

From the Time Away, Part 1 - Episode 3

"She'll Have Room to Grow"

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how it ends



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Rusty Quill Presents...

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[SCENE TRANSITION]

[PAGES FLIPPING]

DEVON

Oh, wait a second, Elia. I, uh... need to remove the top of that table.

ELIA

You... need to do what, now?

DEVON

[laughs]

Here. Let me show you. See, this part of the table comes off so I can lower the inside of it for any battle maps I have planned.

ELIA

Holy shit. You weren't kidding when you said you got a fancy new gaming table.

DEVON

[laughs]

Well... You know, I've wanted one of these forever and... I finally just kind of went for it.

AIMEE

Wait. Wait. Battle maps? I thought we were just rolling characters tonight. Are we starting?

DEVON

[chuckles]

Well, depending on how quick this goes, I... do have a little session planned. I- I thought I'd keep it to myself after we got through the character creation process.

MICAH

No, I'm down. Um, it's been forever, I think, since we've played.

DEVON

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Yeah. Really. And we're starting new because... well, Brenda was great... I get the sense that you'd like to have a little more control over your character--

AIMEE

--Yes. I would.

DEVON

Yeah, exactly.

AIMEE

I would. I would. That's right.

DEVON

Okay. All right. Thought so.

MICAH

Devon?

DEVON

Micah.

MICAH

Your apartment looks clean. Like, exceptionally clean, even by your standards.

DEVON

Ha-ha.

MICAH

It's... What's going on? What's the deal?

DEVON

Okay. Thanks. Uh... Yeah. I... was just getting ready for--

MICAH

There. Elia. There's a litter box.

ELIA

Wait. What?

MICAH

There's a brand new litter box over there next to a bag of cat food and a bed. You're getting a cat.

ELIA

Wow, you're getting a cat and you cleaned your apartment for it.

DEVON

Uh- What- Hey. So. I mean. I was starting to clear out space for his stuff, and then one thing led to another, and I broke out the carpet cleaner--

MICAH

Oh, my God.

DEVON

You know? Hey. Why am I even explaining myself to you two? You know, so what? I want my little guy to be comfortable.

MICAH

Aww. Your little guy. That's really... That's sweet. That's adorable.

DEVON

Y'all are impossible. Come on.

AIMEE

Have you picked out a name for him yet?

DEVON

Hmm. I have some ideas, but I'm waiting to meet him first. You know, see what fits best.

ELIA

What can we...? Can we know what the options are?

DEVON

Nope.

ALL

[laugh]

ELIA

Wow. Okay.

AIMEE??

Well, okay. Well, then what? Rude.

ELIA

I guess... Well, actually what are we doing for food?

**[LAPTOP CASES UNZIP, TABLETS SET ON TABLE, SOUNDS OF SETTING
ITEMS DOWN]**

AIMEE

I am so hungry. I am down for literally anything.

DEVON

Uh... breakfast for dinner? That 24-hour diner across town has some really great honey cinnamon oatmeal. I went there last weekend with a friend--

ELIA

Uh, no. I know you did not just say "oatmeal" to me. You're cut off. You're done.

DEVON

Hey.

ELIA

You don't get a vote tonight.

MICAH

Okay, guys. Pizza? Pizza's always a classic for D&D. Like Napolitano's usually gets here really quick.

AIMEE

Okay, I know I said I was down for "literally anything"...

ALL

[laugh]

AIMEE

But I just had pizza last night so if we could do something else, that would be great.

ELIA

Really? You can't eat pizza two nights in a row? I could eat it for, like, a week straight and still be good.

DEVON

Yeah. Surprise, surprise.

MICAH

Uh... Julian's? They've got kind of something for everyone. They've got brunch all day for Devon, and then dinner stuff, burgers.

ELIA

Ah, actually, yeah. I haven't had a whimpy burger in ages. That sounds good.

AIMEE

What's Julian's? I've never eaten there. Is it good?

[pause]

AIMEE

What. What?

ELIA

Is. It. Good.

MICAH

It's Julian's.

ELIA

It's- Do people regularly wait three hours outside in any weather condition for a table at a place that's not good?

AIMEE

Jeez. Okay. All right. A simple "yes" would have sufficed.

DEVON

Welcome to Provie, Aimee.

MICAH

Welcome.

ALL

[laugh]

ELIA

All right, now that we've settled that, what is everyone getting? Usuals, all around?

AIMEE

Uh... I might need to look at a menu.

ELIA

[Scoffs]

I can just pick something for you. I know what you like.

AIMEE

Oh. Yeah. Sure.

MICAH and DEVON

[laugh]

DEVON

Cute.

MICAH

Y'all are cute. I agree. I agree. I don't even think you realize what Elia ordering for you means.

ELIA

Shut up.

MICAH

I will not.

AIMEE

What? What does it mean?

ELIA

Anyway. I'm calling in the order.

[SCENE TRANSITION]

[SOUND OF TAPPING KEYBOARD]

DEVON

Y'all ready?

ELIA

Yes. Let's go.

DEVON

Okay. So. This time around, our group will begin their story in a dark and dangerous place, locked in an unending winter. A cruel goddess has cast her spell over this land, forbidding the sun to ever rise.

ELIA

Amazing. Love it already.

MICAH

Okay.

DEVON

The denizens of this world suffer ferocious blizzards and terrifying monsters that lurk in the darkened, snowy expanse. It'll be up to you, brave adventurers, to put a stop to the goddess's evil reign.

MICAH

I am so fucking here for evil I can actually stab.

AIMEE

Agreed.

DEVON

So. With that. Let's talk about your characters. Do they know each other already? What classes are you considering?

AIMEE

Well, I think I want to be a Tank. Like, I want to run in first, fight all the stuff.

MICAH

That was fast.

AIMEE

Hey. I know what I like.

MICAH

Well, all right. Well, are you going to be like an intelligence-is-my-dump-stat Barbarian? That could be fun.

AIMEE

Uh, no. I'd like to be smart, too. So I'm going Monk.

MICAH

Ooh! A Beauregard. We love to see it.

ELIA

All right, well, one of us definitely needs to be a Cleric. Because otherwise, Devon's going to, like, TPK us immediately. Like, within the hour.

DEVON

Come on. I'm not like that.

MICAH

Wait. Okay. You kind of are. Devon, you're- you're combat encounters are always very fun. But there's never been a time that I haven't had to roll death saves.

AIMEE

Seriously?

ELIA

Yeah. I think he actually enjoys seeing us all freak out a little bit.

MICAH

Uh, yes. What she said.

DEVON

Okay. Hmm. Maybe a little.

ELIA

Yeah. So. Who's going to be the healer?

[pause]

ELIA

Micah?

MICAH

Hmm... Mm-hmm (affirmative)?

ELIA

Maybe you... could do...?

MICAH

Ugh. But--

ELIA

Come on. But I already played a Cleric last time. And I- I want to try something different.

MICAH

Oh, man. Come on. I had such a good idea for a character, though.

DEVON

Children, children, children.

MICAH

Okay. I didn't- But I didn't even look up any of the Cleric subclasses.

ELIA

Okay. Great. Glad that's settled. Um... I've decided... Is everyone ready?

[pause]

ELIA

I... am going to be Rogue.

DEVON

Oh. Okay. Well. I guess, someone wants to actually be stabby.

MICAH

If you're going to be Rogue, I have a request. Uh... you cannot get stoned before sessions. You will fuck up all of the sneak attack rules and drive Devon and me crazy.

DEVON

True.

ELIA

No, I won't.

MICAH

You will. High Elia has two speeds: Food and Memes. Finicky combat strategy does not mix with your brand of stoner.

DEVON

Also true.

AIMEE

[laughs]

Really, I'm learning so much.

MICAH

Yeah, I bet.

ELIA

Okay. Okay. Fine. I promise.

MICAH

Thank God.

DEVON

All right. So, Micah. That leaves you. What's it going to be?

[DICE ROLLING]

MICAH

A Cleric, obviously. You- Like you didn't already know.

DEVON

Sure. But everyone at my table gets the opportunity to declare it. And really? You don't have to have a Cleric, you know.

That's just Elia--

ELIA

--That- That's just Elia trying to make it so that we actually finish a campaign for once.

DEVON

Fair. Okay.

[DICE ROLLING]

AIMEE

I guess I could switch things up, if you really had your heart set on something else.

MICAH

Nah, nah, nah. It's- It's all good. I'm fine with Cleric. But I think I'm going to try to do something interesting with it. Be prepared for me to break the game, Devon.

ELIA

Okay. Great. Um... Micah, I actually have one last little request.

MICAH

You choose my class for me, and then you're asking for something else?

[DICE ROLLING]

ELIA

I'm just... politely... respectfully... begging you to play a silly character for once.

MICAH

What's that supposed to mean?

ELIA

Just play a character without a tragic backstory, please.

MICAH

I don't always have a tragic backstory.

AIMEE

Oh- oh, boy. Here we go.

ELIA

You kind of do.

MICAH

Well... Wait. I played that Lore Bard a while back. She had a great backstory and she was really funny.

[DICE ROLLING]

ELIA

Yeah. She also lasted exactly... seven sessions? Because Devon killed her in battle and then you rolled another sad-ass character. So please. Just make a funny, happy character. You're so great when you do.

DEVON

See, Micah. You're kind of the Liam O'Brien of this group.

ELIA

Exactly.

DEVON

Excellent RP, but... whew. You made me sad with that last one.

MICAH

You know--

AIMEE

Taking "write what you know" a little too seriously, huh?

AIMEE, ELIA & DEVON

[laugh]

[DICE ROLLING]

MICAH

Oh, okay. That burned. Aimee's got jokes.

AIMEE

Yeah. Maybe.

DEVON

All right. I can see this party's dynamics forming already.

MICAH

Fine. I have something in mind that you all might like. And no. She's not fucking sad, okay?

ELIA

Yay. Great. Love it. Um... love it when I get what I want.

AIMEE

Don't I know it?

ALL

[laugh]

ELIA

Okay. So who's going to...? Micah, you want to roll? You want to start rolling?

MICAH

Um... I just... I have another stat to roll. Uh, go ahead, Elia.

ELIA

Okay.

[DICE ROLLING]

ELIA

Oh. Actually, I really am getting everything I want tonight. Um... okay. Aimee you go.

[DICE ROLLING]

AIMEE

Oh, come on. I'm rolling like shit.

MICAH

Oof. Maybe you are going to be dumb.

AIMEE

Shut up.

MICAH

You can make it work. I guess.

DEVON

Okay, okay. Where did we land?

ELIA

All right. I got Strength 12. Dex 19. Con 14. Intelligence 15.
Wisdom 16. Charisma 11.

MICAH

Holy crap. Okay.

ELIA

I know, right? Really loving that 19 for me. And I have a +10 in
Stealth to start. Um... you- You go next, Micah.

MICAH

Okay. Um. I ended up with Strength 10. Dex 15. Con 12.
Intelligence 12. Wisdom 17. And Charisma 13.

DEVON

Yeah, that's pretty solid. Balanced. Very nice.

MICAH

Yeah. Aimee?

DEVON

How about you, Aimee?

AIMEE

I don't want to play anymore.

ALL

[laugh]

MICAH

Oh, no.

DEVON

It can't be that bad.

AIMEE

Oh, yeah? Uh, let's see. Strength 9. Dex 13. Con 9.

ELIA

Oof.

AIMEE

Intelligence 11. Wisdom 10. Charisma 8.

ELIA

That... It's not... that- that bad.

MICAH

It's not that bad.

ELIA

Yeah.

DEVON

Yeah. It's... good. I mean, your Monk will be...

MICAH

She'll have a lot of room to grow.

ALL

[laugh]

AIMEE

Shut up.

DEVON

Okay. All right then. If that's all, let's begin tonight's game of...

[SCENE TRANSITION]

[OUTRO MUSIC]

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