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[00:00] THE DUNGEON MASTER: ... You're listening to. WRBB, 104.9 FM Bo—

THE VOICE: THE DARK FOREST.

DM: And this is...

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[00:15] SONG 1: Galactic Hole - Ask your parents permission before going online

[02:12] DM: *Welcome*, everyone. ...To *The Dark Forest*. Uh... with your hosts, the Dungeon Master, and, calling in on the Crystal Ball, as always...

THE CRYPT KEEPER: The Crypt Keeper! Welcome everybody, to another *horrifying*, frightening, skintillating [sic] romp, venture, *jaunt*, through — you know it, you *loathe* it, the Dark Forest. We're back.

DM: This week, we have a... very *special* genre for you. We're doing... *dariacore*.

CK: Yes. Dariacore.

THE ALCHEMIST: [gasping, out of breath] I'm sorry, I'm sorry...

CK: Oh?

AL: [still panting]

CK: Hello?

AL: Hi!

CK: Who is this?

AL: ...Oh, you must be the—the Crypt Keeper and the Dungeon Master!

CK: Yes?

DM: Yep, that's us.

AL: I-I'm...

CK: That's us.

AL: I'm the Alchemist.

[03:00] AL: I've been a fan for a long time.

CK: Ooh. The Alchemist!

DM: That's a... nice to meet you!

AL: Nice to meet you as well! [sighs]

DM: What brings you here?

AL: I wish the circumstances of our meeting were *kinder*, but... I need to ask you two for some help. I know—

CK: [overlapping] Some help.

AL: —You both know the Dark Forest well, right?

DM: Y—

CK: Yes.

DM: Yeah.

CK: You could say that.

DM: Sure.

AL: Unfortunately... I'm afraid I've lost something of *great* importance.

DM: ...Oh no, okay.

CK: Oh. So, we gotta look for it—

[03:29] SONG 2: leroy - her head is sooo rolling!! love her

CK: —What, whatever this thing is.

[06:38] SONG 3: ta1lsd0ll - ta1lsd011

[08:45] SONG 4: Ryo - BOCCHI THE BREAKCORE

[11:00] SONG 5: tdstr - internet brainrot

[12:27] TV: DARK FOREST. WRBB, DOT COM.

[12:46] [[DING !!!]]

[13:32] SONG 6: MIMIDEATH - Fucked Up in the Crib Drinkin' Doctor Bob

[14:39] DM: ...Hold up. Pause. Who exactly are you?

AL: Uh, yeah! I'm, I'm... I'm the Alchemist. I... though I say that, but, really I specialize more in... combinatory alchemy, rather than that of a fully transformative variety. You understand.

CK: Ahhh.

DM: I see, I see!

CK: I see.

AL: Yeah, I've ex— [coughs]

[15:00] AL: I've *extensively* studied the works of the great alchemists Xavier and Leroy, if those names are of *any* meaning to you.

DM: ...I've heard of them.

CK: I've read of them!

DM: Yeah.

CK: Perhaps; yeah.

AL: Yes... Their series of *tomes*... if you will. With various *chapters*...

CK: Yes... I may be familiar.

AL: [overlapped] They're just so... special... to, alchemy, if you will.

DM: Yeah, I think I've... I think I've, I've *read* some of them, um... I dunno, I, I... [stuttering] Like... you know, reading them, it was, it seemed like it was, it was full of all this, this *darkness*, which I'm all *about*, y'know, but...

CK: Yeah.

DM: It seemed like, y'know... It wasn't always quite a, a... the times weren't always...

AL: They weren't—they weren't always a good time?

[15:48] SONG 7: xaev - its always a good time

[17:26] SONG 8: metacore - self aware

[18:45] SONG 9: Team Mekano - Dismiss Yourself Ruined a Whole Generation of People

[21:43] SONG 10: dashie - whats in the trunk

[23:04] SONG 11: MIMIDEATH - In the yudio going #DRazy

[24:13] DM: So, uh... You're the, you're the Alchemist, right?

AL: Yes!

DM: So wh—wh, what's this, like... what's this, like, *trunk* you, you're toting with you right here?

AL: What's in the trunk?

DM: Yeah, what's in the trunk?

CK: Please, tell us.

AL: Well... Let, let me— [sets trunk down] —show you. I have a *sampling* of many manners of magical artifacts, here within my Alchemial Hold.

DM: For sale, or...?

AL: Not exactly... I'm more of a student at this time.

DM: Okay.

CK: I see.

AL: So I'm still doing experiments and such.

[beat]

AL: You might recognize some of these...

CK: [simultaneously] What—what sorts of experiments?

AL: Yeah, this one is a... broken piece of a Christian ritual. Uh, *these* were... recovered from a tale *deep* below.

[25:00] AL: And *this* one... is a real all-star in its own right. If you're familiar with the legendary alchemist *Neil*, you might recognize that from... his publications.

DM: Oh I do know his work! Yes, I've, I—I've heard of him.

CK: We, we are very familiar, yes.

DM: Yeah.

CK: I know of Neil.

AL: But, [sighs] I—I digress. Because... what I've *lost* in the Dark Forest is something... of *great* urgency, and... possibly danger.

[beat]

AL: Um...

DM: I mean. Greater danger than the Dark Forest itself? I, I would—

AL: I mean...

DM: I'd imagine not.

AL: Well, you might — want to see for yourself. I mean… I've mentioned, earlier, the alchemists Xavier and Leroy. I've been studying beneath them.

CK: Yes.

AL: Well... In my experimentation, I've made... something... of a mis—not really a mistake...

[26:00] AL: But... some things have gone a *little bit* awry.

DM: Yeah.

AL: Uh...

DM: Do tell.

[beat]

AL: My *plan* was to create... a *very*, uh... *powerful*... combination of their two creatures.

DM: Oh, I mean. We've all been there, right?

AL: Yeah!

DM: What's — [chuckles]

CK: [simultaneously] Entity splicing.

DM: What's better than two powerful creatures? One—

AL: One!

DM: —Double-powerful creature, right?!

AL: Yeah!

DM: We've all tried that.

CK: It's basic math.

AL: One plus one...

DK: Equals, uh...

AL: [simultaneously] Is greater than... one plus one.

DK: Greater than one. True. Uh.... you're darn right about that.

[26:46] **SONG 12**: tdstr - damn right

[27:55] SONG 13: Galactic Hole - The Solace of 4:3

[28:30] TV: DARK FOREST. WRBB, DOT COM.

[29:10] SONG 14: tictacto - miimiimii

[31:04] SONG 15: leroy - she was a star, now she works in toronto

[32:48] TV: DARK FOREST. WRBB, DOT COM.

[33:10] SONG 16: Shoebill - improvised mashcore

[36:23] **SONG 17: MIMIDEATH - the con**

[37:38] DM: So, um...

[beat]

DM: So... We're out here, uh... Listening to some, uh... some berdlycore?

AL & CK: Yeah.

DM: I think; on the... the... Whistling Winds of the Forest?

AL: That's definitely the name of the genre.

DM: I'm pretty sure that's correct.

CK: [overlapping] Yeah, I... the Whistling Winds are saying it's berdlycore, for sure. I can hear them. That's what they're saying.

[beat]

[38:04] DM: So... wha—you, you're looking for, uh... for someone out here, I...

AL: Yes; the... Amalgamation. That I... [clicks tongue] ... created, I... guess you could say.

DM: Can you, uh...

CK: [overlapping] Horrifying.

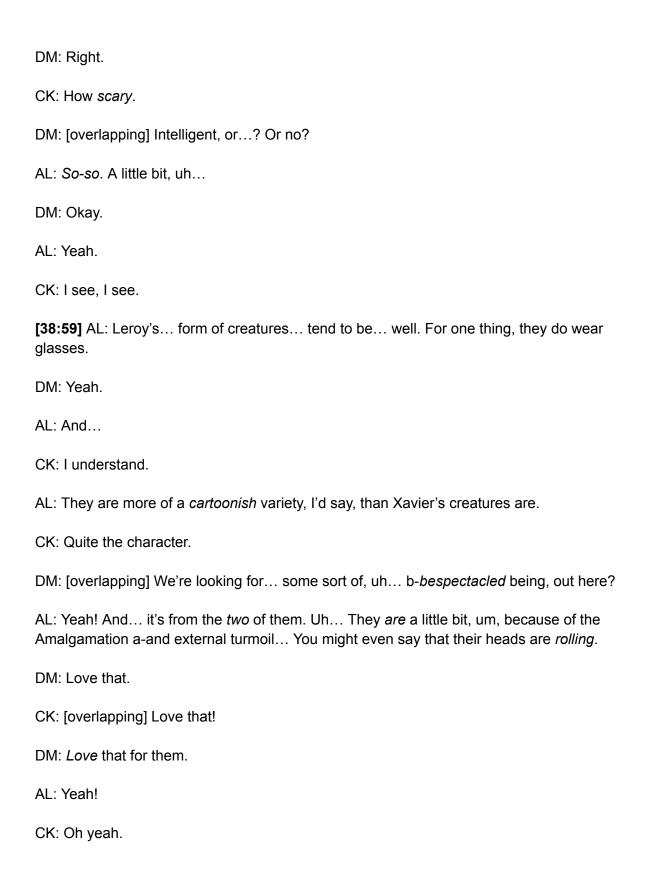
DM: Can you give us anything, uh, to work off; looking for this thing? Any—

AL: Yeah.

DM: —Any, maybe, defining features we might be able to recognize... in this, this *entity*, wandering the Forest?

AL: Yeah; if you're *familiar* with, uh, what the alchemists Xavier and Leroy have created, you'll remember that... Xavier's brand of creatures tend to be... blue birds that enjoy, uh... schoolwork, and *halberds*.

CK: Eugh.



AL: Yeah, no... I just really hope that we can find... the Amalgamation, before it wreaks too much havoc here in the Dark Forest.

DM: Yeah... I mean, y-you must miss them, right?

AL: Mhmm.

DM: ...Like. I mean, do y—do you even enjoy *music* without them?

AL: No... I mean...

[40:00] AL: Music sounds worse...

[40:03] SONG 18: xaev - music sounds WORSE with U

[42:33] SONG 19: takahiro(FKS) - Kita's POV: I want to be something

[45:23] SONG 20: gingus - new moon island

[46:57] **SONG 21:** leroy - turmoiled

[48:35] **SONG 22:** xaev - daria math

[52:23] DM: So... where *is* this Amalgamation? You think it's... It *got out*, it's wandering the Forest somewhere?

AL: Yeah, I think so.

DM: Like, you don't think it's been killed? ... By the creatures?

AL: I don't think it *could* be killed...!

DM: Okay.

CK: It seems *resilient*, for sure.

AL: [overlapping] Yeah...

CK: Too strong to be felled by the mere... meager beasts of the Forest in this part.

AL: Oh... wait... I think I see it in the distance, over there!

DM: [strangled concerned noise] Are you *sure*...?

AL: I — *yeah*, I think that's definitely it! Um, Crypt Keeper, Dungeon—Dungeon Master, it's been *great…* meeting you, getting to know you…

CK: You-

DM: Y-yeah, thanks for, uh, comin' on, you...

CK: [simultaneously] Yes! Of course! Happy we could help.

AL: I'm sorry to leave so soon, but...

[53:00] AL: I really have to — catch this Amalgamation.

DK: Yeah; you want any help, or you think you got it?

AL: I've got this under control, thank you so much...!

DM: Sssure, yeah yeah!

CK: Of course, *yeah*, no problem. Go take care of that.

AL: I'll see you all next time, but... I've got to catch it!

DM: Alright.

AL: Goodbye!

DM: Good luck! Good luck.

CK: [simultaneously] Good luck.

AL: [simultaneously] Thank you.

DM: It was nice, uh... nice meeting you. ...While you were alive. [breathes in] O-kay, uh; yeah, they're

s—they're dead. They're super dead. They're not—

CK: [overlapping] Yeah, no. It's over.

DM: They're not— [laughs] —not making it out of that one. Uh...

CK: I don't—I don't, I don't think so.

DM: Thank you... so much, for listening... to *The Dark Forest*, *mashcore* set.

CK: Love mashcore. Love it. Love it so much!

DM: Um... yeah, y—as always, you can listen to... the recording of this show, and all previous shows, on our website, "darkforestwrbb.com."

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DM: That is... "darkforestwrbb.com." Thank you so much for listening, stay tuned; we have... one last song for you tonight.

[54:01] TV: THE DARK FOREST. TH-THE DA-DARK FO-FOREST. TH-TH-THE DA-DARK FO-FO-FOREST.

[54:XX] <u>SAMPLE:</u> leroy - fuuuuck we were supposed to wear argyle

[54:12] <u>SAMPLE:</u> leroy - Bouncing off dA window

[54:24] SONG 23: leroy - lately this feeling (i'm so drunk)

[1:00:14] ???: This song is ffffucking garbage. Quit music forever.

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