

### **Grizzly**

Rain. A heavy downpour of ink and thunderous roars from dark skies barely muffle shrieks and cries of unadulterated terror. Though they have never been strangers, the world has begun to mingle with suffering. Heavy breaths labor over hurried feet. A mother clutching her child somewhere in the silver town of Allport.

### **Mother NPC**

Please.

### **Grizzly**

Arcane bursts and flares explode in the air. [explosion sounds] Dreadful monstrosities make chase and devour whatever peace the city once had. This mother has never known anything but protection and stability in her lifetime. Not something like this. She follows the call of a soldier, directing those to transport boats while her child stares at the lifeless sky and wonders when the sun will rise today. The mother falls. The child cries. Her leg is severed suddenly at the knee cap, and monsters of shadow and void grow closer. One soldier rushes by, an older man, ignores her pleas. But another, a much younger, blond-haired rookie, rushes to her and struggles to lift her.

### **Mother NPC**

No! Please, my son! He hasn't lived yet. He hasn't had a chance. Please, please, take him, take him.

### **Grizzly**

Cedric, now covered in blood and gunpowder, looks at the choice, the situation falling apart around him and in front of him. He doesn't have much time to think, so he drops his rifle, leaves it with the mother, and rushes away with the young boy, whose cries become silenced by a single rifle shot. The tears streaming endlessly down his face, turn to black. Cedric leaps onto this lifeboat heading for the center of Allport, many crowding the canal. And he wonders, is this what it means to be a hero? You four underneath the ocean traveling to a man who may be doing too much.

### **Condi**

You ever think like we're doing it again? Like that thing where we could have gone to Leviathan much earlier and like stopped it potentially.

**Bizly**

I think we're here now.

**Condi**

Yeah, that's fair.

**Bizly**

I think we can't save everyone, but we try our best.

**Charlie**

Man, brutal.

**Ursus**

Oooaaaarrgh.

**Charlie**

Yay!

**Grizzly**

Ursus calls to warn you that he is about to exit this highway current underneath and begin a descent off the path deeper into the deep light zone of the undersea where no light reaches, barely any living organism reaches, and you travel for miles, miles, miles, after days after days through this darkness until a red glow begins to peek, disperse, dissipate through the void of the ocean. Before long, you all, dismounting Ursus, who I assume if things go south, you don't want in the crossfire.

**Condi**

Mm-mm.

**Grizzly**

Swim towards this red glow And the sight, the origin of the lights—

**Charlie**

Oh man.

**Grizzly**

—is sickening. The first thing you can see from a distance as you approach is damaged and unconscious, a massive white feline serpentine, some sort of mixture winged dragon of the sea. Its long head drooping in front of its heart. Pelagus threaded up, tangled in thick tubes, clear but full with its own purple blood, arcane runes funneling into a—behind it, a much larger mechanical Icosahedron. That chamber is one of the 6 of the even larger colossal machine that the life of this Leviathan is being used to power. The artificial Leviathan, a brass monstrosity of plates, flexible cords, this brutish draconic shape But yet it's sleek with sharp curves. The top half of its cranium still powerless. It has no light in the eyes. It's not yet functional, but it is a sun-shaped crown where the bottom half of its cranium curved downwards like a crescent moon. Everyone but Gillion, just give me a wisdom saving throw.

**Bizly**

Twelve.

**Condi**

Ten.

**Milo**

30 total.

**Grizzly**

With two failures and Jay's insane passive perception, multiple times throughout your journey, you have been watched.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

You don't have to roll arcana. It just sort of starts to dawn on you that that little sparkle of light that appeared every once in a while as you journeyed inside the crab or approaching the clam.

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

It dawns on you because in front of Pelagus, who is attached to the machine, you see a blonde-haired triton clad in white and gold by himself.

**Charlie**

Oh boy.

**Grizzly**

Sitting in the water legs crossed, facing all of you as you approach.

**Odelath**

You shouldn't be here. None of you should. But yet, here you are. I can't think, after all I've done, to give you an out. Why you would fulfill a prophecy you don't want to carry. I got you banished, Gill. You didn't have to return. You could have lived a different life. So why? Why now? I don't get it.

**Grizzly**

He sort of just—

**Odelath**

Go on then. Try to tell me something I don't know. In your 20, maybe less, years of life, tell me how you are doing the right thing and what I'm doing is wrong. Tell me why, and make it make sense, why you know what's best for the whole world?

**Gillion**

I've never known. You know that better than anyone. But I know that somewhere in you, past the logic and all of this bullshit, you know that what you're doing is wrong. You know that what

you're doing, you're doing 'cause you're scared. Do you want the world to be saved, or do you just wanna be the one that does it? Or do you just wanna deny fate so you can come out on top? I don't know what the right thing is, but I know what the right reasons are. And I know when I look at you, and I have a sick feeling in my gut because all I ever wanted, all I ever wanted was to make you proud. And you can't tell me that you can look around and you can look at me after everything you've done. You can't tell me you did that all for anyone else other than yourself. Tell me I'm wrong.

### **Grizzly**

The way he looks at you when you say he's scared that all of this is just for glory, for control, of being the one to decide fates, you see a slight moment of confusion, like he's hearing things that affect him. He doesn't know why. So he pauses for a moment.

### **Odelath**

You're acting like you know me pretty well. I'll admit it. I've done many fucked up things, son. Things I don't even know I could live with myself if I remembered them. And I'll tell you what, I never did anything I didn't think was necessary for the sake of our people. I know it's not gonna be easy to understand, but these are the facts. We're fucking doomed. I don't wanna kill anyone. I don't wanna fight. But my hand keeps getting forced. None of this calamity that comes, all of these...

### **Grizzly**

He gestures behind him.

### **Odelath**

These sacrifices wouldn't have had to happen if that evil you say you brought with your own hands wasn't released. And then you come to our home because you couldn't handle the weight of your own sin? Tried to have you killed, a mercy. Figured you'd rather that than the whole world know that you, the chosen one, doomed it. [sighs] Then we had to get to work, expedite. Because it's either them or us. You mean to tell me that wanting to survive, wanting to see a future. I do that for glory, out of fear. [scoffs] I'm only doing this 'cause there's no other option.

### **Charlie**

Can I take out the stone tablet? And I'm gonna push it through the water so it floats over to him.

**Gillion**

There was always another option. You just cared more about saving your own fucking skin. And you're wrong. I don't care if everyone knows what I did. I'm a hypocrite, but so are you. At least I can admit it. And at least I can try to keep fighting. Because I know you're not doing this anymore because you think it's the only way. You're doing this because if it isn't the only way, all of that was for nothing and you were wrong, you fucking coward.

**Grizzly**

He looks at the stone.

**Odelath**

Children. What are you gonna do?

**Grizzly**

Kind of speaks to himself.

**Odelath**

Time, experience. These are the only real teachers. You speak like you know everything, but you don't deserve to know what I know. That much is clear. So let's cut the heroic bullshit. Save me the rest of the spiel. You think you're gonna stop me?

**Gillion**

Only if you give me no other choice. Odelath, right now, I'm serious. I am not some stone etched with words. I am not your reckoning. I am not your end right now. I am the boy you poisoned and hurt. And I am your one chance. I will never forgive you, but you can atone. But I swear to the gods you have fucking killed, if you throw this away, I will not hesitate to end you.

**Grizzly**

Persuasion or intimidation.

**Charlie**

Give him one last chance. I'll roll persuasion. Holy shit, that's a 19.

**Condi**

Yo!

**Charlie**

Plus ten, that is a 29.

**Grizzly**

He stares at you for a while.

**Charlie**

I stare back, there is a lot of anger, but there is also like, just kind of a plea.

**Odelath**

I can't undo what I've done.

**Gillion**

I know, but you can still stop.

**Odelath**

And then what?

**Gillion**

We can find another way. There is another way.

**Odelath**

You're gonna have to tell me what the other way is. Because I know what choice the hero of prophecy is set to make. If we stop this, you only put yourself closer to it. And what's worse, that insane monster of a woman. What she'll do if she doesn't get what she wants. What she'll do to your s— your sister. If I stop this, you can consider her gone.

**Charlie**

Fuck.

**Condi**

Don't believe it.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck.

**Odelath**

I need something. I need an answer.

**Gillion**

I never took you as the kind of person to just play your part. There is an answer. Maybe the pieces were too fuzzy for you to put together. We went through your study. The symbols drawn there, the symbols on the inside of the leviathans, Odelath, it points to another way. One that the people of the past meant for us to take. One that they knew could destroy it.

**Odelath**

The past? Gillion, those people are dead. Dead, gone, forgotten. Who gives a fuck about the past?

**Gillion**

People that don't wanna learn.

**Charlie**

Yeah, get fucked.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

He says something like a crime against being a scholar and he begins to panic. He starts to back slowly towards the machine dragon.

**Gillion**



Don't throw this away. You can stop.

**Odelath**

The mind, these emotions, it's not logical.

**Gillion**

But it's not weakness. Don't do it, please.

**Odelath**

Your way, your way is uncertain. No, I, it's holding me back. This conflict inside.

**Gillion**

Don't take the easy way.

**Odelath**

I don't know. I'm taking too many steps. I don't know what I'll see when I turn around.

**Grizzly**

And he claps his hands together. Lightning begins to strike and form around him like an aura. His hair blows back. And he says,

**Odelath**

I have to be sure. I'm sorry.

**Grizzly**

And then [pwssssh] this explosion of energy, of lightning, of cold, his runes of like a crescent glow on his forehead. This man mad with a loss of memory, panicked from things put in front of him he'd rather forget or not acknowledge.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

This old, old scholar, he in a panic, casts a 7th-level spell alongside two 8th-level spells.

**Condi**

What?

**Grizzly**

You watch his eyes roll back in his head and his presence, expression, it all goes completely blank. You are blasted with a gust?

**Charlie**

Wait a sec, I'm going to cast counterspell at 9th level.

**Grizzly**

At 9th level?

**Bizly**

Oh.

**Charlie**

That was the spell that made him forget what he did, right?

**Grizzly**

He cast Mind Blank.

**Charlie**

Oh. Yeah, no.

**Condi**

Yeah, don't let him.

**Grizzly**

Sure. That spell countered. This blast of cold shoots out. It seems to pull in the moisture, all the water of the ocean, dry it completely. You guys find yourselves once again breathing air, falling onto a sheet of pure snow, pure ice. You look around you, you have been forced into—[close up on mini ice arena]

**Condi**

No fucking way.

**Grizzly**

A massive dome.

**Charlie**

No. Holy shit.

**Grizzly**

An arena of ice.

**Charlie**

Holy shit.

[laughter]

**Chip**

Do you guys all do this?

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Sorry guys, I had to use it on that.

**Condi**

No, no that's fair.

**Milo**

No, that was so fucking awesome.

**Condi**

I think that was the best play.

**Charlie**

I want him to know what he's like.

**Condi**

He should be here.

**Charlie**

I want him to know what he's doing.

**Grizzly**

You counter the spell. Everything around you suddenly becomes ice, feet on cold, and he says,

**Odelath**

Ah, damn it! What have you done?

**Gillion**

You don't get to run from this.

**Odelath**

I'm not running!

**Grizzly**

And I need to bring out the battle map.

**Bizly**

Yeah!

**Milo**

Yes!

**Grizzly**

Go ahead and roll initiative. Here at the top of the round, inside an arena of ice.

**Charlie**

Oh man. Holy.

**Grizzly**

Or is it a dome to keep you from getting to the machine and Pelagus behind him? Because—

**Charlie**

Oh fuck. Oh no.

**Grizzly**

At the top of the round, you see looking across in his eyes as he grabs his head, tries desperately to get a hold of himself. His eyes glint a red, and behind, through this thick blue ice wall, you see a red globe.

**Condi**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

It's just red energy mixed with purple liquid. It's just light behind this ice wall. It moves. That leviathan's still alive.

**Condi**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

But—

**Charlie**

Fuck.

**Grizzly**

The process, of it being drained is still ongoing.

**Charlie**

Oh god.

**Condi**

We gotta do this fast.

**Charlie**

That's, that's, oh no, okay.

**Condi**

This is one big DPS check.

**Grizzly**

Odelath is, I don't wanna use concentration as a mechanical term, but in some way he is the one working this machine, magically. At the top of every round, I'm just gonna tell you guys, Odelath will roll a d20. One to ten is a failure, 11 to 20 is a success. He only needs three successes.

**Bizly**

So it's death saves, basically.

**Condi**

Reverse death saves for the—

**Charlie**

Oh god.

**Grizzly**

Every time he has three failures, it will reset.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Three successes is all he needs to complete the—

**Condi**

No modifiers?

**Grizzly**

No modifier, and you can impose disadvantage.

**Charlie**

And it resets with three fails?

**Grizzly**

Yep.

**Bizly**

Will you tell us when it fails or passes?

**Grizzly**

I'm gonna roll it on the table.

**Milo**

Oh!

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

Oh!

**Milo**

Okay.

**Charlie**

Okay. Okay, all right, let's plan to finish this in three turns. [laughs]

**Bizly**

Dude, let's make it happen.

**Charlie**

All right.

**Milo**

Ugh, don't look like that.

**Bizly**

He's smiling, you already know it.

**Charlie**

He already knows.

**Condi**

What is that?

**Charlie**



What is that?

**Grizzly**

That's a four. That's one failure.

**Charlie**

Okay, a fail.

**Bizly**

Okay, okay. All right.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

In this moment, he—

**Milo**

All right.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Visually, he is trying to both, I guess, buy time for this job to finish, but at the same time isn't sure about what the job is. He's in this state of conflict and panic, and there is some fear visible, but he just can't do anything that isn't 100% certain. Nothing he's heard so far, is gonna convince him. But with your rolls, two things. He believes you, that you'll give him a shot.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

He believes you're gonna kill him.

**Grizzly**

That's the first thing that happens at the top of every round. The second—

**Charlie**

Yep.

**Condi**

Oh god.

**Grizzly**

This arena being a magical creation of Odelath, high magical power, he controls it. You all hear ice [chhhh] forming to your left and your right. These [pwshhhh]—

**Condi**

Oh shit.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck.

**Grizzly**

Massive.

**Charlie**

No.

**Grizzly**

Leviathan ice heads.

**Charlie**

Two?

**Milo**

Fuck!

**Condi**

One of them fucked us up.

**Grizzly**

[weow] I am placing down two markers here and here. Both of these are in the middle of the arena. Everything to the left and to the right of these markers, you can see these Leviathans, these ice Leviathans, they hold and they charge up their breath of ice.

**Charlie**

Oh man.

**Grizzly**

The actual top of the round, Aurora.

**Milo**

Hello.

**Grizzly**

Hello.

**Milo**

Yeah, oh fuck. Oh god, fuck. Oh god, fuck.

**Condi**

Oh shit, oh fuck.

**Milo**

Also it reminds me of home.

**Grizzly**

Oh, that's so sad.

**Condi**

Why would you say that?

**Milo**

Yeah, I'm going to, I think I'm just gonna see these ice leviathans rise out of the ground and I'm gonna immediately dip the fuck out of there like, oh my god. Aurora moves to kind of the right middle side of this arena. She approaches Odelath in this running sprint just to immediately get out of the range of fire of these leviathans. As she's running, you can see the astrolabe at her hip starts to glow. I'm going to cast— I'm going to cast Crown of Stars. You see these sparkling bits of almost pollen kind of come out of the middle of her flower and wrap around her head. And she's immediately going to shoot a mote of that pollen directly at Odelath.

**Grizzly**

All right, go ahead and roll the hit.

**Milo**

That's a natural 20, DM.

[cheers from players]

**Grizzly**

Whoa!

**Milo**

That is going to be a total 31.

**Bizly**

Shit!

**Grizzly**

Oh my god.

**Milo**

Bitch.

**Bizly**

Yeah!

**Condi**

Oh gods, oh Leviathan's blood, I mean, oh man.

**Grizzly**

This is a spell, correct?

**Milo**

Sure is.

**Grizzly**

Right on.

**Milo**

Gulp.

**Grizzly**

Roll your damage.

**Milo**

Yes, so wonderful. And that's going to be 4d12.

**Charlie**

I don't know.

**Condi**

I'm scared.

**Charlie**

I don't know what that means.

**Milo**

What did he mean? DM what did you mean by that?

**Condi**

What do you mean by that?

**Milo**

Can I have your 4d12?

**Grizzly**

[laughs manically]

**Charlie**

Well, I've never heard you laugh like that before.

**Grizzly**

Yes, you have, once before. And you said the same thing. [laughs]

**Condi**

And I'll say it again.

**Milo**

That is going to be a total of...

**Charlie**

Ooh, that looks good, that looks good.

**Milo**

26 radiant damage to Odelath.

**Charlie**

Ooie.

**Milo**

And as my bonus action, the pollen bursts as it shoots towards Odelath. It falls onto her cheek and becomes this chalice shape as she takes her starry form.

**Grizzly**

23 points of radiant damage, you said?

**Bizly**

26.

**Milo**

26. 26 points.

**Grizzly**

Was that from the crit? Like, did you roll double dice?

**Milo**

Oh, I did not. Forgot to roll double dice, let's do that again. I'm really bad at that.

**Bizly**

32.

**Milo**

32.

**Condi**

32 plus 23, 55.

**Milo**

55.

**Grizzly**

Plus 26.

**Condi**

58.

**Charlie**

God damn.

**Milo**

That is 58 radiant damage total, motherfucker.

**Grizzly**

Okay, so.

**Bizly**

Bitch.

**Condi**

Go.



**Grizzly**

This light [pewww] goes and it looks like it's going to strike him and part of it does, but this man, old, over 100.

**Milo**

Ew.

**Grizzly**

He has a connection to the magic of mana unlike any other.

**Charlie**

Oh man.

**Grizzly**

The effect of this spell, It almost looks like instinctively he just takes it in his own little stride.

**Charlie**

Oh, okay.

**Grizzly**

He shouts,

**Odelath**

Druid, you shame yourself and your people. Don't you want both the land and the sea to live? This is the only way!

**Milo**

I'm gonna fucking punching this guy.

**Grizzly**

I just saw you physically get mad.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

You ever seen nat 20'd immediately, did some awesome shit, and then he was like, nah.

**Condi**

He was like, actually, no.

**Bizly**

And also, fuck you.

**Grizzly**

It does damage, just not as much as it seems like it should've. You perfectly struck.

**Aurora**

Odelath, I understand the fear of uncertainty, but not using all of the knowledge that you have is a flaw in your logic.

**Grizzly**

Awesome, anything else you wanna do with your turn?

**Aurora**

Bitch.

**Grizzly**

Bitch!

[laughter]

**Bizly**

Bitch!

**Milo**

And I pass my turn.

**Grizzly**

He is going to use a legendary action. Does a 14 hit?

**Milo**

It does not.

**Grizzly**

He just quickly still fighting whatever is going on with his stupid old man brain. He swipes a page, licking a finger, and with that, [pew, pew] a bolt of lightning goes to strike at you and you just sort of jump to the left, strikes at the ground, burst of ice shards. Another thing that you notice once that happens, it is slippery.

[all the players] Mmmh.

**Grizzly**

He shouts out,

**Odelath**

Bah!

**Milo**

Bah!

**Grizzly**

Honestly, he probably does just go,

**Odelath**

Bah!

**Grizzly**

And strikes back at you. That's gonna be legendary action. Next up, I believe, is Jay. Chip, you're up next.

**Condi**

I guess for my turn, I'm gonna move into this little safe zone you've painted for us. And I am gonna use my first turn to summon my Eldritch Cannon in protector form.

**Grizzly**

Oh, I have a little thing for it.

**Chip**

Oh, you do, really? Oh my god.

**Charlie**

Whoa.

**Milo**

Whoa.

**Grizzly**

And I'll just put it...

**Condi**

And I will use that right now.

**Grizzly**

Giving you an Aurora the temp HP, wonderful.

**Condi**

Seven temporary hit points.

**Milo**

Thank you, Jay.

**Condi**

And I'm gonna hold any words I wish to say until I actually am hitting him with my gun and bullets other things.

**Grizzly**

Sounds good.

**Condi**

Cause that feels inappropriate.

**Grizzly**

All right, after your turn, he will take another legendary action.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Using two legendary actions.

**Condi**

Oh, oh.

**Grizzly**

Both Gillion and Chip make wisdom saving throws.

**Charlie**

Ooookay.

**Bizly**

Not good at those.

**Grizzly**

DC 19.

**Bizly**

What'd you get?

**Charlie**

You wanna know?

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

I'll tell you when you roll yours.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Condi**

I wanna know. Can you tell me?

**Charlie**

No.

**Condi**

Fuck, I don't know what your saving throws are. What is that?

**Milo**

[gasps]

**Bizly**

What'd you get?

**Charlie**

Three.

**Bizly**

I got an 18.

**Charlie**

Twenty-one.

**Bizly**

Nineteen.

**Charlie**

Oh, you got a 19?

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Condi**

Oh.

**Charlie**

I think we both passed.

**Grizzly**

Oh, you both passed?

**Charlie**

I got a 21.

**Bizly**

I do this. [puts fingers to temple]

**Grizzly**

The runes glowing on his skin cast—sends a spell to the both of you. You were hit with an upcast of Hold Person, but you both passed.

**Bizly**

Ooh, that's good.

**Condi**

That would've been bad.

**Grizzly**

All right, next up is gonna be Chip.

**Bizly**

No. I will. I'm gonna move my little legs.

**Grizzly**

You guys gotta take damage at some point.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

All the way up here, get real close.

**Milo**

No, no, DM.

**Grizzly**

All right.



**Bizly**

I will hold an action to hit him if he gets within my range.

**Condi**

I have a feeling he's gonna stand right up there.

**Bizly**

I have a feeling also, but I'm not sure what else I can do here.

**Condi**

Yeah, that's fair.

[laughter]

**Condi**

I totally understand, but I do have a feeling he has the high ground and like—

**Grizzly**

That's so funny.

**Bizly**

Can I do something else?

**Grizzly**

Like what?

**Bizly**

Hide behind that rock.

**Grizzly**

It's a bonus action, yeah. You can hide behind this rock if you'd like.

**Bizly**

That is a 28 on stealth.

**Grizzly**

That's your turn?

**Bizly**

Mm-hmm.

**Grizzly**

Gotcha. Next up is going to be Gillion.

**Condi**

Oh.

**Charlie**

Gillion.

**Bizly**

Gillion.

**Charlie**

Gillion.

**Condi**

Gillion.

**Milo**

Gillion.

**Charlie**

All right. I am looking at him furiously, seeing at him rummage through this stupid book with its stupid words. And I'm going to pull out my own piece of paper.

**Condi**

Oh.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

[looking at his character sheet] I'm going to, I'm going to cast. I'm going to use the scroll we got of Songal's Elemental Suffusion. This all feels very elemental, what's happening to us right now.

**Grizzly**

Yes, it is.

**Charlie**

And I don't know what it does, but I feel like it might help. I'm going to use five sorcery points to twin spell it. I'll run up here, so I can see Aurora and Chip, and I will hold the paper and I will go,

**Gillion**

Magic, go!

**Charlie**

And I will rip it in half and both pages will turn into the spell and fly at each of them, Chip and Aurora.

**Grizzly**

What elements are you giving to them?

**Charlie**

Hmm. This is a tough one.

**Bizly**

Thinking air.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey.

**Charlie**

Air?

**Grizzly**

You never got one.

**Charlie**

That'd be the end of the game.

**Chip**

I know. But I'm thinking he's going to pull out a new element.

**Charlie**

We're underwater, so I give them dirt.

**Grizzly**

There's— if I wasn't clear, No water. You're no water.

**Charlie**

No yeah, yeah.

**Bizly**

Can you block sand damage? Probably sand.

**Charlie**

Probably sand is good.

**Condi**

Sand is good.

**Grizzly**

Hey, all right, I get it. You guys are being cheeky.

**Milo**

Wah.

**Charlie**

Okay, how does the spell— how does— can I know before I pick an element, like how this spell works?

**Grizzly**

Songal's Elemental Suffusion, a level five spell. Normally concentration, but not with the ripping of—blah scroll of paper.

**Charlie**

Blah, blah, blah. Ahhh [rips paper]

**Grizzly**

And you used a sorcery point to—

**Charlie**

Five sorcery points.

**Grizzly**

Five sorcery points.

**Charlie**

Indeed.

**Grizzly**

When you cast this spell, choose one of the following damage types. It's all of the elemental types.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

And then you gain resistance to that chosen damage type.

**Charlie**

Holy.

**Grizzly**

Also, when you cast this spell and at the start of each of your subsequent turns, you release a burst of elemental energy in a 15-foot emanation originating for yourself. Emanation is everywhere around you, 15 feet. Each creature of your choice makes a dex save. On a failed save, they take 2d6 of the damage type.

**Charlie**

Ah.

**Grizzly**

And then they have the prone condition. On a successful save, it's half damage. And then just to throw it in there, you gain a fly speed of 30 feet for some reason.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Okay, I will use the scroll, shoot out these beams of this frosty energy because I'm definitely choosing cold so that they both get resistance to cold damage. They both both get imbued. Aurora, it's like a good freeze. It's not like a bad freeze. It's not like a curse freeze.

**Milo**

Oh.

**Charlie**

It's a good freeze.

**Grizzly**

You're choosing ice?

**Charlie**

Yes. I'm choosing ice. Their hair seems to like almost like, float a little and then kind of like freeze in place. Like when you have wet hair and you walk outside.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

I love doing that.

**Charlie**

And I elementally suffuse them.

**Grizzly**

Your bonus action?

**Charlie**

For my bonus action, you see as Gillion closes his eyes. Man, I don't even know how to flavor this. I'm turning spell slots into sorcery points. Fuck it, I think I just power up. I think I just, honest to god, take a big wide stance and I put my arms like this and I just kind of scream at him. Yeah.

I mean, what are you going to do? I think I genuinely do that and the ground shakes and it's awesome.

**Grizzly**

Love that. Your hair as well spikes up and freezes.

**Gillion**

Odelath!

**Odelath**

Stop yelling at me!

**Bizly**

It's making me nervous.

**Milo**

I'm sensitive!

[laughter]

**Milo**

Oh, that made me mad. I'm still coming down.

**Grizzly**

Next up...

**Condi**

No, no.

**Grizzly**

Is Odelath—



**Condi**

I'm scared.

**Bizly**

I'm hidden.

**Charlie**

Fuck, we're kind of grouped up, aren't we?

**Condi**

We are a bit grouped up.

**Bizly**

I'm hidden, don't touch me.

**Charlie**

Man, why do I keep forgetting about this?

**Grizzly**

Odelath, you watch ice swirl around him, [pshh] and then he disappears.

**Condi**

Uh-oh.

**Grizzly**

And he reappears.

**Charlie**

What?

**Condi**

He didn't stay up there.

**Charlie**

Why does he wanna be there?

**Condi**

Why does he wanna be with us?

**Charlie**

Why does he wanna be there?

**Grizzly**

Okay, so he's only going to get Aurora and Jay with the teleport now. You guys make dexterity saving throws.

**Condi**

What's the DC, can we know?

**Grizzly**

It will always be 19.

**Condi**

Okay, I rolled a 19 flat, 29 total.

**Milo**

That's a 13.

**Grizzly**

Sixteen points of cold damage.

**Milo**

Okay, so halved to—

**Grizzly**

Halved to eight.

**Milo**

Eight.

**Grizzly**

Eight points of cold damage for you.

**Condi**

I resist cold damage.

**Grizzly**

So four.

**Condi**

So I take four? Okay.

**Grizzly**

[pulls out an area of effect cone and laughs]

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

Why the fuck, big fucker cone?

**Charlie**

That's getting all of our asses, bro.

**Condi**

That's a big fucker cone.

**Milo**

Does that get me 'cause my hand is out?

**Charlie**

This wasn't a safe spot, it was a trap!

**Condi**

He trapped us!

**Grizzly**

[laughs]

**Milo**

Does that get me because my hand is out?

**Grizzly**

Yes.

**Charlie**

It get your pinky finger.

**Milo**

Owww, I'm gonna be like Chip.

**Grizzly**

This is a cone of cold, upcast to 7th level.

**Condi**

Ah!

**Charlie**

Holy.

**Grizzly**

Everyone roll Constitution saving throws.

**Milo**

All right.

**Condi**

Yeah, I got a ten.

**Charlie**

Fourteen.

**Charlie**

Oh no.

**Condi**

Yeah, okay, and it's 19 you said?

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

That is correct.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Milo**

I'm going to use my wheel and add a d6 to that saving throw.

**Charlie**

Nice.

**Milo**

It's an 18 total.

**Grizzly**

One away.

**Milo**

Yeah.

**Condi**

For you, Aurora, flash of genius. Make that a 22.

**Charlie**

Nice.

**Milo**

Eurgghh. I know it all.

**Jay**

Aurora.

**Aurora**

Eurrgh.

**Milo**

I now pass.

**Grizzly**

Great.

**Milo**

With a 22.

**Charlie**

Wait, wait, can I know too? Eurghhh! I got a 12.

**Grizzly**

A failure, 73 points of cold damage.

**Charlie**

You said how the fuck much?

**Grizzly**

73 points of cold damage for those who failed, halved to 37 points of cold damage for those who passed.

**Milo**

But we are all resistant to cold damage.

**Charlie**

Eighteen.

**Grizzly**

It would be 18, yes.

**Milo**

Shelled and cooked.

**Grizzly**

At the end of the round, you guys feel blasts, this line of cold [fshhhh] from both sides of the arena on the left and the right side behind you. And in front of you, you see them like almost like a sandstorm or a tundra, like a blizzard, an ice age, and you feel it, you can't help but shiver at the coolness of it, the cold. These—

**Charlie**

Oh, no way.

**Milo**

Oh, fuck.

**Grizzly**

Disappear.

**Charlie**

Oh no, man.

**Milo**

Ooh, no.

**Grizzly**

Back into the ice, they melt.

**Charlie**

Does it look like everything else was a blizzard except where we were standing?

**Grizzly**

Yep.

**Charlie**

Okay, got it.



**Grizzly**

After that, during the chaos of the blizzard.

**Odelath**

If you wanna put me in check, you need to have more pieces on the board.

**Grizzly**

And then at the top of the round.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Milo**

Uh.

**Grizzly**

Eyes red, red glow outside. This is the roll for Pelagus.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck. Okay.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

That's a ten. That's a second failure.

**Charlie**

Okay. All right. All right.

**Grizzly**

You really got him to him. He is—

**Condi**

He's not focused. He's not focused.

**Grizzly**

He's not focused on it. Every round that passes, you have more of a chance to save Pelagus.  
He's losing that chance to finish the job.

**Charlie**

Yeah, yeah.

**Grizzly**

But he is still buying time.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

Now, as he says those words about putting him in check, I need each of you to roll a strength saving throw.

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Milo**

Oh, I'm gonna throw up.

**Grizzly**

You feel—

**Charlie**

What?

**Grizzly**

Your feet, your body tense up and pull towards—

**Condi**

Oh, thank god.

**Grizzly**

A pattern on the floor.

**Condi**

What the fuck? He's putting a chess—

**Bizly**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

He's making a chessboard.

**Charlie**

You're kidding.

**Milo**

DM, I don't know how to play chess.

**Charlie**

Dude, this is—

**Condi**

This is insane.

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

I got a 20 for my saving throw.

**Charlie**

I got a 16.

**Milo**

I got a three.

**Bizly**

Five.

[Charlie and Condi] Okay.

**Grizzly**

Okay. Unfortunately, none of you pass this one.

[all the players] What??

**Condi**

I was really confident.

**Bizly**

Fuck it.

**Milo**

Yeah, fuck it.

**Bizly**

We ball.

**Condi**

We ball.

**Milo**

We ball.

**Charlie**

Wait, it's okay. Maybe it's checkers.

**Grizzly**

Underneath your feet, as Odelath himself disappears in this sort of flash of icy white light, you feel frosted ice, clear ice forming beneath you in this checkered, Pattern. Jay, when things clear up, you feel yourself on one of the clear ice spaces. You feel you can only move in a straight line.

**Condi**

I'm a rook?

**Grizzly**

You're a rook.

**Charlie**

Rookie mistake.

**Milo**

That was good.

**Grizzly**

Chip—

**Bizly**

Big time pawn.

[laughter]

**Condi**

Big pawn energy. You do have a bit of a pawn energy.

**Milo**

With your track record.

**Condi**

You gotta en passant him.

**Grizzly**

You feel yourself, you can move in an L shape.

[Bizly and Charlie together] Horse!

**Condi**

Horse!

**Grizzly**

Knight.

**Charlie**

It is knight, but I like saying horse.

**Condi**

Yes.

**Grizzly**

Aurora.

**Milo**

Aurora.

**Grizzly**

You feel yourself allowed diagonal movement.

**Condi**

Bishop.

**Charlie**

Bishop.

**Grizzly**

Gillion, you feel yourself limited to one square in any direction.

**Condi**

You're king! Oh god.

**Charlie**

No! No, no, no, no! Can I castle? Spoiler alert, don't know how castling works.

**Grizzly**

Frosted sculptures of different pieces begin to form around you on the other squares.

**Condi**

Oh god.

**Charlie**

Oh god.

**Condi**

They're really all going for the kill on Gillion.

**Charlie**

Can't help but notice.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

Yeah, wow, wow, wow, wow.

**Condi**

He holds a grudge, dude. He is—

**Bizly**

God damn it.

**Grizzly**

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Bro, bro!`

**Condi**

God, Jesus, lord, he holds a grudge, dude.

**Bizly**

Jesus Christ.

**Condi**

Oh my god.



**Charlie**

Dude, I get it, it's checkmate, you dick.

**Bizly**

That's not checkmate. That's fuck you.

**Grizzly**

Whatever this is.

**Bizly**

Master tactician.

**Grizzly**

You can't see Odelath anywhere.

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Grizzly**

You find yourselves as pieces arranged on what resembles a chessboard. Aurora, it is your turn.

**Milo**

I'm going to try and steal his pieces, I guess. I would like to cast Ice Storm. It's a 20-foot cylinder.

**Charlie**

Holy, that's big.

**Milo**

Wow, that's bigger than I thought it was.

**Grizzly**

You're going to hit Jay's cannon.

**Milo**

Okay, I'm gonna let Chip take care of the rook that's next to you guys. I'm gonna go for this section.

**Grizzly**

This section?

**Milo**

Yes.

**Grizzly**

Okay, what type of damage and what is the save?

**Milo**

2d10 bludgeoning and 4d6 cold.

**Grizzly**

The save?

**Milo**

Twenty dexterity save.

**Grizzly**

The rook to your right fails. A natural 20 from the knight.

**Milo**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

Natural 18 from the bishop and Natural 17 from the pawn. It's still gonna fail.

**Milo**

So that's gonna be halved.

**Grizzly**

So these two right here, this rook near you and this pawn right here, you don't have to roll damage. They have such low HP.

**Milo**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

They are just going to disappear.

**Milo**

They're just gonna pop.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Milo**

I am going to roll damage 'cause it's halved for—

**Grizzly**

Yeah, sure.

**Milo**

Fourteen bludgeoning damage halved to seven and twelve cold damage halved to six.

**Grizzly**

Ten damage total. They are still up.

**Milo**

And then I would like to take my bonus action to shoot another one—

**Grizzly**

Of your Star Wisps?

**Milo**

Yes.

**Grizzly**

All right. Which one?

**Milo**

Another one of my—

**Grizzly**

Which one are you going for?

**Milo**

I'm going to cut the horse's head off.

**Chip**

Yes!

**Milo**

I'm going to shoot.

**Grizzly**

Roll to hit.

**Milo**

That is a 19 to hit.

**Grizzly**

Nineteen hits.

**Milo**

Fucking god, I wish this was Odelath.

**Bizly**

Thirty-seven.

**Milo**

Yes, 37 damage. Goodbye.

**Charlie**

Thirty-seven, holy.

**Milo**

Yes.

**Grizzly**

The knight is gone. Right before your turn, Jay, once a few pieces are taken off the board, all of the frosted squares begin to glow.

**Charlie**

What?

**Condi**

Oh shit.

**Charlie**

Oh god.

**Grizzly**

It is your turn, Jay.

**Condi**

I wanted to keep this guy alive. I'm gonna, each of these is five feet, give or take, right?

**Grizzly**

Yeah, give or take.

**Charlie**

I wanna just see 20-foot circle again. Got a new thing, I wanna use it. Yeah, I won't hit anybody else besides those things.

**Grizzly**

Those three?

**Condi**

I just say—

**Jay**

Such a short life.

**Condi**

And it flies. [pewssssh]

**Grizzly**

Did you make something and kill it instantly? What is that?

**Charlie**

Does it self-destruct?

**Condi**

At level nine in Artificer, I got Detonate Eldritch Cannon.

**Grizzly**

Oh.

[laughter]

**Milo**

I'm glad I didn't blow that up.

**Condi**

So every creature within 20 feet of it—

**Milo**

Woah.

**Condi**

Takes, it has to roll a dex save or it takes 3d8 damage and hopefully it was enough to kill.

**Charlie**

These ancient pieces were not ready for modern warfare.

**Milo**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

All three fail.

**Condi**

All three fail?

**Grizzly**

Mm-hmm.

**Condi**

They take 20 damage.

**Grizzly**

Twenty damage.

**Condi**

I got a six, six and eight.

**Grizzly**

Twenty damage is what you need.

**Condi**

We fucking love to see it.

**Grizzly**

All those pieces, gone.

**Milo**

I love chess.

**Charlie**

Chess is so much easier than I remember.

**Milo**

It's so easy.

**Grizzly**

Next up, Chip.



**Bizly**

I'm gonna attack the king.

**Grizzly**

Oh yeah?

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

You move in an L to attack the king?

**Bizly**

Think about chess.

**Grizzly**

Okay. Yeah.

**Bizly**

Think about what the whole fucking point is of chess.

**Condi**

That's such a fair point.

**Bizly**

I move—

**Grizzly**

Yeah, of course man.

**Bizly**

In L shape.

**Grizzly**

Oh yeah.

**Bizly**

I wanna attack the king with everything I got.

**Grizzly**

Okay, yeah, go ahead, roll to hit.

**Bizly**

First one is, oh, the first one's an 11.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Bizly**

Okay, 19.

**Grizzly**

11 and will hit, and so will a 19.

**Bizly**

Oh cool.

**Charlie**

Good thing.

**Grizzly**

Go ahead, roll damage.

**Milo**

I guess they are chess pieces.

**Charlie**

I feel like we're getting so—

**Charlie**

Suspiciously easy to—

**Milo**

Well, what else are we supposed to do, man?

**Charlie**

I don't know.

**Bizly**

I do 17 piercing, I do 13 fire, and I do 39 sneaky for a total of, get this, 69 damage.

**Charlie**

Okay man. Okay.

**Grizzly**

All right, all right, all right.

**Bizly**

We have fun, we have fun, we have fun.

**Milo**

Blah!

**Condi**

Let's have fun around here, let's have fun.

**Bizly**

We have fun sometimes.

**Condi**

We like to have fun.

**Bizly**

Sue me, dude, sue me, we have some fun.

**Grizzly**

You strike at it twice. As you do, surges [zzzzz, zzzz, zzzz] of electrical energy charge up with every strike every point of damage—

**Charlie**

Oh no!

**Bizly**

No dude!

**Grizzly**

You...

**Bizly**

No dude! No!

**Milo**

You charged it!

**Condi**

You got baited.

**Charlie**

Oh no dude!

**Condi**

Dude I think you got baited.

**Bizly**

No! No!

**Condi**

Dude I think you got baited.

**Bizly**

No!

**Charlie**

Why did we play his game?!

**Condi**

Chip, I think you got baited.

**Bizly**

No!!!

**Condi**

He baited you.

**Grizzly**

You destroy the king piece and take 45 points of lightning damage.

**Milo**

Big dog.

**Condi**

Big dog.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

You didn't have to do all that.

**Grizzly**

You hear echoed,

**Odelath**

Ha ha ha, fool.

**Bizly**

My bad.

**Milo**

Asshole.

**Bizly**

Is it something like an uncanny dodge? [pause] No.

**Grizzly**

No, it isn't.

**Chip**

I really thought I was onto something with that.

**Jay**

No, I mean, that was a smart move, I think.

**Grizzly**

Next up, I believe, is Gillion.

**Charlie**

Do we win?

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

No.

**Charlie**

Shit.

**Grizzly**

The frosted squares still glow.

**Charlie**

Think Gillion, think!

**Condi**

Plus 2 intelligence.

**Charlie**

How does chess work?

**Milo**

Welcome to the base level, Gillion.

**Grizzly**

It's all riding on you, king.

**Charlie**

I know what I have to do. I'll attack the pawn.

**Grizzly**

Yeah, roll to hit, man.

**Charlie**

Wow, 20, dirty, stinky.

**Grizzly**

That hits.

**Charlie**

I kind of only have my hook, so I will hook the pawn. Ten damage.

**Grizzly**

For the pawn, I will say that is enough. Do you move?

**Charlie**

If it's chess rules, I'm just going to move to this space.

**Grizzly**

With that, that is the bottom of the round. This piece, half broken, tries to move this way and it just stumbles and falls apart. It hits nothing, there's nothing for it to strike. Each of you standing on frosted glass, Aurora, Chip, go ahead and make intelligence saving throws.

**Milo**

Uh, DM, that is a ten total.

**Grizzly**

Oh, ten.



**Bizly**

Twenty-five.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-five!

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

You're actually good for the next round only. It doesn't cancel the spell, but you will be vulnerable to cold.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Condi**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

You have gained a debuff that resolves all that at the end of the round.

**Charlie**

Vulnerable to cold, god.

**Grizzly**

With the spell and the debuff, straight, normal. Last round, Odelath didn't take like a full turn and attack. All of that sort of mind game or whatever show of power that took his entire turn.

**Condi**

Okay, gotcha.

**Grizzly**

However, we are at the top of the round. Eyes, red glint.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

Red glow outside. We roll again the d20.

**Charlie**

Let's see a fail.

**Condi**

One more fail.

**Bizly**

Fail, fail, fail.

**Grizzly**

What does destiny say today?

**Charlie**

Destiny says natural one.

**Grizzly**

You will notice these rules are similar to Prophetic Screw Up.

**Condi**

Oh, fuck you, right?

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

That's a two.

**Condi**

He fucking sucks at this.

**Charlie**

They are similar to Prophetic Screw Up.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Holy.

**Grizzly**

With 3 failures, Gillion.

**Charlie**

Yes?

**Grizzly**

You feel a life outside of this arena beckoning towards you. It tries to communicate. In your mind, you feel it wants to send you a message. It's blocked, but it's there at least.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Without failure, that's all you feel.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

It's fighting too. Now, Odelath.

**Charlie**

Guy, bro, this guy.

**Condi**

Piece of shit.

**Grizzly**

On the floor of the ice arena, two circles, some sort of spell circle appears. One here.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Milo**

What the fuck?

**Grizzly**

And one here. This red energy, it circles. You all see them appear. When they do, Odelath looks out.

**Odelath**

You mentioned the treasures of mana. How can you be sure they're even real? No one has found them. And even if you did, who's to say you're strong enough to wield them?

**Grizzly**

And it is now Aurora's turn.

**Aurora**

Who's to say you're strong enough to wield an artificial Leviathan?

**Milo**

He has to make a DC 15 dex save.

**Grizzly**

At the start of your turn, yeah?

**Milo**

Yes.

**Grizzly**

Yeah, okay. Wow, 22.

**Milo**

Yeah, he still does take half. It's gonna be halved again. So that's gonna be ten, halved to five, halved to three.

**Charlie**

Two. Two or three, I don't know.

**Jay**

Two or three, one of the two.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Milo**

Before I do anything else, Aurora's gonna look around, kind of flip her head back and forth between these two things. Can I figure out what this might be, where it's coming from, if it's coming from him, can I stop it?

**Grizzly**

Go ahead and roll arcana. Roll an arcana check.

**Milo**

Twenty-six.

**Grizzly**

You little smart-icle.

**Condi**

My goat.

**Milo**

I am very smart.

**Grizzly**

You have seen this shape written somewhere in some book in the library of your home, and you get the sense that it's almost like a ritual to weaken a wide area. It can be stopped. One person needs to physically go to the circle.

**Milo**

I had a feeling.

**Grizzly**

And stop the spell.

**Milo**

Okay, then I'm going to— I'm gonna fly, motherfucker. I'm gonna—

**Grizzly**

Yeah, you got 30 feet of fly.

**Milo**

I'm gonna use my 30 feet of fly and I'm going to approach the one that is right behind me.

**Grizzly**

You can make it there.

**Milo**

I can make it there?

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Milo**

All right, wonderful. Wheel!

**Grizzly**

This will be an action, another arcana check.

**Milo**

Huh, that's a 16.

**Grizzly**

The DC is 15 for these.

**Milo**

Oh, okay.

**Grizzly**

You pass and you must stay inside the circle.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Condi**

Mm.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Milo**

So Aurora stands in this circle. It's kind of like crackling red fire, not really fire, but like magical energies surrounding her.

**Aurora**

You guys just keep doing what you're doing. I'm just going to check this out.

**Milo**

And I think with my bonus action, I'm just going to take a pot shot at Odelath.

**Grizzly**

With starry wisp?

**Milo**

Yeah. So that is 27 to hit.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-seven will hit.

**Milo**

Eleven radiant damage.



**Grizzly**

That is your whole turn.

**Milo**

That is my entire turn.

**Grizzly**

Next up, legendary action.

**Condi**

Oh, fuck, right.

**Grizzly**

He will use two to cast a spell. I need all three of you.

**Condi**

Three, okay.

**Grizzly**

Dexterity saving throw.

**Charlie**

Dexterity, oh shit. Six.

**Grizzly**

Not gonna do it.

**Condi**

I got a 28.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-eight will pass, half damage.

**Bizly**

Twenty-four.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-four will pass, half damage.

**Bizly**

Okay, evasion, I take nothing.

**Condi**

Based.

**Milo**

Ha! I love it.

**Bizly**

I love it.

**Grizzly**

The book is shut for this. When it shuts, it drifts over to a sort of like chain holster on his side and he just out of the air writes a bolt of lightning and sends it flying towards Jay. It strikes her, chains into Gillion, all through the armor [bzzzzz] and then—

**Charlie**

Oh god, it's always lightning.

**Grizzly**

Arcs to, oh, this is familiar, you know it's familiar. And arcs over to Chip. That is a total of 58 lightning damage.

**Gillion**

This feeling. Every time it was you, wasn't it? Every time.

**Charlie**

I am going to use my reaction to absorb elements.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

I am so used to getting struck by lightning at this fucking point that I see it coming. Like, I knew before we even got here, I knew today we were going to fight him, I knew when we showed up here, I knew we were riding in on that bear, that somehow, somehow, I was getting struck by lightning today, and I was ready for it. I suck in that power, that electricity wraps around my hook. So I will take half.

**Grizzly**

Next up, Jay.

**Jay**

Gillion, do you want to head over to the other circle, or do we ignore it? What do you think?

**Gillion**

Hmm. Aurora, is the circle good or bad?

**Aurora**

I'm feeling bad. I'm getting a bad vibe.

**Gillion**

All right, so maybe don't touch it then.

**Jay**

Hmm, but, huh?

**Milo**

I'm taking care of this one.

**Condi**

I just don't feel like any of us are gonna make it there.

**Grizzly**

If you dash, you can.

**Condi**

I'm actually gonna use my bonus action to get my wings out so I can get up there easier.

**Grizzly**

Phew. [whoosh, whoosh]

**Condi**

I stand on top, It's an action to try to disarm?

**Grizzly**

So yes.

**Condi**

Okay, what's the DC, 15?

**Grizzly**

Fifteen.

**Jay**

I need to roll a seven.

**Grizzly**

If anyone's got it, it's you.

**Condi**

That's a 14.

**Grizzly**

Fourteen!

**Charlie**

Nice!

**Condi**

Eighteen.

**Grizzly**

Nice, nice. Both of you for this round, you are dealing with the magic of this sort of lair ritual of sorts.

**Jay**

Okay, I've got to lock down, just like hit him a lot, hit him a lot, really hard, really hard.

**Chip**

Leave it to me.

**Jay**

I believe in you. Gonna lockdown right now.

**Condi**

That's my turn.

**Grizzly**

Chip, I'm gonna say it's your go.

**Bizly**

Really?

[all the players] Ooo!

**Bizly**

No fudging way.

[laughter]

**Condi**

Kill him, end his life.

**Bizly**

All right, would you say it would take a dash to get here, DM, Dungeon Master?

**Grizzly**

I would.

**Bizly**

Okay, well, good thing I have a bonus action dash. I'm gonna dash all the way up.

**Grizzly**

Wait, are you flying?

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

All right.

**Bizly**

I fly.

**Grizzly**

It's a good thing, 'cause it's very slippery.

**Bizly**

Okay, I fly. I like kick off that rock and go torpedoing straight towards him.

**Grizzly**

Yeah, fuck yeah, dude.

**Bizly**

I'm gonna try and hit him.

**Grizzly**

Yeah, go ahead, roll to hit.

**Bizly**

I'm gonna hit him. It's a 22 to hit.

**Grizzly**

He sees you coming. He reaction shield, doesn't hit.

**Condi**

Fucker. He can't do that to us.

**Charlie**

Oh, so that's how it feels.

**Bizly**

Why???

**Grizzly**

As you hit the shield, it is spectral with this sort of like ice shimmer. Make a dex save.

**Milo**

Oh!

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Bizly**

Okay. Natural 20.

**Milo**

Ooh-hoo-hoo!

**Condi**

Ooh-hoo-hoo! Hoo!

**Bizly**

That's 29.

**Grizzly**

You would just take none for succeeding?

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

Even— okay, I won't even roll damage then. Anything else that's your bonus action?

**Bizly**



Um, I guess the face I've been making at his mini, I just make at him in real life.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

That will end my turn.

**Grizzly**

With the last two of his four legendary actions.

**Condi**

That's a lot of legendary actions.

**Grizzly**

He is going to cast Wall of Ice. 1, 2—

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Charlie**

No.

**Grizzly**

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

**Charlie**

It's so petty. It's so petty.

**Grizzly**

I'm gonna say—

**Charlie**

It's so petty, why would he do that? It's so petty.

**Condi**

Fish in a barrel, you're fish in a barrel.

**Grizzly**

A block of ice builds between you—[laughs]

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Grizzly**

Both of you make dex saves.

**Bizly**

Thirteen.

**Charlie**

Ten.

**Grizzly**

You guys take 31 points of cold damage. Next up, Gillion.

**Charlie**

He asks about the sacred treasures and I go,

**Gillion**

Take a look yourself.

**Charlie**

Oh, and then immediately there's a huge ice wall between us.

**Gillion**

Uh....

**Charlie**

I am going to try and take my hook. [mimes climbing]

**Condi**

Climb?

**Charlie**

I'm gonna try and climb over it.

**Grizzly**

I'll say that you can absolutely climb over it. It's about ten feet. Just low DC athletic check.

**Charlie**

Oh, 24.

**Grizzly**

It's gonna take half your movement.

**Charlie**

That's okay.

**Grizzly**

But you will go up and around.

**Charlie**

I wanna be on the top of the wall.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

I want to be on the top of the wall.

**Grizzly**

All right.

**Charlie**

Go to the top of the wall.

**Grizzly**

I got something important—

**Charlie**

We're on the top of the wall.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

Oh yeah, baby!

**Condi**

Oh yeah!

**Charlie**

Oh yeah. Oh yeah!

**Aurora**

Go the high road.

**Condi**

Here we go.

**Charlie**

I will run along the wall.

**Grizzly**

Yes.

**Charlie**

Towards where Odelath at the top, looking down on Odelath.

**Grizzly**

Do you know, do you know the meme where Willem Dafoe is like looking out like—

**Milo**

Yes.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

That's what you see below you.

**Gillion**

You talked about my sister, Odelath? Let me introduce you to a little something she made.

**Charlie**

I'm gonna pull out the collar.

**Grizzly**

Ooh.

**Charlie**

And I'm going to—

**Grizzly**

Ooh!

**Charlie**

And I'm going to jump off of this thing and like I'm dunking through a basketball hoop, I'm going to dunk the collar onto his head.

**Grizzly**

All right, roll ahead with your unarmed strike. Just so people know, the moss collar of muting, you must hit his AC. You have to hit his AC as an unarmed strike that will lock it onto the neck, and then it has to be powered with a high DC Arcana check.

**Gillion**

Buckets!

**Charlie**

That's a 28.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-eight will beat his AC of 23.

**Bizly**

Oh, what did you roll?

**Milo**

Yes!

**Charlie**

Eighteen plus ten.

**Bizly**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

Woo!

**Charlie**

Yes, sir.

**Grizzly**

Describe it. How are you?

**Charlie**

Okay, I don't realize there's a latch on it, and so I just take it, and I think what I have to do is just hit it on his head hard enough that it squeezes around his entire head. So I jump from like 15 feet up, and I do a somersault in the air, and like reverse basketball, I dunk the ball into the hoop, and I go, pshh!

**Grizzly**

Oh my god.

**Gillion**

And there's like a shockwave as his feet crush into the ice and the collar just like smashes down and squeezes around.

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Bizly**

You know that hurt his ears.

**Condi**

That really hurt.

**Charlie**

And now, oh yeah, no, it did like pushed them down and everything.

[Condi and Milo] Ewww.

**Charlie**

And it is now wrapped around his neck. What is his reaction to that?

**Grizzly**

You slam it down, it locks into place around his throat. He immediately kind of drops to a knee and grabs to it, his head hair falling down.

**Odelath**

[laughing manically] You think I'm that insane? You want to collar me like a wild animal? Do you know what happens when you back a wild animal into a corner?

**Gillion**

So that's what you are? Show me then.

**Grizzly**

That's what he does.

**Charlie**

I can't really do much else with a bonus action. I don't have a lot to, mm, whatever. So I'm just gonna be right there. I will just end by him, my hand still on that collar and like anger in my eyes.

**Grizzly**



This development truly has put a look of if he was fighting before just to test, just to see if you can back your resolve up with raw power, it is now truly fighting to survive. I think with that, he's going to take his turn now. He straightens up, tries to crack his neck. It stops by the thickness of the mute moss collar.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

And then he looks you in your eyes, bloodshot, wide. Something is terribly wrong with him of his own making. He looks at you.

**Odelath**

You're different. Something's changed. You think you're better than me.

**Grizzly**

And he grabs your head and with an action, he will cast Modify Memory.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck.

**Condi**

What?

**Milo**

No.

**Bizly**

No, no, no, no, no.

**Milo**

No, no, no, no, no.

**Charlie**

DM? DM?

**Bizly**

Wait, wait, wait, wait.

**Charlie**

It was just my turn.

**Milo**

Dude, I knew this was gonna happen.

**Charlie**

I have a reaction. I'm gonna go for a Counterspell.

**Grizzly**

Just so you know, this is a saving throw with advantage 'cause you're in combat.

**Charlie**

Oh, it would be with advantage anyway?

**Grizzly**

Yep.

**Charlie**

Oh, I don't even know if it's like worth the risk.

**Bizly**

It's worth the risk, I think.

**Condi**

Dude.

**Bizly**

Modify Memory?

**Condi**

Modify Memory's crazy.

**Charlie**

No, I mean worth the risk to like not Counterspell it.

**Condi**

Oh yeah, yeah.

**Bizly**

No, nah, not.

**Grizzly**

This is a 6th level, so it'd be a DC 16.

**Charlie**

He can take whatever he wants from me, he can't take my character development.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

He's straight up gonna take your character development.

**Charlie**

I am going to cast Counterspell with my 6th-level spell slot.

**Grizzly**

Please describe how you Counterspell this.

**Odelath**

Ah!

**Charlie**

He goes to grab my head and I grab Destiny's Blade, the shattered bit, and I want to whip it up and like, for flavor.

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Would you like let me cut off a couple of his fingers?

**Grizzly**

Absolutely.

**Charlie**

Yeah, I whip it up in this like arc of just kind of this whirlwind speed assisted by this magic, and I cut off a couple of his fingers and push him away.

**Gillion**

I'm not that boy anymore. I'm not your toy anymore. You don't get to play with me. I'm done learning from you and now it's time for me to teach you something. The only thing you ever taught me, failure.

**Odelath**

[ching] Ah!

**Grizzly**

Turns around. Looks around, this echoes in his brain. Bonus action, he [psh] teleports. This follows him. Go ahead and make a dexterity saving throw.

[laughter]

**Condi**

Dude, you can't, you can't.

**Charlie**

I'm not allowed to have aura for...

**Bizly**

No.

**Condi**

No.

**Grizzly**

That was so cool.

**Charlie**

It was. DM, I rolled a natural one.

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Which actually tracks incredibly hard.

**Grizzly**

This time when he teleports, instead of it being this swirl of cold, it is just pure magical electricity.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

You take seven points, not that much, rolled really low. Seven points of lightning damage.

**Charlie**

Got it.

**Grizzly**

It does some damage to like the walls but doesn't destroy them.

**Charlie**

Okay, got it.

**Grizzly**

We move to the top of the round. He holds severed fingers as blood stains the— it is basically like the holy robes of the Elders, still red glint. He will roll a four as these circles disappear You guys managed to negate the effects of the lair.

**Milo**

Let's go.

**Grizzly**

The roll for Pelagus.

**Condi**

Fuck.

**Grizzly**

Natural one.

[all the players] Woo!

**Grizzly**

It is two failures. This guy—

**Milo**

[yells nonsense words]

**Grizzly**

With one more failure and Pelagus continuing to fight, things might change. Top of the round, you guys would see forming by ice, like ice sculptures, little guys.

**Charlie**

Oh boy.

**Grizzly**

Top of the round, Aurora, what would you like to do?

**Milo**

I kinda whip my head around, I see all of these ice sculptures form.

**Grizzly**

Ice sculptures filled with not just ice, frozen water, but magic bubbling almost like water bursting out of the seams of the cracks of these sculptures.

**Milo**

As I whip my head around, I see the closest one near me, there's one that kinda rests directly in front of Gillion. I'm just going to bonus action, send another one of those wisps of pollen. That is going to be a 28 to hit.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-eight will hit.

**Milo**

That's going to be 19 damage, 19 radiant damage.

**Grizzly**

It has one fucking hit point.

[laughter]

**Milo**

Oh, well, someone else will get it, I guess.

**Grizzly**

Or they won't.

**Milo**

You see, as Aurora rises from this, this arcane sigil on the ground, it fades away, the magic still kind of rests in her hands. She sees from all the way across this ice arena that he's got this collar now on his neck. The arcana still kind of bubbles in her hands. I'm gonna save my action to next time I get a chance to get my hands on him, activate this collar.

**Grizzly**

You wanna hold an action to activate the collar?

**Milo**

Yes, and that's my turn.

**Grizzly**

Legendary action, Gillion.

**Charlie**

Yes?

**Grizzly**

Twenty-eight to hit?

**Charlie**

Yeah, 28 will absolutely hit.



**Grizzly**

Twenty-two points of lightning damage.

**Charlie**

So I just get struck by lightning?

**Grizzly**

Boom!

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

Next up is Jay.

**Condi**

I'm gonna shoot this one, which would be around where Gillion wants to move, I'm pretty sure.

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Condi**

And I wanna shoot him, so one on each. First shot will go at the add though.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Gillion**

Twenty-one to hit.

**Grizzly**

Yes, that hits.

**Condi**

Okay, I'm gonna roll Odelath's as well here. That's gonna be a 23 to hit.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-three hits.

**Condi**

Cool, cool, first attack is gonna be 21 damage on this boy.

**Grizzly**

That one—

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

It melts onto the floor.

**Charlie**

Blah.

**Condi**

And use my bonus action on the second strike and I'm going to cast Ensnaring Strike on him so he maybe has more trouble moving away from Aurora when she gets there, who knows?

**Charlie**

Ah.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

So he'll have to do a strength save, DC 15. Twenty-nine.

**Grizzly**

Strength save is a ten.

**Condi**

Oh, he fails. Yeah, he's restrained right now until I lose concentration and he takes 29 damage.

**Grizzly**

When you shoot Odelath, how does it look? Is it like vines that sprout up and—

**Condi**

Yeah, I actually explicitly aim for his shin area and it shoots through, pierces through his calf and goes into the ground and vines start sprawling up his leg.

**Grizzly**

You see that when you pierce through Odelath's leg, his skin, you notice being so observant, it is like hardened ice. One of his spells he casted. He holds the concentration on the wall of ice.

**Condi**

Damn.

**Grizzly**

I think he's only taken one legendary action so far.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

He will take another. Twenty-five to hit, Jay?

**Condi**

Yeah, that does hit.

**Grizzly**

Twenty-two points of lightning damage.

**Condi**

Ouch. Ooh, yeah.

**Grizzly**

That is the legendary action. Chip, it's your go.

**Bizly**

Chibo time!

**Milo**

Chibo!

**Grizzly**

Chibo time!

**Bizly**

So what we are gonna do is a little fancy footwork action. I am going to strike the one inside of the icebox with me. Gonna go for a little hit on him. That is a 29, wait, 23.

**Grizzly**

Tie— yeah, you're good, you're good.

**Bizly**

I hit him. That is gonna do, I'm not gonna go sneaky town on him.

**Grizzly**

Fair.

**Condi**

That is gonna be nine slashing and eight fire.

**Grizzly**

Oh, eight fire, hold on. This dude, gone.

**Bizly**

Goodbye.

**Condi**

Bye-bye.

**Bizly**

Because I can fly, I kick up off the ground and slash at him, do a little backflip.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Nice.

**Bizly**

I wanna move back here.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Bizly**

Would I be able to strike this one as well?

**Grizzly**

Yeah, of course.

**Bizly**

All right, I'm gonna go to strike this one.

**Milo**

You don't have to do much.

**Bizly**

That is 19.

**Grizzly**

Nineteen hits.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

I don't think you're gonna do less than one damage.

**Milo**

Literally, punch him.

**Grizzly**

This guy dies!

**Bizly**

Three fire, and I will pass my turn.

**Milo**

The heart wants what it wants.

**Grizzly**

After your turn Chip, legendary action.

**Milo**

[gulps]

**Grizzly**

Yeah, 30 Aurora to hit.

**Condi**

Ooh.

**Milo**

Yeah!

**Grizzly**

Thirty-one points of lightning damage.

**Milo**

Okay, ouch.

**Charlie**

How's Aurora looking?

**Milo**

Aurora's lookin' righto.

**Charlie**

Okay cool.

**Charlie**

Okay nevermind whatever I'm not worried.

**Milo**

You said 31.

**Grizzly**

That is legendary action, next up Gillion.

**Bizly**

Here it is.

**Charlie**

Yes!

**Bizly**

Here it is, here it is.

**Charlie**

Yeah!

**Condi**

Come on, come on.

**Bizly**

Yeah!

**Charlie**

Gillion is going to run awesome style, slow motion, Baywatch, over here.

**Bizly**

Oh no wait.

**Charlie**



Do, do, do, do, do, right to there. Gonna take a look at Odelath. I'm going to take a look at Aurora, and I'm going to look at Odelath. Can I do a history check?

**Grizzly**

For what?

**Charlie**

His star sign.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

I'm worried about something.

**Charlie**

It's okay, I rolled a 15.

**Grizzly**

It is the sign, the constellation that matches the CRA'BCR'AB'CR'ABCR'CRAB.

**Condi**

CRA'BCR'AB'CR'ABCR'CRAB.

**Charlie**

He's a fucking Cancer, what a surprise. I'm going to—

**Milo**

I already knew.

**Charlie**

Reach out one hand towards Aurora, reach out one hand towards Odelath, and I'm going to cast Vortex Warp on Aurora and bring her right to Odelath.

**Grizzly**

Distance.

**Charlie**

It is a 90-foot range spell, which means I can pick someone 90 feet in one direction, grab someone else.

**Grizzly**

All right, that's 60.

**Charlie**

Ha ha ha!

**Gillion**

Horoscope forecast.

**Grizzly**

Hand me Aurora.

**Gillion**

Rain.

**Charlie**

And then a woman falls on him.

**Milo**

Ah!

**Grizzly**

[pshhh] We're transporting magically through the air.

**Charlie**

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes!

**Grizzly**

Actually.

**Condi**

Surely, surely, surely.

**Grizzly**

Take her back.

**Charlie**

No.

**Condi**

What?

**Milo**

Okay?

**Condi**

No.

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

I knew, no, I knew this would happen eventually.

**Milo**

No!

**Grizzly**

Counterspell.

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

That's what I was worried about.

**Grizzly**

He sees you, you're about to transport her. Now he, at that time, puts pieces together what the strategy is.

**Charlie**

I think that's it, I don't think I can do anything else. I guess I can try and get a little closer to him. I don't know how big 30 feet is...

**Grizzly**

Do you wanna get a little closer to him?

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

All right.

**Charlie**

I can't do anything else.

**Grizzly**

You get a little closer. Okay.

**Charlie**

That's it.

**Grizzly**

Next up, Odelath. On his turn, in a burst of electricity, he appears here.

**Milo**

Mm.

**Odelath**

I don't know what you're planning, but I know they can't do it without you.

**Grizzly**

He's gonna drop concentration on the wall of ice.

**Charlie**

Oh god, what does that mean?

**Grizzly**

Aurora, charisma saving throw, DC 19.

**Milo**

He said DC 19, so I have to roll 18.

**Charlie**

You have to roll an 18.

**Grizzly**

Oh, your charisma save is not high.

**Charlie**

Is this a spell?

**Grizzly**

Yes.

**Charlie**

Is he within 60 feet of me?

**Grizzly**

Oh.

**Charlie**

When he does this?

**Grizzly**

Yeah, he is.

**Charlie**

He is?

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

Yeah, roll.

**Charlie**

And this charisma save thing is a spell, right?

**Grizzly**

This is 5th level. I'm gonna say because it's upcast, Chip, you make charisma save as well.

**Charlie**

Fuck!

**Bizly**

The fuck I do?

**Charlie**

I have to try, I have to try.

**Condi**

You have to try.

**Charlie**

I have to try, yeah. I'm going to like reach out towards him and try and counterspell this.

**Grizzly**

All right, DC 15.

**Charlie**

I—

**Milo**

It's my reaction.

**Charlie**

Reach out with my hand and that is a 19 to counterspell it.

**Grizzly**

You, with beating the DC, you successfully counterspell, upcast at 5th level, banishment.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck.

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Bizly**

Oh!

**Milo**

We were about to go to the box.

**Charlie**

Holy!

**Milo**

He was going to put us in the box.

**Bizly**

I hate the box!

**Charlie**

Holy! I grab Destiny's blade hilt again. I cut through the air in front of me, and it appears that nothing happens until the spell that was forming in his hands, like, segments into two and, like, slides apart.

**Gillion**

You're done banishing.



[all the players] Ooh. Ooh!

**Milo**

Get his ass!

**Charlie**

Put me in an arena and let me do one-liners and you will lose.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Gonna be real.

**Grizzly**

Top of the round, eyes red.

**Charlie**

Oh god.

**Condi**

Here we go again.

**Grizzly**

Red glow.

**Charlie**

Oh no.

**Milo**

It's all right, one more fail and it resets.

**Charlie**

You don't want this.

**Grizzly**

That's a pass.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck.

**Grizzly**

That's a success.

**Charlie**

He wants it.

**Grizzly**

At the bottom of the last round, almost forgot to mention, this little guy moved up and exploded.

**Milo**

Oh.

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Condi**

Oh, so the oh.

**Grizzly**

The DC on these is 25.

**Condi**

Ooh.

**Grizzly**

Constitution save.

**Condi**

Fuck.

**Grizzly**

What did you get on your save?

**Condi**

I got a 20.

**Grizzly**

Fifty-five cold damage.

**Condi**

Fifty-five?

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

Good thing I'm resistant.

**Grizzly**

It's a good thing you guys killed the rest of them.

**Condi**

Yeah, that ouchie.

**Charlie**

Shit.

**Condi**

Fifty-five halves to 20, are we rounding up or down? 22 or 23?

**Milo**

I think we always—

**Grizzly**

It's always up, always up.

**Condi**

70 HP left.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Milo**

That's not too bad.

**Grizzly**

The lair action for this one, two things.

**Condi**

Mm-hmm.

**Grizzly**

A, straight down the middle.

**Condi**

Oh god, that's bad.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Milo**

Oh, hey there, little guy.

**Grizzly**

An ice leviathan up ahead appears on the opposite side of Aurora. Under your feet, Aurora.

**Milo**

What?

**Grizzly**

That red arcane circle appears.

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Grizzly**

This time it tracks your movement.

**Milo**

What?

**Condi**

So like, if it moves with you—

**Charlie**

But is that good?

**Grizzly**

In the second circle appears—

**Condi**

No, it might be bad in this case.

**Grizzly**

In the middle.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

It's your turn. What do you want to do?

**Charlie**

Oh, dude, it's not a lot of pressure. It's just a really big decision.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Milo**

Is it going to be the whole map? DM, can I roll Arcana to check what this will do?

**Grizzly**

Sure.

**Milo**

Okay, that is a 22.

**Grizzly**

You can tell that this is a mix of magical effects. Their outcome may be different. You can get the sense that you need to take the circle under you to the circle in the middle for sure.

**Milo**

Right.

**Grizzly**

To save Lair.

**Milo**

Yeah. Okay. And he's already cast it. So if I mute him, it's probably still going to go off.

**Grizzly**

Yeah. This is, this is more so the lair.

**Milo**

Okay. I'm going to go for Odelath.

**Condi**

Yes.

**Bizly**

Ooo!

**Condi**

Yes! I saved my reaction for this.

**Milo**

I'm going to jump into the air, fly down on top of Odelath. [whoosh, psh] And I'm going to—

[laughter]

**Charlie**

You're gonna do a Superhero landing? [psssh]

**Bizly**

I love playing toys.

**Milo**

The ice cracks under me. You see this giant puff of orange pollen fly out of the top of my head as I land into the ice. And I'm just going to grab Odelath by the neck.

**Charlie**

Holy.

**Milo**

And I'm going to attempt to seal.

**Charlie**

Yes.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Condi**

Yes.

**Charlie**

Yes!

**Bizly**

Yes!

**Milo**



I know exactly what I'm gonna say and I don't know if I'm gonna regret saying it.

**Charlie**

No, the trick is you just do it anyway.

**Milo**

All right.

**Grizzly**

Go ahead and make your arcana check to activate the collar.

**Condi**

I can't flash of genius, see, you're too far, so.

**Milo**

It's all right.

**Condi**

What is it?

**Bizly**

[groans]

**Milo**

Okay, nope.

**Bizly**

I'm gonna throw up.

**Condi**

What is it?

**Milo**

Wait, shut up, shut up, shut up.

**Bizly**

Oh, I'm gonna throw up.

**Charlie**

Oh, it's gonna be bad. It's gonna be bad.

**Bizly**

I'm gonna throw up.

**Charlie**

It's gonna be bad.

**Condi**

What is it?

**Milo**

DM, that is a natural four.

**Condi**

Ooof!

**Grizzly**

Eighteen?

**Milo**

That brings it up to 18. I can't even wheel it to bring it up to the DC. I fail.

**Grizzly**

All right.

**Charlie**

Oh no.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

Oh no.

**Bizly**

No!

**Milo**

When I— before I finish my turn, holding him by the neck, I'm just going to shoot another mote of this pollen at him. [rolls dice]

**Bizly**

Jesus Christ.

**Condi**

No!

**Charlie**

What's that? What is that?

**Milo**

It's a 13 to hit. It's a natural two.

**Bizly**

DM, is there any way I can plead with you and say that Aurora made some really decisive actions just there. And frankly, I watched it and I was pretty inspired.

**Condi**

I was pretty inspired heroically even.

**Bizly**

It was a heroic thing.

**Charlie**

Because she did a thing.

**Milo**

Because I made a decision?

**Bizly**

'Cause she made a decision and normally she doesn't make decisions. That's character growth.

**Condi**

You also made a risky, risky decision.

**Grizzly**

No. What was it to hit on the starry mote?

**Milo**

Thirteen.

**Grizzly**

Thirteen's not gonna do it.

**Milo**

Yeah, I know.

**Charlie**

But you did have a cool thing you wanted to say, right?

**Bizly**

Say it.

**Milo**

It's not gonna work.

**Bizly**

You gotta say it.

**Charlie**

You should say it.

**Bizly**

You gotta say it right now.

**Charlie**

You gotta say it even when it's cool. That way the cool things are even cooler.

**Milo**

It actually, it actually, I can't.

**Charlie**

No, you can.

**Bizly**

I think you should say it.

**Milo**

I was gonna say down boy.

**Charlie**

That is crazy.

**Condi**

That's insane.

**Milo**

I know! He's wearing a collar, it's like—

**Charlie**

Why would you say down boy?

**Bizly**

What the hell?

**Charlie**

Why would you do that?

**Milo**

Why did you tell me to say it?

**Condi**

That would've been crazy.

**Bizly**

I don't know, 'cause I thought you had something real to say.

**Charlie**

That's crazy.

**Milo**

It would've been cooler if I—

**Condi**

That would've been really cool if it succeeded.

**Charlie**

What did you mean?

**Milo**

If I succeeded.

**Charlie**

The entire arena goes quiet.

**Condi**

Yeah, now it's just awkward.

**Bizly**

Down boy.

**Milo**

I did not say that.

**Charlie**

Aurora, what?

**Milo**

I didn't say it. I didn't say it.

**Charlie**

Aurora, why would you say that?

**Condi**

Why would you say that?

**Milo**

I didn't say that. I didn't.

**Charlie**

Odelath summons 100 ice sculptures and they all turn to look at you.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

No, but on the real.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

We're so fucked.

**Milo**

DM.

[all the other players] DM.

**Milo**

Blow my head smooth off.

**Bizly**

Smooth.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**



At the end of your turn, he takes—

**Milo**

That I do nothing.

**Grizzly**

A legendary action.

**Condi**

Of course.

**Grizzly**

He looks at you.

**Odelath**

You're out of your element.

**Condi**

Uh-oh.

**Milo**

Actually, I'm kind of partially made of it.

**Grizzly**

He disappears.

**Charlie**

No, fuck, man, that was a—ah, shit!

**Bizly**

No, dude!

**Grizzly**

He goes right in front of the mouth of the Leviathan.

**Charlie**

That's so far away.

**Bizly**

Stop running away from me!

**Milo**

I made the wrong choice.

**Bizly**

Get back here! I can't do anything, I can't hit him!

**Grizzly**

Since he is close enough, just make a dexterity saving throw.

**Charlie**

Sure.

**Grizzly**

Lightning bursts as he disappears, same for you, Aurora.

**Gillion**

Nine.

**Milo**

Five.

**Grizzly**

You take 11 points of lightning damage.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Gillion**

Stop that! Stop it!

**Grizzly**

Next up is Jay. I'll let you roll arcana.

**Condi**

Okay, what's a 12 gonna get me?

**Grizzly**

It's worth a shot.

**Condi**

It's worth a shot. I'm gonna cast Vortex Warp on you, get you on there.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Both circles overlapping. They seem to, at first, they move in a way that isn't in sync, and then as Aurora enters, they start to move in sync. You would gather that that has disabled it.

**Milo**

Oh my god, Jay, my fucking goat. Thank you.

**Bizly**

MVP.

**Grizzly**

You all still, however, are in heavy line of fire.

**Milo**

Yeah, I actually think that put me in the line of fire.

**Condi**

Yeah, it does in fact put you in the line of fire. I'm sorry about that.

**Milo**

No, it's all right. Honestly, the ends justify the means.

**Condi**

They sure do.

**Charlie**

Don't say that to him.

**Milo**

I know.

**Charlie**

I was scared he was gonna Counterspell that.

**Condi**

Okay, I'm gonna move, I can't reach it right now, from there to the little ice block down there, 'cause I think that is within 30 feet of Odelath.

**Grizzly**

Sure.

**Condi**

I don't think that matters right now, and for my bonus action, I'm gonna cast Zephyr Strike. That's my turn.

**Grizzly**

How is Odelath looking?

**Condi**

Probably good, we really haven't hurt him that much.

**Grizzly**

He is a wizard, resisting a lot of damage. He's not quite desperate in terms of life, like death. But he is still squishy and has visible cuts and blood. He's missing fingers.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Condi**

Yeah. Okay.

**Grizzly**

Chip, I'm gonna let you take your turn.

**Bizly**

Okay, cool. Here's what I'm going to do. Can you tell me right now, is this less than 60 feet between me and him?

**Grizzly**

It's definitely not less.

**Bizly**

Okay, but it would be exactly 60 feet then?

**Grizzly**

Probably about, yeah.

**Bizly**

Okay, so I couldn't like, if I got over to him, move a little bit out of the way of that thing.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Dude, there's no way.

**Bizly**

That's all I wanna do.

**Grizzly**

If you wanna attack Odelath, you will be in this line of fire.

**Bizly**

I'm doing it. Fuck that guy.

**Charlie**

I respect it.

**Grizzly**

All right.

**Bizly**

All right, bonus action dash, I will run up to Odelath and I will take a swipe at him with my sword.  
If you shield, I'm biting you in real life.

[laughter]

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Charlie**

No, how bad, how bad?

**Bizly**

I rolled a three.

**Condi**

No!

**Charlie**

Oh!

**Bizly**

Twelve.

**Milo**

Ah!

**Charlie**

Ahhh!

**Condi**

Ah!

**Bizly**

It's so over.

[laughter]

**Condi**

Oh no.

**Charlie**

It's over laugh, bro.

**Milo**

It's Oder-laugh.

**Charlie**

It's Oder-laugh.

**Bizly**

It's so Oder-laugh.

**Grizzly**

What did you roll to hit?

**Bizly**

Twelve.

**Grizzly**

He doesn't even need the shield.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

As you come down to strike—

**Charlie**

Jesus.



**Grizzly**

He with hardened skin, deflects.

**Bizly**

Mm-hmm.

**Condi**

Fucker.

**Odelath**

Try harder.

**Grizzly**

Anything else you have on your turn?

**Bizly**

Nope.

**Grizzly**

With two legendary actions.

**Condi**

Oh god.

**Charlie**

Jesus, fuck.

**Condi**

Oh, fuck.

**Grizzly**

He casts Lightning Bolt.

**Condi**

Oh fuck.

**Bizly**

Nope. Nope. No, he doesn't. No he doesn't have move.

**Milo**

Guys, I've gotten struck by so much lightning today.

**Charlie**

Welcome to my life.

**Grizzly**

That is a dexterity saving throw.

**Milo**

What is going on??

**Bizly**

Oh no, it's not cocked. It looks cocked.

**Condi**

It's not. What is it?

**Charlie**

How bad?

**Bizly**

Eleven.

**Condi**

Oh no.

**Charlie**

Chip!

**Condi**

Chip?

**Condi**

I rolled a two!

**Condi**

Chip!

**Bizly**

Okay, it's kind of cocked onto a natural 20.

**Milo**

I rolled a—

**Bizly**

But it's not really.

**Milo**

I rolled a natural three, that is a four.

**Grizzly**

Eighteen points of lightning damage.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Bizly**

Eighteen? I take nine.

**Charlie**

Oh no, I like this fight again.

**Charlie**

Maybe it's not so over.

**Condi**

Dude, you're standing in the line of a giant ice dragon. I don't know what to tell you.

[laughter]

**Milo**

Buddy, hey, hey, Chip, hey, we'll go out together.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Milo**

All right.

**Bizly**

Okay, lock in.

**Milo**

Lock in.

**Grizzly**

Next up, Gillion.

**Condi**

And he has a turn before, oh my god.

**Grizzly**

He goes at the end of the round.

**Bizly**

[hums funeral march]

**Charlie**

Hear me out.

**Condi**

Yes.

**Charlie**

If only there were a chance to get a guaranteed 20 on a roll.

**Grizzly**

Mmmh.

**Charlie**

Oh wait.

[pause]

**Bizly**

You're not thinking.

**Condi**

You're not thinking.

**Charlie**

You're not thinking the thing that never works ever.

**Condi**

The thing that never has worked.

[laughter]

**Condi**

Never, ever once, never actually worked ever. And the thing that if you—

**Charlie**

I look at Odelath.

**Bizly**

Charlie, you're not thinking the thing that has never once been good for us right?

**Charlie**

And I say,

**Gillion**

Odelath, it didn't have to be this way. But since it is, this is my destiny!

**Charlie**

I'm going to use Prophetic Screw Up. I'm going to run at him. I'm going to grab the collar and I want to use it on this arcana check.

**Grizzly**

Please roll it on the battle map.

**Charlie**

One through ten is a natural one. Eleven through twenty is a natural twenty.

**Bizly**

Is there something bad that would happen on a natural one?

**Condi**

Is there a table?

**Charlie**

I'm worried the collar will break.

**Bizly**

Oh fuck!

**Milo**

Oh!

**Charlie**

But at this point—

**Milo**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

Yeah. No, we have nothing.

**Charlie**

I'm actually gonna throw up, dude.

**Bizly**

No, I know dude.

**Condi**

I'm there, I'm there.

**Milo**

I feel sick. I feel really, really sick.

**Grizzly**

After everything, I think you deserve inspiration.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

I'll also say, let me pull up the screw-up table in case you still fail.

**Bizly**

That's fair.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

No, that's fair.

**Charlie**

I have nothing even that you can take from me.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

I'll find something.

**Bizly**



We have things to lose, man. Don't do this right now.

**Milo**

You've got eyebrows to lose.

**Charlie**

I'm gonna throw up.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Okay, one through ten is a fail. Eleven through twenty means I succeed. [rolls dice]

**Condi**

What is it?

**Grizzly**

No way!

**Condi**

You have inspiration, you have inspiration.

**Charlie**

[head in hands] It's a ten.

**Condi**

You have inspiration.

**Milo**

You have inspiration.

**Bizly**

You have inspiration.

**Condi**

One more roll.

**Charlie**

Yeah, I'll use that inspiration you have generously given me.

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Condi**

A lot of character development.

**Chip**

I actually feel like I'm gonna vomit.

**Bizly**

Here dude, [holds out hands] energy.

[all the players] Energy, energy, energy, energy.

**Charlie**

Dear god.

[all the players] Energy, energy, energy.

**Charlie**

I don't know what terrible curse you put on me for my entire life.

[all the players] Energy, energy, energy.

**Gillion**

But for this one moment, for this one moment, I just need to roll—

**Condi**

Please god!

**Gillion**

Okay!

**Bizly**

Please, please!

**Charlie**

Just okay. I'm not gonna look.

**Condi**

Oh!

**Grizzly**

It's a botch! It's a 14!

**Charlie**

It's a 14?

**Milo**

Yeah!

**Grizzly**

It's a 14!

**Condi**

Ahh!

**Grizzly**

Oh my god! That is a critical success putting you at a 20 underneath a DC of 27.

**Charlie**

We're not even outta the woods.

**Condi**

We're not even outta the woods.

**Charlie**

We can still fail!

**Milo**

You!

**Bizly**

Oh shit! Oh shit! Oh shit! I thought that was gonna be a win-win.

**Milo**

Charlie, it is written in the stars.

**Charlie**

How much do I get plus from Flash of Genius?

**Condi**

Four.

**Charlie**

So I'm at a 24?

**Grizzly**

You need to roll a 3 or higher. It's another 50/50.

[all the players freak out]

**Condi**

Oh god, dude.

**Charlie**

Dude, I'm not lucky enough for this.

**Milo**

Charlie? Gillion.

**Bizly**

Gillion.

**Milo**

Gillion.

**Condi**

Gillion.

**Milo**

Fate and destiny are very different things.

**Charlie**

What do I need right now?

**Milo**

But I believe in both.

**Bizly**

Three. Three.

**Condi**

A three.

**Charlie**

Uh, Google, how do I genuinely rig a dice roll?

**Milo**

I'm gonna pee myself.

**Condi**

Come on.

[all the players] No!

**Charlie**

It's a one. I'm cursed.

**Condi**

It's never been more over.

**Charlie**

I'm cursed.

**Milo**

I actually screamed like there was a murder.

**Charlie**

I don't even know how to do now.

**Milo**

I'm sweating.

**Condi**

Do I have anything? I don't. Here's my thing.

**Milo**

Guidance? No.

**Condi**

No, you already used it.

**Charlie**

I can technically, as a bonus action—

**Bizly**

Bro.

**Charlie**

Quicken spell Guidance on myself.

**Condi**

Brother.

**Condi**

Would you allow that?

**Grizzly**

[resting his head on the DM screen] Don't you have favored by the gods as well?

**Charlie**

Wait. Oh, I forgot about that.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

What? Oh, oh, I do, I do. What are we, what's our current number?

**Condi**

We're at 25. We need 27.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

Guys, what the hell? What the hell?

**Condi**

You just need anything over a one. Anything over a one. Gillion, Gillion.

**Charlie**

Ah!

[everyone] Okay, okay, okay.

[laughter]

**Condi**

What do you mean?



**Grizzly**

I'm gonna fucking pee myself!

**Condi**

What do you mean, Charlie?!

**Grizzly**

I will absolutely— Absolutely...

[laughter]

**Milo**

He rolled a one!

**Charlie**

Wait, wait, whoa.

**Grizzly**

Shit, I'm sorry!

**Charlie**

I haven't been entirely honest with you. I haven't been entirely honest with you.

**Condi**

Uh huh.

**Charlie**

Favored by the gods is 2d4.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Milo**

[relieved sigh]

**Charlie**

So I do get to roll another one.

**Grizzly**

Here, do you want another Gillion d4?

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

Dude, I want us to win. I don't feel like you should get this.

**Grizzly**

What do you mean? This is all mechanically sound.

**Condi**

No, no, no, I'm taking back my flash of genius.

[laughter]

**Milo**

I already gave him one.

**Charlie**

I have to use the sorcery points to quicken spell. All right, all right, so...

**Condi**

Jesus.

**Charlie**

No, bro don't.

**Milo**

So Gillion, unless you roll a zero.

**Charlie**

One or higher.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

It's a two.

**Condi**

Yay!

**Bizly**

Bro.

**Grizzly**

Okay.

**Charlie**

[laughing] I don't feel like I deserve this.

**Bizly**

I feel like you should lose.

**Milo**

I feel like this should be a TPK.

**Condi**

It's just like there's no rules.

**Charlie**

I truly had every possible grace afforded to me.

**Milo**

Wow.

**Charlie**

And I somehow failed all of that.

**Milo**

You got inspiration.

**Grizzly**

It is a magic item put together by a moss cult and fastened and sort of by Edyn, who is not a wizard nor scholar nor sorceress nor anything of the sort. To power it would take a miracle or someone powerful enough that's gonna meet the DC to power the collar.

**Charlie**

Why did it sound like there was a comma?

**Grizzly**

That's your turn. Little green glow, ooh, tenses up the larynx, the vocal cords, constricted. He tenses and I believe that's your whole turn.

**Charlie**

Well, I still have movement, a little bit—

**Condi**

To move away?

**Charlie**

Now I can't get anyone else. But I can try and get the fuck out of there a little bit.

**Grizzly**

Okay, fair, fair. It is his turn.

**Charlie**

What?

**Condi**

What?

**Grizzly**

Can't speak. All he can do is reach into his coat.

**Charlie**

What?

**Grizzly**

Pull out a severed hand.

**Condi**

What?

**Grizzly**

Holding—

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck!

**Grizzly**

The anti-magic pin.

**Charlie**

Oh, fuck! Oh my god. Oh my god.

**Grizzly**

It's an action to activate it.

**Condi**

I forgot.

**Bizly**

Me too.

**Grizzly**

As he does—

**Charlie**

Oh no.

**Grizzly**

The collar, while this pin is active, powers down. In this emanation of anti-magic, he can cast no spells. He can't even teleport away. He's just simply gonna run.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Get his ass! Get his ass!

**Condi**

Get his ass!

**Milo**

Chase him!

**Condi**

Does Chip get an opportunity attack?

**Grizzly**

Of course he does.

**Bizly**

Yes!

**Milo**

Slice his throat open.

**Condi**

Kill him. End his life! Right now. Right now, do it, do it.

**Grizzly**

AC has dropped, anti-magic field.

**Bizly**

Thirteen.

**Grizzly**

So 13 does not hit.

**Bizly**

[heaving breathing]

**Grizzly**

You swipe, he moves, he begins to climb back up.

**Chip**

Stop doing that!

**Grizzly**

What? Oh, you're talking to him.

**Chip**

Please! Please stay, I have to kill you!

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

That is his turn at the bottom of the round.

**Condi**

Oh yeah.

**Grizzly**

The two circles under your feet, Aurora, disappear.

**Milo**

Thank god. Well, that could have been really fucking bad.

**Condi**

Could have been worse, yeah.

**Grizzly**

You and no one else suffers a vulnerability.

**Condi**

Oh.



**Grizzly**

You are in the line of fire as per his plan. So just go ahead and make a constitution saving throw.

**Bizly**

No.

**Milo**

Okay. I rolled a 9.

**Grizzly**

Constitution saving throw from Chip.

**Bizly**

Eleven.

**Grizzly**

33 points of cold damage.

**Charlie**

You hit the second Leviathan.

**Milo**

Half to 17?

**Grizzly**

Seventeen, yep.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Milo**

I'm good. I'm all right.

**Bizly**

Me too.

**Condi**

You're alive, that's what matters.

**Milo**

That is what matters.

**Grizzly**

Bad, bad, bad roll, bad roll, bad, fuck!

**Bizly**

Good, good, good, good, thank you.

**Milo**

You can see like—

**Bizly**

Something.

**Milo**

The ice that usually would just be kind of encasing Aurora's elbow, it started to spread up her arm. You see like bits of frost kind of like poking away at her skin. She look bad.

**Grizzly**

At the top of the round, this Leviathan head disappears. He can't move from here, but he is right there. Top of the round, whatever he's been doing for the machine against Pelagus has been mental. He will do so at disadvantage.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Milo**

Currently one—

**Charlie**

Success.

**Milo**

Success. Two failures.

**Grizzly**

He will do so at disadvantage. As he is doing this, faint glimmer of red just kind of flickering in his eyes. The entire arena begins to supercharge with lightning.

**Condi**

What?

**Milo**

Mm?

**Grizzly**

And then there's a pulse. I need everybody to roll dexterity saving throws.

**Charlie**

Goddamn it.

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

What did you roll?

**Bizly**

Dude.

**Milo**

That is a natural one.

**Condi**

No.

**Charlie**

I got a ten.

**Milo**

That's a two total.

**Condi**

I got a 14.

**Bizly**

It's gonna be a 19.

**Grizzly**

For this one, Chip, that's a pass.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

I am now going to roll the Pelagus dice at disadvantage. Two failures.

**Milo**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

So that's three total.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

Now it resets.

**Condi**

Resets.

**Grizzly**

Which means Gill, this time, not intention, not feeling, but a voice rings in your head.

**Pelagus**

My child, my champion, my chosen.

**Gillion**

Papa?

**Grizzly**

It's a feminine voice.

**Gillion**

Mama?

**Pelagus**

I feel that you're fighting.

**Gillion**

I'm really trying. We're trying to save you.

**Pelagus**

You fight with half your strength. Why?

**Gillion**

Do I— should I call you Mom? I don't know how this works. Maybe we're not there yet. Maybe it was weird. Sorry, it was weird to ask. I broke my oath. I doomed the world. I'm fighting with what I have, but I don't know if it's enough. It has to be enough.

**Grizzly**

She says,

**Pelagus**

It won't be enough.

**Grizzly**

And then she says,

**Pelagus**

But, [pause] you have broken nothing. I do not sense that you are broken.

**Gillion**

Pelagus, I broke everything. What was that choice if not forsaking everything I've been taught. I doomed the things I was sworn to protect.

**Pelagus**

It is all right to feel this way. But I don't believe it is entirely true. Right now, I sense you have more you need to protect here. Right here. What's more important? A choice you felt was a mistake or choices you can make to do better?

**Grizzly**

The voice, the connection, it weakens.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

You just heard the voice of Pelagus in your mind.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

You also just felt this unstable sporadic, the lightning that shocked throughout the arena seemed not strategic in the slightest, just a panic burst of damage to everyone. Twenty-nine points of lightning damage.

**Charlie**

Twenty-nine.

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

Are you down?

**Milo**

I had 28 HP.

**Grizzly**

No way.

**Condi**

No shot.

**Charlie**

Oh shit.

**Milo**

Aurora is down, one over.

**Bizly**

Bro, I had 23.

**Charlie**

No!

**Bizly**

But I didn't take any damage.

**Condi**

But you didn't take—so he's fine.

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Grizzly**



Jay and Gillion is still up?

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Yeah, barely.

**Grizzly**

Aurora with the burst of lightning goes down.

**Bizly**

No.

**Grizzly**

Unconscious. It would have been Aurora's turn, so I need a death saving throw.

**Milo**

I've used a lot of my bad luck, man. I've used so much bad luck, please. That's a 19.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Success, one of them.

**Milo**

Yep.

**Grizzly**

Next up, legendary action.

**Grizzly**

He crawls.

[laughter]

**Milo**

Is that the action?

**Grizzly**

Up the mountain.

**Milo**

Crawling?

**Grizzly**

Up the mountain of ice where he started. He looks around at all of you. It is Jay's turn.

**Condi**

I'm going to use my phoenix on Aurora.

**Grizzly**

Gotcha.

**Condi**

To bring her back up from zero HP. So you are gonna regain 21.

**Milo**

Thank you.

**Charlie**

Okay, that's good.

**Condi**

Yeah, I'm gonna shoot that motherfucker. I'm gonna use my Sharpshooter feat.

**Grizzly**

Uh huh.

**Condi**

To take a minus five for plus ten to my damage.

**Grizzly**

Got it.

**Condi**

Okay?

**Grizzly**

Mm-hmm.

**Condi**

I'm gonna use the dice that I already rolled. Thirteen.

**Grizzly**

To hit?

**Charlie**

What?

**Bizly**

No, no, no.

**Charlie**

What?

**Bizly**

No!

**Grizzly**

Sorry, but that does not hit.

**Charlie**

Thirteen, ah!

**Condi**

I get plus 30 to my movement speed for this turn.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

What do you wanna do with it?

**Condi**

Can I run up to him, spit in his face, and run back?

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Yes! Yes!

**Bizly**

We're joshing.

**Milo**

Guys, I'm at 21 health. I'm trying to heal us.

**Condi**

No, we're good.

**Milo**

I'm really—

**Grizzly**

Chip, it is your go. This old elder looking manic, looking panicked, he is like going through a million different scenarios in his head on how he's going to get this collar off.

**Bizly**

I get up there and I like get enough momentum while I'm flying to just like, as soon as it stops, I've got the swords ready to go.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

And I just fall onto him. I'm gonna roll the hit. [to the dice] Dude, please.

**Charlie**

You got this.

**Bizly**

Get your shit together.

**Gillion**

You got this.

**Grizzly**

AC's lower.

**Milo**

Wow.

**Condi**

What is it?

**Bizly**

Thirteen.

**Grizzly**

Thirteen is not gonna hit.

**Bizly**

Did I have to use my bonus action to get there?

**Grizzly**

I'm gonna say since you flew, no.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Condi**

Come on, please.

**Bizly**

Okay.

**Condi**

Please.

**Bizly**

[blowing on dice] Please, please.

**Condi**

Please.

**Milo**

[also blows on dice]

**Bizly**

Seventeen?

**Grizzly**

Seventeen will hit.

**Milo**

Yes!

**Charlie**

Yay!

**Grizzly**

Before you collared him and he brought the anti-magic field out, that wouldn't have hit, but now it does.

**Bizly**

Okay. I am going to do ten piercing damage, no fire damage because the flames have gone out, but 20 sneaky damage for a total of 30.

**Grizzly**

Thirty damage. He no longer has resistance, he will take the whole thing.

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Bizly**

Oh yeah.

**Charlie**

Oh! Okay.

**Bizly**

I do want to, like, as I fall down, dig the sword into, like, his chest-shoulder area.

**Grizzly**

I wanna say that when you stab into him, he's almost so crazed that he stares through you as he tries to ascertain any way not to die right now. He looks rough, bleeding profusely.

**Bizly**

I look just as crazy. I've got the sword in him. I'm looking him in his eyes.

**Chip**

What are you gonna do now, Odelath?

[laughter]

**Chip**

Do something!

**Bizly**

And I pull the sword out.

**Grizzly**

I as Odelath, I'm like speechless, which is funny even though he can still talk.

**Bizly**



I'm like guarding him as well, just kinda,

**Chip**

You gonna get around me? I'm gonna fucking kill you.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

Legendary action, he's gonna shove ya.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Just pushes you down a hill.

**Milo**

This is some fucking Star Wars shit.

**Grizzly**

Natural 20.

**Charlie**

Oh!

**Bizly**

Huh.

**Grizzly**

Destiny!

**Grizzly**

He shoves you, you float. One point of bludgeoning damage.

**Chip**

Ow!

**Odelath**

Get away from me!

**Grizzly**

And he pushes you off. Next up, Gillion.

**Charlie**

Gillion.

**Milo**

Gillion.

**Bizly**

Gillion.

**Gillion**

Oh, come on.

**Condi**

Gillion.

**Charlie**

I'm gonna look towards Odelath. Is there any sense I can know if he has anything else up his sleeve? I mean, he's got anti-magic, he can't cast spells, he's in a collar.

**Grizzly**

He's a powerful, powerful, powerful mage. If anyone's gonna figure out how to deal with this collar quickly, it would be him.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Whether or not he has cards up his sleeve post that? Go ahead, roll insight.

**Charlie**

Nine.

**Grizzly**

Mm, probably. You think a guy got this far...

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

Manipulated so many people and he doesn't have something up his sleeve if he gets this collar off?

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

He's gonna kill you guys.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

You're only alive right now, I would assume, because you have the blessing of the whale.

**Condi**

Yeah, I'd be under the—

**Charlie**

Yeah, actually.

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Milo**

Yep.

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

I'm gonna run up here so I can see him.

**Grizzly**

Mm-hmm.

**Charlie**

Be a little closer to him.

**Charlie**

I think back to what Pelagus said, that it's not gonna be enough. I see a look in his eyes. I've seen even just a flash of it, like a flash of a look that he could have control over the situation or stop it somehow. Gillion draws what's left of Destiny's Blade, looks at it, looks up at Odelath.

**Gillion**

I don't need the boulder. I'm more than that. Odelath!

**Odelath**

Edyn did this. You think this is gonna be enough? Tricks, devices against the Devourer, the end of all things? You think that's gonna be enough?

**Gillion**

No. Odelath, we are more than our pain. It took me a long, long time to see that. I know what it's like to have so much riding that you can't— that you can't move forward. I am not the chosen one you feared that would be your end. And I am not what you tried to make me either. I want to be something else. I want to be more, more than that pain, more than that guilt, more than that burden. I have to be more than that. And I know I'm late, but right now, right now, all I know is I need to be here. You remember these words. You taught them to me. You made me swear what you did. All the same, do you still remember them?

**Grizzly**

He's got no clue.

**Gillion**

If you've fallen so far, your eyes focused on this future you're trying to secure, that you can't even look back and remember why you started, let me remind you.

**Charlie**

And for a second, I think Gillion is back in the chambers of the Elders swearing an oath for the first time that he didn't really know what it meant. I think he takes a knee like he did that first time in front of all of them. The words practiced so many times to just get it exactly right for them.

**Gillion**

I failed. I failed and I thought I had forsaken my oath, but it was myself I had forsaken. So let me remind you of the words we both swore.

**Charlie**

I'm gonna say this to him. and I'm gonna hope that there's some flash of recognition in his eyes.

**Gillion**

I swear to protect the people of the undersea and to show no mercy to the evils that mean them harm. I swear to uphold my honor, be loyal to my promises, and face my foes head on. I swear to kindle and protect the light in others, no matter how dark it may be. Those were the oaths that I swore to you and everyone else. But that's not it. I swear to accept there are those that I cannot save. No matter how painful that may be to bear, I swear it. And I swear to finally protect myself so I may uphold this oath.

**Charlie**

And for the first time since Gillion was a child and didn't know what the words meant. He says them again.

**Grizzly**

You swear an oath. And this power, this blessing given to you at a young age, but it is not necessarily strong because of where it came from. It is strong because of who wields it. That power, you channel it into your sword and you watch as shard by shard, piece by piece, light begins to form in the shape of Destiny's Blade and you gain the effects of haste.

**Charlie**

Holy shit. Okay.

**Grizzly**

I—

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Have a small gift for you.

**Charlie**

What?

**Grizzly**

As your sword reforms. It's not much.

**Charlie**

It's okay.

**Grizzly**

So these are made by hand with care and love. It is only meant to be used as you wield the power of your oath. I give you—

**Charlie**

What?

**Grizzly**

The dice of Destiny's Blade.

**Charlie**

What the fuck?

**Condi**

What?

**Charlie**

Oh, those are so cool.

**Grizzly**

On a base damage, your sword, what's maybe, what was it, 1d8?

**Charlie**

1d8.

**Grizzly**

It does 2d8.

**Condi**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

But you have a plus two to hit and a plus two to damage.

**Charlie**

Gillion swears this oath, not this time to a council of old people trying to turn him into a weapon for a future he doesn't understand, but this time to himself. I'm going to stab him really hard.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

As your sword forms and he sees this, shaking.

**Odelath**

You think you know me? You think you know pain? You think you failed enough? Try 100 years of taking a step backwards and tripping over your own failures. You know nothing of pain. Nothing. You're nothing.

**Grizzly**

And take your turn.

**Gillion**

You think I know nothing of pain? If it's any consolation, I learned from the best.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

I'm gonna run up here.



**Grizzly**

Yep.

**Charlie**

All the way up there.

**Grizzly**

60 feet.

**Charlie**

60 feet. And do I get, I have haste?

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Yeah, I'm gonna fucking kill him.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Shit, man. Yeah.

**Charlie**

I think in my head too, to Destiny's Blade.

**Gillion**

I was going to say sorry for losing you, but now I see that it's myself that I lost. Thank you for waiting. Let's do what you were made for.

**Charlie**

First attack is a natural 20.

**Grizzly**

No fucking way!

**Milo**

Are you fucking serious?

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

I wasn't sure.

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

I thought I saw it, I thought—

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Grizzly**

Holy shit!

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Charlie**

Oh my god. Oh my god.

**Grizzly**

You don't even need Prophetic Screw Up.

**Charlie**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

Wow.

**Charlie**

Holy fuck. Holy fuck, man.

**Milo**

We are so fucking back.

**Charlie**

We're so fucking back.

**Condi**

Oh my god.

**Bizly**

Whoa.

**Condi**

Dude, the dice tell a story sometimes, man.

**Bizly**

All the time.

**Charlie**

Oh my fucking god.

**Grizzly**

All the time.

**Charlie**

You have no idea how good it feels to see 20 when you're me.

[laughter]

**Charlie**

Now, here. I'm gonna roll damage.

**Grizzly**

You can smite him.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

It's gonna destroy the pin forever.

**Bizly**

That's fair.

**Charlie**

Honestly, honestly, should it happen the day I said, 'DM, is it the pin doing that?' so yeah. Yeah, let's blow it up.

**Grizzly**

I would never in my life imagine taking a natural 20 away from you with smite, so go ahead.

**Gillion**

The first attack is going to do exactly 69 damage.

**Grizzly**

All right.

**Condi**

Let's fuckin' go, dude. We have fun around here.

**Milo**

Nice.

**Charlie**

But I'm not even gonna make a joke, 'cause this shit's better than sex.

[laughter]

**Bizly**

That was a joke.

**Charlie**

Taking my second attack, there you are. 17 to hit.

**Grizzly**

That hits.

**Charlie**

Fuck. You guys don't even know. You guys don't even know, man.

**Bizly**

We do.

**Milo**

We do.

**Charlie**

Second attack after that 69. I'm going to smite with a 4th-level spell slot. The second attack is going to do 31 more damage. I'm going to move to my third attack.

**Milo**

What?

**Condi**

With haste.

**Charlie**

That's an 18 plus—

**Grizzly**

That hits.

**Charlie**

Twelve. I'm going to use another 4th-level slot to smite. That is going to be another 31 damage. And then my bonus action, I'm going to Quicken spell. Yes, cast Booming Blade. Yes, and take my 4th attack. It's another 18. Wow.

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Condi**

He's rolling good.

**Charlie**

That's a 30 to hit.

**Condi**

He's rolling good.

**Charlie**

This doesn't happen.

**Grizzly**

A 30 hits.

**Charlie**

I'm going to use another 4th-level spell slot, DM, you know I have to.

**Grizzly**

Yeah, sure.

**Charlie**

That's an extra 29. Now let me roll for the smite.

**Milo**

Oh my god.

**Charlie**

You got it. 1 billion. 2 billion.

**Milo**

2 billion?

**Condi**

2 billion.

**Charlie**

2 billion.

**Grizzly**

Mm.

**Charlie**

My last attack will do a total of 55 damage. How much was that total?

**Grizzly**

186 points of damage.

**Charlie**

I've got my mojo back.

**Grizzly**

With that, there's simply no way.

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

There's simply no way an over 100-year-old wizard—

**Milo**

I think he turns to dust.

**Grizzly**

How do you want to do this? Chip, a golden gleaming beam shoots forward above you as you're on your ass. Shing!

**Charlie**

Oh my god. He sees in his bout of madness in this last frantic moment of desire to survive, he sees a little Gillion finally scoring a hit on him, which never happened. With a wooden practice sword and that little Gillion smiling so wide.



**Gillion**

[sighs] Are you proud now?!

**Charlie**

And that's what he sees, but I want to slash through not only his body, I want to slash through this madness he's having so that I don't want him to instantly explode into light 'cause I, you know, but I want him to have at least a few moments remaining, even a couple minutes where he can't fight, but he at least has like clarity, and I just want him to finally see me. And so I make him see me.

**Grizzly**

You slash, and your attacks, with how powerful they are, this side of the ice dome, clean in half.

**Charlie**

Holy fuck.

**Grizzly**

Blood sprays out of the wounds when he's hit. And in the same time, they fill with this radiant light. And after your onslaught, he falls to his knees, wounds of pure light all around him and all of the arena water rushes in from out, and combat is over.

[all the players clap]

**Condi**

That's my fucking goat, dude.

**Charlie**

Holy fuck, I've never been so happy to see a 20 in my life.

**Condi**

Literally, have you ever seen one?

**Charlie**

Fuck you, man. Might've been the first time, but you're right.

**Condi**

Not positive.

**Charlie**

This water rushes in. I just let it take both of us, and I assume we're both just drifting in this now.

**Grizzly**

The anti-magic pin, blown up. His vocal cords and his throat constricted magically. They're paralyzed, but as you drift, in the ocean now, the red glow of the tubes connecting to Pelagus, it all begins to power down with so many failures. That arcane core, that vaguely D20-shaped battery, it is not filled. The tubes still connect to her, to Pelagus, And there is a very soft regaining of consciousness slowly, but you just see floating, covered, the only light in the space from the wounds glowing on his body, almost like limp. His eyes, they look at you. It justifies nothing, but there's so much guilt, so much regret, so much pain, so heavy. His eyes, when he, when tears float out, they just freeze. This is someone who in so many attempts to move forward, to break a cycle, he himself contributed to all the things when he was younger he stood against. You can only look at him and see such—you see someone who you recognize throughout life, walked alone. He can't really say anything, but he's given up.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Gillion**

That was it. That was what you were scared of. It's over now. But I think you saw it too. We can beat this.

**Charlie**

I see, I look into his eyes. I see how much guilt and the weight of all the knowledge and all the things he knows. How much it burdens him. [laughing] And I say, like he said to me so many times,

**Gillion**

You really gave it your all back there. You must be thirsty.

**Charlie**

And I think I hand him the stupid juice, but with the understanding that he knows it's the stupid juice.

**Grizzly**

Yeah.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Condi**

You made this awfully— this is like the worst stupid juice ever created.

**Milo**

It works really good and it tastes really bad.

**Condi**

It tastes really bad. Oh god.

**Grizzly**

He looks at this, looks at you. He communicates that he knows that he would rather die.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

And he also communicates something else. He knows he deserves it. As simply as he can, To communicate, he says,

**Odelath**

In the end, the only true destiny is death.

**Grizzly**

Then he communicates,

**Odelath**

I wonder what you'll do.

**Grizzly**

And he turns around, not to face you, just to look at Pelagus, who is slowly opening lifting her head, and he just waits for you to do what you gotta do.

**Gillion**

You dreamed of a better world, but somewhere along the way, somewhere along the way, you forgot why. I wanted you to see the one that I could make with some help. But I understand.

**Charlie**

I look down and see that he doesn't want to. He wants to keep carrying stuff.

**Gillion**

Well, technically, you did fall, so that's— fell at the—yeah. No, that's my destiny, so we're good. But just one thing. There's someone I want you to meet, someone that means a lot to me. Someone who saved me. Champion of death, bitch.

**Charlie**

And, do you want to describe?

**Grizzly**

Oh my god.

**Bizly**

I would swim up. I probably would've left you some space.

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Bizly**

But I hear, champion of death, bitch. And I swim over to you. Probably be a little nervous. I don't know if I've ever like executed somebody before.

**Chip**

I've got some, I've got a few daggers in my bag.

**Charlie**

Oh god.

**Bizly**

And I think I would just take a random one, nothing to it, and just kind of look at Gillion, my hand kind of trembling a little bit.

**Chip**

You sure?

**Gillion**

What you did to me was not a mercy. But I see the weight that you bear. I see that— I see that for whatever reason, whether you don't want to or whether you don't want to look back, or maybe you just can't, I can't save you. So, to you and to the people that you would hurt, this is a mercy. I hope, no, I need, the world needs someone that remembers why they're doing this. That remembers who they're fighting for.

**Charlie**

And I'll give a nod to Chip, and if he needs it, I'll put my hand on his.

**Bizly**

Maybe, yeah.

**Gillion**

It's okay.

**Bizly**

I think he'd be, get some tears welling up a little bit and just hold it up to his chest and—

**Grizzly**

He's facing away.

**Bizly**

Into his back then just push it in.

**Charlie**

And I will hold him like he was the man that raised me, because he was. And just like his face was the first I saw when I entered the world, mine will be the last he sees when he leaves it.

**Gillion**

I didn't want it to end this way.

**Grizzly**

In his eyes, before the light is leaving them, you can see somewhere deep in there, neither did he. But so fearful of what he could not control, all this prophecy. He has done despicable things, and knowing how evil they are, justifying it for the betterment of the future. He made himself forget everyone and anyone who stood against the path he walked, that he walked alone. He made them forget it as well. At some point, he forgot so much. He's dying a madman, but on his wrist, as the robe sort of floats and exposes, you see worn by time, not that he remembers where he got it from, but he wears a small gift given to him by a young child that he helped raise. And he knows his death is mercy. A beautiful white sea dragon begins to free herself from arcane tubing, plugs, and wires, shaking it off. Weak, she does this. As he says this softly and slowly. The light leaves his eyes. What do you do now?

**Chip**

[getting choked up] I'm sorry.

**Gillion**

There was no other way. It's okay. It's okay. I tried to save him. But he was too far gone. Crying a lot for a champion of death.

**Chip**

I just—

**Bizly**

I just kind of let it— pull it out and put it away.

**Chip**

Got your sword back.

**Gillion**

That I did.

**Chip**

Hey.

**Bizly**

I grab him by the armor.

**Chip**

I'm so fucking proud of you.

**Charlie**

Yeah, Gillion...[there's a pause] Oh. Gillion just grabs him back and just cries as the body of his mentor of his world for so long drifts off.

**Gillion**

Me too.

**Chip**

Do we leave him here?

**Gillion**

I don't know.

[laughter]

**Chip**

I don't know what to do with him.

**Gillion**

No, it's—

**Grizzly**

You watch as he floats away, a new light begins to appear within the waves, like small strands small webs, small rope. They peek seemingly out of nowhere. They crawl and creep and they begin to wrap around him.

**Charlie**

Oh.

**Grizzly**

And begin to drag him away until he and these ropes disappear.

**Gillion**

Should we have done something about that?

**Chip**

Fuck, I think this champion of death stuff.

**Gillion**



I'll say it, that didn't feel good to watch.

**Chip**

I didn't think it would be so hard.

**Gillion**

You did what had to be done.

**Chip**

You did, I feel like I did something really wrong.

**Gillion**

Yeah, maybe.

**Chip**

Yeah.

**Gillion**

Yeah, maybe it was super fucked up and maybe that's gonna be really, really bad for us one day.

**Chip**

Fuck yeah.

**Gillion**

But you know, someone once told me that you're gonna fuck up a lot. Big time, all the time and that you're the chosen one, bitch.

[laughter]

**Gillion**

You said that to me. But I think I realized it's not always about what we've done or the things we can't control. It's about what we do next. You gonna be okay?

**Chip**

Yeah, I think I just need to breathe real air.

**Gillion**

I don't suppose if it's not for you, you can put in your two weeks?

**Chip**

I don't think it works like that. So are you the chosen one now? Again or...?

**Gillion**

You know what? For a long time, I didn't know.

**Chip**

Now?

**Gillion**

And now it's time to choose myself. So yeah. Yeah, I think I will be. Wanna check if my mom's all good?

**Chip**

I'm kind of intimidated. I don't know if I can get any closer. But yeah, we can. You might just have to be like line leader here.

**Gillion**

That's okay.

**Condi**

I think there would be, you looked over to Jay.

**Bizly**

Yeah.

**Condi**

A bittersweet expression I think would fill her face. I think in the moment that she is happy that Gillion is back. But when she looks towards you, Chip, that feeling of happiness sort of fades away and is more of a troubled expression.

**Bizly**

Mortified?

**Condi**

A little mortified.

**Bizly**

Changed forever.

**Condi**

Little sensing that this might be like a first step to a completely different person.

**Bizly**

Oh, for sure. Yeah.

**Condi**

And you see she thinks about speaking up in this moment, but then looks to Gillion and decides to let this moment just be a happy one as she swims over.

**Jay**

I mean, last time you didn't get to say hi, so it only makes sense, huh?

**Gillion**

Yeah. Thank you for shooting him with your gun, Jay.

**Jay**

I really tried. It just, like, it didn't—

**Gillion**

It's all right. Trust me, I get it.

**Jay**

What happened in there, it's never happened to me before.

**Gillion**

Thank you all for fighting so hard while I was so lost.

**Aurora**

Thank you for believing in yourself.

**Milo**

I assume we're all approaching Pelagus right now.

**Grizzly**

When you have the space, you guys approach Pelagus. Pelagus approaches you. Maybe like a size and a half larger than just whatever you imagine a normal dragon. When she approaches, her wings, they stretch out. You see in the webbing, tears, cuts, some gashes and parts missing, but she stretches them and begins to fold them over until it covers all of you and all the space around you. And just her head, long, sort of like slender neck, but her face shaped very similar to that of a cat. Very, very soft white, somewhat pinkish undertones that shimmer throughout the scales, soft scales like that of a snake. And she looks at all of you in this space. You hear it all in your heads, all of you do.

**Pelagus**

Within the space of my wings, none can reach us. You have all saved my life today. And for that, I have so much—

**Grizzly**

She ponders.

**Pelagus**

Gratitude. It is difficult to keep up with the customs and cultures and the ever-changing ways of mortal civilization.

**Gillion**

It's okay, you're doing good. We do a lot of hugging.

**Milo**

As she wraps her wings around all 4 of us, I'd just like to kind of lay my hand on, I assume, maybe a part of her chest, the closest part that I can touch, maybe a leg.

**Grizzly**

Sure.

**Milo**

Something like that. And in this kind of weird embrace, you'll just see this this glow of bright orange kind of mixed with like bioluminescent blue and green. And I'm just going to cast Mass Cure Wounds on the whole party and on her.

**Grizzly**

Mm-hmm.

**Milo**

And I know it's not going to do a lot to help her get back to any sort of level of healthy, but it's a start.

**Charlie**

I see Aurora doing that, and I also put my hands on her funny cat nose, press my head to it. A very soft, watery light, like sitting at the bottom of a pool and staring up, fills the water around her, and I finally can use Lay on Hands. So I will use the 30 points that I have of Lay on Hands.

**Milo**

And you all gain 32 HP back, and Pelagus will get an extra 2d8.

**Charlie**

Yay.

**Milo**

That's a six. I'm still not rolling great. So Pelagus gets 38 back.

**Grizzly**

Mm-hmm.

**Milo**

From me.

**Charlie**

And another 30 from me.

**Grizzly**

68 health?

**Charlie**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

Many of the wounds on the wings, they close, repaired by the magic of the ocean, of the stars, of the world, perhaps the whole universe. She goes back and forth from looking at all of you, one by one repeatedly. There is genuinely just sort of a sense of like a much-needed quiet. I suppose she waits for one of you to say any more after you've healed her. She communicates simply that she's thankful.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Gillion**

Are you my mom? I really don't know.

**Pelagus**

Your mother is one feeling but you and I do share blood. I have had many choices. Many have I blessed in my long, long, long time alive. And in some way, though I cannot mother them as a guardian might, I could never claim to have any credit for who you are or who you will become. In some way, all those I bless, I see as my children. And you, you are my last.

**Gillion**

Your last?

**Pelagus**

The last egg I will ever bless. I have lived a full, long, infinite life. But no life lasts forever.

**Gillion**

Are you dying?

**Pelagus**

Not at this present moment, but soon. You will not need to watch me die. It's not today, not tomorrow, but soon. It's not today because of all of you.

**Gillion**

I'm glad I got to finally meet you. I'm sorry I turned away so long ago. I have friends I really wanted to look after.

**Pelagus**

And I you. I wanted to look after you. I have something I want to share with you. Something for all of you. I wanted to warn you way back then, but I cannot fault you for choosing those who are much closer to you than I. I'm hoping this gift I will leave with you and perhaps this reward, if it at all can be measured equally, to save to me. I'm hoping that whatever hopes fill it from time, time upon time that has passed, I'm hoping you before me will be the ones to know how to use it.

**Gillion**

Thank you for trusting us.

**Pelagus**

No one person should have to shoulder such heavy fates on their own. No few people should have to rise to protect the many alone. But the danger that festers and grows has been growing over time just as much as these gifts. These shields and swords. It is difficult to know which side of this conflict is deserving. Some things are too vast for any, not even I, to understand.

**Grizzly**

Do you guys say anything?

**Charlie**

I think I'm just happy to hear her voice.

**Grizzly**

Mm-hmm.

**Bizly**

I believe you put it well when you said there was a much-needed silence.

**Condi**

Yeah.

**Grizzly**

She recognizes that no matter how much knowledge or history or anything that she could think of to try and explain why things are the way they are. She just sees a group of humans who need a break.

**Condi**

Mm-hmm.

**Grizzly**



And she says,

**Pelagus**

I must continue to move so I may avoid being hunted again. This machine behind me, filled with the lives of my siblings. I think I can move its power into mine to share with you all.

**Gillion**

I think they'd like to rest, to know that their souls are safe with you.

**Pelagus**

When you are ready, it shall be done. Gillion, when you are ready, there is someone who would like to speak to you.

**Gillion**

I mean, what?

**Pelagus**

Privately.

**Gillion**

Oh, well...

**Charlie**

I think he's a little confused, but—

**Gillion**

Are you all ready for—

**Jay**

Yeah.

**Gillion**

All that stuff, she said. Okay, we're all ready.

**Grizzly**

Her wings unfurl, and behind her, this light begins to glow bright as she uses, backlit by such beautiful magical light. She, the rays passing through her silhouette, this almost like an S-shaped, slender, just a magnificent sea dragon. And she pulls all the magic out of that damn machine.

**Condi**

Mm-hmm.

**Grizzly**

After she does, that light passes through her and it passes to your visions. She, not only are the blessings you received going to improve—

**Charlie**

Holy shit.

**Grizzly**

She gives you a blessing of her own. She also departs the final piece of this message.

**Charlie**

Okay.

**Grizzly**

Entrusted to her and to her siblings, these Leviathans, by druids of an ancient past. It's not so much that you see it, just more so that you feel the message imprinted into your brain, and you've heard it three times, but I'll say it again. These voices, they speak groups.

**Pelagus**

We shall eat the future from the past. Each of us growing more and more from the last. A tree that is cut will still grow if its seeds have been sown. West is the dragon's lair.

**Grizzly**

Gillion, before your vision returns, through the white space of light, Pelagus assumes a smaller, more humanoid form. It's not so much that she looks like a person or, even a triton or any species that you've seen. She's still a dragon, but bipedal and closer to your sizes. She just approaches you, takes your hand, and she embraces you. She puts her hand on the back of your skull. She pulls your head in. In. And you feel your eyes instinctively close. When you open them, you're standing on an ocean. To your left and your right, there are a diverse number of figures standing shoulder to shoulder in a row on each side. They have faces, some closer to where you are now, look more and more fish-like, like fish cop, but even more like less human, humanoid. And you follow this path. You see the shadow of a figure sort of lit by a glowing moon on the horizon, sitting at the end. And you walk down this hall of warriors, fighters. And as you do, they put their hands on your shoulders. They pat you on the back. They give you nods. They don't speak, but they all give you votes of confidence and approval. When you reach the end, you come face to face with somewhat around your height, sitting on a rock, this beautiful golden and green and purple massive, almost like anchor of a weapon, somewhat of the same gemstone or sea stone material that makes up Destiny's Blade. Slender, sort of shark-like features, long hair.

**Gillion**

Do I know you from somewhere?

**Grizzly**

He stands up. Now he's slightly taller, but not by much.

**Pax**

[sighs]

**Grizzly**

He walks up to you.

**Pax**

Hey, champion. Kept me waiting, huh?

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

You hear the voice of Destiny's Blade.

**Gillion**

Hey, champion. Sorry I took so long.

**Grizzly**

He holds his hand out.

**Gillion**

I like to know the name of the person's hand I'm shaking?

**Pax**

It's funny, uh, I was having trouble remembering for a while. It's Pax.

**Gillion**

Pax?

**Pax**

In my time, it stood for It stands for peace.

**Gillion**

Well, Pax, my name's Gillion, and in my time, it stands for Gillion.

[Charlie and Grizzly dab up]

**Charlie**

We're doing another take, we're doing another take.

**Grizzly**

Wait, are we?

[laughter]

**Grizzly**

Which one are we fucking doing?

**Charlie**

Forearm, let's go forearm.

**Chip**

Okay, let's go forearm.

**Milo**

Predator.

**Condi**

Predator.

[Charlie and Grizzly do a predator handshake]

**Charlie**

First try.

**Grizzly**

And that is where we're going to end this session. [pause] Ahhh!

**Milo**

Eugh.

**Charlie**

Holy shit, man.

**Condi**

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### **Charlie**

Why do you sound like you're a witch?

### **Condi**

I might cast a hex on you!

### **Grizzly**

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making these cool episodes and stuff, so thank you so much. I hope you enjoyed this one. It was pretty hard to run. It was hard to do. It was a lot of improv, lots of trust. But I hope it was cool. It got some Final Fantasy mechanics in this fight. Final Fantasy XIV, if you've ever played that, it's kind of like an MMO kind of thing. [laughs] Anyways, not a big deal. But it was fun. It was some new ideas to play around with and I love playing with battle maps. I know it's kind of hit or miss for some people. It was awesome. I feel like narratively this fucking episode— 'cause freaking episode, let me chill out, guys. Fuck it. That's freak— fuck! This episode was narratively really perfect and satisfying. Man, yeah, it was really awesome. So take care, everybody. Thanks so much. Bye!