

The Heat (S1, E4)

INTRO

Rev: Let's you and me have a conversation for a second.

Jake: Okay. *Rev and Jake leave the table*

Tass: OK. Well, I guess we're alone now.

Teej: Yeah, so, um, how's it going with you?

Tass: I'm good. I'm gonna roll, I'm actually gonna roll to see how good I am. What would this be, like... 'cool'?

Teej: I think 'charm'.

Tass: Ch--charm?

Teej: Well, no, no, no, maybe you're right. 'Cool' because you're trying to be cool.

Tass: OK.

Teej: All right, go for it.

Tass: Oh, that's a 9. That's mixed success, I guess.

Teej: Oh man, so, um...

Tass: That sounds about right.

Teej: In this case, you impressed me.

Tass: OK.

Teej: But, at a cost.

Tass: OK.

Teej: So, you have to do push ups.

Tass: Oh, what?

Teej: Yeah.

Tass: I have to do push ups to impress you?

Teej: Yeah, yeah. All right, go ahead.

Tass: No. That's the, that's the best kind of improv is, "nope." Not doing that suggestion at all.

Teej: "No". And then there's "no and".

Tass: No, no and. No and suck it.

Rev: *gets back to table with Jake* OK, let's do this.

THE HEAT

Rev: Tass, T.J., you see Jake plummeting to the ground. Right before he hits the ground, there's a flash of light and he vanishes. And then all of a sudden, from inside the booth, below you, you hear...

Jake: Oh, God! Oh, no! Oh, that was close.

Tass: What's going on!? Jake, Jake, Jake, Jake, Jake!

Jake: Yeah. Yeah. What's up? Hey!

Tass: The hell was that!?

Rev: For those of you at home, that failure caused Jake to level up. And since leveling up in this game happens instantaneously, Jake why don't you tell us about the power that you and I discussed, that you took.

Jake: So, I took a new 'Divine' move that is just called, 'Angel Wings' and I can go instantly to anywhere I visited before, or to a person I know well. If I try to carry one or two people with me I roll '+Weird'. On a full success, we all go wherever I wanted. On a

mixed success, it doesn't quite work. Either we're separated, or we go to the wrong place. But, basically as I was falling...

Rev: So, clearly you don't really know the booth, cause you just passed through it. I think that to go to a place you know, you've got to be familiar with it. So, how did you get to the booth?

Jake: Because, you're in it.

Rev: Right. So you supported to Rev.

Jake: I teleported to Rev. I was just like, I imagined yours was the last thing I--your face was the last thing I saw before I thought I was going to die.

Teej: Oh, boy.

Jake: And then I was probably on my ass in the sound booth, because I don't imagine that it necessarily changes my orientation...

Rev: Yeah, yeah.

Jake: ...when I teleport. I might have just been like falling and like. "Oh no!", and then I just went bump onto the floor.

Rev: We're going to assume that this magical teleport does what every other teleportation can't do and dampens your inertia. Just for the sake of you not taking the full impact still.

Tass: It eliminates terminal velocity.

Rev: Yes.

Tass: That's good.

Rev: Yes.

Jake: Good.

Rev: We'll assume that, at least for now. Maybe you appeared and fell like up into the room and then back down. Like, how Nightcrawler has to do it. Nightcrawler has to

teleport, like if he's falling, he's got to teleport so that he comes out of his teleport angled up.

Tass: Yeah.

Rev: So that he starts to dampen that inertia.

Tass: So it's more like the, uh, Star Trek, um, what're they called? Are they called telepor-
-What are they called?.

Rev: Yes. Yes. It's like the transporter--.

Tass: Transporter.

Teej: Oh, Yeah.

Rev: ...in Star Trek.

Tass: Yeah.

Jake: Like, it's like Castiel's angel wings. Like he doesn't actually fly anywhere. He just--.

Tass: Is there.

Jake: --He just like vanishes and appears.

Tass: I like that, yeah.

Rev: Oh, but, I mean in the sense of, I think he meant that the transporter in Star Trek kills their inertia. Like, if they're falling--.

Jake: Oh.

Rev: --they appear and they still hit the ground, but it's not with the insane velocity they were falling with.

Tass: It's that they appeared a foot above the ground and fall that foot.

Jake: Cool.

Rev: Great. So yeah you are inside the sound booth. I assume getting up.

Jake: Yeah. I'm standing up and dusting myself off and I'm like, "Watch out for that first step. It's a doozy."

Teej: Woh!

Jake: *Does a "Shave and a hair cut"-like stinger*

Tass: Wah!

Jake: No, I'm actually probably breathing very heavily and like feeling myself trying to figure out exactly how I just did that.

Tass: I think, I'm down on I knee too, with just hands on your shoulders like, "What was that?"

Jake: I think I can like fly, or teleport, or something now.

Jake: That's so good. I just, I like look up to the sky and I'm just like, thank you. I don't think I can get to the roof from here. I don't know if one of you guys wants to give it a shot, or we need to find a different way up there, but...

Teej: I'll give it a shot. I mean I've been up in grids and things like that before. I can definitely do this.

Tass: Are you sure? I mean, I'm, I'm happy to do this.

Teej: Oh, nah, I got this. I'm, this is one of my favorite things to do. What are you talking about?

Jake: Are you a good climber?

Teej: I'm decent. I'm a decent climber.

Jake: I'm just worried about you, I don't want you to get hurt.

Teej: I think I'll be fine. I'll be all right. I got this.

Rev: All right.

Jake: Is there any--.

Rev: Roll, 'Act Under Pressure'.

Jake: Is there any kind of rope, or anything in this place that I can use, that I can tie him off with? Or, we can tie him off to the rail. Are there mic cords or anything like that in here?

Rev: Not up here. I mean you've seen rope when you cut them down at the base on the stage.

Jake: Can I try to help them out? Can I try to follow him up the ladder and as he goes out, kind of like, give him a hand to hold on to as he gets a handhold on something else?

Rev: Yeah. So, you're gonna--Tass has come down the ladder. You're gonna go back up. You're gonna follow him and you're gonna try to give him a chin up bar with your bicep porn to help him get up.

Jake: I want to, I want to give him an extra point to stabilize, like an extra...yeah okay.

Rev: But, yeah you can totally, essentially, hold a hand out for him to put a foot in to help him boost up onto the bar, because that's where you know you had an issue, was getting up onto the bar. You got a hold of the bar, you just couldn't get up to it. You think you could, you could give him a boost--

Teej: Sounds good. I got this

Rev: --Getting help on to it.

Tass: That first little boost sounds like a +1 material.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: So I got an 8 to help out.

Rev: Okay. So that gives you a +1.

Teej: That would make that a 10.

Rev: Jake, you hold out your arm and you're holding onto the ladder with the other hand. T.J. starts to swing out into the void. You grab the bottom of his foot give him a boost and as you shift you feel your hammer slide out of your belt and fall.

Jake: Oh, shit!

Rev: T.J., you're up on the bar. You scoot your way across and you get to the cracked open window.

Teej: I will try and open it and get out.

Rev: Yeah. You able to give it a push and it opens out onto the roof.

Teej: Nice. I'm gonna climb up in to the roof.

Rev: Okay, no problem.

Teej: On to the roof.

Rev: You are now on the roof. Tass, you're standing down in the booth with me, just kind of shooting the shit, talking about secret agency stuff. And you see Jake's hammer plummet by the window and you hear, "Shit." from up above.

Tass: Oh that's not ideal.

Jake: So, once I see him get through the window, I want to call out to him, be like, you good?

Teej: I'm great. I told you, I got this.

Jake: Does being able to clearly see a place, a spot, qualify for being able to use 'Angel Wings' to get to it?

Rev: No, but, you could go to T.J..

Jake: I was thinking as far as my hammer goes.

Rev: Oh.

Jake: Like, if I can look down and I can see where it's sitting. Can I go.

Rev: Yeah. If it's line of sight. If it's not line of sight, I think it has to be a place that you are--.

Jake: Like intimately familiar with.

Rev: Yeah, but--.

Jake: Yeah, I feel like if I can see it.

Rev: Yeah, absolutely.

Jake: OK, then I'm going to call down the ladder to Rev and Tass and I'm gonna be like, All right I'm gonna go down and get my hammer and then I'm going to join T.J. on the roof so...

Tass: I'm right behind you.

Jake: OK. So I'm going to.

Rev: You teleport to the bottom of the theater, pick up your hammer, you look up at T.J., he's looking down at you, and then you are next to him.

Jake: Cool.

Rev: Startles T.J., he falls in the window.

Rev: So what are you doing, Tass?

Tass: I,m yelling up to him. Should I make my way over? Are you going to check it out first? Because, I don't want to fall and die.

Jake: I would feel better if we were all up here. But, if you think you are going to fall and die, then you can chill.

Tass: Nah, I got this.

Jake: Famous last words.

Rev: So you climb up to the top of the ladder. Give me an 'Act Under Pressure'.

Tass: Okay.

Jake: Oh!

Rev: So, the unfortunate thing that we missed when we took a little break to get some drinks and stuff, is that Tass had said, "You should let me do this climb, because there's no way I could fail it, because I have an ability to give myself a boost." Let everyone know what you just rolled.

Tass: I rolled snake eyes, which is 2.

Rev: Yeah.

Tass: Plus, 'Act Under Pressure' which is 2 which is 4.

Rev: Yep.

Tass: Plus, 'Bottle It Up' which is a +3 bringing me to a 7 which is a mixed success.

Rev: It is an 'Act Under Pressure' mixed success.

Tass: Oh my God. I just had to give you 3 hold that you get to use at your leisure to bone me.

Rev: On anything except 'Act Under Pressure'.

Tass: That's exactly right.

Rev: So with your mixed success, I don't think that there is a worse outcome for this. Still you kind of succeeding, because there's really no point B between this point A and point C. It's either you make it to the lip and climb out the window where you plummet to the ground. So I'm just gonna give you a hard choice or a price to pay.

Tass: Okay.

Rev: So either you will get up and out the window, but the ladder is going to come away. So you won't be able to get down this way and I won't be able to get up. Or your weapons are going to fall out of their holsters as you cling to the bar to stop yourself

from falling. The shotgun is in kind of like a sheath and the pistol is in a holster. You accidentally left them unbuckled and they're going to slide out and fall.

Tass: Yeah, I think, I think the ladder goes.

Rev: So you scramble up, you kick a little too hard to get yourself out and you feel the bolts in the wall come loose from the plaster and you hear a creaking sound and you see the ladder fall away under you.

Tass: Okay! That ain't great! And kind of hand-over-hand to get to that window as fast as I can.

Rev: I guess I'll, I guess I'll wait here guys.

Tass: Sorry, Rev. Oh, God, sorry.

Teej: Are you OK? Did the ladder hit you?

Rev: No I hope nothing comes along and kills me, since I'm all alone and an NPC. I'm kidding. You pull yourself in and you are now on the roof with these two.

Tass: Oh God, that was close. And I'm gonna instantly get that flashlight out and look to see if anyone's up here.

Rev: Where you looking? You looking high, you looking low? What are you looking for?

Tass: Is there an obvious lay of the land up here, or is this a thing where I'm going to need to actually start hunting around corners and stuff?

Rev: Yes, there are things up here, heating and air conditioning pipes, junction boxes, there's the top of the fly space. It's not like a flat surface.

Tass: Ok, then I guess I'm literally just going to start making my way towards whatever the closest area that might be concealed would be. If whatever I can't see behind, just start doing kind of like around that stuff.

Rev: And what are you guys doing? Are you looking in other areas, are you just following him?

Jake: I'd do a loop around the dome.

Rev: Okay.

Tass: I'm just gonna go ahead and follow Tass, in this case because he's got the light.

Rev: Both of you, Jake and Tass, roll 'Investigate a Mystery'.

Tass: OK. Oh, Box cars! That is a 13.

Rev: You get a hold 2.

Jake: I got a 4, heheh!

Rev: I'm going to remedy Jake's first because he was closer, he didn't have to travel. You start to walk around the outside of it, trying to see if there's any markings or anything at the base of the dome. And as you lean in to the dome you put your hand on the glass and try to peer down at some of the cement at the base of it. And the panel of glass just lets go and slides into the building and you hear it shatter. And you actually after a moment start to hear an alarm.

Jake: Oh, no! I like Hold very still and I turn very slowly to look at where they are.

Tass: Is that the building alarm?

Rev: It very clearly sounds like it's coming from inside the building.

Jake: Well, what's the police response force for IMPD in this neck of the woods?

Tass: Well, I'm sure I don't know.

Jake: Probably not great.

Rev: Hey guys what are we doing up there? It's real loud down here.

Teej: Brandon! Be quiet! We're trying to investigate.

Jake: We're trying to be sneaky. God damn!

Tass: Try to find the alarm and turn it off.

Rev: No!

Jake: Don't do that. Just hunker down. I accidentally set off the alarm.

Tass: Knowing that we got to hurry now, I'm really looking.

Rev: Is there any place in particular you want to look, in the sense of location on the roof or placement in the building? That sounds like a leading question, but I really want to know what area you get to inspect before you guys have to make a choice of fight or flight with the cops.

Tass: Oh God! I mean the only thing I have in my head is, what I think would be the obvious place to go to try to get down from here, if they were fleeing from us.

Rev: So, it's very clearly, as you scan the flashlight around, the ladder hanging off the side of the building. You can see the metal rungs going over the side of the building on the side that you guys did not come down, the alley, the one T.J. was going towards and never made it to.

Tass: Got it. OK. So yeah, I'm gonna haul ass that way.

Rev: You can see as you get closer to the ladder, that there is a set of footprints that go back towards the back left side of the theater on the roof.

Rev: Oh, I'm going to follow those.

Rev: All right. So you follow them and it doesn't take you very far.

Tass: I'm with him.

Rev: Great. And you come around--that sounded like a very dismissive "great" it's not. I assumed that you were with him. I just want you to know that you matter.

Teej: Oh, Okay.

Rev: You come around the corner of one of the large venting systems and as you pass around the corner you realize that there's some ambient light being cast and you see ten more candles in the exact same pattern.

Tass: Okay. I'm gonna get that flashlight up and kind of look to see if there's anybody here.

Rev: There's not.

Tass: Oh, man!

Rev: I believe you have 1 hold left.

Tass: What happened here?

Rev: You can see from the location on the roof, as you kind of think down a floor and down a floor, that you might be right above the other series of candles.

Tass: Oh! I don't know what this means at all, but okay.

Rev: But, there are certainly ten of them and it seems like they're in the same pattern and in the same position, the same spacing, as the candles in the basement and that you are directly above them.

Teej: I want to look to see if there's any thing inside the ring of candles.

Rev: It's just the candles and then the roof.

Teej: What is the roof made of?

Rev: Irrelevant. It's, uh, the roof is made of stone.

Jake: Well, because I have a Dwarven racial ability that gives me a +2 to notice traps made in stone, so...

Tass: Ok guys. I mean unless we want to do a quick sweep just to make sure there's nobody else up here, I don't think they're up here. Some, something about this is connected. This is a directly above where the other set of candles was.

Rev: Jake do you join them when you see--hear him start talking about this?

Jake: Yeah.

Tass: So, I don't know. Quick scan and we get down the ladder, or just go?

Teej: I think we just gotta get out of here. We need to get Rev and get out of here.

Jake: You guys should take off first, in case the cops show up while you're trying to make your escape. I can stay up here and make a distraction.

Teej: Okay.

Jake: Do we want to pick a rendezvous point in case I have to hang back, or if you guys get to the car then--does the car still function? No it doesn't.

Tass: No, it doesn't have the battery.

Jake: How, how are we getting out of here? I guess, is also a good question.

Tass: On foot.

Jake: OK, well--.

Rev: Are you leaving the mech-suit of armor in the basement, for the cops to find?

Jake: I don't know how we would get it out, if it can't move. Is there any way that we could even get it to move? Like it's big and heavy with a dead battery.

Rev: You could probably try to fashion up a different way to power it, or you guys could search for a battery.

Teej: And this is Indianapolis and cars are everywhere.

Jake: We're going to steal their battery to get our power armor out of here.

Teej: I feel real bad about that.

Rev: As you guys are having this conversation, are you just huddled up tight and talking?

Jake: I mean not like huddled up. I imagine we are standing in a similar proximity to this right here.

Rev: What's this right here?

Teej: Which is about three, two or three feet from each other.

Jake: In a triangle.

Tass: Are we leaving the light armor, or do you think you can rig something fast enough to grab that and get us out of here.

Teej: Ugh, I guess I could? I mean...

Tass: Grab something and get it?

Teej: Yeah, Yeah I can. Yeah. Yes. All right. I could do it.

Tass: Let's haul ass then, and gonna make our way to the ladder.

Rev: Okay.

Teej: And climb down it.

Rev: Down the side and back into the building.

Tass: Yep

Rev: All right. What are you doing?

Jake: I will join them for this and I will hang out near the front doors. Like is there a window out the front of the building, somewhere that I can see out?

Rev: Yes, at the top of the stairs, on the second floor.

Jake: So, I'm going to keep watch and if I see law enforcement show up, I'm going to Wings back to the roof and I plan to make a distraction. So, I'm going to let you guys know that, like I'm going to keep an eye out for the cops and if they show up, I'll hold them off. But, if you hear me making a ruckus know that shit's happening and you need to get out.

Teej: Gotcha.

Tass: All right.

Jake: And if you have questions, yell them to me and I will try to respond in a way that does not set off the police.

Tass: Kay.

Jake: I'm imagining you guys coming up and being like, "Which alley are they in?" And I'll be like, "To my left we have a chimney. I'm stuck up here and the ladder on my left is broken. Help me please. Hello. Nine police officers. Your three squad cars look well cleaned. How did you to squeeze in to those, the nine of you?.".

Teej: I'm going to steal a cop's battery.

Jake: Oh, my god, that would be hilarious. I get them all look at the building and then I teleport and I'm just getting under the hood of the car behind them as they're looking to figure out where I went. Grabbing a battery.

Tass: Oh, my god!

Jake: One of them turns around. *makes a sound akin to Stan from American Dad, surprised*

Tass: What do I need to do to help you find something here?

Rev: What are you looking for.

Teej: I'm looking for as many electrical outlets as I can possibly get, to basically jerry-rig a charging unit that will charge the battery with one surge of power.

Rev: You're going to try to supercharge it.

Teej: Yeah, with one surge of power, by plugging it into multiple plugs and just like have all the electricity go into the battery.

Tass: That's so good.

Jake: The science checks out.

Rev: It does, it does.

Teej: Isn't it the weirdest science you've ever heard?

Rev: Do you explain that to Tass as you're telling him what to look for?

Teej: Oh yeah. Tass, I'm going to create a super-charging supercharger that will supercharge the battery by plugging it into multiple outlets and supercharge the battery.

Tass: And when you do that, what will that do?

Teej: It'll make the battery better...and supercharged.

Tass: There it is! So what, like wires and stuff? Yeah, like any any devices that you can see that--you know what. Oh my God! I just thought of this. The the grid system of the theater would work the best, because there's so many electrical things. If we can bring down a fly with with one of the electrical plug-in things for all those lights.

Tass: OK.

Teej: We can jerry-rig it all to that.

Tass: Let's do it. Let's do it. Let's do it.

Teej: Okay.

Tass: And we run in to the stage.

Teej: And then I look for the first-electric, which usually has the most amount of plugs in it.

Rev: Well, remember this is not an electric. This is a grid.

Teej: Oh right. Oh shoot.

Rev: So the fly system is for the scenery.

Teej: Oh no. Oh, poop.

Rev: So you would have to somehow run wires from the grid, unless you can find a lever that lowers the whole grid down.

Teej: Uh, nix that. Ok. We're just going to find a room with a lot of plugs in it.

Tass: There's got to be a spot with a bunch of just the extra lights. Let's just grab all the wires off of those.

Teej: Oh yeah. Yeah. We can do that and the extensions that they have on. Oh my gosh. Yeah. Of course.

Rev: So I imagine you guys are having this conversation center stage. You were kind of-- you came in the door from the left side and you're running across the stage. You're standing there like, "Oh I'm going to take the electrics down. Oh there's, crap, there's not electric, its a grid system. Well maybe if we get the--" And you hear a click and you see the grid system lowering down to just above the audience and stop. Switch is up here guys!

Tass: Rev buddy. I love you man.

Rev: Why is the alarm going off and why did Jake throw glass at me?

Teej: Question is why, why hasn't he done it till now.

Rev: It's valid. So tell me exactly what you're going to try to rig up.

Teej: Ok. So the grid will have all these lights in it and they'll all be plugged in and we were just going to cut the cords from those lights and using my 'Weird Science' I'm going to basically daisy-chain all those into one cord, so then that all the power coming from the grid goes down into one wire which will be leading down into the green room and into the suit of armor and supercharge the armor.

Rev: OK roll 'Weird Science'.

Teej: OK. Please do it. That's off of weird. Oh, god, oh no. It's a 6.

Rev: All right. So what are the ramifications of 'Weird Science'?

Teej: Um, on a 6 or less, something goes horribly wrong.

Rev: And that's it.

Teej: That's it.

Rev: So, as you're prepping this, do you tell anybody to be any specific place before you activate it? I was up in the light and the sound booth. Jake was up on the stairs on the second floor. Where's Tass? Where are you?

Teej: Well I'll be definitely down in the meat and potatoes of it. So I'll be--as soon as I plug it in and everything, I'm right there at the battery, so...

Rev: Ok. So you're not the one flipping the switch to turn this on.

Teej: No, not at all. I would definitely yell up at you probably to say, "All right, I need you to turn on light, blah blah blah blah."

Rev: Okay, and where's Tass?

Teej: Tass is probably about a good 30 feet away because that's where I tell him to be, just in case this goes south.

Rev: So not in the basement?

Teej: Not in the basement. No.

Rev: So, Tass, you're upstairs in the hallway leading by, like the door outside.

Tass: OK.

Rev: That would be about 30 feet from where you are.

Tass: OK.

Rev: So, I assume you Daisy-Chain this yell. You yell to Tass. Tass yells to me. I pull the trigger. There's a moment of silence as you hear the hum begin to charge in the battery and then there's this very strange electrical feedback and you can see that everywhere on the ground where the cord is touching, sparks start to shoot out and the floor starts to catch on fire.

Teej: Oh God.

Rev: The building is on fire. It's starting to burn more.

Teej: I'm going to try the switch on the armor.

Rev: Nothing happens.

Teej: Damn it.

Rev: Cause you rolled a six, right.

Teej: Yeah.

Rev: Yeah...the fire is spreading across the floor to the walls.

Jake: I presume I know nothing of this, right?

Rev: Correct. He hasn't said anything to anybody.

Teej: I make my way up the stairs. Forget the armor! I kick it over and I just get out of there.

Rev: All right. Are you going in the door that you guys just came in, or are you going out the front door, or are you going out the door that leads outside that you're about to run past. There are three doors in that you've all taken.

Teej: Yell up there and tell him to get out of there.

Tass: I'll go through the front. I'm going to let them know. Get out the side.

Teej: I'll get out the side door then.

Rev: Okay

Tass: and as I'm running, I'm looking for a--I know that there's a security alarm, I assume going off, but I'm looking for a fire alarm to pull.

Rev: Yeah, you see one on the wall.

Tass: I pull it.

Rev: Okay.

Tass: And then keep hauling ass towards the front, yelling, "Get out, get out, get out!"

Rev: All right. So where are you going? The grid is down, basically, above the chairs. The wires are leading across the stage through the audience. In your mind, as you start to sprint that way, what is your path?

Tass: So, the grid is low enough that I can't just run under it, I assume.

Rev: Correct. Yeah, it's right above the chairs.

Tass: No like, like wide around the theater access? Like the outer--what I would consider like the outer aisles of the pro--seating?

Rev: Yeah, you could get around on the outside.

Tass: OK. That's what I'm going to do. I'm going to take that path and be listening for them like, if they're responding to me.

Rev: Roll 'Act Under Pressure'.

Tass: Oh baby. That is an 11.

Rev: So, you start sprinting through the hallway, basically, running next to the fire that is spreading, because this cable is touching the ground all the way along. You're able to put your hand out and flip the switch down on the fire alarm. The fire alarm starts to blare as you run. You turn into the theater and you see that the curtain, the stage, everything is engulfed in flames. You can see that when this went off, sparks must have just showered from all of these lights, because all of the chairs are on fire. You're able to turn and jump off the side of the stage and run. "Hey get out of here, guys! Get out of here! There's fire! Fire! Go, go, go, go, go!" And you can see, as you pass by, that you don't even see me up in the booth anymore. Jake hears you yelling and you make it out to the lobby.

Jake: Where is Rev?

Rev: He's coming down the stairs behind you.

Jake: I can see him coming to me?

Rev: Yep.

Jake: Is the fire lapping at our heels, yet?

Rev: It is not. But, it probably won't be long.

Jake: But, we can get down the stairs to the front door.

Rev: Yeah. No problem. The fire right now, in bulk, is in the theater and spreading out and then also from that back hallway.

Jake: Ok. Then, I want to run down the stairs. Like, I wanna wait until you catch up to me. Come on! Go, go, go, go, go! And run down the stairs and get to where Tass is.

Rev: All right, you guys are all there.

Jake: And I mean out the front door, like--.

Rev: OK, where to out the front doors.

Tass: I would go out and then cut the direction of the alley where T.J. went out.

Rev: All right.

Jake: Yes.

Teej: Here I come.

Rev: Yep. And so you guys all meet, kind of, at the corner of the theater.

Tass: Do we hear any sirens and stuff yet?

Rev: Yes.

Jake: How far away do they sound?

Rev: Not very. It's been a while since the alarm was triggered for the security system.

Teej: And we probably took a good amount of time trying to get--.

Rev: Setting up those wires.

Jake: I say we run down the alley, towards the back of the theater, where there's not--it's not the road they're probably going to approach from. And I mean we just run through alleys and jump fences.

Teej: Solid plan.

Rev: And where's your destination? Like where are you trying to get to? Just trying to get hidden in the city right now?

Jake: Just trying to get some blocks away for now.

Rev: Okay, and on street level.

Jake: As opposed to--.

Rev: Like going up onto a roof or...

Jake: Oh yeah, I think it's street level.

Rev: Whoever is leading this charge, roll 'Act Under Pressure' and everybody can assist.

Jake: Am I leading?

Teej: It was your plan.

Tass: Yeah.

Jake: OK.

Tass: So this is a 'Help Out', essentially?

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: I got an 8.

Teej: I got a 7.

Tass: I got a 9.

Rev: You are ushering everybody through the streets, trying to dodge traffic, trying to avoid sirens that you hear. And you guys get to an alley. And with everyone's assistance you got a 10, so you do exactly what you want to do. Everyone else involved rolled a mix success, which exposes them to danger. As you get to a pretty far distance out, you feel like you're safe. You guys stop. And as you're standing there, kind of breathing and everyone's looking around, there is a crack in the air. And right next to T.J., part of the brick over his shoulder just puffs into dust. Tass, you recognize the sound. Someone has just fired a sniper rifle at you guys.

Jake: What!?

Tass: Oh shit. Down, everybody down down down down. Everybody get down.

Jake: I don't know what direction the shot came from. I'm getting to cover immediately.

Rev: All right. So everybody--is anybody worried about anybody else?

Jake: Oh, that's a good point. I am body shielding T.J..

Rev: All right. To try to get away and duck you can either roll act under pressure, to try to just get someplace, or you can read a bad situation to try to get a sense of where to go. For Jake, you're gonna roll 'Protect Someone' to add to whatever it is T.J. is doing.

Jake: Fantastic.

Teej: Got a 10 on 'Act Under Pressure'.

Jake: I got a 12 to 'Protect' this good boy.

Tass: A 10 to 'Read a Bad Situation'.

Jake: Yeah! Kicking ass.

Rev: All right, so, Tass, you get a hold 3 and I'm gonna let you resolve first.

Tass: Okay. I'm not sure which question this is either, "Are there any dangers we haven't noticed". I feel like that's not it because we notice that--what the danger is. I guess 'what's the biggest threat?'. I'm trying to find the direction of this.

Rev: Yeah. Either one of those would work.

Tass: Sure.

Rev: As you spin around seeing this chunk of brick essentially turn to dust, you catch for a brief glimpse, across the street on the roof, the reflection of what must be the scope of a sniper rifle, in the street light. So you can clearly see for a moment that this person is across the street, looking down the alley that you guys are in.

Tass: 'What's the best way to protect the victims?'

Rev: If you can either find a way to momentarily blind the person up top, or distract them, or if you can get everybody inside a building, or around a corner where this person doesn't have a line of sight on you.

Tass: 'What's my best way out?'

Rev: Best way out, the shortest route, would be straight towards the building that they're on because--

Tass: Cuttin off sight lines?

Rev: --the closest door and the way around the corner at the end of this is much further than the base of their building from you.

Tass: Ok, then that's essentially what I'm gonna yell is, he's there. We got to get, we got to get to that building straight ahead.

Rev: All right. So we'll now resolve Teej's roll, along with Jake, who is protecting him. What's your extra effect Jake?

Jake: I want all impending danger focused on me. So, I want to make an opening for them. Like, I want to shoo them down the alley and I want to, kind of, stand where I am and just like Gladiator like, "You want shit? You got shit! Let's go!"

Rev: So Tass, you point out that the shooter is on the roof. The best way to get away from them is to rush the building that they are on, because it's going to cut off the sight lines. Jake, you start to usher everyone across the street, as you do so, you kind of hold your hammer up in the air and yell and there's a crack of lightning and it makes you kind of the focus for a moment. And you can see the sniper rifle swing in your direction away from T.J., as the others run towards the building.

Jake: Uh, so as soon as I think that the focus is on me and they're on the way across the street, I can see where that gun is, right?

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: I'm teleporting to that rooftop. And I just, I just want to teleport right over 'em and just lay the hammer down.

Rev: So you're going to teleport to the lip of the building where the gun is hanging over. Because, that's what you can see. Like you can't see where he or she is.

Jake: Yeah.

Rev: As they run across the street, you teleport to the lip of the building and go to lay the hammer down. Roll 'Kick Some Ass'.

Tass: Oh. No. Oh, no

Jake: Oh, I got a 5.

Tass: Oh, no.

Rev: Alright, so you appear on the edge of this building and you raise your hammer to bring it down. You realize you don't see anything. You just see a sniper rifle in the air and as you're looking at it, you see a shotgun come, almost like someone's pulling it off their back, but they're invisible.

Jake: Oh my God. No!

Rev: And it blasts you.

Jake: Oh my God, no.

Rev: Off the building.

Jake: Oh my God. No!

Rev: You take 3 harm, minus your armor from the shotgun blast.

Jake: Okay.

Rev: Roll 'Act Under Pressure'. I'm going to assume that your mind is racing, that you're trying to figure out what is going on.

Jake: 9.

Rev: You can, in the moment before you hit the ground, teleport away. But, the only places you can think of in this moment are the rooftop that you just teleported from, or your home.

Jake: Home.

Rev: You vanish. The three of you, T.J., Tass and Rev, arrive at the front of the building you know there is no more danger. Where do you want to go? What are you going to do from here?

Teej: We've got to help Jake.

Tass: We got to get to that roof.

Teej: You know how to get there, right? I mean you're the--.

Tass: I've never been in this building. We just got to go up, man!

Teej: I mean, I don't mean like that. I mean like a tactician type stuff. I mean, this is a sniper. You've seen movies and everything. These guys have it all decked out and probably, like booby trapped and shit.

Tass: I don't know about that, but I do have one tactic. And I'm going to start heading toward a set of stairs, if I can find like stairs.

Rev: It's an apartment building there's a front door.

Rev: It's locked.

Teej: Is there a lock on the door, like an actual physical lock.

Rev: Yeah.

Teej: I'm going to try and Jimmy it with my multi-tool.

Rev: You start to get out your multi-tool and you put it in the door and from above you hear a shotgun blast and you think you hear Jake scream and then nothing.

Teej: We got to get up there, hurry.

Rev: And you are able to pop the lock out. You basically jam the multi-tool in. You don't necessarily pick it, you break it.

Teej: Awesome. I'm pushing in the door and let's go and find the nearest stairwell. See if we can't get to the roof.

Rev: So in the back corner of this hallway, there is a stairwell.

Teej: Going up it, nunchuckus at the ready, of course.

Rev: All right, what about you?

Tass: I'm following.

Rev: Do you have any weapons out?

Tass: Yeah, I'm gonna get, I'm gonna get the shotgun out.

Rev: OK. You guys arrive at the top of the stairs and there is a metal door, that you assume leads to the roo.

Teej: Bust it open.

Rev: So you guys just kick this door open?

Teej: Mmhmm.

Rev: Not knowing exactly what has happened to Jake up here, as you kick the door open, you hear a clicking sound.

Teej: Clicking sound?

Rev: And there is an explosion.

Jake: Boy, that booby trap call was as right on, buddy.

Rev: You just talked about it and then didn't check for it. You both take 1 harm that defeats armor and you are knocked down the stairs.

Tass: I'm unstable.

Rev: What are you doing?

Teej: I assume that I'm trying to recover from this like, just like shaken. *Shaking sounds* I'm gonna check him to see if he's OK.

Tass: I'm in pain. I'm not doing great.

Teej: Oh God.

Tass: Oh my God.

Teej: Where does it hurt?

Rev: You hear some footsteps behind you, as you're checking him.

Teej: I'm going to take his shotgun and I'm going to turn around and hopefully blast something with a shotgun.

Rev: So, you're just turning around and firing?

Teej: Yeah, blind fire.

Tass: What!?

Rev: Okay. Roll 'Act Under Pressure'.

Tass: What!? What if you shoot--Okay.

Jake: There's just a kid who is out on the roof, like jumping rope.

Teej: Why was he on the roof jumping rope in the middle of gunfire.

Jake: It's like the Men In Black stress test.

Teej: I got an 8.

Rev: You grab his shotgun and you spin around and try to get a shot off. And when you spin around, you don't see anyone there. You just see empty hallway. And then the gun is wrenched out of your hand and you see it tumble down the stairs behind Tass and then the door closes.

Tass: Was that Brad Pitt?

Teej: I'm going to pull out his first aid kit.

Rev: Uh, huh.

Teej: And I'm going to try and stabilize him.

Rev: All right.

Teej: With what little--.

Tass: Can you do that?

Teej: With what little help--I mean, I can help heal a person can't I?

Tass: I don't, I don't know.

Teej: I mean, I don't have like, you know, heal, or I don't have like first aid, or anything but...

Rev: What is your wound, Tass? How much damage do you have?

Tass: 4 total.

Rev: No, you can not help him. +4 harm requires a healing move, time in an infirmary or hospital, or magical healing.

Teej: Oh, Ok, I see.

Rev: Jake.

Jake: Yep.

Rev: You appear on the toilet. Cause it's the place you're most familiar with.

Jake: First of all, how dare you...

Rev: ...watch me in my most private of times.

Rev: Jake, you appear in your bed across town and beside you, you hear someone move and sit up and you look over and it's Larissa. It is the middle of the night. Your girlfriend was asleep in bed and you have just appeared next to her in a suit of armor and bleeding profusely from the chest. What do you want to do?

Jake: Hey, honey.

Rev: LARISSA: Jake are you. What? Why are you wearing?

Jake: Oh, I'm just, I just got back from Rev's place. I'm gonna get ready for bed. Go back to sleep. I'll be here in a minute.

Rev: LARISSA: Oh, I don't. I wish you wouldn't...wear armor to bed.

Rev: And she falls back over and goes to sleep.

Teej: That's just like Larissa. Oh my gosh.

Jake: Boy, I don't know anything about, like medicine. I, I think that like--OK so I'm going to walk out the door from my bedroom and get in the closet, where, like our box of medical supplies is and I'm going to grab a bottle of hydrogen peroxide and just, like open it up and start pouring it on some of my wounds, before I wings away to wherever T.J. is.

Rev: Yeah, and as you do, it looks like someone dropping Alka Seltzer into a glass of water. Like, everything just starts to fizz and foam. You may--you, you pee a little bit. Like it's not great. Who are you thinking of as you wings away?

Jake: T.J.. I am sworn to protect him.

Rev: All right. So, you appear next to T.J. standing on some stairs and you see Tass, on the ground, bleeding pretty profusely and you see T.J. kind of looking dazed. You see me at the bottom of the stairs picking up the shotgun and bringing it back up, but you're there.

Jake: What happened? It looks like a bomb went off here.

Tass: Yeah, well, I mean, more or less, a bomb went off here.

Jake: And the sh--did you encounter the shooter?

Teej: Yeah, I tried to shoot it. And, I guess I missed, because then it took the gun out of my hand, threw it down the stairs and--.

Rev: You take another point of damage from your teleportation here.

Jake: Oh, my God.

Rev: You are unstable, right?

Jake: I am.

Tass: Come here, come here, come here, come here. I--Let me at least help you real quick. Come here.

Jake: OK.

Tass: And, I'm gonna fumble for my stuff and try to do some medical-izing on him, to at least to stabilize him.

Rev: Yeah, T.J., T.J. has it out already. He's been slamming it together, trying to make a potion appear and it doesn't seem to be working.

Tass: Uh, yeah, I'm going to give you one more hold. Stabilize his woun--Yeah, he's sta-- He's stabilized now, because I don't think healing you for two is going to get you to a point of being stable is it?

Jake: Yeah.

Tass: Oh really.

Jake: Yeah, we have five.

Tass: And yeah. We decided that's how that works, right? At least for now?

Rev: Yeah, at least for now.

Tass: OK. Then heal 2.

Jake: OK. I can try and just get us, I can try and just get us out of here, two at a time. Like, I can't guarantee that it'll work. I don't know if you guys feel like you can move. If not, I can, I can try and fly us out of here, but if it goes wrong, I don't know where we might end up.

Tass: Maybe we call an ambulance.

Jake: Ok. I mean, they'll save our lives before we have to explain anything, so this might be the best bet.

Tass: Yeah.

Rev: I'm gonna get out of here.

Jake: Yeah. You are good.

Rev: Let me know when you guys are out because, I assume, you're gonna have to have some crazy story to explain everything that's just happened. See yah!

Jake: Good luck.

Teej: What!?

Rev: I don't--I mean, I don't know that we should all go to the hospital if we don't need to because that's more people that have to answer questions from the cops. Because you guys have gunshot wounds and those require a police officer to be called.

Teej: Okay. All right. Okay. All right. This is...all right. This is just me being, like in pain and like okay, alright. Let's just get the ambulance here, please. Could you at least call them. I don't think any of us are in a condition to call the ambulance.

Rev: Yeah, that's no problem. I will call the ambulance. I'll get outside and see what the address is. And I dig inside of my coat and I bring out some herb and I rub it in my hand and I put my hand on one of your burns and you can see the burn goes from you onto my arm and you heal for one point of damage.

Tass: Oh my God. Thank you.

Rev: Yeah. Don't bleed out while they get here.

Tass: I'll do my best.

Rev: I'll see you guys. We should meet, but maybe not at my house. I've got another spot we should probably meet at, from now on.

Teej: Steak and shake?

Rev: It's actually right next door to a Steak and Shake. How did you know?

Jake: Spend a lot of time with that Steak and Shake, seen you in and out.

Rev: I'll see you guys. Give me a call. All right. So you guys lay down. Like where you gonna go? You're all stabilized. Are you going to go down just to the bottom of the entrance of the building and wait? T.J. are you waiting with them?

Teej: Yeah.

Rev: What's your condition?

Teej: I'm I'm stabilized too, but I'm at 3 harm so I mean--.

Jake: I think all of us are at 3.

Tass: Yep.

Teej: Yeah.

Jake: So I mean, wait. How does healing work, if you're stable? Like healing over time.

Rev: You heal 1 point with first aid, or when you rest.

Teej: So probably a few hours.

Tass: Take like two or three days to fully...

Jake: Yeah.

Rev: Correct.

Teej: Right.

Jake: We could, we could take a bit and avoid the cops altogether. We could avoid a hospital and avoid the police and spend a few days resting up and get our shit together.

Teej: I kind of find it interesting that nobody in this apartment complex has tried to check what's on the roof.

Rev: Don't worry. Numerous police have been called, but no one's stupid enough to come out in the hallway after an explosion.

Teej: Gotcha.

Jake: What do you guys want to do? You're the one covered in guns and body armor, Dog.

Rev: You do hear sirens and not ambulance sirens.

Tass: Ugh!

Jake: Can you get us out of here?

Jake: I can get us somewhere.

Tass: Yeah. Let's bounce.

Jake: Okay then I'm gonna try and use my Angel Wings to get us...guess to my house.

Rev: All right. Roll it.

Jake: I don't know what else I'd be familiar enough with. Trying to think if I know a Doctor really well. I don't, I need this to go well.

Teej: That ain't bad.

Jake: I've got a minus to 'Weird', so an 8.

Rev: All right. And what is the result for an eight.

Jake: Either we're all separated, or we appear together, but not in the right place.

Tass: That's misleading because then either way, somebody's not appearing in the right place right? If we're separated, or we make it to the destination, but like not in the same--

Rev: Think it's either he appears at the right location and you guys appear to random locations, or you all appear together at a random location. All right. The issue with this teleportation is that your mind wasn't clear. You were thinking about too many things, too many times, too many places. And so it's hard to get a clear lock on where you're going and you're thinking about the events of the evening. Jake appears at his home. Tass appears at the Steak and Shake, that Rev said his new places by. T.J. appears on the steps outside of the theater, surrounded by cops and the fire department.

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