Varud Episode 23a

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You find yourselves, the five of you, across three different quads, making your way out of Lodz. The weather is cold, it is raining, it is heavily overcast. The visibility is a little better than earlier.

It's not raining quite as hard, but it's still pretty bad. To the left, you essentially just have a very short amount of rocks and moss, and then you have the mountain. To your right-hand side, you can see that there is just an expanse of low, I wouldn't say shrubs, because you don't really have that, but rocks, grasses, something along those lines.

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You can't really see the sea from where you are. You travel for a little bit, and then whom is at the front? Well, I'm the one leading the pack. Okay.

Is anyone on your quad? Him. So none there. Hunter will probably travel with Abigail, yes, and that leaves Colin to be on his own on his.

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You can't really see the airport from where you are. It's just a little too far out. You can't even really see the turning to the road, but I would like for Oli, who's at the front, to roll a spot for me, please.

(1:50 - 2:00)

If you're not Oli, then you can roll a spot with a difficulty. Am I the only one having deja vu? This is almost exactly how the other episode has started. No, this is different because Abigail's unconscious.

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It's a fail. Okay. Normal success.

(2:07 - 3:05)

Normal success. For those of you who got basic successes, you notice that on the road ahead of you, around all of the wreckages, you notice that you definitely spot three humanoid figures. All right.

I'm gonna slow down the quad bike and like turn around to the Hunter and Colin. Some of the fuckers are here, so just stay back and yeah, if I take my hat off, it means things are going south. Do you want to leave the bargaining chip somewhere? Oh, sure.

Sure. And I'm gonna basically just drop my bag off with him. I'm assuming.

Yeah, the black case and like, yeah. Okay. You leave like basically the black case and your pack with Colin? Okay.

(3:06 - 3:10)

Well, I think we give the black case to Hunter. No offense. Okay.

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Offense taken, but okay. Should be. Should be.

I actually meant it. Yeah, I wasn't sure why you didn't. No, no, no.

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I kind of, sorry, what I said was like. He might have murdered our uncle. I give him my pack.

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I was expecting you to say I'm gonna give my pack to Hunter. Just so we wouldn't walk up there with a bunch of shit they might want to take from us. But I'm assuming that you do have a majority of your pack.

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Yes, I think, I think I'll want to take most of the stuff with me just. Okay. Just in case.

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All right. With the two other quads kind of hanging back a little bit. The other two of you progress forward.

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As you get closer, you notice that these three people notice that you're coming and they are humans not zombies and you can see that they spread out kind of one in the middle of the road to the other two. Not exactly taking cover, but they are definitely behind some racks. You're fairly certain that you think you spot at least one of them has a gun, but you can't be sure about the other.

(4:17 - 4:43)

The gentleman who is in the middle of the road is wearing a dark heavy jacket. He is wearing dark trousers that seem to be torn in places, covered in mud, looking a little bit miserable, let's be

honest. Wearing like wearing a hat, which is not exactly one of those beanie ones, but more like a pretty much what Neil is wearing, a baseball cap.

(4:47 - 5:18)

He is pretty tall and he has a bit of a mean look on his face as you approach. He stands almost unperturbed in the middle of the road, arms crossed. You definitely notice that at his waist he has at least a knife that you can see.

Otherwise, you aren't sure what else he may be armored with. Before you get even too close, he yells, stay where you are or we will shoot you. No need for that.

(5:21 - 5:53)

Hello. Was it was it in English? Yes. All right.

Hi. If you're passing this way, we're going to want some sort of tribute. So this is the way to the airport then? It's the way back to my gaff.

Your gaff? Place, keep up with it. I'm not I'm not familiar with. Sorry, I'm not quite there on the lingo.

(5:56 - 6:45)

So we're willing to trade if that's the case. Are you are you part of the gang then that's like occupying the airstrip? You see him look to his right and you see the person with the gun kind of like definitely begin to shift their weights and definitely begin to unsling the rifle. He says, yeah, that's me and my crew.

What about it? Can I assume that you are in charge of said crew? You will have a discerning eye indeed if you determine that I am in charge. Well, then this is great and sorry and I like clamber off the quad for a bit. Mind if we like might if we talk? I'm like You can talk from there.

(6:48 - 1:08:25)

Okay, well thing is we If you wouldn't mind We would very much like the use of the airstrip. You'd see him turn and look back at the boys you kind of can't really like see his face and they just kind of like Nod, and then you see them like put on a bit of a smile and he looks back at you a face full of glee he says No I That no meant that we don't mind you can use it for free or whatever It very much meant the other kind of yeah, you're not allowed to use it. Okay, then I'm not rolling.

Sorry first of all Tribute before you even think about asking to trade for what is this? What are you expecting to do with an airstrip that's not exactly like this flights out of the place. Oh Do you guys not have a radio? He looks at you and says Whether we have a radio or not. Absolutely.

None of your goddamn business I only asked because I heard people on the radio talk about planes in this area So I assumed you would have heard it as well News to me Normal success. Oh, yeah. Well, I'll leave it to you You got a 19 yeah What are you Is he just fucking with like bullshitting me like like he said Oh news to me Yeah, he looks over and yeah you you get the feeling like yeah, this this isn't news he knows I Basically just go he knows he knows look Can we can we talk candidly here? You can try Fact is we we have our own mission It's it's a pretty big one, but it does require use of an airstrip and I Understand that this is perhaps your place of power.

However, you want to call it But the fact is that we have something bigger than then then you bigger than us bigger than pretty much anything here and we need To finish what we have started here. We need to do something that is going to if not Fix things immediately at the very least give people a fighting chance at things. I I Understand that this is this is your place and you want to do what it is that you want to do but if you can at least give us the the the privilege the the the bare minimum of just like a fighting chance at actually Getting through this stupid goddamn apocalypse Will you will you and at least entertain the idea of a fair trade To make use of your airstrip.

I can see you're very passionate about this. You have great Confidence in what you're about to do. So that very much tells me you'd be willing to trade Almost anything for it, right? You don't have a lot got a quad.

I can't get it For a start, what about your people up the road? basically two more quads if you promise to give us access to the airstrip like I can Sure, three quads for what an hour of airstrip time and they got fuel in them Yeah He leans back he again like looks at his boys and you can see the one with the the rifle just kind of Shifting a little bit as if he's trying to get a good aim somewhere He turns back and says three quads Seems fair tribute. What else any guns? We do have a gun, but we kind of need to keep it. You've definitely seen the spitter creatures Mm-hmm.

Yeah without it. We'd been zombie food earlier. So we kind of need it Hmm kind of don't care Okay Here's the thing we're willing to trade and we're willing to do that in an open honest and easy manner with Nothing else happening, but like a simple trade But if this is gonna be a case of you just push push push Then you're gonna have to decide which one of your guys are gonna die Because this is a case of we won't just go down without a fight So are you willing and I'm now like gesturing to the rest of the team? Are any of you willing to die for the sake of a few fucking quads or Just take the god-honest deal.

Oh As soon as he starts getting Angry mm-hmm. I am definitely looking for more You said one of the guys seemed to be like looking weirdly like trying to spot other things Yeah, like the the guy with the rifle is kind of like He's kind of getting comfortable you can tell like oh, yeah, this is someone who's lining up a shot Yeah, I'm gonna follow everybody's like looks are they looking to other buildings? Are they looking at so there aren't any other buildings that you can see? Oh, this

is all just open I'm gonna make you get you to make a spot. There are positive and negatives here.

So I'm just gonna get you roll straight. All right, I rolled up 30, which I believe is a Normal nope, I'm too far away from normal success and I think I'm gonna spend 15 points and put to push it into a hard success Good All right, these are the kind of moments you were saving your spot for yes You Look kind of intently at the guy with the rifle. You're kind of like following his gaze The gaze of the leader is keeping on you too And can you see him occasionally looking up the road, but not really pay much mind to them mostly Keeping an eye on non-linear listening to him the guy who doesn't seem to have a weapon you think His gaze is kind of all over the place If you were to guess he just seems incredibly unfocused The guy with the rifle is definitely aiming his attention up the road at the guys on the quads That is what you notice No, I don't think you notice anything else No, Nick, can I get you to make a persuade for me, please definitely I would ask command But you know really commanding you're getting them to be on your side.

Yes Okay, hold on 47 so 23 okay. I am willing to spend 13 14 like points to make this a hard success The guy that doesn't have any weapons it seems a little bit unfocused He yells up come on Benjamin just just Just take the quads and and we we can go right and Benjamin just kind of closes his eyes like and He looks over at you again on he says Quads seem excellent wonderful idea Do need some painkillers though one of my boys take a clip in the leg earlier. I Want to insight something sorry, I'm so sorry my brain literally just clicked They said we get access to the airstrip with blah blah blah My brain just went are these guys not associated with a group up on the airstrip Because we don't know if these are the guys from the airstrip They are just hanging out at a crossroad close to the airstrip.

He did say Benjamin, right? Yeah, yeah, that is the name that hunter told us about regarding the airstrip. Really? Yeah, okay, then I then I can just shove my stupid insight because the answer is gonna be yes Somehow related to them. I'm not misremembering right? Yeah, you're not misremembering at all.

Okay. Yeah, sorry, and then I'm genuinely apologetic that I I Can do you one better if DP I have I have some skills in the medical profession. Oh shit, really? Yes Huh Insight how desperate is he now? That's an old fire that's a critical success When he's like, oh shit You basically see some sort of like something definitely flash across his face he is As if God himself has blessed him and delivered someone with medical training into his hands he is very relieved not to be somebody who abuses a position of power as that would make me a horrible person, but His expertise come from years of work and training as I assume that's taking over an airport has been I feel like if you're actually gonna use his expertise our deal needs to be amended a little bit Like I like kind of go to you.

Like I said, sir Haven't haven't we already won I move in a go. No, we still need them to promise to fuck off from the airport They've only told us they're gonna let us use it. They may stay there.

We do not want them there. Yeah, okay three quads in the dock Borrowed naturally Okay, but we get free roam off the airport you're not gonna be there when this stupid fucking airplane lands a single errant shot from a Nervous shooter planes never leaving again Give me a minute and He turns his back and you can definitely see the guy who's lining up a shot is he hasn't left his gaze at all I'm tempted to yell at him, but I've already Pushed your limit my friends You've made him tense when before he was like, oh, thank fuck. Wait, fuck off He goes back and you see him like quietly conversing with the guys I'm gonna say you're not really gonna hear it.

It is still raining. It's still kind of crappy What I like really want to do is like after after this whole thing and like that I'm deciding to discuss I'm only oh, yeah I know how to like entice the people even more of this layer I'm gonna rummage in my backpack and go like and just casually hold on to a first-aid kit I do lean over though. Like I'm sorry if you're gonna have to spend time with them.

It's totally worth it. Hopefully hopefully You you see them talk and they definitely shoot looks over at the other guy and The three of them like the two of them nods and he just strains his shoulders keeps his head high and turns back and he begins to walk over towards where you guys are and you see that the guy with the gun kind of like Slowly begins to lower. It's kind of relaxed down a little bit and the guy in charge Benjamin.

He says Yeah, we can swing by back on the courts with you doc and Our boys know roll out and you guys can walk the rest of the way if you bring the quads down We'll go straight out. We'll drop you there and You guys can walk and we got our boys out by the time you come and walk down there. We'll be gone You'll be on the quads at that point.

We want the quads now. Yeah, when are you gonna have our doctor help you? It's gonna come with us. We've got some injured so you're getting everything up front then we're getting nothing You're getting the line to strip in you I Would like assurances that you will not just drive off without with our bikes or just stay there and start shooting at us What do you want? I'll look at the guy's gun.

I want his gun And all his ammo Gone, no ammo Gun no ammo. He stays with us. No, you're taking My friend my cousin, I don't even know who that is to you as if blood Then it would be equal Gun no ammo.

He stays with us you see him like throw a look over and The guy just like just let him have a gun. Let's let him have it They'll bring it back weren't you We want our cousin back I'll leave it here It's the gun on the hood Takes out like a few loose rounds. He hasn't puts him in such a way that they kind of roll onto the guns And he steps up puts our hands up and he goes over to the the other guy You can see that.

Yeah, he puts his arm under his shoulder All right. Let me go talk to the rest of our team All right, you stay here though. Looks like it Okay, I I hold told I hold on to the first aid kit, but nothing else

Okay.

Yeah, I Three propane tanks clue to the end of this quote, but leave them there just in case we want to fuck them up I go back to Hunter and Collins I'm just like how much of that did you catch? I'm gonna say you probably caught 99% of it enough How do you feeling? I want to say that while you guys were gone I think I would have like because Hunter is Suggested to be right that they know What's going on? Yeah, correct. Yeah, like the assumption is like they probably know if light is coming Yeah, then if they know what's valuable here I kind of want to like go through our stuff kind of like behind the quad Kind of casually and see if I can take things out of the obvious case that might be important and put them somewhere else Does that make sense? They're not gonna boy it. They're not getting our backs.

They're just getting the Quads, yeah, they're just I'm gonna get the quads. They shouldn't be getting the stuff on it. I Know for now, though Yeah, so you want to go in and basically take out the open up the black case And yeah inside it you see that there are Five files, I believe it was three originally then we put in Abbie's and tickets.

Yes Yeah, also knows Julian. So you see five vials of blood and You see two small USB sticks What year is most valuable? Yeah, he looks over and he says probably the blood I mean, I know they have maybe Abby but She's less obvious. We don't tell them what she is I don't have many good places to hide files of this size, you know, I Might be able to fit the USB sticks in the broken gun Clog the tube But they might want the gun Just inside pocket.

I guess but what if we get patted down at some point? We have to take the risk Oh blood vials we put them in Abby's jacket if they attempt to Search an unconscious woman, it's not too far wrong that we would step in to protect that So we put them in her jacket How do you see that? Yeah He kind of lifts Abby off of the bike as he sees you guys coming and yeah You're able to hide the vials there if you want You could try hiding I Think the USB sticks might be too big for the barrel of the gun Maybe there's a place in the butt of the gun or something I Don't roll a hide Well, I don't have a hide skill in my argument would more be that the hide skill is a physical skill Mm-hmm, and this isn't necessarily a physical Move So that makes sense. Mm-hmm Like I know my background is criminal at no point was hide offered in the criminal background Really you can check but I don't think it was that's a suck Okay, I Don't I mean, I don't really know much about stocks of guns So, I don't know if there'd be a place to hide the sticks there I'm so afraid to like put them in my shoes and step in a puddle and ruin everything It is raining like it's raining. My stupid brain was constantly go like the prison pocket For electronics probably I Just hate the fact this box is so obvious, you know, yes What do you think? Do you think we should just leave it and play along here? Leave the USBs in there.

I Say I think the blood is probably a dance like more useful and What are they going to do you see some USB sticks and take them and plug them into what computer? It looks less suspicious if there's something in there and at this point, I'm gonna say that only you've probably turned up

on the quad All right, how much did you guys hear of that? Enough we're trying to figure out if we want to Hide the things from your box. Oh They're not gonna go through our stuff you don't think that well The bloods in her jacket They tried to pat her down. She's an unconscious woman.

Yes. Okay, I can see the logic there. Yes.

Okay, that's good. That's good All right. Well, they are demanding the quads up front.

We are getting to hold on to one of their weapons They're a gun in the meantime excellent. So unfortunately, we're gonna have to get Abby off one of the quads. She's already off She's kind of like being sat on the floor.

Yes So I think best Idea for us is to move on to the meeting location once they take the quads away We'll hide you guys and Abby away and they will come by they will drop off Nonnie and they will take their gun and fuck off hopefully Okay I'll get bagging Abby back on the bike. Yeah All right, and with that you can definitely to lawn back down Lonnie you talking doing anything? I'm just uh, I'm just holding my place just like I'll just look I'm looking at them nervously occasionally just like with whistling a little bit Yeah, the guy in charge Benjamin Like the other two are gonna like one of them is being half held up and you can definitely tell there's definitely some sort of injury on the leg, but you can't tell what and Benjamin looks over says So are you some sort of like? medic No, I was studying in the I was studying in Reykjavik. Oh, I was it I was working the hospital I'm studying as a medical student.

Oh damn. I guess we lucked out then. Oh Yeah You're the only one Doctor the kind of few and far between yeah.

Yeah, it was uh, it was rough Are you in the capital? Yeah, that's yeah. That's why I said I was in Reykjavik Actually were in Reykjavik. Yeah.

Yeah. Yeah. Wow I'll shit.

Oh Yeah Yeah It was bad He nods and you guys where are you from? Oh I was um, actually just Doing one of them Like drive around Iceland things took a month off came here and yeah, I guess I got stuck and the The rest of the guys like they were all like sit like a group trip then or no I just bumped into people from different things, you know, I Hear that. It's a here on me own. So, you know Do we gotta do? Yeah, yeah so, uh So you guys have a working radio, right he kind of doesn't really something just shrugs.

Yeah. Well You guys have a working radio So what's this like Was this like a long time plan then like as soon as you heard it or was this a case of like? Lucky place lucky time. Oh We just hit it out this way What are the other boys pretty good at radios? Fixed it up had a stray transmission, you know But we'd hang around see what lands Yeah I'm just I Need you guys to like be on the level here like what this is genuinely big and important like I understand that Like The journey

here.

It's not been easy. I tell you that and and people of all sorts are around. Yeah Yeah, well people got to do what they do to survive, right? I'll be honest some of them were doing things that were definitely not just to survive At this point the rest of the group arrived.

Yeah All right There's your quotes You guys get off you can grab your packs even the extra stuff and You can see that hunter gets off kind of like having to balance Abbey and then holding her and you see Benjamin look over It's like we're doing with a girl She was knocked unconscious in the fight on the way here. He looks at you just like looks back at her Oh, no, no, don't you dare even think that that's Abigail she worked for my cousin I'm traveling with her for days All right, keep your pants on Well, all right dirty mind All right Well the guns there. Yes.

I guess we should get on the courts. We'll go Let the boys know Come on on you get and he gets on and indicates for you to join him. All right, I will go and grab the gun there is You definitely see a little bit of resistance for the guy who owns the guns Let him have it.

I said let him have it as I'm have it Yeah, and you see the three of them jump on the bike with none. They on the back of Benjamins. Yeah and yeah, like you The three of them begin to trundle along the road It takes them a little while to get used to it because you know, not all of them are good at driving Some slightly better than others yeah, and kind of like roughly at that point is when Abigail becomes to like come to So I'm gonna deal with you in a minute Yeah All right.

I'm gonna pick a random house that has a good view of this location. There isn't a house I told you that before there isn't a house along this little stretch Is there any cover anywhere close by? I mean, there's like the the wreckage of the cars for sure If you want there could be a really big boulder Car sounds good. Sounds good.

Yeah. Yeah, you can find a car. Yeah, I'm just gonna make sure there's no Hunter underneath the car or whatever.

Yeah, nobody's in the car. I'm just gonna pop it open Yeah, yeah, you can do that. You find one that's like Basically all but next to you at the same car that the guy put there the gun on That's a perfect thing for you to be able to open and and check yeah, just make sure it's there No, no, like if Abigail is waking up like hey, hey Good to see you're awake I'll explain everything.

Let's just sit you down in the car. So you at least have a comfort Yeah, Hunter helps her into the car. She just sits.

She definitely looks like dazed Yeah, I'm gonna sit in the back and I can offer the front seats to call in and Hunter This is a fucked situation More or less it's not perfect, but we got You really think they're just gonna turn and leave with their Their wheels as if that's gonna get them to any new kind of life Yeah Mmm, I believe that they're gonna see the good work. None. It does.

They're gonna see that They can take these quads Whatever they want. None of them have to get shot because we have one of their guns now they can have their gun back and They can just fuck off wherever they want with these quads. I believe that these are maybe self-serving man, but I That weird though the Benjamin he definitely cared about this man He was more willing to give us his gun than one of his dudes Do you not think we should start walking? No Abigail is up for it Didn't sorry, did we not say we were gonna wait for them here Where were we supposed to meet them? They said that they would drop him off at the airport and then they'd go and leave you to it.

Oh, sorry Yes. Okay, then let's get walking. Sorry.

I thought we were supposed to wait here a Slot of blood in my ears right now. Didn't they shoot your sister? You're not Why Ah My sister doesn't deal well with bullies She made some comments as they got Well They didn't respond well to her negotiation tactics I Would see one of them was Itching to start shooting Yeah Yeah We can that's how it goes, huh? Yeah, we can just hope the Collins I don't know I Don't know man Just hoping that there's a hope for a man. Let's hope for mankind You um You see that Abby is like a fiddling to get like the flip pad out of her her pocket and you see the hunter kind Of helps her out like the fuck is it? And she writes on there none there I'm sorry Yes, so they had injured so none offered to come help them in exchange for them leaving the air strip alone for us to use So he's okay.

I believe he is completely. Okay. Yeah, I believe he is completely.

Okay, and I believe that they will return him She nods and smiles But yeah, she's like hunter is definitely like helping her. She's like struggling to walk in a straight line Yeah, she doesn't look great I feel like I'd have like a spare pain pill if pain killer that he gave me I'm gonna pass it to her Yeah, yeah, you can do that. And yeah, she'll just throw it back and it's also difficult for her to swallow.

Yeah Yeah Moaning like a zombie Yeah So I'm gonna start walking towards the spot where we said and I'm gonna fill her in on the entire scenario. Yeah Yeah, the four of you are able to struggle and Stumble your way along the road best as you can it's gonna be a bit of a trek, but you should be there before midday None there Was that sup It doesn't take long for you to see like the sign that leads off denotes that the airport is coming up to the right at least the landing strip right and You can see that there's like a little bit of like trees and shrubbery around You can see the road that goes down You can even see a little bit off in the distance that kind of little small hangar building that was described. Oh, yeah Can you take a spot for me? Absolutely What are you two rolling over there? I do nothing Neil dared me to roll.

I didn't dare you to roll. You said we need to be rolling you you I fucked me I told me to roll We you're the one with What am I gonna do roll fives at them What are you doing hard success hard success? Yes As you guys kind of like slow just getting around some of these cars You look over

to the right and you see you say hard success, right? Yes you look to the right and you see that there is Kind of in a little gravel area just in front of where the hangar is You can see that there are a couple of cars that have been like overturned used as whatever you can see that There is obvious signs that they've been using that area as a camp. You can look up and see that's the landing strip is Clear you don't see any wrecks on it.

For example, definitely spot nine zombies meandering on it I'm the lamb London strip. Yeah, and then he guns the cord All three of them do go straight past the time In that case, I'm just going what's happening As Yeah, he It's down the road. He was back Port moved in this morning.

That's it. Just the three of us now And he reaches back and he grabs like like grabs your arm just holds it incredibly tightly as he just Continues to gun it down. Oh Okay So he wants to play that way Seeing as this is happening.

I just like he grabbed my fucking arm, right? Yeah, he's basically, you know, yeah, I Mean you could grab the bike every one but he just reaches back and just grabbed hold of your arm like incredibly tight It's kind of like one-handed steering. You're going quite fast. It is a radio like oh Okay in that case I just reach around his neck Break or die You break or you die Roll a command You've got like a 100 I Was so excited for a moment, so as I did you roll a one did you actually manage to get him to stop the I wish All right, I guess I put it up to the council of fumble I've got nothing Clearly what happens is like he did is I go like Something like he breaks a little and just oh If you put your arm around his neck, yeah, he can like use the arm He'd used to hold you to basically reach up and grab your arm and just put it closer around him So that he has like oh, yeah Like if you if you move at all you and the bike are going like everything is going down here He's not listening to your command.

He doesn't give a fuck He just wants to get the fuck out of here and you are coming with him Okay, well so he's gonna hold on to you and you guys are going breakneck speed okay, he yells back I Don't think you're ready to die either Okay, but him saying that I toss the first I Am NOT in this to be your friend. Let me start. I promised you if this went pear-shaped people would die I can't tell whether this would be a positive or a negative because like your hand is being held right by space like right round His neck so you moving hands should be pretty easy.

Yeah, but he also has his hand around you This is not an easy thing to do you can't really see what you're doing. Yeah. Well, I've also got an another hand That isn't holding anything.

So, all right, then then we'll make it a normal check Yes, that is the success Yeah, you do that I'm gonna say that he basically just lets go of the bike and it's just gonna fucking go wherever it wants And you guys are gonna flip good Okay, in that case the bike just plows forwards and essentially just goes straight into a wreck So I'm gonna have you take some damage. Okay now argue argument Yes, Neil He is on the back of a bike and could be potentially falling into the body of a softer evil, man I would tell you what happened when my ex-husband had a passenger on

the back of his car on the back of his bike He was t-boned by another car that pulled out in front of him his leg got pinned against the car and the passenger went flying over his head and Smashed his foot into the grounds because that guy broke his toe. He didn't suffer massive damages that person was So the driver is pretty fucked but if you are unlucky so is the pillion because you can fly into anything Yeah, you will not be flying into the soft squishy person at the back.

You will be flying over his head so in that case The usual falling damage is 1d 3. Sorry 1d 6 For falling 3 feet and I think you are going at speed. So even though you're not like dropping 3 feet I think it's fair that you are just gonna smash into the ground on the other side and that will be 1d 6 of damage Okay, so go ahead and roll that damage For damage. I'm assuming Sadly on my behalf.

It's not a major win. Oh, you'd want that. I do want that.

Yeah Yet again unpunished The other two straight off They look back. They see the situation realize he's gone you are on the floor. They're like I'm not being zombie chow I'm just I'm going on to the next place.

Fuck this shit. There is definitely a stop. You definitely hear like oh my god, Benjamin No Just keep going.

He's fucked. Just you wouldn't want us to die Fuck you go Continue to gun it down the road you are free, but you are quite a distance off From from whom from you're quite a distance off from the Landing strip. Oh how far away am I from Benjamin? Let's say Benjamin is trapped between quad bike and car And you are probably not more than like half a move round All right In that case I like with a with a little bit of a limp just go like hey He went insane Now we're okay with murder I'm not there You guys can't even see this like you have to walk a bit further to be able to see the turning Yeah, Benjamin's looking in a very bad state Yeah, he he his face is pale You can tell that he is like he was pinned and you can tell that he definitely is suffering like broken leg broken arm as a Minimum and yeah, every breath is incredibly rattley Okay, and he is pinned currently by this They're not quite pinned anymore because the bike would have shifted and he would have fallen So he's like kind of back against the the car that he drove into His his eyes in a fucked up state very fucked up state Yeah, he's not having a good time, man Okay I Do remember that you said that he had a knife on him.

He did. Yeah In that case if I reach him, I just want to immediately take that away from him. Yes.

Okay Do I see that there's any other weapon? Not from the position he's in no, okay in that case I'm just gonna Yeah Yeah, no fuck it I'm just gonna just get a knife up to his neck and just go like I warned you and Yep, here we go. Dude is dead Yeah blood sprays all across you Which is kind of unusual for the times because you're responding of the dead who don't do that And yeah, like the entire front of you is covered your face like it's covered in like blood and yeah, you You now

have a hunting knife, okay now I want to go find my first aid kit Let's leave you walking back from the other direction And you will be able to find your first aid kit if you want. All right back to the rest of you Continue walking.

Yes Yeah, it's It's a bit of a trek. It's not masses of time Probably about another like 20 30 minutes and You find yourself at the point where you can look to your right and you can see the landing strip Can I get you both to make spot rolls for me, please? New Luck would be bad To use we might need to them. I'm 20 something points away.

Oh, that's a big amount of way I was 11 wait from from spot Wait, yeah Aren't you spotting? Yeah, but I don't think he rolled an 11. He moved the dice. Oh, yeah.

No. No, I didn't roll an 11 I'm checking my math though because I rolled yeah, okay It was a 60 something Yeah, I would need 11 points Hunter's kind of more Keeping on helping Abby walk. She is getting better But she's like still little woozy Just kind of like difficulty like keeping her eyes like focused in place to be fair One of them is almost swollen completely shut.

So it's not a complete surprise Yeah, you guys don't really spot anything of any significance as you arrive kind of At the road that turns right and leads down to that little gray building that is the Tiny little hangar And hunter says the fuel is on the other side of that hangar it's in a small truck I Don't see the quad anywhere No, you're right And do you see him like look up and actually begin to like scan around I know I'm being cheeky by just mentioning that but Oh hunter He looks up and you see his like face get a little bit drawn. He's like If you look there and he points across to the strip it's like That's a lot of zombies. I Don't see neither the chords nor none The planes cannot land with them there that plane is small if it hits one of those that thing is gonna flip It's the air Strip surrounded by any kind of fats No fans.

No, it's just a big open field Lots of black sand everywhere and that's a bit about it really Okay, okay Can wait and he points down the road and you can see a blood-covered humanoid making their way towards you seems to be carrying a small pack and Coated from kind of the top of his head down to like halfway down his chest just in blood I'm assuming I reckon has the silhouette of none. Yes. There's no way to not not recognize none I start bolting down the road.

Oh my god So I just Ripped it down the fucking road full speed Like if I eat shit because the road is uneven I eat shit because I just need to get close to them No, I think it's fine. Oh my god Coco fitted. Are you okay? They lied And I showed him what happens when they lie Jesus Christ, are you okay? No, I'm not fucking.

Okay There's one quad bike back that way and I like gesture backwards like I Don't care about that. It's there. Oh, you don't want to bother with him The other guys just fucked off.

Oh and a nice gesture towards the light strip. There's also zombies you Shit Yes, okay. Well, you're okay.

That's the first most important thing. Yeah. Yeah.

Okay. You said one of the quads was left behind Yeah, the one I was on I look at you up and down. Yeah, he's got like cuts and bruises all over him He definitely has like that gravel rash at least on like one arm like reading sees jackets like torn open exposed to the elements I Grabbed you by the shoulders.

I look you straight in the eyes and I go honey. I love you I want to spend time making sure you're okay But there's a fucking airplane coming in and I just have to check the quad still works because we did get for zombies I thought I just start spritzing Is it the quad with the propane on it It's so good that you recently just made some zombie bait You're gonna get to the court, thank you you See that it is a flips You can see that there is a dead guy You can see Benjamin just back against it You can see that one of his eyes is like kind of drooling down his face You can see that like his arm is broken. His leg is broken and you can see his throat has clearly been slipped I'm just gonna pull the bike away from him.

Oh, yeah, that's fine. Can you roll a D anything I know just let me know it's all I know you what you're doing Yeah, I know before you go if he's so much as fucking twitches. She's getting an axe in the face Odds means he's gonna have to get an axe to the face.

Yes It's an even okay He seems not to stir. He's maybe one of the lucky ones that does not turn upon death I because I I knew I knew they turn even if they weren't bitten or whatever Yeah Yeah, I like that's why I'm like pulling it away slowly because if he's gonna go start going Yeah, you're able to like right to the bike, yeah, I'm sorry right the courts You're able to see like yeah, there's some damage to that front wheel and that handlebars a little bit bent, but it turns on Jesus Christ Thank you for being a shit driver Benjamin And I I'm gonna start driving it back towards Nani, yeah How are you guys doing better than you it seems but Weren't there eight people to kill eight fucking people? Yeah. Yeah.

See, uh apparently the Horde came in at one point and Wiped out a bunch of them, of course So they were doing this whole deal just to like skedaddle on out of here with as much as they could Well All right. Okay. Well, I don't surprise the quarters coming about this but I don't I Don't suppose we have much longer left before this is supposed to be here It works it works, okay, I will do a okay you guys get to one of the hangars Just hide away.

I will do a circle up and down and I will just pull them down into town I need you all to make a listen check My brain keeps playing the Tank theme from Left 4 Dead in my head anytime you tell us to like randomly roll shits You know exactly what I'm talking about Fail, okay. Excellent. Hunter also failed.

I'm not gonna make Abby roll because she is kind of fucked up Mm-hmm more the double my thing. I failed you failed. Okay, and more than triple my thing You guys Are those of you who are

walking kind of making your way along this road towards the hangar, is that the plan? So I was gonna yeah make the the the guys move towards one of the hangars just to get a place to hide Mm-hmm.

I was gonna do a circle on the airstrip and pull the zombies down into town. Okay As a bunch of you who are walking make your way towards the extra sorry to the hangar You take off on the bike and you find yourself on the airstrip begin to like Open up the engine making it make as much sound as possible even if you're not going as fast as possible and yeah, you see like A few of these creatures begin to like a bumble off in your direction. You're like, yeah, they're right behind me And you're like, yeah, my vehicle is loud.

This is great My vehicle is really loud My vehicle is really loud And you look behind you and you see playing small single-engine plane Beginning to make its approach and dip down beneath the clouds lower and lower Headed towards the airstrip Do I have all the zombies on me? How I I'm assuming there's some kind of horn on this thing. Yes. I obviously just like like lay down on it I am now currently driving up the airstrip and the plane is coming out.

Yes If there are any kind of lights I flash them and I'm just gonna start like swerving on a little bit back and forward Yep Trying to like flash him with my lights, but at the same time trying to pull any zombie that might Come at him I'm desperately trying to get him to stay elevated past me So all the zombies that are behind me will be past him when he tries to land I'm trying to give him some warning that there's something here that he should probably not try to land on Yeah, I'm gonna roll a spot on behalf of the pilot. Yep Let's say visibility kind of shit. Can I argue a difficult listen check for the other pilot? You can also just say no, yeah, you can also just say no, it's probably not they're in a plane your tiny little horn Yeah on your quad bike your lights aren't big and flashy.

Your horn is not loud It's loud if there's nothing else around you, but there's a plane coming in. They are not it's very unlikely So I'm gonna give them like a spot I'm not gonna make it harder than it needs to be but it is gonna be not an easy check You as you're kind of like lefting righting lefting righting you see the plane come down Kind of like do that little bumpy thing where you see the wheels come out and then it takes up and over very last minute they catch that there is something happening on the field and they go back up into the air and you see it do like a Big circle out towards sea and you then don't really see much of it if you're trying to focus on getting the zombies further along the zombies Narrow brush with death that they have had again A lot of them have turned away from your quad and been following the direction that the plane had just like taken off It was very loud over there is there's no way they'd be like, why would I pay attention to that? That is a plane? It's so cool headed off in that kind of direction. They're heading back along the runway as they are just kind of like Shambling and moving along some of them are obviously quite fast and they are just Sprinting down the end length of this thing just trying to get out towards it and yeah, you see a couple of them go off the land off the airstrip and like go on to like the black sand that is all around the strip and they just kind of like seem to be like

meandering off in that direction before The plane is like no longer really audible Are there how many zombies are left on the strip? There's probably about five of them left on the strip.

Okay I am assuming that they're mostly focused on like the airplane going away Yep, I'm going to try my try to drive my quad back to the guys without attracting their attention My thought process is we need to get on the fucking radio and explain the situation Yes Yeah, I'm gonna Yeah, let's say that under the cover of a plane. You're able to like get your vehicle back over to To the hangar and you know, you guys pretty much arrived at this point You've seen this plane go really low and right over where your companion was But here he is on the quad bike mostly zombie free mostly There's still some zombies around but yeah They're not all gonna mysteriously disappear. There's still like quite a few of them like up and down the strip Yeah, I basically stumble off the bike and go let's get the radio.

We need to get ready Yeah, you can yeah you you have the battery disconnected already right yeah on one of them I Rip open the hood of the quad I have I tell one person to hold one wire on the terminal and the other person to hold the other wire of the turn them on Yep, you guys you guys can do that. That's not a problem He's just kind of like leaning just desperately wanting to help but like he's in a kind of fucked-up state Yeah, you're able to connect up the radio. I go straight to the emergency frequency and just like Week to airplane week to airplane.

Are you on this channel? Yeah, we're on the channel mate what the fuck was that You'll get out. No, I was wondering like what we have seen maybe a radio around Because one of their groups the ones that like ran away They had a radio might be inside the hanger. Yeah, which we are currently.

Yeah, you've just arrived at for sure Yeah I think you'd have to go either into the hangar or you'd have to look at their camp like from where you are like There's your stuff. You can't like get more like granular than that unless you either choose to go to like their little car based Base outside or go inside the hangar. You're not in it.

You're just kind of literally just arrived here well, like seeing the while the plane was like coming and everything and I figured that would be like a good good spot to like try and And like look for radio seeing as the whole point in that situation was to get in contact with them Sure, which do you want to have a look at the hangar or like a little base the hangar? Okay in that case For the sake of ease I'm gonna say that it's probably unlocked The car they're kind of like the human entrance pretty unlocked Yeah, I'm gonna say that you can get in there You can see that there's definitely like, you know signs that they have used some of this as a campsite And I'm gonna need you to make a hard spot for me Absolutely, there's the success a hard success. Okay Anyone else going in? Ola your excuse for a minute Colin are you gonna go in with I'm gonna keep an eye out With my scope, okay and refrain from shooting for now What are you looking The position of the zombies, okay. All right and occasionally Back behind towards like where we came from.

Okay, so you're gonna be basically standing guard outside Yes, if I can climb to the top of the thing, he probably would but if it's like not then no Yeah, probably not. Okay, probably not Okay None there inside on your hard spot You notice that yes, they have made some of this like a little Mike makeshift camp you see a few things here and there you see supplies overturned everything kind of like Ripped up in various ways This was obviously left in a hurry You can almost like watch the footsteps as they kind of come from the camp just to where you are right now You can see that there's like obviously signs of like blood being dragged across the floor You also notice that There is indeed a radio that has been set up It is on the other side of the hangar on a little table in the back of the room but you also notice that there is standing in the corner a Young woman with her back to you who seems to be like messing with the radio. That's what you get on a hard spot And she doesn't look like she's a zombie Well, I'm not from behind Because there's like she's not shambling or something It just appears to be kind of at that little little desk where the radio is set up And yeah, you just aware that like things are moving on the desk.

She doesn't seem to be moving too much maybe you can see her arms like moving a little bit left and right but It's kind of it at the moment Okay in that case I I just I just look back to the the rest of the group Yeah, like they're kind of all outside I just like Satan Hunter Abby Collins whom I assuming is now going up He's not gonna make it on the roof Somebody here and I think I see a radio All right Great Abby just hold on to the wall. And yeah hunter enters the room with you. All right Yeah Yeah, he he is with you what do you want to do Excuse me.

Hello The woman turns and you can see that her chest is Covered in scratches that her right arm has a few bites on it and a big chunk of flesh missing Her eyes are kind of that that's unfocused milky ish color She spots to sprint towards you well Hello and thank you for listening to episode 23 of bottles this may be one of our more intense episodes, but next episode is No sluts. Oh come by tomorrow and check that out If you are enjoying our shows then we do make a variety of other shows all audio dramas Some of them scripted some of them not and the one I want to talk about is called counterbalance it's written by our very close friend and one of our co-makers of lighthouse Cassidy Riley Nikki and I am actually in it. It is a scripted audio drama where you follow the story of a magic weaving fixer It's kind of hard to explain but it's high fantasy.

It's high magic and it's really cool it has like an insane amount of audio work in it and the crazy amount of Foley and Yeah, I highly recommend you check it out. So Check out this trailer and if it sounds like something you want to listen to find it on an RSS feed or on our YouTube channel and Well, I hope you enjoy. See you tomorrow You brought another varon into my shrine be nice Oh, then you insolence little I'm sorry.

Oh then has strong opinions about mortals. Does that mean you are the mortal? Aren't we all a little mortal some more than others? Mm-hmm. My voice has been described as booming thunderous So bad I took out before I do it Let's save the forest tell Draca of dangers magic of bear of things best left alone Gundery sealed such a bio practice away for good reason.

So now what run a room? This is not my business little mortal. She's absurd. I will have to inform the magistrate about the cast.

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