comedy4cast #753: Batter Days Chapter 21: Big Trouble in Little Detroit

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CHAPTER 21: INTRO

SOUND: COMEDY4CAST STING

MUSIC: STORY MAIN THEME IN AND UNDER.

CLINTON

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Now, here's Chapter 21, "Big Trouble In Little Detroit".

MUSIC: STORY MAIN THEME UP AND OUT.

NARRATOR

Previously in our story, Cindy and Detective Haartte realized that they were traveling to the wrong destination. Romeo Sykes had not hidden the Waffle Batter sphere on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. But now, they had to (MORE)

NARRATOR (cont'd)

reassess their information to determine a new route.

CHAPTER 21, SCENE 1: INT. BUS - MORNING

NARRATOR

As this chapter begins, Cindy and Haartte are using their long-range walkie-talkie to speak with General Kalamity and Buzz "Scoop" Crackerjack Thomas back in The Tunnels.

BUZZ (OVER SPEAKER)

Again, this reporter humbly apologizes, Cindy. Clearly my whole rant, which revealed your mission to every resident of The Tunnels, was a blip, a communications breakdown, if you will, a gaff.

SOUND: INTERIOR BUS NOISE AND HUM OF TIRES ON HIGHWAY.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC OFF.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

CINDY

Like, that's okay, Buzz.

HAARTTE

Knock off the shoe shine, Thomas. You're using too much wax! She forgives you already!

CINDY

Like, remember, guys. Stay cool. We can do this if we work together.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC OFF.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

BUZZ (OVER SPEAKER)

I did some checking. Higgins didn't do much traveling, but he did mention he took a vacation every year. He had a habit of taking a vacation every May to Dayton, Ohio.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC OFF.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

CINDY

Who wouldn't?

HAARTTE

But I don't see what good that does us.

CINDY

Like, it's perfect. (MORE)

CINDY (cont'd)

(slowing down, beginning to remember)

When Romeo Sykes left Chasm Valley he told me...

MUSIC: HARP GLISSANDO DOWN.

CHAPTER 21, SCENE 2: EXT. MOLEHILL MOUNTAINS (FLASHBACK)

SOUND: WATERFALL AND WOODLAND NOISES.

MYSTERY MAN

You've learned all I can teach you. Which is good. Because now, I have to go.

MUSIC: A MELODY THAT IS PART ROMANCE, PART EPIC TALE FADES

CINDY

Wait. Like, what? Why? I don't want you to, like, go.

MYSTERY MAN

I understand. But my friends and I aren't safe here anymore. It's time we leave Chasm Valley to head across the sea to Valinor.

CINDY

Valinor?

MYSTERY MAN

It's in the Netherlands. Or is it Denmark? I always get those two mixed up.

MUSIC: HARP GLISSANDO UP.

CHAPTER 21, SCENE 3: INT. BUS - MORNING (RESUMING)

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

BUZZ (OVER SPEAKER)

Great flashback. You don't know how much everyone really wanted to travel back to 2020. But what does all that have to do with the clue about a tower?

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC OFF.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

CINDY

(embarrassed to share her secret)

Like, I happened to check -- like, just out of curiosity. -- I mean, it's not like I was going to, like, fly there or anything. But, like...

CHAPTER 21, SCENE 4: INT. BUZZ'S STUDIO - MORNING (CONTINUOUS)

SOUND: DISTANT MUFFLED SOUND OF RENAISSANCE MUSIC AND THE MUSIC CREATED BY THE SPHERE.

CINDY (OVER SPEAKER)

The only airline that goes from the U.S. to Valinor flies out of, like, Dayton International Airport.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC OFF.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

BUZZ

Of course. Dayton: The Gem City, Birthplace of Aviation, Little Detroit.

KALAMITY

And by the time Sykes and those mole people...

SOLDIER

(correcting the general)

Badger people, sir.

KALAMITY

...marched to Dayton, it would have been May. The same time Higgins would have been there.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC OFF.

SOUND: CRACKLE OF WALKIE TALKIE MIC ON.

HAARTTE (OVER SPEAKER)

Thomas, you and Kalamity need to go speak with Higgins again. If you hint (MORE) HAARTTE (OVER SPEAKER) (cont'd) that we know where the sphere is, maybe he'll give you another one of his awful poem clues.

SOUND: TRANSITION WHOOSH.

CHAPTER 21, SCENE 5: INT. BUZZ'S STUDIO - MORNING

NARRATOR

Using the landline phone Kalamity had the soldier string cable for, Buzz places a call.

SOUND: TOUCHTONE KEYPAD.

SOUND: PHONE RINGING OVER RECEIVER.

PHONE SYSTEM VOICE (OVER PHONE)

Thank you for calling the Compaq Computers Maximum Security Prison. Please listen, as our menu options have <u>not</u> changed, but we always say that to make sure you actually pay attention. Right. Let's get on with it. For admissions, press 1. For the Zoots environmentally-friendly laundry, press 2. For the Sharper Image day spa, press 3. To speak to the Warden's office, press 4...

SOUND: BUTTON TONE.

PHONE SYSTEM VOICE (OVER PHONE) (cont'd)

Hey. Hang on. You didn't let me finish! To speak with the prison's gift shop, sponsored by E.M.I., press 5 or stay on the line. Now then, your selection.

BUZZ

Now?

PHONE SYSTEM VOICE (OVER PHONE)

Yes! Now!

SOUND: PHONE TONE.

PHONE SYSTEM VOICE (OVER PHONE) (cont'd)

There. Was that so difficult? I'll connect you to Warden Churr.

(under its breath)

Prat.

SOUND: PHONE RINGING OVER SPEAKER.

SOUND: CLICK OF PHONE BEING CONNECTED.

SOUND: UNIDENTIFIABLE RUMBLE IN BACKGROUND OVER SPEAKER.

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED)

Hello. This is Warden Churr.

BUZZ

Warden, this is Buzz "Scoop" Crackerjack Thomas.

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED)

Ah, yes, Mr. Thomas.

BUZZ

Sorry. I don't think we have a very good connection.

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED)

No. That's me. My apologies. You caught me in the middle of the rebranding to "Enron Penitentiary." We're halfway through the naming rights list. Anyway, what can I do for you?

BUZZ

I need to speak with Brax Higgins again.

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED)

Certainly. But he is not in the prison at the moment.

BUZZ

Great breakouts of David Brinkley. He's escaped?!

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED)

No, no, no. I've just sent him and his cellmate out on a roadside cleanup detail in the prison's S.U.V. They won't be back for several hours.

BUZZ

Your policies are insane, Warden!

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED)

It's Movie Night Under the Stars this evening I'm sure he can take a few minutes to speak with you then. I mean, who hasn't already seen "The Shawshank Redemption"? Does, say, 8PM work for you?

BUZZ

Gah! Never mind.

CHURR (OVER PHONE, SLIGHTLY MUFFLED) All right, Mr. Thomas. (speaking to someone else)

No! "The Toys R Us" sign goes up <u>next</u> week!

SOUND: CLICK OF CALL ENDING.

KALAMITY

When do we speak with Higgins?

BUZZ

Never. Warden Dr. Dewayne Churr runs that prison like a resort. Remind me to run an exposé on it.

KALAMITY

Looks like it's time for Plan B.

MUSIC: TRANSITION STING.

NARRATOR

Plan B? What's that? And will Kalamity ever remind Buzz to do that exposé? To find out, be sure to come back for Chapter 22, "A Recalculated Risk".

MUSIC: THEME IN AND UP.

CLINTON

CLINTON (cont'd)

In this episode, the part of Cindy was played by Bonnie Kenderdine; Romeo Sykes was played by John Bell, from the Bell's in the Batfry podcast, thebatfry.com; the Automated Phone System Voice was played by Cameron McGrath; the Soldier was played by Kreg Steppe, from the Technorama podcast (chuckchat.com/ technorama) and The Topic is Trek podcast (TheTopicIsTrek.com). And Warden Doctor Dewayne Churr and the Narrator were played by Gary J. Chambers, garyjchambersVO.com.

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CLINTON (cont'd)

But for now, That's it. We're done, done, done, done, done. Bye bye.

MUSIC: THEME UP AND OUT.