

## CHAP - Masks 18 – Choices

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### THE ETERNAL TAVERN KEEPER

Rusty Quill presents Chapter and Multiverse.

### [Show Theme - Intro]

### THE ETERNAL TAVERN KEEPER

My friend, please come quickly, I simply must get this off my chest, things have gone rather skew-whiff with our superhero protagonists I must say. Last time I was telling you about their battle with Wilt in her underground lair, and I thought things couldn't get any more nail biting, but I was clearly wrong, this

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has massive implications for our parties, I should explain myself, here is what happened...

### **MADDY**

Hello and welcome to Chapter and Multiverse, the actual play podcast where we explore the same city across multiple parallel universes. I am your gamemaster, Maddy Searle, my pronouns are she/her, and today we are playing the finale of Masks a New Generation, which is designed by Brendan Conway and allows players to take on the role of young superheroes; but before we go any further, I must introduce our wonderful and talented players, could you please let me know your name and pronouns and your character's name and pronouns - starting with Lydia?

### **LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Hi, I'm Lydia, pronouns they/she. I am playing Mini Smithson. Pronouns she/her, who has just met Jim her oooooold college buddy...

**(Laughter)**

No, terrifying monster from another dimension.

**(Laughter)**

### **MADDY**

Excellent, and Pip?

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Hello there, I'm Pip Gladwin, and I will be playing, for the final time, [gasps] Joseph Teller maybe aka Zenith – who knows, and we're both he/him and scared.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Aw.

**MADDY**

Fair, fair and Ahmed?

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Hello, I'm Ahmed Aljabry and I am not very happy for this being episode 18.

**(Laughter)**

I'm playing Adeeb Bin Yeslam aka the Turban. Adeeb's pronouns are he and him.

**MADDY**

Perfect, and Lowri?

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Hey, I am Lowri Anne Davis, and I am playing Blodeuwedd Morgan, aka Syphon aka got quite a lot going on right now...

**(Laughter)**

What...? Oh, no. Families, ay?

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Exactly, and so last we left off, you had found your way into Wilt's lair where she had been working on some kind of weapon, which she has just used to

open a portal to a parallel world where the home of the Ravening and alien species that Mini is aware of, have destroyed the civilisation on their home planet, and one of them is with you right now! So, as you are facing down this six limbed, be-clawed, hairy beast, with its kind of trunk like appendage, what would you like to do?

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Mini will squeal and take out her tiny laser gun and wants to shoot it right in, seems like it's got lots of eyes, so possibly the most sensitive area, and I'm going to draw on the fact that you said that Mini knew what this creature was to assume that she knows the most sensitive area is the trunk...

**MADDY**

Yes.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

...so is just a really... it's like an elephant thing, it's like very sensitive and it's able to pick up both a log and a penny...

**(Laughter)**

You can actually ride these creatures, just not advised, only once.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah, yes.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Only once.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah, the ride of your life!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah!

**(Laughter)**

But anyway... yes! Yeah, and you shouldn't because animal cruelty, but anyway, she shoots it in the face with a laser gun.

**MADDY**

Perfect.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

So, I'm going to say that that's Unleash Your Powers, because while it is equipment that she is using she is using her powers to turn it into a natural useful weapon, does that sound correct?

**MADDY**

Oo, I would suggest that it's more of a Directly Engage a Threat.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Cool!

**MADDY**

If that's okay with you?

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yep, roll them dice...OOO, two sixes! [Gasps!]

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

YO!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

[overtalking 04:20] peow peow peow!

**MADDY**

Excellent, so, yeah, please describe to me how you severely injure this alien having just burst out from a sore lingering portal.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, so it comes through the portal, Mini is like, "No, no, no, no!"

**(Laughter)**

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And whips out the tiny gun and a massive light beam that does not match the scale of the gun. It's like you know in the original Men in Black...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Fairly where I was going.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

...where he gets the tiny gun and they're like, no, no, no, don't touch that one!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, it's sort of this kind of thing, and is like peow! And it's like Mini is holding it a bit wildly and so the aim is, not a strong point, but in this case it works out for the best, because like just lays a gun through the trunk in the face is grim.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Urgh.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Of the two things, I am going to say that she avoids the blows and also doesn't... so, do I also need to inflict conditions on this creature or, can I kill

this creature and by doing that I have taken something from Wilt? Like, how is that working mechanically?

**MADDY**

I... yes, I am going to say that essentially it is going to take three hits to bring this creature down.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Okay.

**MADDY**

And you've already done one big, tasty hit.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, cool.

**MADDY**

And it is unfortunately a kill this thing situation.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Fair enough, in which case taking something from it is going to be half its face.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

It's a very squelchy thing, right, it's...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Awww.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

It looked pretty horrific to start with, bits everywhere, and so it's...

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

**(Laughter)**

If anything, you've improved it.

**(Laughter)**

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Needed it.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

**(Laughter)**

Yeah!

**MADDY**

Is it better, is it worse, who can say, may be both.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

It's a matter of taste.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

It depends on your aesthetics, you know...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

It's angry now though.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Yeah, I think that you manage to avoid it as it charges towards you and because Adeeb is standing [gasps] sort of off to the side behind you, it just charges into him and knocks him down.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

No, but I got two... I got a 12 so I got to avoid the blows and not the... what, no!!!

**(Laughter)**

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I was planning to attack it anyway.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Okay, phew.

**MADDY**

Alright, so Adeeb...

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Do I Engage or do I take a Powerful Block?

**MADDY**

I think in this case you are just winded, I don't I think it's enough to be a powerful blow, I think you're...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

We haven't established how large this creature is, are we talking rabbit, or elephant?

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Teenage elephant.

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**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oooh specific, I like it.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

About the size of like a Smart car.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Right – cool.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Alright so, I will...

**(Laughter)**

...roll to engage this creature.

**(Laughter)**

Okay, so I rolled an eight.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yay!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Nice.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Woo.

**MADDY**

Excellent.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I'm going to create an opportunity.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Cool.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I am going to use my ribbons to wrap its eyes...things.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Nice.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

[Gasps] nice.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

So, it gives an opportunity for somebody else to jump in.

**MADDY**

I am going to say that if you are choosing to take this opportunity to blind the creature, or to cover the eyes of the creature, it is going to reach out and try and slash at you with one of its curved claws, so I think Adeeb you must take a powerful blow please.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Checks out.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Okay. That is a nine.

**MADDY**

You have to choose one, you lash out verbally, you give ground, or you struggle passed the pain and mark two conditions?

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Alright, so I will give ground, because I will jump on it, wrap my ribbons all over its face and it's scratching on me, but it's dashing in front. It's trying to catch on me, it's just ravaging all over the place. So, I have no control of what's going to happen, but it's blinded for a minute.

**MADDY**

Alright, does anyone want to take advantage of the blinded creature?

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yes, I think now that the creature is blind, injured, sprinting around the place with I'm kind of imaging Adeeb on its back with all the... like standing on its back [gasps] with all the ribbons like wrapped around its head like holding on. I would like to position myself in the way of the like try and get around in front of it, and across from where I am, I'm going to pull the kusarigama out, I'm going to swing it, throw the chain and wrap the chain around like a pillar and pull it tight and like pull it down over my shoulder and pull it tight and create like a low trip wire, I want this thing to hit the chain, tumble, maybe slam into a wall and I'm hoping Adeeb is able to get you know, himself out of there to not get hurt, but we're in the action now so, that is my plan, what would you like to call that?

**MADDY**

I think it would still be Directly Engage a Threat...

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Great.

**MADDY**

...in this case.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Okay, that is [sings] really bad for me...

**(Laughter)**

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It's a three!

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Uh!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

OOO.

**MADDY**

Oh no.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Like I was thinking of throwing you something from the team pool, but even that isn't...

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Not worth it.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

It's not, no.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Not worth it. This is how I die, let's do this.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

You don't die!

**(Laughter)**

At worst you feel a bit guilty because Adeeb gets hurt.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

What happens? What happens to me?

**MADDY**

I think you, you send out the chain of your new and less adept weapon and try and attach it to a pipe on the other side of the room, and unfortunately, you are just not used to the weight of this, and you kind of, you under shoot it, and before you can pull it back and try again, the creature just kind of tramples over it and your opportunity is lost.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Okay, does it trample over me?

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

It does not trample over you, but it kind of... as its clawed feet kind of stamp on the chain it kind of yanks it out of your hand, so it's now kind of underneath the creature.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Uh huh, okay, it took something from me.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

As the only thing that isn't a friend in this room that she's not afraid to touch, Morgan is going to flying rugby tackle...

**MADDY**

YES!

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

...that animal, because we've got to bring it back, and when she touches it, she's going to try and absorb as much of its energy as she can, like put it to sleep...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Slurp, slurp, slurp.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Oh boy.

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**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

...and strengthen herself.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Slurp.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Uh oh.

**MADDY**

Amazing.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

That's a 13.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yo.

**MADDY**

Incredible.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Beefy.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Beefy, beefy.

So, yeah, I will take from them their energy, and their awake-ness!

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I'm going to abide by the rule of three. I'm going to say that you can, because this is a creature that you've never encountered before and it's very strong and powerful, you can definitely take a lot of its energy from it but you can't take everything...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Okay.

**MADDY**

...and it's still going to take one more successful roll to fully take it down.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Well in that case, yeah, I create an opportunity for allies.

**MADDY**

If you're not resisting the blows, you have to put yourself in the line of fire...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah sure.

**MADDY**

...and one of its limbs kind of reaches back to try and grab at you.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

So, that's a nine.

**MADDY**

A nine, so you choose one from the lash out verbally, give ground or mark two conditions.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

I take two conditions, I get hurt, like obviously I do don't I because I'm directly touching it, and it is all flailing-ness and grossness.

**MADDY**

Yeah, as you touch it and you can feel the energy draining out of it, in its last kind of burst of energy before it becomes more lethargic, it just sort of shakes its back and flings you onto the ground and takes a bite out of your shoulder.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Ooph.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Okay, so I scream, I'm angry and maybe a little hopeless, because it's like, oh my gosh I'm now facing Wilt, and not only am I facing Wilt who I was terrified of facing anyway, she has access to alien monsters.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Hey, so do you.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

That's true I do. I have access to an awesome alien!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

We have the greatest alien monster of all on our team.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Roar.

**MADDY**

Our friend!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah.

**(Laughter)**

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Alright, so what I want to do, is since I'm wrapping its eyes and it's rampaging everywhere, I want to uncover its eyes enough only to see Wilt in front of it [gasps].

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Spicy! Spicy, spicy, spicy.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yes, Adeeb!

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Basically, I'm trying to guide it to go dash and fight her.

**MADDY**

Ooh, I think that might be an Unleash Your Powers roll.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Yeah, okay. That is an eight minus one, that's a seven – that's a hit!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yep.

**MADDY**

Amazing, yes, unstable and temporary, but I think if you angle it so that you can kind of manipulate where its head is looking...

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

...and then reveal some of its eyes.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I'm going to tunnel vision it only to Wilt.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

As much as I can, and once it starts running there, I'm just going to jump off.

**MADDY**

Absolutely, in its mind it's just been attacked and then it sees someone looking threatening, and is going to be like okay I'm going to attack you and so it runs at Wilt and makes for her with its huge claws, and she is going to reach out a hand and touch one of its terrible muscular limbs with the long claw at the end and it's just going to wither in front of you, it's going to shrivel up and you can see the kind of... the muscles and the veins just becoming so much weaker and so much, almost like paper.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oo.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

The whole creature, or just the limb?

**MADDY**

Just the limb.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Okay, okay.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

So, is that a hit that knocks it out?

**MADDY**

I think that's another weakening, I'm going to need another hit from one of the main characters.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Fair.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Did Wilt get any hits by this? It would be like this creature directly engaged...

**MADDY**

I think she is going to take the afraid condition.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Oooo.

**MADDY**

She did not expect this creature to turn on her [gasps], and so as she is reaching out with her barely exposed fingers, grabbing onto the limb of this creature you can see in her eyes like they're darting around just like, why is this happening, this is not how this was supposed to go.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

While it's facing the other way, Mini's going to laser it up the backside.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Fantastic, please directly engage a threat with your laser.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Okay, directly engaging a threat, lasering its bum – COOL, THAT'S A NINE!

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Woo who!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Which is good because it is plus danger, and her danger is zero, so... I would say as Mini, like in its weakened withered state, Mini's laser thing like rips it in half, and much like a deep sea creature that has been exposed to the lack of pressure in our atmosphere that kind of [Lydia makes a bull-oop sound effect] and their guts might explode a bit.

**(Laughter)**

Like, Mini may get splattered a bit as this creature from another universe, its innards are exposed to an outside that is not quite right, and Mini is decorated in a way that for once does not suit her.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I think that is very fitting.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Which I would say gives her the condition Insecure.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Aw.

**MADDY**

Aw.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

If that's the result of that blow.

**MADDY**

Yeah, I think works for me.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Especially in front of the super cool dressed evil villain person.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah.

**(Laughter)**

By doing that, the laser doesn't hit Wilt behind, but like if I'm going to create an opportunity, the explosion of guts splatters both of us, splashes Wilt and Mini. So, Mini takes the condition Insecure because – gross; and it temporarily like blinds or disorients Wilt, which gives the others an opportunity.

**MADDY**

Perfect, yeah, I love that, that's great. So, Wilt is temporarily stumbling at trying to wipe the viscera away from her eyes.

**(Laughter)**

Who would like to take advantage of this?

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Morgan is going to say Adeeb, "Adeeb, cover her hands!"

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Oh, I am going to unleash everything I have to cover her hands, and if there are any coats or stuff around, I'm going to use them as well; I'm going to throw everything.

**MADDY**

Yeah, I think there are dirty rags around used for cleaning equipment and stuff.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I will focus on using the dirty rags.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah, the dirtiest, grimiest, oiliest rags.

**(Laughter)**

Great, so, yeah Unleash your Powers please.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

And that is a fail.

**MADDY**

Oh no.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh, no. By how much?

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Three.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh.

**MADDY**

Ooph. So, yeah, unfortunately, she is too quick and she kind of bats the flying cloth out of the air with her well-practiced moves.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

I just like the idea of like you know in sort of Matilda where all the stuff is going around her, but it's like that but there's just like smelly damp cleaning cloths.

**(Laughter)**

Slipping slightly like wetly and grossly through the air.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

You accidently clean like the blood and guts off her, so she's actually in a better state now.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah, she just grabs one out of the air and uses it to wipe her face...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Aw.

**MADDY**

...and is just like, that's much better.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Joseph is going to... see I'm, yeah, I feel like the creature is like landed on my kusarigama chain, you know with the corpse on, like I'm not getting that thing out from underneath it. I'm going to turn, so where she came into the room that we were in, right?

**MADDY**

Yes, you are in the main laboratory.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

So, I'm going to kind of... well away from the fight as sort of these guys, Adeeb's trying to like wrap Wilt up with the threads, Morgan's up there, Mini's a little further away covered in monster guts with the smoking laser gun, and as I kind of sort of well away from the fight, I'm going to just to Morgan as I kind of move passed, I kind of look at you and there's a sort of apologetic kind of trust me kind of look in my eyes.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

And I rush over, as I'm running I'm heading straight towards that shrine, and as I move I pull like a phosphorescent flare from my belt, crack it, it [Pip makes a sound effect] like bursts into like fire and smoke, and I just hold it not against, close to that wall where all those photographs are and I just go, "HEY!" and just try and get her attention [gasps].

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Psychological war, I love it!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I would like to provoke please. I am trying to get her effectively to take her attention off them, hopefully create some sort of opening, it's like come at me, like stop/do, you know... or I mean or potentially like, I'll do it.

**(Laughter)**

What are you going to do?

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Are you going to back down? Are you going to come at me? Like whatever, what's it going to be.

**MADDY**

Nice.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

So, that is rolling plus superior. I'd love a good dice roll.

**(Laughter)**

That would be nice, I think I deserve one today...uh, that's a nine!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

[GASPS!] Yay!

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Woo!

**MADDY**

Amazing, on a seven to nine I can choose one for her from the list, or if you raise it to a ten, they just do what you want.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Going to give a team by like essentially by pointing, I mean like, "YEAH, LOOK AT HIM!"

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I think Joseph will get her attention, and then I think he's just going to say, "Stand down" and I was holding this flare next to all those pictures of Morgan's parents.

**MADDY AS WILT**

She is shaken up, because things have not gone the way that she expected, and she has quite a significant sentimental attachment to these objects, and she's not quite ready to see them destroyed even in this critical moment, and so she pauses and says, "Alright, we can, we can have a talk, we can have a talk".

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

So, they do stand down?

**MADDY AS WILT**

Yeah, she holds out the weapon that she used to create the portal and just sets it down on the ground in front of her.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Cool, I will stay where I am, that's me, that's... I will stay where I am.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Morgan will say, "And the gloves".

**MADDY AS WILT**

And she will press a button on her wrist again, and the... her fingertips will be sealed once again.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

No, no, no, I wrap...

**(Laughter)**

...I wrap the ribbons, almost like a mitten now, all around her like a glove.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY AS WILT**

Yeah, now she can't move her fingers and she's like, "Alright, fine" and at this point, now that you have a moment to think in this combat situation, we're going to take a short break, and be right back.

**[Mid-show break 20:55]**

And we're back.

So, Wilt has just placed her weapon down on the ground and is looking at all of you still with drips of viscera falling from her clothing and face.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I'll throw the flare to the side, so not at the pictures, toss the flare to the side. I'll pull the little grappling hook gun, aim, shoot it down like through the

fingerguard where the trigger of the gun is, lock into it, pull it and just [Pip makes a sound effect] reel the portal gun into my hands with the grappling hook gun.

**MADDY**

Amazing, like I'm torn because I kind of want you to roll for it, but I also just want it to happen.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

I want you to roll for it to see if you accidentally create another portal.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Like do it as an Unleash Powers because you're using your grappling hook...

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

...like this is definitely something that could go wrong.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, yep.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

It's true, but this is the first time I'm using this piece of gear, so when I use a new piece of gear for the first time to directly engage Unleash Powers or Defend, I get to use Superior instead of Danger or Freak or whatever the stat is, so this does give me a little bit of a bonus...

**MADDY**

Excellent.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

...but as we know, I'm rolling like absolute...a word I can't say on this channel...  
oh right, that's a 12.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

WOO!

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

WOO!

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Wow!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Pew, pew, pew, pew, pew.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I do a cool thing that I easily could have accomplished by walking over there and picking it up.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, but Joseph's having a like an identity thing here right, like...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah, he needed this.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, he needs this.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

You're right, you're right.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

He's cool. You should clear all conditions.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I don't have any.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Ah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, take the condition – cool.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I do that, I'm not going to describe it again, it's very cool, I won't roll on this just yet because I know there's other stuff going on. I'm going to check out this weird gun.

**MADDY**

Yeah, yeah, that's entirely fair.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Over the break Lowri made a good point which was, can we establish whether the portal that...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yes.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

...the terrible monster came through is still open or not?

**MADDY**

Oh yeah, it is closed.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Okay.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Okay, that's probably good.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

That's good, that's good.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Yeah, it was a momentary let the thing out and then close again.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Good.

**MADDY**

So, you are portal-less for now.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Well, Morgan's going to obviously on point, "Why, why are you calling me sister?"

**MADDY AS WILT**

"Well, Mab and Mass were like parents to me."

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

"Okay, good, just checking. Why, why are you doing this?"

**MADDY AS WILT**

"They did everything for me, and it's my duty to carry out their legacy."

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

"What do you want from me?" and I'd like to Pierce the Mask.

**MADDY**

Yeah, absolutely, please roll mundane.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Not very mundane, okay I get a five.

**MADDY AS WILT**

She's very hard to read. She's got a steely expression that is very hard to interpret, despite the fact that her plans have gone so array and inside she must be fuming, she is maintaining a very composed expression. She will just say, "I want you to help me."

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

"Well, no, no! Obviously, no! This is a terrible idea what you want to... you want to destroy the world"

**MADDY AS WILT**

"It's broken, it's broken beyond repair, we can only rip it up and destroy it and make something new from the ashes."

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

"What ashes? What new...what do you think that's going to look like?!"

**MADDY AS WILT**

"I... I don't know, I..." Wilt is kind of thrown by what you're saying, and she just responds with, "But Mab and Mass thought this was the right thing to do, and I have to do it for them because they can't."

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

“Well, obviously... you’re just unthinkingly following their orders. They’ve been dead for 18 years! Obviously, no! What...” this is so frustrating because Morgan really, really wants to like put her to sleep but she can’t touch her!

**(Laughter)**

She has to touch skin to do that.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

As the conversation between Morgan and Wilt seems to get to an impasse, Mini’s going to kind of step up, she’s frantically typing on the tablet like, “I have... I have contacted Taj and they are totally... they have totally replied and are going to send a crack team of superheroes that have been training for more than a week, and they are going to come here, and they are going to stop you, and you’re never going to be able to hurt Morgan again; and...”

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Mini...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

...all we need is that you just tell us what...how... I mean we’ve already stopped you it seems...

**(Laughter)**

...so just tell us that you’re not going to do it anymore”.

**(Laughter)**

Maybe this is provoking rather than Piercing the Mask, yeah, trying to do it... it's a vague threat that people are coming, but we seem to have already won from Mini's perspective like the fight's stopped, the portal gun's taken, she's answering questions, it's cool.

**MADDY**

So, are you wanting to get her to do something? Or do you want to find out something about how she's feeling or what her plans are?

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

I would like to gain influence over her really to stop her from doing anything bad again.

**MADDY**

Nice, so yeah, I think that's a Provoke.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

That's a Provoke, cool. That's a six plus two, that's an eight.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Ay!

**MADDY AS WILT**

Fantastic. So, if you are going for gaining influence over them then yeah, she will overreact and she will kind of snap back at you and be like, “Taj couldn’t navigate their way out of a paper bag! They couldn’t take me!”

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Mini kind of agrees, but...

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

So, yeah, Mini you have influence over Wilt now.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Mm.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I will play along that, so I will also Provoke. That is a seven, “Yeah well, we’ve just started this week and we already have your hands tied up.”

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

“Yeah!”

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

“In mittens”

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

“Two days on the job baby.”

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY AS WILT**

She in a fit of rage is going to try and make a break for it and try and get after the gun in Zenith’s hands, and you are still very much attached to her with your ribbons, so you can fully take advantage of this if you want to.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Before this goes down, during all of the talking, can I have spent my time investigating how this particular portal gun works? It’s only a short amount of time but can I... do you want me to roll on that?

**MADDY**

Yes please, please do me an Assess the Situation.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

That’s a six, so that’s not a success I don’t think, or is it?

**MADDY**

You do have some team left? I think you still have two team left in the pool?

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

We do, I’m going to selfishly use one of those for just me, yeah, I’ll take that for a seven.

**MADDY**

So, yeah, you can see that this gun has taken some of the genetic material from Mab and Mass, post-mortem presumably, and extrapolated the abilities from them in order to create a gun which creates a portal to a parallel universe.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Just the parallel universe, or can this gun do time?

**MADDY**

It is essentially, yeah, it's essentially anywhere anytime.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

That's very interesting. Okay, and I know that?

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Okay, great, I think me realising that is like a real like – hold on a second...

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

I am the most powerful person in all the universes right now.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

It's not that.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh no.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, Joseph's clearly having this realisation about how this gun can open a portal to anywhere, anytime, and I think it's as he's like realising that he's looking up and Wilt is like coming at him still attached by Adeeb.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

So, Engage a Threat or Unleash? Probably Engage?

**MADDY**

Yeah, yeah.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Alright. Yes! That is a seven, six and a one.

**MADDY**

Nice, alright.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I was terrified the first one was a one!

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh.

**MADDY**

Oh no.

**(Laughter)**

So, what would you like to do?

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I am... yeah, I'm going trade blows, Resist and Avoid, just to stop her from running forward, because she has to stick with me, if we're fighting.

**MADDY**

Okay, perfect. So, are you going to kind of pull her back?

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I'm going to pull her back and start fighting her, because she has mittens now, and I'm going to punch her in the face.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Excellent, I think yeah, you can absolutely do that, and I think at this point she is going to take the condition Hopeless, because she is surrounded, her weapon has been taken away, she is being beat up by someone with ribbons around her hands like mittens. This is not going to plan.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

And hence, she is truly hopeless.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yes.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah, it worked.

**MADDY**

So, she is insecure, afraid and hopeless.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Oh man.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh wow.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I just feel, I just feel bad now...

**(Laughter)**

Like I'm going to comfort and support Wilt, I think.

**(Laughter)**

Hey, it's okay.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

This is a great gun! Well done, buddy.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I love this gun you made. I am taking it, but...

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

And so, as a condition has been inflicted upon Wilt, she is going to try and lash out at Adeeb. I think what happens in this moment as she is hopeless is that she just kicks out a leg to a button on the wall [gasps] and you just hear a rumbling as the walls start to close in [GASPS], this is presumably some kind of failsafe to destroy her work if she became compromised.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

“Everyone needs to get out!”

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Do I have any idea how this gun works, as in how to fire it?

**MADDY**

It is a very complicated piece of machinery, and you can't guarantee that you will open a portal to the time and place that you want. You can definitely pull the trigger...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

...but there's no guarantee of like what will happen when you do that.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

That's fair.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Mini's going to step up and use a mind blast on Wilt, and I get a plus one because I've got influence over her and it's going to be a mind blast that tries to like control her and make her stop the walls crushing us.

**MADDY**

Yes, let's make it an Unleash Your Powers.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Okay, it's six plus one Freak plus one for Influence, is an eight!

**MADDY**

Amazing, yes you can definitely for a brief amount of time, influence her to stop the walls closing in and as soon as she's reached out with her leg and kicked this button on the wall, kind of pained expression that appears on her face and she...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Like I would literally... she feels a compulsion to reach out and punch the button again...

**MADDY**

Yeah, oh yeah, yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

...but she's fighting it the whole way, and like I would argue is approaching getting a bit angry.

**MADDY**

I think that is a very good point, yes, I think she... as soon as she's kicked out at the button as you describe, her leg kind of jitters and she fights it for a couple of seconds, but as soon as she can't fight any longer and she just kicks the button again, and the walls stop in their tracks.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

And I'm going to say, so it says on a seven to nine I either mark a condition or you tell me that the effect is unstable or temporary. I'm going to say that Mini does not like mind controlling people, and so even though that was very necessary to do, the idea of like forcing someone to do something with their body, even if it is save all our lives by pressing a button, makes her feel really horrible. So, I'm going to say that she feels kind of guilty.

**MADDY**

That makes sense, yeah, good shout, and I think yes, absolutely at this point everything that Wilt has been trying to do has been thwarted, and you can see that the rage that has been boiling underneath the surface for this whole time is coming to the surface, and inside the mittens her fists are trying to clench.

**(Laughter)**

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I want to try and to give her one last punch, hopefully it will knock her out.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Alright, yes please directly Engage a Threat.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

It's four, five, six, seven, plus zero, that's a seven.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Amazing, yes so, how would you like to do this? How would you like to take down Wilt?

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

With the ribbons attaching us together, I will pull her toward me and headbutt her. [Gasps!]

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Sorry, so, you touch her skin?

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Mm.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Oh...

**(Laughter)**

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I did not think that through, but I'm assuming that, yeah, I have a turban on my head.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

YEAH!

**MADDY**

Yeah!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah!

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yes, to turban.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I have a turban on my head.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Dude, absolutely, 100%.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Saved by the turban.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Joseph is in the background is just like, “Give her the turban!”

**(Laughter)**

BAM!

**(Laughter)**

I’m not, I’m too like, oh my god a time gun.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I like to think that your turban kind of, slightly kind of pulsates and clings to her head tighter, and wraps around precisely in the right configuration so that none of your skin is touching hers as you headbutt her, and...

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, you like shift all the Kevlar in your uniform to the front so there’s another layer there like [Pip makes a sound effect].

**(Laughter)**

Sorry, the turban like doubles in size and just [Pip makes a sound effect]. Sorry, I’m getting over excited now, I’m sorry.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

It's amazing.

Just before she is knocked unconscious, she looks into Morgan's eyes and you can see that there is a huge amount of guilt there for everything that she's done, and she's...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Take off all the conditions – boom! Boom.

**MADDY**

Take off all the conditions, and she crumples to the floor in a heap, and you are left in this slightly wrecked laboratory with pieces of machinery that have been thrown off tables and chairs set askew by the walls starting to close in.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

They've stopped.

**MADDY**

They've stopped.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Mini turns to the others and just says very quickly, “Um, I lied, Taj did not reply.

**(Laughter)**

They are REALLY bad handlers!”

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah, I thought maybe...

So, all of Wilt’s work is here?

**MADDY**

Yes.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Morgan is super, super strong having sapped energy from an alien, and is going to pummel everything, not the shrine, we’ll pummel anything that might look like it had research in it, or whatever.

Oo, this will clear my angry condition, that’s nice.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, break a bunch of stuff, break something important.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah, so Morgan will smash all of the machinery and stuff and hold her hand out to Zenith to take the gun.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

[Makes a grumbling noise] okay. I'm going to roll a dice here, just one, you're breaking a load of stuff for at least a little bit after this fight has finished, I just want to see if I... try and...yeah, I... while that's going on, I quietly pull the trigger. [GASPS!]

**MADDY**

Oh no.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

JOSEPH!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

OH MY GOD!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Just to see if anything happens, and I think really, really hard about a very specific place and a very specific time.

**MADDY**

Okay, I am going to say that this is an Unleash Your Powers roll.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

You know what Maddy, this is the first time I'm using this portal gun.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

It's a new piece of equipment.

**MADDY**

Yeah, it is a new piece of equipment.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I would like to roll this with my superior please rather than anything else.

**MADDY**

You can, you can.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Maddy, that's an 11.

**MADDY**

Ooph, ooph...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Squeak.

**MADDY**

Alright, so yeah, a shimmering neon green portal appears in the air in front of Joseph and, is there anything he wants to do before he steps through, or does he just go?

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I kind of just, I turn towards you guys, I think Morgan you're probably... you're on the other side of the room, you've just like shattered something and I think as it breaks...

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

...you hear this... you remember the sound that the portal's made when they appeared, you hear that sound, you all do, and turning around you see Joseph and he's standing in front of the portal, he's facing this portal sort of silvery door that's opened up, and on the other side of it you can faintly hear the sound of like small children, almost like a sort of like a playground sound a little bit, and you can kind of see like a couple of windows and a sort of like white corridor with like a sort of stucco floor and a few sort of like people in heels kind of walking passed and the sounds of these children, and Joseph is going to turn back to you guys and he takes the domino mask off and just like drops it on the ground, "Sorry, I have to try" and I throw the portal gun, I drop the portal gun...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Nooooo.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

...I don't take it with me, and I walk through the portal.

**MADDY**

Alright, so...

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Do we catch up with him or is it already closed?

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Morgan is already, "NOOO!"

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

No, I want to know, are we chasing... do we have a chance to chase after him?

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yes!

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

If it's still open, I am going to ribbon all of us, just pull us together and just...

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Run, run, run.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

...swing into it as fast as possible grabbing it, the gun.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

I mean to be fair Morgan's going to run and is fast!

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Anyone who wants to try and get through the portal let's have an Unleash Your Powers.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Ah, let me start first, because if I roll high I'm going to pull everyone.

**MADDY**

Yeah, if you roll high you can pull everyone in with you, absolutely that makes sense.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Oooo.

I don't want to roll!

**(Laughter)**

No, I got a two.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

[Gasps] Argh, Adeeb!!!

**MADDY**

Oh no!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

WHAT?!

**MADDY**

We do still have the gun though, you do still have the gun.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

No.

Mini is running.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah, same with Morgan.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Mini has rolled a SEVEN!

**MADDY**

A seven, alright yes, you manage to hover through the portal just in time and with Morgan, what do you get?

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Yes, whvooom.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

I've got an eight.

**MADDY**

You manage to sprint through.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oo, can I... I want to grab Adeeb?

**MADDY**

Yes.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

I grab Adeeb.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Like I'll grab the gun, you grab Adeeb.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

So, Adeeb, he starts swinging and then his string just fall apart at one point, and he rolls in front of you and you catch him.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

I just scoop you up.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Put him under your arm.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

[Gasps] yes!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Like a rugby ball.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh my gosh and we go through the portal?

**MADDY**

Sounds like it. So, yeah you burst through the portal and feel a horrible tingling sensation on your skin, as you feel you are going into a world that wasn't meant for you, and on that note, we are going to end our campaign of Masks. [Gasps!]

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

OH DAMN! There it is.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

Nooooo.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

There you go, adventures in time, baby!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

We weren't going to let you go away and villain yourself.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

And here I was worried how I'm going to talk to my parents.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, if you ever see them again...

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

We met two days ago!

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Yeah, but we will die for each other, across dimensions!

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**(Laughter)**

Excellent.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

This feels like an Umbrella Academy situation.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yes!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Uh, huh, uh huh, yeah, yeah.

**MADDY**

It really does, it feels so Umbrella Academy right now and I'm loving you for it.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Aw, [overtalking 40:10]

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I love it, first moments of a hypothetical campaign two and just me turning it around and going, "What are you doing?!"

**(Laughter)**

“Go away!”

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

We’re not going to let you wither away in another timeline.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh, my goodness.

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

You’re coming home with us, you’re our friend! [Cries]

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Uh, that’s Maddy’s fault for introducing a time gun.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

I can’t... there was no way...

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

Yeah.

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

There was absolutely... if it wasn't going to be me, I'm shocked you didn't want to use it! Or are you just a better person that I am?

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Yeah.

Oh, absolutely.

**AHMED AS ADEEB BIN ADIL BIN YESLAM AKA TURBAN**

I don't think she had a chance to chicken out...

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I'm shocked, like it's one of those things where I had no... I did not suspect it at all when I planning this, but as soon as you kind of had that glimmer of a thought in your head it was just like of course, I should have seen this coming.

**(Laughter)**

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Time gun!

**LYDIA AS MINI SMITHSON AKA SOLARTRIX**

You left a time gun around!

**PIP AS JOSEPH TELLER AKA ZENITH**

Traumatic. Child soldier upbringing – I'm going to stop that from happening. I want to be a normal boy, I don't want to be grey anymore.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS BLODEUWEDD MORGAN AKA SYPHON**

Oh dear.

**MADDY**

So, thank you so much for listening to this rip roaring adventure of a Masks Campaign that we have inflicted upon ourselves, and you the listener, and for the last time this campaign, I would like to ask each of our fantastic players where we can find them on the internet, and if they have anything to plug, starting with Lydia?

**LYDIA**

I am Lydia, you can find me on Twitter @lydnicholas, and you can find me in a variety of Rusty Quill Podcasts.

**MADDY**

Fantastic, and Ahmed?

**AHMED**

**(Laughter)**

Ah, I'm Ahmed Aljabry and I'm right here...

**(Laughter)**

...find me on Twitter @mraljabry...

**(Laughter)**

...where I'm going to start complaining about how this ended...

**(Laughter)**

...because I wanted more episodes!

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

And Lowri?

**LOWRI**

I'm Lowri, you can find me @lowritweets and on other Rusty Quill podcasts, and I've just realised that we've just left Wilt!

**LYDIA**

No, but I had messaged Taj...

**AHMED**

Yeah.

**LYDIA**

...and said exactly what had happened and where Wilt was.

**LOWRI**

Okay.

**LYDIA**

So, we've left an unconscious Wilt with no time gun, with instructions to Taj.

**LOWRI**

Oh, and I destroyed her work, okay I feel a bit better now, thank you...

**LYDIA**

It's cool.

**LOWRI**

...seek me out on Twitter.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yeah.

**PIP**

I love you guys there in a like a you know, the City will be in safe hands, and then you all just followed me.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

We were like woop.

**PIP**

Sorry.

**MADDY**

And speaking of Pip who's fault this all is, where can be find you?

**PIP**

YEAH! You can find me ruining everybody's god damn day on Twitter @pip\_gladwin, and I guess like any... so I GM like a lot, and the times that I get

to play are more or less only when I'm recording these lovely podcasts and other actual play things with you amazing people. So, like I got to get that like that revenge...

**(Laughter)**

...ruin of someone's plan, that like, oh you wanted it to end this way – boom!

**(Laughter)**

I've got to get that out somehow and this is apparently my outlet.

**(Laughter)**

So, Maddy I'm sorry.

**(Laughter)**

Listeners, you're welcome, and sorry I don't mean that... I feel glad we didn't show me out and thanks, and this was the best outro I've ever done.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Yeah, it was, nailed it!

**MADDY**

Yeah, and you can find me crying over my GM's notes...

**(Laughter)**

...on Twitter and Instagram @maddy\_abstract where there are links to all the things that I do; and we hope to see you next time in a future campaign of Masks? Or in our next set of specials which are going to be coming out next week [Gasps]. So, we will see you then, but until then, from all of us here in the space between worlds, goodbye!

**EVERYONE**

Goodbye!

**[Show Theme - Outro]**

**THE ETERNAL TAVERN KEEPER**

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**SFX Timestamps:**

2:45 Workshop Lair (battle music)

3:00 claws clacking

4:30 whip out laser gun and shoot massive laser from laser gun

5:11 laser slicing through trunk and face

6:14 angry growl/screech, charge

6:25 creature charges and knocks down Adeeb

8:00 jumping on creature, magic wrapping cloth sounds, slashing and rampaging and breaking stuff

9:48 send out chain, try to attach to pipe, chain clatters to ground and gets trampled

10:22 chain gets yanked from hands by claw

10:30 flying tackle creature

11:54 touch and energy drain, creature shakes back and flings onto ground and bites shoulder

12:46 focus in on cloth powers again

13:28 jump off back

13:35 claw clattering at Wilt

13:49 creatures limb shrivels up

15:05 laser gun beam rips monster in half, guts explode, splatter icky

16:28 stumbling and wiping viscera from eyes

16:45 Adeeb channel all powers in a big cloth attack towards Wilt

17:08 bat cloth out of air

17:35 grab cloth out of air and wipe face

18:33 pull phosphorescent flare from belt, it bursts into flame

20:18 set down big gun on ground

20:27 press button and fingertips seal

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20:36 wrap ribbons around hands

20:54 BREAK

21:05 drips of viscera

21:12 throw flare aside

21:19 pull grappling gun, shoot through gun trigger, reel in and pull gun into hand

22:39 checking out weird gun

25:00 frantically typing on tablet

29:20 pull back with cloth magic, punch in face

30:20 kick out leg and press button on wall, walls start grinding inwards (shifting furniture/breaking things)

31:40 Mini Mind Blast

32:03 kick button again, walls stop moving

33:17 cloth magic

34:00 turban pulsates and clings to head tighter, headbutt

34:43 crumple to floor in a heap

35:15 Morgan pummels everything, break everything, smash machinery

36:00 pull portal trigger

36:40 shimmering green portal

36:50 shatter something

37:14 sound of small happy children coming through portal, people in heels walking past

37:37 take-off domino mask

37:40 drop portal gun to floor and step through portal

37:52 hover through portal just in time

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39:11 swinging cloths, falls in front of Morgan, gets scooped up

39:30 sprint through portal

39:31 Portal