

The Twisted Swamp (S2, E11)

INTRO

Rev: So whenever we sit down to record the intro, I always have like a little list of things that we have to get through and sometimes it just is a question mark because we don't have anything. But, my favorite thing on this list says "live show as show cause bye!". So let me explain that.

Tass: What!?

Jake: Please do. Yeah.

Rev: So today's episode is the live show from Gen Con. Normally we drop the live shows in kind of just randomly, but we worked this one out so it actually fits into the story exactly in this spot. And I'm doing something I haven't done in a long time. I'm going on vacation. And so I'm using the live show as this week's episode to give me the week off. So, that was my note to remind myself and you and the listening audience that this week's episode, 11, is actually the live show from Gen Con, because bye.

Tass: Congratulations, by the way.

Rev: Thank you. Thank you. So, some stuff from Dragon Con. I have a list here from Sherry. Sherry was the winner of one of our contests and we sent her a bag of cursed dice and Sherry started posting photos of dice just in strange places, like sitting between some candles, sitting in a ring of salt, soaking in water. And we get to Dragon Con and she breaks out a bag of dice and says that these are the cursed dice that we had sent her and they had been rehabilitated. So, here is the nine step plan for DIY dice rehab that Sherry had designed. Step one, stop blaming dice for your poor choices. Yeah, alright. That's fair. Step two, recognize and accept that dice are random. Step three, refrain from shaming or throwing your dice. Okay, so these are all just kind of the build up steps.

Tass: Yeah. Yeah.

Rev: Step four, gently wash and polish your dice.

Jake: Oh, okay. We're getting more active.

Tass: Yeah.

Teej: Mm hmm.

Rev: Step five, Let your dice enjoy some natural light.

Tass: Oh, that's good.

Rev: Step six, tell them they are pretty dice and good dice.

Tass: I do that every day. Every day.

Rev: Most of this is the same way I think you're supposed to treat a plant. Step--

Jake: What!? Hold on. Is there a list somewhere online, If we just replace the word "dice" with "plant", on this whole list, could we put it in Google and find it.

Rev: It's very possible. [Step 7] Reintroduce dice to lower stress games. And it has an asterisk next to it and asterisk below, says Yahtzee, Farkle, etc..

Tass: Oh.

Rev: Emphasize that all roles are valid. Have fun with your dice. And then other options to consider if this does not work. Trade dice with a friend. Trade dice with an enemy. Cover dice with salt for three days and three nights. Burn your dice on the night of a new moon.

Jake: Mm hmm.

Rev: Hurl your dice into an active volcano.

Teej: *gasp* We're going to Hawaii, eventually. I mean...

Jake: Yeah, I like the last two.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: I'm a vengeful--

Rev: Yeah, yeah.

Jake: --I'm a vengeful god.

Rev: So, she did. She gave everybody present a set of the rehabbed dice and I feel like everyone at this table rolled a fail on the first roll.

Jake: Instantaneous.

Teej: Mm hmm.

Tass: Yeah, hard 5.

Rev: So thank you for that, Sherri. And for everyone at home if you would like to try to rehab your dice, those are the steps that you need. And now, as it is September, it is time to think our new patrons. Christine B., Christopher D., Barry D., Lachlan-that's a great name. Donovan K., Amber, Keivan. And special thanks to Keivan. He actually met up with me at DragonCon, ah, he works a lot with the Glass Cannon and he let me see a lot of the behind the scenes setup on their live shows and I had a great evening with him at the Glass Cannon show. Jordan S., Christina W., Lynnette N., Derrick M., Sarah M., and Ryan L.. So, thank you all for joining us on our Patreon. Again, that is [Patreon.com/theCritshow](https://www.patreon.com/theCritshow), where the five dollar tier gets you access to all of our weekly content. And we're actually going to be adding a couple of new tiers here in the coming months. So we're back from Dragon Con. Do you guys have anything to share about it?

Jake: Yes. I got sick at the end of it and had a bad day. Oh, the--the good things.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: The convention.

Tass: Oh oh, I see.

Jake: I got a piggyback ride from our very strong friend when I was a pirate and that was maybe the highlight of the trip for me.

Rev: That is--that is online, I believe.

Jake: Oh, yes. I've seen the video like four places already. So many people took it and shared it.

Tass: I just have to say that the highlight for me was the Hero Salad shoot.

Rev: Yeah.

Tass: Just, I was emotional from the moment we walked out that door till the moment we got back. Just being able to see that and just, you know, it--it's already been amazing to be able to dress up as ourselves/characters for the main show. But, you know, to also see that Patreon content and characters that I've had in my head for so, so long. It was cool. It was really, really cool.

Teej: And like thanks to Wes for being our Hero Salad-Shooter.

Rev: I forgot we had that conversation, that Wes is gonna make an appearance.

Tass: That's, yep. There're plans.

Rev: Yeah, it was really cool too, to get to play with the chosen group. They had made the request to see if I could write a story that could involve them, plus everybody here at the table and we were able to make it happen because they are all located in Atlanta. And so we played a game with all six of them, that actually has to be finished, still. They got to the final boss fight and someone had to get off to a photo shoot, so...

Tass: They were awesome. It was so good. Yeah, that was an absolute blast.

Teej: I got to hang out with some really cool people. Nyx. We just took a day where we,uh, me, her and Rachel just went out to the con floor and we just looked at all the stuff and everything. And it was just, it was very cool, and the camaraderie of it all was just like, very nice. You know?

Rev: Yeah, it was a nice and kind of pretty calm actually compared to some of the Dragon Con's I've been to in the past.

Teej: I don't know what your definition of calm is, but I saw the craziest shit out there.

Rev: Yeah.

Teej: Just the craziest.

Rev: Yeah, but you weren't in the maelstrom of it. That's--that's the crazy part is to get involved in it. You should be in the kilt group next year or...you need to get your bunny hutch costume together.

Teej: Yeah.

Rev: That was my--that was my favorite thing that I saw. Sunday night, I did a Mrs. Doubtfire cosplay when she is in the blue robe and in the cream face. And after the fact I saw posted online that like there's always the Bunny Hutch Party where people do the bunny costumes or the Hugh Hefner costumes and they mash up characters. And someone had done a Mrs. Doubtfire bunny and she had like the plaid skirt and she had the shirt that was on fire and the two pot lids. And she ol--and she did old age makeup. And she posed with like putting out her chest like it was on fire. That was very solid.

Teej: And then she had like bunny tail and like a--.

Rev: And ears--and plaid ears, that matched her plaid skirt.

Teej: That's awesome.

Tass: That's awesome.

Rev: So, she suggested that maybe next year I should try to do the same Mrs. Doubtfire I did this time, but make it like the Hugh Hefner version, like a fancy blue robe and the cream face and like the high hair.

Tass: Nice.

Rev: Anyway. Yes. So, hopefully we will be back to Dragon Con next year and we'll get some panels and some games going. I think for now, it's time to get to the episode.

Rev: So before we get started, I have to ask, is Barry here? Barry posted online the other day, yesterday, two days ago? He just started listening, he was going to try to catch up before the live show. Did you make it?

BARRY: Oh, no.

Teej: Oh, No! Oh, boy.

BARRY: I got around the Halloween episode.

Rev: Oh, all right.

Tass: Argh!

Teej: Uh, spoiler alert

Rev: Excellent. That's--that's because you were at like 30, I think, when you posted.

BARRY: Uh, no I was like somewhere in the 20's, I was like right before Elnore.

Tass: Oh, yeah.

Rev: That's some solid progress. That's--you've listened to way more of it than T.J., so I mean, congratulations.

Teej: Eh, let's take it easy now

Rev: So, how you guys doing? It's been a while since we've since we've had 'Monster of the Week' in front of us.

Tass: Uh, doing good. I think I remember what this game is.

Rev: Yeah.

Tass: I hope so cause we've run it 19 times in the weekend so far.

Teej: Yeah. I can't--.

Rev: That's true, that's true.

Teej: I can't even remember like what playbook I am anymore.

Jake: I remembered that my character had a chain when I put on a physical chain on the way out of the building. I was like, why do I have this? Oh yeah, alright, alright.

Rev: Well, I feel like there's a couple other things I should say, but I don't remember them in this moment. It has been a lo--has everybody had a good weekend? It's been a long weekend.

AUDIENCE: WOO!

Teej: Oh, yeah.

Rev: Good, good. We're going to try to plan better next time, so we can actually go to some of the convention.

Tass: There's a convention?!

Rev: I know. There's not just a dark room in the Marriott?

Tass: Weird. Okay.

Rev: I know. I know. So, the three of you are out with Rev, having lunch at the circle one afternoon. What are you guys having?

Teej: Well, if it's at Circle Center Mall, then we're obviously having some kind of like a fake Chinese mall noodles, you know?

Rev: Okay.

Teej: You know, bourbon chick--.

Rev: You are eating outside, though. But you can--you can do carry out, if you want.

Teej: OK, then. That's what I'm doing.

Jake: A&W.

Tass: Seoul Fresh.

Rev: Oh, good. Oh, tha--that's the other thing that I forgot about. I forgot you guys are with Rev and you're all in costume. *he disappears under the table*

Jake: Jesus. Are??!!

Teej: What is this!?

Jake: What?!

Rev: *reappears with a stately wizard hat made from fine leather and velvet

Tass: You son of a--!

Teej: Oh, nice!

Rev: Is this the propler--proper tactical hat?

Tass: Yep. That's the one.

Tass: Uh, yah!

Rev: I just need some good pouches for some supplies and stuff like that?

Jake: Like on the hat? Like as a hat band?

Rev: Yeah. Yeah.

Jake: Pouches of components?

Rev: I want like some of those leather...they look like they got pouches they strap to your hip.

Tass: Oh yeah.

Jake: They're like a really hipster fanny pack. So, the four of you are out having a meal and Rev is like, oh gosh I gotta--I gotta go put, uh, change in the meter. And he gets up and he walks over towards the road. You guys are eating your meal. And all of a sudden, this car pulls up and stops very quickly. A man gets out and slap-jacks him in the back of the head, throws him in the trunk and pulls away.

Tass: *at a loss for words* Buhh, uhh, hey ruh!

Teej: That's my friend.

Rev: And you just hear screeching tires. What are you doing?

Jake: I have--I have bad news for my friends, here, but I'm going to just 'Angel Wings' to Rev real quick.

audience laughs

Rev: So, you appear in a very tight spot. It makes me think of that line in Mall Rats. So, all the sudden, you are in the trunk of a car and you're just kind of face to face with Rev who's just. *who is also at a loss for words as he just got smacked on the back of the head* Huuhhh, huuuuhh.

Jake: Can I bust us out of the trunk, please?

Rev: Yeah. Roll 'No Limits'.

Jake: OK. Oh, God. How does that work anymore?

Teej: Ooh!

Jake: Oh, hey, what's that? That's a 'weird', right? That's a failure.

Rev: So, uh--

Tass: Now we're in 'Monster of the Week' again, ladies and gentlemen!

Teej: Yeah, alright!

Rev: So, you, uh, you put your hands up to try to push the trunk open and all of a sudden, you're in this tiny confined place and now it smells bad. You just have strained a little hard. What are the two of you doing?

Teej: Uh, I'm gonna try and see if I can run out to the road and get a look at the license plate.

Rev: You can. Ro--roll 'Investigate a Mystery'. Actually, just roll straight 'sharp'.

Teej: OK. Wooh! Oh, yeah, baby. That's a twelve.

Rev: Yeah. So, you step out into the road and you see that Jake vanishes and then you see like the trunk down the road, kind of pop up, but not move. And then the car slams to the side and ducks into an alley. And you--but you can see the alley that it went down. It's about three blocks down.

Teej: And do you know what the license plate number is?

Rev: Uh, Yeah, 7 3 0 9 2 1. See now, if this was--if this was at the studio, I would have went, irrelevant. And then had him just continue on.

Tass: Um, I think it's about this time that my eyes glaze over as 'Destiny's Plaything' will give me a vision of the future or worse now.

Rev: Alright. Yeah. OK. Roll it.

Tass: How's about a 12!?

Rev: Ok. What do you get with a twelve?

Tass: On a 10+, the keeper will reveal a useful detail about the coming mystery.

Rev: Alright. So the useful detail about the coming mystery is that you have to pierce the heart.

Tass: Well, that's morbid.

Rev: Yeah.

Tass: OK. Uh, heart, T.J., T.J.!

Teej: What, what?

Tass: And like I think I'm grabbing by the shoulder. Something about a heart. We gotta pierce a heart.

Teej: Ok. That's...What does that have to do with Rev?

Tass: I don't know.

Teej: Alright. Alright. I don't question it. I just go with the hunches. That's fine. Alright.

Rev: Alright. So, Jake, you were in the car and you feel it come to a stop.

Jake: OK. I'm going to like wait, stun knuckles at the ready, to hopefully punch whoever opens this trunk.

Rev: OK. What are you two doing?

Tass: I think I'm going to activate my comm. Jake, Jake, Jake. Are you there? Are you OK? What's happening? What's going on?

Jake: Uh, I don't respond. I'm afraid whoever is gonna open the trunk might hear me.

Tass: Oh, god, Jake's dead. Oh, he's dead.

Teej: Let me try. Jake, Jake, Jake!!!!

Jake: Gagh!

Teej: No, no, he's good, he's good.

Jake: Just--just gradually turning down the volume in the earpiece.

Rev: Reminds me of the end of like--

Teej: Metal Gear Solid?

Rev: --when you die in Metal Gear Solid. Jake, JAAAAAKE!! So, you two are just kind of not getting any response.

Tass: OK. I literally don't know what else to do except hoof that direction--

Teej: Yeah.

Tass: --as fast as I can.

Teej: I'm going to, as well.

Rev: Alright. It takes maybe two or three minutes. You know, you guys have been doing your cardio as you've been monster hunting. And you come around the corner and there is a car just parked in the alley and there are keys sitting on top of it. There's a man walking away down the other side of the alley.

Teej: Can we recognize this man? Is he looking familiar? What?

Rev: No, he doesn't look familiar.

Tass: Hey, hold up, dude!

Rev: DUDE: Wha--what?

Tass: Is this, your car?

Rev: DUDE: Kind of.

Tass: What? Explain, "kind of."

Rev: DUDE: Well, it was given to me.

Tass: By?

Rev: DUDE: The guy who hired me.

Tass: OK. Come here. I'm going to--just approach.

Teej: I'm going to go to the trunk.

Rev: Uh, yeah. So, the guy walks over to the car.

Rev: DUDE: Wassa--what's the matter?

Tass: Did somebody hire you to club a dude, throw him in a trunk and drive off?

Rev: DUDE: Yeah.

Tass: I am mad and I appreciate your honesty and I don't know what to do with that.

Rev: DUDE: Yeah. He just said it was like for--some guy hired me. He said he--he needed this guy and just to leave him in the car by the alley.

Tass: Who was the guy, that hired you?

Rev: About that time, you hear some screeching tires down from the end of the alley and a car comes tearing around the corner with fire wheels.

Audience erupts with applause and woos!

Rev: And it screeches to a stop and out steps Damien O'Doyle.

more audience eruption

AUDIENCE MEMBER, maybe BARRY??: O'Doyle Rules!

Rev: DAMIEN: What the hell are you guys doing here?

Tass: This dude just clubbed our buddy, threw him in a trunk.

Rev: DAMIEN: Yeah, Rev?

Tass: Yep.

Rev: DAMIEN: Yeah. I need him.

Tass: I want to quote you, bub. "Cell phones are a thing, you know."

Rev: DAMIEN: No way, man. He like lives in that place you guys got. Nothing gets in, nothing gets out. I knew I had to find him. I got a thing I got to do, and I need him.

Teej: I'm gonna grab the keys out of the seat and I'm going to press the fob and get the trunk open.

Rev: Yeah.

Teej: It seems like Jake has been in there for a while with Rev.

Rev: Yeah. So, the trunk opens, Jake and you see Teej and Tass kind of yelling across and you poke your head out and you see Damien with his car kind of blocking the alley.

Jake: Oh, yeah. Tremendous. This makes sense. I'm going to climb out and just like lift Rev bodily, out of the car.

Rev: DAMIEN: Holy shit. I didn't realize you guys were back. Good to have you. I would've called. I just needed Rev and I did not get a hold of him, so I just sent a guy after him.

Teej: What do you need Rev for?

Rev: DAMIEN: Well, he's a--he knows about the ley lines. I got a buddy who's having a problem with the ley line.

Tass: Well, I'm mad, but I appreciate your honesty and I don't know what to do with that.

Rev: DAMIEN: Well, I mean, you guys--you guys want to come with?

Jake: I don't see why not.

Rev: DAMIEN: Oh, cool, throw in my trunk and climb in.

Jake: Why don't we wake him up and put him in a seat? Why don't we buckle him in a seat like a person?

Rev: DAMIEN: Oh, you think he's gonna be cool with this?

Tass: No!!!

Jake: Not with having been K.O.ed and put in a trunk.

Tass: But he'd feel a lot better if he was in a seat with a belt, instead of a trunk.

Rev: DAMIEN: Oh, yeah. Yeah. Like, prop him up in the middle between you guys and then act like he just passed out, or drank too much or something.

Tass: Oh no, no, no. T.J. can have the trunk.

Rev: DAMIEN: Oh.

Teej: Hold on.

Rev: Yeah. So all of you, uh...*doing a Teej impression* Now hold on a second. So, all of you get into Damien's car, you prop Rev up and he starts driving. He's like,.

Rev: DAMIEN: We're gonna go on a little bit of a road trip. I got a friend down in Florida who's having a problem and he's got some--he's got something to do with ley lines. So, uh, you know, buckle up.

Tass: I almost legitimately just spit out my wa--Florida!? I think in the back with a cherry coke and spit it on the back of Jake's head. I assume he's in the front seat.

Rev: DAMIEN: So, yeah, I've got a buddy, uh, well, he might know something about--I need some energy. I need some different kinds of energy. I've been trying to do some research on the necklace. I'm trying to free my mom from this pendant. And I found out I need a couple of different kinds of energy to activate it. And one of them is nature energy. And I got a buddy who used to deal with a lot of nature energy, but I called him up and he was having some problems. I can't really get a hold of him, but I know where he lives, so I want to go check on him.

Teej: Fine, fine. Let's go.

Rev: Alright. Anything you guys want to talk about on your drive to Florida?

Jake: I mean, can we stop at a convenience store first?

Rev: Yes.

Jake: Okay. Well, then no.

Jake: Okay. My mouth is full of Combos, this whole ride.

Rev: That's actually what this next hour is, it's just the road trip. Just you chatting.

Jake: Part 1 of 18.

Teej: I go ahead and grab a bottle of ibuprofen for Rev because I know his head's probably gonna be hurtin.

Rev: Yeah, that's fair. We fast forward a little bit, here. We Indiana Jones map through Kentucky and Tennessee and Georgia down into Florida and you get about three miles outside of a rather large swamp. And at this point, Rev has woken up and there's been a conversation on the way here about what's been going on. And Damian said that there's something out here that's magical, that's been interacting with a ley line and that he knows Rev knows about it. And so he wants some help. It's awesome that you guys are here because you can probably help, too.

Rev: DAMIEN: My friend, he lives, oh, about a mile out this way. So let's hoof it.

Tass: Ok. Let's go.

Teej: I have a bad feeling about this swamp.

Tass: Oh!

Teej: Last time we were in a swamp, I'm pretty sure we got attacked by giant mosquitoes.

Tass: Let's--No. Come on. Come on.

Jake: Come on, we don't need to talk about that one.

Rev: Just a triple threat. I start bringing back everything from every live show.

Teej: Oh, God.

Tass: This might become pertinent, I don't know. I assume it will, pierce it in the heart?

Rev: DAMIEN: My friend.

Tass: I doubt it. Unless your friend is trying to hurt somebody.

Rev: DAMIEN: Oh, OK. Alright.

Rev: So, what are you doing? Describe to me how you guys are travelling. You know, you're--he's just kind of headed in a direction. He knows where this guy lives. Are you kind of fanned out, are you walking in single file? You get your weapons drawn? How you doing this?

Teej: Well, the question is, what time of day is it?

Rev: It's about 3:00 in the afternoon.

Tass: OK, then I'm sure we are probably just walking like we usually would down a dirt road.

Jake: I feel like I'm going to disagree with that. We know that this guy is like M.I.A. right now and he's somebody important and powerful. It stands to reason that we are expecting a threat here. I feel like we might be like ranging on the way in like, yes, actually spread out and kind of covering each other and advancing secretly.

Tass: Yeah. I want to be kind of as central as I can get in the group. Keeping an eye out broadly with my site open for any spirits or magical influences.

Rev: Ok, roll 'Investigate a Mystery' with that, or is that, uh, 'Act Under Pressure' or 'Read a Bad Situation'.

Tass: It's really invoked with 'Investigate a Mystery'.

Rev: Okay. Yeah. So, roll 'Investigate a Mystery' as you're traveling. And Jake, you roll 'Read a Bad Situation'.

Jake: OK.

Teej: And I'll just be chillin.

Jake: Woo, 7.

Tass: Also, 7.

Rev: Alright. You both get a hold 1.

Jake: Are there any dangers we haven't noticed?

Rev: What's yours?

Tass: What's being concealed here?

Rev: Luckily, it's the same thing. So, as you both are traveling along, you're kind of ranging ahead, Jake, and Tass is standing back with his vision open, trying to see what is going on. And you see a glow underneath the water just a little bit off this kind of mucky path that you're walking on. And it's very large, maybe six, seven feet long. And, Jake, you see the water rippling and you see just the very top of a scaly head. And you can see that its eyes are kind of flickering and looking in your direction.

Tass: *trying to keep his voice low and obviously inconspicuous* Jake? Jake?

Jake: Hmm?

Tass: Do you see a magic alligator in the water?

Jake: Mm hmm.

Tass: Okay, we're on the same page about the magic alligator that's in the water?

Jake: Mm hmm.

Tass: Do you think it sees us?

Jake: Mmmmm Hmmm.

Tass: Shit.

Jake: *also keeping his voice low and obviously inconspicuous* Are we going to--are we going to get it?

Tass: I think we should get it on one, two, three?

Jake: Alright.

Tass: Are we going on three or one, two, three and going?

Jake: One, two, three, go.

Tass: OK, you count it down.

Jake: One, two, three. GO!

Tass: *no longer inconspicuous* And I want to jump with the spear and try to bring it down on alligator.

Rev: Alright. Roll 'Kick Some Ass'.

Jake: Can I help out?

Rev: Yes. Roll 'Help Out'.

Jake: I'm trying to jump in with the chains and try and bind this thing--.

Rev: Okay.

Jake: --as he attacks it.

Tass: Phew, 8.

Jake: 3.

Audience laughs

Rev: Good. So, Tass leaps into the air and this alligator sticks its head out and it opens its mouth. And this alligator does not look normal. It is just covered in what looks like black moss and it opens its mouth and these vines fire out and wrap around you. You take 2 points of damage as it starts to constrict you and pull you towards its mouth.

Tass: Excellent.

Rev: T.J., what are you doing?

Tass: After seeing my friends getting consumed by an alligator, I am invoking my werewolf-ism and I am going to leap on this thing and try and attack it.

Rev: OK. Roll 'Kick Some Ass'.

Teej: *doing his best Bruce Lee impression* Wahhhh!

Jake: Oh, yeah. Remember, you have a voice.

Tass: Oh, yeah.

Teej: *graveling up his werewolf voice* Oh, yeah. Let me ask you guys, how many ones are on a dice?

Jake: You too, huh?

Teej: One.

Jake: Good.

Teej: How many are on two dice? Two.

Rev: Good.

Teej: I just rolled a one.

Rev: So, T.J., you leap at this alligator...

audience finally getting T.J.'s "joke"

Rev: You leap at this alligator and you get raked across the back. You take 3 points of damage, not armor defeating, and suddenly there is a panther that looks exactly like this alligator. It is covered in this black moss and it is hissing at you and has just raked its claws across your back.

Teej: Oww!

Rev: Jake, what are you doing?

Jake: I think going for Tass.

Rev: Mokay.

Jake: He seems to be like he's going to be swallowed whole.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: That seems very pressing.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: So, how can I get through these vines? Could I hit them hard enough to get through them?

Rev: You'd have to try to find out.

Jake: With a chain?.

Rev: You know, PPTA, play to find out.

Jake: You know what? I'm going to use the stun knuckles, we're in some water, right?

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: This is gonna suck for all of us, but hopefully it'll get it to let go. I'm going to go try and stun knuckle the vines.

Rev: Okay. So, I think this is gonna be 'Act Under Pressure'. This is gonna be 'Act Under Pressure' to try to do this in a way where you don't electrocute yourselves, as much as the enemy.

Jake: You've got to be shitting me. I was like, that's a 7, I have -1 'Cool'. That's a 6.

Rev: So, Tass.

Tass: Hi.

Rev: You take another point of damage--

Tass: I assume this is armor defeating.

Rev: --armor defeating. As Jake just punches into the water right by your face as you're being dragged in the water and you just feel a little shocks. zzzzZZZZ! T.J., you are on the ground--actually Tass, you can try--would you like to do something to get out?

Tass: I wouldn't mind. Um, I think here's what I have in mind is that, you know, these viney things are sort of dragging me forward, is I want to like try to move myself, use momentum to bound forward enough that the tentacles aren't as tight, like I'm getting closer to it so that they're loose. And maybe that will give me a little leeway to swing the spear down and chop at some of these.

Rev: Mokay, so roll 'Act Under Pressure', I think.

Tass: Okay. That's an 8.

Rev: Okay, so you can jump forward and get close enough that this lets go a little bit because it's not retracting as quickly as you've suddenly moved towards it. But it is going to lunge at Jake since it is just shocked right near both of you. It is going to scream out when you stab it for help or the panther that is attacking T.J. is going to kind of get the lay of the land and take off.

Tass: Well, I can't imagine that it's screaming outs really gonna call help, like we're in the woods--

Rev: Uh huh.

Tass: --so that's fine.

Rev: Okay. Roll your damage, or actually roll 'Kick Some Ass', now.

Tass: Oh yeah. That would be an 11.

Rev: Alright. How much damage is that?

Tass: That is 2 damage.

Rev: I don't know why I was expecting way more than that.

Tass: Uh yeah, the spear, I can--I can throw it and hurt some magic stuff, but it is not huge damage. But, I want to go ahead and invoke more harm from.

Rev: OK for your extra move?

Tass: Yeah, yeah.

Rev: Alright. So, you take 2 points of damage.

Tass: Is this armor defeating?

Rev: It is not armor defeating.

Tass: Okay.

Tass: As it bites down on you, as you stab into its head, you notice that the spear doesn't go in very far. But, it lets out a scream as the spear pierces it. And you hear that scream returned somewhere off in the swamp.

Rev: T.J.?

Teej: Yes, sir.

Rev: What are you up to?

Teej: I'm going to go after that panther, I believe.

Rev: Mokay.

Tass: And I'm going to use my base teeth attack, which also ignores armor. Uh, yeah.

Rev: Alright. Roll 'Kick Some Ass'.

Teej: Thank you. That'll be ten.

Rev: Okay. What's your extra effect?

Teej: Uh, the extra effect, I think I want to cause this thing some major harm, considering that it, you know, back-stabbed me basically.

Rev: Okay.

Teej: So, Yeah, I'm pretty pissed.

Rev: How much harm do you do, normally?

Teej: 3. But with that extra, it is now 4.

Rev: Alright. So, you leap forward and you bite into this moss covered panther and it collapses to the ground not moving anymore. Jake?

Jake: Yeah. I want to go after that gator, please.

Rev: Okay. Roll 'Kick Some Ass'.

Jake: With the--with the chains. A mighty swing of the chains. There we go. That's a 10.

Rev: Alright. What's your extra effect?

Jake: Um, you know, I'm all--I'm all jacked up on all the damage everyone's doing. I want to inflict terrible harm too.

Rev: Okay. How much damage do you do?

Jake: Um, that is three now.

Rev: Oh, yeah. This thing is still pretty active and kicking. Tass is kind of tangled up in it, but it is not being pulled in anymore. Tass, what are you doing?

Tass: It occurs to me that, I don't know that this is the thing, but stab it in the heart seems to be in mind.

Rev: Mokay.

Tass: So, I want to kind of reposition a little bit and get right down through it's back, where I hope its heart is.

Rev: Alright. Roll 'Kick Some Ass'.

Tass: OK. Hell yeah. That is 11.

Rev: Alright, what's your extra effect?

Tass: Let's just keep it going. I want--oh, actually, I want to give Jake +1 forward.

Rev: OK.

Jake: Dumb, bad idea.

Teej: Mmm, no.

Tass: Brah, you need it.

Teej: Yeah, I agree.

Rev: So, you take 3 points of damage, not armor defeating. This gator grabs onto you as you lift the spear and it does its death roll and you kind of get flustered around in the water, but you come up and it is on its belly still as you're able to kind of squirm around and you stab through its heart...and it dissolves.

Tass: OK. Okay.

Teej: Well, that was pretty cool. Do this one and I'm pointing at the Panther.

Tass: Okay. Yeah. I'll run over there and...

Rev: Uh. Jake's got +1 forward, that you've just given him. What are you doing, Jake?

Jake: I mean, the panther's down and the gator's down.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: I think I'm going to look around and see if anything else is coming for us.

Rev: You don't see anything.

Jake: Then I support his endeavor to stab a panther in the heart--

Rev: Okay.

Jake: --for the moment I'm not going to do anything else, I don't think.

Rev: All right. So, yeah, Tass, you go over no problem and you put this spear in through this Moss panther's heart and it dissolves.

Tass: Okay, so I get it now.

Teej: That's what you we're talking about, okay.

Tass: Yeah.

Teej: Alright. Yeah.

Rev: DAMIEN: 8who's been single clapping this whole time* Man. Man, that was really cool. You guys are real good at this. I can tell that you've, you know, you're really unifying as a team.

Tass: Thank you.

Rev: And Rev is just like, Yeah, that was really good. It was... I've never really seen a lot of the fighting, but that was kind of intense.

Tass: Alright. Well, let's press on maybe a little more carefully?

Rev: Alright.

Teej: Yep. And doing so, I want to go ahead and put my goggles on to the uh...

Rev: Electromagnetic.

Teej: --Electromagnetic, that's it.

Rev: There you go.

Rev: So, you all travel along for a little bit and eventually you do see a shack in the distance and it is covered in vines. And Damien's like,

Rev: DAMIEN: Uh, yeah, that's the place. That's where he usually is staying at, but like I said, I've given a call, I haven't heard from him in a while.

Rev: And he goes over towards the door and kind of tries to pull it open, but it seems to be locked.

Jake: I can help with that in theory.

Rev: Yeah.

Teej: I'd like To go up and just power through those vines.

Rev: *having a T.J. moment* Mokay, roll, uh...you know...

Jake: Yes, I do. 'No Limits'. I won't! I won't roll 'No Limits'.

Tass: My god.

Rev: So, you go and you try to pull on the door and the handle comes off.

Jake: Guys, this door is really old, really fragile, coming apart at the seams. Don't know what to tell you.

Rev: And around the back, you actually hear a door open and then movement.

Tass: Hey, anybody there?

Rev: And you just kinda hear, *tck, tck, tck* *the sound of footsteps running*

Teej: I want to go around the side and see if I can't see something.

Rev: Yeah, you see a man running away very fast.

Teej: Oh, God. Uh, guys. He's going this way. C'mon, c'mon, c'mon!

Tass: Got a runner.

Rev: DAMIEN: Are you kidding me?

Rev: And Damien kind of steps around the corner and sees him and he pulls out a gun and shoots him in the back.

Rev: DAMIEN: Good Lord. I knew he was gonna try to run.

Tass: *in the highest squeal ever* WHAT IS EVEN HAPPENING?

Rev: DAMIEN: Oh, no, it's fine, it's fine. Come here, come here.

Rev: And he walks over and he--he rolls the guy over and he's like,.

Rev: DAMIEN: Come on, it's me. Don't--don't pretend.

Rev: And there's a moment where there's nothing. And then there's a little bit of a green pulse and the guy opens his eyes.

Rev: GUY: *in a southern drawl* God dammit, Damien. When I saw you, I knew this was going to be a problem. What do you want, man?

Rev: DAMIEN: Guys, let me introduce you to my friend. His name is Seth Danbarry, but everybody calls him Florida Man.

The audience and Jake uproariously laugh

Jake: I'm just walking up, like helping him to his feet while shaking his hand. Big fan, big fan.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, man, everybody says that, but--not--not half of those stories are about me. Some of 'em, yeah. But, not all of 'em. But, what do you want, Damien?

Rev: He's like,.

Rev: DAMIEN: You know, I heard you had some problems with this stuff. I brought my friends here. They know about ley lines and about killin stuff. Thought maybe we could solve your problem.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, man, I mean, the problem is, is it--like the last 15, 20 years...So I'm real old is a thing you gotta know. I was here when they founded Florida and I came across this like big seed in the swamp. And it put this energy into me and it kind of made me like the guardian of Florida. And I can, like, regenerate and I can talk to animals. But, all of sudden, these weird things started to happen about 20 years ago where, when I would do this stuff, weird things would happen. And that's where like a lot of these like Florida Man things came from. Like, oh, yeah, okay. I did throw an alligator through a Wendy's drive through, but when an alligator tells you to throw it through the drive through, you do it.

Tass: Do you?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, man. There was something in there. There was like--they can sense--like animals can sense like little evil spirits and Florida is just full of 'em. The swamps, full all these little evil spirits. And there're always like animals trying to get trying to do stuff to 'em, trying to stop 'em. He's like, "Hey, there's one in there, throw me in that window. Someone's gonna get hurt. I was like, "You got it gator." And everybody freaked out.

Tass: Did he get the thing?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Oh, Yeah. They're real good at what there do.

Tass: Nice.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah.

Tass: OK, I am officially a fan now. Nice.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Thanks. Thanks.

Teej: Now I feel bad after we killed all those animals. Oh, God.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: What? You talking about like the ones that are all covered in that black fuzz?

Tass: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Teej: Yeah.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: There's something wrong with 'em, man. Whatever is happening to that seed, I think it's starting to get onto the animals. It's not good. It's whatever is messing with my powers, it's startin to mess with the swamp animals.

Teej: Do you remember where the seed is?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah. Yeah. But it's...man, it's out in the swamp. It's a trek. I tried to go out there by myself, about three years ago and it didn't want me there.

Jake: I mean, guys, I have the ability to remove like evils and curses and things from whatever, in a ritual. So, if we can get me there and buy me some time, I can purify the seed probably if that's what's tainted.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, that sounds like it might work.

Tass: Ok. What kind of stuff? Didn't want you there? Was it like more of these creatures?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah. It was a bunch of just kind of animals that are found in the swamp. But they--they just attacked me and they got like vines and they got like Swamp Thing powers. It's real messed up.

Teej: Yeah, I'm familiar with them. Yeah.

Tass: Stab 'em in the heart.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Oh yeah?

Tass: Yeah.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Nice.

Tass: Yeah.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Alright. Well, yeh, Come on--come on inside and, uh, let me get some stuff together.

Rev: And he leads you inside and you see on his living room wall, there's just tons of newspaper article clippings. Of just all of his various things. Some of them are circled. Some of them are crossed out. It's like he's wanting to keep it kind of a record of what was actually him and what wasn't him.

Jake: But, he's got--he like puts 'em up and looks 'em over and is like, I don't remember that one.

Rev: Yeah.

Jake: Oh, that one I do recall.

Rev: Yeah, exactly. Or, like a justifiable reason. "Would I have done that as something I would have done. Yeah. That's something I would have done." But yeah, you see a ton of things on there. You see a story about him trying to shoot down a hurricane. You see a story about him ripping a urinal out of a bathroom restaurant and then running out of the restaurant naked. You see him fighting a python that was hiding in his toilet.

Jake: Explain--explain to me this one. I'm pointing at the one about ripping the urinal out of the wall. Explain to me this one. What kind of--what sort of protection event was this?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: I said that I do all this stuff and some of 'em I don't do. I didn't say I do 'em all for the right reasons. Like, that one was just--it was a bad date and we had a little recreational before we started and some mushrooms she found out in the forest and it didn't...yeah, man, that urinal was coming for me, I had to kill it. So, and then my clothes were on fire and what're you gonna do.

Teej: For a second, I thought T.J. was telling this story, but...that's solid. OK. Well, I don't know if this is something that you want to follow us out to do. Are you gonna be our guide? Are you're gonna point us in the right direction?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah. I mean, I wouldn't recommend anybody but you guys go. I mean, I know Damien's a little bit of a fighter, but he don't do a lot of good without his car. What's your--what's this guy's deal? Dude in the hat.

Tass: He's very good with magic.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah. Is he any good in a fight?

Rev: And Rev's like...*makes a surprised, shake of the head*

Tass: We would prefer to keep him here and safe.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah. Alright. Well, why don't--why don't he and Damien stay here. Can you like call 'em when we're in the right spot? Maybe get him to come if we need him?

Tass: Yeah, absolutely.

Teej: Yeah. We got his phone number.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, alright. So, Yeah. Yeah. You guys come out with me. You guys stay here and play some pinochle or something. I got cards in the bureau.

Tass: Alright. I'm ready. You guys good?

Teej: Yeah. Do we want to like, I don't know, heal up a little bit because I'm--I--I got pretty hit by that alligator. *he meant panther*

Tass: Yeah, you're looking pretty rough here. Let me see what I can do for you, bub. And here's the first 'Medic' in a while. Let's see how this goes. Uh, 7. Do you want to heal a point or are you unstable at all?

Teej: I'm not unstable--

Tass: Okay, so then you heal a point.

Teej: So, I'll heal the point.

Jake: I have one problem here. I have nothing with which to stab it in the heart. You got any extra, just like hunting knives, stuff lying around this cabin.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Oh, yeah, man. Yeah, yeah.

Jake: Can I get can I borrow one?

Rev: Yeah. He just opens a cabinet and it's just filled with guns and knives. You see an article about it.

Jake: Oh, yeah. I'll take a big old knife.

Rev: Okay.

Teej: Yeah. I guess I'll take one as well.

Rev: Alright. So, who's leading the way in the sense of like he's obviously kind of being the guide. Who is--who is the front man here?

Tass: Yeah. I mean, I will go, just knowing that I can keep my site up and--and, you know, try to keep an eye out for any of those glowing magical creatures.

Rev: Okay. So, you go and you don't even have to roll anything for this. You do see, out in this swamp, they are everywhere. And you actually see seven or eight of them around Seth *FLORIDA MAN* that they are just there.

Tass: Oh, like they are like tracking him?

Rev: Yeah. They're just kind of like an--like an aura around him moving around, buzzing around. They don't leave him.

Tass: Oh, hey. Do you know that you have these sort of spirit creatures floating around you?

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, man. They just won't leave me alone. It's like I said, I try to do some of my other things and like, these things go nuts and they cause like the animals around me to go mad or, you know, they summon a bunch more animals or even summon more of themselves. And once there's enough of them, they can kind of affect the physical world.

Tass: Oh, can I try to like wave my spear through them?

Rev: Yeah, it just passes right through. They ignore it.

Tass: Oh, that ain't great at all. Oh God. Yeah. We got to get there, man. Let's--let's see what we can do.

Rev: Alright. So, you head out about 10, 15 minutes and as you're traveling, you do start to see other animals. None of them are covered in this black moss. But, he does stop, he's like,.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: You guys want me to, like, talk to them, see what they've found out. And, you know, there's always a chance that something bad could happen, but...

Jake: Yeah. Hell, yeah.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Alright. Why don't you grab two of those big foam dice and give em a roll?

Jake: *Jake rolls from a pile of large foam dice* 11.

Rev: Alright. So, Tass, you are standing there watching and he kind of leans over to this, uh, what do you want him to talk to?.

Tass: Does plant life count?

Rev: No.

Tass: OK. How about a big old toad?

Rev: Ok. So, yeah, there's a giant toad there and he bends over and kind of starts talking to the toad just in his normal tongue. And the toad is like *croaking and groaning sounds*. And he's like,

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah, uh huh.

Rev: And you, with your vision on, you see 11 more of those come and start swarming around him.

Tass: Hey, bub, there's several more of the wispy things, they're like--they're starting to gather.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Oh, good, good. Like, I said whenever I try to do this stuff, it's what happens.

Tass: Okay, well, I'll keep an eye on it.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: So, yeah, man, this toad, though, it says that there's not--he's seen a bunch of those panthers around, a couple of the alligators, but they're still a good distance out. So, I didn't want to talk about this with Damian around, cause Damian, you know, I like Damian, but sometimes he just fucks you up for no reason.

Tass: Yeah.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: And sometimes I think he does it because he thinks it's funny. So, the seed that I found, when I found it, it was real small and then it got bigger, kind of as the swamp and everything got more mature. Right?

Tass: Okay.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: We got to--what'd you say about stabbing it?

Tass: Well, I just had this clear vision. I get vision sometimes. They're not always reliable, but I feel good about this. That it was just this need to whatever--whatever this is that we have to deal with, stab it in the heart.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: So, what I think is happening is, I went out there and I saw one of those ley lines. It was kind of in the vicinity of where I know the seed used to be. I feel like the seed maybe absorb all that energy and just got real big and it needs some pressure let off, like we've got a kind of, you know, a little bit and let some of it out. But we can't let it all out because the wildlife and everything, it'll go nuts in the swamp'll die, like this is the thing that makes this place alive, but it's getting too alive if that makes sense. So, it's like he's got too much--like--like if a mosquito, like is got too much blood--

Tass: Oh, yeah...

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: --and it just kind of pops. I think it's gettin ready to pop, which would be bad. But if we'd get rid of all the--before it pops, that'd be bad too.

Tass: "Okay. Okay! So, we drain a little bit...?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah.

Tass: "Not sure what that means yet. I guess we'll have to kind of see it?".

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: Yeah.

Tass: But okay.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: All right!

Rev: And so he leads you about 15 more minutes out, and you come to a series of five trees and there are vines hanging over them. And he's like,.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN:It-it is right through here. And like I said, last time I was here man, an animal started to show up and started to freak out. And I had it kind of just try to get away. I thought they were gonna kill me and they did, then I came back to life, but I was far away.

Tass: I guess this is the first time that's occurred to me. This isn't a great instinct. I kind of want to try to get a read on him to see if I feel like he's telling the truth about all this. If he's being upfront about all this or if there's anything he's hiding.

Rev: Um, roll...let's say, 'a bad situation'.

Tass: Okay. That's a seven.

Rev: Okay. You get a hold one.

Tass: I guess, just in regards to his actions- Are there any dangers I haven't noticed?

Rev: Yeah. So, the story that he is telling you seems to be mostly true. Like, you believe everything that he has said. But you get a sense that something about letting off the energy doesn't quite read right. That kind of letting it out, that that might not be the way. You don't know if he's ill informed or if he is just got ulterior motives, but it doesn't seem right. You can't imagine how with some magical item you could let some of it out, especially something organic, without letting all of it out.

Tass: Okay. Okay. Good to know. I'm just gonna have to hang on to that for the moment because I don't feel like I can be like, "hey, guys!"

Rev: All right. So how are you guys going into this-this blind of-of trees and vines?

Teej: I'm going in with my goggles set on electromagnetic and electroblaster at the ready.

Rev: Okay.

Jake: Yeah. I'm going to follow one of the two who can kind of see things that I can't perceive, but I'm gonna have my-my hand cannon out.

Tass: I want to stay behind, you know. I'll go in third so that I can keep an eye out in case any of the creatures are trying to sneak up from behind.

Rev: Okay. Who's going in first?

Teej: Guess I am!

Rev: All right. So, T.J. heads in. T.J.- Roll 'read a bad situation' as you part this veil of vines and starts to go inside.

Teej: Get out of here. That is a... 14!

Rev: All right, you get a hold three.

Teej: What is our best way in?

Rev: You are taking it. It is parting these vines and stepping inside.

Teej: Excellent. That was just my throw away.

Rev: Yeah, he's like, 'I got a lot of questions to spare!' *laughs*

Teej: How about, are there any dangers we haven't noticed?

Rev: I was waiting for you to say 'what's the best way out?' Turn around!

Teej: Turn around!

Rev: You do notice that as you part the vines, there's a little resistance in them, as if they might have some strength inside of them.

Teej: "Guys. These vines," and I'm parting the way a little bit, "there a little...uh, they feel like they got muscle in them. Be careful." And then finally, what's most vulnerable to me?

Rev: So when you step inside at the center of this clearing, you do see this very large seed and it is surrounded, almost kind of like a nest of vines, and it is pulsing. And

underneath it, where the vines meet the earth, you can see that there is just the very edges of a crack, like what you saw in the basement of the IPT with the ley line. But again, you see that it looks like it has been drained, that this ley line is empty. And it seems like this thing is kind of full to bursting. So you think that if you were to attack it in some way that it would be pretty susceptible to an explosion.

Teej: "Guys, do you see the ley line there?"

Tass: "Oh, yeah. Now that you say it."

Teej: "Don't do anything near it. It looks like it could go at any minute."

Jake: "Uhh...Okay." Kind of laying off the gun a little bit.

Teej: "Yeah. Be careful with that around the ley line. Shoot away from it, if you can."

Jake: "I will do my best, sir."

Teej: "Great."

Tass: "Okay, but we still have to figure out a way to-" and I kind of glance at Seth and, I don't know, I'm-I'm trying to work through out loud a way to talk through what we should do instead. But I still don't have an idea.

Rev: Yeah.

Tass: So I'm trying to convey some confusion to these two, that I don't quite trust this idea, without it sounding like I'm just like, 'we're not doing that, boys!'.

Rev: Okay. And I think that as you are looking, roll 'investigate a mystery' as you actually get eyes on this seed, to try to see if you know anything about it.

Tass: *laughs* How about, what's a - what's a three get me? What's a -what's like- what's like a three?

Rev: A point of experience?

Tass: Oh, good.

audience laughs

Rev: So you- you start to have this like, 'Yeah boys, I know this is the thing we should do,' And Seth is pretty quickly like-

Rev: FLORIDA MAN (SETH): "Well man, you think I don't know what I'm talking about? I was here at the founding of this thing! Like, it imbued me with its powers!"

Tass: "Oh man. No, I-I think what I'm trying to figure out is, I feel like I've got a spear. If I just stab at it, might just explode, right?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Yeah!"

Tass: "We need to ease the pressure, right?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Oh!"

Tass: "So I don't want to just 'boom!' So...?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Why can't you like, stab it a little?"

audience laughs

Tass: "I'm not sure that's how physics works."

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "I mean, anytime I get stabbed, like I don't all the way die."

Tass: "I like where your head's at. But that's not true for most people."

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Oh, yeah. All right, what do you think we should do instead?"

Jake: "Why don't I go use my thing? You guys cover my back. I'll go try and purge this thing, see if that just takes care of it. Maybe its overfilled with like, evil energies and some magic will get them out of there?"

Tass: "Yeah. If it doesn't work, that answers a big question. I like it."

Teej: And I'll get ready if anything decides to try to attack him.

Rev: So, Jake- roll your 'use magic.' No, you don't roll this.

Jake: Correct! This is one of those things that I don't roll. It just takes some time.

Rev: Okay. So what exactly-you're trying to purge an evil?

Jake: 'Take some time to remove any evils, curses or dark energies from any subject in a purification ritual.'

Rev: All right. So you start to set up in this. As you do, vines start to move and you can see-the two of you- that these are going to try to start interfering with what Jake is doing. They sense him working, they sense the magic starting to build, and all of these vines around are starting to come in towards him.

Teej: I'm going to blast 'em!

Rev: Okay, roll 'kick some ass.'

Teej: That's an eight.

Rev: How much damage do you do with that?

Teej: Three harm, electric-electrical, close, messy.

Rev: Cool.

Tass: I love that you're still using the voice while you're answering his regular questions.

Teej: The lines are blurred! Reality's an illusion. This is from our Let's Plays earlier, I've lost my voice.

Tass: Oh, I see.

Rev: So, you blast a series of these vines and instead of taking damage back, a couple of them reach down and grab you and start to pull you up into the canopy. So, Jake-or,uh, Tass- you see that he is starting to be pulled around.

Tass: Okay, um...point of order: that leveled me up!

Rev: Oh? All right!

Tass: My failure!

Rev: Yeah.

Tass: So, I think as I'm leaping forward to try to cut some of these vines away, that I'm going to take a new move from my playbook, which is 'Devastating.' When I infli-inflit harm, I MAY inflict plus one.

Rev: Oh, okay.

Tass: So I can be like, 'yeah, this one's a little harder.'

Rev: All right. Roll kick some ass!

Teej: Ahhhhh!

Tass: Ah! It's a nine.

Rev: All right. So what is your damage?

Tass: That is two!

Rev: Yeah, so you able to cut the vines loose that are holding him, and he falls to the ground. So, one of you-who wants to be in charge of this?

Jake: In charge of?

Rev: In charge of the vines, out of the two of you?

Teej: It seems like his damage did some damage. I just kind of pissed him off a little.

Rev: Mmk. So, roll act under pressure.

Tass: Okay. That's a nine.

Rev: All right. So you're gonna be able to keep these off of Jake, during the time, and keep T.J. out of the air, but you're gonna take a little damage in the doing of it. Jake is gonna take a little damage in the doing of it. You can keep them away from him, but they're still gonna slash him, but they're gonna pull him away and stop him, or you can keep everybody safe, but the ritual is gonna take a little longer and some other help may arrive.

Teej: Ooh! I think my instinct is to-is to take the hit,you know? I'm-I'm wading into the thorn bush, so to speak. So I'm willing to do it.

Rev: Okay. So you take two points of damage over the course of this time- armor defeating- but Jake is able to get this spell off. And so, Jake- you let this magic out and as it happens, this little black orb from the center of the seed rises out, and it kind of hums for a minute and then it darts off.

Jake: Ah,shit!

Rev: The seed itself is still pulsing. It is still filled with energy. But you can tell that some strange core from it is gone.

Jake: Are the vines still attacking people?

Rev: They are not. As soon as this piece leaves, the vines stop attacking.

Jake: "Okay. Good news. I think I got it. The vines are down. Some little-some little thing looked bad, came out of the seed. The bad news is that it was very fast and it did get away immediately."

Tass: "Did you see which way it went?"

Jake: Can I point the direction that I went?

Rev: North.

Tass: "Okay." Also, point of order- I think I look pretty rough after that. After the scuffle before, on the way here, I'm pretty-pretty bloody and scratched up.

Rev: Okay.

Jake: Sounds,ah,sounds rough. *laughs* Sorry about you.

Teej: I'm gonna go over and start licking his wounds, I guess? I don't know.

audience laughs

Rev: Roll 'tough' to see if you get an infection.

Jake: Okay. I mean, this was the mission, but I assume we're not done with this. "What's...Florida Man- what's north of here? Anything, like important?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Yeah, I mean, just more swamp."

Jake: "Is there like another seed?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "No, not that I know of."

Jake: "Huh. I mean, I wonder where that thing's going, it kind of seemed like it had another destination in mind now that it's been evicted from its house."

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Yeah, I mean, I guess you could go check?"

Jake: I mean, did it like, leave a path of destruction through the trees or anything? Or is it...?

Rev: No. It was very small, and just, yeah.

Jake: Like, do I think I could even- do I think I could track it? Or that any of us might even be able to track it?

Rev: Tass might be able to with his vision.

Oh, Okay! Yes. "Um, yeah. We can absolutely try to follow it. I have no earthly idea where it went, but somebody who can see other things, like magics or electromagnetics or something, might be able to.

Tass: I will absolutely give this a try.

Rev: Roll 'Investigate a'...well, roll 'read a bad situation.'

Tass: Okay. Okay. That's an 11.

Rev: All right. You get a hold three.

Tass: Where did it go? Oh, no. This is read about situation, isn't it? Boop- boop - badoo, what's my best way in? Towards where this went.

Rev: Yes, yes. So, the best way would be to cut directly north. You know that, from a little map that you saw on Florida Man's wall, that about half a mile away from here there is a very large hill that had a bunch of trees on it as well, and it was kind of the highest hill in this place.

Tass: Okay. So yeah, as we're making our way, ooh yeah, I think I want to try to gauge what the biggest threat is about this situation.

Rev: You have a feeling that whatever this is- this piece that was inside of this seed - is something that belongs to something larger, like it is a part of something that got left in there and maybe that it was feeding off of it. And so the danger is whatever it might belong to.

Tass: Okay. Definitely going to report that. "So, yeah, that seems like that was like a byproduct. That was a piece of something that was feeding, or maybe even being sent to feed, something larger. Which makes sense. You put that into a seed that's based around a lay line, that's a lot of power. Huh. With that in mind, I think my third would be, what's most vulnerable to me?"

Rev: The thing that is most vulnerable to you in this moment: as you are looking at the seed, you know that the seed actually- even though it looks like it could pop at any moment- it seems like it would be very hard to penetrate it. And it actually would require something very special to be able to do that. And what it would require is either a holy charred, like, wooden stake- like something that has been charred by holy fire- or a bone from someone that has been gifted its power.

Tass: "Hey, Seeethhhhh?"

audience laughs

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Yeah, man, what's up?"

Tass: "So... what's, uh, what- what's the situation, like in detail, about this regeneration you can do?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Oh, well, like what'd you mean?"

Tass: "Like...example, like WILD hypothetical here, let's just- let's just pretend, like, 'oh, these vines,' like, 'oh, they wrapped around me, oh no! They're like, oh, they ripped my arm off!' Does your arm grow back?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Yeah, yeah! After a while. There's one time my gun went off in my pocket. I shot off a testicle."

Jake: *laughs*

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "It was like a day later, it was back."

Tass: "Well, that has nothing to do with the bone I need, so we're going to stay with arm analogy." *audience laughs* All right. So, boys, here's what I've got. I'm getting these images again. One of it, it would be- if we could find something that was wood charred by holy fire, that could be something that could help us here. Or! A bone, like something sharp, a piece of someone that had been imbued with this power."

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "DOH!"

Rev: And he runs.

Jake: Well, shit. I've learned one thing from Damian about this guy, and I'm going to shoot him in the back.

audience laughs, claps

Rev: Yeah! No problem. You raise your gun and you shoot him in the back and he just slides into the mud.

Jake: Okay! Before he comes back to life, I'm going to go like, wrap him up with the chains. *audience member gasps* Like lift him up to his-grab him up with the chains and-

Rev: Yeah! *laughs* Everybody here thought you were going to cut his arm off while he was unconscious!

Jake: No! You animals! It didn't even occur to me!

Tass: Which is funny, because I thought he was going to beat me to the punch... because I kind of want to.

Jake: Look, I'm not, I am planning to just restrain him.

Rev: So, Jake is starting to chain him up.

Jake: Yeah.

Rev: Yeah.

Teej: "Hold out his arm!"

Jake: "Come on! Like, let's at least- when it comes to, let's talk this out with him and hopefully make him get it."

Teej: "You-just do it! He's not gonna feel this!".

Jake: "I have a feeling he is! What are you talking about?"

Teej: "It's gonna grow back! He'll be fine. But I mean, if he's awake and he- and I bite his arm off, it's gonna hurt!"

Jake: "You're going to bite his arm off?!" *audience laughs* "You buried the lead on that! Hold on- is the monster taking over? Like are you more wolf than man, now?"

Teej: "No! No, no, no... no. I don't know what you're talking about."

Rev: *laughs, imitating Teej howling* "No, no, nooooooo!" *laughs*

Teej: "Just-just give me this, please!" Scratching my arms, just like, "Come on!"

Tass: "Wait, wait, wait wait, wait. I think I have a better idea. It says a bone, it-was a- bone would work. I bet we could justify to him, 'Hey, can we knock out a tooth?' And like, attach that to a wood spike or something? And if that's the thing that pierces the thing, A BONE is piercing it. It's not chopping off the guy's goddamn arm!"

Jake: "See? This is the kind of shit that we wouldn't think about if we were busy chopping his arm off right now." *audience laughs* "Yes! Let's get a canine out of his mouth or something."

Tass: In that case, I just want to pop him in the jaw.

Jake: "Wha! Yeah. Okay."

Rev: Uh, I don't think there's any roll in us there for this. Uh, yeah. You crack him in the mouth as he's unconscious, and his canine and the one next to it both fall out.

Tass: And I'll collect them and do my medic thing, try to make sure that it's not know bleeding heavily and all that.

Rev: You collect them and then tuck them under your hand and run off to your master? *laughs* For those of you who played the 'Let's Play's' yesterday. Yeah, so you are able to get it and pocket it, no problem, and you're attaching it to the spear?

Tass: I don't know how, but I guess so? Yeah. Let's-let's discuss this on the way, huh? And figure out exactly how we're gonna implement this.

Jake: Has he woken up yet?

Rev: No, not yet.

Jake: How long did it take when Damien shot him? Like, not that long?

Rev: No, but yeah- but Damian also kind of was was shaking him and given him a hard time.

Jake: Okay, I mean, yeah, I'll...smack him around a little bit.

Rev: And there is, there is a little bit of a green flurry and he kind of pops up.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "What the f-? Oh man1".

Jake: "Sorry, bud! You reacted really negatively to that. All we needed was like a tooth, that'll grow back! Right?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: *speaking with a lisp* Oh, ith tha all you needed?".

Jake: *Laughs* "And- to be fair- I didn't want to do that to you while you were asleep."

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "At least I didn't feel it that way.

Jake: I will-I will release him from the chains here.

Rev: All right.

Jake: "We're good now! You're not a runner anymore, are ya?"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "No, I guess not. You got what you needed from me."

Tass: "T.J. wanted to bite your arm off!".

Teej: "Hey, now!"

audience laughs

Rev: FLORDIA MAN: "Mm'yeah, right..."

Teej: I'm looking at him like, "Grr, arrrr."

Tass: "What do we think? Do I -do we just...tape this to the end of the spear? Do we jam this in a piece of wood?"

Teej: "I think I could take care of this," and I want to use 'Weird Science' to put this into some kind of spear-like thing, probably with a stick or something.

Rev: That is the weirdest science. Gluing a tooth to a stick.

Jake: Primitive tools! Weird Science!

Rev: Yeah,yeah -Weird Science: Caveman Edition. Roll-.

Teej: That's right. "I'm a werewolf now! What do you want from me?"

Rev: That's true! Roll 'Weird Science.'

Teej: All right. That is an eleven!

Rev: Okay. So what is your one cost?

Teej: That it won't- Yeah. What? More teeth. -That it won't work exactly as is intended.

Rev: So...

audience laughs

Rev: Its intent is to take the tooth, then glue it onto a stick, and to stab the stick. The way that it works is you can't seem to find a stick, but you find a reed. And so, you can make a tooth blowgun.

Jake: I... Yes!

Rev: So you file this tooth down, and it fits perfectly into this reed, and so you've got one shot with it.

Jake: "Do not inhale!"

audience laughs

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "So, uh, is this about the time we should- we should call your friends or...?"

Tass: "Yeah, let's get them out here. Should we-should we run back and collect them? Or see if they can make it?"

Jake: "I'll just go pick them up."

Tass: "Oh, good call!"

Jake: Yeah. so, I'll 'Angel Wings' back to the house.

Rev: All right! And then roll to get back.

Jake: Okay. Please? Noooo! Oh, wow, A full on fail, too. A six.

Rev: So, Jake.

Jake: Yep? The heart of the sun, you say?

Rev: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Do you want to... Well, you know what? Nevermind. See, remember the trip you just took?

Jake: From-from Florida? Or, to Florida?

Rev: No, no, no. From Hawaii.

Jake: Oh. Good God, man!

Rev: So, the three of you appear about ten thousand feet in the air and start to fall.

Jake: Okay. How long before I can try this again?

Rev: Right now.

Jake: Yes. Please.

Rev: Roll 'Act Under Pressure' to get a hold of both of them.

Jake: Whoop! Three.

audience exclaims

Jake: You know what's- you know what's sick? Is I started this at no XP, and I've leveled up. But please, tell me what happens to me first.

Rev: Nothing happens to you.

audience exclaims, gasps

Rev: So, on the second fail, Jake appears in the air. Jake- roll one of those die. Audience- who's even and who's odd: Damien or Rev?

Tass: I love that it's going to be their fault!

audience laughs

Rev: *laughs* Roll it.

Jake: That was, wow, the most-

Tass: They live!

Jake: -balanced it on a corner. Do I get both of 'em?

Rev: Just throw it on the floor, where we can all see it.

Jake: Odd.

Rev: All right. You were able to grab ahold of Rev, but not Damien, and you vanish without Damien.

Jake: Where do I appear? Back in the swamp.

Rev: Back in the shack.

Jake: OK.

Rev: REV: "Oh, God! Oh, God! What? Where?"

Jake: "Okay! Damien's a demon. He won't just die on impact, right?"

Rev: REV: "I don't know!"

audience laughs

Jake: "I mean, I don't either. But there's not a goddamn thing I can do about it!"

Rev: "So...do we just, like leave and start a new life now? What's happening?"

Jake: "You, me, that car, a lot of distance. Nobody ever gets to know about this!"

Rev: REV: "No one has to know!"

Rev: So. Jake, or, Tass and T.J.- you were out with Seth, and they are just gone for a while.

Teej: I'm just taking a big knife and I am whittling down a piece of stick, to like, use as practice to get the blowgun down really well.

Rev: Okay. Like you're making a little tiny wood tooth shaped blowgun bullet?

Teej: Yeah.

Rev: Good. Good. So a couple moments pass and Jake and Rev appear, without Damien.

Jake: "Guys. How survivable do we think Damien is?"

Tass: "We'd love a little context on that."

Jake: "We-we just, like, me and Rev- appeared ten thousand feet in the sky, on a-on a baaaaad teleport. And I got Rev, and I did not get Damian, and I could not get back to Damian, because I don't know Damian that well." I mean, I'm going to try and call him - *audience laughs* on the phone, because if it- if it goes straight to voicemail, that's one tell.

Rev: So, you you dial the number-.

Rev: DAMIEN: "You motherfucker!"

Jake: "I am so sorry!"

audience cheers, claps, laughs

Jake: "I tried, but I was pretty confident that, with all the shit we've gone through with you, you wouldn't be dead. And I'm-Hey! I'm real glad you're not."

Rev: DAMIEN: "Yeah! You're lucky I can summon my car."

Jake: "Did you summon your car in the air, and like, sleigh ride to the ground or something?"

Rev: DAMIEN: "Yeah!"

Jake: "God, you are so fucking radical. Sucks, because like, I hate you in so many ways, but..."

Rev: DAMIEN: "All right, you hate me. I just want to point out- we are two to zero for you guys trying to kill me!"

Tass: *laughs devilishly*

Jake: "Well..."

Rev: DAMIEN: "I'll be there in a minute."

Rev: And about 30 seconds later, you hear, again, the sound of engine and tires out of nowhere. And then the car appears and just bogs it, just 'Blehp!' and he's like, hood down in the mud.

Rev: DAMIEN: "What the fuck is this? Ugh! You're gonna help me clean this later."

Jake: "I-absolutely."

Rev: And he gets out.

Rev: DAMIEN: "All right. So what's going on?"

Tass: "Ooh, boy. There's no way to say this without it sounding real dumb- We have a dart gun with a tooth and you can get the energy from the seed. That's it. That's the whole thing. That's all of it."

Rev: DAMIEN: "I say it sounds about right."

Tass: "Yeah."

Rev: And so he pulls into his coat and he pulls out the necklace that you had gotten for him from Strohm, and he holds it out over the seat, he's like-

Rev: DAMIEN: All right. Whenever you're ready."

Teej: Get the tooth ready and *blow dart motion*.

Rev: All right. Roll 'Act Under Pressure.'

Jake: Can I- can I help out? Is there any capacity which I can help out here? Like- how about this? No, look, No, look, listen, listen- I'm standing behind him, I'm like, "Square your shoulders. Breathe in from the diaphragm." I'm like, straightening the blowgun. I'm a blowgun expert, you see!

Rev: Roll 'Help Out.'

Jake: I've got-I've also got bad cool. Why am I doing this? Ayy! Nine!

Rev: All right. So, T.J.- you do get a plus one- as Jake smacks you on the back so that you expel instead of inhale. So here are your options: You're going to be able to hit this, but

there is going to be somewhat of an explosion. The seed itself is not going to be destroyed, but you're gonna hit a little too close to the root where it is in the earth and it's going to cause some damage. Or-it's going to overcharge whatever it is Damien is trying to do, which is going to cause him some problems in the future with how delicate this magic is and him trying to release his mother's soul. Or-it is going to de-power anyone that has ever powered before.

Teej: I got to go with the explosion.

Rev: Mmk. So everybody takes one point of damage armor defeating, and you get blown back a little bit, it's not awful. But you do see that the necklace that Damien holds is now glowing with a little bit of energy. And you can see that the energy starts to kind of come down and solidify into one of the sections of this gem. And one of them kind of glows and pulses, like he has kind of filled up one of the sections.

Teej: "Well, hey, it worked!".

Rev: DAMIEN: "Yeah. Good,good. Thanks, guys. I'm going to take off. I got some research to do."

Jake: "I think, like, the tainted core of this thing got away. Do you want to go help us find it and destroy it?"

Rev: DAMIEN: "That doesn't really sound like my bag.Uh..."

Jake: "I-Okay."

Rev: DAMIEN: "Oh, yeah. You got something in it for-".

Jake: "No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. I was going to say- You- you don't owe us anything, because I just almost murdered you. So, I'm just asking as a favor, as a friend. We would appreciate the help. I know it's not your bag, but..."

Rev: And there is a moment where he kind of hesitates.

Rev: DAMIEN: "I would love to. As a friend. You guys are the closest thing to friends I've got, but... it's just not the way it works. I couldn't help if I wanted. Heart can always have what it wants. But if, you know, you're willing to make a little trade or something, I could probably come along."

Jake: "Do we have a wager for Damien that's worth his help in this?"

Tass: "What kind of energy do you need?"

Rev: DAMIEN: "That's what I don't know yet. I still got a lot of research to do. This is the first one I found and I just went after it."

Tass: "Okay." What I have in my head, mechanically, and I'm not sure how to spin in character is- I have this energy of The Chosen, I have this. And like, I just leveled up. But I feel like, what if I took it back? What if I let him siphon some energy that could maybe help him out or power this? And it's like it didn't happen for me?

Rev: So you bring up this idea of the energy of The Chosen going through you, and he doesn't know that that is the type of energy he would need. But I think that Rev kind of perks up, is like-

Rev: REV: That makes a lot of sense. I mean, if it is some kind of energy that can go through you, The Chosen, and it can be in various people, depending on, you know, who they are, when they're needed, it makes sense that this energy would have kind of properties that let it be really flexible. So it could probably unlock any of those chambers."

Rev: And Damien's like-

Rev: DAMIEN: "Deal. Let's do it."

Tass: "Okay. I'd prefer nobody knock a tooth out, but do what you gotta do, man."

Rev: I think that all he has to do is hold the gem up to you, and you make the conscious effort to give this to him, and we see a little bit of that white pulse out of you and into the gem, and it kind of hovers in the middle. It doesn't go to any of the specific spot yet, but it stays, just kind of in the middle waiting, as if it's being-waiting to be told where to go.

Tass: "Oh! That was weird! *shudders*"

Rev: And so he tucks it away.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "All right. Lead the way."

Rev: "All right. I-I think I know where to go."

Rev: So you guys do travel. Like I said, the-the animals have kind of relaxed since this thing has been undone. And so it's not a very far trek to get to this hill. But as you get to the hill-it's not difficult to see- but you do see amongst the trees, there is this very large, dark, shaggy figure and it is moving around and kind of pulsing and punching the ground. And it seems like it is kind of in a rage.

Teej: Can we tell, like, what kind of creature it might be? Just by the way it's behaving, or its fur, or whatever?

Rev: Yeah. Roll 'Investigate a Mystery.'

Teej: That's a 12.

Rev: Yeah. So, it seems almost humanoid and actually reminds you- just in the silhouette of Seth. Like, it looks like Seth, but larger and just covered in this black moss and kind of fluctuating with this negative energy. You almost think it might be the other side of him. Like, if he is the side of Florida that is life and animals, this is the side that is, like, decay and death, all those things that you find inside of the swamp.

Teej: -of Florida....uh, the swamp. I was gonna say that. Yeah.

Tass: "All right, guys, I got a real good idea. You ready? Stab this motherfucker in the heart!"

Teej: "You got it," and I'll pull out a big knife.

Rev: So you guys just charge at it?

Jake: Uh...No.

Rev: *laughs*

Jake: Sorry. Hate to be that guy. I want to take a second to use another one of my abjuration effects- 'take some time to surround someone or yourself in a magical shield that reduces all the harm from a single hit to zero.' I want to put it on Tass, so that HE can charge in and try and get one good hit on this thing.

Rev: All right. Yeah. I don't think that this thing is paying enough attention to notice you doing this. So you are able to get this effect on to Tass.

Jake: "Okay. You are warded. You've got one big hit that you can endure no matter what. So whatever this thing's got to throw at you, you should be fine on the first one."

Tass: "All right."

Rev: Okay. So, roll 'kick some ass' to charge up this hill and try to stab this raging creature.

Tass: I'm gonna do just that.

Teej: I would like to help him out.

Rev: How so?

Teej: "As he's charging up the hill, I'm charging with him. And I want to grab onto the creature and turn him around to give him a nice beautiful target."

Rev: Oh! So you're going to try to, like, open the target up. All right. So Tass, roll kick some ass. T.J.- roll help out.

Tass: I got an eight.

Teej: I got a four. *audience laughs*.

Rev: Yeah, so you rush up on this creature and you take a very hard hit from it as T.J. goes to kind of spin it around, instead he spins it too fast and it just clocks you in the face, as T.J. makes the situation worse. You take no damage because of Jake's magic spell, but you feel this energy dispel off of you. Jake- what are you doing? You see-have seen them go up and it kind of becomes a cluster, and Damien is running up beside you.

Jake: Yeah. So I want to move in after them, shield on one arm, gun in the hand and try and get an angle where I can levy a shot at this thing. Try and take it through the heart.

Rev: All right. Roll kick some ass.

Jake: Eight.

Rev: So how much damage does that do?

Jake: 3 Harm.

Rev: Okay. So, you fire and you see that when it hits, chunks of it come off, and you see that the moss- all of that kind of dark growth- flies off and the energy goes off as well. But, the energy comes back, but you see that the moss doesn't regrow. And, Damien does the same thing. He pulls his gun out and he fires at its other side. You see the same thing happen on its other arm. T.J...

Teej: Yeah?

Rev: You are tangled up with Tass on the ground right now. What would you like to do?

Teej: I'd like to get Tass off me and I want to go for this things- what I assume is its head- and just bite down.

Rev: All right. Roll kick some ass.

Teej: That's an eight.

Rev: All right. How much damage does that do?

Teej: Three harm. Armor defeating.

Rev: Okay. So this thing gets a little smaller. You kind of start to rip at its chest and its head, and you see all of this moss flying off of it. The energy dissipates, but the energy comes back and it is not covered in this moss anymore. Tass?

Tass: I think I want to keep a little distance here, too, and just heave the spear at it. Just Olympian toss this thing at its heart.

Rev: Mmk. Roll kick some ass.

Tass: Yeah! Twelve!

Rev: All right. So, we see all of you charge around this thing. *audience laughs* Tass steps back and he throws his spear and it pierces through the chest of this creature, and as it goes, it pulls all of the moss off with it and clings into a tree and all the moss dies away. And this shadowy figure kind of stabilizes and looks now exactly like Seth, and it seems to like, nod and bow and then sink into the ground. And Seth is like-

Rev: FLORIDA MAN (SETH): "What the f-?".

Jake: "Yeah, I concur."

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "That was like some Peter Pan shit. Was I supposed to like, staple it to my feet or somethin'?"

Jake: "Do you-do you feel any different??"

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Well, let me see something here."

Rev: And he calls out, he starts to make some noise, and three or four animals come but nothing bad happens.

Teej: Like we don't see any of the whispery things around him?

Rev: You do not see any.

Rev: FLORIDA MAN: "Yeah, man, I feel much better."

Tass: Hell yeah!" And I just puke blood.

Jake: *laughs* "Are you unstable?"

Tass: "I am in real bad shape you guys."

Jake: Cool. I am going to use 'I've got your back,' which is a thing that once per mystery if someone goes unstable, I can instantly stabilize.

Rev: Okay. So I think that this scene ends with Jake starting to treat Tass out in the swamp. We are back in T.J.'s subterranean lair. All five of you are there: the three of you and Rev and Damian. And Rev tells Damien-

Rev: REV: "Oh, you know, I can do a little bit research. I can try to help you out with this."

Rev: And Damien's like -

Rev: DAMIEN: "Yeah, I really appreciate it."

Rev: And he kind of goes off, and he comes over and he says-

Rev: DAMIEN: "Thanks for this. You know, that's-what you gave me was... worth a lot more to me than a gunshot. So, I got something for you. This is uneven. We can't have uneven scales."

Rev: And he hands you piece of paper.

Rev: DAMIEN: "Don't read this until you go back to wherever you're going, it's not here."

Tass: "Oh? Yeah, uh,okay. Will do," and I'll fold it up and pocket it.

Rev: Okay. I think we jump again to the future-maybe a day later, maybe a month later- and the three of them, in their other bodies: the dwarf, the elf and the halfling , are sitting around a campfire and Tass has this moment where he's like, "Oh! Right, right, right," and he pulls out a piece of paper and he opens it up.

Tass: "Rev isn't who he seems."

Rev: Thanks for joining us, everybody! Have a great rest of GenCon!

Teej: Thanks, guys!

Rev: Thank you, everybody!

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