

WEBISODE: "Dungeons and Deceivers"

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OUT OF THE BOTTLE

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INT. KITCHEN - DAY

JAKE, CARLOS, HELEN, and two other humans, ASTRID and CALEB, sit around a kitchen table at Carlos's house. The house is still in slight shambles since the party when the Berserker attacked: a large hole in the wall and the table has a part cut-off that has been taped back together.

A few of them have laptops and the others have sheets of paper and pencils. Dice and a few cards are strewn around. A few beer bottles and a Moscow mule mug are there, too.

They are playing Dungeons and Dragons and Helen is the Dungeon Master.

CARLOS

Wait. We don't have a healer?

JAKE

Dude, I'm a ranger. I got this.

We hear a door OPEN and then a SLAM as JAVED walks in.

JAVED

Hey. Where's the camera?

JAKE

It's in my fridge.

JAVED

You keep a camera in your fridge?

JAKE

Yeah, it helps with battery life.

JAVED

You could just--forget it.

Javed goes to grab the camera. We hear the fridge OPENING and CLOSING. Jake and the four others continue playing their game. Javed comes by again camera in hand.

JAVED

So, what are you guys playing?

JAKE

D and D.

JAVED

Really? It's Friday and the best thing you guys could come up with is playing Dungeons and Dragons? Go get drunk or get laid. Go to a water polo game.

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JAKE  
Where's Emily and Moira?

JAVED  
Moira took Emily to the bookstore.

JAKE  
Didn't ask you to go?

JAVED  
I have no interest in reading  
unless it's *Playboy*.

JAKE  
Want to play?

JAVED  
Psssh. No. I'd rather do Emily's  
homework.

HELEN  
I have an idea. Go play in traffic.

Javed scowls at her, but returns back to Jake.

JAVED  
I'll see you later. I'm going to go  
pre-game before going out tonight.

JAKE  
It's 2:30.

JAVED  
Plenty of time and plenty of beer.

He walks out the door. They continue playing.

HELEN  
Okay, so you are in the forest and  
all of a sudden...

All of a sudden he walks back in.

HELEN  
What do you want now?

JAVED  
I can't get back into their dorm  
room. Can I pre-game here?

JAKE  
Sure.

Javed makes a beer appear and takes a swig of it.

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JAVED

Cool. I'm going to watch a movie in your room.

Javed walks away.

JAKE

Sorry about that. Continue.

HELEN

So you're in the forest and all of a sudden a...

Javed walks back into the kitchen towards the door.

JAVED

Forgot something.

He walks outside.

HELEN

ALL OF A SUDDEN A RUNAWAY CARRIAGE APPEARS. (a beat) Okay. Do you help whoever might be in the carriage or do you let it roll into the river?

Javed walks back in with the camera.

HELEN

So, what do you choose?

JAKE

We should obviously help them. They might be able to help us out later.

Javed stops and cleans the camera with a cloth.

JAVED

That's a horrible idea really.

CALEB

Don't you have a party to go to?

JAVED

You don't just stop a cart and assume they might be friendly. You could be getting into something between two other parties. It could be the Trojan horse to your group's downfall.

JAKE

Actually you make a fair point. Why don't we team up?

ASTRID

You can't do that.

HELEN

And I won't allow it.

JAKE

What? He doesn't know how to play and I just started. I teach him how to play and he can teach me how to be political.

JAVED

You need it.

A beat.

HELEN

Fine, but just this once.

They scoot a chair next to Jake and Javed sits in it.

JAVED

Who are we? Just so I can figure out how to help you. Of course.

JAKE

We are Ariel, a ranger, whose personal quest is to free her kingdom from the orcs.

JAVED

A seductress. Badass.

HELEN

Anyhow. Jake?

JAKE

Well, I'd wait for the carriage to stop in the river and then go check it out.

JAVED

No. You don't want to do that. You should ask what the carriage looks like. Is it ornate? Is it made out of wood? Has it been attacked? Arrows? Other markings? If so, then by what? Orcs? If yes, then you

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JAVED (cont'd)  
might just go mental and run toward  
a group of approaching orcs because  
character. Do you hear anything  
coming from inside it? Screams? Cry  
for help? Silence? If silence you  
want to be careful about it because  
they might just want you to come  
try to help them and then they'll  
kill you before you can say,  
'owlbear.'

The entire table pauses and looks at him stunned.

JAKE  
Okay. Will do that.

Javed gets up really quick and accidentally hits the table.

CARLOS  
Hey, man! Watch it!

JAVED  
I'll be right back.

ASTRID  
What's up with him?

HELEN  
I don't want to know.

Javed comes back dressed as Ariel with a wig and everything.

HELEN  
Jake, why do you have that?

JAKE  
I was in a cosplaying phase a few  
months ago.

JAVED  
(ignoring them)  
So, what did I miss?

FADE TO BLACK.