

Daddy Master Notes

A notably brief set of notes from Anthony for the episode this week, as he correctly predicted we'd get as far as seeing the place.

Lark and Sparrow have tattoos, Walter the immoral has a beard now

Henry in Oakvale

Everyone there is named ry-oak:

Harry, Crowry, Gatory, Winry, Aubry, Carry, MAKE ALL THE NAMES ANIMAL NAMES

Audio Edit Notes & Commentary

Title and Intro Notes

It felt appropriate to go back to the "sports commentator" bit from the For Knights arc here, as pairing the extreme over-the-top nature of sportscasters (very much inspired by The Onion's video work in this regard) with a dad bonding moment was very funny. Plus it let us canonize the idea of Kenku Chicken in this world.

Episode Notes with Timestamps

- 0:50 It probably makes way more sense if Anthony opened up the episodes with the spiel because of his role as DM, but, you know, we started this way, and it just seems normal? Hmm.
- 2:12 As with all quarantine episodes, there's a lot of "expansion" edits ones where I take responses and quips and spread them out a bit so that they can be more easily distinctly heard and understood, as overlap is basically inevitable with five people and the latency involved in remote recording.
- 5:52 For posterity's sake for people reading this after the pandemic of 2020, Reply All did an episode discussing the Sqirl/moldy jam debacle called "The Mold and the Beautiful": https://gimletmedia.com/shows/reply-all/6nhw5w/165-the-mold-and-the-beautiful
- 8:24 Beth experiencing loss, as in the "loss" meme from Ctrl + Alt + Delete.
- 10:43 There is, in fact, a sub-site for this.
- 18:01 A mixture of a reference to the battle won theme from Final Fantasy and a quote from the immoral Streets 1:12 Goldeneye N64 speedrun.
- 21:05 This Iron Will thing is listed as non-standard D&D content in DnDBeyond.
- 23:59 As you see, my "What" joke doesn't land here, so I just do it again later knowing with the power of editing it will be funnier and everyone will also be over it.
- 25:03 The tattoo thing, Anthony acknowledges, was an idea from his Vizier chats with our Elite patrons.
- 27:53 The original design of the peace sign is supposed to represent three separate branches coming together. Also, the gap of Glenn being disappointed by nothing behind the waterfall is artificially lengthened for comedic effect.

- 34:37 The joke is, of course, funnier without an actual Iron Will reference here.
- 39:10 Regret it the moment I say it, but the whole thing is maybe a little bit weird. Part of the difficulty of keeping characters in our heads that exist in a non-visual medium.
- 42:17 Norway's Death Diving belly flop competition happens at 10 meters high, so it is within the realm of possibility that Darryl could maybe win that competition (and also not get hurt)
- 47:48 One side effect of the more passive listening nature inherent in podcasts is that we saw some comments from people who wondered what happened to Nick (and also later Paeden) in this episode, despite this very short interaction here. It makes me realize the threshold for an interaction needs to be slightly longer than whatever this was to be obvious enough to "register."
- 50:20 The continued "reframing" of who is in the scene for comic effect really works well in an audio medium.
- 59:40 The Nokia tone is a guitar tune called Gran Valse by Tarrega. Also the term is probably "arborist?"
- 1:02:05 For non-Los Angeles folks, Silver Lake is the hipster neighborhood from back in the day (there are more "hipster" neighborhoods now, but Silver Lake is kind of the original spot)
- 1:04:00 The phrase "in loco parentis" was basically made for what Henry is describing here.
- 1:09:08 Naming this episode "Clone Tree Hill" cost us, I think, some wider comprehension with what the people who look like Henry are supposed to be (the assumption that the "clone" refers to the people, rather than the trees). As discussed in Talking Dad, these are not meant to be clones, and the subsequent episode is likely going to be where the plot point that Henry is from the Forgotten Realms will likely "click" for people.
- 1:15:53 For those who have no idea what "Ninja" is it's a game that can be played by groups of any size. You go around the circle as different people are designated the "ninja." On their turn, they can make a single coordinated move to attempt to touch the hand of anybody playing (usually the people next to them, as they're the closest, but as the game goes on, people shift and it gets a bit more complicated). Everyone else can only move when the "ninja" moves: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ninja (playground game) The game is loads of fun, scales well, and is played quite a bit amongst our friend group.
- 1:20:45 The bird voice is 3 or 4 semitones pitched up in Soundtoys Little AltarBoy.
- 1:22:09 Lost Glenn realizing it's the same guy to maintain the "dumb dads" riff. Our fun riff on famed film and audio editor Walter Murch is lost so we can cut back with a bit more dramatic flair.
- 1:28:02 The idea is that "Ree" or "Ry" might translate to "from," i.e. "Bar Ree Oak" as in Bar, from the Oaks. Thus: Hen Ree Oak (Hen from the Oak, meaning Henry's name is "Hen.") A possibility as noted at the end is that they're all animal names (i.e. "Bear Ree Oak" which still works.