

## **Are We Dead Yet – Season 2, Episode 2 – Concerts and Monsters**

### **A 1up Podcasts Production**

*(Intro Music Begins)*

**Josh/DM:** Sinister Secrets and Dark Truths... Mystical Creatures and Magical Powers... Dark Dungeons and Enlighten Paths all lead us to ask that one question as time marches onward....

*(music continues)*

**Josh/DM:** Are We Dead Yet?

*(beat drops, music intensifies)*

**Josh/DM:** Eberus and Vora! This is gonna be fun. You guys are at the concert! The time is finally arrived or the concerts main event and you make your way into the stadium and if you, the players, were to enter the stadium you wouldn't be able to tell it apart from places like the Moda Center or Madison Square Garden or something like that.

**Zach/Vora:** Hey it will always be the Rose Bowl for me

**Josh/DM:** well yes but

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah fuck Moda center dude!

**Josh/DM:** yeah, fuck those guys.

**Zach/Vora:** Fuckin' Sell outs!

**Josh/DM:** wait, yeah they aren't getting they aren't getting free advertising up on my podcast fuck you!

**Chris/Eberus:** You can't just buy the culture of our city, etither.

**Josh/DM:** yeah.

**Chris/Eberus:** But, enough of that!

**Josh/DM:** yeah there are glass container with findings of the light spell in red and yellow and purples that shine down on the stage there are horns that are found with thaumaturgy magic that play out announcements from the stadium personnel and will likely be playing through the music that you're expecting to hear tonight there are wooden containers that just have create food and create water bindings on them that just create food and water for you to enjoy at the concert there are throngs of of people being ushered into the stadium

**Zach/Vora:** are there people selling back scratches?

**Josh/DM:** um?

**Zach/Vora:** Back scratcher!

**Josh/DM:** Get your back scratchers here!

**Josh/DM:** let's see you so Chris you were in row six and Vora you were in road two

**Zach/Vora:** yep

**Josh/DM:** so yeah you guys make your way to your seats if you want to buy a back scratcher sure, its probably a miniscule amount of gold

**Zach/Vora:** Nah, I'm just here for the LOLs

**Josh/DM:** and the seating arrangement for this this concert is basically Amphitheater style so you know there's higher seats up top and as you descend towards the stage the end of the seats get closer and closer so it's big old Amphitheater and on the stage you see more of those horn shaped devices and you see instruments kind of laying out you've got drums, Guitars, lutes all the good stuff.

**Zach/Vora:** A full orchestra

**Josh/DM:** oh yeah there's stagehands shuffling back and forth preparing the stage. As you find your seats you feel a slight shaking of the stadium

*(shaking sound effect)*

**Josh/DM:** it barely last couple of seconds but it's definitely noticeable

**Chris/Eberus:** did anyone else?

**Josh/DM:** oh yeah everyone feels it there's a kind of hush that falls over the stadium at first and then you hear over the speakers.

*Bing Bong*

**Josh/DM:** *(as announcer)* do not worry the Tremors you just felt were a small localized Quake no damage or danger is present please enjoy the performance

**Zach/Vora:** damn that's an instant gratification news right there

**Josh/DM:** oh yeah or it's you know... and the crowd settles back down a little bit over the next 10 minutes or so. You don't feel anything that immediately or or following that I should say. But suddenly the lights drop the entire arena is dark and silent

*(cortana's first song fades in)*

**Josh/DM:** so the music starts out as kind of a low strum of strings and shaking of percussion instruments suddenly joined by more strings from another member of the band on stage all this is Amplified throughout the arena throws horns there are small cheers and shouts that can be heard as the music Begins the lights are still off as the music builds up people are getting amped up all around you.

**Josh/DM:** Suddenly there is a single light that shines down on the central figure on stage, that you guys would assume is Cortana. She holds her hand up high over her head and yells out “Are you ready rock, district 53?” and the crowd goes wild, with everybody singing and screaming. Suddenly the lights just blaze on and there's these purple and red lights dancing around her she's wearing a very cool violet suit jacket and match matching pants with like a wife beater or something underneath it's a weird look but it's her look she's owning it.

**Josh/DM:** I don't know how Eberus and Vora enjoy music but you know maybe I don't know you want to tell me how your characters are feeling about it?

**Zach/Vora:** I am standing on my seat so I can see over people and I'm curious as to how the people behind me are taking that I have both standing on my seat and I have a huge headdress cuz I am indeed a shaman standing on my seat bouncing on it every now and then so I can actually like see over the heads of the people in front of me

**Josh/DM:** yeah there's actually a bro behind you that the Taps you on the shoulder and he's like

**Josh/DM:** *(as magic bro, in surfer voice)* hey hey brother you want you want me to like I can I can levitate you like I can float you up there if you want man

**Zach/Vora:** that would be sweet!

**Josh/DM:** *(as magic bro)* yeah yeah yeah you're totally man I just didn't want to like levitate you without like permission you know cuz that's not cool

**Zach/Vora:** Yeah, dude, lets do it!

**Josh/DM:** umm, and he casts levitate on you and floats you up just a little bit above everyone's head so you can see just fine and you look around and you kind of see a couple other

*(Chris laughs)*

**Josh/DM:** and are you see a couple other bodies kind of floating in the air by people doing the same thing

**Zach/Vora:** I toss the guy like a couple of gold pieces for the for the generosity

**Josh/DM:** Sure... Erberus... Erebus God im gonna fuck that up

**Chris/Eberus:** it's the tone of the music exactly like

**Josh/DM:** it's very umm, almost Electronic.

**Zoe/It:** Nice, its a rave!

**Chris/Eberus:** Its a rave!

**Josh/DM:** Hell yeah, some DJ Tiesto. The city has it all man.

**Chris/Eberus:** so it's a rave a person who starts dancing and shooting off Sparks and shit.

**Zach/Vora:** start prestidigitating just in the air all over the place.

**Chris/Eberus:** it's going off

**Josh/DM:** she begins playing and strumming her keyboardist joins in as well they're just Rockin Around The Stage.

**Zach/Vora:** Fuck yeah! Keyboardist

**Josh/DM:** Her band is totally enthralled with her performance and the song, this the first song is reaching its Zenith she suddenly ascends into the air and these two Golden Wings spread out behind her back. and as she's a rising up in the air and the song is just amplifying and building and building and it's an Explosive Performance that finishes as the last note is played there's an explosion of fire and Spark from the front of the stage with, you know, fireworks basically

**Zach/Vora:** Oh okay, yeah.

*(Music fades out, cheering sound effects)*

**Josh/DM:** and the crowd is going wild it's off to an amazing start as a cheers from the crowd go on and on after the first number you suddenly feel that shaking again this time even stronger though I'm glad make dexterity saving throws

**Zach/Vora:** Do I have to since I'm levitating?

**Josh/DM:** oh you're right no you don't you're fine

*(laughter)*

**Chris/Eberus:** nice

**Josh/DM:** although I will make one for your bro

**Zach/Vora:** okay

**Chris/Eberus:** Oh yeah, he's going to make a concentration to roll

**Jon/Chester:** it's like Earth shaking

**Josh/DM:** Oh he nat 20'd, he's fine

**Zach/Vora:** Okay

**Chris/Eberus:** 18

**Jon/Chester:** he's just so in touch with his body that he didn't even need a dexterity saving throw

**Chris/Eberus:** he probably didn't even feel it

*(laughter)*

**Josh/DM:** yeah I know, you guys...

**Zach/Vora:** He probably swayed with it

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah!

**Josh/DM:** the bro is... the Bros fine Erbis you're fine or Eberus, you're fine but that shaking suddenly keeps growing and growing and right below where Cortana is hovering above the air the stage immediately collapses into a sinkhole members of the band unable to move quickly enough fall down into the cavern is small the cheers fall silent

**Zach/Vora:** no not the keyboards there's not... there's not enough of those in this world!

*(Zoe laughs)*

**Josh/DM:** Suddenly you hear Cortana over the loudspeakers yell:

**Josh/DM:** (as Cortana) what in the nine Hells is that?

**Josh/DM:** and emerging from the whole is a creature that I'm going to get real quick

*(Josh is putting a picture of the Otyugh into the discord chat box)*

**Josh/DM:** emerging from the hole

*(laughter)*

**Zoe/It:** Oh what the fuck!?! That's ugly!

**Josh/DM:** is this large maw of sharp needle teeth attached to a rough leathery body. 3 wild tentacles lash out from the sides and the top of the preacher the two on the sides at the ends of them and the third one has a set of three eyes that comes out from the top of its head that dart around taking in its new surrounding.

**Zoe/It:** Someone needs get that bitch some freaking moisturizer

**Josh/DM:** the creature Roars and gnashing teeth as it crawls out you kind of see some my limbs kind of getting ashed in there too and suddenly as a creature fully comes out of the hole a swarm of what look like tiny brains on legs also come spilling out at its feet attacking the concertgoers and the place erupts into chaos what do you two do?

*(ambient music begins with roaring of creature in background)*

**Zach/Vora:** hot damn how do we want to start this off?

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah, I am assuming we have no clue what we're looking at.

**Zach/Vora:** obviously I haven't.... I honestly have no idea what that thing is.

**Zoe/It:** it looks like it's a leathery....

**Zach/Vora:** it looks like ugly

**Zoe/It:** it looks like an ugly fish

**Zach/Vora:** looks like a spiky mole rat

**Zoe/It:** yeah, that makes sense make sure you attack it with some moisturizer or something like that make them all nice and smooth!

**Josh/DM:** so yeah, are you guys going to stay and fight or take like the rest of the audience and run like hell?

**Chris/Eberus:** is there a... what kind of roll can I make to discern any information at what I'm looking at?

**Josh/DM:** sure for this creature... I would say it's more of an Arcana check

**Zach/Vora:** yeah I can do that

**Chris/Eberus:** I will do so as well this is count for the brains as well?

**Josh/DM:** sure I'll give it to you yeah I'll put the brains at one DC and I'll put the the big guy at another

**Chris/Eberus:** (strangled laughter/anguish) I nat one'd

**Josh/DM:** oh... roll that percentage

**Chris/Eberus:** Six

**Josh/DM:** oh six percent?

**Chris/Eberus:** I didn't forget my mother's name thank God

**Josh/DM:** No, uh for the Arcana check I'll say like I'll say that you you probably have like a bestiary that you probably keeping your pack and you probably like go to like reach for it but it's one of the situations where you like reach something your work like try to grab something on your backpack and you just kind of spinning around trying to get it and you fall prone trying to reach you your bag

**Chris/Eerus:** Smooth

**Josh/DM:** at six percent... I won't...I won't punish you too bad.

**Josh/DM:** (to Vora) For a 21 that beats both so yeah so I'll definitely say that you know the vorra you have read about aberrations different really abominable creatures of the world

**Zach/Vora:** they are... they're stories passed down from Shaman to Shaman over the last several and many years

**Josh/DM:** yeah that's it that's that that's an excellent yeah and so you definitely you definitely recognized the brains as intellective hours and the creature that has the giant ugly leather body you know it's name but you'd never actually like seeing one or none of anyone who'd seen one and it is called an uty... utyugh. U-T-Y-U-G-H.

**Zoe/It:** Utyugh.

**Josh/DM:** Yeah.

**Zach/Vora:** ugh... how big are intellect devourers?

**Josh/DM:** they're tiny... they're tiny little brains

**Zach/Vora:** okay yeah they just climb into your skull and take you over though

**Josh/DM:** yep and they're they're starting to spread out the crowd who is trying to make its way out of the building

**Zach/Vora:** oh God I'm in the front row

*(laughter)*

**Zach/Vora:** I am hovering above the everything though but I'm sure bro Master is about to fucking run so he's gonna drop my ass

**Josh/DM:** you'll float to the ground

**Chris/Eberus:** he's gonna drop you levitate himself. Bye!

**Zach/Vora:** Yeah, I am going to try and book it out of here. I don't want to get over swarmed by intellect devourers.

**Josh/DM:** okay irbis... Eberus. God damn. EB-ER-US.

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah it it's kind of weird that's why I went with it.

*(laughter)*

**Chris/Eberus:** I was going through the name generator and I was like “ I like that”.

**Chris/Eberus:** well he's going to realize he fucked up on his chance to do anything and scrambled to his feet and run away as well

**Josh/DM:** okay Yeah Yeahs you turn and start trying like flap way in the air how you to notice that you suddenly kind of float gently to the ground and your kind of standing on top of the seats again as you are able to kind of Scooby-Doo run your way up app that the steps and stuff can you see this monstrous creature going to town up there and the intellect devourers are starting to kind of over take some of the crowd Eberus, you likewise you you pick yourself up off the ground and start making it making your way towards the exit go ahead and both of you roll and Athletics check.

**Zach/Vora:** can I not?

*(laughter)*

**Chris/Eberus:** 11

**Zach/Vora:**16

**Josh/DM:** 11 and 16? Eberus, you make it a few rows up for you get just kind of shoved to the side a little bit and you kind of get body checked against side of the the the steps here... not the steps the... the seats on to the left as someone kind of just bullies their way past you. Vora you make it up just a bit further you're still clear of any danger at this point.

*(monster noise fades out, intense music fades in)*

**Josh/DM:** jumping back over to it and Chester you guys are still in District 24 you've just heard the explosion of what you will probably soon learn is the Colosseum stage the sirens are blaring around you and you see those... you see that that wagon that the spiders were putting the priest's body in it starts... it starts to pick up and starts driving toward... towards the danger

**Jon/Chester:** Wonder what what's going on over there?

**Zoe/It:** yeah, um... think we should hitch a ride?

**Jon/Chester:** maybe after we get a snack!

**Zoe/It:** do you have any food with you?

**Jon/Chester:** Well yeah but I was kind of hoping we can go grab a saucer of milk

**Zoe/It:** oh well if you know a place nearby I'll go.



**Jon/Chester:** I'm going to take a quick look around us is there any... any bar or tavern nearby

**Josh/DM:** not in the Central Square area that you can that you can make out but it does you know what if you if you took a little journey down the street you see that there's some Market looking areas you might be able to find something in that direction

**Jon/Chester:** all right fine let's go. Let's go see what's going on over there maybe we can pick some pockets

**Zoe/It:** yeah we might as well on the way maybe give us a free ride or something

**Jon/Chester:** Yeah, so we're going to begin heading back to District Coliseum place.

**Josh/DM:** Well, you assume are you going on foot or you going are you going to jump on the back of that wagon.

**Jon/Chester:** we'll try to hop on the back of the wagon or something yeah

**Josh/DM:** yeah sure yeah I mean the police wagon or the spiders wagon starts rolling right past you go ahead and make a quick Athletics check to get on there or acrobatics if you want to be fancy.

**Zoe/It:** which one do I want to do more? Acrobatics!

**Josh/DM:** Go for the flare! Okay, Chester is on

**Zoe/It:** oh! Well we'll see!

**Josh/DM:** just barely yeah can you both say your rolls for the record.

**Zoe/It:** Yeah, I got 10

**Jon/Chester:** I got 15.

**Josh/DM:** yeah so Chester you jump on in and you see you see it barely barely about to miss it and just whiff it on the ground and you hold out your paw real quick and catch... catch It.

**Jon/Chester:** Alright.

**Josh/DM:** you're you're all set awesome and you're on your way and this wagon is being very just asinine in the way they're driving and the speed at which they're traveling so they're they're going at a pretty good clip

**Zoe/It:** cool!

**Josh/DM:** back over to Vora and Eberus. you guys are still making your way towards the back of the building?

**Zach/Vora:** yeah are there any like private booths like the high up booths that you can like look over the whole Stadium from

**Josh/DM:** those you'd have to go out into the lobby and then climb up the stairs

**Zach/Vora:** cool I would like to try and make my way up to one of those

**Josh/DM:** okay how does a 7 hit your AC

**Zach/Vora:** it does not

**Josh/DM:** okay cool and then you make an intelligence saving throw

**Zach/Vora:** ah shit. I didn't realize they were that close to me

**Josh/DM:** oh these these guys are swarming up so and they have 40 feet of movement

**Zach/Vora:** Would've kept running if I knew they were that close

**Josh/DM:** well you did... you did you just

**Zach/Vora:** ...didn't run fast enough! Oh thank God

**Josh/DM:** yeah you save so you're you're good

**Zach/Vora:** Intellect Devourers could be an instant game breaker.

**Jon/Chester:** yeah they can

**Zach/Vora:** I'm scared, I'm legit scared!

**Josh/DM:** it's a low DC but I figure you're level 8 you can handle it right?

**Zach/Vora:** Not when you have a plus one

*(Laughter)*

**Zach/Vora:** but it's all good! This is fun.

**Josh/DM:** and Eberus, same for you

**Chris/Eberus:** Am I rolling or?

**Josh/DM:** you'll roll an intelligence saving throw here in a minute... oh god... eight against your AC?

**Chris/Eberus:** no.

**Josh/DM:** I didn't think so and then make an intelligence saving throw.

**Chris/Eberus:** 20. Big brain dwarf coming in.

*(Zoe laughs)*

**Josh/DM:** ya so you feel Eberus, you feel this little this little creepy crawly thing on your back and you look up and you see this little brain and you kind of just grab it and just toss it off of you before it can get its claws into you and you kind of felt like something weird like trying to like get into your head but you shake it off easily and you make it out into the lobby

**Zach/Vora:** I Firebolted mine off my shoulder.

*(laughter)*

**Zach/Vora:** finger guns Firebolt over-the-shoulder get off me

**Josh/DM:** and Vora, you make it out and you look back and you see Cortana is in the grip of this thing's tentacle and she's like struggling to to reach out or to get out of its grip.

**Zach/Vora:** yeah I'm going to try and run up into one of the sky boxes

**Chris/Eberus:** how far are we from the the thing now?

**Josh/DM:** for the sake of brevity I'll say that you have made it up the hundred feet or so from your row to the back

**Chris/Eberus:** and we're both in the lobby

**Josh/DM:** yeah you probably aren't right next to each other or anything.

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah, yeah but we are generally in the same area. Umm... and how close are the brains?

**Josh/DM:** they are swarming up and and they're they're in there getting into the lobby at this point there's... there's like a sea of these things just creepy crawly all the way up and you see a few of them kind of like latch onto people and start getting their claws into them and stuff and when they when they once they do that it kind of looks like these people like their faces just go blank and like they're just not there anymore

**Zach/Vora:** actually with us in the lobby I would like to start trying to shoot some of them of people

**Josh/DM:** sure you want to just take take aim at one that's nearby

**Zach/Vora:** yeah and with spell sniper I ignore half or 3/4 cover so I'm not too worried about hitting the people

**Josh/DM:** okay

**Zach/Vora:** I would feel really bad if I if I took a shot in like blast some innocent person in the face and this is a Firebolt

**Josh/DM:** okay

**Zach/Vora:** 17 to hit

**Josh/DM:** ya that hits

**Zach/Vora:** 21 damage

**Josh/DM:** *(laughs)* That's exactly how much health they have

**Zach/Vora:** *(laughs)* oh god!

**Josh/DM:** you... yeah you just you splatter this thing across this person's body they don't seem to react but they are least out of immediate danger

**Zach/Vora:** I'm going to do my best to call out in the cacophony that is in the crowd here "Those with magic, aim for the brains!"

**Josh/DM:** *(laughs)* and with that you've drawn enough attention to yourself that I'm going to ask you to roll initiative. Eberus, is there anything you want to do while you're in the lobby?

**Chris/Eberus:** uh, hearing the call and seeing people fighting back he's also going to take up the fight.

**Josh/DM:** Okay, Go ahead and I gave him a free a free hit

**Zach/Vora:** okay!

**Josh/DM:** so go ahead and

**Chris/Eberus:** Alright, I will...

**Zach/Vora:** oh, I rolled a five for my initiative.

**Chris/Eberus:** I will sacred flame the nearest brain that looks like it's about to get a guy

**Josh/DM:** okay go for it. Oh wait that's a dexterity saving throw?

**Chris/Eberus:** let's see yes yep.

**Josh/DM:** unnatural 20. Well, sadly, that doesn't do anything but go ahead and roll your initiative as well

**Chris/Eberus:** Wah wah...19

**Josh/DM:** okay, you rolled a 19?

**Chris:** yes

**Josh/DM:** and they rolled a six collectively so we will go... oh and Cortana not that I think she'll really be able to get out of that but you never know.

**Jon/Chester:** I guess we'll never find out if she was a succubus or not

**Zach/Vora:** my intention with the Skybox was to try and like Firebolt one of its tentacles to make it freak out so she could fly away

**Josh/DM:** I mean you can still get up there it'll just have to be on your turn

**Chris/Eberus:** wait, she can fly?

**Josh/DM:** yeah but she's currently wrapped up

**Chris/Eberus:** okay, yeah I can save her

**Josh/DM:** Eberus, you're up

**Chris/Eberus:** alright.

**Josh/DM:** and we'll say... we're going to we're going to treat the brains like a swarm and you kind of see other people's scattered around starting to fight back as well so we'll stay in the Swarm around you there's about five or six we'll say six.

**Zach/Vora:** Cool... that's scary

**Chris/Eberus:** and what initiative does the big guy have is he going to like kill her on the next turn?

**Josh/DM:** he goes after her so maybe?

**Chris/Eberus:** Cause, I can save her but that would leave me pretty vulnerable to the brain guys but I don't know she seems pretty important

**Josh/DM:** she's just a performer who may or may not be a succubus

*(laughter)*

**Chris/Eberus:** I mean I don't know that might be helpful at this moment

**Zach/Vora:** I mean she can fly and has a really pretty voi... a really Kick-Ass voice so you know.

**Chris/Eberus:** I mean that we came here to see her so I'm going to cast call lightning with a 4th level slot I'm guessing it's an open-air Amphitheatre right

**Josh/DM:** *(laughs)* it's very open now. yeah it's a very big Amphitheatre you have plenty of room to cast call lightning

**Chris/Eberus:** and they are a hundred feet away from me?

**Josh/DM:** you're right at the doors of the lobby you were about 100 feet from the lobby door by the time you got through I would say from the lobby door down to the stage is about 250 ft.

**Chris/Eberus:** oh yeah well that...that's way way out of my range oh actually...

**Zach/Vora:** you could always distance it.

**Chris/Eberus:** all right can I see down there though?

**Josh/DM:** oh, easily yeah

**Chris/Eberus:** okay then I'll instead...

**Josh/DM:** *(interrupts)* It would be hard to miss

**Chris/DM:** ...cast a ice storm centered more on the creature but hitting the tentacle that's that's holding her but not Cortana herself

**Josh/DM:** I'd say you could get the whole creature it's 40 feet high I'd say you could center it in a way that yeah it doesn't quite hit her but it's the technical along with the whole creature yeah yeah I can see that

**Chris/Eberus:** Excellent. then I will oh that's a save... I need a DEX saving throw

**Josh/DM:** hey you know this thing isn't good at....

**Chris/Eberus:** Yeah I guess a mass of tentacles I don't know... oh God!

*(laughter)*

**Zach/Vora:** ah shit!

**Chris/Eberus:** I guess a mass of tentacles is pretty dextrous.

**Josh/DM:** He nat 20'd that... I don't know how but...

**Zach/Vora:** He just full on jumps onto the other side of the stage, like causing is Ruckus and destruction. Full hop!

**Chris/Eberus:** He takes half as much damage so.. for 22.. or... 11 cold damage

**Josh/DM:** 11 cold damage okay he does... not like that it takes 11 damage and you see that eye stalk on top of its head suddenly dark towards the lobby in the direction that the spell came and it makes this monstrous Roar

**Chris/Eberus:** did he drop Cortana?

**Josh/DM:** no not yet

**Chris/Eberus:** Okay, well as long as he's not eating her.

**Josh/DM:** but next to the order is Cortana okay so Cortana is just going to try and weasel her way out of this grip using her extreme acrobatics. Oh, she nat 20'd, let's see if the Otyugh has the same the same luck he's a strong boy though... nope can't quite do it she she she Wiggles her way out of the the I think your your cold your cold spell there that you cast on it Eberus, yes just sort of made it a little stiff couldn't quite couldn't quite keep a grip and she's able to to weasel her way out and she pushes off of the tentacle and sores back up into the sky above and she she just kind of yells out

**Josh/DM:** *(as Cortana)* I don't I don't know how to fight this thing... help!

**Josh/DM:** and yeah that's her turn.

**Zach/Vora:** just get out of here just fly out of the giant hole in the ceiling.

**Josh/DM:** Yeah, so that the next the next step is the Otyugh, which I spelled wrong actually, its O-T

**Zach/Vora:** Oh, its O-T,

**Josh/DM:** not U-T-Y and this thing just snarls and is going to swipe Cortana real quick but is then going to charge towards the front where all the people are at... okay he missed her so she dodges out of the way and yeah the creature is now coming towards and it's just ripping apart this this Stadium as it as it stomps the way through next in the order is the brains and we'll say two of them are going to attack each of you and two of them are going to attack to nearby bystanders

**Zach/Vora:** Ooo

**Josh/DM:** so um oop *(laughs)*... well there's both extremes right there nat one and a nat 20

**Zach/Vora:** so who's getting?

**Josh/DM:** uhh.. well that first attack I'm sorry that first attack was on Eberus... 13%... I assume that a nat 20 hits your AC?

**Chris/Eberus:** uh yeah, just barely

**Josh/DM:** you take 11 slashing damage Eberus.

**Chris/Eberus:** is he close enough to trigger my wrath of the storm?

**Josh/DM:** yeah this thing has to be like right up on you

**Chris/Eberus:** all right then that I'm going to give him a good zapping for that

**Josh/DM:** sure

**Chris/Eberus:** DC for dex...

**Josh/DM:** 7. uh, go ahead and roll an extra dice for that we'll say that's part of his nat1

**Chris/Eberus:** 9 damage

**Josh/DM:** okay he's zapped pretty good and go ahead and make an intelligence saving throw

**Chris/Eberus:** Nat 1

**Zach/Vora:** oh no

**Josh/DM:** okay you take 12 psychic damage

**Chris/Eberus:** and is 12 more than my intelligence or no I have to roll for that right?

**Zach/Vora:** you have to roll that role that percentile buddy.

**Chris/Eberus:** Jesus I think I am just dead right now right?

**Josh/DM:** no I rolled 3D... is 17 higher than your intelligence score?

**Chris/Eberus:** yes

**Josh/DM:** okay yeah you're stunned and your intelligence is reduced to zero

**Zach/Vora:** doesn't that make him dead

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah aren't I like, pretty much dead?

**Zoe/It:** wait, you can Die Die because of your intelligence?

**Josh/DM:** You're in a vegetative state for sure.

**Zoe/It:** oh

**Josh/DM:** Uh, Vora 11 and 8 against your AC?

**Zach/Vora:** that does not hit

**Josh/DM:** okay, make 2 intelligence saving throws cuz there's two of them attacking you. I was going to make Chris roll a second one but...

**Chris/Eberus:** unnecessary

**Zach/Vora:** okay I should be okay

**Josh/DM:** yep you live to fight another day

**Zach/Vora:** thank God

**Josh/DM:** okay Vora you are up next in the initiative order oh wait hold on... okay and you see you see two, two commoners get taken down pretty easily.



**Zach/Vora:** Please, where's all the magic or Warrior folk who like Cortana?

**Josh/DM:** uh a lot of them are running but you see other people in the stadium fighting. you see people other people fighting in the in the arena or in the lobby here taking swings at these these brains and stuff there's a few that are extra try to pin down the the Otyugh inside and yeah so there's there's some fighting going on

**Zach/Vora:** there's some fighting going on.

**Josh/DM:** Yeah, its not just you two against the world.

**Zach/Vora:** I just want more to be right here to protect my ass okay!

**Josh/DM:** well you're next so make your move

**Zach/Vora:** I know I'm contemplating what to do. (laughter) how many Innocents are near me?

**Josh/DM:** Well, two of them just got taken down so I would say probably two or three more nearby but they're making their way towards the exit

**Zach/Vora:** Fireballs not a good idea then

**Josh/DM:** While you contemplate your move I will say Chester and It: this buggy has just been screaming down the streets. It took you like a few hours to get to District district 24 it's taking you like maybe like 15-20 minutes. Yeah, these guys are like... I don't know if maybe there casting expels or something to teleport a little further or what but they're cruising

**Zoe/It:** Oh shit, we really sped up in time! Okay!

**Josh/DM:** you you notice the buggy come to a stop in front of this now smoking and rumbling ruin of a Coliseum and the four spiders that were doing that investigation now abandon the body that is inside their buggy and are heading in with weapons drawn into the Coliseum

**Zoe/It:** cool I'm going to turn to... uh... oh fu.. I forgot your.. whoops... Chester, there you go. I'm going to turn to you and be like "Well, do you think we should go in there you know, with the smoking burning building?"

**Jon/Chester:** are you up for adventure?

**Zoe/It:** I mean.... an adventure with a reward!

**Jon/Chester:** let's do it!

**Zoe/It:** Alrighty! we're going to run in there

**Jon/Chester:** and we are going to enter the smoking Coliseum

**Josh/DM:** okie dokie

**Zach/Vora:** I have my move prepared.

**Josh/DM:** okay you two go ahead and roll initiative, Vora what's your move?

**Zach/Vora:** My move is to I'm going to Misty step 30 ft out of whatever Circle I've got going on of bad things...or in our section of oh god, the landing? what where are we?

**Josh/DM:** You're in the lobby

**Zach/Vora:** Lobby! In our section the lobby was Eberus? Eber... Eberus, the only other guy fighting with me?

**Josh/DM:** yeah there were two like commoners who like tried to like show their gusto or whatever but they quickly fell so yeah the only other people are commoners they're trying to make their way towards towards the the doors

**Zach/Vora:** okay. How far is he from me?

**Josh/DM:** Eberus?

**Zach/Vora:** uh huh.

**Josh/DM:** he's... I mean he was probably just like 10 feet away cause he was more in the door heading back towards the the the Colosseum cuz he had to cast that spell

**Zach/Vora:** Cool.

**Josh/DM:** so, you know, you're probably about 10 ft out from there.

**Zach/Vora:** So I want to try and run over to him and then if you let me get away with it misty step both of us out of the lobby and into the street if the streets within 30 ft.

**Zoe/It:** Oh, we're getting left!

**Josh/DM:** I would say.... hmm

**Zach/Vora:** Cause misty step is just for a one-person thing so I won't... but I want to try and help the guy who is helping me otherwise I can just misty step my own ass out of there and be like

**Zoe/It:** what a dick!

**Zach/Vora:** bye, Chris!

**Zoe/It:** way to start off this session strong

*(laughter)*

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah...

**Zach/Vora:** well my character is neutral good so I want to try and actually help.

**Chris/Eberus:** Bye... Bye Guys!

**Josh/DM:** look technically anything you're carrying or holding would teleport with you so if you can... if you as a tiny ass kobold can pick up a

**Chris/Eberus:** Can lift a dwarf.

**Josh/DM:** ...dwarf buddy

**Chris/Eberus:** In heavy mail armor

**Zach/Vora:** it just needs to be for like a second

*(laughter)*

**Zach/Vora:** Then I'll just dump your ass on the ground.

**Josh/DM:** yeah I'll I'll let you do it that's

**Zach/Vora:** okay so then I am going to rush over to Eberus and misty step 30 ft towards the door I don't know if that gets me to the street or not

**Josh/DM:** it gets you like right outside the door or like right right inside the door I should say so you're you know you got maybe like 10 ft to go in your out back on the sidewalk

**Zach/Vora:** cool I'm going to do my best to drag him out all the while screaming for help. yeah that'll be my full action I guess

**Josh/DM:** okay It and Chester you rolled your initiatives?

**Jon/Chester:** yes we did.

**Josh/DM:** Oh God

**Jon/Chester:** I got a seven

**Zoe/It:** I got an eight.

**Josh/DM:** yeah so we'll just drop you in right here you are running up towards the doors and you see this you see this kobold suddenly like flash appear just inside the doors and start dragging this this dwarf man out outside screaming for help

**Jon/Chester:** and Chester, never one to turn away from the fool, says hey what's going on in there, do you guys need some help?

**Zach/Vora:** Yes, the arena has been overrun with intellect devourers and a big ugly Otyugh.

**Jon/Chester:** Blank Stare

**Zoe/It:** I'm just going to whisper over to chester... "He seems a little weird".

**Zach/Vora:** These are things that will eat your brains get away from here... help me with this guy though

**Jon/Chester:** yeah let's let's help him with this guy and I'm going to I'm going to grab his legs and try to help lift

*(laughter)*

**Zach/Vora:** I'm just picturing all three of us are about the same size let right like 3 feet tall

**Jon/Chester:** yeah

**Zoe/It:** yeah, we're pretty small

**Chris/Eberus:** Yeah.

**Zach/Vora:** trying to lift the biggest heaviest person in the party

**Chris/Eberus:** yeah I'm probably the tallest

*(laughter)*

**Chris/Eberus:** In heavy armor.

**Zoe/It:** Yeah, I'm like 2 to 3 feet tall, I weigh about 40 lbs.

**Zach/Vora:** So am I! I'm 2'11 and weigh 30lbs.

*(laughter)*

**Zoe/It:** We know that jon can't just or Chester cant just grab a leg by myself so I'll grab the other leg

**Zach/Vora:** cool I'm going to continue trying to drag him down.

**Zoe/It:** do we do it?

**Josh/DM:** sure yeah you guys are... is that your turn for both of you?

**Zoe/It:** yeah

**Jon/Chester:** yeah that will be our turn.

**Josh/DM:** yeah, you you get him you get a good ways down I'll take your combined movement you get him to like the bottom of the steps as you see just more and more swarms of these spider police officers type people showing up and rushing into the the building with weapons drawn and Magic queued up and ready to go you see there are priests that are starting to arrive administering aid and inside you hear just the screaming and wailing inside the Colosseum. But eventually it goes quiet after a while and none of the intellect Devourers seem to have made it outside. when you... we'll will say about 20 minutes pass and you hear you hear someone from inside yell all right we killed the damn thing we are you got a big mess in here though guys we really got to clean this up and yeah there's some people administering aid.

**Josh/DM:** are... Chester and It did you just like stay close to this poor little dwarf man who appears to be drooling out of the side of his mouth?

**Chris/Eberus:** babbling incoherently

**Jon/Chester:** I was actually going to pick his pocket.

**Zoe/It:** yes I'll distract I'll distract while Chester does it

**Chris/Eberus:** Please do. I've only got 5 gold

**Zoe/It:** I mean... money is money man

**Chris/Eberus:** but I've got a few different items

**Josh/DM:** yeah so you want to pick his pockets?

**Jon/Chester:** yes please!

**Josh/DM:** okay go ahead and roll sleight-of-hand I guess. Vora you're fagging down a priest or Priestess?

**Zach/Vora:** yeah any yeah either or

**Zoe/It:** I'm keeping a look out to make sure no one notices

**Josh/DM:** yeah with a 21 you pat him down real quick and you find a pouch with 15 gold and inside the pouch you also see a small golden tongue.

**Jon/Chester:** a small golden tongue?

**Josh/DM:** yeah you noticed that it's an item that has a magic binding

**Jon/Chester:** Okay, well I know those go for a lot of money with the fences so I'm going to grab that too

*(laughter)*

**Zoe/It:** damn well I can't say anything I'm part of this

**Jon/Chester:** I was going to say you're my accomplice here

**Zoe/It:** maybe I'll nudge my eyebrows towards Vora to Chester

**Zach/Vora:** don't you try and pick pocket me

**Jon/Chester:** I'm gonna pick pock the guy frantically calling for a priest

*(awkward laughter)*

**Josh/DM:** Ok... roll your ...

**Zach/Vora:** counter roll

**Josh/DM:** Yeah, okay, I'll let you since you're conscious I'll let you roll a perception check

**Zach/Vora:** Plus four then. no fuck!

*(laughter)*

**Josh/DM:** let's see... Yeah, you find a small pouch of gold hanging off his belt you know I I don't know where do you do you just keep like price small amount of of of pocket money on your belt or do you keep all your money on your belt Vora?

**Zach/Vora:** I probably keep it in different sacs for each amount of money a 13 you pocket another 15 gold

**Jon/Chester:** 15?

**Josh/DM:** Yeah.

**Jon/Chester:** works for me

**Josh/DM:** and eventually you do get a priestess of light that comes over and... or not light a life sorry and she speaks in a very calm voice and she says...

**Josh/DM:** *(as priestess of life)* oh... uh, how can I how can I help you you don't appear to be in any danger aside from your friend here who is babbling about rocks and and frogs.

**Zach/Vora:** that's exactly the problem. His mind has been taken by one of the Devourer We need you to restore it

**Josh/DM:** oh, oh certainly the Temple of life is here to help all creatures we we do hope that you'll come by and make a donation for our services here today

**Zach/Vora:** Oh my god!

*(laughter)*

**Josh/DM:** Yeah, she's giving you the she's giving you the pitch it's very Sarah Mclaughlin Style

**Zach/Vora:** out of character I'm assuming a greater restoration spell.

**Josh/DM:** that's exactly what I looking up to make sure that that was a spell but yes yeah you see her pull out a small bag of of something and she sprinkles it on the little dwarf ear and chants a few words and says

**Josh/DM:** *(as priestess)* he should make up any minute now. Do remember that the District 53 life Temple is here to serve and our donation box is located just outside our door.

**Zach/Vora:** Yeah, Yeah, yeah Thank you. Thank you very much

*(laughter)*

**Josh/DM:** And she shuffles off to the next a group of people. Thanks for the quick timing of your your kobold savior here, Eberus, you wake up and you got a little drool on your face. Other than that you're surrounded by strange creatures that you don't actually recognize or know who they are and there is just kind of chaos all around you as people try to clean up and figure out what the hell just happened and I think that's where we're going to leave it.

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