

BLOOD BATH

"Baby's First Tournament"

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COLD OPEN

INT. REGGIE'S BEDROOM - DAY

We cut between close ups of several sets of eyes darting back and forth and sweat dripping.

VOICE 1

He's coming for me! He came in the back door!

VOICE 2

I'm coming as fast as I can!

VOICE 1

There's at least 4 people!

VOICE 3

Damn! I only have a pistol!

VOICE 4

There's more than 4! They put mines in the back watch out!

VOICE 3

AAAHHHH! Man, I got sniped. Where did that even come from?? Bummer!

The camera pulls back and we see TAYLER sitting at his desk gaming, throwing his hands up in the air holding a controller. REGGIE (26 shy, awkward, anxious, at home in her gaming world) streams the most popular battle royal game Blood Bath with her squad: Tayler(26 big ego, nerdy, often reckless), JAYA(28 even-headed in real life, not so much in the digital world), and CASSIE(24 wild, bubbly, dark, dressed very colorfully). It is a modern urban map. She is absolutely slaying.

REGGIE

That's 6 wins straight! We basically beat 900 people in a row. Let's go!

CASSIE

If only you had this much game with girls.

REGGIE

I had game with you when we met.

CASSIE

Ehh, for the first ten minutes. And it was mostly your aura doing the work. You have a really nice aura. Hot red.

TAYLER

Ew. Stop. I don't wanna hear about my sister's aura.

Reggie has 30 screens showing the game and vids of her and her teammates on one, and one with the stream chat.

REGGIE

Oh hey guys look, this person in the chat just asked "Why is Tayler being so annoying?"

Tayler laughs sarcastically.

REGGIE (CONT'D)

We're totally gonna crush it this weekend.

TAYLER

Yeah I'm a top 5 player.

REGGIE

(mockingly)

Yeah I'm number one. You are getting close to your personal record though.

Tayler kills a whole squad on his own. It's ultra gory.

JAYA

Actually though. Is he on drugs?

They all laugh at the joke.

TAYLER

Yeah my friend gave them to me. He said everyone playing esports is miiiiicro dosing. Haha. Whatever it takes to hit number oneee.

REGGIE

Oh snap. He is on drugs.

The screen shows them winning again with the text "NEW KILL RECORD!!!" The computer screen winks at Tayler.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE**INT. REGGIE'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT**

Reggie slouches over food eating it as she leads the meeting for the squad.

REGGIE

(mouth full of food)

Alright guys we already stream but this weekend we play our first pro tournament and we're going to beat the other clans for that 100k. Then I'll get that new mic. The G69K. And a giant Gundam Wing kit. It will loom over me while I stream. Time to upgrade the squad so we can be the number 1 clan.

TAYLER

Nice. This will put me closer to being the number 1 player.

REGGIE

(coughs)

Number 2.

TAYLER

I will surpass you Kakarot! I am the prince of all video games!

They all laugh.

TAYLER (CONT'D)

Yeah I would get the new Kracked controller they're dropping next month. It's \$500 and its perfect. Also find my own apartment instead of subleasing over and over. My sublease is almost over and it's a real bumner.

CASSIE

I'll get some crystals and dried newts.

JAYA

Why don't you just cast a spell on us so we win?

CASSIE

I could if I had the newts and crystals.

(MORE)

CASSIE (CONT'D)
 (Shaking her head) Such an Aries. I need to refresh my background and gear for the stream too.

JAYA
 I'm going to save up for a house. And uhhh the new PlayStation.

TAYLER
 PC players will run laps around you. My field of view is like double. I can see the whole gulag, you would see like half.

JAYA
 But it looks cool man.

REGGIE
 (Mumbling)
 Well that's boring and not really sure how it's going to help you game better but whatever. Ackhem. Anyway before we get anything we need to work on some teamwork basics. Coordinated strats. We won't be going up against a bunch of randoms, this is going to be all the top clans in the league.

TAYLER
 Yeah. Work on being more of a team player like me.

REGGIE
 So constantly prioritize getting more kills than you while not working with the team? Like that?

Cassie is piling way too much cheese onto a cracker.

CASSIE
 This is actually the opposite of what I thought being on a team with twins would be like.

INT. REGGIE'S BEDROOM - LATER

The squad practices for the tournament. We see them in game with their cams overlaid.

JAYA
 Hey how have you two been since your grandparents passed?

REGGIE

Oh totally fine. I'm definitely not letting myself grieve yet. You know how I do.

TAYLER

Ehh alright. Reggie and I get to "divide their assets" later. Fun.

CASSIE

Nice shot! Oh wow look at the kill feed, it looks like the MAiZE clan is in this lobby.

REGGIE

The Corn Crew is our greatest threat for this weekend. Let's try some of the stuff we talked about. Tayler you flank them, Jaya stay with me and hold the high ground, Cassie go around their other side.

CASSIE

Got it.

JAYA

Ok, got it.

Cassie gets in position, Tayler pushes a random house.

REGGIE

Dude Tayler that's not the right building.

TAYLER

I know, I just saw an easy kill real quick first.

Tayler gets a kill, Cassie gets overwhelmed.

CASSIE

Annd I'm dead.

REGGIE

Alright get ready Jaya they're pushing us.

Jaya is eating chicken nuggets with chopsticks.

JAYA

Oh I'm dead dude.

REGGIE

What? How!

JAYA

I ran to the stairwell to check it out.

REGGIE

...duude. Alright well there's a reason I'm the number 1 ranked player. Time to live up to the name squad killer-

Reggie kills one as the others team shoot her.

REGGIE (CONT'D)

...and I'm dead.

Tayler rushes in from behind and gets killed.

REGGIE (CONT'D)

Well there ya go. We're all dead.

TAYLER

That was brutal. We only killed one. How are we going to take them in our current shape?

JAYA

...for real. We need help.

CASSIE

Party help?

REGGIE

Yeah if we all micro dosed shrooms I bet we would work together better. Like a hivemind.

JAYA

Are you sure doing drugs while we game is a good idea man?

Cassie and Tayler take big bong rips. Jaya chases some caffeine pills with an energy drink.

REGGIE

Yeah totally it would be *such* a change. I think we'll be fine. Besides, didn't you see Tayler go off before?

JAYA

Well, yeah but not for a serious tournament. That was just pawning noobs.

CASSIE

We can even out the high with some
of the devils lettuce.

REGGIE

It's fine. Where did your friend
get the micro doses Tayler?

TAYLER

Online.

Reggie grabs her laptop. Tayler looks on his phone.

TAYLER (CONT'D)

Hmm I searched Amazon for shrooms
but all I'm getting is hippy coffee
and a horror movie.

REGGIE

Ok. According to this Reddit forum
we need to go to the dark web.

JAYA

That's really hard to navigate. Not
to mention sketchy.

REGGIE

Oh wow I found a link. That was
easy.

We see a shot of a very dark sketchy looking website.

CASSIE

Wow this site is full of more
viruses than a church website.

They give Cassie a confused look.

CASSIE (CONT'D)

Everyone knows church sites have
more viruses than porn sites.

JAYA

Riiiiight. *Everyone* knows that.

REGGIE

Ok. Ordered.

Jaya slaps his face in defeat.

JAYA

We should really be practicing
right now man.

INT. REGGIE'S LIVING ROOM - LATER (B-STORY)

Reggie and Tayler sit on the couch criss cross apple sauce looking through a box of stuff.

TAYLER

Man they left us some weird stuff.

Tayler pulls 3 big Ziplock bags full of match boxes out.

REGGIE

That's a lot of matches for someone who didn't smoke.

TAYLER

Right? I keep having these nightmares where it's Christmas and they're there but they're ghosts and they won't stop fighting over how much the dog is drinking and their limbs begin falling off. Then I wake up thinking they're haunting me.

REGGIE

That's so cool.

TAYLER

It's actually terrifying and sad.

Tayler pulls some Playboy magazines out of the box. Reggie pulls 5 Buddha figures out.

REGGIE

That's so sad.

Reggie hugs Tayler then pulls out a piece of paper.

REGGIE (CONT'D)

Oh wow. Well they left you a piece of undeveloped land.

TAYLER

Wild. I can just get a tent and stay there for now instead of finding a new place. Focus more on the tournament.

REGGIE

Maybe they really will haunt you there.

TAYLER

Hilarious.

REGGIE
(creepy)
They're coming to get you
Barbaraaaa!

INT. TRADER JOES - LATER

Reggie rolls up to the register with a cart full of cookies.
The cashier is cute and has rainbow hair.

CASHIER
Howdy.

REGGIE
(awkward)
Well howdy partna'.

Reggie immediately regrets saying that. She starts ringing
her up. Awkward pause.

CASHIER
So, what's your sign?

REGGIE
Oh uh I'm a cancer.

CASHIER
Wow me too. We're compatible haha.

REGGIE
Yeah, I know you say that every
time.

Long awkward stare. Reggie's posture betraying how
uncomfortable she feels.

CASHIER
Yeah I know. I don't know why I
keep asking you that. It's become
like a weird greeting at this
point.

REGGIE
(nervous)
I like it. Just feeling kinda like
I might be waking up to the same
day over and over or something
haha. Like Russian Doll or
whatever.

CASHIER
Haha you're funny.

REGGIE
Yeah well I'm a cancer.

She gestures claw hands.

CASHIER
(quietly)
We are *totally* compatible.

Reggie panics and runs out of the store to call Cassie.

REGGIE
Yo I'm picking up those tent
warming snacks and that cute
cashier checked me out and asked me
what my sign is again.

CASSIE (O.C.)
Ok well she is obviously flirting.
Again.

REGGIE
I don't know...is it ethical to
flirt with her if she has to talk
to me because it's her job anyway?
She did say we have compatible
signs. Double cancerrr.

CASSIE (O.C.)
Great. Why don't you go tell her
how you feel about that?

REGGIE
I could never. I don't think I can
ever interact with her again after
running away like that. I acted
like a total weirdo. Oh my god!
Actually I forgot the groceries.
I'll see you soon!

Reggie hangs up and runs back in to grab the groceries.

REGGIE (CONT'D)
I love you! I mean thank you!

The cashier laughs.

INT. TAYLER'S TENT - LATER

The squad squats in Tayler's tent. It has many long extension
cords leading off the property and is flashing neon colored
lights. It has his gaming setup, many anime posters, cookies
everywhere, and not much else.

REGGIE
This looks cool.

CASSIE
Yeah, we should throw a silent tent rave.

JAYA
Yeah it's...it's put together nicely. For a tent. Maybe it's not a good...house though? Also where are all these cables leading to?

TAYLER
Well I'm part of a community now and communities share.

JAYA
You're stealing your neighbors electricity aren't you?

TAYLER
I don't see it that way.

JAYA
Riiight. I'm sure your neighbors won't either.

Tayler, Reggie, and Cassie keep eating tons of cookies.

REGGIE
I'm not seeing a problem Jaya.

JAYA
Dude, considering the decision making I've seen from both of you in the past that tracks.

CASSIE
Oooh like what?

JAYA
Like the time Tayler decided to live in that nightmare attic full of bats and he got rabies and ended up on my couch. Or there's that time Reggie got a taser-

FLASHBACK - EXT. CAMPUS PARK - 5 YEARS AGO

Reggie is holding a taser.

TAYLER
Haha so crazy you got a taser.

REGGIE
I know right? I wonder if it really hurts that much.

TAYLER
Not too much for me. I bet I could get tased more than you.

REGGIE
No way. I can def handle more pain.

TAYLER
Oh yeah???

Tayler tases himself and falls to the ground.

REGGIE
Hah! You can't even handle once.

Reggie tases herself and falls to the ground too. Cam backs up to show Jaya shaking his head.

BACK TO SCENE

REGGIE
I still got up faster.

JAYA
See? They're the most chaotic siblings I've met.

CASSIE
Well everyone does dumb stuff when they're kids.

JAYA
This was college.

REGGIE
Haha yeah. That's mostly Tayler though.

JAYA
You've made plenty of choice decisions all on your own man.

REGGIE
Mmmm I really think this is more about Tayler.

JAYA
Was it more about Tayler when you decided to invite Cassie to join the squad after you just met?

FLASHBACK - INT. BAR - 2 YEARS AGO

Reggie and Cassie make out. They stop to talk.

CASSIE
So what do you do?

REGGIE
I'm a streamer. I stream that game
Blood Bath.

CASSIE
Ooooh I'm a gamer too!

REGGIE
Oh cool! Wanna join my squad?

CASSIE
Yeah that sounds fun!

They go back to making out.

BACK TO SCENE

REGGIE
That was fun. Look it worked out,
Cassie is a great player. I was
relying on my gamer's intuition.
According to my career test I'm an
INFP. Intuitive, something,
something, something. Besides
Taytay and I basically trained you.

Jaya shrugs. Cassie starts stacking cookies on Reggie's head.

CASSIE
Thank you Reg. I don't see a
problem with these choices either
honestly. And what about the time
you fell down a well retrieving a
Tamagotchi Jaya?

JAYA
That was also Tayler. I had to bail
him out because Reggie was busy
trying to catch and train racoons
with you Cassie. She's always
either busy with racoons or dead
asleep when that stuff happens. She
slept through her own graduation.

REGGIE
Everyone does.

JAYA

No they don't. I didn't.

REGGIE

Yeah and I bet you wasted hours waiting at the DMV for a "license" pshh. Like what does that even mean? It's a piece of government plastic.

Jaya stares at her in disbelief. Reggie, Cassie, and Tayler start throwing the cookies at each other.

JAYA

Jesus dude. Why are all my friends rabid animals?

REGGIE

Whatever. Jaya you could probably stand to be more rabid.

Jaya rolls his eyes.

JAYA

It really feels like we should be practicing for the tournament guys. We barely got any time in today.

REGGIE

That's the point of the drugs Jaya. We'll kick butt with mushrooms like Mario. Speaking of, the dark web package gets here in the morning!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO**INT. REGGIE'S LIVING ROOM - THE NEXT DAY**

The squad excitedly opens their dark web box which has Russian writing on it.

REGGIE

This is weirdly heavy for some dried magical shrooms.

She opens it and its a box full of dirt.

TAYLER

We have to snort it.

JAYA

Nooo man. That's deep web dirt.

REGGIE

Actually it's *dark* web dirt.

JAYA

Dude that's worse. Why would you go for the dark web?

REGGIE

I thought the dark web was less intense than the deep web.

JAYA

No dude it goes clear web, deep web, dark web.

REGGIE

Oh. Oopsie.

Tayler starts digging around the dirt.

JAYA

Wear some gloves! That's so sketchy. You guys are stressing me out.

Tayler pulls out some truffles.

TAYLER

Eh. I'm fine. Wow look at these dank dirt gems.

REGGIE

Alright, power-up acquired!

CASSIE

Those are truffles. You bought some imported Russian truffles.

TAYLER

How do you know that? The trippy kind?

CASSIE

Mushrooms are a hobby of mine. I love foraging. And no. The bougie culinary kind. Yum.

JAYA

Reggie you didn't pay attention!

REGGIE

They were called fancy shrooms! What does that sound like to you?? On onion.com which is full of deep drugs, according to Reddit.

CASSIE

Wait onion.com? Oh Reggie. The dark web all ends in .onion urls not onion.com.

JAYA

Ahh I told you this was a bad idea, man. We wasted too much practice time already. We're forgetting the drugs plan and practicing now, right?

REGGIE

I mean that isn't our *only* option.

CASSIE

I could ask my friend for their contact. It's a friend of a friend of a friend.

REGGIE

Yeah, lets try that. We can get a little practice in in the meantime. Pick up the stash later. And guys try to listen to me this time, I'm your captain.

CASSIE

Ok master.

REGGIE

Not like that.

CASSIE
Got it daddy.

REGGIE
Cas! I more mean Tayler and Jaya.

JAYA
(spaced out)
What did you say?

INT. TAYLER'S TENT - LATER (B-STORY)

Tayler is streaming with the squad when someone comes to his tent door.

TAYLER
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!

COUNTY OFFICIAL
Knock knock!

TAYLER
Knock knock? Guys hold on I have someone at my imaginary door.

Tayler unzips the tent flap.

COUNTY OFFICIAL
(droning)
Hello sir.

TAYLER
Yo. What-

COUNTY OFFICIAL
-Several of your neighbors have complained about you camping on this plot of land.

TAYLER
Well I'm not bothering them so I don't really care.

COUNTY OFFICIAL
Actually they complained about you using extension chords to use their power. You need to get your own power source.

TAYLER
I need the power for my work.

COUNTY OFFICIAL
What do you do out of this tent?

TAYLER

I am a Blood Bath streamer. I'm just in there trying to break the kill world record.

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Oh I love that game. What's your gamertag?

TAYLER

SpaceGhostFrag.

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Oh wow, I think I've seen your stream.

TAYLER

Cool. That mean we're good here?

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Oh, no I still have to leave you with a red tag. But you can build on this lot.

TAYLER

Fine, I'll get a tiny house or something.

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Tiny houses are not permitted. You need to build something to regulation if you want to live here. It must have a foundation, two stories, bathrooms with built in bidets, a grandmother unit, and a three car garage. And a sign that says MTV Cribs on your lawn.

TAYLER

Seriously??

COUNTY OFFICIAL

No. The Cribs sign was a bit of government humor.

TAYLER

Wow. Wowowow this is wildly classist. Me so angry you go now.

Tayler angry cries. His webcam is still on even though he is not in a match. The county official leaves a literal red tag on the tent which Tayler rips up.

INT. REGGIE'S BEDROOM - SAME TIME

Reggie, Cassie, and Jaya continue to play.

REGGIE

Alright while Tayler is busy let's
play a round with a random 4th.

We see them play with a really bad 8 year old player. He gets
downed immediately.

8 YEAR OLD RANDOM

Alright you fuckin assholes hurry
up and revive me!

REGGIE

Who?

CASSIE

I don't know. Should we help him?

JAYA

Well none of us are assholes so I
guess we can't help. The chat seems
to agree.

8 YEAR OLD RANDOM

WOW! Really??

REGGIE

Oops. He dead. Didn't heal him.

8 YEAR OLD RANDOM

You shitty bitch bitches!

REGGIE

I think he's learning how to swear.

JAYA

Kids these days.

8 YEAR OLD RANDOM

I'm not a kid!

JAYA

6 years old is a kid, kid.

8 YEAR OLD RANDOM

I'm 8 and a half motherfuckers!

REGGIE

I don't think I even knew those
words at 6 years old.

JAYA

I did.

REGGIE

Cool flex bro.

The random sabotages them by shooting his gun to attract many enemies as they cross an open field. Meanwhile Jaya has wandered off on his own. They die losing the match.

8 YEAR OLD RANDOM

I knew you sluts sucked.

REGGIE

Well there ya go.

CASSIE

Well there ya go.

JAYA

My b.

INT. TAYLER'S TENT - CONTINUOUS

Tayler hops back on the game.

TAYLER

I'm back. Some jerk with a clipboard told me I can't live on my own land without building a mansion first.

REGGIE

What? Is that really a law?

TAYLER

I guess. My uppity neighbors tipped me off to the feds.

JAYA

That's not the feds dude.

REGGIE

What if you just camouflaged your tent? Like the game. Blend in with the shrubbery on the lot.

JAYA

(sarcastically)

Yeah no one will ever be able to tell or hear.

REGGIE

Well if Jaya agrees it must be a sound plan.

CASSIE

Oh hey, my friend texted me back. I have a location, let's go.

JAYA

Great. We get to go meet another one of Cassie's sketchy friends.

CASSIE

Friend twice removed. And he won't be sketchy, lighten up Jaya.

EXT. ABANDONED CIRCUS TENT - LATER

The squad rolls up to the circus tent. It's storming.

JAYA

Yeah, *not sketchy at all*.

TAYLER

Is this...an abandoned circus tent? What is this, Scooby Doo? Who leaves a whole circus behind?

REGGIE

Maybe they all died simultaneously. Ever think about that? No, you only think about yourself.

TAYLER

Kinda harsh...

REGGIE

Sorry, I've been reading too many memes lately. They're kinda like my books. I think I need to spend less time in the digital world.

INT. ABANDONED CIRCUS TENT - CONTINUOUS

They go inside where a one-eyed dude with a literal neck beard creeps out from behind a curtain stroking a knife.

ZOMBIE

Greetings, my name is Bob Zombie.

Lightening and thunder strike.

REGGIE

Woah, like Rob Zombie?

ZOMBIE

(hissing)
Nooooo!

REGGIE

Ooooookay.

ZOMBIE

What do you demand?

TAYLER

To know if your name is real?

JAYA

Yo man we just want some micro doses of magic mushrooms.

ZOMBIE

I have a scheme for my Halloween special. Half price.

JAYA

But it's not Halloween.

ZOMBIE

That's why it's half-off.

JAYA

Umm, yeah, that's ok. We just want some micro doses.

ZOMBIE

(cackling)

Ah hah hah! Fine. Enough for you four? The price of 1 bitcoin.

JAYA

Bitcoin?

TAYLER

Seriously. I was expecting doubloons based on this guy's lair.

ZOMBIE

Bitcoin! Bitcoin is the future. Get in now on the dirty ground floor.

Zombie spits on the ground without breaking his glare. Awkward beat standing there. Zombie goes back behind a curtain.

JAYA

(whispering)

This dude seems psycho.

CASSIE

I kinda like him. He screams aesthetic, you know?

JAYA
Murder aesthetic.

CASSIE
Ooh that's my favorite kind.

Zombie comes back out holding a greasy box.

ZOMBIE
Make a payment. In great haste. To
Bob Zombie on FTX Exchange.

Reggie pulls out her phone and completes the payment. It makes a notification sound on Zombie's phone.

ZOMBIE (CONT'D)
Now leave this cursed place.

TAYLER
Thank-

ZOMBIE
LEAVE THIS PLACE!

He glares at the squad and they hurry back to their car.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

The squad sits in the car.

JAYA
Who the hell are your friends
Cassie?

CASSIE
I met most of them in the tunnels.
And some co-op folks. You know.

JAYA
Of course you did.

REGGIE
You're so cool. Hey what's with the
smell?

Zombie suddenly HITS their window startling them as more lightening strikes. He growls at them.

ZOMBIE
(screeching)
GET OUTTTTTTTTTT OF MY LAIR!!!!

They scream and drive to Reggie's.

INT. REGGIE'S LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The squad gathers around the box.

TAYLER

Wooaahhh what *is* that smell?

REGGIE

It's the box, right? I was smelling something in the car too.

They open it.

TAYLER

Ooooooh yeah! It's the box.

Jaya pull's out some empty candy wrappers.

JAYA

These say "MurdeR PaRtY". Ummm ok.

Tayler pulls out a bag of mystery powder and sniffs it.

TAYLER

Smells weird. Oh really gross actually. Like dirty talcum powder. I think he gave us the Halloween special. There's a bunch of loose pills in here?

JAYA

If this ain't it I don't wanna see the actual special.

Cassie pulls out some doll parts.

CASSIE

This just keeps getting better.

Tayler pulls out a small shriveled mystery item sniffing it.

TAYLER

Oh my god this is nasty. Jaya check this out.

JAYA

What is that? Is that bone? Is that an old severed toe in there?! Ew these mushrooms have mystery toes on them! No wonder this box smells!

REGGIE

I mean that *kinda* makes me not want to take these shroms anymore.

CASSIE

Yeah, I'm starting to feel a bit put off.

Tayler is collecting all the pills in the box.

TAYLER

Ok, yeah.

JAYA

Ummmm I'm more than slightly put off here!! Do we need to take this stuff to the police? Like legally??

TAYLER

Man we don't have any time for that. If we aren't using these pills we're cooked. Don't worry about it, nothing will happen.

Tayler sticks the toe in his pocket.

REGGIE

You know what, no. We are some of the most cracked players in this game. We wasted time looking for drugs instead of practicing but nobody could have known this would happen.

JAYA

Actually I pointed that out more than once. You could really stand to listen more-

REGGIE

-The point is we don't need drugs. We are demons and we will make it rain blood. It's going to be a blood shower. Blood waterfall! Tomorrow we break out as *THE* Blood Bath clan to beat. We will triple our followers. YouTubers will make video after video about our savage victory tomorrow. We have the whole night to pull some last minute practice and we will be golden. We're gonna murder everyone and we're going to do it together-as a family. Alright?!

TAYLER

Yeah! We'll win and I'll be the new top .000001% player.

CASSIE
Speech, speech, speech!

REGGIE
That was the speech Cas.

CASSIE
Oh I wanted more. Really well done
though.

Cassie snaps her fingers. They all head home to practice.

INT. REGGIE'S LIVING ROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

Having just pulled an all-nighter the squad is sluggish and missing easy shots.

TAYLER
Ugh I'm so tired man. I don't know
if I can outperform everyone
including you guys like this.

CASSIE
This is not good.

JAYA
I'm kinda shaky from all the
caffein and no sleep. Not great for
my aim.

REGGIE
I think I'm gonna take the shroms.

CASSIE
Yeah between the lack of sleep and
lack of practice we got hunting
down micro doses I think it's the
move.

TAYLER
This is the way.

JAYA
Yuck! I just took mine. It's do or
die time. Bob Zombie better come
through!

The others take the pills and practice more.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE**INT. REGGIE'S BEDROOM - LATER**

On screen we see a countdown under "THE TOURNAMENT OF DEMONS". They parachute in the map. Everything is shimmery, sparkly, and pink. The game is hazy like a good dream. Jaya sneaks behind a guy and slits his throat.

JAYA

Yo we got this! The game feels like real life. I never noticed how pretty the map is guys.

Cassie stands on a roof and throws a snapshot grenade (shows a players position) sniping a team through the walls and two players outside. The blood looking like glitter in the air.

CASSIE

Even the blood is pretty.

Reggie shoots and kills a MAiZE clan player strafing. The players 3 teammates push her but she pushes up a flight of stairs, taking another out, throwing a knife into a third, and sliding past the final teammate, shooting them in the back taking no damage. Sparkly limbs and heads fly everywhere.

REGGIE

Seriously. I never noticed all the faces in the bushes on the map. I just wiped all of MAiZE clan so fast. These are pros?

They all laugh too hard.

CASSIE

I killed two people with the same bullet! I love you guys so much.

TAYLER

I knew we could do it. YO Reggie in front of you!

REGGIE

Oh my god you too!

Suddenly we see the reality of the squad tripping hard on shrooms and losing. Nothing is sparkly or pretty anymore. Reggie and Tayler shoot at each other for minutes.

TAYLER
 Why won't this guy die??? How much
 health does he have???

REGGIE
 AAAAGHHHHHHH!!

CASSIE
 Wow the chat loves us and thinks
 we're on one today.

We can see the chat is full of questions about them being on
 drugs today and asking what's wrong with them. Tayler's cam
 goes black and his avatar disappears.

REGGIE
 Finally got him!

Jaya is now sitting on the floor in his room not even looking
 at the game but thinking he's playing.

JAYA
 I'm killin' all these scary robots!
 No one stands a chance! Hoopidy
 woop shwibs shwabitty! AWAHAHAHA!

CASSIE
 Ummmm where is Tayler guys?

INT. TAYLER'S TENT - 20 SECONDS AGO (B-STORY)

Tayler sits at his PC eyes trained on the screen. He picks up
 a cookie covered in ants off the ground and takes a bite
 without looking. Suddenly he gets unplugged by his neighbor
 and loses power, he is out of the tournament.

TAYLER
 What the hell???

He throws the cookie down and walks next door.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS (B-STORY)

Tayler rings the neighbor's doorbell.

TAYLER
 Howdy neighbor. Did you unplug me
 by chance?

NEIGHBOR
 Yes. You need to pay for your own
 power.

TAYLER

Wow I'm so sorry, I didn't consider your feelings. I guess that was really inconsiderate of me. You have the prettiest eyes I've ever seen.

NEIGHBOR

(blushing)

O-oh. You really think so?

TAYLER

Oh absolutely. Sooo pretty, I wish they were mine.

The neighbor giggles. Tayler laughs hysterically.

TAYLER (CONT'D)

Wow I love your fingers too. They're so symmetrical. Really...straight. You must be an artist.

NEIGHBOR

Oh I mean I do dabble a bit in mosaicking haha but I just work at a bank.

TAYLER

It must be the most beautiful bank in the world if you work there.

NEIGHBOR

You know what, I'll plug you back in for one hour. You seem like a really nice person who made an honest mistake.

TAYLER

Oh wow thank you beautiful neighbor. I'll never forget your eyes. Or fingers.

Tayler starts walking back to his tent, the toe from the drug box falls out of his pocket. The neighbor goes to the side of the house and plugs Tayler in then picks up the toe, freaking out realizing what it is, watching Tayler in horror overhearing him talking as he walks back to his tent.

TAYLER (CONT'D)

Haha I'm going to kill everyone at this tournament.

Tayler skips off singing gibberish. The neighbor calls 911.

NEIGHBOR

Is this the cops? I'd like to report a serial killer. It's urgent!

INT. REGGIE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Back to the rest of the squad and the tournament. The screen clearly says they took 10th place.

REGGIE

OH MY GOD WE WON! We won our first pro tourney! YESSSSS!

CASSIE

I'm so proud of us!

JAYA

My fingers turned indigo from playing so hard, Optimus Prime.

Tayler logs on and watches the stream now back on camera.

TAYLER

I'm back! Sorry guys my neighbor cut the power.

CASSIE

No one can take the power from you. It's in all of us.

Just then the cops come into the tent and yank Tayler away.

TAYLER

THIS IS INJUSTICE! EVERYONE IN THE CHAT TYPE #FREETAYLER!

INT. REGGIE'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Reggie, Cassie, and Jaya meet post tournament, having some snacks, coming down from the drugs.

REGGIE

I can't believe we lost. I was so sure we won. What happened?

CASSIE

That wasn't a micro dose, we were on another planet.

Reggie pulls out her laptop.

REGGIE

Yeahhh and we aren't the only ones who know it. They made YouTube videos alright, just not the kind I was thinking of.

We see a clip from a video titled "The Bushes Have Faces" showing Reggie and Tayler shooting at each other and Jaya sitting on the ground babbling.

JAYA

This is embarrassing. I don't know how we're going to get taken seriously now.

Reggie checks their social medias.

REGGIE

WOAH we did gain a lot of followers though. Like a lot! A million new Twitch followers!

CASSIE

Wow you called it Reggie, more followers, YouTube videos, more exposure. Maybe you're a psychic.

REGGIE

Yeah this wasn't exactly what I was picturing but we got through it like we get through everything: together. Jaya called it, we needed more practice. And all on my own, constantly growing as a leader, I realized sometimes I need to listen to my team more.

JAYA

I was literally telling you that-

REGGIE

Jaya please, I am trying to have a profound moment here. My point is I need to listen to you guys more.

CASSIE

(sarcastic)

That's really big of you.

REGGIE

I know. I think we can work with this, use the traction from all the attention we got.

(MORE)

REGGIE (CONT'D)

We can be ready for the big end of season tournament two months from now if we continue to stick together, do what we love *together*, and learn to be the best as a unit, not just individual players. I love you guys, I know we can do it. That's why I do this: my love of gaming and you guys, my family.

CASSIE

Aww I love you guys too.

JAYA

Love you fam.

CASSIE

Let's get some more drugs.

JAYA

It was actually really fun.

REGGIE

Haha maybe tomorrow. Man, am I exhausted.

Yawning, Reggie puts her laptop down and lays back on the couch.

JAYA

Yeah same here. (Beat) OH MY GOD!
We forgot Tayler! He's in jail
still!!

Jaya looks over at Reggie. She is dead asleep snoring. He sighs.

JAYA (CONT'D)

Aren't they supposed to be twins?

CASSIE

I'm beginning to doubt it.

END OF ACT THREE

TAG**INT. JAIL CELL - NIGHT**

Tayler sits in jail talking to the guard.

TAYLER

I'm telling you! It's not my toe! I got it from a guy named Bob Zombie in an abandoned circus tent!

GUARD

That's seriously the best story you could muster? Nice try, sicko.

TAYLER

UGH! All I ever wanted was to be the very best like no one ever was.

Tayler slumps over frustrated.

END OF EPISODE