

The Adventure Zone: Balance – The Suffering Game: Chapter Two

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Justin: Hello, everyone. Well, Griffin had a baby. So, I'm Mr. Low Voice this time. Low voice... Are you ready for adventure? We have one for you. Like you ordered. We recorded it at MaxFunCon East in September. We hope you like it, very much! Regular low voice guy will be back next time. Oh! And be sure to join us in the middle. By us, I mean me and Justin. [chuckles] For an exciting announcement! Anyway, are you ready to enter...

Griffin: The Adventure Zone!

["Déjà Vu" by Mort Garson plays]

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I got so much shit!

Griffin: We have so many gifts! You guys are so far away from me, I didn't realize.

Travis: But so close to each other.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Hi, everybody!

Travis: We can't do that.

Griffin: Welcome to the podcast. You're in the podcast.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Who here has listened to The Adventure Zone before?

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Okay. Thank god. Who here has played Dungeons and Dragons before?

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Who here played Dungeons and Dragons today?

[two people cheer]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] Fuckin'... that's amazing. So, we're gonna—is the projector—okay, I can unplug this then. And we're gonna play a quick little one shot, little story game today. Do you guys wanna introduce yourselves?

Travis: Us, or our characters?

Griffin: I think of you as sort of a symbiotic unit at this point.

Travis: I am Travis McElroy and I play Magnus Burnside, the fighter, and folk hero.

[crowd chuckles and cheers]

Travis: Thank you!

Clint: AKA The Hammer.

Travis: In some circles, yes.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: I'm Clint McElroy, and I play Merle Highchurch. And I'm a...

Griffin: All right, and Justin!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: I'm a cleric!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: My name is Stephen Amell. You may know me better from TV as The Arrow.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: You've certainly already guessed that from my pecks and sculpt of my body. [chuckles] But I—this whole time, I've been playing the Elven wizard, Taako.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: And we've left a seat open for Elijah.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: For nerdy Elijah. Nerdy, role-playing—Let's hope right into it, are you guys ready?

Justin: Hell yeah!

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: All right.

Clint: Yeah.

Griffin: So, the three of you Merle, Magnus and Taako, have joined the Bureau of Balance for a weekend-long mandatory corporate team-building retreat.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: At a woodland complex called Camp Good Friend, tucked away in an idyllic few acres of the Trollbark Forest. The event was organized by the Director of the Bureau of Balance, who began to notice a slight resentment between the different teams of the Bureau of Balance—

Travis: Jealousy.

Griffin: A little bit of jealousy in between the ranks. And in order to squash that, she has sort of brought the whole organization onto—wow, you guys are really genuinely far away.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: To Camp Good Friend! And it's day three of your retreat, first two were filled with the types of activities you'd expect. Seminars on effective corporate communication, panels led by HR representatives on workplace etiquette, some bonfires with musical accompaniment, led by Johann the Bard. And Camp Good Friend has been fine, the three of you have your own private bunk away from the—some of the bigger cabins. But you're still kind of roughing it.

Travis: Tell us more about the bunk, Griffin.

Griffin: Well, why don't you tell me about what you've been doing at Camp Good Friend, what sorts of activities you've been participating in.

Clint: Lanyards. We did a lot of lanyards.

Griffin: Okay? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Those're hot right now.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I did a lot of Fantasy Skeet Shooting. With arrows.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Would that even work?

Travis: It was very hard.

Griffin: Yeah! [chuckles]

Travis: It did not go well! It went poorly!

Griffin: Taako?

Justin: I slept in a lot and blew off as many activities as I possibly could.

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay. A nugget of truth there!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: [laughs]

Griffin: But it's the final day of your stay at Camp Good Friend, during which everybody is supposed to participate in something called the Trial of Teamwork, which the event's organizers and counselors have promised to be a completely transformative experience, which will change your lives and allow you to relate to your fellow human—or elf or dwarf or whatever—in ways that you've never imagined. And you're summoned to the Enclave of Cooperation, a large clearing in the forest with a stone circle of benches. And just past that is a hilltop dungeon with an archway entrance, with a big heavy gate over it.

Travis: Now, does this seem like legit, or does this seem like papier-mâché, they built it, you know, out of something—

Griffin: It's funny that you ask that—totally papier-mâché. Like this is like a—this is very much a set.

Travis: Great! Okay.

Griffin: There is a large bulletin board next to the entrance of the dungeon with some long scrolls attached to it. And gathered around this circle you see different Bureau of Balance employees. Some you've met before, some you probably haven't put in the effort to meet. And they're all congregating in groups of four. And they seem like really touchy-feely, for lack of a better term.

Travis: Ew!

Griffin: Like they've just—Like they've just had this wonderful experience. You see a quartet just sitting—oh, god!—oh, that had a lid on it, thank god.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: You see a quartet on the ground in a circle with their arms wrapped around each other. You see a dwarven woman sitting on a bench with three other Bureau employees, just kind of comforting her as she has this like emotional moment. You see—

Travis: Ew.

Griffin: ... Other characters from the show, like Avi, Johann, Leon and the Director, and they're very excitedly recapping the events of the trial, and they're laughing and hugging like a lot. So, all around you are these groups that are having these enthusiastic conversations and these emotional interactions.

And as you approach the entrance to the trial, you see the head counselor for Camp Good Friend, whose name is Art Goodfriend. And you've probably interacted with him a few times throughout the weekend, he's a very over enthusiastic elven guy who wears sunscreen. Which is probably the first time you've seen that. He probably invented sunscreen in this fantasy world.

Clint: [laughs]

Griffin: And he motions you toward the signup board, and he says:

Art: Hello boys! How were your sessions today, did you learn any new life skills or make any new friends?

Magnus: No!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: We... the food was good! The food was really good.

Taako: Yeah, except who stops—

Justin: Wait. Fucking stop. Try it again.

Merle: The food was good!

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: Boom.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: Fuckin' killing me.

Taako: Who stops serving pancakes at nine AM?

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Taako: I missed the whole thing! I had to get Cheetos! Fantasy Cheetos!

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Taako: From the store! From the... what do you call that, trading post.

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Art: Okay, well, there's one spot left on the signup sheet for the Trial of Teamwork, you'd better get in there while you still can! I'm Bobcat—I'm played by Bobcat Goldthwait a little bit!

Travis: [chuckles]

Clint: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You don't—

Magnus: We do—yeah, we do—what did you say?

Art: You've gotta sign up for the Trial of Teamwork, pay attention! I just said it four seconds ago!

Magnus: Is it like—is it a verbal signup or do we need to actually like write—

Art: There's a fucking bulletin board right—

[crowd laughs]

Magnus: Okay, yeah, do—like, yeah, do I—wait. I have to check my inventory, do I have a pen?

[crowd laughs]

Art: A pen will be provided to you!

Justin: Our greatest challenge yet!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: Should we roll something?

Travis: Yeah, do we need to roll to see who signs up first?

Clint: Is there a pen initiative?

Griffin: Jesus.... We're allowed to go until nine:30 PM with this show, right?

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I rolled a two!

Justin: Okay—

Clint: I rolled a 12 in cursive.

Justin: Okay, we—we—you—we do that.

Griffin: Okay, dad, with that 12 in cursive, you write 'Morple' on the board.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Good enough!

Justin: [chuckles] Pobody's nerfect.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: He says:

Art: The other—the other two boys, you don't seem too enthusiastic about the Trial of Teamwork? Don't you wanna earn the Teamwork Medal?

Griffin: And he holds up a medallion.

Magnus: Now I do!

Taako: Whoa.

Griffin: There's a golden medallion, a golden, round medallion. And on it, emblazoned on it, are two big, burly arms reaching in for a powerful handshake.

Clint: Arms?

Griffin: Yeah. Well, no, these are—these are decorative arms.

Travis: Magnus can't sign up fast enough.

Griffin: Okay, Magnus signs up.

Travis: He shoves Art out of the way to get to it.

Art: Taako—

Travis: Even though he's not in the way.

Art: Taako, come on, don't be afraid, I'm just here to help you become a better us! That's one of my taglines! [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I cast Mage Hand and make—

Art : Okay, fuckin' great.

Justin: ... That hand sign for me.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: I'm not gonna—

Art: That's technically perjury, I think!

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: The three of you have signed up for the last spot for the Trial of Teamwork, and you notice there's a fourth spot in this signup sheet. And Art says:

Art: Oh, that's right, teams for the Trial of Teamwork have to have four people! And actually, there's somebody who specifically requested to join your outfit in this attempt! Hey, Brad!

Justin: Brad?

Clint: Brad!

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Hey, Brad.

Clint: Hello, Brad.

Travis: Hey, Brad!

Stuart: Hey, guys, how are you doing?

Griffin: Everyone, this is Brad Bradson, who is being played by Stuart Wellington from the Flophouse podcast!

[crowd cheers]

Stuart: Hey, guys!

Griffin: It's our first time having a guest on the show, so we're all very scared right now.

Stuart: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: Mainly me.

Griffin: Tell us about Brad Bradson a little bit, Stuart.

Stuart: Okay, let me... let me see...

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: Brad works for Human Resources, for the Bureau of Balance. Brad is from a tribe of hill people. His father was Brad the Bloodthirsty. His grandfather was Brad the Bonebreaker.

Griffin: So, he's sort of gone away from his—

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: Yeah, well, kind of. He's searching for his own truth.

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles] That's so important.

Stuart: So, his enemies know him as Brad the Motivator. And that's what I'm here to do today, guys!

Griffin: And I wanna—I'm curious if you all have met Brad before, if you've had any interactions with Human Resources?

Magnus: I keep getting notes from someone named, Brad but it's a mystery to me.

Clint: There was one office Christmas party, but I think we both wanna forget it right now.

Griffin: Okay!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Taako?

Justin: No.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Brad, have you heard of these three before?

Stuart: Oh, I've heard plenty about these three.

Griffin: Okay. Brad Bradson, you walk over and sign up on the signup sheet, and finally you have a full team! And, Art Goodfriend leads you towards the cobblestone archway, into the hilltop dungeon. And as you walk over there, the gate opens up, and you see a few familiar faces.

You see Carey and Killian, and Noelle and Angus emerge from the archway. And Angus is riding on Noelle's robot shoulders. And they're just—they're all just having a great time! Their faces are streaked with tears of joy! They're just like excitedly retelling what happened in the dungeon below. And Carey says:

Carey: Oh my god! Taako! You gotta get in there! It's life-changing stuff! Hey, Bill!

Griffin: And walks past the group.

Brad: Say, careful guys, don't fall off her shoulders.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Wait, are you HR or are you a safety inspector? [chuckles]

Stuart: It's a little bit of both, you know?

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Angus says:

Angus: Hello, sirs!

Justin: Ugh.

Angus: I'm excited for what you're gonna—I'm excited for what you're going to learn about in there!

Magnus: High five!

Angus: Vis-à-vis treating your coworkers nicer!

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Magnus: High five!

Travis: Well, I was about to do a thing, but now maybe not.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: If we kill anybody is it canon?

Griffin: Jesus!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: Well, I'm just saying!

Travis: Ango is still a child!

Griffin: So, the gate—

Travis: You heard it here first! Clint McElroy will kill a child for humor!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: The gate opens again and Art motions you inside and says:

Art: Good luck! And great teamwork!

Travis: [spoofing Angus] I'm melting!

Clint: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: We could literally be walking into a dragon's maw and it'd be better than spending another fucking second with Art.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: We do that! We walk into the dragon's maw!

Griffin: Okay.

Brad: I think Art's pretty great actually, guys?

Magnus: Okay...

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: It's a two dollar cover.

Griffin: Before you're allowed to go in, there's a deposit box where you have to drop off all of your magic items. Not your weapons, you still get to keep those, but you don't get to keep any of your magic—

Justin: I printed out a whole list!

Clint: [laughs] I know, he's got a whole sheet of stuff in his bag!

Travis: To be fair—

[sound of paper crumpling]

Clint: And now it's gone.

Travis: To be fair, anything in Magnus's hands is—

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Collector's item.

Griffin: [laughs]

Clint: [chuckles] Did you sign it?

Justin: Wait, can I put any in my butt? Hey! Can I put—are there any of those that could've fit in my butt? You just check and let me know later.

Travis: Is there anything he can hoop?

Clint: It didn't come out of his butt, it's okay to open it.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: I sneak it into my butt.

Audience Member: This list is huge!

Justin: Yeah, I've been keeping a lot of items. Not all in my butt.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Clint: Enough to make him walk funny.

Griffin: So, you move through the archway and into a small round chamber—

Audience member: Pocket Spa, maybe?

Griffin: The Pocket Spa? Do you wanna shove a tent in your ass?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Hey, don't yuck his yum!

Justin: Let's abandon this plan!

Griffin: Yeah, I don't wanna yuck any yums, do you wanna put a pop tent in your butt? All right, let's move on, let's move on. You move on through the archway and into a small round chamber, the only thing of note in here is a small design carved onto the stone floor that reads, "Enter Colleagues, Exit Best Friends."

Clint: God almighty.

Griffin: And ahead of you is a long, narrow—

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] Ahead of you is a long, narrow, stone staircase leading down a tunnel down into the hill and underground. And as you move down it, there's a surprisingly warm breeze blowing up the stairs.

Travis: Magnus starts running towards the breeze.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: It's literally a breeze!

Travis: He's running!

Griffin: It's wind! Okay—

Travis: Can't stop him!

Justin: Are you like, an excitable man or a monarch butterfly?!

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Like literally!

Griffin: And as you finish your descent down these long, narrow stairs, you emerge into a large room, lit by several huge sconces built into the wall. And it is kind of a shitty room! It's about the size of a cellar, and it's kind of decorated in like papier-mâché dungeon attire, like it looks like a theatre set designed to look like a—or like a spooky haunted house, like a lot of... a lot of hard—what's that hard foam that you spray and it makes it look like—

Travis: Hard foam.

Griffin: Yeah, you got it. So yeah, you're in basically a fake dungeon.

Travis: Magnus walks around for a while just poking his finger through stuff.

Griffin: Yeah, you can, like you walk to the papier-mâché wall and it just goes boink straight through it.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: And as you enter this large chamber—

Brad: People worked on that room, Magnus!

Magnus: Okay!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: [laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] This is gonna be great. As you enter the chamber, the portcullis drops behind you, preventing your exit from the Trial of Teamwork.

Travis: I wanna do a strength check to pick it back up.

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: There's a six.

Griffin: No.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Plus! eight. So, a 14.

Griffin: Jesus, plus eight? Yeah, you could get out if you wanted to.

Travis: Okay.

[crowd laughs]

Clint: [chuckles]

Travis: I do that a couple times just:

Magnus: Eh? Eh? Okay.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And let's get into the first trial! So, you're standing in front of the first trial. And about six inches off the ground is a series of five six½ foot long planks of wood, the ends of which are resting on small, circular metal pegs built into the ground, they make a zigzag pattern over a span of 30 feet. And you notice that below this series of planks, or essentially this low

ropes course, is red carpet. And above you, you hear a loudspeaker being activated and you hear Art's voice through the loudspeaker. And he says—oh I should:

Art: For your first trial—

Magnus: What?

Justin: Unintelligible.

Merle: Huh?

Griffin: Oh, you really can't hear that?

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: No.

Griffin: Okay. Well, imagine a little loudspeaker effect.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Can you do that in post? Do you have a knob over there that's like loudspeaker—

Clint: As his voice comes through these loudspeakers.

Griffin: I got a thumbs up. I got a thumbs up, I don't see any knobs twiddling over there!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: So, over the loudspeaker, you hear:

Art: For your first trial, your whole team has to cross the planks to the other side! But be careful! 'Cause the floor is lava!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Magnus pokes the red carpet.

Art: Don't touch the lava! Unless you wanna earn Teamwork Penalties!

Magnus: It's not—it's not lava! It's a carpet!

Art: Okay!

Griffin: And the loudspeaker clicks off.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Magnus goes running across the planks or whatever.

Griffin: Okay, make an acrobatics roll.

Travis: Eight... two.

Griffin: A 10 is actually okay, you're just running all the way across?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay, Magnus has crossed the bridge by himself!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: How big are like the gaps in between? Like how big of a—

Griffin: They're not—there's not that big a gap, it's just—

Justin: [chuckles] So, it's just like a bridge?

Griffin: Well, the boards are pretty narrow, so you gotta be careful or else you'll step in the lava.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Is there room to walk around the sides?

Griffin: I mean the planks are wide enough to like—you could hang out there for a second if you wanted to.

Travis: But is there like empty floor space on the sides?

Griffin: No, it's lava, baby, lava all over.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Is it really lava?

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: [chuckles] Yeah, yeah, is it really lava?

Griffin: No, it's a red carpet on the floor!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Well, Merle walks across the red car—no, he doesn't. Jumps across the red carpet!

Griffin: You're gonna jump 30 horizontal feet?

Clint: I am gonna jump! Yes!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: All right, make an—make... make an athletics roll!

Clint: Okay!

Griffin: To jump—to jump—hey, dad? To jump 30 horizontal feet.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: You can do it!

Griffin: Did you know they just set a new world record in the Olympics for the long jump? For like fucking eight?

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [laughs] And the Olympics are for humans!

Griffin: But go ahead and do it! 'Cause you said it! Go ahead and roll your 30—

Clint: Okay! Screw you! I will!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: What am I looking at?

Travis: Not any of this.

Justin: Just roll a D20, you always just roll a D20!

Clint: Yeah, but I gotta know what my amplifier is—

Travis: You have a plus zero.

Justin: Plus zero?!

Griffin: Plus zero! Perfect, baby! Yeah! Let them bones roll!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Crit! Crit! Crit! Crit!

Clint: Yeah!

Travis: It's an eight!

Clint: It's an—I can read!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: It's an eight.

Griffin: You jump—

Justin: But sideways, it's infinity, which is the roll he would need to get to actually make the jump!

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Clint: Nailed it!

Justin: To jump 30 horizontal feet, Clinton!

Griffin: You jump five and a half feet and you land right on the carpet, like a sixth of the way past this trial.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: No, I was jumping over where the plank is! So, I landed on the plank at some point.

Griffin: Bullshit you did! Make the best acrobatics roll of your life and I'll see if you land on the plank. Here it goes.

Travis: Do it.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Here it goes!

Stuart: I think he's gonna do it!

Griffin: Now we're playing D&D, baby!

Travis: Roll!

Clint: Yeah! Rolled a...

Travis: It's a 17.

Stuart: Just read it.

Clint: 17 and I add a zero.

Griffin: Okay. Okay, yeah, that's enough. You land on your belly on the plank, like... like this, like inches from the red carpet. But you didn't—

Clint: So, like right out of America's Funniest Videos?

Griffin: But you cleared like one board!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Okay?

Stuart: I start clapping.

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: And say:

Brad: That's a great first try, Merle. Well done!

Merle: Thank you! Thank you very much, Bart!

Magnus: This is like really easy! You just walk across 'em!

Merle: Where's the fun in that?

Magnus: Okay. We have like a whole show to do. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Somebody else do something!

Stuart: I start tearing up pieces of paper in the shape of the logs and I put `em on the floor and start trying to arrange them in a puzzle.

Griffin: Fuck yeah! Whatever you roll to get across it, you have advantage on.

Stuart: Oh, advantage! I'm gonna say insight, and that is—

Griffin: Wait, no! [chuckles] Okay, no, I mean, you just have whatever you use to cross the bridge, you can't use insight to cross the—

Stuart: Oh! I don't know?

Griffin: "I see you, bridge!" I'm saying have advantage on whatever you do to get across the bridge.

Clint: He has two! He's got two of `em.

Griffin: Yeah, he's got advantage, that's what it means, we've been playing Dungeons and Dragons for two years!

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: Then I will hold onto my clipboard and run across those boards—

Griffin: Are you fucking jumping over Merle?

Stuart: Yeah, no, I mean, I'll tap him on the shoulder and say, "Great job," and then keep running.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Okay?

Clint: And I'll raise up at the worst possible moment... whack!

Justin: While this is all going on, I cast fucking Levitate on myself

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: And I float across the lava like a grown man.

Griffin: Okay!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Or in this case, elf, I guess, as the case may be.

Griffin: It is effortless. It is effortless. Whoop! Taako just goes across.

Stuart: I got a 17 for my athletics roll.

Griffin: Okay, yeah, and you're—what're you doing? What is the interaction between Merle and you on the bridge?

Stuart: I say:

Brad: You did a wonderful job, Merle, keep going.

Clint: And with that encouragement, I clear the rest of the planks.

Stuart: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: No, you can make another acrobatics roll to finish crossing the rest of it. It'll be—

Clint: How far—

Justin: He should get advantage on it because that was very motivational!

Clint: Yeah!

Griffin: The check will be lower than 10, I'll say that.

Clint: Okay!

Griffin: Between the—

Clint: Thank God! But I have advantage, though? Didn't that—

Justin: No.

Griffin: No, dog, what did you roll?

Stuart: Can I enhance his ability with Enhance Ability?

Griffin: Yeah, sure!

Stuart: I enhance his ability.

Griffin: What does it mean?

Stuart: I think he has—wait... He has... wait a second, following effects some kind of thing that I don't know!

Travis: [laughs]

Stuart: It doesn't say it on my new card! I guess it gives him advantage.

Griffin: All right, your acrobatic—go—wait, and roll your—do you have an instrument? What is your instrument, Brad the Bard?

Stuart: It's oratory.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: Clearly!

Travis: Brad did a lot of speech and debate in high school!

Griffin: So, when you—So, this whole time when you're like, "Hey, keep it up!" That's literally you casting magic spells?

Stuart: Exactly!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: That's fucking amazing. Okay, so, roll it again, and you have a plus two on your roll.

Clint: [chuckles]

Travis: It's a 14.

Justin: Do you want different dice? I love you very much. Do you—

Griffin: Do you need different eyeballs?!

Clint: I don't have my glasses! 14!

Travis: Could you please pass my dad his glasses? Thank you.

Clint: Thank you, honey.

Griffin: There you go.

Travis: We'll be here all day.

Griffin: It's a family show.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I already know it's a 14 plus—

Justin: Hey, look, it's the Spectacles of You Should've Had Those In The First Place!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Oh yeah, that's part of the costume.

Justin: The legendary spectacles!

Clint: 14!

Griffin: All right, yeah, you make it across the bridge. All of you have cleared the first Trial of Teamwork!

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Thank you.

Clint: Without manifesting a single shred of teamwork!

Griffin: Well, that's not true.

Clint: Except for Brent.

Griffin: Over the loudspeaker—

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: Almost right on the first try, it's Brad, you'll get it next time.

Clint: Brad.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Onward! Magnus runs ahead!

Clint: Whoow!

Griffin: Over the loudspeaker you hear:

Art: Well that was a decent job, but two of you did cross without using any teamwork at all, so I'm afraid you've incurred one Teamwork Penalty!

Magnus: Yay!

Merle: No!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I could use a pen if anybody has one? It's not important, but... I just need a pen—well, you'll need that pen for—yeah, that's great, can I borrow that? Thank you! I'll return it.

Clint: No he won't. [chuckles]

Griffin: I need to keep track of your Teamwork Penalties. TPs: one. Okay!
He says:

Art: Do you guys know what that trial was supposed to teach you?

Magnus: No!

Taako: No.

Art: You don't wanna wager a guess about what the trial was supposed to mean?

Magnus: The floor is lava!

[crowd chuckles]

Merle: Not criticizing your parents!

[crowd laughs]

Art: That's not a bad lesson!

Justin: I was about to say using character voices, but he kind of cut my legs out from underneath me on that one.

Taako: Not using character voices!

Art: No, it's supposed to mean that we all walk the same path in life and it's easier with help with your friends!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Bleh. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Taako: All right, next challenge!

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay! You are on the second trial, and you're standing in front of a smooth, wooden wall. It's about 15 feet tall and 10 feet wide. And it's several feet deep as well. And those are the dimensions of the wall, everybody! And it's built into the floor and it's pretty sturdy. And the loudspeaker clicks on and you hear Art say:

Art: For this challenge, you have to help each other up and over the wall! Make sure you don't leave your guys behind!

Clint: Your `dies'?

Travis: Can I jump up it?

Griffin: What the fuck is wrong with you guys not understanding jumping abilities?!

Travis: 15 feet isn't that much!

Griffin: 15 feet is one and a half stories!

Clint: I almost did 30?

Travis: Okay, here's what I'm gonna do! I'm gonna jump and then plant Railsplitter in and pull myself the rest of the way up.

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay, yeah, that works. Then actually this would be— make an attack roll on the wall. This should be better for you!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Well, that's a five, plus nine, 14.

Griffin: I mean, it's a wall. So yeah, you get a—

Travis: It's not gonna dodge?!

Griffin: You jump and get it in there. And then make an athletics roll to finish climbing the rest of the way up.

Travis: 13?

Griffin: Yeah, you're good. You—

Travis: Plus eight! 21!

Griffin: You manage to go up. Quick question though, do you take the axe with you?

Travis: Yeah! I'm not fucking leaving Railsplitter down there!

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay, fucking wonderful. You take this handle that you installed in the wall for yourself, and you reach the top of the wall by yourself!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I might drop a rope?

Griffin: You don't have any items with you other than your weapons.

Travis: Not even a—you said magic items! I don't have a rope?

Griffin: Ropes are pretty magical if you think about it! You can tie two things together with them, you can do—

Travis: Okay, I lay down—

Griffin: There's all kinds of stuff you can do with a rope!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I lay down on my stomach and kind of, you know, lower an arm down.

Griffin: Oh, that's really sweet of you. Okay, what's everybody else doing?

Clint: What's the wall made out of?

Griffin: Wood.

Stuart: And we've gotta go, what now, 13 feet up?

Travis: I've got about three—

Griffin: How long are your arms?!

Taako: Oh, hold on, everybody! I got it! No problem!

Justin: I cast Reduce. Which is second-level transmutation, on the wall!

Griffin: Okay?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles] You are reducing—what does that do?

Justin: I mean, I can cause an object within range to grow smaller or larger for the duration.

Griffin: Does it say how small—how small are you making this wall?

Clint: Better make it about two feet.

Justin: It literally doesn't say.

Griffin: All right, then you tell me, dog! How big is the wall now?

Justin: It's two feet tall. Just enough to be adorable.

[crowd laughs]

Clint: [chuckles] Like a Malibu Barbie Dream House.

Justin: Now everybody gets over the wall.

Griffin: Okay... okay, you shrink the—

Travis: Well, fuck me, I guess!

Griffin: Yeah, you shrink—here's a fucking double—the wall shrinks very fast. And Magnus, you like, you were on your chest when it shrinks. And so, when the wall just is suddenly eight feet shorter, you fall eight feet and land on your ribs on the corner of the wooden wall and you take seven damage!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Can I see your pen, Brad?

Justin: I was trying to do good!

Griffin: Okay, the wall is now two feet tall, you can—Now, just because you guys have some trouble with spatial stuff, that's tall enough to climb over easily.

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: As I climb over, I rub Magnus's shoulder and whisper:

Brad: Feel better, friend!

Stuart: And cast Healing Word.

Griffin: Oh nice!

[crowd 'aww's]

Justin: Is this what it's like to play Dungeon and Dragons with a competent person?! [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Brad: We're doing great, guys!

Griffin: Okay—

Merle: Oh, we are so gonna let you die. Nothing personal.

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: If that's my truth, so be it.

Griffin: [laughs] Wait! Holy shit!

Justin: Hold on!

Griffin: Brad, that's how deep it goes? That's how deep your well of motivation goes?

Brad: You gotta trust in the universe to provide. Death sometimes.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Okay! You... you, you clear this wall and—

Clint: I haven't cleared it yet.

Griffin: Oh, okay. It's two feet tall. What are you doing?

Justin: Let's make a fuckin' three act play out of it.

Clint: I wanna jump over it!

Griffin: All right, you're jumping over it, here we go!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Three.

Clint: Three.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You fuckin' hit your feet on the wall and you fall over it and land on your face for four damage!

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: It's so bad!

Griffin: Taako—

Clint: Try to have a little panache...

Justin: What?

Griffin: What do you do? Do you just—

Justin: I walk over the wall that I shrunk with magic.

Griffin: All right.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You—[chuckles] You make it over the wall.

Justin: I can't—and I can't—I literally—not a joke, kick Merle in his fuckin' ribs.

Clint: [laughs]

Justin: 'Cause I'm so, so angry at him. But I have a soft shoe, it's not damage inducing, just—I'm so mad.

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay.

Clint: I can live with it.

Travis: I trip Taako as he goes over for hurting my ribs.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Oh, god. All right, Taako, make a dexterity saving throw.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: It's a seven.

Griffin: All right, yeah, you fall over!

Justin: Plus!

Clint: Plus!

Justin: Plus! Three.

Griffin: Okay, I'd say that does it. 10 will clear it.

Justin: A little stumble, but I regain my balance.

Griffin: Yeah, you're fine. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: I'm taking a lot of notes at this point.

Griffin: Yeah! Art actually chimes in, he's like:

Art: You guys know you earned a teamwork penalty for that one, right? You know I don't have to tell you.

Magnus: Yeah, yeah.

Art: Like, the three of you actively hurt other people.

[crowd chuckles]

Magnus: We did start off well, though! There was—like, we know there was—

Art: No, there was—

Taako: No, you started off bad! You put an axe in the wall and then stole it! We started off very bad!

Magnus: I would've lowered my hand back down or—

Merle: Yeah, after he put a guilt trip on you!

Magnus: That's teamwork sometimes.

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: Guys, we can agree to disagree, right?

Magnus: Fuck off, Brad!

[crowd laughs]

Merle: I think it's Brent.

Griffin: All right, you're onto the third trial. Oh—

Art: Do you know what that trial was supposed to teach you guys?

[crowd laughs]

Taako: No, but I'm going to guess we didn't learn it?

Art: Life throws obstacles at you sometimes, and it's easier to get over 'em with help from your friends.

Brad: Right, right, right, okay...

Griffin: So, you're onto the third trial. And immediately in front of you is a 15 foot high wall, another one. A separate 15 foot high wall, that I definitely planned for. No, fuck it, we gotta do—I gotta respect the fiction. It's the same wall that you were just standing on that you shrank down. This now two foot high wall. [chuckles] Off the back of this wall, is a set of now very small stairs leading back down to the ground. But the majority of the backside of this wall is just a ledge with now a two foot drop. And the loud speaker chirps on, and he goes:

Art: Well, this is gonna be kind of anticlimactic, but it's time for trust falls.
[chuckles]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: [laughs]

Art: It's only two feet, but...

Travis: Magnus falls off it.

Griffin: [laughs] Okay, just—

Magnus: Catch me, Art!

Griffin: Okay, the falling style here is like backwards, not looking—

Travis: Full on.

Griffin: Okay. So, you just fall backwards off the back off the wall?

Travis: I trust everyone.

Griffin: Okay...

Travis: Wait, hold on, give them a chance.

Griffin: Who?!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: My friends.

Griffin: They're not—there waiting to catch you! Everybody's by the—

Travis: It's two feet. They could do it.

Griffin: You fall, but it's just two feet, so you don't take any damage. But now you're in catching position for everybody else. Who's going?

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Me. I fall.

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: [laughs]

Justin: He catches me. We all move on with our lives.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs] Make a strength check.

Travis: 15, plus eight.

Griffin: You super catch Taako.

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: Great job, guys.

Travis: I throw him over my shoulder!

Magnus: Next!

Stuart: I kind of push Merle out of the way, 'cause I want to do it.

Griffin: Okay? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Magnus: Come on, Brad!

Griffin: The ol' Brad's got a dark side!

Brad: Now it's Brad's time to shine, guys.

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: And I arms-wide-open back into Magnus's arms.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I move.

[crowd exclaims]

Griffin: Do you really?

Travis: It's two feet! He's gonna be fine! I've already got Taako over one shoulder.

Stuart: No, no. It's cool. It's cool. It's fine.

Griffin: Brad, yeah, you fall on your back, Brad. And you don't take any damage, but it's embarrassing.

Justin: [chuckles] Oh no!

Clint: [laughs]

Stuart: I've been embarrassed before.

Griffin: Yeah.

Brad: It's okay, guys. Next time, you know, you'll catch me next time I fall. That's what being friends is all about, Magnus.

Magnus: Okay...

Brad: Is catching your friends when they fall. And you know, sometimes you slip up.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Suddenly, Magnus feels very bad.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: You actually—

Travis: As does Travis.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You actually fall. When you fall, you land on some gum on the floor and it gets in your ponytail.

Stuart: No!

[crowd exclaims]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Stuart: I quickly pull some peanut butter out of my pocket that I keep—

Griffin: You don't have any items!

Stuart: Oh, no! My magic peanut butter?

Travis: No, it's just— it's just loose peanut butter. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Merle: Hey! Listen, Magnus will chop your ponytail off for you, if you want?

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah, you've got a corrupted body part!

Merle: He does it all the time!

Brad: That is a strange use of the word 'if I want.' Because I do not want that. But sometimes... You know. Sometimes necessity requires sacrifices, guys, and I think this is one of those times.

Merle: Chop it off.

Stuart: So, I hold my arm over my eyes, so I don't have to see my beautiful ponytail —

Griffin: Oh my god.

Stuart: ... Shorn from my head. And I say:

Brad: Do it, Magnus. I trust you. With your axe near my head.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I just pull his hair out of the gum. It's not.... It's not like a thing, I don't have to cut it off.

Griffin: It's super in there.

Travis: Okay.

Clint: And I want you to look at this. All right? Look at this.

[crowd exclaims]

Clint: All right. Make sure you know what's coming.

Griffin: Make an attack roll on Brad's hair.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I want you to know, I'm aiming for the very end, where the gum is, so I don't have to cut off the whole thing.

Griffin: Yeah. It takes a long—how long did it take you—hold on, wait, before you roll—before you roll, some backstory. Brad, wow long you been working on this ponytail, dog?

Stuart: 25 years.

Griffin: Jesus!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I am aiming for the very last inch that's stuck in the gum.

Griffin: Okay. Go ahead and roll. Oh, god...

Travis: It's a 20. It's a crit 20.

Griffin: Holy shit!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Yeah!

Griffin: Like a fucking samurai with Hattori Hanzo steel you—in slow motion, you watch each hair be severed and it flows away in the wind. And it leaves you with a lot of ponytail.

Brad: [chuckles] Thank you, Magnus. I think it looks better now, actually. You cleared off all my split ends!

Magnus: I feathered it! Anytime.

Griffin: Taako, did you trust fall already?

Justin: Yeah, remember—

Griffin: Oh, that's right. All right, we're all—oh, Merle.

Clint: I'm gonna jump over it...

Stuart: [laughs]

Clint: Backwards.

[crowd laughs]

Clint: So, jump.... jump backwards.

Griffin: So, like a trust jump?

Clint: A trust jump. What do I roll?

Justin: On the ground. You roll on the ground.

Griffin: The rule of thumb is, are you flipping? 'Cause if you're flipping, it's acrobatics.

Clint: Yeah, I flipped.

Griffin: Okay, what'd you get?

Clint: 14.

Griffin: All right, yeah, you just jump over Magnus and you land on the floor. And you didn't really trust fall, but it was cool.

[crowd laughs]

Merle: It's all about how you look, baby.

Art: That's gonna be just one more quick teamwork penalty.

[crowd laughs]

Art: This is not going great. Anybody wanna just wager a guess at what the trust fall is supposed to teach you?

Magnus: Falling!

Taako: Trust?

Art: Trust is right! Yes!

Taako: It sounds like we should get our penalty back for that.

Art: No, it's still a penalty. You intentionally let a man fall into gum. And then you used an axe on him.

Magnus: I... That was good, though!

Griffin: It was good stuff.

Justin: [mouths tune]

[ad read]

Justin: We got a couple of personal messages here. The first is for J. Scott Scoot, Jewel Robber, and it's from Chelsea Jewel Robber. And it says, "You won't believe my Naperville paper mill whipper will stable bill, but April will, she'll believe anything. Hail Iris, thank you for being a genius, weirdo nerd who invents things like computer generated poetry, or dumb tongue twisters that you repeat at me until I hate them. But who also genuinely loves and supports me. I'm glad we're forever buddies." That is so sweet. And congratulations, you two, for finding each other. I think that's really wonderful.

This is a great message for Jay, from Jay. Are you ready for the message? You guessed it, "Jay!" So, thanks for that. You're not getting that money back. But we appreciate the money very much. And you know what? [chuckles] We got a two for one sale this week on The Adventure Zone. I'm gonna read it to you again. "Jay!" So, I hope you have a great J, Jay.

One more message for Iris Explosion, from Zelma-Zelma. It says, "Happy birthday to my favorite naked weirdo and true sexpert, soon to have the degree on her wall to prove it. May your birthday herald a year of success and luck, you fucking deserve it. So much love, Zelma." That is so sweet. It's a little later that Iris' birthday, but hey, Zelma-Zelma, that's really kind of you to say. And happy birthday to you, Iris.

[ad read]

Griffin: All right, you're onto the fourth trial. A few feet past the trust fall platform you see a small metal statue on a wooden pedestal. And the statue depicts four adventurers, an armored dwarven fighter, a devout elven cleric, a bookish human wizard, and a guitar-wielding orc, all laughing and high-

fiving each other. Obviously, a symbol of successful teamwork. From the loudspeaker you hear Art say:

Art: This is the Totem of Constructive Criticism.

[crowd laughs]

Clint: [laughs]

Art: All you have to do to complete this trial is touch the statue and then give someone a piece of helpful advice on their performance, either in this dungeon or just in general. And once all four of you have given some advice, you can move on. But don't be nasty unless you want to get some teamwork penalties.

[crowd laughs]

Clint: So, we have to say something nice?

Travis: Nope, constructive.

Griffin: No, it's the Totem of Constructive Criticism!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Okay.

Griffin: Who's going first?

[silence]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: You know, I saw we had some cosplay in the audience today?

Stuart: [laughs]

Griffin: Who's going—[chuckles] Okay, we're actually at about 45, 50 minutes right now, so—

Travis: Okay, okay, I put my hand on it and I say:

Magnus: Brad—

Griffin: Okay, wait, as you touch it—as you touch the statue, one of the four heroes lights up. And the hero that lights up for you, Magnus, is the human wizard. So, you have to give a piece of constructive criticism for Taako.

Taako: Yeah, go ahead.

Travis: Oh dick!

Magnus: Taako...

Taako: Yes?

Magnus: I feel like...

Taako: Go on?

Magnus: Sometimes you cast spells without any consideration of whether or not it might injure me specifically.

[crowd laughs]

Taako: A touch, a palpable touch, I do confess it.

Magnus: [chuckles] And I would like it if you would stop doing that, because our cleric sucks at healing.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Okay, that—

Magnus: It's not about you cleric!

Merle: Wait, hold on, wait—

Griffin: That part of the statue turns gold, and he actually turns to give you a thumbs-up.

Travis: Nailed it!

Griffin: Who's next?

Justin: Me.

Griffin: Taako, you touch the statue, and the cleric lights up.

Justin: Fuck

Griffin: You need to give a piece of constructive criticism for Merle.

[silence]

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: [laughs]

Travis: I just want to remind you that this is our daddy.

Griffin: Hey Justin, it's our daddy, though.

Justin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: No, no, no, no, no...

Taako: Your spells... can... be used... to heal wounds!

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Taako: So, maybe... give `er a shot!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And with that, the elven cleric turns gold and gives you a big thumbs-up. Who's next?

Clint: I'll go.

Griffin: Merle, you touch the—

Merle: I'll go!

Griffin: Merle, you touch the statue and the dwarven fighter lights up, and you need to give a constructive criticism for Magnus.

Travis: For your middlest boy.

Griffin: For your middlest—

Justin: Wait, is Brad gonna have to compliment himself? [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: We'll see. [chuckles] Constructive criticism for Magnus.

Merle: I think... that I would worry a lot less in those times when I'm pondering the fate of you, if maybe you didn't rush into every situation like a giant horse's ass.

[crowd laughs]

Magnus: Well put.

Griffin: All right, like that the dwarven fighter turns gold, gives you a big thumbs-up, and all that's left is Brad.

Brad: I'll go next, guys.

Magnus: Cool, Brad.

Merle: Good choice!

Stuart: I go up—

Merle: Good math!

Stuart: I go up and touch the statue.

Griffin: All right, yeah, the orc bard lights up. And you need to just sort of give yourself—just sort of do a quick sort of—

Stuart: Some self-inventory.

Griffin: Yeah, debrief yourself on how it's been going so far and what you could do better.

Brad: You know, Brad...

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: [laughs] I think of Stuart on Saturday Night Live, looking in the mirror.

Brad: Brad, you know, sometimes you don't let people get close enough and know the real you.

Griffin: Jesus.

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: You hold people at bay, you focus too much on kind of your work relationships and not maybe, you know, a relationship outside of work, Brad. You know, they could get to know the Brad that likes to party, you know?

That likes... you know, that brews his own beer at home and has a stamp collection.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Okay, yeah, the orc turns gold and gives you a big thumbs-up.
[chuckles]

Clint: [laughs]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Griffin: And Art chimes in and says:

Art: Well, it got a little nasty there, but you still managed to get through the thing. And so, I'm gonna not give you a teamwork penalty on that one.

Magnus: Yeah!

[crowd cheers]

Magnus: We solved your stupid puzzle!

Art: And the advice is—the lesson is good advice makes for good friends. I didn't wanna waste time having you try to guess it.

Magnus: Okay!

Griffin: All right, the fifth and final trial. You're standing in front of a large cobblestone wall, and again, this wall is mostly Styrofoam, like a theatrical set. There's a door, a semi-circular door, and a crudely painted sign hanging over the door that marks it as the entrance into The Arena. And you hear Art say:

Art: In here, you'll face a deadly opponent. It's up to you to work together, protect each other, and take him down. Carefully, please.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [chuckles] Magnus rushes in.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: You open the door...

Travis: To be fair, I didn't say that, I wanna run right through the door.

Griffin: You can, yeah. It's essentially foam.

Travis: I wanna leave a Magnus shaped hole in the door. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: You just knock the door completely down. And, Art, [chuckles] Arts like:

Art: Well, people have to use this later—okay, whatever.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And this arena is absolutely clown town. There are some large, foam geometric shapes scattered around the arena, almost like it's like a laser tag arena. And the whole thing is encircled in this Styrofoam wall. And in the middle of this McDonald Land play place is a large person wearing a costume, designed to make them look like a skeletal dragon. But it's really just like a child's skeleton costume from the neck down, like a black sort of suit with bones on it, and like a spooky skeleton dragon mask on top, and he goes:

Skelly: Roar! I'm Skelly the Skeletal Dragon! I can only be beaten by great teamwork!

Travis: Magnus sees red.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] He's got a bucket and he starts reaching in and getting these little foam balls out and throwing them at all of you.

Travis: Magnus tackles him.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Actually, everyone make a dex save to avoid these fireballs he's throwing.

Justin: Three.

Clint: What am I rolling?

Justin: A D20!

Griffin: A D20!

Clint: A 20.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: A one!

Clint: Oh my god!

Travis: I rolled a 19, 17 plus two.

Griffin: The joke here was supposed to be that you're just getting hit by little foam balls thrown at you by a man in a skeleton costume, but with a one, I think you actually are gonna take some damage.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You take nine points of damage from a—

Clint: What?! Wait!

Griffin: It hits you in the throat!

Clint: Did it have railroad spikes sticking out of it?!

Griffin: It hits you in the throat and you get the wind knocked out of you and you take nine points of damage.

Justin: Wow.

Clint: Shit...

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: You know that wind doesn't live in your throat, right?

Griffin: Huh?

Travis: You get hit in the throat and the wind—it doesn't matter. Not important.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Do you need me to keep track of your health or you need help with your iPad?

Clint: Let him have his fun. No, I got it.

Griffin: Okay. And so, yeah, you have this skeleton man throwing—Did you—Everybody, oh—Taako, you got hit by Styrofoam balls, but it's fine.

Justin: That can't be right.

Stuart: I rolled a 19.

Griffin: Oh, you fuckin' [mouths whooshing noises], it's awesome.

Stuart: Are you Matrix-ing over there?

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, that was supposed to be Matrix-ing. What do you do?

Taako: So, what do you guys think we should do?

Griffin: This conversations happening—

Merle: [choking sounds]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Taako: Okay, thank you.

Magnus: Maybe we should throw the balls back at him?

Taako: Oh, I like that.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I pick up a ball and throw it at the... Skelly.

Griffin: All right, do a ranged attack throw, and add let's say—

Justin: Ooh! First one of those bad boys. Let's see how this goes.

[sound of dice thrown]

Justin: Not great. 10?

Griffin: No, you don't hit him with a 10.

Travis: Okay, I try it.

Griffin: All right, you pick up a ball.

Travis: It's a two.

Griffin: Jesus, guys! The wheels are falling off!

Travis: It's hard to throw foam balls!

Clint: What did you roll, Ben?

Stuart: I rolled a two...

Griffin: Jesus!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: 18!

[crowd cheers]

Clint: Yes!

Griffin: All right, you throw a foam ball at him and you hit him in the throat. And you hear him go:

Skelly: [choking sounds]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And he falls down to the floor. And you have—

Merle: Suck it, Skelly!

Griffin: And you have conquered Skelly the Skeletal Dragon.

Merle: You're welcome!

Stuart: I cast Healing Word on the skeleton.

Griffin: Aw!

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: Hey, you did a really good job, guy. Don't worry about your throat. You heal, six damage.

Griffin: All right, he stands up and says:

Skelly: Ah, man, thanks!

Griffin: And he starts throwing foam balls at all of you again.

[crowd laughs]

Brad: Guys, sometimes them's the breaks, you know?

Griffin: [chuckles]

Clint: I cast Enhance Ability on Skelly the Skeleton.

Griffin: Okay?!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I punch Merle in the—

Griffin: He starts throwing the balls at you much harder!

Skelly: Oh, man, I feel fucking awesome!

Clint: He's not throwing at me!

Griffin: [mouths throwing sounds]

Skelly: This fuckin' rules! Yeah! The power is unbelievable!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I still have my shield, right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: I just hold my shield up.

Griffin: All right, you block with the shield.

Stuart: I'm getting hit by balls.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: You're just getting hit by balls. Anybody wanna take initiative here?

Clint: Yeah!

Travis: I swing... Railsplitter at the guy in a costume?

[crowd exclaims]

Stuart: What?

Griffin: Okay... [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles] Let's—

Clint: Oh my god!

Griffin: Yeah, no, roll a D20!

Travis: Non-lethal damage!

Clint: Can you specify that?

Travis: That's a 19.

[crowd exclaims]

Justin: Oh, no!

Travis: Plus nine, that's a 28!

Clint: So, he non-lethally hits him for 28. [chuckles]

Travis: No, that's not the damage.

Griffin: Yeah, roll damage. [chuckles]

Stuart: Yeah, roll damage. Roll damage on this guy in a costume.

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Clint: Who's a coworker!

Justin: Wait! Okay, wait! I need you to justify this from a character perspective. Why are you hitting a man with an axe?

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: They have a word for that and it's murderer!

Travis: To be fair, he's throwing shit at us. I'm hitting him with the blunt side.

Griffin: Okay, okay, that works.

Clint: Oh, yeah, that won't hurt him.

Travis: It's 11 damage.

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles] Where do you hit him?

Clint: In the nards.

Travis: On the noggin.

Griffin: On the noggin? Okay. [chuckles]

Stuart: [chuckles] Oh, yeah, the soft spot.

Griffin: [laughs] He falls—

Travis: Listen, you're not asking Travis, you're asking Magnus.

Griffin: He falls to the ground like a sack of bricks. And you hear him go like:

Skelly: Oh, no... no, no, no, no, no...

Stuart: I start prepping another healing ward. [chuckles]

Skelly: I'm so proud of your teamwork...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And with that, you've beaten the fifth trial![chuckles] And behind you—behind the dragon, I should say, another sort of fake-set portcullis opens up, which opens up into a staircase leading up to the final chamber. And you come to a small room with a large wooden treasure chest, with a bright light shining down from on top of it. But again, you can kind of tell it's like a prop treasure chest, that you might get at a Fantasy Target or something. To decorate a dorm room, maybe? And yeah, that's all that's in this room is this treasure chest.

Magnus: This sucks!

Travis: That's Magnus.

Griffin: Okay?

Art: Okay!

Clint: Was that a character voice?

Travis: Yeah.

Art: You gonna open the chest?

Travis: I open the chest.

Brad: I think we should open it all together, guys.

Griffin: Okay.

Taako: Yeah, that's great.

Griffin: All four of you, all at the same time—are you on twitter over there Taako?

[crowd chuckles]

Taako: No, I was opening some Pringles.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: You open up the chest and a spring loaded scroll pops out and unfurls, and the word 'friendship' is written on the scroll. And a spurt of confetti comes out of the chest.

Brad: Magnus, you wanna read the scroll for everybody?

Magnus: It says friendship, Brad.

[crowd laughs]

Brad: Kind of makes you think, right?

Griffin: You hear—

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Griffin: You hear Art's voice say:

Art: You guys don't seem like you're having a great time in there. Can I ask what the problem is?

Magnus: It's not a good test! I'm sorry, Art.

Art: You don't seem like the Trial of Teamwork is like engaging you really and teaching you lessons about teamwork?

Magnus: We've done a lot of shit together that was like way worse than this.

Art: Oh, this is too easy?

Magnus: Yeah!

Art: Well, why didn't you say so?

Magnus: Oh, no!

Griffin: The ground beneath you disappears.

Clint: Oh god...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And all four of you somehow fall perfectly into a hole positioned directly underneath you. And you're going down a long, spiraling slide, a fully enclosed tube like a waterslide. And after a minute or so of sliding all four of you pop out of holes in the wall of a new room. It's roughly the size of the one that you were just in, but there's something different about it. The make of this room feels more authentic, like an actual dungeon. You've been in dungeons before, this one feels more real and less like a set.

Brad: Wait, you guys have been in dungeons before?

Merle: Ah, yeah!

Magnus: We'll tell you about it when you're older, Brad.

Griffin: Yeah, I actually—you know what, I say that? This may be our first dungeon and that was our first dragon. We've done it.

Clint: We've never been in a dungeon!

Griffin: It has the familiar sulfury, dungeony smell. You notice some other things—

Travis: Yeah, you get some bleach in there, you can take that right out.

Griffin: You notice some other weird things. Brad, you don't notice anything in peculiar. Taako, you're standing up, but you feel like your vantage point is lower to the ground than usual. And Merle, the inverse is true for you, you're taller than you've ever been. And Magnus, you see Merle, and you see Brad, and you see yourself. I'm gonna need you guys to trade character sheets.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Taako, you realize you are now Merle Highchurch, the Dwarven Cleric. Merle, you are now Magnus Burnsides, Human Fighter. And, Magnus—

Travis: It's magic!

Griffin: Magnus, you are now Taako, the elven wizard.

Travis: Should we trade costumes, too?

Griffin: [laughs]

Clint: I'll use any excuse to strip.

Travis: I'm gonna—That's true, that's how I got through college. Can I get those cards, please? I'll tell you about it when you're older.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: I'm not gonna get any older.

Travis: Are you gonna die today?!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Does everybody have their new character sheets? This is why I said to have all of your character sheets good and ready, because other people are going to be using them. Are we all good to go?

Travis: Yes.

Stuart: I'm doing great.

Griffin: Yeah, Brad, you're still just Brad, still Bradding it up!

Stuart: Yeah just Bradding it out.

Brad: Hey, guys, here we go again

Justin: I'm not wearing the hand, but you can take it off if you want.

Griffin: How do you all respond to being—So, I wanna make it clear—

Travis: I actually—I immediately fire off a spell.

Griffin: Okay? What do you cast?

Travis: I don't know!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Dominate Person.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: It was the first spell on the top of the pile. [chuckles]

Griffin: All right, who do you cast it on?

Travis: Brad.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: All right, because you've never cast magic before in your brain, you do have a magical body and this magical staff, you manage to cast it. It doesn't last very long, but you do definitely control the mind of Brad for like two seconds. And Brad, that's not a good feeling I don't think.

Clint: Make him cuss, make him say something really dirty.

Travis: He says 'fart.'

Brad: Fart.

Griffin: All right.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I figured that this would be about five minutes of the show, does anyone else have anything they wanna do with anybody's bodies?

Justin: Hey, do you wanna wear my hair?

Travis: Yeah. Do you wanna wear mine?

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Taako, or I should say Merle, how do you respond to being out of the Taako body and into the Merle body, Justin?

Justin: What am I?

Griffin: You're Merle.

Justin: Ugh! Wait, do I have a character voice?

Griffin: Yeah, I think—

Clint: Sometimes. Don't use it, though.

Griffin: The same character voice, coming out of different bodies.

Taako as Merle: Ah, I can't believe I'm so short, I hate this!

[crowd laughs]

Taako as Merle: Oh by the way, I look amazing. Look at my hair and my cool, pointy hat! I never really appreciated how beautiful I was when I was in my body. And now, I'm in this misshapen lump, this aberration, this body that god forgot.

Griffin: [laughs]

Taako as Merle: This sin! This living sin against aesthetics that is—that is—
[laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Taako as Merle: ... Merle Highchurch. I really appreciate me so much more.

Clint: I am so changing my will.

Travis: That's not my voice.

Griffin: Yeah, Magnus how do you—or dad, how do you, Merle, like being in Magnus' form?

[silence]

Griffin: All right.

Clint: What is your voice?

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: It's like gruff. It's like a gruff boy.

Travis: It's manly and gravely and gruff.

Clint: [laughs] Oh no, I can't—yeah...

Merle as Magnus: I look down!

Clint: Perfect.

Merle as Magnus: And I guess I've been swimming.

Griffin: Oh man, he did a wiener joke on you!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: That's not—

Clint: Did you hear all the shit he said about me?!

Travis: Listen, I'm just gonna say, that's non-canonical.

Griffin: Magnus...

[crowd chuckles]

Taako: Well, I will say one—

Travis: That's not your voice.

Griffin: Hey, Justin, use your fucking character voice, dog.

Clint: Yeah! Get your character voice! Get your shit together!

[crowd laughs]

Magnus as Taako: Use your character voice!

Justin: Oh, that's better, that's more like it.

Taako as Merle: Ah, I'm putting these Pringle calories in your body! But I'm getting all the Pringle eating satisfaction myself! It's the grandest illusion of them all.

Clint: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And, Magnus, I imagine you enjoy your magical capabilities, it's all you—

Magnus as Taako: I'm having a great time!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Okay. Let's move on to the first trial of this new trial chamber. You step in and it looks familiar. Except again like, it looks real, it looks like a real dungeon. And it's... it's kind of warm in here and it doesn't take you long to realize what the source of that heat is. Immediately in front of you is the balance beam trial you navigated earlier. five, six and a half foot long planks of wood resting on metal poles that form a 30 foot long zig-zag path. But there's no red carpet behind this—underneath this path. Instead, there's a shallow trench, filled with glowing, steaming, molten rock. The floor is actually, literally lava.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Magnus rushes in.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: As he's rushing in, I cast Enhance Ability.

Griffin: Oh, shit?

Justin: On that Magnus. I'm giving him Cat's Grace.

Griffin: Okay. I think that's plus two to acrobatics, so go ahead and roll your roll. Are you just running across the whole span of the bridge?

Clint: Yes!

Griffin: Okay.

Clint: Which one?

Griffin: The 20! The one with the number 20 on it!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Wow, it really—[chuckles] 19!

Griffin: Yeah, you—

[crowd cheers]

Clint: Plus! Plus, some other stuff...

Griffin: A shit-ton, yeah. You soar across the bridge, you easily make it across to the other side of the gap.

Justin: Yeah, I think dad is well prepared to navigate someone else's character sheet.

Griffin: Yeah.

Stuart: [chuckles]

Merle as Magnus: I'm Magnus!

Clint: Do you have—

Travis: That is my classic catchphrase.

Clint: You have a catchphrase, yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Merle as Magnus: Magnus rules!

Griffin: What's everybody else doing?

Travis: I'm gonna cast Levitate.

Griffin: Oh, ah, you... you're stealing...

Travis: On Merle's body.

Griffin: Oh, okay? So, that's Justin. Okay, Justin, you, Merle, are now floating in the air!

Travis: And push him over the thing.

Griffin: All right.

Taako as Merle: Whee!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: All right, that just leaves you, Taako, and Brad.

Travis: And I'm gonna cast Phantom Steed.

Griffin: Oh, shit!

[crowd cheers]

Clint: Oh! [laughs]

Griffin: No, wait! No! Don't clap yet! How is a horse gonna help you? Phantom or not, how is a horse gonna help you do this?!

Garyl: Yo...

Griffin: All right, suddenly right in front of you is this spectral steed—

Magnus as Taako: I need you now more than ever, Garyl!

[crowd chuckles]

Garyl: First off, I'm not fooled. Second, I know that's you. Second, this seems like a misuse of my skills.

[crowd laughs]

Garyl: Did you know who—

Magnus as Taako: We're gonna jump in together!

Griffin: You're jumping—

Garyl: You know horses are kind of a distance thing? This is a small room.

Griffin: So, you're gonna make Garyl jump 30 feet—

Travis: I'm just so excited to have magic.

Griffin: Okay! [chuckles] You mount up on Garyl's spectral back, and what are you doing? You jumping—

Justin: Should you mention—I mean, I should clarify if you haven't listened before. Garyl is the world's most beautiful binicorn. He's a unicorn with two horns and they're both rainbows and he's fuckin' the best character in the whole thing.

Garyl: So, what's up, what we doing?

Griffin: Yeah, let's poop or get off the pot here, Trav.

Travis: I'm gonna cast Reduce on Garyl, and put him in my pocket.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: All right, tiny Garyl, what's that sound like?

Garyl: Yeah, fine...

Magnus as Taako: You're coming with me, Garyl!

Travis: And I run across the boards!

Griffin: [laughs] Okay, make a fucking acrobatics roll! You've just wasted so much time!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: That's a four!

[crowd exclaims]

Travis: Plus three...

Griffin: That is not—that is not adequate. You fall, make a—

Taako as Merle: Hey, that's my body, be careful, idiot!

Griffin: You make a dex save for me as you teeter off—you make it about halfway off the bridge and you lose your balance and go off the right side.

Clint: That's a 20 he rolled.

Travis: That's a 17...

Griffin: Okay, you manage to catch yourself off the edge on the thing, you are now hanging off of the balance beam bridge.

Magnus as Taako: I don't know how we're gonna get out of this one Garyl!

[crowd laughs]

Garyl: Well that's a real shame for you, 'cause I'm a my little pony now.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Brad—

Garyl: And we know how this shakes out.

Brad: You know, you guys are working so much better this time. What's going on?

Clint: He's dangling over a pit of lava!

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah, he's really dangling over lava.

Stuart: I start walking over the bridge.

Griffin: Okay?

Brad: Hey, you need a hand there buddy?

Magnus as Taako: I do!

Stuart: I reach down to give him a hand.

Griffin: Make a—

Travis: I use the Umbra Staff to do Feather Fall on myself.

Stuart: Into the lava?

Clint: You're gonna fall into the lava! [chuckles]

Travis: No, no, no, it makes me really light so he can pick me up.

Griffin: Yeah, I think it makes him lighter. All right, so roll a... what would be lift—I guess a strength check with advantage? 'Cause you're also kind of keeping your balance?

Stuart: Not really good at that...

Griffin: Well, you have advantage so you can roll two, 'cause he's made himself very, very light.

[sound of dice thrown]

Griffin: Oh boy...

Stuart: 16.

Griffin: Okay, yeah, you get him back up onto the bridge and then the—all of you have crossed the bridge to the other side. You just got your life saved by Brad.

Stuart: I pat him on the butt.

Griffin: Okay.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Brad files a report on himself. [chuckles]

Clint: Inappropriate touching.

Griffin: [chuckles] We're at trial two.

Magnus as Taako: You've earned this tiny horse, Brad!

Griffin: You give Garyl to Brad?

Travis: I did.

Griffin: All right.

Stuart: I take Garyl, I say:

Brad: Hey Garyl, it's great to meet you, I'm a huge fan. I've heard all about you.

Clint: Oh, Garyl's not gonna put up with that shit...

[silence]

Clint: I guess he is?

Garyl: Yo, yeah, that's cool, it's so good to meet you too.

Brad: Can I get a picture with you after this? I know it's a little weird, but—

Garyl: I only last an hour, my dude. Let's see how quickly these dipshits pull through.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You are standing in front of another 15 foot high wall. This one is metal, not wood. And it's not totally smooth, though. It's got these small, circular cutouts that are just shallow enough to get kind of a finger hold in. So, it's gonna be tricky to climb up this thing, but it's doable. But in front of the wall are two small crates, and sitting on top of each one is a strange apparatus that looks like two belts attached by a 10 foot long cord. And they look like a pair of belt handcuffs, essentially, and there's two of these. And there's—yeah, there's one pair of these tethered belts on each box. And you hear Art say:

Art: Before attempting that wall, you need to choose a partner. Choose wisely, because this is not a trial where you wanna work with dead weight!

Stuart: I jump forward, and look at you all expectantly.

Griffin: Oh my god!

Taako as Merle: I think Brad should go with Taako. He seems like the only competent one of the four of us.

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: I guess it's just you and me, Magnus?

Justin: Wait—

Griffin: Wait, this is getting very confusing.

Justin: This is getting so fucking confusing!

Griffin: So, you are teaming up with Taako's body?

Stuart: I—wait—maybe? No, I was teaming up with Magnus' body.

Griffin: Okay, you're teaming up with Magnus' body, that has Merle in it.

Justin: No, Brad—I—

Griffin: Holy shit! Start over, who's teaming up with who in this?

Justin: Okay, Merle-body said Taako-body should go with Brad-Brad.

Stuart: Oh!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: `Cause Brad—`cause Merle—

Griffin: Two people raise your hands right now! That's one, that's two. We got it, there it is.

[crowd cheers]

Stuart: We did it.

Griffin: Taako and Brad are Team number one. You all strap on these belts and you are tethered by a 10 foot long cord. What are you—let's get up that wall.

Travis: Cool. I cast—

Magnus as Taako: I cast Animate Objects! And I animate the wall.

Griffin: To do what?

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: To carry us up!

Griffin: Oh god!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles]

Clint: This is very Roger Rabbit!

Griffin: Okay, no, let's do this, because we've gone so long. Gross, metal hands, like that one super creepy scene in The Labyrinth just kind of like...

[crowd laughs]

Magnus as Taako: Do you guys want a ride?

Griffin: You ride up and—

Brad: It's really comfortable, guys!

Griffin: The two of you have made it on top of the wall, and as soon as you get to the top, your belts fall off and you are untethered and you have cleared the trial. Merle and Magnus...

[crowd cheers]

Clint: I grab... [yells] I grab Merle's—

Justin: No, no, nope, no, no.

Travis: He's not louder?

Griffin: He doesn't just yell all the time?

Justin: No, you wouldn't. If you wouldn't—

Clint: Is it a little raspy?

Justin: Okay, let me say—let me... let me give you an example. 'I pat my dad on the shoulder.' Like, I don't have to do that, I just patted you on the shoulder. So, like you can just say that normally.

Clint: Okay, so when I talk about what I'm doing, I can just do it normal.

Justin: Right, you just do it normal.

Griffin: What are you guys gonna do to get over this wall, by the way?

Clint: [in silly voice] Okay, I—

Justin: What the fuck.

Travis: Now you do that voice?

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Die a thousand deaths.

Clint: I rush over and I grab Merle's short, but really well sculpted body.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] Sure?

Clint: And I notice he's been working out.

Griffin: Excellent, excellent, excellent.

Clint: And I throw that little pecker right over the wall

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Are you putting on the belt?

Taako as Merle: Whee!

Griffin: Are you putting on the—

Clint: Yes!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Okay, you have the belts on, and you throw him up 10 feet. And then the cord snaps and it pulls you forward, and the you smash into the wall, and then he falls 10 feet. And both of you take seven points of damage.

[crowd laughs]

Clint: But it was funny, right?

Griffin: It was super fucking funny!

Clint: It was pretty funny, if you admit it.

Brad: Yeah, let's call that one a rough draft, guys.

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Okay, let me try—

Clint: So, I'm dead now, right?

Griffin: No, you're not dead?

Travis: You're in my body.

Clint: Oh, Magnus—Oh, okay.

Travis: I have a lot of hit points.

Clint: Okay, smartass, what are you gonna do?

Justin: I'm gonna turn around to the wall.

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: And I'm gonna cast Flame Strike on the wall.

Griffin: Shit, okay?

Justin: Yeah. "A vertical column of divine fire roars from the heavens in a location that's specified." [chuckles]

Griffin: Guys, they're standing on top of the fucking wall!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Wait, we are trying to get to the top, aren't we? Let me try again.

Griffin: No, I mean, you gotta do it now!

Justin: I don't have to do anything—Okay, I fire it at the ceiling, I'm like:

Taako as Merle: Her-her, good job, guys.

Justin: And then I'm like:

Taako as Merle: Let me try another spell.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: And I probably—I hope Art's office is directly above us, and just a column of divine flame just shot through his floor!

Griffin: Okay!

Clint: Do I really have a spell like that?

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: All right, I'm gonna summon the one person that can help us.

Clint: Oh, good!

Justin: Della Reese.

Clint: Della Reese!

Griffin: Okay.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: I'm gonna get through this quickly. You summon a guardian angel that looks like Della Reese, and she gives you a comforting hug. And then I think grabs you by the tethering cord?

Justin: That's a thing, and just picks us up.

Griffin: Yeah, like—well, like, she picks you up by the tethering cord, so you two kind of slap together like nunchucks or something.

Clint: Like those knockers you get at Myrtle Beach.

Justin: Like truck nuts.

Clint: [laughs]

Griffin: Like truck nuts, yeah! Turns you into living truck nuts and deposits you and she says:

Della Reese: That was a waste of my time.

Griffin: And disappears!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: We've been touched by an angel.

Justin: We've been burned by an angel.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah. And you're onto the fourth challenge, right? Oh, no the third challenge.

Brad: Guys, we haven't accrued any Teamwork Penalties this time?

Magnus as Taako: We're doing great.

Griffin: Yeah you're doing a good job.

Justin: Except maybe we killed Art earlier. So, there may not be anybody left. Travis hit 'im with an axe, but not in the way you think. [chuckles]

Griffin: Okay, yeah, the third trial is trust falls. Only this time, it's not a shrunk down wall, it is a 15 foot wall. And Art says:

Art: Let's do it right this time, maybe, please? Do it right this time? Do this one right this time and don't make it little and like a joke? I worked really hard on this.

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: Can I do an investigate check to look for gum on the floor?

Griffin: Yeah, sure. [chuckles]

Clint: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Stuart: Oh, I totally see it.

Clint: He's just got so much hair.

Griffin: He actually says—this'll be fun, he says—

Stuart: 22.

Griffin: No gum. He says:

Art: Actually, we need to start out with a designated catcher. I don't want any of you guys to fall a bunch of feet. So Brad, why don't you actually head down—go down those stairs on the back of the wall and you can be the first catcher? How does that sound?

Brad: That sounds great, I'd love that.

Griffin: All right, you go down those stairs and you are standing at the bottom of the wall, ready to catch a person.

Stuart: I have my arms out, I say:

Brad: You can do it, Taako!

Travis: That's me.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I...

Magnus as Taako: I fall!

Griffin: All right. So, as Taako puts his back to the ledge and starts to fall backwards, right as he starts to fall backwards, you see a hatch open up in the back of the wall. And it reveals this pedestal with a beautiful, shining ruby on it. And it's right there, right in front of you, as Taako falls through the air.

Stuart: Wait, a ruby for me?

Griffin: Just a beautiful ruby, directly in front of you that opens up like a little prize hatch.

Stuart: That's really tempting, I love rubies.

Clint: Yeah, get the ruby.

Stuart: I forgot to mention that about Brad, Brad is crazy for rubies.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Well, he's a winter, and they look good with his complexion.

Stuart: Thank you!

Justin: I feel like Taako definitely cast Feather Fall with the Umbra Staff.

Griffin: Oh, no, no, no, no, no, we're not retconning that!

Justin: I feel like he definitely did, don't you?

Griffin: Brad, what do you do? Brad, do you keep your posish?

Stuart: I keep my position, and I start humming Arms Wide Open under my breath.

Griffin: [laughs]

Clint: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: And when I land in his arms I say:

Magnus as Taako: Hello my friend, we meet again. It's been a while.

Stuart: I resist the urge to give him a little friendly kiss on the cheek.

Magnus as Taako: You can do it if you want to, I don't mind!

Brad: It's against regulations for HR.

[crowd laughs]

Magnus as Taako: Okay!

Griffin: I'm gonna say because you sang a bar of a Creed song, you used your bardly powers to empower yourself and catch him easily and not have to make a roll for that one.

Stuart: [chuckles]

Griffin: Who's doing next?

Taako as Merle: Me. I jump off.

Justin: You know, not for nothing, but his spell cards are largely useless.
[chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay?

Clint: Thank you!

Justin: Like, I tried to look for one, they're not very good.

Clint: Yes, thank you very much!

Justin: No, unless you need to heal people. I mean, you could deffo—you could deffo do that, for sure, like a ton.

Griffin: Okay—

Clint: Well, I haven't seen you heal anybody?

Justin: Nobody's gotten hurt yet, Clinton.

Clint: We've been getting hurt all over the place!

Griffin: We've gotta pick up the pace just a little bit, we're almost done.

Justin: So, I fell. Okay, I fell. [mouths splat sound]

Griffin: Okay, you fall off the back of the platform. Same thing happens, Merle—Taako. Only this time, you see it, the hatch in the wall opens up and there's a beautiful, shining gemstone inside of it.

Taako as Merle: Grab it! Grab the gemstone, Taako, you can do it! I'll be fine, my body's made of rubber!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: He can always—he can always heal himself?

Travis: But the thing is—

Taako as Merle: I can!

Travis: This is interesting, 'cause I feel like, the Taako body instinctively reaches for it?

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: But like the Magnus mind is like 'I don't care.' And so, do I need to do like a battle with my own body? [chuckles]

Griffin: I think—

Stuart: Yeah, what does he roll to battle his own body?

Griffin: [chuckles] I think you can just say whether or not you do it.

Travis: Nah!

Griffin: Okay. Yeah, you stand in place and you catch... you catch... Merle, as he falls off the wall. And Magnus, you're the only one still at the top, what do you do?

Clint: I fall...

Griffin: Okay?

Clint: But as I fall, in really cool, action movie style—

Griffin: You're just supposed to fall backwards, it's a fuckin' trust fall.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: I flipped before? You let me flip before?

Griffin: Okay, you're right, you did it bad, though, and you got a teamwork penalty.

Clint: Well, I was gonna stick a dagger in the wall and let it slow me down.

Griffin: Okay, cool!

Travis: It's a metal wall?!

Clint: It's your body! You do shit like that all the time!

Travis: You're right.

Griffin: Okay, make an attack roll on the wall then.

Travis: It's a great body.

Justin: Wait, am I catching him?

Griffin: Not now/

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Okay, I cast Zone of Truth on myself.

Clint: [laughs]

Taako as Merle: You're fucked!

[crowd laughs]

Clint: But I do thank you for using Zone of Truth. Zone of Truth is a copyrighted feature.

Griffin: Of Dungeons and Dragons! Of Wizards of the Coast LLC!

Clint: I rolled a—

Justin: A subsidiary of—

Clint: I rolled a two...

Griffin: Okay. Ping! Like, your dagger just bounces off of it, and you fall, and you're way out of position to be caught, and—

Travis: I pop him with Feather Fall.

Griffin: Oh, okay, you hit him with Feather Fall. And this gives you—the three of you, a longer than normal window. You see this hatch open up and there's a beautiful, shining red ruby inside.

Justin: You know I grab—

Magnus as Taako: Don't fucking touch it, Taako!

Justin: [laughs] You're gonna have to stop me. I reach in and grab the—

Travis: No, I'm gonna use Dominate Person.

Justin: Okay!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Jesus...

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: He must succeed a wisdom saving throw.

Griffin: All right, make a wisdom saving throw, Merle.

Justin: Nat 20, fuck you!

Travis: Fuck!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Nothing stops me from getting rubies that I desire!

Griffin: All right, yeah. Merle, you reach in and grab this ruby, and nothing happens. You just have this beautiful ruby.

Justin: Hell yeah!

Griffin: And it's worth one,000 gold pieces.

Justin: It always pays!

Griffin: It's one,000 pieces. And I guess, Merle has it.

Clint: That's right, stick it in Merle's bag, pal!

Justin: I go over and put it in Taako's bag.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Why?!

Justin: And then, wait, is Zone of Truth still effective?

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: Okay:

Taako as Merle: That was awesome, I don't regret anything!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: You fall to the floor, Magnus, but you had Feather Fall on. So, you— it was fairly harmless. Fourth trial, we're almost done guys, I promise.

Clint: I take my bag and I give it to... Merle.

Griffin: Jesus! Okay—

Travis: I'm not gonna take it, 'cause you're trying to give it to me from my body. Wait...

Justin: Moving on.

Griffin: Oh man, we can't get stuck in the weeds again! I don't wanna have to reboot you a third time.

Travis: Okay.

Clint: I give it to Barney!

Griffin: You make it to the fourth trial...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You guys make it to the fourth trial, which is the Totem of Constructive Criticism. And in place of all four of these heroes, are four fucking skeletons. And here's why. Not a single one of you followed the constructive criticism that you offered the person whose body you currently inhabit, from the first round of trials.

[crowd exclaims]

Clint: Oh, it's like a twist!

Griffin: Taako, you were casting spells like fucking crazy. Merle, you didn't heal anybody. Magnus, you literally rushed into the first trial. Brad, you didn't tell us—

Justin: Okay, now wait, now wait, now hold, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on. I did Enhance his abilities, which is like pre-healing, to save myself from healing him later.

Griffin: That's a good point.

Justin: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, my dude.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: All right, audience poll, who thinks that Merle passed his own constructive criticism?

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: And who thinks he failed?

Justin: Ah—

[more crowd cheers]

Clint: [laughs]

Justin: Suck my dick, seriously.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Fuckin' A-hole. "I love The Adventure Zone!" Do you? I'm not so sure.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And Brad, you didn't tell us anything more about yourself, really.

Travis: He loves rubies!

Stuart: No, other than I love fucking rubies, dude!

Clint: Yeah, we learned that!

Griffin: All four of you take 19 points of necrotic damage.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: As black energy pours out of the statue and sort of encompasses your body.

Brad: You know, I deserve that, actually.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Okay!

Griffin: We are on to the final trial, and you are standing in front of the entrance to a—

Stuart: I don't know where it went. [chuckles]

Griffin: Do you not have a pen? Here, her, here.

Travis: It's okay, it's not my character sheet anyways.

Griffin: You're standing in front of the entrance to the arena again. Only it's very real this time, it's not paper-mâché walls. It is a real, scary looking, cobblestone arena. There's blood splashes on the wall, there's some skeletons chained up by the entrance, it's a pretty scary scene.

Stuart: Are they dead skeletons or are they like wiggling around?

Griffin: No, these are dead skeletons.

Travis: That's a fair question!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: No, these are dead. These are skeletons of the dead variety.

Travis: Thank you.

Stuart: I say:

Brad: Guys, guys, guys, let's huddle up real quick.

Magnus as Taako: Okay?

Brad: I think we can do this one. We've been doing great so far. Magnus, Taako—

Clint: What podcast are you listening to?

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: You know what, here's—Wait, no, that's not my voice—

Brad: No matter how many times we get knocked down, we pick ourselves back up. You know what you guys all get? A dice of Bardic Inspiration.

Travis: Cool!

Stuart: So, take one eight sided die and you get to roll it sometime when you need an extra eight sided die to add to something.

Magnus as Taako: Okay, fantastic!

Clint: I'm gonna switch to bard.

Taako as Merle: Fantastic...

Stuart: It's called using the rules, guys!

Magnus as Taako: Here's what I'm gonna do.

Griffin: Okay?

Magnus as Taako: I'm gonna work with my team, because I don't know what the shit any of my spells do. So Taako, you tell me what spells to use when.

Griffin: [laughs] That's good!

Taako: Okay... You already got Garyl, right?

[crowd chuckles]

Magnus as Taako: Wait, who are you? [chuckles]

Justin: [in silly voice] Wait... I'm a hybrid!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs] He is the Daywalker!

Justin: I'm a terrible Island of Doctor Moreau style abomination!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I can't play two characters at once...

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I mean, admittedly, it would still be better than dad, but...

[crowd laughs]

Clint: I had nothing to do with this conversation?!

Taako as Merle: Listen, guys! We don't do a lot well, but the one thing we do well, I think we can do well here. And that's beat ass! Let's beat some ass!

Justin: And I cast Mass Cure Wounds.

Griffin: Oh, okay! Everybody—

Clint: I had that spell?

Justin: Fuck you.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Let's just say everybody's healed back up to full so we don't waste time rolling.

Justin: Hell yeah!

Travis: Yeah, that's some good DM-ing!

Griffin: Yeah! Well, it is when you have four minutes.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: No, we have a little bit. We started late, we can go a little bit later than, what, six... six?

Travis: Just keep going.

Griffin: Dinner's at 6:30, we're good, okay! You charge into the battle after that cool catchphrase that I completely stepped on by checking on time for a minute there. And you are in the arena, only it is not clown town this time. It is pitch black, the door shuts behind you, and this time you can't seem to get it open. And the sconces on the wall burst into bright, green flame, which illuminate the arena.

And you see you're standing on a big pile of bones, that make it kind of tricky to walk around. 20 feet or so in front of you, a massive ribcage emerges from the bone pile. And then two big skeletal wings, and then two large claws forming the shape of a real skeletal dragon. Only it doesn't have a head, there's no head on it. And you hear Art chime in and say:

Art: Now, let's tally up those teamwork penalties!

Griffin: And then suddenly, three skulls attached to three long, bony necks emerge, sort of flanking the body of this skeletal dragon. One for each teamwork penalty you've incurred so far.

Magnus as Taako: Go get 'em, Brad!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And all three heads roar, ready for battle. And with your permission, I think let's not do initiative, let's just—one of you guys take an action, and then I'll take an action, and we'll just go back and forth.

Travis: Freeform.

Griffin: Freeform, baby, jazz!

Justin: Okay, as requested, Trav, here's the spell you should cast on Taako's body—

Griffin: Do this in character. No, you gotta do this in character, you're yelling, as Merle, to Taako.

Taako as Merle: Taako, quick, cast this on yourself!

Magnus as Taako: I cast Greater Invisibility on myself.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Okay!

Taako as Merle: Excellent!

Griffin: Taako, poof! Vanishes.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: I think you have Feign Death in there?

Griffin: That means I have an attack now. The body of the—

Travis: Wait hold on, that was just an action. And then I run underneath the dragon, invisible.

Griffin: Okay, you're inside of the dragon's ribcage?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay. The dragon does not see you do that, obviously, 'cause this body doesn't have a head. But with its claws it's going to swipe at Brad.

Stuart: Okay...

[crowd cheers]

Clint: Brad, obviously a crowd favorite.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: That is a—

Stuart: You know, it's fine, it's cool.

Griffin: 17, versus AC, Brad.

Stuart: My AC is 11...

Griffin: Jesus, Brad! What is—can I ask, what's Brad wearing? This?

Stuart: Basically this, yeah. I have a clipboard?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: You're a protection fighter...

Griffin: Okay, he hits you and sort of rakes you across the chest, and you fall backwards. And you take 14 points of damage

Stuart: Okay?

Griffin: And your fucking clipboard? [mouths whooshing noises] Goes flying into the bone pile.

Stuart: I loosen my tie.

Brad: Now it's Brad's time to shine!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: All right, Brad. What you got?

Stuart: I say:

Brad: Dragon, focus on me, focus on me.

Stuart: And I keep pointing at my eyes and I keep pointing at his ribcage and I cast Compel Duel. So, it can only—it has to pass a wisdom saving throw. And if it fails, it can only attack me. 'Cause I'm standing up for my buds!

Griffin: Okay!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Yeah, he rolled a nine. Which is okay news, I guess?

Brad: Simmer down, you gotta focus on me, man.

Griffin: Okay, with that, I need—

Brad: Are you mad 'cause you don't have a head, ribcage-dragon-thing?

Griffin: Oh, you're talking a little bit of smack, now?

[crowd chuckles]

Brad: I don't know, I think that's an honest question? You know, when I was...

Griffin: [laughs] Okay, okay, okay! Magnus, dad, make a dexterity saving throw.

Clint: I haven't done anything yet?

Griffin: Yup!

Clint: Oh, it's a five! And I add—

Griffin: Oh, Jesus! Doesn't matter.

Clint: It doesn't matter? [chuckles]

Griffin: Two of the dragon heads shoot a beam of green flame at you, hitting you for 21 points of damage.

[crowd exclaims]

Travis: I've got lots of health.

Clint: Not anymore.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Who's doing something? We're so close!

Travis: Yeah, you go.

Justin: Go ahead. I see this incredible sacrifice, that what's-his-face did.

Griffin: [laughs]

Stuart: Brad.

Justin: Brad, that's right. And I cast... Spiritual Weapon!

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: I'm gonna create a flowing—I rush over to Brad and I create a—in front of him—and I create a floating spectral weapon within range that lasts for the duration... let's see... “On a hit, the target takes force damage equal to one D8, plus your spellcasting ability modifier.”

Griffin: Can I make a request? Do you know what the Spiritual Weapon's gonna be?

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay. What is it?

Justin: It's like a... it's a...

Griffin: [chuckles] Fuck. So, you didn't have an idea of what you wanted it to be?

Justin: I didn't have an idea.

Clint: Meat tenderizer!

Griffin: Can it be his clipboard, but beautiful and glowing and magical like a shield that you could use as a weapon?

Justin: Yes, I—yes, I see his clipboard and I'm so—

Clint: That's what he has written, right here.

Justin: Yeah, it says beautiful clipboard.

Griffin: Okay, you have a new, magical, spiritual clipboard that you have, like Captain America's shield, that you can use as a weapon.

Justin: No, no, no, no, it's his mug.

Griffin: Oh, it's his mug? Okay, that's even better.

Justin: It's his giant mug, that he raises up and it's got like spikes and shit.

Griffin: And what does the mug say on it?

Stuart: It says, 'Soar,' and then defines it. 'To climb to new heights and achieve great things.'

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay.

Justin: And then I—and then—[chuckles] And then I shout—

Stuart: I just gotta remind myself of that sometimes.

Taako as Merle: Soar on this, motherfucker!

Griffin: Do you wanna go ahead and use that weapon for an attack?

Stuart: I would love to use it as an attack.

Griffin: On one of the three heads, or the ribcage?

Stuart: On the ribcage.

Griffin: Okay.

Stuart: I roll a nine.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Teen?

Stuart: 19.

Griffin: You have advantage on the roll, because the weapon is so cool.

Stuart: Oh? No, I got a 15.

Griffin: Okay, yeah, that is enough. It's an unarmored, just sort of bony ribcage. You bring this thing, this magical cup down and hit it. And let's just say you break three of the eight ribs! That's how we'll track damage in this fight.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And some of those bony shards rain down on you, Taako, invisible inside.

Travis: From within it, I point at two of the heads and cast Banishment.

Griffin: Oh, okay?

Clint: I am still playing, right?

Griffin: Yeah, do you wanna take a—just jump in, baby! It's freeform, it's like jazz up here! It's all about the turns you don't take!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: The dragon heads have to pass a charisma saving throw.

Griffin: Oh, that's not their jam.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: No... 14?

Travis: What's your spellcasting modifier?

Griffin: Dad's not gonna know the answer to that—oh.

Justin: Better than that!

Griffin: All right, yeah, two of the dragon heads just, poof, disappear!

Magnus as Taako: Abra-ca-fuck you!

Griffin: Oh, it feels good!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: All right, you got one dragon head and a damaged ribcage. Why don't you take a turn, Magnus?

Clint: Magnus rushes in!

Griffin: Fuck yeah, what are you doing?

Clint: He takes old Railsplitter!

Griffin: Okay?

Clint: Is it Railsplitter?

Griffin: Yup!

Stuart: [chuckles]

Clint: And he does it two-handed, because that's even more badass! And he runs up to the third dragon and he hits him on the C7!

Griffin: Okay?

Clint: Is that right, C7?

[crowd cheers]

Clint: Hits him in C7, inspired by a tattoo—

Griffin: Roll that shit!

Clint: And it's a 17, by god!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Yeah. You cut—

Clint: Plus, I add nine to that, so 26!

Griffin: You hit it in one of its vertebrae and the whole neck just—

Clint: C7!

Griffin: The C7.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: A dragon's natural weak point!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You don't need to roll damage, the neck just sort of teeters over and the bony sort of structure just kind of falls apart. You've destroyed the third head.

Merle as Magnus: Chiropract that!

Clint: Is that good?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: That is my catchphrase!

Griffin: It's good enough!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Wait, Griffin, can you say it now? Can you say that we solved it?

Griffin: Oh, no, there's still the ribcage. It's got claws, it's still attacking you.

Justin: Shit...

Griffin: You haven't solved any—I'll let you know when the dragon puzzle's been solved, Justin!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: You got something, don't you? You've got some in your hat.

Griffin: Brad, it looks like you've got something you wanna do?

Stuart: I was waiting for it to attack me again because I want—

Griffin: Okay, yeah, no, it's—this thing has not gone in a while. It definitely is gonna take another swing at Brad. Oh, shit, that's a critical hit.

Stuart: Okay. Guys, I think this is the end of Brad.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd exclaims]

Clint: Oh, well.

Travis: No, you have a thing!

Clint: I don't have a thing!

Travis: You're a protection dude!

Griffin: The dice rolls weren't too bad.

Travis: You can force advantage!

Clint: I cast Protection!

Griffin: No! That's—no! It got done already!

Justin: What—

Griffin: You take 19 points of damage, Brad.

Stuart: Oh, pff...

[crowd chuckles]

Stuart: Okay, I'm still alive.

Griffin: [laughs] Oh, okay! I was—

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Did you wanna have—

Brad: You know, I'm sensing a lot of anger from you, Ribcage? Does it stem from you not having a head?

Griffin: The ribcage kind of like... nods up and down, like—

Brad: Do I have to cast Zone of Truth on you, right now?

Griffin: It sits there and it taps its claws. [mouths ticking sound] It goes 'no,' shakes its body left to right.

Brad: You're ready to express your own truth without magic, aren't you, Ribcage?

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] It sits there for a second... It goes up and down, 'yes.'

[crowd laughs]

Brad: What's bothering you right now, buddy?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] You see... you see it's claws just go...

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Griffin is indicating to his head, for those of you listening at home.

Brad: Guys, it's his head, he's missing his head.

Magnus as Taako: Oh, he's missing his head.

Stuart: I cast Calm Emotions on the ribcage.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Okay? What does that—does that do anything?

Stuart: It chills him out.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Okay! And then... and then... and then Merle casts Flame Strike on the ribcage.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] All right! I have to roll a dexterity saving throw, I think, to get out of the way?

Justin: Indeed!

Griffin: Okay... That's a two.

[crowd exclaims]

Stuart: He's just way too chill.

Justin: All right, so here is... six, three...

[sound of dice thrown]

Travis: Nine.

Justin: One. So, 10.

[sound of dice thrown]

Justin: And then four.

Griffin: Okay, 14 points of damage. You take that, definitely, Taako, since you're inside of the ribcage that he just set on fire. Oh no, make a dexterity saving throw!

Justin: And then four D6 radiant damage.

Griffin: Oh, Jesus...

Justin: two...

[sound of dice thrown]

Justin: One.

[sound of dice thrown]

Travis: 12.

Justin: Two.

Travis: Plus three, 15.

Justin: Six.

Clint: What the hell are you guys doing?

Griffin: Sorry, what did you roll, Travis?

Justin: So, that's three, five, 11.

Travis: 15, which I think is—

Griffin: 15, okay, yeah. You dodge through the gap in the broken ribs that Brad made for you, and get out of the way of this flame strike.

Justin: And then, 11 radiant damage.

Griffin: Okay, it's weak to both of those types of damage. So, this ribcage just explodes.

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And you have solved my Skeletal Dragon puzzle!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Let's wrap this up real quick. You... A portcullis opens on the other end of the arena, leading to a long staircase leading upwards. And you reach another small treasure chamber at the end of the room. This one, again, real—like a dungeon treasure chamber, not like a movie set. And there's a chest-

Magnus as Taako: Brad, you do the honors!

Griffin: And there's a treasure chest sitting right there.

Brad: I think we should do it all at once, guys.

Magnus as Taako: Okay, buddy!

Griffin: All four of you put your hands on the treasure chest and open it up.

Clint: And it explodes!

Griffin: And a wave of force emits from it, knocking all of you backward, and onto your backs.

Merle as Magnus: Good call, Brad!

Magnus as Taako: Goddammit, Brad!

Merle as Magnus: Really good job, Brad!

Magnus as Taako: Fuckin' dick!

Griffin: And you feel really weak, you actually all are incapacitated right now. I mean, you can't take any actions.

Clint: Oh, you...

Griffin: And Art's voice comes from the loudspeaker, and he says:

Art: You all made this way too easy. Did you really not recognize me the whole time? Did you not recognize the face of the man whose life you ruined so long ago? Well, I suppose it's not important now. I admit, this is a fairly circuitous method of getting my revenge. But it worked, didn't it? Goodbye, jerks!

Griffin: And the loudspeaker clicks off and spikes come out of the ceiling. And suddenly, the ceiling is lowering down to kill all four of you. Do you have any final words for each other?

Merle as Magnus: This is your fault, Brad!

[crowd laughs]

Merle as Magnus: Smooth move, Ex-lax! I didn't wanna open the chest, but no! [in silly voice] "Do it all together!"

Stuart: Great character voice.

Travis: That is not how Magnus sounds at all.

Clint: He does now.

Griffin: Do you have any last words?

Magnus as Taako: I just wanna say, I've lost a lot—this is Magnus, but in Taako. I wanna make that clear! And I—okay—and I'm just glad that I found a new family!

[crowd chuckles]

Magnus as Taako: And I'm sad to lose this one too!

Griffin: Ah... Anybody else?

Magnus as Taako: Except for Brad. I mean, we just met, Brad. I think you actually turned out to be not such a wang.

[crowd chuckles]

Magnus as Taako: And we probably could've been buds in another life!

Justin: Taako just takes out the ruby he stole and cradles it like the old couple in Titanic.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Clint: [sings] Near, far—

Griffin: Magnus, dad-Magnus. Any last words? Anything you wanna say to the crew before you're killed?

Merle as Magnus: I wish it hadn't happened!

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And Brad, final words?

Brad: I had a really great time getting to know you guys this weekend, I had a lot of fun.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: As you all finish your final words, just as the spikes from above are about to impale you, the floor disappears again. And you're falling through another set of four slides! And you're going down these slides for like a minute. And you... you emerge from the end of the slide, and you can see daylight. And you've emerged in that very first chamber that you first went into the dungeon, the one with the etching on the floor that reads, "Enter colleagues, exit best friends." And standing in front of you is Art Goodfriend! And you're back in your original bodies, you can tell you're back in your original—Oh, we don't have time—

Magnus: I'm back in my beautiful, big dicked body!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: That is canonical!

Griffin: And Art Goodfriend says:

Art: That's right! Y'all just got done dirty, like *The Game*, starring Michael Douglas! I know my methods seem a bit harsh, but how good of friends are all you right now?

Stuart: I look at you guys... expectantly, waiting for you to say that we're great friends.

[crowd chuckles]

Taako: One thing I did wanna tell you guys is, does anybody knows who buys rubies around here?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] Anybody else have anything they wanna say?

Travis: I punch Art Goodfriend.

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Make an attack roll.

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: Wait, I cast Enhance Ability on him!

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Okay, yes, great! Gain advantage on your roll!

Travis: Well, 14... Yeah, so, 14. With Phantom Fist, that's plus eight, so—

Griffin: Yeah, you punch Art Goodfriend in the face, no need to roll damage. And he sees you enhance his ability and he takes it. And he like spits out blood and he goes—

Travis: And I say:

Magnus: That's for Brad!

Griffin: And he spits out some blood and he goes—

Brad: That's me...

Griffin: He sees you enhance his ability, you punch him in the face, he spits out blood, and he goes:

Art: Teamwork!

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Griffin: And that's the episode! Thank you all, for listening! This has been The Adventure Zone, I hope you liked it. And have a good rest of the Max Fun Con!

[crowd cheers]

["Déjà Vu" by Mort Garson plays]

Clint: [laughs]

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen, The Adventure Zone!

[crowd cheers]