“FALSE REFLECTION”
I'm so bored...

Oh? Bored enough to finish your homework, Loki?

Hey now, let's not go crazy.

There's just nothing to do lately, it's dull.

No problem with that! Something interesting cannot always be happening!

Actually, it would probably suck if it was.

You know, magic class at least used to be pretty awesome. But now Dharfi sits in on it for whatever reason and it's terrible.

You're not wrong! But at least monster and fighting classes have been good.

Nah, it's all been just super basic tripe.

C'mon! We got to see a Behemoth last week!

A baby Behemoth. So boring.

I liked it...

Between all that nonsense, I barely learn a thing here.

Really? I'm learning loads...

Yeah really. Loki, are you picking up less or more than what you'd get if you weren't here?

OK... more.

Like, a lot more.

But when you put it that way, it's hard to complain about.

And I can't stop complaining. Don't even try to stop me. It's the weekend, and there is absolutely nothing going on. I don't even have much ranch work.

Mogki's mum is still visiting... She's all over it. Freaking obsessive, she is...

Since she's still around, the weekend will be... unpleasant, not just boring...

Ugh, sorry to hear that.

Mm, you're wrong about one thing.

Naw Delta, she really is a horrible dragon lady.

Haha, not that.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THERE’S NOTHING DOING?
THIS WEEKEND IS THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS!

OH, REALLY?

I.... DON'T KNOW
WHAT THAT IS.

HA, I SHOULDN'T BE
SURPRISED. IT’S A
FESTIVAL OF ALTAIR,
GOD OF TRAVEL AND
OF DEATH...

OH YEAH RIGHT, TRUST A
TRAIPSE TO KNOW THAT.

WELL UH, HE IS ALSO OUR
PATRON GOD, OF COURSE.

NAH, I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW VERY MUCH
ABOUT ALTAIR OR HIS RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS.

ME NEITHER, WHAT'S
THE FESTIVAL OF
MIRRORS LIKE?

IT IS A DAY TO REMEMBER OLD JOURNEYS AND
LOST FRIENDS. A TIME TO HONOUR THE DEAD.

THAT.... SOUNDS
SOMBRE.

MMPH, SOUNDS
KIND OF A DRAG.

HUUH? OH, NO NO NO...
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.

I MEAN... DIFFERENT
SONGS FOR DIFFERENT
PEOPLE... THERE ARE
SO MANY DIFFERING
ATTITUDES TOWARDS
DEATH, BUT...

I'VE NEVER KNOWN A
SOMBRE FESTIVAL OF
MIRRORS! IT'S MORE LIKE... A CELEBRATION
OF LIFE IN ALL FORMS!

WAIT, YOU TRYING TO SAY THERE'S
AN ATTITUDE TO DEATH BESIDES 'IT
SUCKS AND IS TERRIBLE'?

HM?

PLEASE! LIFE IS A JOURNEY, AND DEATH IS BUT
THE NEXT STEP. EACH OF US WRITES OUR OWN
STORY, AND DEATH IS NO TRUE END.

NN. I.... GUESS
THAT ANSWERS
MY QUESTION?

CRAZY TRAIPSE...

AW, COME ON, LOKI! YOU'RE A GARDENIAN
LOCAL, RIGHT? GREW UP HERE?

YEAH.

HOW ABOUT YOU
SATURN, WHERE
ARE YOU FROM?

AH, I'M FROM
NOST.... JUST SOUTH
OF VARIA...

HUUH, THAT'S KIND
OF FAR, RIGHT?

AND, I'M ONE OF THE
TRAVELLING FOLK,
HEHEH, OBVIOUSLY.

SINCE THERE'S THREE OF US, I BET BETWEEN
US WE'VE GOT THREE WHOLLY DIFFERENT
IDEAS ON WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU DIE.

OK, DEE? YOU KNOW HOW
EVERYBODY SAYS TRAIPSES ARE
CRAZY? THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT
THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT.
IT'S OK TO BE CRAZY, DEL.

SOUNDS LIKE THIS FESTIVAL HAS MERITS! SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, SATURN? WANNA GO?

OH YEAH, FOR SURE!

BUT, HM, ACTUALLY, MYLENOR ONLY HAS A VERY SMALL TEMPLE OF DEATH.

NOT GONNA LIE, I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S JUST SOME FEATHRY'S ATTIC.

SOUNDS LIKE THE NORM FOR GARDENIA.

AW, THAT'S DISAPPOINTING.

WELL, YOU COULD ALWAYS—OH, NEVERMIND.

NO, WHAT?

HM? OH, IT'S JUST—

NAITE IS JUST OVER THE BORDER IN VARIA, A PRETTY SHORT DISTANCE, ESPECIALLY WHEN RIDING. THEY ALWAYS HAVE A BIG DO FOR THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS, OF COURSE.

NAITE? REALLY? IT'S THAT CLOSE? OH WOW, THAT WOULD BE AMAZING!

HUH?

AM I SUPPOSED TO FIND THAT FAMILIAR?

HAHA... ONLY IF YOU EVER SHOWED UP FOR HISTORY CLASS.

HISTORY? THAT HARDLY SOUNDS WORTH IT.

THEN... I GUESS YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE GET THERE! WE ARE GOING, RIGHT?

OF COURSE! YOU COMING TOO, DEL?

OH... UH...

NO...

I'M... UM, I'M BUSY? WITH... OTHER THINGS.

BUT YOU GUYS HAVE FUN! PLEASE, HAVE A BLESSED JOURNEY, MAY YOUR FOOTSTEPS BE LIGHT AND YOUR PATH EVEN!

SATURN! WHAT DID YOU DO?

UH?

ONE OF THE TRAVELLING PEOPLE JUST REFUSED TO TRAVEL WITH US!

...AND YOU THINK IT WAS ME WHO DID SOMETHING TO CAUSE THAT?
RIGHT! I’LL GO GRAB SOME STUFF, YOU GET READY HERE, AND I’LL MEET YOU OUT THE FRONT GATE IN AN HOUR! GOT IT?

RIGHT!

WE’LL MAKE IT A WEEKEND TRIP. I’LL BRING SOME MONSTERS TO RIDE, BUT PACK LIGHT.

OKAY, I’LL SEE YOU THEN!

LATER!

I’D BETTER HURRY! HEH! THIS SHOULD BE A FUN WEEKEND!

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HURRY ALONG.

LEAST MY RIDE IS MOSTLY WHERE I LEFT HIM. GLAD THERE’S ROOM TO KEEP HIM ON SCHOOL GROUNDS WHILE I’M IN CLASS.

WEH!!

GEEZ ZIPPY, CALM DOWN.
HYA!

WEH!

WHOAH!

HEY! S’CUSE ME, COMING THROUGH!

WATCH IT!

SORRY, SIR!

TAKE A NOTE, FELLAS.

AW C’MON TAIDE, YOU GONNA GIVE THAT KID DETENTION JUST FOR THAT?

NUP! THIS IS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT!

WE CAN’T FORGET.

THIS WEEKEND IS THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS.

NO MATTER WHAT, WE WON’T LET ANYTHING RUIN IT!

...DETENTION COULD BE A POSSIBILITY FOR NEXT WEEK, THOUGH.
HMM, LET'S SEE...
THIS... AND THIS...
AND THESE... THIS...
HELLO, Loki.
GYEK!

HI, Minali.
GOING SOMEWHERE? AH, IT'S NOT RACING SEASON YET, IS IT?
C-COURSE NOT. YOU'RE STILL HERE, AIN'TCHA?

SO YOUR TEMPER ISN'T JUST BETTER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR?

...I'M JUST GOING TO VARI A WITH A FRIEND THIS WEEKEND FOR THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS.

OH! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? CAN I COME?
UHM...
HAHA, SORRY MOGKI... IT WAS KIND OF A SNAP DECISION TO GO...

NOW MOGKI, LET LOKI GO WITH HER FRIENDS.

NAH, IT'S OK, MOGKI CAN COME TOO...
OOH, DO YOU NEED HELP PACKING?
UH, NO, REALLY, I'M--

I'LL HELP PACK!

SIGH...

HAVE FUN YOU TWO! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE RANCH, I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL!

YEAH...SEEYA.

BYE MUM!

SO... DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS?

NOT A THING! THIS IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!
HEYA LOKI! YOU'RE A BIT LATE, AREN'T YOU?

LUGH...

DRAGON TROUBLE...

HIHHH!

DON'T ASK.

UM...

...OKAY, YOU CAN ASK.

HIYA, I'M MOGKI!

I-I'M SATURN.... I DIDN'T KNOW DRAGONS CAN TALK LINGO!

HAHAHA!

YOU'VE NEVER MET A DRAGON BEFORE?

UM, NO. HOW DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

HEHE, WE GO WAY BACK! LOKI'S MUM AND MY MUM WERE BEST FRIENDS, SO-

YEAH YEAH BLAH BLAH.

ROLF HERE IS A REAL MONSTER. BUT DRAGONS LIKE MOGKI ARE... WELL, THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH LIKE PEOPLE, ONLY MORE ANNOYING.

NO WAY! YOU'RE WAY MORE ANNOYING THAN I AM, LOKI! LIAR!

ANYWAY, DUMP YOUR STUFF IN THE BACK AND GRAB A SEAT. IT AIN'T COMFY, BUT IT SURE BEATS WALKING.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A WAGON.

TCH, THIS RICKETY OLD THING?

EH, I'D USUALLY JUST TAKE A FEW MONSTERS, BUT MINALI...

NEVERMIND! IT'S CONVENIENT FOR A TRIP, I GUESS.

WHAT TRIP?

OH! MR WOLFE! WE WERE JUST--

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

IS THAT SO... DO GO ON.
FINE. RELAX! WE'RE JUST GOING OUT FOR THE WEEKEND, ANYWAY, SO WE'LL BE BACK IN TIME FOR CLASS.

NOW, DON'T FORGET THAT YOU'RE UNDER THE CARE OF DHARK'S HERO SCHOOL....

PFT, NOT ME, I DON'T LIVE ON CAMPUS.

WHOAH! I LIKE YOUR WINGS, MISTER!

OH, HI THERE KIDD. YOU LOKI'S FRIEND?

HEE, YEP! HOW'D YOU GUESS??
THE MATCHING RIBBONS ARE A BIG TIP OFF.

MM! THEY'RE PRESENTS FROM LOKI'S MUM, AGES AGO!

YEAHHHHH ANYWAY, WE'RE HEADED TO NAITE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS.

YOU'LL LET US GO, RIGHT MR WOLFE?

...NAITE? HMMM.

TAIDE, DON'T FORGET WHATCHA SAID EARLIER.

BUT THIS ISN'T...

WON'T LET ANYTHING RUIN THE FESTIVAL!

AAAAAAAAALL RIGHT! FINE! HAHAA...

YOU LOT CAN GO.

THANKS!

OF COURSE WE CAN GO.

SURE!

WE'LL BE COMING TOO, THOUGH!

SNEAT!

I'M REASONABLY SURE DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS DHARF WOULD... MAKE MY LIFE VERY UNPLEASANT IF SHE KNEW I LET YOU GUYS JUST LEAVE.

OH RIGHT, SO THE FACT THAT IT'S HUGELY CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO SCAB A LIFT IS JUST A SIDE BONUS.

BESIDES, WE ARE HEADED TO NAITE ANYWAY!
Naite must really have a big festival if you’re going there too.

Hmm? Oh! You don’t know…?

About what?

Sorry sir, Loki doesn’t go to history, so I guess she didn’t hear about it! But I know… and I have to say, it’s amazing.

Aha… thanks Saturn.

What?

Nevermind. I’m not one to talk about it. Chances are you’ll hear it in Naite, anyway!

I don’t get it.

Me neither!

Well! Naite is my hometown.

Oh… so that’s why you’re headed that way. No need to be so mysterious!

Since you follow Altair, it’s no surprise you’d travel to home for his festival.

Well, that is not really—

Uhh, you do follow the god of death, right? That’s why you carry that lantern around? I recall it’s some Altair symbol.

Oh, yeah. That’s true. I’ll be lighting it for the festival.

Circumstances did lead me to Altair…

Huh? What circumstances?

Loki… I’m just asking!

Circumstances involving zombies.

Oh har har, very funny.

Pull the other one!

Zombies! Pffah! Next you’ll be talking some nonsense about ghosts!

Nah. Next I’d say take that next left. Sun’s setting, and there’s a good place to set up camp down there!
SEE? WHAT’D I TELL YA! THIS OLD GUARDPOST IS HANDY PLACE FOR AN OVERNIGHT STOP.

THIS OLD... WHAT? WHAT A DUMP!

I DID SAY OLD! IT’S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THE VARIA-GARDENIA BORDER NEEDED ANY GUARDS.

BUT IS A DUMP! BETTER THAN JUST KIPPING BY THE ROADSIDE THOUGH, SO LET’S SET UP.

SO HOW’D YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE ANYWAY? IT’S PRETTY WELL-HIDDEN.

OH, THE HEROES’ GUILD KEEPS IT FROM FALLING OVER SO THAT MEMBERS CAN USE IT ON THEIR WAY THROUGH THIS AREA.

OH, SO YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU’RE A HERO?

PFT, NAH! I USED TO WORK FOR THE MONSTER MAIL SERVICE, WE SKIVED OFF THE GUILD EVERY CHANCE WE GOT!
Gee, that's inspiring...

And now it's bedtime! We'd better get some rest if we wanna get going early tomorrow morning - which we do!

You meant to be a teacher or a parent?

I'm just the guy with the good ideas!

And now you teach heroes, huh?

Hehe, when you're right, you're right. C'mon Loki.

Mmph.

Goodnight, Mr. Wolfe! Goodnight Clash, Flint!

'Night girls! Sleep well!

I'll try. But... there is a dragon in my bed. Makes it difficult.
LISTEN... I AM YOU... YOU... ARE I...

I AM YOU... AND YOU...

-NYAH!!

HUF... WHAT A... WHAT A NIGHTMARE...

IT FELT LIKE I... NO... IT WASN'T REAL.

HM...? IS THAT... LOKI? STILL UP?

WHY'S SHE STILL AWAKE?

WELL, I CAN'T GET BACK TO SLEEP, SO I MAY AS WELL SEE.

HEY LOKI... YOU AWAKE?

HM?

OH... HEYA SATURN.

WHAT'RE YOU UP TO AT THIS HOUR? WHY AREN'T YOU ASLEEP?

I... YOU'LL PROBABLY MAKE FUN OF ME...

I HAD A NIGHTMARE.... HUH?

I UH, CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING EITHER WAY?
YOU TOO, HUH?
HUH? THEN YOU-
YOU DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME, I WON'T MAKE FUN OF YOU. DEAL?

...SO WHAT DID YOU DREAM ABOUT?
I...
HMM...

IT'S FINE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, YOU KNOW.
NO... I JUST... FORGOT.

WHATEVER IT WAS... IT WAS SCARY AT THE TIME... HAHA....
I BET THAT SOUNDS SILLY.
NAH.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WELL, IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF MY GRANDFATHER'S DEATH...
SO... IT ALWAYS GETS WORSE THIS TIME OF YEAR.

... SORRY.

WHY SORRY?
I HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING MUCH SLEEP LATELY... SO IF I'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE A JERK, I'M SORRY.

WELL, THAT EXPLAINS LATELY, BUT HOW ABOUT THE REST OF THE TIME?
HAHAHA! THAT'S ICE COLD, SAT!

HAHA... I'M SORRY, THAT WAS-- HILARIOUS! DON'T FRET IT, CHEERED ME UP SOME. THANKS FOR KEEPING ME COMPANY.

SATURN, YOU'RE PRETTY FAR FROM HOME. DO YOU MISS YOUR FAMILY?

...I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW HARD THAT MUST BE.

...I JUST MISS THEM SOMETIMES.

WE SHOULD TRY TO GET BACK TO SLEEP. WE HAVE TO BE ON THE ROAD EARLY TOMORROW.
GOOD MORNING!

MMPFH.

WHOA, YOU GIRLS LOOK LIKE HELL! DID YOU STAY UP ALL NIGHT GOSIPPING?

YES, EXACTLY THAT.

HEHE, LOKI IS ALWAYS CRANKY IN THE MORNINGS!

CLIPPA?

OH, THANKS.

BETTER GET ON THE ROAD, IT’S NOT FAR TO NAITHE, BUT WE DON’T WANNA MISS ANYTHING!

WHEN DID YOU GET TO BE IN CHARGE?

OH NO, I’M NOT IN CHARGE, I’M JUST THE GUY WITH THE GOOD IDEAS.

SULUURE.
Are we there yet?
No.

Are we there yet?
No.

Loki...... are we there yet?
No.

Are we there yet?

Mogk! I swear I will strangle your scaly neck.

Hey Taide, you gonna get a tattoo this year?

Are we there yeeeeeetttt

Not yet, Mogk!
Mmm, actually, we're here, Loki.

Oh, sorry. Force of habit.
Yaaaaaaaaay

Hey Taide! Long time!
Hiya Taide!

Morning!

......can we go home now, I'm tiiiiiiired...
Well, we've got friends to catch up with, so we'll see you girls around.

Thank sola...

Oh, and I do know a place I can leave your monster and cart, if you-

Deal! Take 'em!

C'mon Saturn, let's go!

Um, heheh, thanks Mr. Wolfe.

See you! Have fun!

You're not worried they'll get in any trouble?

Please! It's Naite! How much trouble could they honestly get into here?

Heheh...

I... hm, now I am a bit worried.

Hmm...

Here, I got us something to drink.

Ah, thanks.

Dunno if this is as exciting as Delta made it out to be.

Mm, it's still early though...

Yeah, I guess.

Hearing the music all around is nice.

PfEH, if you can call that racket 'music'!

Haha!

Gee Loki, say that louder, won't you?

Haha relax! They can't hear me over that racket anyway!
ME? A FOLLOWER OF ALTAR?

YES YOU... YOU... YOU'RE A LIGHT POWER.

GUILTY! YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

I...!!

YOU ARE MY NEW BEST FRIEND.

HHAH! YOU GUYS ARE OKAY!

SO! WHATCHA DOING DURING THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS? HANGING OUT WITH US?

HM? BUT YOU TWO AREN'T FOLLOWERS OF ANY OF THE CREATION GODDESSES...

MM-HMM!

YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

UH....

HEY MOSKI... WHAT IS A LIGHT POWER, EXACTLY?

WHAT? YOU DON'T KNOW?

WELL... I HAVE SOME IDEA, BUT--

THEY'RE A BUNCH OF CHUMPS WHAT FOLLOW THE SUN GODDESS SOLA, HELPING HER FIGHT THE MOON GODDESS LUNA OR WHATEVER.

HM? YOU LEFT OUT THE PART WHERE THEY HAVE POWER OVER THE MOST AWESOME MAGIC EVER.

YES, WE ARE UNSURPASSED IN ALL BUT MODESTY!
PSH, SO WHAT'S A LIGHT POWER DOING AT ALTAIR'S FESTIVAL?

AW, C'MON. A FESTIVAL'S A FESTIVAL, WHICH IS JUST AN EXCUSE TO PARTY ON!

HAHA, SO THE SAME REASON WE'RE HERE. PLUS, THIS TOWN HAS TOTAL RESPECT FOR LIGHT POWERS. WORKS WELL!

OF COURSE, WHO DOESN'T RESPECT POWERS?

HEH, YOU'D BE SURPRISED.... APPARENTLY?

C'MON, YOU GUYS EAT YET? I KNOW A REAL GOOD PLACE DOWN THE WAY.

SOUNDS GOOD!

HMPh....

HEY MOGKI, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

LEAD THE WAY!

I DON'T LIKE THAT GIRL. SHE'S STRANGE, AND I GET A FUNNY FEELING ABOUT HER.

WELL.... SHE AND LOki GET ALONG WELL, WHICH IS DEFINITELY STRANGE!

BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST JEALOUS, MOGKI?

NO WAY!

I MEAN... YES?

UM.... MAYBE I AM A LITTLE JEALOUS....

OH!! I KNOW! THE TWO OF US CAN PRETEND TO BE EVEN BETTER BEST BUDDIES THAN THEY ARE AND THEN LOki WILL BE JEALOUS!

HAHAHA.... WHATEVER YOU SAY, MOGKI.
HERE YOU ARE.
THANKS!

HEH, SO YOU'RE CRAZY ABOUT LIGHT POWERS, AREN'T YOU?

OH NO, MY SECRET HAS BEEN REVEALED!

THAT'S KINDA STRANGE FOR A NORMAL PERSON, YOU KNOW.

SATURRRR...WHY'S SHE NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO ME????????

WELL, MY FAMILY WERE ALL LIGHT POWERS.

OH?

MY GRANDFATHER DIED BEFORE HE COULD TEACH ME THE SKILLS FOR IT... KILLED BY DARK POWERS, OF COURSE.

HMM, SO WE ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT.

DARK POWERS GOT MY FAMILY TOO...

MY TAIPSE FRIEND SAID THAT THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS IS TO CELEBRATE THOSE WE'VE LOST.

OUR MEETING WAS NO COINCIDENCE!

SATURN... MY COMPLETELY AWESOME JEALOUSY PLAN THAT YOU ARE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR IF IT FAILS... IS FAILING!!

SSH!

I'M GLAD WE MET!

HA, HERE I WAS THINKING THE FESTIVAL WAS GOING TO BE A BUST, BUT I MET A FRIEND!

AH! I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME....

OH, RIGHT!

I'M LOki!

LOKI KIBORN!

W-...!

Yeah, have you heard the name before? The Kiborns are a famous light power family.
AH... UM... H-HUH?

WELL, IT'S NO SURPRISE YOU'VE HEARD OF US. THE KIBORNS ARE FAMOUS LIGHT POWERS, AND HAHA, YOU'RE CRAZY ABOUT THAT.

YEAH... I'M THE LAST SURVIVOR OF A DARK POWER CURSE...

MY PARENTS WERE ADELAIDE AND BREEZE KIBORN...

THE TWO OF THEM DID RAISE ME AS A LIGHT POWER BEFORE THEY SUCCEDED TO THE FAMILY'S CURSE...

NO NO NO NO NO!

YOU CAN'T BE LOKI KIBORN!

OH YEAH? WHY'S THAT?

SHE'S LOKI KIBORN!

HAAHAHA... YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

OW.

LOK!!

H-HEY! FIRE!

STOP!!

GYAH!! LOKI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

MAWAN, STOP HER!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?!
GUARDS! SOMEBODY! FETCH THE GUARDS!

ON IT!

H-HHN...

LOKI! STOP IT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

I AM LOKI! KIBORN.

YOU ARE AN IMPOSTER.

WHOA- HEY! LET'S NOT BE HASTY!

YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO UNLEASH MY ER, LIGHT POWER MAGIC ON YOU!

HEY!

PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPON! EVERYBODY LOWER YOUR HANDS!

I DON'T WANT ANY CASTING IN HERE!

WHAT IN ALTAIR'S NAME IS GOING ON IN HERE?

THE TOWN GUARDS!

PLEASE, HELP! THAT GIRL WITH THE LONG HAIR JUST FLIPPED OUT AND STARTED ATTACKING LOKI KIBORN!

WHAT? I AM LOKI KIBORN!

WATCH OUT, SHE'S GOT A WEAPON!

BLAM

H-HEY!

WHAT? SHE HAD A SWORD! NOW SHE DOESN'T!

PROBLEM SOLVED!

NOW THAT WE'RE ALL A LITTLE LESS DANGEROUS, SOMEBODY BETTER EXPLAIN THIS.

LOKI?

NO PROBLEM, SIR. I THINK THIS MAGE GIRL IS A BIT TOUCHED IN THE HEAD. LIKE THE GREYS SAID, SHE JUST FLIPPED OUT.

I THINK SHE WAS PRETENDING TO BE ME. WANT ME TO COME WITH YOU GUYS TO HELP CLEAR ALL THIS UP?

B-BUT SHE WAS...

OH BOY, CRAZIES. EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO DEAL WITH DURING THE FESTIVAL OF MIRRORS.
Loki's not crazy!

Haha, of course I'm not crazy!

Not you, the real Loki!

What? You mean the real crazy Loki? Or are you just as nuts as she is?

Yeah!

Because she is super sane and not at all crazy!!

Hey Aki, there's a crazy dragon and a human. Whatcha reckon?

Hm. Check with Mason.

Were those two involved in the fight?

Uhh, no.

Then we should... leave them...?

Uhh... maybe?
BUT-

SSSH, MOGI!.

THAT GIRL HAS BEEN IN TOWN AWHILE, AND THE LOCALS CLEARLY TRUST HER. WE'RE JUST OUTSIDERS HERE, I DON'T WANNA GET IN TROUBLE.

OH COME ON! LOOK AT LOKE! WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!

STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!

Y-YESSIR.... SATURN!

C'MON, LET'S GO.

BUT THAT JERK'S AN IMPOSTER!

MOGI!

ARE YOU SURE...? SHE IS A LIGHT POWER...

I JUST... IT'S JUST THAT...

HEY! LISTEN TO ME!

YOU LISTEN TO ME.

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THAT CRAZY?

UHH... I GUESS?

SOMEBODY HAS TO PAY FOR THIS MESS.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE UP, KIDDO.
Come on, then! Out with it!
I— I don't have any money on me...
Eh?
Loki said she'd shout me... S-she has all of it.
Uhh... the real one or the crazy one?
Well, uh-

It depends on who you believe?
So, the crazy it is. Eesh.
Eeh- Why don't I go find-
Ohhh no.

How stupid do you think I am? You're not running off. You'll be staying here until you work off your debt!
Umm sooo do I have to be around for this? I don't, right? I can go?

Huh...? Oh yeah, I guess you can go. Monsters can't hold debt in Varia.
Eek!
But as for you....
Get to work!

Great! See ya later!
Mogk!!

And I thought the Elemental Festival went poorly...
This is the worst festival of mirrors ever.
Hmm?
Now we've got a prisoner in holding we can't go enjoy it, gotta stay here... I'd much rather be 'guarding' a bunch of drunks than a real prisoner.
Actually, I'd much rather be one of those drunks, and then—oh uh, nevermind. Loki, thanks for the help, you can go.
HAHA THAT IS TOUGH, I FEEL FOR YOU.

YOU GUYS ARE BOTH FOLLOWERS OF THE GOD OF DEATH, YEAH?

OF COURSE.

WELL, SINCE I'M A LIGHT POWER, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THIS FESTIVAL.

IF YOU WANT, I CAN WATCH THE PRISONER FOR YOU WHILE YOU CATCH THE CELEBRATIONS.

...NAH.

I DON'T THINK BOSS WOULD LIKE THAT.

THANKS ANYWAY...

WEIRD, I WOULDA THOUGHT THE SHERIFF WOULD GIVE YOU THE DAY OFF ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS OR SOMETHING.

BUT IF WE DIDN'T HAVE A PRISONER WE COULD STILL GO OUT...

NAH, EVERYBODY HERE WORSHIPS ALTAR... WE JUST LUCKED OUT.

YOUR BOSS DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE PRISONER...

YEAH I THINK SHE'D NOTICE.

YEAH, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW RIGHT NOW.

LOKI'S GOT A POINT. I HEAR TAIDE'S BACK IN TOWN, I REALLY WANNA CATCH UP WITH HIM.

HMMMM...

THE OFFER'S ON THE TABLE!

JUST ONE HOUR.

UH.... YEAH. LET'S DO IT. THERE'S NO HARM IN IT.

THANKS, LOKI.

WE'LL BE BACK SOON. IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, THERE'S A DECENT HEALER DOWN THE ROAD.

HA, THAT CRAZY GIRL IN THE CELL IS A CUFFED ELEMENTAL MAGE, I'M A LIGHT POWER, WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

OH, I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE CRAZY ONE. KEEP AN EYE ON HER.

DON'T YOU WORRY! I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL, OR MY NAME'S NOT LOKI KIBORN!
Hey Drake, what are you up to?

Well... I was thinking of flying down to the shops, but I really don't wanna have to walk to get past that stupid barrier the school has preventing people from flying in or out...

Hmph. I wouldn't want to be rude.

Oh wow! Look! Currawongs!

Huh?

I didn't know there were any that lived around here! Lucky!

Eugh. Shoo! What are you talking about, these birds are terrifying.

Haha, sure! But they are a good omen this time of year!

After all, it is the Festival of Mirrors!

The Festival of the God of Death!

I so much don't care.

His Servant the Reaper takes the form of a Currawong, you know!

They say she carries a lantern to guide souls to where they are meant to be!

Bad luck symbols any other time of year, but lucky us, to see them today!

Though I don't see why it has to be bad luck at other times, anyway. It's better to be led away by the Reaper than stuck as a soul with no body, a ghost that—

Hey where'd Drake go?
Ligh... Where...?

OH FELS... I... that—ugh. I'm in gaol, aren't I?

GOT IT IN ONE!

I always said you were a smart one, Loki Kiborn!

WHAT THE-?! Who in Sola's name are you?

Hmmm! You don't recognise me? I shouldn't be surprised...

I'm Tella Kiborn!

Oh!

Put your back into it!

Y-yes! Sorry...

This is terrible...

I'm stuck here. Loki's been taken away, and Mock's just up and gone...

This is worse than the elemental festival...

...from what I remember of it.

What am I going to do...?

You could always do a runner.

Mock! You came back!

Huh? You didn't really think I'd ditch you, did you? We-we're best friends!
SORRY, MOSKI... I DID KIND OF THINK THAT. YOU DID LEAVE, AFTER ALL.

!!!!!!! FORGIVE YA!

C'MON, SAT! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

HUH...?

I SHOULD PROBABLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT...

YOU 'RIGHT THERE?

UM, HEY, AUNTIE, THAT GIRL YOU HAD WASHING THE DISHES JUST RAN OUT.

WHAT?! MASON, GET AFTER HER! GO!!

...WHY'D I OPEN MY MOUTH?

HEY! HUMAN GIRL! COME BACK!

EEK!

MOSKI! WHY DID YOU TELL ME TO GO IF THE COAST WASN'T CLEAR?!

OOF!

HEY WATCH IT!

UGH... OH, HI SATURN. YOU OKAY?

OH! M-MISTER FLINT! SORRY!

HUF- MISTER FLINT! THANKS! GOOD WORK STOPPING THAT GIRL!

EHEHEHEHE...

...REALLY?

SATURN, WHAT DID YOU DO?
- I-um—there was this girl, and—
  - and Loki got into a fight! I don’t know what—
  - but then the guards took Loki away, and she had all our money, and—and I don’t know where Mogki went—
  - I didn’t mean it!

  —I think she’s trying to say she did a dine and dash on my family’s restaurant. There was a fight, though.

  —Great, look, I will sort this out. Put it on my tab.
  —Oh, OK.

  C’mon, Saturn. Loki’s in the guardhouse? That’s... uh, hm. Let’s go see what’s up.

  Thank you, Mister Flint....

  I’m very disappointed in you!

  S-sorry...

  I’m very disappointed in you.

  Because that punch was pathhhhhetic.

  Pft, I’m cuffed, and you’re still bleeding.

  No excuses! —Sniff—

  Who are you?

  C’mon, Loki. I told you already. Are you trying to bait me into saying it again so you can punch me again?

  You’re not a Kiborn. I’m the last one.

  Well, actually—

  Hey crazyface! You talking to yourself in there?

  Sadly not. But hey, if it isn’t that idiot imposter. And just when I thought it couldn’t get any dumber in here...

  That’s good, I—... hu?
Huh? There's two of you in there?

Weird. Aki seemed sure that you were the only prisoner. Hmm.

Maybe he was confused because you two look crazy similar, heh. I guess—hey! Wait, where are his cuffs?

Hmph. That dumb jerk probably raises a good point. Why aren't you cufféd?

Oh, I'm not a prisoner here.

I... what?

That's kind of creepy.

Well then why the hell are you here?!

I thought it was obvious. I'm here to see Loki Kiborn! I mean, the how is kinda-

What?

OK that is super creepy.

Well here I am, Loki Kiborn at your service. Except I'm not going to let you out, however you got in there...

You're not Loki Kiborn! Argh!

Pshaw. These bars say I am. Not to mention the whole 'light power' thing.

Pfahahahaahaha!

You? Loki Kiborn? Ahaha pull the other one! Why would you even want to pretend to be a Kiborn?

Haha I mean really! Yeah let's pretend to be one of those guys with a curse that drops 'em in painful bloody ways! Fun!

What the hell are you saying? You're pretending to be a Kiborn too.

Huh? I'm not pretending.

I'm Tella Kiborn!

What? I'm not pretending!

I'm Loki Kiborn!

What? No you're not.

Uuuuuuuuggghhh...
SERIOUSLY KID, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT WHY CALL YOURSELF KIBORN?

WHAT?! I AM—DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THE KIBORN CURSE IS?

OF COURSE I DO!! IT'S A CURSE ON THE FAMILY THAT MAKES EVERY KIBORN DIE BEFORE THEIR TIME!

GREAT! THAT'S MEANINGLESS. BUT WHAT IS IT? WHAT FORM DOES THE CURSE TAKE?

WH—... LOOK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

OF COURSE YOU DON'T. YOU'RE NOT A KIBORN. I'M NOT SURE WHY I BOtherED. TCH! WE ALREADY KNOWN THAT.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT! BE QUIET. I'M NOT FINISHED.

THE KIBORN CURSE IS A MAN. OR, THAT IS HOW IT APPEARS. THE DARK POWERS THAT OUR FAMILY Fought USED ALL THEIR POWER TO CREATE HIM. HE IS COVERED IN DARKNESS. AND HE EXISTS ONLY TO KILL THE KIBORN FAMILY.

WHAT...? THAT'S... HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?!

THAT'S—THAT'S RIDICULOUS! I DON'T—THAT'S IT. I'VE HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF YOU.

YOU CAN PLAY AT BEING A LIGHT POWER ALL YOU LIKE, I DON'T CARE ONE BIT. BUT YOU WILL NOT BESMIRCH THE NAME OF KIBORN.

HM? TELLA, YOU'RE KIND OF FAMILIAR NOW THAT YOU'RE LESS FRIENDLY....

UH... SORRY?

UGH! YOU'RE BOTH CRAZY!

I HOPE YOU TWO ENJOY YOUR GAOL CELL!

OH SURE, NOW YOU SHUT UP!

IS— IS THAT?
B- Behind you...  

Hm?  

Holy Mother of Creation...! What in Gaëa is that?!  

The curse...  

How many years has it been now? I figured he was about due. I've got good timing.

What...?! Th-that's...  

Oh Goddesses!

Ah... maybe my luck's not so poor. All of us being in one place must be confusing him, he usually strikes quick.

No...! Please! Don't hurt me! I-I'm...  

I'm not a Kiborn! I'm not even a light power! It's just paint, see?!

My- my name's not Loki! It's Orianna! Just- don't kill me!

N..............ice.

Crash

T-Tella! You're uncuffed! Do something!

Ah! Right! You! Stay back or I'll---

No wait, I can't use magic anymore... Tella!
DON'T WORRY, LOKI! I'll protect you!

OF ALL THE TIMES TO BE CUFFED...

WHAT... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO... I CAN'T... WAIT...

OH SOLA, I HOPE THIS WORKS.

H-HAH! GOT YOU CONFUSED, DON'T I? DO YOU RECOGNISE ME? WHY DON'T YOU-

H-YA!

EVERYBODY RUN! C'MON!!

HAHAHAHA HOLY HELL!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WORKED!

NICE ONE! HEY, DON'T FORGET YOUR STUFF!

UM- SHUT UP AND RUN!

WHAT WAS THAT THING?

GODESSES, ORIANNAL HOW DUMB ARE YOU?

NOT THAT DUMB.

YOU LEFT AN INJURED PRISONER ON HER OWN!

...I LEFT HER WITH THAT LIGHT POWER, LOKI KIBORN.

THAT'S EVEN WORSE!

C'MON, IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING-

WOULD HAPPEN.... OH GEEZ.
HELLOO? WE'RE HERE TO VISIT LOKI KIBORN. A-ACTUALLY, THEY THINK SHE'S AN IMPOSTER...
UM... HERE TO SEE SOME WHITE-HAIRED GIRL?

THAT'S JUS-... WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

FLINT?

THAT GIRL WAS IN THE RESTAURANT TOO... YOU'RE A FRIEND OF THE ESCAPED PRISONER?

WHAT? SHE ESCAPED??

DON'T PLAY COY. YOU HELPED HER TO ESCAPE, DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT?! I DIDN'T EVEN... WHAT? NO NO NO

COME ON, AKI. WE'LL SEARCH FOR THE ESCAPED PRISONER. REMI, YOU STAY HERE AND GUARD THE NEW ONES.

HUH? WHAT? WE HAVE NEW...?

OH HEY FLINT, WHAT'RE YOU IN FOR THIS TIME?

OH YOU KNOW, THE USUAL...

ZANG

SORRY SATURN, I FORGET THAT FEATHERIES IN THIS TOWN ARE PRETTY RACIST.

WHAT? THEY STUCK US IN HERE JUST BECAUSE YOU-

SORRY GUYS. I DUNNO HOW THE MAGE GIRL BROKE OUT, BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

BUT...

I'D HELP, BUT... I'M JUST A ROOKIE. THOSE FEATHERIES, EH...

AH, DON'T WORRY. TAIDE'LL GET US OUT OF THIS NO PROBLEM. JUST GOTTA WAIT OUT IT.

I'LL GET YOU GUYS SNACKS. JUST DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO MY BOSS.

MMMMPH.

SATURN... WHERE ARE YOU....?

I COULDA SWORN SHE WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME.

I'M SO LONELY, WHY DID ALL MY FRIENDS GO AWAY? I'M HAVING THE WORST DAY EVERRRR.
HRM??

WHOAH! THAT BIRD IS HUGE.

AWK.

NO! MUSTN'T GET DISTRACTED...

I SHOULD- HEY, WHAT'S THAT?

I'M TIRED... CAN WE STOP? WHERE ARE WE GOING ANYWAY?

SHUT UP AND KEEP GOING!

WE'RE GETTING AS FAR FROM THE CURSE AS WE CAN, YOU DOPE!

EH? THAT WAS LOK!!!

AND... W-WAS THAT TELLA?!

AWWK
Ooh! There she goes!
Fels! What amazing luck! She's gorgeous!
...nah, it couldn't be.
Tch... I can't believe Loki ditched me again.
This really sucks.

This really sucks!!
What're you complaining for, Orianna?
Could be worse, could've ended up with a giant spear through your chest.
That's how the curse kills people.
This is not helping!!
CAN... CAN WE STOP YET?

YEAH... OK, JUST TO CATCH OUR BREATH...

HM? COME ON, YOU TWO! THE CURSE IS PROBABLY STILL AROUND HERE!

THEN IT CAN JUST KILL ME, I'M EXHAUSTED.

PFFT, YOU'RE NOT A KIBORN, AS LONG AS YOU STAY OUT OF ITS WAY, YOU'LL BE FINE.

HEY SHUT UP. YOU'RE NOT A KIBORN EITHER.

I AM, BUT I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT IT KILLING ME ANYWAY. I'M WORRIED FOR LOki!

GEE THANKS, CRAZY GUY.

GIMME MY STUFF. UH, YOU'RE WELCOME?

YOU'RE STILL CUFFED, KIDDO. NO WAY YOU'RE BEATING THAT CURSE.

I KNOW.

I CAN STILL SWING MY SWORD AROUND THOUGH.

YOU'RE... BETTER OFF R-RUNNING AWAY.

I KNOW.

NO SERIOUSLY. START RUNNING. LIKE NOW!!

LOOK OUT!

AH!

RUN!! I'LL HOLD HIM OFF!

WHA-?

LOKI KIBORN FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!
COME ON!!  RIGHT...
I JUST...
WHO WAS THAT TELLA GUY ANYWAY?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

HA! YOU'RE A WORSE KIBORN IMPERSONATOR THAN ME BY FAR!
WHAT?!

MIND YOU, THAT IDIOT CALLING HIMSELF TELLA'S MUCH WORSE THAN EITHER OF US.

I MEAN COME ON! TELLA KIBORN, LOKI'S GRANDFATHER? DUDE'S WAY OLDER THAN THAT, I BET. IF HE WASN'T YEARS DEAD!
WHAT?! TELLA--HE WAS--

BUT THAT'S... BUT HE... I--
I KNOW, MESSSED UP, RIGHT? C'MON!

THERE'S GOING TO BE A HUGE CROWD BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL FOR SOME FESTIVAL THING AT SUNSET. BET WE CAN GET SOME HELP THERE!

...His eyes, they were so...

WE... YEAH, WE'D BETTER GO.

HA!

I KEPT HER AWAY FROM YOU AGAIN! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?!

HURK--

YOU... DON'T LIKE IT, HUH...?
HHRNGHH...
HA... YOU WON'T BE RID OF ME SO EASY.
NOT THIS TIME.
NYAAARGH!
H... HOLY... AUGH... I MAY BE DEAD, BUT NYUH... THAT STILL CANES...

...NGH... BUT AFTER WHAT IT TOOK TO GET HERE... THIS IS N... NOTHING!!
I CAN STAY HERE ALL DAY... HEH... YOUR MOVE, CURSED ONE.
AWK.

OH NO... NO NO NO NO NO...
NO- PLEASE! JUST A LITTLE LONGER! DON'T SEND ME BACK THERE!

I KEEP TELLING YOU! GHOSTS AIN'T REAL!
YES THEY ARE!
YES THEY ARE!

HEY TAIDE, DID YA HEAR? SOME GUYS RECKON THEY SAW THE REAPER OUT IN THE WEST END!

WHAT? NO WAY.
NO, REALLY!

THIS IS THE BEST FESTIVAL OF Mirrors EVER.
How much longer will it be...?
It's almost done, Wolfe.
Haha! You sook!

Mister Tailide!!!

Yeowtch!
Whoops.

Ah, done. Um, no charge for you, Wolfe.
Gee thanks Gaz.

Hey Mogki, what's the matter?
Oh gods! It's terrible! I'm so glad I found you! Everybody else ditched me!
Huh?

Loki got into a fight and the guards took her away but then she escaped! But then Flint and Saturn were there and they got thrown in gaol! And then I was all alone!

Oh Fels.
Here we are! This is it, c'mon!

Uh, right...

I—Hey! You’re that prisoner! And Loki!!

Quick! I don’t think getting tossed into gaol again is gonna help!

Orianna, you need to tell them that you’re not Loki!

Yeah, yeah... just get on the dais, let’s see if we can’t get help to get rid of that bloody curse!

Hey, what are you—excuse us!

Hey! I’m Loki Kiborn! I need your help! There’s a—there’s a curse after me, takes the form of a man, I think he killed somebody already today, and he’s after us!

What the—... Hey! I’m Loki Kiborn!
Guards!! Yeah yeah...

Hey! Get away from me! Dammit! I’m not crazy!!

Just put your sword down, miss. It’s ok.

Orianna you— you liar! The curse is trying to kill me, Tella is dead, and you— argh!!

Look at her palm! She’s not even a real light power!

It’s all going to be fine, we’ll get you the help you need.

Piss off!

What, you think I’m crazy?

You are pretty crazy though. Or!!

Oh what in the fresh hell...

Right, Taid! Want me to push us a way through this crowd?

Nah, I’ll just...

Are you ok?

Uh, give me a boost? You know how my wings are...

Back off! Look, I just... nggh! It doesn’t matter, I need help to fight the curse.

Yes, of course.

And I... Orianna you bloody—!!

Oof!

I have no idea what’s going on, but I’m here to save the day.
Taide! Ah! Mr. Wolfe!
I could ask you the same but uh, just... somebody please explain what's going on.
I was just trying to...
She's been going just...
There was this big...
Five words or less. One at a time.

I'm the real Loki Kiborn!
No, I'm the real Loki!
Okay then... that doesn't help. That is the opposite of helping. Akip! Help me out.
Uhh...

That I'm the one!
Urgh... Really? Is that all? Because I...
Um, actually...

There is one more thing.

Ignoring the fact that this moron is pretending to be me, the Kiborn curse is chasing us. Also I saw the ghost of my dead grandfather, though I guess that's two things.

All in all, Mr. Taide, it has been a really bad day for me.

Eeelpghh. What do you think, Taide?

That is an... interesting story. But in breaking it down, I have to admit that the long-haired one is currently in my care, so I'm going to have to...

Hyaarrghh!!
A-AAA-K!!

NNN...GH!

DEATHSTRIKE!

WOUND!

WHAT IN THE LIVING HELL...?!

DOOM!

WOUND!

Holy hell! That thing got Taide!

That thing stabbed Taide! Get it! Get it!

What in the living hell...?!

D-UMM... It's hard to tell, your feathers are as red as your blood.

I'm obviously not okay, Loki!!
I spy... something beginning with 'b'.

Umm... 'brick'?

Nope!

...bars? It's bars, isn't it?

YYYYEP.

Your turn, Remi!

*Sigh*

Remi!!

Hm? Aki, what's the matter now?

Remi!! Release the prisoners right now!

What? Uh... I think you have the cell keys.

Oh... I...

Out! Out! Get out!

Um... Thaaaanks?

So, featherhead, I'm guessing you found Taide and sorted this all out.

UHHHHMMMMMMMMMMMM KIND OF.

Aki? What happened?

TAIDE IS... TAIDE IS... HE'S REALLY MAD. HE IS SOOOOO ANGRY.

Uh, okay then. Where is Taide?

...Healers'.

What?!

Why is he- he's at the Healer's?? What happened?!

Umm... just go see him right now...

Seriously, before he gets any angrier.
I'm really, really sorry...

Arg-ck! Just hold still buddy, it won't be much longer.

That... -eck! That's ok, Loki.

It's probably not all your fault. Ack!

Taide! Are you ok? Aki said...

Oh gods, Taide! Your wing!

He should be fine.

Oh geez, what happened?!

We're going back to Dhark's hero school right now.

Oh, Wolfe! You know I'm not letting you leave until I'm done healing you.

We're going back to Dhark's hero school right after this.

Loki! What did you doooooooooo!

Tch! I didn't even do anything...

...I didn't even get a chance to do anything! Stupid freaking crazy girl...

...though I kind of assume Loki Kiborn is a fake name for you, too. So... whatever your real name is, I'll get you!

Mark my words, Loki Kiborn! You will pay the ultimate price for embarrassing me!
-AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

OH NO! ARE YOU OK?

PFF...

HAHAHA TAIDE!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

HAHAHA YOU ARE A MORON AND I WOULD NOT TELL THAT STORY TO DHARF! OR MANA.

YEAHHH! I THINK THEY MIGHT NOTICE. WHAT WITH THE BANDAGES.

SEE, TAIDE, I CAN SEE WHY YOU LEFT EARLY.

THAT WAS THE WORST FESTIVAL EVER, SHALINI.

OH MY GOSSSSH THAT WAS SOOO AWESOME! AAHH!

NO MOGKI, THAT WAS NOT AWESOME.

THAT WAS ROUGH. PITY IT TURNED OUT SO BADLY.

AH WELL... ON THE PLUS SIDE, AFTER THAT SMACKDOWN, THE CURSE ISN'T LIKELY TO BE BACK FOR QUITE AWHILE.

SEE?! THAT IS AWESOME! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY FOR LIKE PROBABLY A FEW YEARS OR SOMETHING! AWESOME!

OH! WHAT ABOUT THAT GUY WHAT WAS LIKE YOUR GRANDAD? THAT WAS MESSED UP! WAS THAT A GHOST, OR SOME WEIRDO?

I'D RATHER NOT THINK ABOUT IT... IT WAS A STRANGE WEEKEND. SEEMS ALMOST LIKE A DREAM, NOW.

UM, LOKI, PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT UH--

I AM NEVER GOING WITH YOU TO A FESTIVAL AGAIN.

HA!
“WHAT IS MAGIC?”

SO THEN! MAGIC! AS I’M SURE YOU’VE ALL VERY MUCH NOTICED BY NOW, IS THE ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING SEVERAL TIMES A DAY THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE FOR FAR LESS EFFORT BY A MORE MUNDANE METHOD!

PRESENTED BY PEONY TALISMAN

THAT’S KIND OF EXTREMELY DELIBERATELY MISLEADING THOUGH, ISN’T IT?

WHO, ME?? NEVER!

WELL, SKILLED PEOPLE CAN CAST MANY SPELLS IN A DAY, ‘SPECIALY SMALL ONES. DEPENDS ON THE COMPLEXITY AND SKILL, YOU KNOW?

PLUS MAGIC CAN DO LOADS OF COOL STUFF YOU CAN’T DO NORMALLY, LIKE SAY, DEATH RAYS.

I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT UP TRICKSTER ILLUSIONS AS AN EXAMPLE INSTEAD...

GYA--K!

YE-UP.
GUNS AREN'T EVEN CANON.

IT'S A BIG MULTIVERSE. ANYTHING COULD CRUISE OVER FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, THEORETICALLY.

PLUS I HAVE HERE A CANNON TO DISPUTE YOUR CANON CLAIMS!

EYULLLGGHHH I HATE YOU.

WELL FINE. OK. IGNORING YOUR VERY BELATED MAGIC TALK... DO YOU ACTUALLY HAVE ANYTHING RELEVANT TO DISCUSS FOR THIS END-OF-VOLUME BONUS?

LIKE WHAT?

I DUNNO... LIGHT POWERS, CURSES, ZOMBIES, GHOSTS? TAKE YOUR PICK.

PSH. ZOMBIES AND GHOSTS AREN'T REAL, KIBORN.

BUT-

SHUT UP!

GHOSTS ARE REEEEEEEEAAAAAAAAL!

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE!

I WANT TO BELIEEEEEEEEEEEEVE

WELL THAT WAS A WASTE OF TIME.

YEAH IT GENERALLY IS.
On my gosh, I have a mouth...

Sweet, Sala, what?

HI, JINX

I've seen enough of this dream.
We are best friends!

Yay!
Friendship 4 Eva.

They can't help us.

OK!

What?

Saturn is my new awesome best friend.

Saturn...

Eh?

Thanks for taking Mogki off my back.

MISSION

Failed
OH, TAIDE! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
HI MUM.
YOU LOOK SO WELL!
UH, YOU TOO.
COME IN, COME IN! SIT DOWN! YOUR FRIENDS, TOO!
WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP OF TEA?
UH, NO THANKS.
SO HOW'S LIFE, SON? I SEE YOU'RE STILL HANGING AROUND WITH BURLY NAKED MEN.
I TAKE IT YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND YET?
MUM--!
WELL THEN... DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
MUM--
YOU KNOW THAT ANDERSON BOY DOWN THE ROAD JUST BROKE UP WITH HIS BOYFRIEND. HE'S A NICE BOY.
MUM I'M FINE!
HERE'S YOUR CUP OF TEA, TAIDE!
OK DEAR.
YOUR MUM IS CRAZY.