

## **CHAP – Vampire Cowboys 1 – A Hairy Problem**

### **Content Warnings**

- Innuendo
- Loss of consciousness
- Physical violence
- Guns
- Supernatural transformation (inc. SFX)
- Discussions of: blood & murder, robbery, drugs
- Mentions of: smoking, food & alcohol
- SFX: horses & crickets, gunfire, growling

**[Show Theme - Intro]**

### **THE ETERNAL TAVERN KEEPER**

Rusty Quill presents Chapter and Multiverse.

**[SFX: Pub ambience]**

Oh, hello again, do take a seat, make yourself comfortable, I have a rather different tale for you today if you are so inclined. It concerns a group of vampiric creatures I encountered during my time in a particular iteration of the so called wild west. Whether they were heroes or the villains of this story, well that's up to you to decide...

**[SFX: Sci-Fi whoosh]**

**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 pronouns she/her and today we will be playing a one shot of Vampire Cowboys, a game of my design which is a hack of Lasers and Feelings with a little sprinkle of Dead Channel by Grant Howitt in there as well. Lasers and Feelings obviously written by John Harper a creator of many amazing TTRPGs, but before we go any further, I must introduce our wonderful and talented players starting with Lowri.

**LOWRI**

Hello, my name is Lowri as you have already established, and my pronouns are she/her.

**MADDY**

Wonderful and Helen.

**HELEN**

Hi, I'm Helen and my pronouns are she/he and they and Maddy I did not realise until looking at the PDF that you wrote this! You wrote Vampire Cowboys.

**LOWRI**

Neither did I until you said it out loud, I was like what?!

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Super cool.

**HELEN**

Very, very cool.

**LYDIA**

Look at the modesty, look at that little grin, yeah.

**(Laughter)**

That's the grin of the cool.

**MADDY**

Oh shucks, and Lyd.

**LYDIA**

My name is Lydia, my pronouns are they or she and I am very impressed with Maddy.

**(Laughter)**

That's my character trait right now.

**MADDY**

Thank you very much, and Ben.

**BEN**

Hello, I'm Ben Meredith pronouns he/him.

**MADDY**

Wonderful.

Alright, now it is time to create our characters, you have to choose:

a style;

a role;

a number; and

a name for your character; and

you also get to choose a character goal as well.

So, let's just go in the same order that we did for the intros and Lowri – well there's seven of them so you can't role a D6 for these, but that's how Lasers and Feelings did it so, blame Don Harper.

**(Laughter)**

But yeah, you can either choose or roll to figure out which one you want.

**LOWRI**

I got number one.

**MADDY**

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Oh, so you are rugged.

**LOWRI**

I am rugged and I am really pleased about that.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Alright, so what role do you want?

**LOWRI**

Role, I am going to roll for my role, four! What am I?

**MADDY**

So, you are a train robber.

**LOWRI**

**(gasps)**

Oh, I'm so cool, I'm a rugged train robber.

**HELEN**

That's very cool.

**MADDY**

Alright and you can choose your number from between two to five so a high number means that you are better at being a vampire, so that's kind of cold rationality and subterfuge, manipulation supernatural powers, all that kind of stuff; and if you've got a low number, you're better at being a cowboy which is all about passion and riding horses and shooting things and...

**LOWRI**

Oh my gosh.

**MADDY**

...keeping in touch with your human side. So, do you want to be more vampiric or more cowboyee, or kind of slap bang in the middle. Two is the lowest you can choose and five is the highest you can choose.

**LOWRI**

I can't I've got to let the dice decide like I am absolutely paralysed.

**(Laughter)**

Two! Two, I am so human.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

The most cowboyest cowboy that ever boyed...

**LOWRI**

That ever cowboied. I feel a bit sick at the sight of blood.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yes please, please that is an excellent trait for a rugged train robber.

**HELEN**

Yeah, that's fantastic.

**MADDY**

And what name do you want to give your character?

**LOWRI**

[sighs]

**BEN**

The hardest part.

**LOWRI**

Choo Choo.

**(Laughter)**

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**BEN**

Strong start.

**LOWRI**

What was that?

**BEN**

Strong start, that's just... that's all I said.

**LOWRI**

Oh, strong start, actually I quite like that, can that be my surname, Choo Choo Strongstart.

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

Oh, that's great!

**MADDY**

Incredible.

**HELEN**

That's so good!

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**LYDIA**

That is so good.

**HELEN**

Because you're a train robber!

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

That's very like you rose from the dead and were like, I think I vaguely remember what I used to be as a human, like there was a sound I can remember.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I'm optimistic about this new afterlife, I think it's going to be a strong start.

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

This is wonderful.

**MADDY**

And what's your character goal? So, you can choose one from the list or come up with one on the fly.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Let's rob a train.

**(Laughter)**

If you roll you might not get that.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**LOWRI**

Oh.

**HELEN**

I like the one character goal is just "Yee Haw!"

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

That does imply the existence of the character goal "Bleugh!"

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

I mean I think maybe my goal could be to drink blood, because I'm like I'm sooo hungry!

**(Laughter)**

Ah.

**HELEN**

YES!

**LOWRI**

Yeah, my goal is to drink blood.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I love that.

**LYDIA**

Even though you faint at the sight of blood.

**(Laughter)**

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**BEN**

What drama.

**LOWRI**

I am going to be really helpful.

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

This is going to be amazing; I love it. I love your character already.

**LYDIA**

Named well, Strongstart.

**(Laughter)**

Yes, strong start.

**MADDY**

Okay, and what pronouns does your character have?

**LOWRI**

She/her.

**MADDY**

Awesome.

Helen, what style do you want for your character?

**HELEN**

Three. I am ancient.

**MADDY**

Ancient, mysterious.

**HELEN**

Aw, am I going to play a real grumpy old man?

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

And what role do you want, you can, yeah, you can roll or you can choose.

**HELEN**

I'm going to roll for everything, it's worked out really well for Lowri, I'm going to go with mine.

**(Laughter)**

That is another three – a prospector.

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**LYDIA**

Ooo.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**HELEN**

What does a prospector do?

**BEN**

Prospect.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Looks for gold right?

**MADDY**

Yeah, looks for gold, valuable metals.

**BEN**

The look that I got off of Helen.

**HELEN**

Oh no, I'm going to be a capitalist!

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yeah, yeah. Well, maybe you want to do something different with the gold “I wanna redistribute it. I want to dig it up and I want to give it away!”

**BEN**

Yeah, you should be an anarchist prospector, I’m going to find all the gold and I’m just going to “blow it up!” no gold for anyone.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Okay and you can choose your number from two to five, low being cowboy and high being vampire.

**HELEN**

Uh, I rolled a D6 and got a six, so I guess that means I’m a five, so I am...

**MADDY**

Super vampirey.

**LOWRI**

That makes sense, you’re ancient, you’re so vampiric.

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**HELEN**

True, true I am the vampire granddaddy.

**LYDIA**

Hey, look it might be right, you don't need to be prospecting for gold, maybe you're prospecting for something much more occult.

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

My brain immediately went 'prospecting for friendship'.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Oh.

**MADDY**

The darkest magic of all...friendship.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Friendship is dark magic.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

What name do you want to give your ancient prospector Helen?

**HELEN**

Squishy Chewing!

**LYDIA**

What?

**LOWRI**

Squishy Chewing?

**HELEN**

Yeah! I have a document where like people say phrases that I think would make good names. Squishy Chewing.

**(Laughter)**

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**BEN**

So, hang on, so is this like a whole thing mononym, or are you like first name Squishy, last name Chewing?

**LOWRI**

Yeah.

**HELEN**

First name Squishy, last name Chewing.

**BEN**

Okay, okay.

**HELEN**

[rapping] My name is Squishy, and I'm here to stay.

**(Laughter)**

I'm gonna rap in a vampiric way.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

[rapping] I like to find gold in every way.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Yaaaay!

We're rhyming vampire cowboys.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Yes.

**LOWRI**

It's the Wild Wild West after all.

**HELEN**

What if I'm such an ancient vampire I've got dentures, and that's where my name comes from?!

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Oh no!

**LOWRI**

No!

Aw, that's so visceral.

**MADDY**

What are Squishy Chewings pronouns?

**HELEN**

Squishy Chewing...

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Oh god.

**HELEN**

...is they/them.

**MADDY**

And also what is your character's goal?

**HELEN**

Shall I just pick the last... Yee Haw!

**(Laughter)**

My character goal is to "Yee Haw!"

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Excellent.

**LYDIA**

It is because you are so vampiric that you're trying to learn the ways of the cowboy, because you think they're cool?

**LOWRI**

Yes.

**HELEN**

Yeah!

**LYDIA**

Because it doesn't come easily.

**BEN**

Have we just like discovered you and you're like cow who? Cow what?

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

You see like Choo Choo Strongstart wandering around like, that is who I want to be.

**(Laughter)**

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Yes, teach me cowboy stuff.

**MADDY**

Lydia, how about you, what's your style for your character?

**LYDIA**

Oo! Charming, charming we like that.

**HELEN**

Oh.

**LYDIA**

Roll again...ooh I'm a charming gunslinger.

**ALL**

Oooh.

**LOWRI**

Nice.

**MADDY**

Very Doc Holliday

**LYDIA**

Hey, how do you like these guns, hmm.

**(Laughter)**

So, I am five, I am very vampiric.

**HELEN**

Aw.

**MADDY**

Nice, and what name do you want your character to have?

**LYDIA**

Gunbo...

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Baggins?

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

OH YES! Gunbo Baggins, there you go.

**(Laughter)**

Ben looks like he's in more and more pain with every name. He's going to be someone called Steve Smith you know.

**BEN**

No, because if Gunbo Baggins is a gunslinger, like what is Bilbo Baggins?

**(Laughter)**

Like a duck?!

**LYDIA**

No, he's just... he's always got the receipts.

**LOWRI**

Or the billboards.

**BEN**

I see, just one of the people who like swings the billboards on the road.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

What are Gunbo Baggins' pronouns?

**LYDIA**

Gunbo is definitely a he/him.

**BEN**

A strong masculine name.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AND HELEN**

Gunbo.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“And I think that, you should take a look at my guns”.

**(Laughter)**

“Do you shoot around here often?”

**(Laughter)**

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**LOWRI**

Pow pow.

**LYDIA**

Pow pow.

**(Laughter)**

Pow chicka wow wow.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oh no, oh no!

**MADDY**

What is Gunbo's character goal?

**LYDIA**

Ooh, prove your prowess?

**HELEN AND LOWRI**

Aw.

**LYDIA**

Well, he's insecure, oh that doesn't seem right, I don't like that I'm going to re-roll.

**HELEN**

Not for someone call Gunbo.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

No.

**LYDIA**

SHOOT ENEMIES! That was definitely...re-rolling was the right choice!

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN, LOWRI AND MADDY**

Yes.

**LYDIA**

"My name is Gunbo, and I know what I'm here to do. To chat you up and shoot enemies, and I'm all out of chat up lines".

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Alright so Ben, what style and roll do you want for your character?

**BEN**

Okay, I am reckless and a preacher. I'm a reckless preacher.

**HELEN**

Oooh.

**LYDIA**

Amazing.

**LOWRI**

Oh gosh.

Take any course.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Yeah.

**LYDIA**

Who are you a preacher of? Like it's not very much, it could be rectus, it could be a very bad Cthulhu-esque

**(Laughter)**

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**BEN**

I think we'll find that out in play.

**LYDIA**

Interesting.

**BEN**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Mysterious.

**BEN**

Trains, it's trains.

**(Laughter)**

It's not, it's not.

**(Laughter)**

It might be, it might be.

**(Laughter)**

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**MADDY**

So, please choose a number from two to five.

**BEN**

Okay, I am three, vampire.

**LYDIA**

Middling

**BEN**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Sweet, and what name does your character have?

**BEN**

Cigar Lionel.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Wonderful.

**BEN**

And I'm always chomping on a cigar.

**LOWRI**

Nice.

**LYDIA**

I really like the idea that you haven't actually realised that human's smoke these.

**BEN**

Yeah.

**HELEN**

Just eating them.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah, and what are Cigar Lionel's pronouns?

**BEN**

He/him.

**MADDY**

Sweet.

**BEN**

And my goal is...drink blood!

**MADDY**

Ooohaw.

**HELEN**

Nice.

**MADDY**

And now I believe you get to create your camp. So, as a group, you get to pick two strengths for your camp out of the list including:

Well hidden,

Defensible;

Magic herbs;

Bow access;

Neutral town nearby;

Ley lines; and

The horse paddock.

And you've also have to pick one problem, either:

Angry bears;

Contested territory;

Pathetic fallacy; or

Goldrush.

**LOWRI**

Seven, so horse paddock.

**MADDY**

Alright, so second strength, do you want to go for something that compliments horse paddock, or do you want to do something random?

**BEN**

What would... actually like a sommelier, what would you recommend, what compliments horse paddock?

**MADDY**

I think since a horse paddock is very cowboyee, maybe you want to go for something more vampirey, for the second one.

**LOWRI**

Mm.

**BEN**

I'd like ley lines.

**LOWRI**

I like ley lines.

**HELEN**

Yes.

**LYDIA**

The only reason that I like the idea of magic herbs is that the horses are also there and so they keep eating the magic herbs and having very strange effects or just getting confused.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

That's also good.

**HELEN**

That would be fun.

**BEN**

That's also good because, yeah horse paddock plus magic herbs equals magic horses.

**LYDIA**

Yeah.

**HELEN**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Yeah, I'm down with that.

**HELEN**

I just added "Compliments Horse Paddock" to my list of character names so...

**(Laughter)**

...wait until six months now that'll turn up.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

What's the problem that your camp has? So:

Angry bears – pretty self-explanatory.

Contested territory – someone else lays claim to the land.

Pathetic fallacy – it's almost always bad weather; or

Goldrush – people keep coming by looking for gold in opportune moments.

**LOWRI**

I'm quite drawn to goldrush.

**HELEN**

Same.

**LOWRI**

I just really like the idea of people coming by like really bad moments, really high tension moments...

**(Laughter)**

...it's oh just a...don't mind me.

**BEN**

Seen any gold round here...?

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

While we're at like some terribly deep and traumatic point there's the tick tick of the pickaxe.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Yeah.

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

"Do you mind!"

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Another thing that we can do in this game is create NPCs to populate your camps. I would like each of you to come up with an NPC name and a distinguishing feature so that the example that I've given in the game is "Kathleen McKenna has the biggest hat you ever did see".

**(Laughter)**

But you may choose whatever you want. So, Lowri what NPC do you think would be hanging around the camp?

**LOWRI**

Pickaxe Patricia.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Wonderful.

**LOWRI**

They...

**LYDIA**

Ironically have a shovel.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

She's always got a deck of cards. No, they, sorry I'd like their pronouns to be they/them – they've always got a deck of cards.

**MADDY**

Sweet, deck of cards, okay; and Helen, how about your NPC?

**HELEN**

My NPC is called Compliments Horse Paddock.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Fabulous.

**BEN**

Gets very confusing around camp. "I'm looking for horse paddock – no, the act- c'mon – okay"

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oh gosh.

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**HELEN**

She's just the nicest person.

**LOWRI**

Aw.

**HELEN**

She's just really nice.

**MADDY**

Lyd, what NPC do you want?

**LYDIA**

Professor Hadrigogan.

**(Laughter)**

He's looking for fossils. He's not a real Professor.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Oh.

Is he really looking for fossils?

**LYDIA**

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I don't know.

**BEN**

What does he define as fossils? "I found this fossilised bank vault, let's go here."

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yeah, that's it, that's brilliant, yeah.

**(Laughter)**

He has never spelt his name the same way twice.

**BEN**

Ah, excellent.

**LOWRI**

I was about to ask how that's spelt.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Hdragobagoo...

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**(Laughter)**

Hadragigobugum.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Sweet. Alright and Ben, what's your NPC?

**BEN**

Stringfellow Dandy.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oh gosh.

**MADDY**

Ooo.

**HELEN**

Incredible!

**BEN**

He is ancient, but in a human way, and is always playing the fiddle.

**LOWRI**

He's always a-fiddling.

**BEN**

No, I very explicitly didn't phrase it like that.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oh, why not?

**MADDY**

He plays the violin.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Actually, I don't know, you tell me - Lowri you explain to me in very like minute detail why I didn't do that?

**LOWRI**

Oh, I genuinely have no idea, so I couldn't possibly.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Now we have all our characters prepped and ready, why don't we take a short break, and we'll be right back in a few minutes.

**[Break]**

**[SFX: A crackling campfire, insects chirping, wind through trees]**

And welcome back.

Now we jump into the story of four vampire cowboys in the state of Wyoming in the year 1898.

You are staying at your camp which is on the outskirts of a small town called Chapter, which has only been in existence for a couple of years, and you are currently sitting around your campfire, the moon is full and high in the sky and the wind is whispering through the trees.

You have a selection of tents and wagons and lean-tos which act as your sleeping quarters and your horses are tied up in their little paddock off to the side with their eyes kind of looking a bit glassy for some reason. **[SFX: Horse snorting]**

**(Laughter)**

You have just completed a successful train robbery as a gang...

**LOWRI**

Woo hoo!

**HELEN**

**(gasps)**

**LYDIA**

Oooo.

**MADDY**

So, you are having a little bit of a celebration. You held up a number of the wealthiest passengers of the train, and looted a few lock boxes and so you have got a bunch of jewellery, pocket watches and cold hard cash.

So, how are you celebrating in your camp?

**BEN**

Here's a question, what flavour of vampiric rules are we labouring under? Can we consume food and drink or... I mean I'm assuming we have to be out at night, which is why we're sort of the moon is high.

**MADDY**

Yes. Well essentially, you can kind of pick and mix the vampire lore that works best for you, and it could be that different aspects of vampire lore affects you in different ways depending on your lineage, but yeah, it is entirely up to you.

**LOWRI**

Choo Choo would really, really like to be able to consume something that isn't blood, even if it doesn't sustain her.

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**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Chugging on some cider.

**LOWRI**

I reckon we've got some nice scotch from the train robbery.

**HELEN**

Nice.

**BEN**

Yeah, I like the idea that maybe we can eat and drink, but as you say Lowri like it doesn't actually keep us alive.

**LOWRI**

Mm.

**HELEN**

It's just nice.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Yeah, just pleasure, yeah.

**MADDY**

It's like how Spike in Buffy loves the blooming onion.

**LOWRI**

Yes, exactly.

**HELEN**

**(Laughter)**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

Pickaxe Patricia is dealing some cards and getting a game of poker going and Compliments Horse Paddock is just complimenting you all on your beautiful new jewellery that you've attained from the train robbery. **[SFX: Card dealing]**

**HELEN**

Yeah, she's so nice.

**MADDY**

Yeah. Well Professor Hadrogroon...

**(Laughter)**

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...is off in the corner ignoring the celebrations and just kind of digging another trench in a very awkward place, so yeah, it's where the privy is, so you know that... **[SFX: Digging]**

**HELEN**

Oh no!

**MADDY**

Yeah, so you know like in the night-time when you're trying to go to the toilet...

**HELEN**

You're going to fall into it.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oh.

**MADDY**

...you're going to fall into a trench which has absolutely no fossils in it whatsoever.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

No pleasant ones anyway.

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**MADDY**

Yeah, no pleasant ones.

**LOWRI**

Oh no.

**MADDY**

And Stringfellow Dandy is of course playing the fiddle... **[SFX: Fiddle melody]**

**HELEN**

Of course.

**LOWRI**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

...and providing a lovely backdrop to this evening of celebration.

I would like everyone to make a vampire check. If you're using vampire, you want to roll under your number.

**LOWRI**

I rolled a one, and my number is two.

**MADDY**

Nice, yeah and also, if you roll exactly your number then you are a true vampire cowboy and it's basically a crit and you get to ask me as the GM a question, and I have to answer truthfully.

**LOWRI**

Oh nice.

**LYDIA**

Does it have to be about the game or just...?

**BEN**

Ha ha.

**MADDY**

Yeah, you could just ask me what my favourite colour is if you want to.

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

I rolled a three so that's a success for me.

**BEN**

I rolled a one so that is a success for me too.

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**MADDY**

Sweet.

**LYDIA**

I rolled a three, and since I am very vampire, that is a success.

**LOWRI**

We are so successful.

**LYDIA**

Oh my gosh guys!

**LOWRI**

What a strong start.

**LYDIA**

Yeah.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Yeah, you wait until we start rolling cowboy.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

So, as you are looking around your camp kind of taking in the wonderful celebrations that are happening, you hear a very obvious like, someone stepping on a twig and it breaking off in the undergrowth, and you hear a voice go “Gosh darn it”. **[SFX: Twig snapping and foliage rustling]**

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“It’s another prospector!”

**MADDY**

Do you want to go in and investigate?

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

Squishy Chewing is immediately annoyed that something unpredictable is happening. They like their routine. They are doing their post-robbery routine of smoking a pipe and carefully counting out precisely how much gold we have. So, Squishy Chewing goes “AH! Who goes there?”

**MADDY**

“No one around here” **[SFX: Foliage rustling]**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Well, that’s a strange bush that tells us that it ain’t no bush!”

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

I'm sorry I have to say I've been going to speak so many times that I just can't commit myself to an American accent.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

Yeah.

**(Laughter)**

I've spoken twice and both have been different accents Lowri, so...

**(Laughter)**

It's fine!

"Hey, you strange bush, how about you talk to me... hmm"

**(Laughter)**

Gunbos isn't smart.

He's not smart, but he is charming canonically so you're all charmed.

"Yeah, strange bush, you got anything to say you can say it to my face!"

**MADDY**

Alright can you give me a cowboy check please to see if you can charm this bush.

**LYDIA**

**(Laughter)**

No!

I roll a two and that's below, so I guess it's not good.

**MADDY**

The bush kind of quivers for a moment and then... [SFX: Foliage rustling]

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh yeah I'm used to seeing that happen”.

**(laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Dammit Gunbo why do you insist on flirting with every damn bush we ever see?!”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“I just like flirting; and how are you doin'?”

**(laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Same as last time, talking to a bush”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Well, it usually goes well for me” Gunbo turns around and looks hopefully at the quivering bush.

**MADDY**

At this point not one, not two, but five people emerge from the undergrowth.

**[SFX: Foliage rustling]**

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

Gunbo’s like “I can count...

**(Laughter)**

...and that is more than three”

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

And so you can see that there is a African American couple one of whom is a man and has these kind of tiny little pince-nez glasses on...

**HELEN**

Oo.

**LOWRI**

Aw.

**MADDY**

...and the woman has a very authoritative bearing.

There's also a lanky white man who just kind of has a goofy expression on his face.

**LYDIA**

He has a podcast.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Has a podcast.

There is also a Mexican man who looks very nervous to be there, and a woman how has a sash of tartan around her clothing who just looks absolutely furious, just constantly furious.

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The African American woman steps forward and says “alright we were trying to be stealthy and obviously it didn’t work out, so this is very awkward...we were gonna snatch away one of you vamps – let’s just be straight upfront about it. We are a gang of werewolves, and we have found that there is a cure to lycanthropy, but that does involve draining the blood of a vampire”.

### **LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

[gulps] “Oh no, sorry I’m using my blood. I get a lot of use out of it – changing”.

### **BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Why would you go and tell us something like that, did you think we were just going to be like ‘well fine then take one of us and drain us dry’”.

**(Laughter)**

### **LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“I mean could you take a little bit from everyone and that counts as a whole draining and then we could restock, and then you could all be cured and this problem could be fixed and then we do something else for the other two episodes because this has been solved?”

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“We should not be negotiating with these vampire stealers! These thieves of the undead “

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Squishy, Squishy, Squishy c’mon Squishy...

**(laughter)**

...this ain’t no negotiation we’re just having a talk”.

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

Squishy waves their walking stick in annoyance and is like “You have not seen the vampire thieves that I have seen in my life. If they come once, they will come again!”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Well to be fair these ones haven’t been that effective. So, maybe they won’t come back.”

**MADDY**

“Well, actually um...we have another proposition. Kirsty here was very keen on the steal a vampire plan”.

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She’s like “I’m right I was, I was very keen to steal away with one of you, all full blood suckers!”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“I love France, it’s a beautiful country”

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

The woman continues, “But we do have another proposition, perhaps you could come with us in a town and find some unsuspecting person and turn them into a vampire and give them over to us – see we can’t turn someone into a vampire. We’re werewolves, we turn people into werewolves, but you can so, perhaps we could come to some sort of uneasy alliance?”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“What do we get out of it?”

**MADDY**

“Well, uh, it is a full moon out.”

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“Is that a threat?!”

**MADDY**

“Mm yeah, I would say that is, that is a threat. I was trying to be all subtle like about it but seems that you’ve seen through my ruse”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Well, I mean a threat’s not really a threat if you don’t know it’s a threat so, I’d say it’s doing it’s job, but here’s a question for you, why are you trying to be cured from being a werewolf? It’s like being a human but you get to do fun stuff on a new moon? No full moon – the one where it’s big.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“I mean you could be doing fun stuff, all the time”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“I meant supernaturally.”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh right, well, yeah I can make that fun supernatural”.

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Yeah, but you’re a vampire, you always make everything fun supernaturally.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“I do make everything fun, you’re right [big wink].”

**(Laughter)**

“Have you ever thought about being double undead? Werewolf/vampire make beautiful werewolf-vampire babies?”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Now hang on, would that be a vamp-wolf or a were-pire?”

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“Werewolves are not part of our undead community!”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh, don’t be so judgemental Squishy, stuck in the past.”

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“I shall judge who I want! I have the years on you.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“You have big ears on me?”

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“No, the years!”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Ye- oh!”

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“I’m older than you... I’m old and I should be listened to!”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Yeah, we know your old Squishy.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Yeah, we know that.”

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

“I am so old.”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Thank you for clarifying that Squishy.”

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Choo Choo, having fainted...

**(Laughter)**

...at the mention of the draining of the blood, has come round and is starving because hasn't eaten for a very long time, and I am wondering if the nervous person of this group, to me they sound like if they're nervous maybe they're the weak one of the pack and Choo Choo is trying to like, sneak up behind them to just get a bite basically.

**[gasps]**

**MADDY**

Ooo.

**LOWRI**

Like has missed the entire discourse and all Choo Choo can smell is the blood and is like c'mon I can do this, I'm so hungry.

**HELEN**

Aw.

**MADDY**

Alright, please give me a vampire roll.

**LOWRI**

Oh no. Six – that’s not good, is it?

**MADDY**

Unfortunately, the man turns and around and is just like “Wait, what are you doing? What, get away from me!”

**LYDIA**

In that like sneak pose with the like hands up.

**(Laughter)**

Kind of like the knee up in the air [Lydia makes a sound].

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

In silhouette as well.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yeah.

**LOWRI AS CHOO CHOO STRONGSTART**

“You just, you just smell so good”.

**MADDY**

“Thank you, that’s mighty kind of you...”

**(Laughter)**

...but I get the feeling that it’s in a more of a food way than in a friendly way. Have you heard anything that’s going on? Do you know that we’re trying to stop being werewolves and we need a vampire to drain their blood and all that stuff?”

**LOWRI AS CHOO CHOO STRONGSTART**

“Drain blood?”

**(Laughter)**

Gone. [SFX: Thud]

**(Laughter)**

Absolutely gone.

**BEN**

Amazing.

**MADDY**

The woman steps forward and says “Alright, okay, so since we are having this conversation we might as well introduce ourselves. My name is Clarabelle Cranston, this is my husband, Andrew” and the man with the little glasses proffers his hat and “This is Jimmy Two Toes Bryant” and the man with the goofy expression goes [Maddy’s sound effect similar to Goofy].

**(Laughter)**

“This is Miguel Santos” pointing at the man who Choo Choo just tried to bite.

**(Laughter)**

“And finally, this is Kirsty McEwen – she is not fond of your kind at all, so any provocation and she will attack. The rest of us are more keen to come to things peacefully.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Well, I’m sorry but I...” and Gunbo is posed against a tree “...cannot help...

**(Laughter)**

...but provoke”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“I’ve gotta say you’ve got an awful bunch of strange names, you know we got Stringfellow over here, I’m Cigar, that’s Squishy. We got Choo Choo and of course old Gunbo here – very strong vampire cowboy name.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Rarrroh” Gunbo says stretched against a tree.

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Kirsty, Kirsty that’s just –

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“weird!”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Don’t get it. Andrew - ”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Andrew...Kirsty...”

**MADDY**

“I can’t speak to the naming conventions of your community but where we come from those are perfectly ordinary names so...”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Well, I suppose it’s one of those intractable cultural differences between vampires and werewolves”.

**MADDY**

“Indeed, indeed.

So, what is your decision? Are you gonna help us? Or are you gonna face the wrath of a bunch of angry dogs on a full moon?”.

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Well, I thought you were wolves?!”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Yeah”.

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“If you’re only dogs then...

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Yeah, that’s easy.”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

...please be my guest.”

**MADDY**

“I was being metaphorical like; it wasn’t a very good metaphor but anyway...”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

Gunbo again still posed against the tree flicks out guns “Baggsy a fight” you know because my surname’s Baggins... **[SFX: Unholstering guns]**

**HELEN**

AH! HA HA.

**LYDIA**

Yeah.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Now Gunbo that was extremely funny – do you want to explain your surname to these good folks, so they also get your excellent pun?”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh yeah they may laugh so much it incapacitates them!

**(Laughter)**

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So, my grandpappy vampire...”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

And while they’re distracted...I shall lunge!

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Oo what kind of attack are you going for, that will be depend on whether you do a vampire roll, or a cowboy roll?

**BEN**

I am gonna go for to begin with...they’re werewolves right, so we want to be at range, so I’m going to roll backwards off of the like little campstool, so I say lunge but actually I was lunging the opposite direction, it’s very...

**(Laughter)**

...that is what I always intended to do it was on purpose.

So, I’m going to roll backwards and come up holding my six shooter and try to plug any of them in the head – aware that this might not stop them, but like slow them down at least. **[SFX: Roll and unholster weapon]**

**MADDY**

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Fair enough, alright give me a cowboy roll. If you think that you would either be prepared for this, or an expert at this then you can pitch to me that you get an extra one D6 or two D6.

**BEN**

Oh sure, I mean I would say that the ruse with Gunbo's distraction would count me as prepared.

**MADDY**

Nice, yeah alright, two D6 - go for it.

**BEN**

Okay, I rolled two fives – but that's good!

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Excellent, alright yeah because you want to roll over your number fantastic. Do you have a particular preference for who you want to shoot?

**BEN**

I would like to shoot Kirsty because she seemed the most murderous.

**MADDY**

Alright yeah, you send out a shot from your pistol [**SFX: Gunshot and splatter**] and it shoots right through her skull and out the other side and she

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unfortunately, because it is not a silver bullet it does not kill her, but she is further enraged and starts to transform into a hulking, hairy wolflike humanoid creature, with slavering jaws. **[SFX: Squelching and grunting breaths as she transforms]**

**BEN**

Oh beans!

**LOWRI**

Choo Choo is at the feet of the werewolves. She is now covered in blood.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

Oh yeah!

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

She was just like trying to distract herself to stay away, but also lick her face.

**(Laughter)**

Just rocking and singing like just a little...so hungry.

**MADDY**

Aw.

**LOWRI**

I'm not going to be any help I'm so sorry.

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

No, it's very good.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yeah.

**BEN**

Yeah.

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

Squishy is going to stand up, there's not that much of a difference because they are very sort of small and crooked and they will say "As the cowboys say, here yee!" and it starts...

**(Laughter)**

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...and picks up some of the silver cutlery that we stole from the train. [SFX:

**Rattling cutlery]**

(gasps)

**BEN**

YES!

**LOWRI**

YES! Squishy.

**HELEN**

And starts trying to like throw silver knives at the various werewolves.

**BEN**

That's the wisdom of ages right there.

**HELEN**

Yes it is.

**MADDY**

Mm hmm, incredible. Yeah, since it is so wise and wisdom-es, please make me a vampire roll.

**HELEN**

Oh! Excellent. Oh, it's a five...no, but that is my number.

**MADDY**

That is your number, that is vampire cowboy, so you also get to ask me a question.

**LOWRI**

Oo.

**BEN**

Truly on this night you became the vampire cowboy.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oo.

**HELEN**

The question I would like to ask is - what's a useful question to ask everyone?

**LYDIA**

Are they telling the truth is there really a way to...

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**HELEN**

That is a very go-

**BEN**

Oh yeah.

**HELEN**

Yes, that is the que- I would like to ask, are they sincere, are they actually telling the truth?

**MADDY**

Yes, they are, they are telling the truth.

**HELEN**

Oh, this does not move Squishy at all.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Which werewolf were you lobbing the cutlery at?

**HELEN**

The one that's really angry, that Ben just shot in the head.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Nice, so Kirsty, yes absolutely.

**LYDIA**

The French one.

**BEN**

Yeah.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

Yeah, the French... the incredibly French one.

**(Laughter)**

You yeet this beautiful silver knife right into Kirsty's wolflike kind of like shoulder, you can tell that she is very wounded but is going to take a couple more hits to get her fully down. **[SFX: Knife cuts through the air and hits Kirsty's shoulder, she growls]**

**LOWRI**

Choo Choo is very cowboy. I've also just decided that is quite a new vampire which is why they get so sick at blood, they're just not used to it yet.

**HELEN**

Yeah.

**LOWRI**

But since very, very cowboy, I would like to use my lasso powers to try and lasso Kirsty, the dog, to try and like bring her down, to like neutralise the threat kind of thing. I've had a bit of blood now so I'm like, okay I'm feeling a little bit stronger.

**BEN**

I just got to say I really like describing things you're good at as your powers, like a cowboy has lasso powers...

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

No skills! Not skills powers yeah.

**BEN**

I've got some writing powers.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

I will say that you can roll an extra D6 on a cowboy roll for being an expert in lassos.

**LOWRI**

Fab, fab, fab... two fours, my number's two.

**MADDY**

For cowboy you want to roll over your number, so yeah that is a success!

**LOWRI**

Yay!

**MADDY**

Fantastic. Alright, so yeah, please describe to me how you incapacitate this ravaging beast.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI AS CHOO CHOO STRONGSTART**

Choo Choo stands up, swings her lasso around her head and says, "Down girl!" and just like [whip noise] gets it round her neck and tried to yank her down. Oh, does yank her down? **[SFX: Lasso swing and werewolf growling]**

**MADDY**

Yeah absolutely, and Kirsty the werewolf grasps at the rope around her neck and is yanked down to the ground and is stopped from doing anymore damage for now. **[SFX: Struggle and thud]**

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The other werewolves who have not yet transformed are looking incredibly wary, waiting to see if anyone is going to attack them, or if it is only the more aggressive of them that has incurred your ire.

### **LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

So, Gunbo finishes his story...

**(Laughter)**

...about his... how the name Baggins arose from a typo when his ancestors arrived on Ellis island and the person wrote it down – it had been something much... like it was associated with royalty you know totally, absolutely wasn't it was made up.

Yeah, as he finishes the story realises that there is an incapacitated werewolf and goes "Oh, well" gets the guns out "I was helping all along." **[SFX: Unholstering guns]**

**(Laughter)**

And shoots the werewolf that's writhing around on the ground.

### **LOWRI**

I'm getting very upset at us attacking a dog.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

No! It's not a dog, it's a horrible hooman, wearing a dog costume.

**LOWRI**

Okay, that helps, thanks.

**MADDY**

Okay, give me a cowboy roll to see if you can shoot this werewolf, and I think since you are a gunslinger you can absolutely have an extra die for this.

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

Yeah, I don't manage that! I roll a one and a three and my number is five so it's just a pachow chow in the air.

**(Laughter)**

And it's like "I totally, meant to do that, budam dam, yeah".

**MADDY**

Yeah.

Unfortunately, one of the bullets hits directly through Stringfellow Dandy's fiddle. **[SFX: Two gunshots, twang and crack of fiddle breaking]**

**[gasps!]**

**HELEN**

Oh no!

**LOWRI**

Oh no.

**MADDY**

And he goes, “Oh no, my one pride and joy in my whole life has gone”.

**HELEN**

Oh no!

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Stringy I’m so sorry. I’ll get you a flute!”

**MADDY**

“Well, I guess that’s the thought that counts.”

**(Laughter)**

Is anyone else wanting to do something? So, we’ve got the werewolf on the ground, we’ve got the very wary humanoid werewolves looking around to see if anyone’s going to do anything aggressive.

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Well, you can see that we’re... we all contributed very much to successfully taking down your angry friend. So, I think, if you’re impressed with us [wink wink]...

**(Laughter)**

...you should maybe not try and kill us; and instead, like join that party! I don’t know let’s have some fun! We could rob a train together under the moonlight, just you and me.

All of you and me and all of them.”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Cause I’ve got to be fair, your proposal was do this or we’re gonna kill you. Which ain’t the best proposal I ever heard.

**(Laughter)**

So, maybe you can find it in your hearts to offer us something for helping you out. Especially since we could very easily dispatch your French friend”.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

“Yeah, that is a very good point” says Clarabelle, “I see where you’re coming from despite the fact that we are perceived as monsters by the outside world and I still want to be a reasonable person about this so how about, I have heard that in the town there is a very wealthy gentleman”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“You mean he has a lot of blood?”

**MADDY**

“Well, I’m sure he has a certain amount of blood that allows him to survive so I don’t know”.

**LOWRI**

Okay.

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Great big man, 8ft tall and 5ft wide, filled to the brim red as an ass”.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

“He’s known as Jedediah Fenton, and he is known for mistreating his servants and his workers. He runs the local mine and everyone in it is worked to the bone and not offered suitable payments. So...”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“We are very against bad labour conditions we are, that’s why in fact we rob trains...

**(Laughter)**

...not for jewels, to make us look fancy, but ethics – yeah.  
You like ethics? I totally am a nice guy...

**(Laughter)**

...and I got so many ethics you want me to talk to you about the all the ethics I learned about?”

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Oh no.

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“I’ll explain them to you”.

**MADDY**

“That is a very kind offer, but I was about to...”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh yeah I am very kind, let me explain things to you.”

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

“And I was about to say that the something in it for you would be if you took down this terrible man a) you would be doing a good service to the town of Chapter but also, he’s incredibly rich and because he’s one of those paranoid rich types, he keeps all his wealth in his room in his mansion. So, you’d be able to, if you took him out, you’d be able to snaffle that off for yourself. We don’t even need a cut. We’re fine just doing after ourselves. Anything you steal from that mansion is yours.”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Right, so you’re saying that we turn this Jedediah Fenton into a vampire, deliver him to you, you swiftly drain him of all of his juices”

**(Laughter)**

Give a look to Gunbo.

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh, yeah. I’m sure he’s very juicy.”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“And then you’ll be on your merry way, and we get the contents of his mansion of delights.”

**MADDY**

“Absolutely, that is an excellent summary.”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“I mean, that seems reasonable.”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Yeah, that’s basically...you know you didn’t even need to threaten us you could have just given us a tip...”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Yeah!”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“...and said oh payment for this tip is man that won’t trouble our ethics and is rich, also could you turn him into a vampire and leave him by our door...”

**(Laughter)**

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...you know like, just for future negotiations, you might want to start... it's a carrot stick scenario and while some of us do like sticks and certain kinds of context, it's often better to start with a carrot."

**MADDY**

"That is a very good point."

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

"Yes!"

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

"Also, in other contexts."

**HELEN AS SQUISHY CHEWING**

"An excellent explanation of what a negotiation is!

Anyway, gold – yes, I'm in for the gold."

**LOWRI AS CHOO CHOO STRONGSTART**

"To the horses!" says Choo Choo.

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

"Yeah, well we might want to give them about a couple of hours for whatever's happening to them to wear we're off"

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

“Yeah, yeah, one of them gave me this funny look and it seemed to have like little spirals going round in its eyes and I was very confused what was going on there”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Oh, yeah, that’ll be Jessica, my favourite horse.”

**MADDY**

“Jessica, that is a beautiful name for a horse.”

**BEN AND LYDIA**

I think it’s a really strange name – yeah!

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“But I thought it sorted a horse, you know it’s just... you want to name animals something unusual”.

**MADDY**

“Yeah, because if you have a friend called Jessica and you also have a horse called Jessica and you called out Jessica, you wouldn’t want to be like ‘oh no I meant the horse!’”

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“I don’t have any friends called Jessica, that’s a very unusual name.”

**MADDY**

“Yeah, in your circle it would be unusual to have a friend called Jessica”.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“It’s a fine name, it’s just very rare and unusual.”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“That’s why I called my horse Steve”.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“Yeah, we love to give them exotic and strange names.”

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“Very odd name.”

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

“Good, good alright.”

And so, you gather your supplies for the trip into town, gather your horses make sure that they’re not tripping too much.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA AS GUNBO BAGGINS**

“In every sense of the term. Want to make sure that they’re very sure footed, and also, sober.”

**(Laughter)**

**HELEN**

And not falling into the trenches that the fossil guy dug.

**MADDY**

Yeah, not falling into Professor Heth...’s trenches.

**(Laughter)**

So, yeah, absolutely you set off with your band of wary allies.

**LYDIA**

Do the NPCs come with us?

Or do they get left at the camp?

**MADDY**

Well, that is entirely up to you, if you want to bring them then you can, but it's also, that's a lot of people to be infiltrating a mansion.

**(Laughter)**

**BEN**

I really like the idea where the werewolves stepped out and went "we're werewolves, you're vampires" like none of our friends knew that we were vampires and they were like "Oh my goodness!"

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

"Oh, goodness gracious!

**LYDIA**

We just thought they were goth!"

**LOWRI**

Yeah, they're not vampires.

**BEN**

Yeah.

**MADDY**

“I just thought this was a wonderful community of good train robbers who were just minding their own business – I had no idea they were bloodsucking fiends!”

**(Laughter)**

**BEN AS CIGAR LIONEL**

“We’re just a bunch of really nocturnal criminals.”

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

As we ride off into the distance – has everyone seen the video of Snoop Dogg commenting on dressage?

**MADDY**

No, that sounds amazing.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Because – that is exactly how I expect our horses to be behaving.

**(Laughter)**

CHAP – Vampire Cowboys 1 – A Hairy Problem

Like, both doing the dance but also... he's like "this is incredible I need to put this horse in a video" – Snoop Dogg reacting to dressage is exactly what we look like as we ride off into the sun-up. **[SFX: Hooves]**

**MADDY**

Yeah.

**BEN**

Well, hopefully not because then we'll burst into flames.

**(Laughter)**

**LOWRI**

Yeah, we'll burn immediately.

**LYDIA**

Into the moon middle.

**LOWRI**

Yes.

**(Laughter)**

**MADDY**

So, yeah as you set off towards the town of Chapter to investigate Jedediah Fenton's mansion, we shall end the episode there.

## CHAP – Vampire Cowboys 1 – A Hairy Problem

So, thank you so much for listening to the first episode of our vampire cowboys' adventure. I would like to ask each of you, where can we find you on the internet and do you have anything you would like to plug? Starting with Lowri?

### **LOWRI**

I am @LowriTweets which is a misnomer because I do not tweet ever!

**(Laughter)**

But I did get the handle and I'm keeping it.

### **MADDY**

Nice, alright and Helen?

### **HELEN**

I am @Alecto101 and I don't have anything to plug, apart from maybe my Rusty Quill podcast which is called Enthusiasm and it's really fun.

### **MADDY**

Nice, it is indeed very, very fun; and Lydia?

### **LYDIA**

Yeah, I am Lydia, you can find me on the Twitter @LydNicholas and you can find my chickens on Twitch @twitch.tv/urbanchoocks spelt with two Os and two Cs and one K and an S...

**LOWRI**

Any order.

**(Laughter)**

**LYDIA**

Yes, see what happens!

**MADDY**

And Ben, how about you?

**BEN**

Yeah, I do stories of the Ruther every Sunday at  
Twitch.tv/thebrothersmeredith.

**MADDY**

Fantastic.

We hope to see you next time on Chapter and Multiverse, but until then from  
all of us here in the space between worlds, goodbye.

**EVERYONE**

Goodbye!

**[Show Theme - Outro]**

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