condi

Can it not be my entire hair? But like-

Bizly

It could be whatever you want it to be. I'm going to say, but your feathers change color.

Condi

You know how people get fuckin' like - the silver tips?

Bizly

If you want frosted tips.

Charlie

Frosted tips on your WHOLE body.

Condi

Can I - Can I get? (Laughs) Can I get frosted tips on my whole body? Or maybe like - maybe like front, I don't know. I'm trying to think of what color they should be. Like-

Bizly

I don't know how to imagine that.

Condi

I don't know either!

Bizly

But yes.

Charlie

I wake up and I look at Blink,

Troy

Did we start a boy band last night?

(Laughter)

Blink

No, I don't think so. I think this wine is just really weird. Probably go away in like a couple hours.

Troy

I can tell you're going through a life event right now.

Blink

Do you want to - Do you wanna start a boy band? I'm thinkin' maybe I need some change in my life right now.

Troy

Uh, yeah, I think so, dude. But I don't think I'm getting anywhere with this hair.

Charlie

And I grab a bottle off the wall and I fuckin' chug it.

Bizly

D100, let's go.

Condi

You have given us Pandora's box.

Charlie

25.

Bizly

Roll a Con save.

Condi

Oh, God.

Charlie

Oh, alcohol poisoning is real. Okay, hang on. 20.

Bizly

You drink it all down and you don't feel anything happen. You're like lookin' around, lookin' at your hair in the mirror. You see your stomach start to bubble up a little and you let out a burp that is this heinous, burning feeling.

Troy

That was weird. I-

Bizly

Nothing happens.

Troy

Shit, can't end on a loss. I'll do another one.

Bizly

Sure, D100.

Troy

Wait, dude, do we know how to get to Cogtopolis from here?

Blink

Yeah, I know how to get there.

Troy

Okay, Blink, what if we drink as many of these as possible and then book it there as fast as possible so nothing could stop us?

Charlie

29.

Blink

I don't know. My alcohol tolerance isn't really that high, to be honest.

Troy

Is this alcohol?

Blink

Yeah. (Condi laughing) Yeah, it is.

Troy

Oh, no, dude. It's okay, we have a lot of cheese to sponge it up. Eat Swiss cheese so that the alcohol fills in the holes and it doesn't affect you.

Blink

Is that how that work-? I shouldn't be asking that.

Bizly

You get resistance to acid damage for one hour.

Troy

This one's lame.

Charlie

I drink another one.

Bizly

Okay. Okay guys, one more.

Charlie

(Laughs)

Blink

Dude, if you want frosted tips, you can just have the rest of mine, dude.

Bizly

I'll let you drink the frosted tips if you want.

Charlie

I would like random chaos, but I'm going to be honest, the past few have not been nearly as funny as frosted tips. I'm going to grab the bottle and I'm going to say,

Troy

Thank you.

Charlie

I'm going to put a hand up and I'm going to drink it for frosted tips.

Bizly

You drink it and your hair color changes. Roll a D6.

Troy

2.

Bizly

2? So two days. Your hair looks however you want it to look.

Charlie

I want to have frosted tips everywhere I have hair.

Bizly

Frosted pubes?

Charlie

I didn't - I didn't-

Bizly

Eyebrows?

(Giggling)

Bizly

Frosted leg hair?

Condi

Dude, there's no way.

Charlie

I don't think about the details. I just think that I want to be with Blink for this.

Bizly

I'm trying to find pictures of what this would look like, there's no one who's done it.

Charlie

(Laughs)

Condi

What does that even look like on the eyebrow?

Charlie

Dude, that was the one that got me the most was the frosted eyebrows. Like, scared the shit out of me, dude.

Bizly

Troy, you find a pair of silver sunglasses-

(Laughter)

Bizly

-on the counter. (Fighting back laughter) And y- And you really want to start a reality TV show where you eat food.

Charlie

I put them on, and I said,

Troy

Well, we've got a one-way ticket, Blink, and I think we both know where we're goin'.

Blink

Cogtopolis, yeah.

Charlie

Flavor Tow- What?

Bizly

You guys, I assume, head out on your way to Cogtopolis.

Charlie

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Bizly

The travel there is pretty easy.

Condi

I just want to mention what happened with Aeon to Troy at some point.

Troy

Oh, yeah, of course. Of course.

Blink

She, uh... She left without saying a word.

Troy

She just left after doing that to you?

Blink

Yeah, uh... I chased after her, but by the time I got outside, she wasn't there.

Charlie

My tips bristle.

Troy

That's not fair.

Blink

I'm kind of struggling to cope with it, honestly, that - that things are still like this.

Troy

You deserve better, dude.

Blink

I don't know. I mean, do I? I spent... So many years just ignoring her and her pain. Yeah, maybe I just deserve this.

Troy

I think we both know that's not true. And then at the end of the day, you chose to try to understand, to try and help her, dude.

Blink

Thank you, Troy. Really.

Troy

I know you know it, dude. I think you just need to hear it sometimes.

Blink

Yeah.

Troy

Hey, touch tips?

Condi

(Wheezes) I touch tips with Troy, I touch tips with Troy! (Manic laugh)

Bizly

That's powerful.

Condi

Fucking - that's powerful, dude. That's potent is what it is. Good Lord.

Troy

I love you, man.

(Laughter)

Blink

I love you, Troy. You're like your brother to me.

Bizly

I've never felt like this in my life.

Troy

We're going to get through this, dude.

Bizly

Are you still touching?

Charlie

Yeah.

Condi

Dude, technically, any contact is touching tips at this point.

Charlie

That's so beautiful.

Troy

It might look like perhaps all of my arm hair got a little shorter, or perhaps in the night, I shaved it with a very high guard razor. But if you look closely, Every single hair, every single tip is frosted for you.

Blink

That's powerful, man.

Troy

I think you make me a better person, Blink.

Blink

There's uh - There's no one I'd rather have frosted tips with. No one I'd rather touch tips with, yeah.

Troy

You know, I always wondered what it would be like to match frosted tips with you, but now I don't have to wonder... Lust.

Bizly

You said the name! (Laughs)

Condi

We leave, we leave.

Bizly

You guys, if we can make it to the cave-in, you get to the cave-in. (Coughs) Oh my God. That was so funny.

Condi

It's a little beautiful, but also like-

Bizly

Beautiful. And like, kind of beautiful.

Charlie

I look at the rocks and I say,

Troy

Move.

(Laughter)

Bizly

You guys make it to the cave in and you can see these piles of stone completely blocking you from entering Cogtopolis. You actually enter in and there's a little bit of cave left over, like an opening in the wall, but there's not much here. There's some tagging all around, spray paint, things like that. You see Vixen logo and such. And as you listen closely, Blink, you would hear the familiar ticking of the clock coming from the city kind of sound a little off.

Condi

Weird.

Bizly

It's not as loud and consistent. There's kind of some grinding sounds every few seconds.

Blink

Usually, it's very rhythmic. Every second, you hear a... tick, tick. But right now, it's more like a... (horrific grinding) And, y'know, that's not normal for sure.

Troy

What?

Condi

(Laughs)

Blink

The clock, the clock on the other side. Like the-

Troy

Oh, yeah.

Blink

The ticking, yeah.

Troy

Okay. I do hear that.

Bizly

Troy, do you listen in? To kinda hear it?

Charlie

Yeah.

Bizly

Roll Perception.

Troy

Natural 20.

Bizly

You actually do hear the way this clock is moving and it's a familiar sound because you've been to the top. You've been to the clock above, and this is the same one. But you also hear a whirring, mechanical sound. Separate, it's a separate frequency as you put your ear closer to it. And, in front of your face, it gets louder and louder and louder. And the stone breaks, and you see some of the rock come down and a tiny little mite exit.

Charlie

Oh, not these fuckin' things.

Condi

Oh, no.

Bizly

The same one that Runt had augmented.

Charlie

Oh! What?

Bizly

And you listen in a little closer and you can vaguely hear her voice. And now,

Charlie

(Gasps)

Bizly

We'll bring them in.

Condi

How long has it been? Episode 15, I think we split up.

Charlie

Literally so long.

Runt

Alright, mites have been put in. Alright, I'm going to start applying the wonderous gold, alright?

Crowd

Yeah!

Runt

You hold it over there, okay? You hold it down. Okay, get ready to bring in the reinforcements as soon as the drilling starts, okay?

WD

Aye aye!

Blink

What do you hear, boy? What do you hear, boy?

Troy

Oh! Oh! Oh! I hear a bunch! I hear a bunch, Blink! I hear all sorts of stuff! Here, shove your...

Charlie

Do birds have ears?

Condi

Yeah, I think so.

Milo

Got like, holes.

Bizly

Runt, standing next to one of the holes where the mites has poked through, you can hear the unmistakable sound of Troy. And on the other side guys, multiple of these mites are breaking through, creating these small tubes.

Runt

Wait wait wait, all of you shut the fuck up! Stop cheering. Shut up!

Crowd

Aah!

WD

Aah!

Troy

Blink, shut up.

Blink

Okay.

Runt

Wait, no, I think I'm going crazy. I don't hear anything. Alright, everybody, let's get to work!

Blink

Yeah, I don't really hear anything, honestly. I don't hear anything at all. I think you're just going crazy.

WD

Are we ready? Are we going?

Runt

Yeah, no, I just thought I heard Troy.

Troy

I think I thought I heard Runt.

Blink

Honestly, I think I thought I heard nothing, honestly. So I think you're going a little crazy.

Troy

That makes more sense.

Blink

Yeah.

Troy

Huh. Here, why don't you give it a listen?

Runt

Wait, everybody - wait, wait, wait, shut up, shut up. Shut up!

Troy

Okay, wait, Blink, be fucking quiet.

Runt

Am I goin' crazy?

Blink

Yeah, I just don't hear anything. Like - There's nothing there.

WD

I really think that we just need to go forward with the plan.

(Laughter)

Blink

So how are we supposed to get through this wall? I mean-

Troy

I don't know. Hang on. Yo! Do you guys have any way through this wall!? I heard someone over there!

WD

Who the fuck is talking right now?

Runt

We're workin' on it! Wait, you heard that? You heard that?

Troy

Wait, who's-

WD

I heard something. Was it somebody-? We're doing it right now.

Troy

Wait, Blink. Did you hear that? They say they're doing it right now.

Blink

They're doing it right n-?

Grizzly

I want to peer through the hole.

Charlie

Okay, I look through the hole at the same time, but now it's black because we're both looking through.

(Laughter)

Bizly

The hole is way too far. You're only able to hear, you can't see anything. It is pure blackness in there.

Troy

It can't be Runt, dude. I feel like she would have coughed by now or something.

Runt

(Coughs) Hold on, give me one second.

Troy

RUNT, DUDE, IS THAT YOU? Her character flaw! Blink, it must be her!

Blink

Runt?

Runt

Troy! Is that you?!

Troy

Runt! Is that you?! No way!

Runt

No one else sounds that stupid!

Troy

Oh, my little white monster, you've finally come back!

Runt

What the fuck did you just call me?

Troy

Sorry! There- (Charlies wheezes) There's a lot of in-jokes on this side of the cave, and we'll have to catch you up! How's it been for you guys? It's been really, REALLY FUCKING BAD FOR US!

Blink

It's been so bad! Runt, it's been so bad!

Troy

Blink's here, too.

Runt

I know, I can't keep yellin' at you guys! Let us clear this out!

Blink

Okay!

WD

Runt, who the hell are you talking to right now?

Troy

Who is that? Did you replace us!?

Blink

Did you replace us? Did you not even tell them about us!?

Troy

Did you replace us? You moved on so fast! We didn't know where you were!

WD

Who the fuck are you?!

Runt

Aaaah!

WD

What region are you from?! Why do you sound like that?

Troy

Why do you sound... How many packs a day do you fucking smoke?

WD

Damn...

Runt

Ignore him. He's one of the white monsters from the up.

Troy

Whoooo! You can't just call people that dude!

(Laughter)

Milo

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Bizly

No.

Blink

God, but it could be, and I wish I had some right now.

Troy

Honestly, I do have a pass of being a bit of a white monster. I'll admit, I'll admit.

Blink

Troy's got it, man. If anybody's got it, Troy's got it.

Troy

Alright, we'll uh - we'll stand back and let you guys... You've got a way to clear the way?

Grizzly

We've already messed up part of the plan, which was to do this quietly. So- (Laughs)

Bizly

Well, the two of you are free to help. And I want all of you to roll initiative.

Troy

I think there might be something going on over there, Blink, that we are not perhaps privy to.

Blink

Yeah, I'm thinking something might be happening, yeah.

Condi

I got an 11.

Bizly

To fight the debris.

Condi

That's normal.

Grizzly

I got an 11.

Troy

I rolled an 8.

Bizly

Top of initiative, you will get a city round. This is basically the structural integrity of the entire city around you.

Grizzly

We're making dangerous plays.

Bizly

The tunnel that you are breaking will attack the city or you through falling debris or cracking and earthquakes, things of that nature. I have a stat block for the tunnel. You will have to do enough damage to it and make sure the city does not run out of HP. Those Performance checks you made earlier increased the city HP up to 187, it was originally 130. I added up all your rolls and added it to the HP. These are all the people helping you to dig this tunnel.

Charlie

Oh, I see.

Bizly

So on the city's turn, you can have them place reinforcement beams, increasing the AC by two D4 plus 2 until the end of its next turn. Or you can use the wondrous gold and pour it in to heal the city by four D4 plus 4.

Condi

Now, you're saying gold, right? And not coal?

Grizzly

Yeah, he's saying gold.

Bizly

It's like they created an alloy of gold.

Charlie

We might have missed some shit.

Condi

We missed some things, I think, yeah.

Bizly

Or you can have all the people continue to mine, which is essentially an attack on the cave, and it'll have a plus 8 to hit and eight D4 plus 8 damage.

Milo

Yeah, while you guys were gone, we moved past the Stone Age.

Blink

We're still firmly in the Stone Age.

Milo

Catch up.

Grizzly

Runt has invented resin. (Laughs)

Bizly

Runt, you spent a lot of time inventing things that would be perfect just for this, and you kept them in your Bag of Holding.

Grizzly

Oh, did you put them in my little sheet?

Bizly

Yes, I did.

Grizzly

Wow! Wow, you did! What are these things? Wow! Oh my God.

Charlie

Dude, I feel like they had a better time than we did. (Laughs)

Grizzly

I invented things! I didn't even realize I did!

Condi

Damn.

Grizzly

Holy shit, I made a gun!

Condi

What??

Charlie

She's just that good. What?

Grizzly

Holy shit, dude. I invented a gun.

Charlie

Hey, Runt, what's a gun?

Grizzly

You want to find out?

Charlie

Yeah.

Bizly

You'll see in the notes of this, it's half as effective against non-stone targets. So whenever you use it against something that's not stone, you have to half the damage.

Grizzly

Would I half the dice or half the damage?

Bizly

I would say just half the dice. And then the other item you have, you are free to use or let other people use. But this is only going to be useful here.

Runt

Okay, so once we you leave Cogtopolis it'll be gone?

Bizly

Yes, yes. But the other thing you can keep.

Grizzly

Okay. Sick as hell, dude.

Bizly

At the top of the round, go ahead and give the citizens of Cogtopolis a direction. What would you like them to do?

Grizzly

Would using this Wonderous Cannon that I invented count as mining?

Bizly

They won't be able to do it, but you can let WD do it if you'd like. Wonderous Cannon will take two actions, one to... It's on that thing.

Runt

Ooh, got you. One action to aim, one action to fire. It has a five-minute cool down. That means it can only be used once this entire-

Bizly

Don't worry about it. Don't worry about the cool down.

Grizzly

It hasn't taken damage yet, right? So... The wonderous gold is already in there, so we'll just have them mine deeper to start. Do you think that's good, WD?

Milo

Yeah. That sounds good.

Grizzly

Yeah, let's do the mine first. Let's get them carvin' in.

Bizly

Go ahead and get her done.

Milo

Get 'er done.

Condi

Get 'er done.

Charlie

Get 'er done.

Runt

WD you roll a hit, and then I'll roll damage, and then we'll swap next time.

Milo

Okay, sounds good. 22.

Bizly

A 22 will hit. Go ahead and roll some damage for me.

Runt

Yeah, alright. First time minin'! One small step for Cogtopolis, one large step for me.

Grizzly

That is 24 plus 8, 32.

Bizly

You direct all the citizens of Cogtopolis to take up their pickaxes and start chipping away.

WD

Go miners!

Bizly

Immediately, you see the wonderous gold start to fill the cracks and harden instantly and they start to chip away at it, creating an opening. But you feel around you starts to rumble slightly. Up next is going to be WD.

Milo

You know what? Let's just mine deeper, dude.

Bizly

Sure. Go ahead and roll the hit.

Milo

Let's not get ahead of ourselves. We got... 20 not natural.

Bizly

20 not natty will hit.

Milo

That's 14.

Bizly

14 damage?

Milo

Yes.

Bizly

Your multi-tool flips and turns into a drill and you start to use it to chip away at the stone. Up next is actually going to be Runt and Blink at the same time.

Blink

Hey, uh, Runt! Is there anything we should be doing on this side? Or do we just - do we just kinda - sit here?

Runt

Who the fuck? Who the fuck is that?

Blink

Blink! It's Blink. You don't remember me?

Troy

Did you already forget? That's Blink!

Runt

Ohh, speak a little louder!

Blink

I'm already very hurt and you have just hurt me more! Deep into my soul, Runt!

Milo

WD is using a Jackhammer.

WD

[jackhammering] What?! I can't hear you!!

Blink

Who is that? Did you replace us for real? Oh, God.

Charlie

Troy says,

Troy

They have a lot of people over there. It sounds like they have a whole town, we could try and shove sandwiches through the hole or something if they're hungry.

Blink

I guess - we could.

Troy

I don't know. I don't know like, what you do... like, with people. Like, feed them...

Blink

Well, we have this wine. Maybe we could pour the wine through the hole.

Runt

Why don't you just mine from the other side? But be careful because if you cause the cave in, I'm gonna fucking kill you!

Blink

I feel like I'm going to cause the cave in if I do that.

Troy

Maybe it's a good idea if we- do you want to pour the wine through and you can maybe get one of them to open their mouths and put it on the hole? Like, it could do something beneficial.

Grizzly

Such a long hole, dude.

(Laughter)

Blink

Wait, well, no. Okay, but like Runt - Runt isn't drinking age.

Troy

Technically, we don't see it from all the way over here.

Blink

I don't know if that like, morally makes things better.

Troy

I don't know. What do you think, Cape?

Blink

I'm just going to take a drink myself, I guess.

Condi

I'm going to drink the wine I took.

Grizzly

Yeah, bro, just relax back there. We'll be there in a second.

Charlie

We don't want to cause a cave in, like, I'm not trying to start a problem.

Condi

Yeah, I'm not trying to fucking ruin things.

Charlie

Because I know as soon as I hit the thing, it's all going to fall out on all the town's people, and you know it's going to happen.

Bizly

Are you at max HP right now?

Condi

I am.

Bizly

Okay, it is a Potion of Superior Healing.

Charlie

That's not helpful at all.

Blink

I just feel a little - little tipsy.

Bizly

You regain eight D4 plus 8 HP.

Condi

Wow. Let me see theoretically what that could have been.

Grizzly

What a waste.

Condi

23, 23... 31 total.

Milo

He was thirsty.

Condi

I was thirsty- well, listen, I didn't know drinking it.

Bizly

I'll give you 15 temp HP for that.

Condi

Cool.

Bizly

So you have something.

Blink

I feel moist. I feel like there's a barrier surrounding me.

Troy

That's great, man.

Grizzly

I'm going to to set up the permanent cannon in this city facing the tunnel. It's going to be like... Y'know, those cannons that are really - that swivel around on a circular plate and that you use a turret almost? It's one of those types of cannons, she basically pulls out all of its parts and then quickly assembles it onto this plate. That's the wonderous cannon. If it can't come with us, I'm going to set it here, and it's going to be their line of defence forever.

Charlie

That's crazy, dude.

Grizzly

I don't know if I want to use my action to aim it. So instead, I'm going to whip out the anti-matter rifle that I invented.

Charlie

What?

Grizzly

(Laughs) The wonderous rifle.

Runt

I'm still brainstormin' it's name!

Grizzly

That's just going to look like a clockwork kind of, like golden brass... I'm trying to think of what else it would look like, but I just learned that I have it today, so maybe it'll change. Anyways, I'm going to fire that shit.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll to hit.

Grizzly

Natural 20.

Bizly

Okay!

Charlie

Dude, fuck these rocks, bro. Fuck 'em!

Grizzly

I load up wonderous coal like it's a fucking bullet. I go... (loads, charges up) The steam sprays out of the fuckin' sides of the chamber. Woo! twelve D8, holy shit. 65 damage.

Condi

What the fuck?

Charlie

Oh my God.

Bizly

Wow!

Milo

Damnnn!

Bizly

You guys hear the loud... (impact) As rock just disappears from inside this cavern.

Runt

Alright, get ready to put those reinforcements in place!

Troy

I think I'm just going to drink too, dude. I don't really see the point.

(Laughter)

Blink

Dude, I respect that. I respect that, man. I really do.

Charlie

Okay, I am going to hit the rocks with my sled. (Laughs)

Bizly

Sure. Absolutely.

Grizzly

I can't believe you gave me a weapon of mass destruction, dude. What the heck...

Charlie

Yeah, I don't really know how you follow that up. I got a 25 to hit rocks.

Bizly

Okay, yeah, you hit.

Charlie

And then I got a 21 to hit rocks.

Bizly

That'll do it.

Charlie

A whopping grand total of... uhhh... 15 plus... uhhh... 31 damage.

Bizly

Hell, yeah. Okay.

Charlie

That's it. (Laughs) I hit the rocks with my sled.

Bizly

Troy, you start mining through and create an opening on this side as well. And you can see some of this glowing gold start to pour down and solidify where you're at.

Troy

Would you look at that? That's cool.

Bizly

Creating a much more solid structure. At this point, you guys both on either side, make it deep into this cave. Darkness starts to surround you, and you feel the cave to rumble and shake all around, cracks forming beneath your feet. And I need you all to roll a Wisdom saving throw.

Milo

What are the rocks gonna do to me, bro?

Troy

Dude, they're talkin' to me, man! They're talkin' to me! Tellin' me to do all sorts of stuff!

Milo

Rocks are talking to me like the fucking Green Goblin mask, bro.

Grizzly

I rolled a 5.

Condi

I got a 17.

Milo

17.

Charlie

I rolled a 17 as well.

Condi

Three 17s, wow.

Charlie

Look at that. Okay.

Bizly

Runt, beneath your feet, the rock kind of falls down below you and you stumble and it fills with fear. At this point, you are frightened of entering the cave any further.

Grizzly

I did literally get a concussion earlier, so that makes sense to me.

Milo

But I gave you a cookie.

Grizzly

Yeah, but I still did get a concussion. I don't know what you want.

Milo

Fucking drama queen.

Grizzly

It hurt, okay?

Troy

Rocks are trying to scare us, dude.

Blink

I could never be afraid of rocks.

Troy

Don't listen to them.

Bizly

It brings us to the top of the round, which is the city.

Grizzly

Did the city take damage?

Bizly

No, not this time.

Grizzly

What do you think, WD? I had them mine deeper last round, but now I'm kind of thinking that they should put up reinforcement beams just in case.

Milo

Yeah, honestly, just like - buffing the shit out of the city so we don't even have to worry about it. We could just drive forward.

Grizzly

That's kind of the whole plan, yeah.

Milo

Yeah, I like the sound of that.

Grizzly

Let's now have them put up some reinforcement beams.

Bizly

Roll for me two D4 plus 2.

Milo

Heeey, max roll, 10.

Bizly

Nice. Okay, that will increase the city's AC to 24. That will end the city turn. WD, it is all you.

Milo

I'm going to roll hit with my wrench again, and then I... Divine Smite that bitch. That's 24 to hit.

Bizly

That'll hit. Just roll the second one as well.

Milo

That's 14 to hit.

Bizly

14 is not going to hit.

Milo

So I will just take the wrench damage that I rolled before, which is 9, and then I'm going to use Divine Smite. That's an extra 11. So that's 9/11.

Bizly

9/11. Okay.

Milo

20.

Bizly

20, 20.

Milo

Sorry. (Laughs)

Bizly

Up next is going to be Runt and Blink.

Runt

I'll bonus action reload, and then I'll use my action to aim the Wonderous Cannon.

Bizly

You run back away from the cave and aim the cannon directly at it.

Runt

Alright! She's ready!

Blink

Troy, do you hear the rocks, man?

Troy

Yeah, they're saying, run, run, run.

Blink

Yeah...

Troy

I'm not letting them in, though, dude.

Blink

No, me neither. In fact, I'm going to... I think - I think I have to fight them. I think I have to fight the rocks.

Troy

I think we need to fucking kick the shit out of these rocks, dude. No one talks to you like that. No one gets to talk to you like that.

Blink

You're right, man.

Troy

Fuck these fucking rocks, dude. Fuck 'em up! Get in there, dude!!

Blink

Yeah!

Troy

You got this, man!

Blink

You're right!

Troy

Fuck, yeah, dude!!

Blink

Yeah!!!

Troy

Take them out!!

Condi

I charge the rocks and I'm going to cast a fourth-level Shatter on the rocks.

Grizzly

That's going to do some damage.

Condi

Does it have a Constitution that it can saving throw with?

Bizly

Yeah.

Condi

Roll it. DC 15.

Charlie

Doesn't it have disadvantage since it's inorganic?

Condi

It does, yeah.

Grizzly

It sure fucking does!

Bizly

That would be a 17.

Condi

Fuck, dude. These rocks are strong, man.

Charlie

These are some really good, scary rocks.

Blink

I'm going to roll it anyway. I rolled so many ones, 20, so 10 damage.

Bizly

What does it look like when you cast Shatter?

Condi

I run up, I wind my thing once, I rub my hands together,

Blink

Clear!

Condi

And shove it.

Bizly

Clears out a little bit of the immediate rock.

Grizzly

Guys, that's what Condi says.

Bizly

No, that is what Condi says when we-

Condi

When we do clap, yeah.

Bizly

He says it right before we sink and it's always beautiful. It makes it so much better. Up next is Troy.

Charlie

Do the rocks have any Wisdom?

Milo

What a horrifying sentence.

Charlie

I'd like to scare the rocks back.

Bizly

It would be immune to frighten.

Condi

Nothing stopping you from trying anyways.

Charlie

I'm going to attack the rocks with my sled, and I'm going to use a menacing attack. The first roll to hit is a 17.

Bizly

17 will hit.

Charlie

The second roll to hit is a 21. The rocks have to make a Wisdom saving throw or be frightened.

Bizly

The rocks have some real determination, dude. You see, as you crack into it, it almost looks like there's eyes and it's frowny face.

Blink

You're making them more angry.

Bizly

It's like it's looking back at you and it's not shook.

Troy

It's not that it's not scared, Blink. It's just that it doesn't know how to feel fear yet.

Charlie

I pick up my fucking sled and I start going to town.

Bizly

How much damage?

Charlie

Yeah, so 26 plus 17 is... Troy Math, Troy Math, Troy Math, Troy Math, Troy Math, Troy Math - 40, 30, 30, 40 - 3, 43. Wait, no-

Milo

What is Troy math?

Bizly

It's math that Troy does. It's math that Troy does.

Condi

It's just math that Troy does, yeah.

Milo

Does it have different rules?

Condi

Don't question it. It's okay.

Bizly

We haven't questioned it in 21 episodes.

Milo

Okay, okay I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

Charlie

Before I end my turn, how are the rocks looking?

Bizly

Actually, pretty bad.

Charlie

Really?

Bizly

Yes.

Milo

They're starting to frown.

Charlie

I Action Surge and I say,

Troy

I will break you down into sand so you know what death is.

Charlie

And I pick up my sled and I hit it with my sled.

Bizly

Sure.

Charlie

(Laughs) You just look so done. Okay.

Bizly

(Laughs) No, I-

Charlie

Yeah yeah, no, of course. I mean, it's rocks. What are you going to do? I'm going to add another menacing attack, which does add damage, even though it's rocks and it can't be scared. First one's a 24 to hit, second one's a 16 to hit.

Bizly

16 just hits.

Charlie

This is going to do a grand total of another 26 plus 17. Troy math, Troy math. 26... 43, another 43 damage.

Bizly

You guys hear Troy absolutely crushing the rock behind.

Charlie

Yeah, man. Fuck these rocks.

Bizly

At this point, Troy, as you're tunneling deep, you hear above you a rock come loose and start to fall down at you.

Charlie

I'm going to give up at the slightest sign of resistance. (Laughs)

Bizly

That's going to be a 21 to hit you.

Charlie

Yeah, that does just hit.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll me a Dex save.

Charlie

Okay, here we go. 21.

Bizly

21 passes. You take 20 damage as a rock falls down and hits you on the head. You just move out of the way, but it's clear you would have been pinned underneath it had you not moved.

Troy

Oh, man. Guys, rocks are falling on-!

Condi

You only had one HP, right?

Charlie

Yeah, I had one HP. It's okay, I can take it.

Troy

Okay, guys, be careful! Are there also rocks falling on you guys over there?

Bizly

At this point as well, You hear on the other side, two cracks form up above you, Runt and WD. It's going to be a - only a 21 to hit. So, that's not going to hit. And then 15 to hit is not going to hit.

Grizzly

Yes!

Milo

You love to hear it.

Bizly

Because you had those reinforcements up. You see the cracks form right above it, and it doesn't take any damage at all. Brings us to the top of the round for the city. AC will return back down to 14 if nothing else is done at the end of this turn. So what are you guys doing?

Grizzly

Yeah, they're going to need to put up some more reinforcements.

Milo

I think we're doing enough damage on our own.

Grizzly

With Troy and Blink on the other side, yeah, it's helping a lot.

Condi

Yeah, dude, I'm doing 10 damage over here. So like-

Troy

This is my ride or die, dude. I did twist my ankle on that last rockfall, so I'm going to just take - I'm gonna take twenty.

Grizzly

I forgot about rolling the reinforcement D4. I'll roll this time. That is 7 plus 2... 9?

Bizly

Okay, so that brings it to 23. God damn! Yeah, you have other people put up more reinforcements as you're moving through, and that will bring us to the top of the round with WD.

Milo

I compel the rocks.

Grizzly

How do you compel the rocks?

Bizly

Move other people out of the way, stand in the most dangerous position.

Milo

No, but I also start shouting things at the rocks.

Troy

Okay, I really do like your energy, I'm going to be honest.

Bizly

Yell whatever obscenities you want to at the rock.

Milo

I can't say that one.

Milo

(Laughter)

Runt

Get it all out, sister.

Charlie

You were so fast with it. What was it?

Bizly

What do you think it was? Is this a shocker?

Milo

You know what it was, Charlie.

Grizzly

I'm not sure what it was either.

Bizly

I know what it was.

Milo

(Laughs)

Condi

Was it a slur?

Bizly

Yeah. Of course it was.

Condi

That makes sense. Typical Milo.

Milo

Don't say typical Milo, it's one I can say!

Troy

Good job! Destroy the woke They/Thock!

(Laughter)

Milo

I don't know what to say to rocks, man.

WD

You weak pieces of shit! Give me what you've got, motherfucker!

Troy

What the fuck did you just fucking say to me, dude?!

(Laughter)

Bizly

WD, the rock is yelling some crazy shit back at you.

WD

No, fuck you, bitch!

Troy

You're fuckin' nothing to me! You're a pebble! I'll run you through like a bulldozer! There's gonna be nothing left!

WD

You're just fucking dirt, you're dust!

Milo

I stand there and I make my body as wide as possible.

Runt

Stop fighting!

Troy

Dude, I knew they were talking to me. Blink the fuckin' rocks, man. They're tryin' to start shit.

Blink

We got to fucking destroy these things, dude. Here, quickly touch tips.

Troy

Alright, tip up.

Bizly

I'll say it works.

Milo

Really?

Bizly

I don't know if you'll love that, but I'll let it work.

Milo

Well, I mean, I can tank.

Bizly

Next is going to be Runt and Blink.

Condi

Give my thing a little twisty again and then six feathers kind of pop out and surround me, and I launch two of them, and they kind of like explode in little bursts as I cast a Milf's Minute Meteor.

Troy

Milf's - What? Milf's Minute Meteor?

Condi

Yeah, Milf's Minute Meteors, yeah.

Grizzly

Are you saying Milf's?

Bizly

Melf.

Condi

Yeah. No, I'm saying Melf.

Milo

I feel like they wouldn't be minute meteors, I feel like they'd be a bit meatier meteor.

Grizzly

I'm glad you said it, y'know.

Bizly

Meatier meteors is good.

Milo

Thank you.

Bizly

I'm glad you said it.

Milo

I'm talking about boobs.

Bizly

Oh. I didn't know that, I just like that you said meatier meteors.

Milo

Really?

Bizly

Yeah.

Milo

Milf's meteors.

Bizly

I like when words sound similar.

Blink

Good words sound the same, man. I get it.

Bizly

I like when they sound the same.

Charlie

I like Blink's big naturals, dude.

Condi

Thanks, man. I did 14 damage, and that's my turn. Honestly, I ain't got a lot for this rock. This is really displaying the power scaling here. I'm weak as fuck against a rock.

Charlie

You should have taken a sled, dude.

Condi

You were right, and you were right, man. You were right.

Bizly

Runt, you can still attack it with a range weapon if you're frightened of it, right?

Grizzly

I am frightened and it would be disadvantaged, but the cannon imposes a save, it doesn't roll to hit. So I will use my action to fire the cannon. And despite being afraid of the potential of a cave-in and the potential for all of this going wrong, as so many of Runt's plans tend to do, she whispers to herself,

Runt

Can't have a breakthrough without a little risk. Alright, everyone! Everyone out of the way!

Grizzly

And then I'm going to use the fire jet, which discharges a fire beam, 300 feet long, 5 feet wide, it's a Dexterity saving throw. I'm going to attempt to basically weld the reinforcement using the heat to the walls and stuff while doing damage.

Charlie

I hope this gets all of us somehow.

(Laughter)

Bizly

How far does it go?

Grizzly

It's only 5 feet wide. It's 300 feet long with the jet.

Condi

(Nervous laugh)

Bizly

So-

Grizzly

It has to go through rocks, right? So...

Bizly

The other two, you are probably there, I'm going to say. And there's enough openings to where I'm going to say you probably have to-

Grizzly

I yelled. I said get out of the way, dude. I don't know-

Condi

Why would I think that was me?

Grizzly

I don't know how close they are. I also don't know how far this thing is going to go or how far the tunnel is, alright?

Bizly

No, that's totally cool. But I'm going to have you, Blink and Troy roll this save with advantage.

Grizzly

Don't think I would intentionally fire and kill WD, so I would probably hold my action until she moved.

Milo

This is true.

Charlie

I'm cool with anything. Yeah-

Condi

I'm cool with anything, let it hit us.

Charlie

I'm cool with getting hit by a laser, it's funnier to get hit by a laser. Fuck yeah. Just let me know. Just let me know.

Condi

(laser noise) (dies)

Bizly

Yeah, go ahead and roll the save with advantage.

Charlie

I got a 9.

Condi

I got a 6.

(Laughter)

Bizly

What is the save?

Grizzly

DC 15.

Bizly

Rock Auto fails it. The two of you fail it. So, but you're still only going to take half because it's coming through much smaller.

Condi

That's good.

Charlie

Generous.

Grizzly

Very generous.

Condi

Good thing I have that 15 temp HP.

Grizzly

I roll pretty bad. I rolled three 2s and one 1.

Charlie

So I only take 10? Okay.

Grizzly

That sucks.

Bizly

I mean, it does a lot of damage.

Grizzly

It could have done a lot of damage.

Bizly

It can.

Troy

They're shooting back, Blink, the rocks!

Blink

We got to do something about these rocks, man. Where did they get this technology from?

Troy

The rocks must have found the Inventor before we did.

Bizly

Alright, it takes 20 damage and you blast through a little bit more.

Charlie

You guys are never going to guess how things are going to change when I start goin' on my turn. I'm going to hit it with a sled.

Condi

Whaaaat?

Bizly

Let's fucking do it, dude!

Charlie

Natural 1, dude.

Bizly

Okay, that doesn't hit.

Condi

Nice!

Charlie

Second attack? 20. Not natural.

Bizly

That'll hit, that'll hit.

Charlie

Let's go!

Grizzly

I have all the miners start yelling, Troy, Troy, Troy.

Bizly

Miners are chanting for you, bro.

Condi

They're chanting for you, dude.

Charlie

The miners are chanting for me?

Milo

Dude, the miners love you.

Charlie

Oh, great, guys! Awesome. Super cool.

(Laughter)

Charlie

I do, funny enough, eight-TEEN damage.

(Laughter)

Grizzly

That almost convinced me that we should always be recording with cameras.

Charlie

I do a legal amount of damage.

Bizly

I do a good bit of damage, and that brings it to the tunnel and it will have disadvantage against anybody but WD. The good thing is it's all goin' for you.

Milo

Hit me! HIT ME!

Condi

Are you sure?

Grizzly

Oh, you don't have the reinforcement AC.

Bizly

First one is going to be... Oh, that's actually pretty bad.

Grizzly

She just gets crushed by a rock and Milo's character is gone. (Laughs) Oh, that would fuck my character up so much.

Bizly

First one is a 13 to hit.

Milo

Doesn't hit.

Bizly

Up next is a 15 to hit.

Milo

Got close, I dodged.

Charlie

The rocks are fuming right now.

Condi

The rocks are pissed.

Bizly

Ooh... That one's going to be-

Milo

He hit me! Hit me!

Bizly

19 to hit.

Milo

That hits me.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll me a Dexterity saving throw.

Milo

Not fast enough. 12.

Bizly

Ooh, that is going to fail. You take 23 bludgeoning damage as a rock falls down on top of you and-

WD

Ugh-!

Bizly

-pins you to the ground, leaving you restrained.

Milo

That's okay. Mama lives. I'd like to flavor it, though, as if Runt is on that cannon and the rock is falling, and I am basically like...

(Laughter)

Milo

Just shield on top of it so it goes for nothing else.

Runt

Aww, thanks bestie.

WD

G-ogh-! Ugh! Aagh!

Bizly

Bring us to the top. What do you want the city to do?

Runt

Yeah, let's have the city mine deeper.

Crowd

(Grumbles) Miners! (Grumbles)

Bizly

That's a Minecraft reference.

Charlie

No, man! That's Transformers One.

Condi

That's Transformers One, dude. They get really upset about miners in that game.

Charlie

Starscream shows up and goes, [gravelly voice] (Grumbles) Miners!

Condi

[gravelly voice] (Grumbles) Miners! [normal] It's because fuckin' - Optimus Prime was a minor, right?

Troy

Yeah, they were literally miners in a cave and they just all hated minors.

Bizly

Alright, go ahead and roll to hit and roll the damage.

Grizzly

I'll roll to hit this time, and then you roll the damage if we hit.

Milo

Okay.

Grizzly

13?

Bizly

13 is not going to do it.

(Disappointment sounds)

Grizzly

You should have been the one that fucking rolled it.

Bizly

The people in the city start to move in towards mine. But when you shot that blast, a lot of smoke and dust filled the area, and that is going to end their turn. And actually up next you see behind you, WD and Runt, that some of the Future Thinkers have gathered up and started to try and restrain members of the city trying to do things.

Milo

We've made a ruckus.

Condi

Oh, we made a ruckus, alright.

Bizly

A lot of the people get restrained and end up fighting against the Future Thinkers who pretty much restrain them, leaving them unable to do anything unless you take an action against the Future Thinkers. Up next is WD. You are currently restrained under a rock.

Milo

How do I not be?

Bizly

You can roll an Athletics check to get out.

Milo

And what a beautiful day, it's 21.

Grizzly

WD stands up, holds the rock like Atlas.

WD

(Grunts)

Milo

And I liek thr- And I go,

WD

AAAAAAA!

Bizly

It does take your turn to do this, however.

Milo

Yeah, I mean, I just throw it on the ground.

Grizzly

Does that intimidate the Future Thinkers at all? Can they be a little scared?

(Laughter)

Bizly

They might be a little freaked out, they might be a little freaked out. She just picked up a big fucking boulder.

Charlie

How about the rocks?

Bizly

Rocks? Dude, rocks are unfazed.

Milo

Yeah, no, I pick up the rock, I scream, and then I look at them.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Do you want to use a bonus action?

Milo

So, I'd like to use my bonus action to go and fight the Future Thinkers or move forward towards them if I can.

Bizly

That's just your movement. You can use your movement to run over towards them. You've taken damage, you can use your Lay on Hands on yourself if you want.

Milo

I'd do that.

Bizly

Okay.

Milo

WD starts rifling through her pockets and her bags, and she whips out just random shit, just like a couple of straps of fabric and a needle and a bunch of other shit. And she stitches herself up actively.

Charlie

Are you like a puppet?

Milo

No, I'm a person.

Charlie

Oh, you can stitch people, too. I forgot.

Milo

Yeah, you see the threads. She's wearing a thimble as she does it.

Bizly

Look at the tips, by the way.

Charlie

No shot!

Condi

No fucking way!

Milo

Wait, what?

Condi

Don't worry about it, don't worry about it.

Charlie

We're going to have a lot to talk about.

Milo

Wait, what?

Bizly

Nothin', don't worry about it. Don't worry about it.

Milo

Okay, okay.

Grizzly

The tips of her hair?

Condi

No.

Charlie

Don't worry about it.

Condi

Don't WORRY about it.

Charlie

Don't worry about it.

Condi

Dude.

Bizly

Seize conversation, on god.

Condi

You're pissing me off, Grizzly.

Bizly

I say we just don't talk about it right now.

Grizzly

What the fuck? I just asked a question, man. You guys are the one that started it.

Bizly

It'll come up and it'll be so funny, it'll be so funny. It'll be such a beautiful moment. It'll be a beautiful moment.

Grizzly

I'm not the problem. You're pissing me off, dude.

Bizly

No, they are definitely the problem. They are definitely the problem, but I just - it'll be a beautiful thing.

Charlie

He's just saying that. He's just saying tha to try and make peace, dude. He's just saying that. Let's instigate it. Let's instigate right now.

Bizly

Gotta love an instigator.

Condi

Oh, I love instigating.

Bizly

Okay, you use your Lay on Hands to heal. How much did you heal?

Milo

I heal... uh, 20.

Bizly

Okay, up next is Runt and Blink.

Grizzly

Alright, I stand on the top. I raise my rifle into the air.

Runt

Citizens of Cogtopolis, do not let these Future Fucks step on your throats any longer! I will show you the future! Demonstrating wondrous thermodynamic electric power. If that's the - name in progress.

Grizzly

And I aim my fuckin' rifle at the tunnel and I'm gonna shoot that shit. Alright, with a plus 8. Dude, can I roll again?

Charlie

Dude, can I roll again?

Grizzly

This is so embarrassing.

Bizly

No.

Grizzly

Wait, I have a luck point. I'm rolling again.

Condi

I forgot luck existed.

Charlie

Me too. We don't have any of it, bro.

Condi

Yeah, we don't. We're unlucky.

Grizzly

Fuck. Okay, so does a 14 hit?

Bizly

14, unfortunately, does not hit.

Grizzly

I'm embarrassed. And that's my turn. This fucking sucks.

Condi

Yeah, a bullet flies out of one of the little holes. I'm like,

Blink

Dude, this rock is fighting back too much. (Panting) I need to go all out, Troy.

Troy

Yeah, what's up, man? It seems like nothing happened over there. So-

Condi

First of all, I'm going to use Font of Magic. Use six of my points, my sorcery points, to restore one of my level four spell slots in which I'm going to use that on a level four Shatter again. And then bonus action, I'm going to send two more of my minute meteors to hit the wall and they're going to go - one of them is going to become super charged, basically, and be shattered. I don't fucking know, man. That's kinda what's going to happen, though. It starts glowing a cool blue, and it looks cool, and they hit the same spot.

Charlie

Quick question for you, Blink. What is the AOE on that Shatter?

Condi

10 feet.

Charlie

Got it. Okay. What save is that, Blink?

Condi

Constitution.

Charlie

Got it. Alright! Appreciate you, dude!

Condi

Yeah, dude. I got you. Okay, so let's... Okay, we got 14 damage and - roll a Constitution savings throw for me, Bizly, for the wall.

Bizly

That's an an 8.

Condi

Oh, fuck yeah, dude. Fuck yeah. That fails. It takes 39 damage.

Charlie

How much does the Shatter do?

Condi

Oh. You take 12.

Charlie

I'm going to round up because I'm a fuckin' - I'm a bro like that. Thanks, man.

Condi

That makes me feel better about my capabilities.

Troy

Oughhh! That was great, man! My bones are fucking powder!

Blink

Oh, shit. I honestly forgot you were within striking distance of-

Troy

Don't apologize. That was a masculine moment.

Bizly

And that brings us to Troy.

Condi

Troy. Troy. Troy.

Bizly

Troy. Troy. Troy.

Charlie

My tips stand up and I take a Second Wind with my bonus action (exhales) as they begin to blow in the wind. Let me see here what my Second Wind gives. Okay, it's one D10 plus 7. I do need that 'cause I've been hit by my friend very hard.

(Laughter)

Charlie

15 - Okay, cool, cool, cool.

Condi

My bad.

Charlie

I heal up 15.

Condi

But also not my bad.

Charlie

No, dude, it's not your bad at all. I'm going to take my sled, I think I'm going to hit the rocks with it. I know this might come as a shock.

Bizly

Let's do it. Let's do it. Let's do it.

Condi

Dude, how do you do it? Something new every turn.

Charlie

I know, I know. And honestly, sometimes I surprise myself. This first one is a 26 to hit. The second one is a 24 to hit.

Bizly

That'll hit.

Charlie

I'm going to use two menacing attacks. Fuckin' - just because I want these rocks gone. They're hurtin' people now all of a sudden. I'm going to roll my damage here. I'm just gonna kinda sit here in silence and roll dice now.

Bizly

Moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance. (mouths American national anthem)

Milo

Not the pledge of allegiance, but...

Charlie

47 total damage.

Bizly

(Whistles) God damn.

Charlie

Yeah, I hit the rocks again.

Bizly

When you do that, things start to really shake and crumble and crack around you. It seems like you're getting very close to meeting in the middle.

Troy

Wait, Blink, what are we doing again?

Blink

I don't know. Why are we fighting these rocks? To be honest-

Troy

Dude, I don't know, but I think like - your Thunderwave completely recombobulated my brain, dude. I genuinely do not know why I'm here.

Blink

They were kinda being mean to you, though, earlier. They were saying some mean stuff, they were yelling obscenities.

Bizly

At this point, with the tunnel beginning to fully open up, it's going to start more violently attacking, pretty much.

Charlie

Whatever, it's rocks.

Bizly

First one is going to be a 17 to hit the city.

Grizzly

A 17? We had an 18 naturally, right? Or-

Bizly

14 naturally.

Charlie

Did you guys reinforce or not this time?

Milo

No, 'cause the-

Grizzly

We mined deeper, it's fine.

Bizly

Next one is going to be a 26 to hit. Next one is going to be a... Ooh, that's only an eleven to hit.

Grizzly

That misses. Fuck you!

Charlie

Do you guys like the city? Are you trying to like - or are you okay with them kind of-?

Milo

That's my house.

Charlie

Your house is gonna get hit by rocks.

Condi

That's really sad. I'm sorry.

Milo

I'd rather get hit by rocks than my house.

Charlie

Do you have insurance? Like homeowners insurance? Or sorry, renter's insurance if you're renting?

Milo

No.

Charlie

As a landlord myself-

Milo

Ohhh-

(Laughter)

Bizly

The city is going to take 40 damage as these cracks form up and go past the supports. WD, you moved up out of the cave, correct?

Milo

Yeah, I moved towards the Future Thinkers.

Bizly

You're up towards them, okay.

Milo

Because I'm planning to clock their asses.

Bizly

Alright, this is gonna go for you Blink.

Condi

I'm going to die.

Bizly

That is going to be an 18 to hit you.

Condi

You're not going to believe this. Yeah, it hits me, dude.

Bizly

Okay, cool. Roll a Dex save.

Milo

You're not going to fucking believe this.

Condi

You're not going to fucking believe this. I got a 7, by the way.

Bizly

With a 7, you take 24 more points of bludgeoning damage as a rock falls down on top of you and you are restrained underneath it.

Blink

(Wheezes) I think I know why we're fighting the rock now-!

Bizly

(Laughs) And at this point, everything will start rumbling once again all around you. And as you guys are moving through, by the way, just wanted to explain all around you, this wondrous gold is glowing like veins throughout all the rock and illuminating the area.

Condi

Oh, pretty.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll me a Wisdom saving throw.

Grizzly

Everyone?

Charlie

All of us?

Bizly

Yes, all of you.

Charlie

I got a 14.

Grizzly

I got an 18.

Condi

I'm laying face down with a rock on my back, so it doesn't really matter.

Milo

That is an 8.

Bizly

Alright, so everybody who fails you are frightened of going deeper into the cave in fear it will crumble on top of you, and you'll be buried underneath it. And that is going to bring us to the top of the round with the city. They are still held up fighting the Future Thinkers and aren't going to be able to do anything on this turn. So brings us straight to WD.

Milo

I'm going to hit them with my wrench.

Bizly

Sure, go ahead.

Milo

That is a 22 to hit, and then that is a... 21 to hit.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll me sh- some slamage.

Milo

I guess I'll also Divine Smite them. 'Cause it's like, fuck it. Like, whatever. 32 damage.

Bizly

32 damage. Okay. Yeah, you go up, you start smacking bitches with a wrench.

WD

Bum! Bum! Bow!

Bizly

This does send the Future Thinkers on the backfoot.

Milo

The wonderous coal in her wrench starts glowing as she smacks the shit out of these people. Every time she lands a hit, it sparks this glow, and it looks cool.

Bizly

Up next, Runt, Blink.

Condi

I'm going to use my bonus action to send my last two minute meteors at the wall. That's going to be 9 damage and 7 damage, 16 damage as those fly towards the wall. And I'm going to try to get out from underneath this rock, I guess.

Bizly

Roll Athletics.

Condi

I'm really bad at that. 19!

Bizly

Oh, there you go.

Blink

Ha, just kidding!

Condi

And I stand up like nothing happened, it was actually a pebble. It was a very small rock.

Bizly

You can just wriggle out.

Blink

No, those rocks aren't actually that bad. Never mind. Why are we fighting these things, dude?

Troy

They said some crazy shit, dude, about you and about me.

Milo

They said something about your mother.

Blink

What? She's the nicest lady you'll ever meet, though.

Troy

And then they started shooting lasers.

Milo

Isn't that fucked up?

Grizzly

[deep voice] Your mother.

Blink

I think I'm starting to hear it.

Troy

I don't know. They never sounded like that. The rocks never sounded like that before to me, I don't know who that was.

Milo

Rock goes, 'You got to be a little boulder than that!'

Blink

Is that a pun?

Troy

Now they're starting to grow on me.

Grizzly

Sorry, I can - I'm just gonna shoot the rifle again. 17, does that hit?

Bizly

That'll hit.

Runt

Runt - Runt pops out like one of the coal - pieces of coal, looks, sees there's a crack in it, puts it back in the Bag of Holding.

Runt

Hmm, interesting. These things have kinks sometimes. It's a prototype, alright? Version one. This is the demonstration. Bam.

Grizzly

And then I shoot it.

Bizly

Roll me some... Damage.

Grizzly

35 points of damage. And then, I guess if I'm allowed to, I shall shoot it with my gauntlet launcher, which is a natural 20. That's an extra 10 points of damage, lightning damage for that one. And I'll bonus action, reload the rifle. That's my turn.

Bizly

Alright, up next is Troy. Troy, at this point, you would have seen the blast come through and there's some opening. You can see you guys are almost through.

Condi

But you're scared. You're terrified, dude.

Troy

I'm scared, but... I'm only scared while I'm looking at it. Blink!

Blink

Yeah, what's going on?

Troy

Blind me.

Condi

I throw some dust in his eyes.

Troy

Aaaaah!

Charlie

I turn and I attack now that I have dust in my eyes.

Runt

You'd still roll it with disadvantage, dude.

(Laughter)

Charlie

Oh, yeah. I mean - duh, I have dust in my eyes. But I'm not scared anymore. That's a 16 to hit.

Bizly

16 just hits.

Charlie

And then a... 15 to hit.

Bizly

Won't hit, no.

Charlie

What if it was more precise or more precisely, more accurate to be accurate. I'm going to add one D8 with a precision attack. (Laughs) I'm going to add one D8 with a precision attack to allow that second impact to strike as well. And now I will attack with dust in my eyes and fire in my heart and powder in my bones, here I go. God bless me. God bless me. God bless me. Okay, here I go. I hit it! Okay, I'm doin' Tr- I'm doing math. Here we go. Doin' it up. I'm doin' up the math. Okay, so the math says...

Condi

Doin' your mom.

(Beat of silence)

Blink

Do you need help, Troy?

Troy

No, that was fine. I just... I thought I heard something.

Blink

Oh, okay.

Charlie

That is going to be a grand total of... 36... Damage.

Bizly

Very close. This thing looks really rough right now. That is going to bring it to its turn. It is going to... Start bashin' at the city. First one is going to be a 15. Second one is a natural 20. Third attack is going to be a 15.

Condi

How many attacks did you use there? Was that four attacks?

Bizly

Yeah, it was four attacks this time. It just gets more attacks at certain HP marks.

Condi

That adds.

Bizly

Okay, so there's two natural 20s and two hits.

Condi

There's a non-zero chance the city explodes right now. (Laughs)

Charlie

I don't think so. I don't think it'll kill the entire city, I...

Grizzly

Honestly, like - good, man.

Milo

Runt!

Grizzly

Fuck it, dude. Not my fault. That's destiny.

Milo

What happened to the Girl Scouts?

Grizzly

Look, I'm out of character right now, okay? That's the dice. He rolled two natural 20s and two hits, he wants us to fail.

Bizly

With two natural 20s, the city takes 100 damage.

Grizzly

Okay, we're good. No, we're fine. We're okay?

Grizzly

He has to roll damage for the other two hits.

Bizly

No, that's that's it, that's it. That's it, that's it. But-

Charlie

It's whatever.

Condi

It's fine, dude.

Charlie

They all knew what they were signing up for-

Bizly

Oh my God, Blink! That's a natural 20 against you! I'm so sorry, brother. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry, the Runt dice are cracked. I hate to say it. I hate to say it, I'm not fudgin' this.

Milo

Are you guys selling weighted dice?

Bizly

On my life!

Condi

Yeah. Why else would you buy dice from us?

Charlie

It pays to be a fan of this show.

Condi

It does, okay?

Charlie

(Laughs) It does.

Condi

Yeah. So go ahead and kill me, dude. Just kill me.

Grizzly

You can't kill Blink with the Runt dice!

Bizly

I'm so sorry.

Condi

Dude, this is so sad.

Charlie

Why do you think he shaved it all? We weight the dice using Bizly's hair.

Bizly

There's a strand in each one.

Charlie

Bizly's a wikkan.

Bizly

(Laughs)

Condi

Dude, how much damage? Is it going to outright kill me for real? Like dead-dead?

Bizly

It might.

Condi

Dude, that's scary.

Charlie

Dude, rocks fall and you die is like the D&D joke, bro.

Condi

It's crazy.

Milo

I'm not going to be able to meet him.

Condi

Yeah, it's really sad.

Bizly

It does 52 damage.

Condi

Dude, that is so close to killing me outright, it's not even funny.

Bizly

Wait, don't you have less than that?

Condi

I am at 18 damage right now.

Charlie

Okay.

Milo

[whispers] Okay...

Condi

If it did 55 damage, it would kill me instantly with no death saves. So we were three points away from an instant KO death.

Charlie

Oh my God, dude.

Condi

But instead, I'm just knocked out like a normal human being.

Bizly

(Laughs) I have never rolled that many natural 20s in my life.

Condi

Yeah, you almost killed me, dude. And that wouldn't have been cool. Blink's seeing a lot of character growth.

Bizly

Okay, that brings us to the top of the round. The city took 100 damage on the last round. Where is it at right now, HP-wise?

Milo

It would be 47.

Bizly

At 47, HP, you guys see things start to crumble, rocks falling all around the city of Cogtopolis. What do you want the city to do?

Milo

Fucking heal it?

Grizzly

Heal it, yeah. Yeah.

Bizly

Okay, so go ahead, and each of you roll me a D8.

Milo

Just flat?

Bizly

Yeah, one D8 each. Yeah.

Condi

Okay, I got a 5.

Milo

I got a 4.

Grizzly

I got an 8!

Charlie

6.

Condi

27 total.

Bizly

The city heals 27 points of HP and I wouldn't let it... It does have five attacks at this point, so I would uh - kill it.

Charlie

Kill the rocks?

Condi

Yeah, maybe kill it. Maybe kill it this turn, please.

Bizly

I'd kill it, I'd kill it.

Charlie

Use your laser from space, Runt.

Runt

It's a wondrous rifle, okay? It uses the same technology as the epoxy or the resin that goes in between the cracks. It heats shit up and then makes it into... It's an anti-matter rifle, okay?

Charlie

This shit is aliens from space, I've never seen anything like that.

Bizly

You guys went to a mountain where there was God and Cthulu.

Grizzly

That's how I got the revelation to make this weapon, dude.

Bizly

This is the God weapon. Up next is WD.

Milo

Can the rocks go prone?

Bizly

No.

Milo

But can we flavor it?

Bizly

If you can explain to me why they would go prone, I can... I'll hear you out.

Milo

Imagine this? Imagine it. Just imagine. Just imagine.

Bizly

You have a chance here.

Milo

I hit it with Thunderous Smite.

Bizly

Okay, we're not off to a good started.

Milo

It's like lightning and it solidifies the already existing gold resin because of the heat.

Charlie

So prone? Just so you -- Just so we all are clear on the definition.

Condi

Standing prone.

Charlie

Standing prone.

Milo

But in - but in - in like - in rules standards, it cannot harm the city.

Bizly

I am actually hearing you.

Milo

Because when you're prone, you can't-

Grizzly

You can't knock a rock prone.

Milo

I'm wrong.

Charlie

Everything about this is so... I don't even know.

Milo

I don't know, man! I'm still new.

Bizly

It was a good effort, it was a good effort. It was a good effort, Milo. I'm going to say no.

Milo

Okay, that's all I needed.

Bizly

Okay, I got you, I got you.

Milo

I'm figuring something else out.

Bizly

I heard you. I've been where you are. One time I tried to cut a hole in a bottle underwater and they all called me stupid, but it should have worked. But it should have worked. I looked it up after and it should have worked.

Charlie

I can't even tell you how you can knock one rock prone!

Milo

I didn't! But I-

Charlie

How do you look at a rock and go, 'That rock is prone!'

Milo

I want you to understand! (Claps) I'm not talking about it in a literal sense. I don't mean prone in a literal sen- whatever, man.

Bizly

I've been where you are and I do just have to say no.

Milo

Okay!

Bizly

But like I hear you.

Milo

Okay, I'll shoot the cannon. I kinda want to use a lightning shot.

Grizzly

Okay, do it then. Do it!

Bizly

So you get up on the cannon, this tunnel with these gold and glowing veins. Jump up onto the cannon and you fire it. Go ahead and roll me six D10.

Milo

That's 29.

Grizzly

That's not bad.

Bizly

Milo Mumbles or WD.

Milo

Hi.

Bizly

How do you want to do this?

Charlie

Yaaaaay!

Condi

Yippie!

Grizzly

With the cannon, let's gooo!

Milo

WD runs up to the cannon, grabs on, and you see this purple lightning shoot out and she falls backwards from the recoil. And you see, as it hits this, the lightning spreads throughout all of it and it goes into all of the golden cracks in it, and it rumbles, and it glows-

Charlie

Yeah!

Milo

-and then it explodes.

Grizzly

Yeeeah!

Milo

And for a brief moment, everything is quiet... And the cannon catches on fire.

Runt

My cannon!

(Laughter)

Bizly

Everyone in the city stops for a second... And as soon as it catches fire, they start cheering.

Crowd

Woooo!!

Bizly

So people go rushing out and combat is over.

Grizzly

And that's it.

Condi

I'm going to help Blink not fucking die.

Milo

Yeah, that's a good idea.

Bizly

Go ahead and roll a death save for me, Blink.

Condi

Yeah.

Bizly

And Troy roll an Athletics check to pull it off of him.

Grizzly

I don't know that shit's happening. I want to jump on WD.

Milo

WD is standing in front of the cannon just like...

WD

Uhhh-

Condi

That's a 5-0. That's a failure.

Bizly

Actually, a Strength check, sorry. It's a Strength check to pull it off.

Charlie

Oh, okay.

Bizly

Does it matter? Just roll Athletics, roll Athletics. I wrote Strength check, but Athletics is fine.

Charlie

Okay. It would be either a 22 or a 28.

Bizly

With Athletics, it's 28?

Charlie

Yeah, yeah. For them, it's like a celebration. For us, it's like post-war. There's fucking dust and coughing, like-

Troy

(Coughs) Blink, we're going to get you out of there!

Condi

(Weak strangled noises) (Coughs)

Charlie

Ears ringing.

Blink

[weak] Tell my parents... I love them.

Bizly

How I actually wrote this was if another creature was assisting, it would be a combined check of 28. But since Blink can't do anything and you're doing it all, you use your Athletics with a 28, you just get it off of him.

Charlie

I hit a PR, what's up?

Bizly

But he is still very much unconscious.

Condi

Still very much dying.

Bizly

Runt and WD, you guys see in the center of this rushing crowd is is Troy pulling this rock off of Blink.

Charlie

I'm just going to start giving him CPR with the chest compressions to the beat of Staying Alive with the two breaths.

Bizly

At this point, you see Grant rushing past you, and he stops you for just a moment. You see his family next to him, and he just says,

Grant

Thank you.

Bizly

And rushes.

Runt

Go! Get out of here!

Grizzly

And then after jumping around WD, I look over to see Blink is dead, and I rush over.

Runt

Oh, fuck! No!

Condi

Oh, yeah. That's not the only thing you see. You finally get to see our characters now.

Bizly

Oh...

Grizzly

Oh yeah. As I'm running through the tunnel and probably dragging WD with me, what do we see as we're running?

Charlie

I like to think that you think you see a light or even white at the end of the tunnel?

Condi

Yeah, just glowing for some reason.

Milo

The white monster?

Condi

No, no- (Laughs) Imagine Blink, right?

Milo

Okay. Oh, he's so cool.

Condi

Now, imagine every single feather on his body was frosted. (Laughs)

Grizzly

Oh, wait. I thought you were going to say he's a bald bird.

Bizly

He's got frosted tips.

Condi

I've got frosted tips!

Grizzly

Wait, you're made of ice right now?

Condi

No, I have frosted tips, like blonde tips.

Charlie

Like Guy Fieri or a boy band.

Grizzly

Oh- (Laughs) Okay, and let me guess. Let me guess.

Charlie

Yeah.

Grizzly

What does Troy look like?

Charlie

No, you wanted to guess. Go ahead.

Condi

Go ahead, dude, guess.

Grizzly

I was just going to assume that he had a Rapunzel level of hair. (Laughs)

Charlie

No, no that would be ridiculous.

Milo

Do you have orange tips?

Charlie

Troy has frosted tips on every single hair on his body.

Bizly

Including eyebrows.

Condi

Eyebrows, his arm hair, his leg hair.

Charlie

Chest hair, his leg hair. You can only assume where else. Everything is frosted.

Grizzly

Is he fucking naked? Why can we see all that body hair?

Charlie

I said you can only assume where else. You cannot see his frosted pubes.

Grizzly

Okay, I just said you said. You said arm hair. (Laughs)

Charlie

Thank you. And I'm giving chest compressions to my brother.

Grizzly

I walk up and use cantrip, Spare the Dying.

Condi

Does that wake me up or do I stay dead?

Grizzly

No, you become stable, but you're still unconscious.

Condi

Okay.

Grizzly

I could Cure Wounds you, but like I don't know.

Condi

Thanks, man. (Laughs)

Charlie

We're fucked up, dude, actually.

Condi

Yeah, a little fucked up. Yeah, it's fine. I didn't want to talk to you guys!

Grizzly

I'm just kidding. Can he come un- Can he come-?

Bizly

Yeah, he can come.

Condi

Yeah, I can. Yeah- (Laughs)

Bizly

Blink, you wake up to see WD standing over you also with these orange tips on her hair.

WD

Are you okay?

Blink

Oh, frosted tips. Nice. No, no I think I have-

WD

They're not really frosted, they're more like-

Blink

Oh, they're tips, okay. Oh, I think I have a new dent in my head. Oh-

Troy

It's gonna go great with the old one. Runt, it's so good to see you" we thought you disappeared or Blink had some crazy fucking theory that God took you away. Who knows?

Blink

Yeah, I thought like God took you and like - and what happened to you? You were just gone, you were just gone.

Milo

I look - I look at Runt.

WD

Were you fucking serious?

Runt

About what exactly? Hold on. I got a lot of questions coming at me.

WD

Talking to God!

Runt

Well, yeah, I wasn't making that shit up. Do I look like the girl that's going to fuckin' make that up?

WD

Oh, my fucking... God.

Blink

No, but seriously, how did you get to Cogtopolis? What happened?

Runt

Yeah, no, God brought me here.

Blink

What?

Troy

Oh, okay.

Runt

And I thought she was going to bring you, too. I said it's up to them whether or not they want to pledge their allegiance to you or whatever.

Blink

She didn't even ask us.

Troy

We had to fight Medusa!

Runt

I expected you guys to be right behind me and you weren't there. So I thought maybe you got tired of me and abandoned me and - and - and maybe you didn't want to be there anymore!

Blink

No, she - we didn't get asked anything! We just - We ended a thousand-year war.

Troy

Yeah, we did, between Medusa and some other guy. And then, uh-

Blink

Some dude. I think Caesar was his name?

Bizly

Julius.

Troy

We went to the Mesolithic era. There was a lion there. He had like, nanomachines. The whole world's gonna explode.

Blink

Oh, they're going to blow up the world. They're gonna blow up the world! They're going to blow up the world!!

Troy

The whole fuckin' thing all up in flames.

Blink

So we - everybody - we all - everybody here in here in Reclaim is originally from a different world, and a meteor crashed into that world and blew it up and brought it into this world and they're going to blow up this world and try to send us back-!

Runt

Relax, alright? I was with you, but now I think you're making shit up.

Blink

No, home, home! I saw it! I saw it with my own two eyes, Runt!!!

WD

You believe the Medusa part?

Runt

Well yeah, because I saw that.

Charlie

I look at WD and I go,

Troy

Blelelele!

(Laughter)

WD

Um-

Runt

Alright, just relax, okay? We have been trapped in this goddamn city for I don't remember how long, but it feels like it's been a century, okay? And we just freed these people. I do not want to hear that... How long do we have until the world blows up?

Blink

I don't know. We just have to like... Well, I don't know. I think there's a few things kinda, wait, we need to find the Inventor first.

Runt

I need this W, Blink! That's all I'm sayin'.

Blink

Okay, wait.

Condi

I'm going to look-

Blink

Oh, the tracker. It's-

Condi

Do you still have the tracker on?

Grizzly

No.

Blink

Oh, thank God. Okay, good.

Troy

Okay. I mean, I guess that helps.

Blink

Yeah, so they want us to find the Inventor and - and they took, um - they took Ripley, and they took uh - fuckin'-

Troy

Mei. They took Professor Cross.

Blink

Mei. Professor Cross.

Runt

Wait, wait, wait, what? They - they raided the university?

Blink

The church! The church did. The church took it and the church is working-

Troy

The lion, the lion.

Blink

Yeah, the church, the lion man, the head of the church took... And they're working with the Overseer, and so is everybody else.

WD

We - We have to go now. We have to go now!

Blink

Who is this? Who are you?

Troy

Yeah!

WD

I'm WD. You said Ripley?

Blink

Yeah. How do I know if I can trust you? Because everybody ever has stabbed me in the back!

Runt

You doubt my judge of character? I've been hanging around you fucks for like, fuckin' months or at least two, like three weeks. I swear - I'm going to kill you.

Troy

Whoa-

Blink

Listen, it feels like everybody's just working for the Overseer and even the people I think I can trust are - are also somehow working for the Overseer.

Troy

Yeah, that's actually super fair.

Runt

Weren't you working for the Overseer for a period of time?

Blink

That was - I was lying! I was a liar, I was lying about it.

Runt

You're a great liar. That's kind of concernin'.

Blink

It was actually a little kind of awesome. Like, I convinced him I was his right-hand man. He didn't even know me.

Bizly

Are you guys staying here in the opening to this cave, or would you like to be talking while you head somewhere?

Charlie

Is there a reason that we should not?

Bizly

Mmm, not exactly. But there are a lot of people trying to file through at the moment.

Grizzly

We're - getting like, pushed around.

Runt

Alright, I get it. We have more - we have pressing things to go take care of. I need to wrap this up with the Future Thinkers real quick, I'll be right back.

Blink

Okay.

WD

So, uh...

Troy

So uh, um...

Blink

So...

Grizzly

I just leave.

(Laughter)

Bizly

Runt, where are you headed right now?

Grizzly

To the crowd, where all the Future Thinker was. And I just want to see - how are the Future Thinkers that were trying to stop this from happening, reacting to the sudden freedom?

Bizly

They're all just standing and looking. No expressions. Most of them just turn around and walk away. The one that you talked to in the clubhouse area, he stays and he just looks at you for a moment.

Grizzly

I'm gonna walk up to the cannon that was on fire, I set it to the firework mode and then (fireworks shooting) just see a bunch of fireworks start going up into the sky, and one of them is a middle finger and in the middle of the hand, it just says, 'Think about it. Bye!'

Milo

Think about it.

Bizly

See, he looks up and watches it and kinda smiles a little.

Grizzly

I rejoined the group.

Bizly

You rejoined the group who's standing there awkwardly, just...

Troy

So - I - Do you - want to go first, or should we go first? Or...

Runt

Alright, gang, let's walk and talk. We got to move.

WD

Yeah, no, um...

Blink

Okay, yeah.

Troy

Sure, yeah.

Runt

I'm starvin'. All WD had was dried fuckin' pasta.

Blink

Why do you only have dried pasta?

Runt

And crackers, right? Because these people have been starvin'. I've been trapped in there forever.

Milo

WD's stomach growls cartoonishly.

(Laughter)

Blink

Well, I guess... Well, if- Oh, no. But the nearest city is Hourglass, right? Uh... We don't... I mean, outside of... But they don't have food in there, right? Is what you're saying.

Grizzly

All the citizens are probably leaving the tunnel to go find-

Condi

Yeah, yeah.

Bizly

Yeah, they're heading out into Hourglass.

Blink

Hourglass is where the church is, and they're kind of evil, actually. They're kind of really evil.

Runt

Who isn't evil?

Blink

Um... Us.

Troy

Troy.

Blink

Actually, yeah, his cape did actually decide unequivocally that he is not evil.

Troy

It did. And everyone, watch this.

Troy

As I stoop down and I grab rations from my bag and I grab that wine from earlier from the bag and I present it to WD. And I say,

Troy

This - I'm giving this to you.

WD

Whoa.

Troy

Because you're feeling hungry and you can eat... What I have.

WD

Thank you! Do you want to - share it?

Troy

I'm like, sweating profusely.

(Laughter)

Milo

I look at Runt. I'm like,

Troy

What do you - mean by that?

WD

Sh-Sharing?

Grizzly

What's happening? (Laughs)

Milo

Like, I have some and you have some?

Troy

Of the same - thing? It was mine, and now it's yours.

WD

Okay.

Troy

I'm giving it to you. You don't have to pay me! Everyone's hearing this, right?

Blink

No, you're doing good, I think.

Troy

Okay, okay...

WD

[hushed] Am I going fucking crazy?

Runt

I warned you.

Grizzly

I looked at WD.

Runt

I warned you.

WD

[hushed] But you said he was like, a murderer.

Runt

Well, kinda. I don't know. It's debatable, alright?

WD

[hushed] What does that... You either murdered someone or you didn't!

Runt

Is it murder if it's self-defense?

WD

[hushed] That's - actually really complicated...

Troy

Whatcha guys screaming about back there?

Runt

I'm just like, y'know, what if it's self-defense, but you also like really wanted to do it?

WD

If you really wanted to do it, it's premeditated.

Runt

What if you didn't realize you wanted to do it until the moment? Like, y'know.

Troy

I've been there.

(Laughter)

Runt

Yeah, no. No. So he is. Yeah, definitely. But like a chill one, like a - like one that you don't wanna like, make mad, y'know? Otherwise, he'll kill you.

WD

That doesn't sound chill.

Runt

Well, I don't know. People change.

WD

So... You guys,

Milo

And I point at-

Runt

That's Blink, this is Troy.

Blink

Yeah, yeah. Um...

Troy

Suhhh- (Weird laugh)

WD

Runt says you guys - met Ripley.

Blink

Yeah, no, she - she was with us until just recently.

WD

Do you know where she is?

Blink

Yeah, kind- well, kind of. Um...

Troy

Yeah, she's in the - like a cave or a dungeon.

Troy

She's been kidnapped, she's been kidnapped.

Runt

That's not new. How immediate is her danger? Like, how much do they know? How much do you know?

WD

(Starts hyperventilating)

Milo

I'm like, having a panic attack.

Blink

So, well, these guys want us to help them with their machinations to, again, blow up the world. To blow up the world.

Troy

Oh, they know everything by the way. Like - everyone's in it.

Blink

They know everything, they know everything. They're working with it. Yeah, everybody's in it.

Troy

Top to bottom, top to bottom. Totally fucked.

Blink

Yeah. Every single person you've ever met, in on it. And Ripley was on the kill list that I saw when I was at the Wonderous Trade Company. Uh, so-

Runt

Do you know why?

Blink

No. But they want to kill her.

Runt

No idea?

Troy

She might be in on it.

Blink

She could be in on it.

Runt

Why would they want to kill her if she's on-? No, she's not on their side.

Blink

No, she's not on their side, but... She's definitely on the kill list.

Runt

But she's on the kill list and she's in on it as in she wants to blow up the world. That's what you're sayin'?

Blink

No, no, no, no, no.

WD

[whispers] She wouldn't do that.

Blink

I don't think she would.

Runt

Okay, so. Alright. Church, Wonderous Trade Company.

Blink

They're working together.

Troy

Cahoots, cahoots.

Blink

Overseers, or I don't know what they're all called, the group, but I'm just going to say Overseers.

Runt

That's the Wonderous Trade Company.

Blink

Yeah, I guess.

Runt

With the Overseer, that's WTC, right?

Blink

Yeah, I don't know. I mean, there's just a bunch of masked folk, and they're trying to blow up the world and send this world back to the original world, AKA home.

Troy

Vixens are in on it.

Blink

Vixens are in on it, yeah. Aeon wasn't in on it, and then she was in on it.

Troy

I can only assume Street Rats are kinda in on it 'cause y'know, Pinch was reportin' to that guy, and everyone's in on it, dude.

Runt

The Street Rats are all about survival, and I doubt that they're in on being blown up.

Troy

Yeah, you're right. So they're probably in on the opposite of being blown up.

Blink

Well, no, see, it wouldn't necessarily blow us up. It would blow up what's... You know how when... You actually had a very good example of this. When Ripley teleported the inventory from Oasis Flora to Cogtopolis, how there was a big crater and he exploded? It's like that.

Runt

Yeah, I figured out how to do that.

Blink

You did?

Runt

Well, I visited another workshop and found a lot more inspiration.

Blink

Okay.

Troy

Yeah. What did- dude, we got frosted tips together.

Blink

Yeah, we drank some wine and it frosted our tips.

Runt

Looks kinda... I don't know. It looks kinda...

Troy

It looks good. WD, how do you know Ridley?

WD

It's Ripley.

Troy

Oh, right. Okay, sorry. Ripley. Well, now that she's gone, how did you know her?

WD

She's not gone! She just-

Troy

Yeah, you just said Ripley.

Blink

Yeah, how did you know her?

WD

I was her assistant.

Blink

So you're the assistant of the assistant to the Inventor. Does that mean you know where the Inventor is? 'Cause I have have this letter for him, and I've been trying to deliver it for a very long time.

Troy

I literally forgot we were doin' that.

Runt

Just pause for a second. How did you find out about the bomb? And do you have trackers on you?

Blink

No, no trackers. No, so the lying guy who leads the church, we can show you technically, but we'll probably get caught, okay? But there are crystals in the hourglass, and when you touch them, it shows you visions of the old world, and it's fucking insane. And then he tried to kill us. He tried to throw us off the top of the hourglass, which, I mean if you seen it, it's very high.

Runt

Alright. So in simple terms, one sentence, what do we need to do to stop all of them? 'Cause I have weapons of mass destruction, which is problematic.

Troy

I disagree.

Runt

Unless we use them to save the world, and then we never use them again.

Blink

Yeah, I'm not really sure what the plan should be here, but maybe step one should be either find the Inventor or save Ripley.

Runt

That's not gonna happen, I'll tell you right now. Can I actually have the letter?

Troy

What? No, you got to tell... What do you mean we're never going to find the Inventor? That's the whole point of all of this. What do you mean we're not gonna find the Inventor?

Blink

I've been doing... I've been trying to do this for a long time.

Runt

Look, we can't talk here. Can we go somewhere that's like obscured?

Blink

Okay, let's go somewhere then so you can say what is going on.

Runt

I'm not sayin' anything.

Troy

Okay, okay.

Grizzly

DM, is there somewhere that we can go that is really hidden?

Bizly

WD-

Milo

Do you guys want to come to my apartment?

Condi

Sure. Yeah, I'd love to come over.

Charlie

We would love to stay at your apartment.

Milo

It's back in the other direction.

Troy

Sounds good. By the way, do you mind if I crash here for a couple months?

WD

Yeah. My home is your home.

Bizly

You guys enter into Cogtopolis that is completely in disarray now. A lot of the mechanical workings that were moving and acting as elevators are currently not working. So getting there is going to be a little bit of a challenge. But once you guys get into Cogtopolis, just so that you're aware, it is this entire city built into the inner workings of that clock above. And all of the buildings and everything are built into the cogs and gears moving around, although they are not moving right now. And you guys get up to the small apartment that belongs to WD.

Blink

I'm hungry. Do you have anything to eat?

WD

Crackers and dry pasta.

Troy

I'm thirsty. Is tap okay? I only drink filtered.

WD

The tap is tap.

Runt

Oh, oh, oh - before I forget, how did you even get on the other side of that tunnel?

Troy

I'll tell you if you have a charger. Do you have a charger?

Runt

I have a lot of wonderous cold. What do you need charged?

Troy

I don't know. It's just in case.

Runt

Yeah, when you have something that's dyin', let me know and I'll give it some - some energy. Look, okay, we're in this place. Is it no way? Okay, look. Alright. I don't know how to tell you this, but the Inventor is dead.

Blink

What?

Troy

What?

Runt

So we might as well... We should just read the letter.

Blink

Okay. I mean, yeah, I guess it's not really a felony offense anymore.

WD

No, no, no! No!

Blink

Okay, so he's not dead?

Blink

Well, where is he? Where is he?

WD

Runt! Dude.

Runt

What? I am trying to help, I don't know what you want from me.

Troy

Okay, I'm a little lost here. I'm not gonna lie.

Blink

Wait, is he dead or not? What is the deal? I'm ready to open this letter if he's dead.

Runt

We should open it anyways.

WD

Can I trust these guys? You know them better than I do.

Troy

Bro!

Blink

Bro.

Bizly

I will say - Troy looks like a changed man.

Grizzly

I just want to look at him. Yeah.

Milo

He was really nice to me.

Bizly

The cape does work, you see.

Grizzly

I'm looking at Blink in Troy, and I start to think about the entire campaign of Wonderlust from the very beginning.

Condi

You missed all of my - you missed all of both of our character growth.

Charlie

All of both of our character development.

Grizzly

Exactly, y'know? So, I'm just thinking - y'know, I'm thinking let's start episode one, Troy shit himself. About when we met, they're getting super drunk.

Bizly

Such a key detail.

Grizzly

I mean, they like disrespected some of the citizens on accident.

Bizly

He punched somebody out.

Condi

I didn't do that. Hey, you're the one who punched that old man. You punched that old man when you stood in front of him, Runt.

Grizzly

We got banned from the city.

Bizly

Oh, yeah. They're not allowed to go to Oasis Flora anymore.

Charlie

We did get kicked out of an entire portion of the underdcity.

Grizzly

We did, we did. We really disrespected Oasis Flora. We went to the top, shit ourselves again in front of the entire college.

Charlie

I've grown, I've grown.

Condi

We've grown.

Charlie

Tried to convince them all it was cool, by the way.

Grizzly

Then we went to go save Ripley and Runt nearly died. Also, Blink showed that he's a super good liar. Troy did kill a ton of people. Oh no, he killed one person.

Condi

One person, one person.

Charlie

Okay, to be fair, Blink sent all of them after me.

Grizzly

That's true.

Condi

I did do that.

Grizzly

We didn't even bring that up last time. We should have, that was kinda crazy that you did that to him.

Condi

Well no, actually, we have brought that up several times.

Troy

We have. I was actually - I think I would - ended up being chill with it.

Grizzly

Then we climbed the mountain. We started to, I don't know. I mean, Troy was being a little bit nicer to Runt by that point. Blink was also really concerned about her well-being. And um, yeah, and then we got to split up and her eyes get a little watery.

WD

I - I guess I'll rephrase this. Do you guys plan to help... Ripley?

Blink

Yeah, of course.

Troy

I mean, yeah, dude.

WD

Then that's all I need.

Runt

In a world full of a bunch of adults that never paid any attention to me... These guys have carried me through our stupid little adventure. As much as they have fucked things up and caused problems, they've never... Put me in harm's way intentionally.

WD

That's good enough for me.

Milo

And WD walks over to a small corner in her apartment and pulls out a giant cardboard box just labeled with Ripley's name. And it is filled with gadgets and parts and I drop it down on the floor and you see at the very top of it, this device that looks like you'd speak directly into it. And WD lifts it up and says,

WD

I know where the Inventor is.

Milo

And the sound that comes out is exact to the Inventor's voice.

Troy

Oh, cool. He made a device so anyone can sound like him.

Blink

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait - are you saying that - Ripley is the Inventor?

Troy

Wait, you're the Inventor?

WD

I'm not the Inventor. The box is labeled Ripley.

Troy

A good trick.

Runt

Watch this.

Grizzly

I speak into the little microphone.

Runt

It's me, you fucks.

Blink

You're the Inventor!

The Inventor

It's me, you fucks.

Runt

The entire time, you've been walkin' with him.

The Inventor

The entire time, you've been walkin' with him.

Troy

How is this even possible?

Blink

Oh, shit. Okay, um... This changes a lot. This changes a lot.

Troy

Oh, I need to take a walk. I-

Blink

Fuck, she was right there and I could have just given her the letter. God, fuck. This could have been over three weeks ago. Why didn't she tell me?

(Laughter)

Blink

I said to her directly, 'Hey, I have a letter for the Inventor and I need to find him.' She was like, Yeah-

Runt

I was mad about this, too. But you got to keep in mind that with so many people looking for her to either use her brain or kill her or threaten to kill her if she doesn't help, do what they want her to do with her fuckin' intelligence and her scientific mind, of course, she put on a mask and lied to everybody.

Blink

Yeah, that makes sense. It does make sense.

Runt

And was very particular about not telling everyone because everyone's lookin' for this Inventor, they don't even realize that they have her all along.

Troy

But who is it?

(Laughter)

Runt

Troy, I can tell that you're a little slow on the upkeep, alright? I'm going to explain to you in Troy terms. The Inventor...

Troy

Yeah.

Runt

Is Ripley.

Troy

So he's dead? And she's the new...

Runt

The Inventor never existed. Ripley was-

Troy

Well who the fuck are we looking for??

Runt

We're looking for Ripley, 'the Inventor' was a pseudonym.

Blink

We're looking for Ripley. Okay, so we don't have a lot of time anymore 'cause Ripley is in mortal danger, as it turns out. And I am actually going to read this letter now because frankly, this pisses me off.

(Laughter)

Runt

I say that's fair. I think we've earned that.

Troy

This is a classic, you tried delivery three times. Now they have to come and pick it up. I'm just saying, fuck that.

Blink

Well no, we still have to go to her and save her 'cause she's being held hostage at the church, alright? Along with Professor Cross and Mei, and we really shouldn't leave those people to just be in danger like that.

Runt

Who even sent this letter?

Blink

I have an idea, actually. WD, they don't know who you are. Can we say you're the Inventor and try to sneak in past them using that?

Runt

Wait, if we say that you're the Inventor, WD, then we could bring them to us and just fuckin' beat the shit out of 'em into submission.

Blink

That's also true.

Troy

We fought these guys. I actually do not think it is possible to beat the shit out of them. It was like a lion with literal nano machines.

Blink

We literally just fought a stone wall. This guy is more than a stone wall.

Runt

You didn't have me there.

Grizzly

I pull out the fucking anti-matter rifle.

Troy

I understand what you're saying. I literally cannot describe to you how absolutely Sigma this creature was.

(Laughter)

Milo

Sigma-?

Runt

You don't think this will do it?

Blink

It doesn't change anything how Sigma he was, okay? Because we still need to face off against him eventually.

Troy

I was editing him. I was editing him in my head as we were fighting.

Runt

Are you sayin' that I am not... On that level... With my invention... To beat this guy? You're sayin' that I am not... Sigma enough... (Grizzly laughs)

Troy

Finish your sentence, finish your sentence.

Runt

To win against the opposition... That is this lion man? 'Cause if you're sayin' that, I'm going to be a little hurt.

Blink

No, I think actually having four people improves our odds quite a lot, actually. But they also have like - they have a lot of people there, too, honestly.

Runt

I can make more of these. We could all have one.

Blink

Shit. Hell, yeah. Let's do it. Okay, cool.

Troy

Are you okay, Runt? Like, I'm not - I want you to know I'm not tryin' to challenge your intelligence in any way, shape, or form. You do know that, right?

Runt

Yeah, but y'know, words of affirmation go a long way.

Troy

I like that space gun that you have. Did you make that from space or something?

Runt

Not a space gun.

Blink

You tore down that wall pretty good with everything. So like, yeah.

Troy

Okay, I'm sorry. Is it not a gun? Or is it-

Runt

It's called a sha- It's called a sha- I can't even fuckin' say it. It's called a sh- I got to think of a different word.

Troy

Name it something that you can call it. I don't know what it's called.

Runt

Sss-

Troy

Okay. Was it like a snakes before you - used it?

Runt

Shut up. Thanks. Do you want to hold it?

Troy

Yeah, I'd love to.

Bizly

Oh no.

Troy

I grab the space gun and I look down the barrel and I say...

(Laughter)

Milo

My apartment, my apartment.

(More laughter)

Runt

Oh, it's called the wonderous rail gun.

Troy

The wonderous rail gun-

Charlie

I put it on top of where my dick is, and I go,

Troy

Whoa!

Charlie

And I pull the trigger to see if it does anything.

Bizly

You destroy the wall.

Troy

This is good stuff, Runt!

WD

Oh my God, dude.

Troy

WD, are you okay to get this repair? I'm not super tight. I'm a little tight on funds right now.

Blink

Yeah, you did use your credit card at that place.

Troy

But if you helped Runt build this, you are technically liable for that damage. I mean, I didn't know. I'm a child, I don't know what that would do.

WD

(Sighs)

Troy

This is really cool. Hey, Runt, amazing work. And great job figuring out that the emme- The emmental was along us - hold on-

Grizzly

The inventor was along us-

Bizly

My stomach hurts so bad right now.

WD

Dude, my deposit-!

Blink

It's okay. Just say, 'No, this is - this happened because of the rocks that fell on the city.' Insurance will cover it.

Bizly

There's no insurance. It doesn't fucking work like-

Blink

I've been spending a lot of time with Troy, and he told me about the wonders of insurance. You have that, right?

Troy

You do have renter's insurance, don't you?

(A moment's silence for WD's wall)

Blink

I don't think she has renter's insurance, Troy.

Bizly

With this box of inventions in front of you, Runt together with you again, you will all level up to level 10.

Charlie

Whaaaaat?

Grizzly

Level 10?

Charlie

The hell??

Milo

Not me, though.

Bizly

All of you.

Grizzly

Oh my God.

Runt

Eureka! I just had another idea for another weapon.

Bizly

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

Troy

I actually cannot believe that we just met the Inventor.

Runt

I invent stuff, so I like am an Inventor. I'm not the Inventor, but I could be.

Blink

That's true, that's actually true, you are- honestly, yeah, I mean you've done more than the Inventor.

Bizly

Good luck with your insurance claim.

Milo

(Exasperated sigh)

Bizly

Good luck once again trying to find the Inventor.

Charlie

I go to the phone and I say,

Troy

The moral of the story is that we are all the Inventor.

Charlie

And then I point the gun at myself and I say,

Troy

What happens if I do this?

WD

Nooo!!

(Laughter)

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