

BRIAN: Good evening welcome back to the same show on a different network owned by the same company. We're back on Alpha. Project Alpha. Questions from the Alpha chat.

SAM: I'm posting a picture right now

BRIAN: Sam.

SAM: Yes.

BRIAN: Let me find one for you at once. If Scanlan and Tyrion meet --

SAM: Taryon.

BRIAN: I pronounce the names on this show -- would Matt have to play one or would it look like a fit of schizophrenia?

SAM: Matt, how do you do that?

LIAM: Just compare to all the other D&D shows

MATT: That'd be a discussion we'd have to have about what you'd be comfortable with

SAM: Is that like before we were talking about, Taryon and Scanlan would talk about what they're comfortable with sexually first?

LAURA: Full-on graphic description

SAM: ...Strokes the shaft...

All groaning

BRIAN: This show is on the internet, but not that internet

SAM: I'd be down for schizophrenia. Or I bet he could do a mean impression.

TALIESIN: I enjoyed the cadence. I was having a lot of fun trying to fake Scanlan

SAM: You did great

BRIAN: How did the cast feel when Taryon revealed he didn't know anyone's name?

TRAVIS: Loved it.

BRIAN: I loved everyone going “...”

LAURA: Oh shit, we never said our name

BRIAN: Sam how did it feel changing to a smaller mug and where is the bucket?

SAM: As you ask that question, the mug is behind your head on the shelf right now.

All laughing

SAM: I can see it. It's literally behind you.

Brian turns to look.

BRIAN: That's the same one?

SAM: Yep. That is the mug. Sharing television space with you

LAURA: Is that [the one he's using now] the one I gave you? I gave you the little gold one

SAM: I only own one of these, so yes

BRIAN: Where'd you get it?

LAURA: I don't remember

SAM: The big mug was there to give a sense of size to make me seem smaller and now I don't need that anymore and so I'm yeah yeah, I don't need the big mug

BRIAN: Now you can get coffee in your bleached goatee like the rest of us

SAM: What is the ... Beegees? (missed it -- something about looking like one of the Bee Gees)

MATT: I don't know any distinguishing characteristics between any of the Bee Gees.

SAM: I gave one of the Bee Gees as a reference

BRIAN: The guy with the hair and the super-high voice?

Denise says something offscreen

BRIAN: What Denise?

DENISE: Barry Gibb?

BRIAN: Denise are you big on Beegees trivia? What the hell? Driving around town...

All talking at once

MATT: Do not free Denise

All talking once

BRIAN: For everyone, does Tary get Scanlan's room in Greyskull keep now?

ALL: NO

TRAVIS: That's hell

LAURA: There's a guest room. A couple guest rooms for statesmen.

TALIESIN: There's also the cells in the basement

MARISHA: That's like mom's boyfriend moving into your old room after you go to college

BRIAN: Laura, how hard was it to do the right thing and give Grog his deck back with him being so blindly trusting?

LAURA: I know, right? It felt right, it felt like something Grog didn't need to have, but after everything with Scanlan and how shitty it feels when your trust is betrayed. And you [Travis] had just guilted me and said Vex is one of the only people he trusts

TRAVIS: I did. Games and games of guilt trips.

TALIESIN: I feel a little cheated.

TRAVIS: I made you suffer for it as long as I could in that transaction

LAURA: Yeah. I appreciate that. It was shitty that you didn't know I took 'em.

TALIESIN: I was going to give you a bunch of fake cards like flash paper

LAURA: Dammit, we should've talked about it

BRIAN: I don't know if it looks like this to the folks at home, but it looks like the crew during break brought all their cars in and turned their headlights on...Matt, question for you...that

disappeared and it's moving without me touching it. The power of technology is amazing. What's the difference between Exalted and Awakened vestiges?

MATT: I defined it as we got the vestiges. As you guys began to find them, I liked the idea of them growing.

LAURA: Some never will

MATT: Yours is exalted

LAURA: MINE'S EXALTED?!

TRAVIS: She has been trying to be so good to get that shit exalted

LAURA: Fucking hell, I've been doing all this shit--

TALIESIN: You mean character development?

ALL: Ohhhh

LIAM: Lawful Good is the only way

MATT: There are the three tiers. There's dormant, which is like levels...level 7 or so. Then there's Awoken which is level 8 to 14ish or so recommended level range, and then Exalted is the third, legendary epic.

BRIAN: What's Cable's Ruin?

MATT: <laughing>

LAURA: Exalted, right?

MATT: Just got exalted, yeah.

TALIESIN: I'm looking forward to talking to Kit about the design of that.

MARISHA: Your dope cloak?

TALIESIN: Yeah

BRIAN: Since your beard is shaved can you divulge what the project was?

LIAM: I cannot

BRIAN: Moving on. Marisha and Laura: Boulder, Parchment, Shears shirt coming soon?

All talking

TALIESIN: If we do symbols instead of words it doesn't matter

All planning out shirt

MARISHA: We'll talk about it

SAM: How do you define a boulder versus just a rock? Put a little man next to it?

All talking again

BRIAN: What do we do about the intro?

MATT: We shot the intro specifically not naming the characters, just the actors, so if any character died or were replaced, it was still about the actors and the characters were just a setting for that

BRIAN: Can we still blur him out?

LAURA: Just a big X on the screen

SAM: The Family Feud X? I will gladly reshoot 'cause I want to be a handsome Barry Gibb.

LAURA: It would be pretty great

TALIESIN: We could talk to Brian about getting some obnoxious armor.

LAURA: Honestly, we'd just need Ashley. Reshoot you and Ash.

MARISHA: We'd have to re-edit the whole thing.

LIAM: What if Pike was hit with love at first sight with Taryon?

TALIESIN: Don't even go there

Sam makes a face

BRIAN: Any advice for someone trying to homebrew naval combat rule and ship stats? I apologize in advance for giving Matt ideas.

MATT: Know a lot of things about naval combat that I don't? So look those up

BRIAN: Will Friedel knows everything about naval combat.

MATT: Get Will Friedle to help. Search online, there's a lot of great communities online that have already home-brewed that. Find what you like, what works, and just extract them

TALIESIN: What's the website you go to find this stuff?

MATT: There's the DM's Guild community for people to upload projects and set prices or support artists. A lot of great forums, EN World, D&D wiki [ed note: do not go here for anything]... Google's your friend. Hate to be that guy, but it has better answers than I do

BRIAN: Even when you're that guy, you're still great, Matt. Was it intentional that no one made an Insight check during Tary's sob session?

LAURA: Just distracted. That's why I did an Insight check later on him because I thought about it immediately afterwards.

SAM: My acting was too captivating

LAURA: It really was

BRIAN: We have to do one more question and then we have to leave so Denise can get off to her meeting

SAM: I will say this Brian, spoiler, I was not ready to tell you guys any of that stuff

BRIAN: That's cool. Would you say your comfort with the current host helped you open up?

SAM: I support that statement wholeheartedly because 'current host' implies there will be another.

BRIAN: There will. They gave me that contract where it was like Conan O'Brien in the 90s, week by week. Every Tuesday I get in and there's this conference table, really, really long. Total blackness at the end. Picture a beautiful, highly intelligent tech director named Denise petting a dark, scary cat--

SAM: Picturing mid-80s Vanna White

BRIAN: I see late-90s, but mid-80s...well, that's all the time we have for tonight. Thank you again for watching TM During Dark. See you next week. Goodnight everybody!