# **NOSIOO** THE GREAT

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#### TEASER

#### EXT. ANCIENT BATTLEFIELD - NIGHT

Scorched ground. Dead bodies. A CASTLE burns in the distance.

SUPERIMPOSE: "The Land of Fee-Nee (Dimension 86) - The Fortress of Nosloo The Great"

## INT. CASTLE TOWER - NIGHT

NOSLOO (1,236), a dark troll wizard, wields a MAGIC STAFF. A BLAST. Nosloo dives away as it BLOWS the wall apart.

NOSLOO Cool it, Hibboticus. We're bros.

Another BLAST hits Nosloo's staff. He looks up in terror.

HIBBOTICUS (1,237), a much darker troll wizard, hovers above.

HIBBOTICUS You're like Father, Nosloo... WEAK. Together, we could rule Fee-Nee. Betray your people. Stand with me.

NOSLOO My people are my strength.

HIBBOTICUS They will be your downfall.

A MAGIC ROPE wraps itself around HIBBOTICUS. He falls. BRENDA (1,176), the troll mage who threw it, pulls down her hood.

BRENDA I heard your brother was visiting.

Nosloo runs to her. Scoops her in his arms. Kisses her.

NOSLOO Quick, give me <u>the Ometahedron</u>.

Brenda pulls out the OMETAHEDRON, a small glowing orb.

BRENDA What's it do again? You got so many thingies, it's hard to keep track. NOSLOO

It opens a portal to a land without magic where my brother will be powerless. Keep it open until I get back, then shut the thingy off.

BRENDA How do I shut the thingy off?

Nosloo taps it in his paw.

NOSLOO

You kinda whack it a couple times. Whatever you do, don't let it go through the portal. If the thingy goes to the land without magic, it can't magic me back to you.

HIBBOTICUS rises into the air behind them.

HIBBOTICUS This ends tonight, Nosloo.

Nosloo kisses Brenda.

NOSLOO Whatever happens, know that I'll always come back to you.

BRENDA You'd better, ya' bastard.

Nosloo raises the Ometahedron above his head.

NOSLOO Spirits of air, masters of light, aid Nosloo the Great in his perilous fight. Before my brother does something more tragic, open a portal to a land without magic!

The portal opens. A DAD and his KID picnic in DIXON PARK.

KID What's the ugly thing in the sky?

Dad takes off. The kid dives under a picnic table.

NOSLOO You ain't so pretty yourself!

## END OF TEASER

## ACT I

#### EXT. LEROY'S PUB - DAY

A quaint stone building in a row of shops.

SUPERIMPOSE: "Everly Heights, Ohio (Dimension 94) - 1994"

JIM COLVIN (32), a stiff guy in a black suit and SUNGLASSES, stands at BILCO DOORS in the sidewalk. He has a BRIEFCASE. A look up the street. He TAPS the bilco doors three times.

The doors spring open. Metal steps lead down into darkness.

JIM Let's get weird.

## INT. W.E.I.R.D.E. HEADQUARTERS - HOLDING CELL - DAY

Jim opens the small window in the door. Inside sits EVIL JIM, who looks like Jim with one more goatee and one less haircut.

EVIL JIM Bite me, puke bucket.

JIM Nice to see you too, Evil Jim.

EVIL JIM Who says I'm the evil one?

JIM The six billion people who <u>used</u> to live on your Earth.

EVIL JIM They had it coming. Especially that tree-hugging cheater Ramona.

Jim shrinks back.

JIM My Ramona's nothing like that.

EVIL JIM That's what I thought, before the honeymoon... You can't trust her.

JIM Go back to your scheming, Evil Jim.

### INT. W.E.I.R.D.E. HEADQUARTERS - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

A drab gray war room.

INSERT - A mural on the wall with multiple, interconnecting Earths. Text below reads **W.E.I.R.D.E. TASK FORCE.** 

SUPERIMPOSE: "Weaken and Eradicate InteR-Dimensional Enemies"

BUCKY SUTTON (40s), a balding man with a too-big tie tucked into his belt, leans over a PLANT (27) and shakes his fist.

BUCKY Talk, you carbon dioxide-sucking parasite.

SUSIE ROGERS (40s), dressed in the same black suit as everybody else, yanks a leaf off the plant.

SUSIE If you don't tell us where you planted your "seed," I'm busting out the weed killer!

The PLANT shakes. A speaker on the wall CRACKLES to life.

PLANT Fine. You'll find them spaced out eight inches apart behind the high school. KNOW THIS. My people won't rest until we save the plants of this dimension from--

BUCKY I know. That's why I brought my dimensional randomizer.

Bucky pulls a cattle prod-like device from his coat pocket.

PLANT What's a dimensional randomizer do?

SUSIE Sends you to a random dimension. Duh.

Bucky prods the plant. It warps away as Jim walks in.

Bucky tosses a plain BOX to Jim.

BUCKY Who cares? Uncle Sam buys memory correction glasses like they're chewing gum.

Jim tosses his old "sunglasses" in the trash, opens the box, then pulls out his new MEMORY CORRECTION GLASSES.

JIM I needed these. My old pair has been shooting blanks for weeks.

INTERCOM ANNOUNCER (O.S.) Agents, report to Dimension 2500 to train for a "Waterworld" scenario.

SUSIE These movie-inspired training scenarios are getting old.

Susie tosses down a METAL DISC. It glows. An orb of light surrounds the trio. They disappear.

## EXT. DIMENSION 2500 - BOAT - DAY

Jim, Bucky, and Susie stand on a ramshackle boat in the middle of the ocean, fighting off SEA PIRATES.

SUPERIMPOSE: "Waterworld World (Dimension 2500) - Ocean"

Jim sees PIRATE 1 sneak up behind Bucky.

### JIM Watch out!

He shoots his pistol. The pirate collapses on the deck.

PIRATE 2 runs up. Suzie shoots him in his pirate booty.

PIRATE 2 Not in the booty!

He falls in the water.

SUSIE So, how did the honeymoon go? PIRATE 3 sinks his teeth into Jim's arm. Jim knocks him back, then shoots him.

JIM The honeymoon was <u>fine</u>. Except... (looks off into forever) Ramona's hiding something from me. Maybe she's already bored?

BUCKY What happened, pal?

JIM

It started on our cruise...

# INT. CRUISE SHIP DINING ROOM - TWO WEEKS AGO

Jim sits across from his new bride RAMONA COLVIN (29), a free spirit wrapped up in a mesh sweater.

The WAITER (30) slaps the check down on the table.

WAITER Sir, your card was declined.

JIM Ramona, dear... Did you buy something on the Visa?

Ramona takes a big swig from her water glass. Looks around.

RAMONA Me? Um... Of course not. Maybe you lost track, with the wedding.

JIM Yeah. You're right. I'm being paranoid again.

WAITER Sir? The check?

# INT. CRUISE SHIP CABIN - NIGHT - ONE WEEK AGO

Jim lays in bed, arms crossed, staring at the ceiling. The door opens. Ramona stumbles in, wearing her kimono.

> JIM Honey? It's three in the morning. Where the hell were you?

RAMONA

Calm down, tax man. I was, uh... Watching the ocean from the lido deck.

JIM For four hours?! You left me lying here staring at the ceiling.

RAMONA Want something else to stare at?

She loses the kimono.

JIM Wow. Get over here, Mrs. Colvin.

RAMONA Yes, sir, Mr. Paranoid.

## INT. COLVIN LIVING ROOM - YESTERDAY

In the modest suburban home, wallpaper remains half-hung and tables half-assembled. Ramona mixes a can of paint, the phone cradled against her shoulder.

Jim walks through the front door, pizza in hand.

JIM Honey, I'm home!

Ramona jumps. Almost spills the paint. Recovers.

RAMONA SHOOT. Gotta run, hun. See you tomorrow. Okay. Love you.

She hangs up. Jim puts the pizza down.

JIM Who was that?

RAMONA Wrong number.

JIM You said "love you."

RAMONA Well, I love everybody, you know?

JIM

Hmm...

### INT. W.E.I.R.D.E. HEADQUARTERS - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

The winded, wounded trio materializes on top of the conference table.

JIM I don't know if I can trust Ramona.

CYNTHIA POSTAL (55), so buttoned-up she might as well be a pair of boots, looks up from her workstation.

CYNTHIA Your new bride? You assured us this marriage wouldn't be a security risk, Colvin.

SUSIE I vetted her, ma'am.

JIM It's a personal matter... Infidelity.

CYNTHIA Jim, we live in a world built on trust. If you can't trust her, how can we trust you?

Bucky flops back on the couch, feet up on the coffee table.

BUCKY You wanna build trust? Find a project to work on together. Me and Candy had the girls. We're so busy dealing with their bullshit, we don't have time to fight.

SUSIE Aww, you know you love her, Bucky.

BUCKY Yeah, but don't tell her. I'll never hear the end of it.

JIM Hmm... A project...

CYNTHIA What about a dog? Civilians find them "cute." I don't see it myself.

JIM A dog? Yeah. I always wanted a-- An AIR HORN sounds. The monitors on the wall flash red text:

# INTER-DIMENSIONAL INCURSION - DIXON PARK

SUSIE People, we have an INCURSION.

Cynthia runs back to her workstation to examine the readings.

CYNTHIA A portal, eh? Jim, go check it out.

JIM Yes, ma'am. After I take care of this, mind if I go pick up the new dog like you suggested?

CYNTHIA Just get both these situations under control, Colvin.

## EXT. DIXON PARK - DAY

Jim runs down a hill, directly into the dad who saw Nosloo.

DAD Have you seen my son? There's a monster down there... A monster!

Jim taps his sunglasses. A FLASH OF LIGHT. Dad relaxes.

JIM Your son ran into some friends.

DAD I just remembered... He ran into some friends. Sorry.

Dad steps away, revealing a GIANT PORTAL floating above the park.

JIM

Shit.

## END OF ACT I

### ACT II

#### EXT. DIXON PARK - DAY

Jim pulls a PORTAL DAMPENER, which looks like a pen flashlight, from his pocket. RICKY SPECIAL (16), dressed like a politician heading to a rally, runs up.

> RICKY Mr. Colvin! How was the honeymoon?

Jim's eyes dart back and forth between Ricky and the portal.

JIM Sorry, neighbor. I can't chat now. (points at the portal) It's a work thing.

Ricky stares up, mouth open.

Nosloo peers through the portal. Due to inter-dimensional mass conversion, his four-foot frame looks two stories tall.

JIM Stand back!

Jim steps in front of Ricky, then raises his portal dampener.

JIM Not today, ugly.

## INT. CASTLE TOWER - NIGHT

Nosloo stands by the portal, ready to jump. Brenda nestles the Ometahedron in her arms.

Hibboticus SNARLS.

HIBBOTICUS It doesn't matter where you run, brother. I am the lightning, and I will STRIKE YOU DOWN.

Hibboticus BLASTS Nosloo.

NOSLOO Hey, that stings!

Nosloo falls back into the portal, waving his staff.

## BRENDA

Baby, no!

--Brenda reaches for her lover's hand.

--Nosloo lets go of his staff.

--Their fingertips touch. Slip apart.

--Nosloo fades away.

--A BLAST to Brenda's back. She falters.

--The Ometahedron tumbles through the portal.

## EXT. DIXON PARK - DAY

Nosloo crashes to the ground. His staff BONKS his head.

RICKY An alien? He's so UGLY.

Nosloo stirs. Sits up.

NOSLOO You ever look in a mirror? That stubby little snout is--

The Ometahedron CRACKS Nosloo in the head. He passes out.

The portal collapses into nothing.

Ricky picks up the Ometahedron, now dark and lifeless.

RICKY What's this?

Jim snatches it away.

JIM Don't touch that.

Nosloo stirs. Jim steps between Nosloo and Ricky.

NOSLOO BRENDA. No. HIBBOTICUS.

JIM Sir? Sir, as an authorized agent of the W.E.I.R.D.E. Task Force--

RICKY The Weird-ey Task Force? We usually just say 'weird'. The 'e' is silent.

RICKY That's a weird way to spell it.

JIM

Exactly. Now, creature, your incursion into Dimension 94 breaks the Inter-Dimensional Peace Treaty of Grafton-6. Please state your name and home dimension.

NOSLOO

I'm Nosloo the Great, hero, troll, and embarrassed brother of the dark wizard Hibboticus.

JIM But what's your UDI?

NOSLOO What? Who cares? He has my Brenda. I need to get back.

JIM We want you to get back, but first, we need to know where you're from.

Jim examines the Ometahedron.

JIM You used this to generate the portal, right? They usually have the UDI printed on them somewhere.

He finds a dial on the bottom.

JIM Ah, it's probably under here.

Jim turns the dial. MAGIC SPARKLES pour out. Nosloo dives to catch the sparkles, but they phase through his hands. Through the grass. Into the earth. Out of sight.

NOSLOO Not the pixie dust!

JIM Shit. You used magic? Well, yeah. I'm a dark troll wizard.

JIM Bad news, buddy. Magical realms can open up portals to science-based realms, but we can't open one back.

NOSLOO Please, help me find a way back to the land of Fee-Nee. My people... (weeps) Brenda... He has Brenda.

JIM Who knows? One day, maybe a portal opens up and your "Land of Fee-Nee" is on the other side. Until then, you're stuck.

Nosloo falls to his knees. Leans on his staff.

NOSLOO To top it all off, I left the cauldron on.

RICKY We gotta help him, Mr. Colvin!

JIM No. I gotta help him.

Jim taps the side of his sunglasses.

JIM Thanks for walking my... dog with me, Ricky. Why don't you head home?

Ricky pats Nosloo's head.

RICKY I gotta head home. Cute dog.

Ricky runs off. Nosloo cries on Jim's pants.

NOSLOO I let everybody down. My dad was right. I should've become a bard.

JIM Hey, it's not so bad. We've got a great holding cell for you. With snacks. Nosloo pulls back, hopeful.

NOSLOO And you'll stay there with me? Until you can send me home? JIM Oh, no. That's below my pay grade. NOSLOO Ah, a big shot. A high-mucketymuck. My equal. JIM I mean, I wouldn't say that... NOSLOO If we're equals, I should stay at your place. You gotta have pretty sweet digs, with your "pay grade." JIM It's a starter home. My wife is fixing it up though. NOSLOO Wife? What's wife? JIM My partner? The woman I love? NOSLOO You have a Brenda? I have a Brenda. See? Equals. JIM Yeah. Equals. But I can't take some creature home from the office. NOSLOO You all keep calling me that. "Creature." I'm a guy, just like you. Not some "dog" you can take for a walk in the park.

Jim's eyes light up. Inspiration.

JIM You know what? Maybe we can help each other. Come on.

He stands and walks back towards the park entrance.

NOSLOO If you're taking me to one of your palatial holding cells, I'll pass. JIM You're coming to my house. One sec. He taps his sunglasses. Light washes over the park. JIM (yells)

EVERYBODY... Wasn't that an awesome asteroid we stood and watched for--(checks his watch) --ten minutes?

MAN (O.S.) WOMAN (O.S.) It sure was! So majestic!

> KID (O.S.) Has anybody seen my dad?

JIM There. Now nobody will remember us.

NOSLOO You said you don't have magic here, but you keep casting spells with those eye covers. What gives?

JIM These things? It's science. Science is like magic, but you conjure it with money. Let's go home, Nosloo.

Nosloo scoops up his staff.

NOSLOO That's Nosloo <u>The Great</u>.

## EXT. THE COLVIN RESIDENCE - NIGHT

Jim's car pulls into the driveway of a suburban starter home.

## INT. THE COLVIN KITCHEN - NIGHT

The door CREAKS open. Jim pokes his head in and sees freshlypainted cabinet doors drying on the counter.

> JIM Ramona's asleep. Keep it down.

Jim creeps in, followed by Nosloo, who leans his staff against the counter. It CRASHES to the ground.

NOSLOO You said down, right?

Jim puts his glasses on the table. Nosloo grabs for them.

NOSLOO Your eye covers. Let me try.

Jim smacks his hand.

JIM NO. Those are government property.

Nosloo looks around the kitchen.

NOSLOO What a fantastic... dump.

JIM We like it. Make yourself at home.

Jim opens the fridge and looks around.

Nosloo pokes through a PLASTIC BAG on the kitchen table. Pulls out some NICKELODEON FLOAM. Sniffs it. Eats it.

> JIM Put that down. It's a toy we bought for the little girl next door.

NOSLOO Tastes fine to me. Salty and airy. Goes great with this.

Nosloo holds up a SCENTED CANDLE with a bite out of it.

JIM That was a wedding gift from Melody.

Nosloo takes another bite.

NOSLOO Tell Melody she's a damn gourmet.

JIM Look, Nosloo, there's a reason I brought you here. My wife has been acting funny, like she's hiding something. NOSLOO You work for some big secret spooky agency, right?

JIM

I do.

NOSLOO And does your Brenda--

JIM

Ramona.

NOSLOO Does your Ramona know what you do?

JIM No. She thinks I work for the IRS.

NOSLOO Then who's hiding something? In my realm, we call that 'projection.'

JIM We call it that in my realm too. But that's why I brought you here, to get it all out in the open. Maybe if I'm honest with her about work, I'll stop projecting.

NOSLOO You'll still find a way to get me back to the Land of Fee-Nee, right?

JIM Oh, sure. Sure, sure, sure.

Jim opens a closet. Hands Nosloo some blankets and a pillow.

JIM Let's get you set up in the den.

NOSLOO Den of what? Lirons? Rapplebears? Squirreltopi? I speak most of those languages.

## INT. THE COLVIN BEDROOM - NIGHT

Jim eases into bed. Ramona, squinty with no glasses, peeks out from under the covers.

RAMONA Jim? What time is it?

JIM It's late. Go back to bed, honey.

RAMONA Did you get me those fasteners?

JIM No, but I <u>do</u> have a surprise for you. In the morning.

Ramona cuddles up to him.

RAMONA I love surprises.

JIM Let's hope.

Jim clicks off the light.

## INT. W.E.I.R.D.E. HEADQUARTERS - CYNTHIA'S OFFICE - MORNING

Bucky and Susie stand in front of Cynthia's desk as she flips through a DOT MATRIX PRINTOUT: A map, with a red line plotted from Dixon Park to the Woodland Acres subdivision.

CYNTHIA

Have you heard from Jim? Twelve hours... He's usually so reliable.

SUSIE

BUCKY

Not a peep.

Nope.

CYNTHIA According to these readings, the Dixon Park incursion was contained.

Bucky points at a red line on the printout.

BUCKY Nope. You got some vestigial magic trailing off there.

CYNTHIA Is that what red means? I thought magic was coded purple.

BUCKY It was, before Uncle Sam's big software update last week. Typical.

Cynthia runs her finger along the red line.

CYNTHIA It fades out here at this subdivision.

BUCKY It's probably nothing. Some wood nymph crawling off to die...

Susie taps Bucky's shoulder.

SUSIE C'mon. We got another plant person down by Convenience Market.

BUCKY Can I zap him?

SUSIE Only if Jim doesn't find out. We'll be back, Major Postal.

CYNTHIA Keep in touch.

They leave. Cynthia taps her finger on the printout.

CYNTHIA Woodland Acres? Now who do I know--

She stares forward. Furrows her brow.

CYNTHIA

Jim.

## INT. THE COLVIN BEDROOM - MORNING

Jim snores in bed. The ALARM rings. He smacks the snooze button.

Jim turns to cuddle with Ramona, but she's gone.

She SCREAMS from elsewhere in the house. Jim snaps up.

JIM

Shit.

Nosloo clutches his blanket on the couch. Ramona is backed into the corner, terrified.

ON THE TELEVISION - A local morning show featuring CARROT TOP (29), a curly-haired prop comic, holding a cowboy boot with rollerblade wheels attached to it.

CARROT TOP (on the television) Hey, hey! I've been building stuff all day. You're gonna love this.

Ramona waves a fireplace poker with malice.

RAMONA What are you?

NOSLOO I could ask the same of you, lady.

Jim runs into the den, panicked and out of breath.

JIM Look, I can explain every--(notices what's on TV) Carrot Top?

RAMONA That <u>thing</u> is watching it.

Jim hits the POWER BUTTON on the TV. Nosloo tackles him.

NOSLOO You've KILLED him. Carrot Top's <u>gnarly</u> inventions could have helped me hang ten towards home, and you've killed him!

JIM Carrot Top's at the TV studio.

NOSLOO So he's alive? Thank Jakabak.

RAMONA What the <u>hell</u> is it, Jim?

JIM It's a work thing.

RAMONA What does some alien have to do with your job at the IRS? Jim pushes Nosloo out the door. JIM Nosloo, go wait in the kitchen ... And don't eat anything. NOSLOO No promises, dude. JIM And stop talking like Carrot Top. Jim slams the door. Ramona stands, hands on her hips, fuming. JIM Ramona, I love you, but I haven't been completely honest with you. RAMONA Yeah, the alien tipped me off. JIM He's a dark troll wizard. RAMONA Of course. I should have guessed. MTU I work for the W.E.I.R.D.E. Task Force--RAMONA The Weirdey Task Force? JIM The 'e' is silent, and I'm supposed to be silent just like the 'e,' but I can't lie anymore. We're a government agency that protects Americans from foreign dimensions. RAMONA So I married a liar. Great. JIM What about you? Making secret charges on the credit card... You're cheating on me, aren't you? Ramona looks away.

RAMONA I told Jennifer you'd be upset.

JIM You're cheating on me with Jennifer Special? She has a family.

RAMONA It's not like that... Have you ever heard of Vitamate?

## INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY - THREE WEEKS AGO

Ramona flips through a VITAMATE PAMPHLET while JENNIFER BAXTER-SPECIAL (38), looking artsy with her blue-tinted sunglasses, sips a CHAI TEA.

JENNIFER We're thrilled you joined the Vitamate family. You are going to make so much money.

Ramona shuffles nervously in her seat.

## RAMONA

Let's hope.

#### JENNIFER

Now, as far as payment... Your first "Power Pack" runs seven hundred dollars, shipped.

#### RAMONA

Shit. I'll need to check with Jim.

JENNIFER

Once Jim sees your profits rolling in, he won't care. Come on. You only live once.

RAMONA You only live once. I love that. Okay! I'll put it on our Visa.

She hands Jennifer her card.

## INT. COLVIN DEN - MORNING

JIM Fine. You got suckered. But what about the cruise? You stayed out all night on the cruise. RAMONA

I was selling Vitamate to drunks at the bar to cure their hangovers.

JIM Does Vitamate cure hangovers?

RAMONA Sort of? Not really.

JIM But what about when you told that person on the phone you loved them?

RAMONA It's like I said. I love everybody. I was making a coffee date with Kelly to sell off the last of my stock.

JIM Kelly? She's nice... Why hide it?

RAMONA You think everything I like is a scam. I hate when you judge me.

JIM Kinda like how I didn't want you to judge me about my job.

RAMONA Those are two different--

The doorbell RINGS.

NOSLOO (O.S.) I'll get it!

JIM No, Nosloo! I'll be right down! (to Ramona) Help me. Nobody can see him. My life is on the line.

Ramona crosses her arms and looks Jim up and down. He offers a meek, desperate smile.

## ACT III

#### INT. COLVIN LIVING ROOM - DAY

Nosloo wraps ALUMINUM FOIL around the couch. The doorbell RINGS again.

NOSLOO HOLD YOUR HORSES. I'm working on an invention.

Jim and Ramona run in from the kitchen.

JIM (loud whisper) Nosloo! Be quiet!

LOUD KNOCKS on the door. The trio turns.

CYNTHIA (O.S.) COLVIN. I NEED ANSWERS. OPEN THIS DOOR.

JIM Shit. It's Major Postal.

RAMONA

Who?

JIM Aunt Cynthia?

RAMONA Your godmother? From the wedding?

JIM My boss, actually. Nosloo, quick, hide in the kitchen with Ramona.

NOSLOO So this is your Ramona? From her outfit, I figured you hired an exotic dancer from Caliper.

Ramona grabs Nosloo by the fur.

RAMONA

Listen here, you furball. I am not having a good day, and you are not helping. Get in the kitchen.

Ramona tosses Nosloo through the kitchen door.

JIM Wow. Those <u>Sweatin' To The Oldies</u> tapes are really working for you.

RAMONA Just get rid of her.

Ramona stomps into the kitchen.

Jim opens the door. Cynthia barges by him, fuming.

CYNTHIA Colvin, why haven't you-- What the hell is with all the tin foil?

JIM That? Ramona is decorating, ma'am. It's breathtaking, isn't it?

CYNTHIA You want breathtaking? Look at these charts.

She holds up her printout from the office.

JIM Huh. That's our neighborhood. And a magical energy field. Weird.

Jim forces a nervous smirk. Cynthia GRUMBLES.

#### INT. COLVIN KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Ramona holds her ear to the door. Nosloo eyes the Floam on the table.

RAMONA So "Aunt Cynthia" works for "Weirdy" too? Another lie.

Nosloo takes a big bite of Floam.

NOSLOO Look, Jim isn't--(burps) Sorry. That stuff repeats on you. Jim's a good dude. A high-mucketymuck, like me.

Ramona leans against the wall. Looks off.

#### RAMONA

I thought he was this nerd, you know? When we first started dating, he'd get all nervous and jittery around me, like a baby chipmunk.

## NOSLOO

If fighting the Dark Lord Hibboticus over the centuries has taught me anything, it's that people can surprise you. We grew up side by side... Bros. One weekend conference in the Land of Caliper, and he wasn't my bro no more.

Ramona hugs Nosloo.

RAMONA You poor thing. We have a place like that called Las Vegas.

## INT. COLVIN LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jim examines the printout. Cynthia points to the red line.

CYNTHIA You see? Vestigial magic, leading all the way to your neighborhood.

JIM

I don't know what to tell you, ma'am. Maybe it was some magic... chipmunk... thing.

CYNTHIA I thought you wrote the book on Applied Inter-Dimensional Species Identification, Colvin.

JIM

I did.

CYNTHIA Then act like it!

Cynthia smacks him across the back of the head.

JIM Sorry, Major Postal, ma'am.

## INT. COLVIN KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Nosloo and Ramona both have their ears to the door.

NOSLOO Maybe he isn't a high muckety-muck. He sounds like... What was it?

## RAMONA

A nerd?

NOSLOO Yeah. He sounds like a total nerd.

# RAMONA

That's my Jim.

Nosloo retrieves his staff from the kitchen floor.

NOSLOO She said stuff from my realm has "vestigial" magic. Time to conjure up a miracle. Here. Give me room.

Ramona stands back.

Nosloo waves his staff around in the air.

NOSLOO Spirits of air, masters of light, aid Nosloo the Great in his--

A FARTING SOUND escapes as his staff dissolves to dust.

NOSLOO It's never done that, I swear.

Nosloo notices Jim's sunglasses on the table.

# INT. COLVIN LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Cynthia snaps her head in the direction of the kitchen.

CYNTHIA Was that a fart?

Cynthia moves to investigate. Jim jumps in front of her.

JIM Don't go in there. You see, our dog... The one you suggested we get! He got into some Floam. (MORE) JIM (CONT'D) Ramona's been in there all night, cleaning up after his... issues.

NOSLOO (O.S.)

Ha!

Cynthia pushes Jim out of the way.

CYNTHIA Enough bullshit, Jim.

JIM Ma'am, you can't go in there.

CYNTHIA Commander Colvin, stand down.

Jim's shoulders slump. He steps aside.

JIM Fine. You were bound to find out.

Before Cynthia can open the door, it smacks her in the face. Nosloo walks out, wearing Jim's sunglasses. He taps the side.

> NOSLOO Ain't I the cutest little dog you ever seen?

Cynthia's eyes go blank for a moment as light washes over her. A smile creeps across her face.

CYNTHIA Come see mama, little puppy.

She kneels down and puts out a hand for Nosloo to sniff.

NOSLOO Is she gonna grab my--

Jim snatches the glasses off Nosloo's face, puts them on, then grabs Cynthia's map.

JIM Cynthia, how did you mistake this electromagnetic interference with vestigial magic?

Cynthia nuzzles Nosloo, who is into it.

CYNTHIA I must have read it wrong. Didn't I, Mr. Pumpernickel? They keep switching the colors, don't they? JIM His name is Nosloo.

CYNTHIA And he's just the cutest, aren't you, Nosloo?

Nosloo hugs her back, tears in his eyes.

NOSLOO You're the first human who ever called me cute. Thank you.

Ramona peeks in and does a double-take at Cynthia and Nosloo.

RAMONA Everything okay out here, dear?

Jim smiles at her. She smiles back.

JIM Never better.

## INT. COLVIN DEN - LATER

Ramona and Nosloo stand behind an easel, watching JOY OF PAINTING on the television. Nosloo slathers a green stripe of paint on the canvas.

NOSLOO We have happy little trees in Fee-Nee. I took one to prom.

RAMONA So you're a vegetarian?

Jim enters.

JIM She's gone, and tuckered out. You play a good round of fetch, Nosloo.

NOSLOO What can I say? The stick reminded me of an old flame.

Ramona puts down her paintbrush.

RAMONA Jim, all the lies and deceit... And Nosloo. These can't be <u>your</u> secrets anymore. They're <u>our</u> secrets. You have to trust me. He takes off her glasses. Leans in close.

JIM I wish I could.

He puts on his sunglasses.

JIM This is <u>my</u> secret. For better or worse, today taught me it's better if it stays that way.

RAMONA Jim, don't. I'm fine with everything. We can--

Jim taps the side of his glasses.

JIM Can you clean up the mess our new dog Nosloo made in the living room?

The anger in Ramona's eyes fades to docile happiness.

RAMONA Not until you kiss me, Mr. Colvin.

They kiss as they fall back on the couch.

NOSLOO Jim. Buddy. Pal... How could you?

RAMONA What are you barking about, Nosloo?

JIM He's just excited to be home.

NOSLOO Excited? That's one way to put it.

## END OF ACT III

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#### INT. W.E.I.R.D.E. HEADQUARTERS - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Susie sits down at the conference table.

SUSIE Hey, Postal. Did ya' ever find Jim?

CYNTHIA He has a new puppy. It's SO CUTE.

SUSIE I thought you hated dogs.

Cynthia looks confused, but before she can speak the monitors on the wall flash red text:

## **INCOMING TRANSMISSION - DIMENSION 86**

Susie sits at a workstation against the wall.

SUSIE I'm tuning it in. It's from a land with magic. The signal's weak.

The static flickers to reveal Hibboticus, standing in front of a DARK TROLL ARMY.

#### HIBBOTICUS

...loo the Great... turn ... precious world to dust! His Brenda is... I... tained... Ometahedron... Return...loo the Great... send creatures... attack... Dimension 94. Now how do you turn this thing--

Hibboticus fiddles with the camera as the picture fades away.

SUSIE What is that thing?

Cynthia picks up the phone and dials.

CYNTHIA Whatever it is, it's coming for us. (on the phone) Mr. President, we need help in Everly Heights.

### END OF EPISODE