

Bonus Episode: The Mortician's Assistant

Rev: Hey everybody. This is Rev. Welcome to the Critshow. I am here on NOT a Wednesday because I've got some very exciting news. I'd said earlier that we had a couple things in the pipeline that hopefully we'd be able to tell you about soon and one of them is now in place enough that we're gonna tell you about it.

The Critshow has a new sponsor. We are now in part sponsored by Wulfgar Weapons. Wulfgar Weapons you might recognize that name if you listen to the live show they are the ones who put on Project Cos-Awesome which is a cosplayer and photographer event. You can find Wulfgar Weapons at Wulfgarweapons.com. You can find them on Facebook. You can find them on Etsy. They sell all kinds of amazing movie replicas and armor and weapons and guns. And part of that sponsorship from Wulfgar Weapons, we're going to start in August, a live Twitch stream of a game of Monster of the week with Wulfgar Weapons. It will happen once every four or six weeks, not often because everybody's busy. They've got things to do. But we will live twitch the show and then we will also record it and put it up for people to listen to if you or someone who can't get to Twitch at the time we're doing it. It'll be the Critshow: Armed and Dangerous, Monster of the Week with Wulfgar Weapons. It might be a rotating cast depending on who they have available and who they join. It really gives a chance for the people that Wulfgar Weapons to come in and play a game with us cycle some people in have some friends in however they want to do it. There may even be a couple of us there. Well, I mean obviously I'll be there because I'm going to run the game but you might see Jake or Tass or T.J. as part of this game with Wulfgar Weapons. So that is very exciting, look forward to seeing that coming in August.

Also, just a reminder that in a week and a half is Gen Con and we have a live show so if you are available Friday from 6 to 8 come join us for the live show. We'll have some fun and see if the guys can survive another live show, it was it was real close last time.

I didn't want to just give you guys an announcement and duck out so I have added to the end of this about 20 minutes of a little side story that I wasn't sure was going to make it into the episode. It is the guys dealing with that missing ghoul at the mayor's house. So, it's just a little transition between the end of Hawaii and the beginning of what comes next. So again thanks to Wulfgar Weapons and Props for their sponsorship. I look forward to playing this game with them and getting on a new venue with Twitch and doing a little roleplaying on there, we'll also, if you are on Twitch, be playing video games more often fairly soon so follow us on Twitch if you're there and if you're going to be at Gen Con come join us. And uh, yeah, I think that's everything for now. Enjoy this tiny episode.

Rev: So you guys have landed at the Indianapolis airport and you've gathered your luggage and Tass your phone is ringing.

Tass: I guess I'll answer that phone.

Rev: Margaret: Well welcome back to the mainland boys.

Tass: Thank you very much.

Rev: Margaret: So before you head in for your debriefing and all that uh, there is one little thing that still needs to be taken care of, the matter of uh, well that law ghoul at the mayor's house.

Tass: Oh God yeah, uh, OK. Fair.

Rev: Margaret: So,if you guys could stop by and try to remedy that, as I said we've been trying to keep the mayor distracted trying to convince him it's something else other than what it is. He's skeptical about what it is but he sure doesn't want to seem to give it up. He's freaked out and I think some press and some cops have arrived. So you won't need any weapons for this you tell your buddy to lose his armor and is his hammer. Well, no sniper rifle or anything this should be purely diplomatic.

Tass: Yeah. I mean we'll do our best. Um,Hey,OK. Is there any chance you could get us like a van and a body bag?

Rev: Margaret: Yeah, we've got those here. Where do you want them?

Tass: I'd say just meet us right out front of the mayor's.

Rev: Margaret: I'll send someone.

Tass: OK. OK.

Rev: So how are you guys gonna get to the mayors?

Tass: Well, I mean it's a really tough debate often do you go Lyft or do you go Uber?

Jake: I get email coupons for Lyft a lot so I've probably got a five dollar credit to lift.

Tass: Yeah let's do that. We should probably use the coup.

Rev: All right.

Teej: I'm cool with it.

Rev: So you guys get into your Lyft and you head to the mayor's house. As you arrive, There are a couple of cop cars. There's a news van or two outside. But, you also see a discreet black van sitting up the block.

Tass: Excellent. Um, I'd say we're cruisin that way and just kind of getting rid of all of our luggage and weapons and stuff tucking it in the van.

Rev: Yes. You have no problem getting all your stuff from the trip into the back of the van, and there is, there's a body bag in the back. What're you gonna do with it?

Tass: Okay, here's what I'm thinking boys. We go the route of morticians, like we, you and I obviously kind of have some matching garb here. We work at a morgue. Something like that probably a morgue could be a little better.

Teej: I got an idea. Um,The I...

Tass: You can not take the van apart for any reason.

Jake: What if we turn the van into a burrowing machine and drill up into the mayor's house and go weird science.

Teej: I wasn't going to do that.

Tass: Okay.Okay. What you got? What do you got?

Teej: I got an idea. Um, along the lines of IPT...

Rev: He's going straight up steal my joke live on the air. Keep going.

Tass: Tass: Are you gonna Jerry Lewis him right now. Is that what You're going to do.

Teej: Teej: No no no. It's actually called the M R A Morticians Rescue Association.

Tass: Tass: Oooh! We're going to pretend we're morticians.

Teej: Teej: Mm hmm.

Tass: Tass: That's way better than mine. I like that. Yeah. So that's the gist of it that somebody had stolen a body and we're, we've been looking for it. We don't know why. And then we heard all of this and we think that they did it to do some horrible, horrible gross prank and they messed with the body and they made it gross and they brought it to the mayors and are trying to make some sort of statement and but we're here and we're gonna get rid of it and we're so so so sorry.

Teej: Teej: Easy.

Tass: Tass: Easy. That's what's up.

Teej: Teej: In and out and gone.

Tass: Tass: Yeah, and we've got a big strong man to lug around the body.

Teej: Teej: Because we are weak.

Tass: Tass: Yeah.

Jake: Jake: I just, I just grab it raw and hug it over my shoulder and you're like "No no the bag". And I'm like "Oh. Put it in the zip bag."

Tass: Tass: Yeah, we good that sound good?

Teej: Teej: Yeah. Sounds great. Are there any like gloves or anything in the van to help with this or is it just the body bag.

Rev: Revington: That's all he ask for. So it's just the body bag in the van.

Tass: Tass: You got uh, we have to use this thing like when you're picking up dog poop. You know you put your hand in the bag and then you turn it inside out.

Teej: Teej: What we do is we, we drape it over the dead body and then we just kind of roll it over.

Tass: Tass: Yeah. Yeah.

Teej: Teej: We got it.

Tass: Tass: It's okay if we get something we'll just hit ourselves up with some werewolf blood.

Rev: Revington: I know it's been a while. It's been like twelve hours, that flight was about 12 hours, you feel like you could use one right now.

Jake: Jake: Let's just go to like, like the mayor lives in an upscale neighborhood. I'm sure they've got those like dog poo bag dispensers. So let's just go get some of those. Put our hands in to pick up the ghoul.

Tass: Tass: Yeah.

Jake: Jake: We've got the, the mayors like "what you're doing?" putting a biodegradable green bag over my hand. What are you talking about? I'm picking up a dead body.

Tass: Tass: This is standard procedure sir. I need you to step back.

Rev: Revington: You never been backstage at a morticians workshop? All we use are disposable doggie poop bags.

Teej: Teej: You guys good with this?

Tass: Tass: I'm good with this.

Teej: Teej: Alright, let's go.

Tass: Tass: OK.

Rev: Revington: So, like I said there are a couple cops and the press there, as you guys get closer one of the cops is like, "Hey you guys what's going on?"

Teej: Teej: I tell him that we are from the I M A, the Indiana Morticians Association and we are here to take care of the mayor's "problem."

Jake: Jake: Then you wink. Very suspect.

Teej: Teej: Well, I'm just making sure you know that the press don't, you know, get a hold of this.

Rev: Revington: He catches that actually. Like, "Oh yeah. Yeah. The mayor's "problem." and he makes like a "glug, glug" motion. "Oh, you're not here to get rid of all the bottles." I probably shouldn't say this stuff about the mayor of Indianapolis. He actually gets that and he let you through.

Teej: Teej: Thank you, sir.

Tass: Tass: Nice!

Rev: Revington: So, you get waved through and you start approaching the mayor's house and as I said, the mayor is outside. There are a couple of cops talking with him as well and there is press a few feet away trying to ask questions or get photos inside the house, but they're keeping a little bit of a distance.

Teej: Teej: Ok, so we move our way through the press to to get to the mayor.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): Who are you?

Teej: Teej: I am a uh- Indiana Morticians Association. We got a call that there might be something that the mayor might have a problem with.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): I'm the mayor.

Teej: Teej: Oh, hello, sir. It's nice to meet you. Uh, big fan. I voted for you twice.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): Oh, but you didn't recognize me.

Teej: Teej: That's because I don't pay attention.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): That's how I like my voters.

Teej: Teej: So we heard that you had- And I take him, and I put my arm around him and I sort of...

Rev: Revington: Slow dance?

Teej: Teej: I take him and I put my arm around his shoulder to move him towards the door so that way we go inside the house away from the press.

Rev: Revington: Yeah. He he's kind of caught off guard enough that you're touching him and moving him that he goes with you initially.

Teej: Teej: Mr. Mayor we just got a call saying that there was a body in the house.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): Yes. It just appeared out of nowhere it was the strangest thing.

Teej: Teej: And it turns out that somebody had taken a body from our morgue and we didn't know who it was. We don't know where it was. And it was pretty recently actually. We just got an anonymous call about a body at the mayor's house and we think it might be ours.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): Well can you describe what it looks like. It's like missing wallet. Can you describe it before I give it to you?

Teej: Teej: Sure, absolutely. You know, Mr. Mayor the only way I could honestly describe it is that it's kind of ghoulish you know just a really bad skin maybe even burnt a little.

Tass: Tass: Oh, and there was a cut on the bottom of the left foot.

Mayor(Rev): That's right. Hi. Who are you?

Teej: Teej: Oh, this is my associate.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): Oh so you lost it. What you mean you lost a body what happened.

Teej: Teej: Well, somebody took it from our morgue, like I said. We obviously were so distraught by this that we didn't call the authorities immediately and all of a sudden we got a phone call and somebody anonymously said that there's this dead body at the mayor's office.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): I wonder if someone's trying to get me in trouble or something like Why would someone sneak a dead body into my house.

Teej: Teej: I wouldn't want to try and guess on that at all, period, the end.

Rev: Revington: Why don't you roll manipulate somebody, what do you want from the mayor? Tell him what you'd like to do and then roll manipulate someone.

Teej: Teej: Mr. Mayor if we could get access to the body so then that way we might be able to get it out of here. We could sneak it out the back door away from prying eyes and the press.

Rev: Revington: All right. Roll it.

Tass: Tass: And while he's doing that I want to fake a call and essentially like answer my phone and kind of step away. "No we don't have it yet. Yeah. Yeah. He confirmed it the burns and then the incision on the bottom of the foot."

Rev: Revington: You're trying to sell the story.

Tass: Tass: Yeah.

Rev: Revington: OK. Roll 'help out'.

Tass: Tass: OK.

Rev: Revington: Jake what are you doing?

Tass: Tass: Oh my God! Hold on.

Jake: Jake: I want to start like unzipping the body bag and sort of breaking down for the mayor like, I apologize this is kind of you know normally we have some more some more professionalism here but this is kind of a rush job. We got this call and we didn't want this to get any worse than it is. So I mean we even forgot our gloves but we'll get this out of here lickety split.

Rev: Revington: Are you trying to help out?

Jake: Jake: Yeah.

Rev: Revington: OK. Roll it. So, T.J. what'd you get?

Teej: Teej: With my total I got a six.

Rev: Revington: OK, Tass what did you get?

Tass: Tass: A four.

Rev: Revington: Oh and Jake what did you get?

Jake: Jake: I got a seven to 'help out.'!

Rev: Revington: So with 'help out' six and under you are exposed to trouble or danger and with a middle success you are also exposed to trouble or danger, but T.J. does get a plus one which takes T.J. to a seven.

Teej: Teej: Thank goodness.

Rev: Revington: So the mayor is going to ask you for something before he lets you do what it is you want which is take this corpse. The mayor hears you talk. You can see it dawn on his face that you guys lost a corpse. That's probably not good. "I'll tell you what, I want you, I like the way you talk. You're a good talker. I want you to campaign for me in the fall and in exchange I won't tell the police about you losing a corpse which I believe is a felony offense if it's not reported.

Teej: Teej: Yes, sir. Absolutely, sir. I appreciate that very much. And I, I'm going to be on your team 100 percent.

Rev: Revington: And as they're having this conversation the two of you get a glimpse out the front door and you see the black van being towed away.

Tass: Tass: Oh, No!

Rev: Revington: You realize that when you rolled it down here you parked it in front of a fire hydrant and that is the danger you've expose yourself to. Now, you have no place to take this corpse. So he shakes your hand get your contact information and let you into the room.

Teej: Teej: Thank you, sir.

Rev: Mayor(Rev): I'll be seeing you at the polls.

Rev: Revington: So the three of you are in the room with the ghoul and sure enough it is the missing ghoul.

Teej: Teej: Awesome. I'm gonna close the door.

Rev: Revington: What would you do if I, you guys came in was like "No it's just just a different corpse"? That's the story hook. You close the doors.

Teej: Teej: Yes. So let's get this thing, let's go.

Jake: Jake: Yeah. I'll lay out the body bag next to what is it. Where is it, just on the floor?

Rev: Revington: Yeah.

Jake: Jake: OK yeah. Lay out the body bag next to it and let's get it by the shoulders and ankles and put it in this body bag.

Rev: Revington: It's just right in the foyer where you came in the door to get candy from the mayor when you were a kid.

Jake: Jake: I going have some confusing dreams like, I'm in a Jurassic Park T-Rex costume and I go to get candy and it's a ghouls hand throwing the candy in the bag. Oh no.

Rev: Revington: And its little tiny ghouls that it's soaring in your bag.

Jake: Jake: Oh God!

Rev: Revington: And vials of werewolf serum.

Teej: Teej: God, I'm itchy.

Tass: Tass: OK. The van just got towed. So how are we getting this back?

Teej: Teej: All I can think of is Jake calling it. We're just running it.

Tass: Tass: Just running down the street with a body bag.

Teej: Teej: Yep. So I guess we just need to put it in the bag and then Jake you need to get it out of here.

Jake: Jake: Uh, uh! That's what got us into this mess.

Teej: Teej: It doesn't matter, man. There's nothing else we can do, we can't just haul a body bag around Indianapolis.

Tass: Tass: And if I call IPT again saying we need another vehicle, and lost it.

Rev: Revington: Almost instantaneously.

Tass: Tass: Yeah. Like literally, it's been five minutes.

Jake: Jake: We should all be fired. We should have all been fired a long time ago.

Tass: Tass: Hey but we defeated a vampire general. OK. We did good.

Teej: Teej: Yeah we did good.

Tass: Tass: Let's tell him we need to go out the back with it clearly to avoid the press.

Jake: Jake: Yeah, I mean we told him we were going to sneak it out of here.

Tass: Tass: Yeah.

Jake: Jake: So if you guys can just tell him "OK our boy snuck it out of here.".

Tass: Tass: Alright.

Teej: Teej: We'll do it.

Jake: Jake: OK. This is awful. Let's see if I should be a little better at this now.

Rev: Revington: Let's find out together.

Jake: Jake: Let's find out together! I'll zip up the body bag and toss it over my shoulder and hope very hard.

Rev: Revington: OK. Where are you headed.

Jake: Jake: Pray to the defender. IPT.

Rev: Revington: OK, so right outside IPT?

Jake: Jake: Yeah.

Rev: Revington: Ok.

Jake: Jake: Eight.

Rev: Revington: And what does that get you?

Jake: Jake: Either you're all separated or you all appear in the wrong place.

Rev: Revington: Which would you prefer.

Jake: Jake: I would prefer appear in the wrong place.

Rev: Revington: Together?

Jake: Jake: Yeah.

Rev: Revington: All right... all right Jake roll a six sided die. I've assigned some locations to a number.

Jake: Jake: Four.

Rev: Revington: You are standing on the rooftop where you encountered that invisible creature and the men repairing the door, holding a ghoul corpse.

Jake: Jake: Oh God. How far is this from IPT?

Rev: Revington: It's pretty far away...in the background we see the van being towed by the street.

Jake: Jake: Well still not great. I want to go check the roof access door and see if I could even get inside the building if I wanted to.

Rev: Revington: You can.

Jake: Jake: Okay I'm going to go inside and downstairs. I'm going to try to find the maintenance office.

Tass: Tass: Please tell me you'll you're gonna leave the body on the...

Jake: Jake: No no I'm going to take the body.

Rev: Revington: Yeah it's on the first floor and you find the main office for the apartment building.

Jake: Jake: Okay. I want to, I want to knock and see if the two dudes that found me at the blown up door there.

Rev: Revington: Yeah. The door opens and one of them is there. "Oh hey what's up?".

Jake: Jake: Hey how's it going? You remember me?

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Hammer guy.

Jake: Jake: Yeah yeah. Well actually, um. So, I've got another weird story here.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): You mean that corpse over your shoulder.

Jake: Jake: The corpse over my shoulder.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Yeah. That's like the elephant in the room.

Jake: Jake: It is so, uh, part time I work for a morgue and I pick up the deceased and I take them back to the morgue and I parked in front of a hydrant and my van got towed.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Oh, man that happened us once with the maintenance van.

Jake: Jake: Yeah. Could I, I hate to do this, could I trouble one of you guys for a ride back? We're gonna have to put a body in a car but like it's, it's sanitary it's in the bag and everything it's spooky and I'm sorry, but I have no way to get back and I'm gonna get super fired.

Rev: Revington: You see him kind of lean back in the door is like...

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Hey hammer guy's here says he needs a ride.

Rev: Jeff(Rev)Oh yeah. He got his wallet on him?

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Oh good call. You got your wallet on you?

Jake: Jake: Yeah.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Yeah. You buy lunch and we'll take you.

Jake: Jake: Oh yeah!

Rev: Eddy(Rev) It's lunch time and we both, we both forgot our lunches at home.

Jake: Jake: It would be my genuine pleasure to buy you guys lunch.

Rev: Revington: You see that he kind of shifts in the doorway. You can tell he's extending his arm and you hear the sound of a high five inside the room. So,yeah,They take you out to the back and sure enough there is a maintenance van there that they use for the different buildings that they service. They open up the back of it. There's brooms and mops and drywall equipment and they take some of it inside and make a space for the body and lay down some plastic tarps and wrap it up.

Jake: Jake: okay, and I want to essentially direct them to-

Rev: Revington: The drive through?

Jake: Jake: Is that where they want to go first. Do I want to go get lunch with them with a corpse in there. Okay. Well, then yeah whatever they want for lunch.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Oh we do apartment maintenance in Indianapolis. We've dealt with corpses.

Jake: Jake: Yeah. You're right. Nevermind. That's real gross.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): What're you feeling?

Jake: Jake: Let's get into this.

Rev: Revington: Deep lore time. Deep lore.

Jake: Jake: I don't know. Subway?

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Not really feeling fresh, this is a cheat day.

Jake: Jake: Something greasy, OK. Arby's?

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Yeah. Yeah. I could go for a big beef and cheddar.

Jake: Jake: All right, let's do that.

Rev: Revington: You guys go to the drive thru on the way to IPT and they get you there.

Jake: Jake: And I want to essentially direct them into one of the adjacent alleys and be like Oh yeah it's, it's if you just pull up in front of this alley we've got like a side entrance through there that I can take the body into.

Rev: Revington: So,yeah, they pull up and stop the van in the alley.

Jake: Jake: And I'll get out and huck the corpse over my shoulder and I'm like, All right, I'm going to take it inside I'll be right back and then go around the corner and into IPT instead.

Rev: Revington: They sit there and they wait and 'Cheers' their Beef n' Cheddar's.

Jake: Jake: All right. Yeah. I'll find Margaret or whoever is expecting this.

Rev: Revington: Yeah, there's one of the, one of the lab workers is there right inside that backdoor and they grab his body and call someone else and they put on a cart and roll it away.

Jake: Jake: Super. And I will... Am I riding back with the maintenance guys? Like, I don't have to. I'm here, I don't know why they're waiting.

Rev: Revington: Cause you didn't say goodbye.

Jake: Jake: Yeah. All right, I'll, I'll go back out there and, you know, walk up to the window of the van and be like, All right. Got it taken care of, my job is saved. I owe you guys. Thank you so much.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): Yeah, yeah, I mean, let us know. We're always looking for moonlighting.

Rev: Revington: And he gives you a card. It's got their info on it.

Jake: Jake: Excellent.

Rev: Eddy(Rev): You ever need some place cleaned up or need help hauling anything.

Jake: Jake: Super! Yeah, fantastic, thank you.

Rev: Eddy(Rev):Yeah, no problem.

Rev: Revington: Yeah. So what are you going to do now.

Jake: Jake: I'm gonna pull out my phone and give these guys a call.

Rev: Revington: So what do you guys do after Jake vanishes?

Tass: Tass: I think we have to call an Uber and go to wherever the tow truck place is to try to get our van.

Rev: Revington: Its no problem. You guys find that you're able to get the van out of the impound, doesn't cost you too much. You actually stop the guy as he's getting ready to load it in and I assume you try to explain the situation.

Teej: Tass: Yeah, absolutely.

Rev: Revington: He gives you the car back for half price but in cash and you notice he pockets it.

Tass: Tass: Nice.

Tass: Revington: So having gotten the van back and the body returned to IPT Margaret sends you all text saying that you can get some rest now and that she will talk to you in a couple days.