

EPISODE 5: TOTALLY STRONG ARMED!

EXT. THUMSUP CITY PARK - MORNING

TITLE: THUMSUP CITY, LETZGO ISLAND

Jordy, CD, and Kazomi walk into the park.

CD

Well Jordy, it's time for you to learn another important part of being a Box Peeker--recon.

JORDY

Sounds cool.

CD

It's kinda boring. We can't let yesterday happen again. From now on you're gonna know exactly what kind of Box Mod you're going up against.

KAZOMI

So we get to be spies?

CD

No! We're just going to watch Box Peek. Look at this guy, Yinzer Poff. He's been blowing up all over ZoneZone. Really good record apparently. If you figure out how to take him down, you can get a ton of points.

YINZER POFF, confident dork, begins a Box Peek match in the distance.

JORDY

Look at that Box Mod. What is that?

Yinzer's box has a robot arm attached to it, which extends and clamps onto his opponents' box.

CD

Whoa, it's like a robot arm.

KAZOMI

The other guy can't get out.

JORDY

Is this legal?

Yinzer laughs.

CD
 Yeah, all Box Mods are certified
 before you can attach them. I've
 never seen one like this though.

Yinzer wins the match.

JORDY
 Hey, CD?

CD
 Yeah?

JORDY
 Recon is over.

He stands, arm raised.

JORDY (CONT'D)
 (tough)
 Hey! You! I wanna play Box Peek
 with you.

SHOW INTRO

EXT. THUMSUP PARK - LATER

Jordy, CD, and Kazomi walk over to Yinzer.

YINZER
 So, you've witnessed my skills and
 yet you still challenge me? You're
 pretty brave.

JORDY
 (smug)
 I don't know, is it brave to squish
 a bug?

CD
 (whispers)
 Dude that sounded so cool!

JORDY
 Thanks dude.

YINZER
 Your funeral, my friend. Unless
 you've got a Box Mod that can
 somehow overpower my Robo Arm, this
 will be a quick match.

Peekref 12 flies in.

PEEKREF 12
Beep di beep! Peekref 12 reporting
in. Who are the competitors?

YINZER
Me, Yinzer Poff!

PEEKREF 12
Yinzer Poff. Chocolate Tier.
162,940 points.

JORDY
Me, Jordy Defective!

PEEKREF 12
Jordy Defective, Strawberry Tier,
10,211 points.

YINZER
Strawberry tier? You mean you don't
even have a Box Mod?

JORDY
I won't need it!

PEEKREF 12
Competitors, summon your boxes.

Jordy and Yinzer's boxes come down from the sky.

PEEKREF 12 (CONT'D)
The match will begin on my mark. 3,
2, 1, go!

Yinzer's robot arm detaches, and travels over to the lid of
Jordy's box. It clamps down.

INT. YINZER'S BOX

YINZER
Latch complete. That should be it.
But why am I nervous?

EXT. BATTLE SCENE

Yinzer pops out of his box.

YINZER
(relieved)
Okay, everything is fine. Sheesh,
Yinzer, I--

The word DEFECTIVE is not on the top of Jordy's box, but on the side. BOX PEEK THEME

YINZER (CONT'D)

Why isn't his name on the top?! How could he--

Jordy's box was turned 90 degrees. He gleefully peeks from the side.

PEEKREF 12

Counter peek! Jordy Defective wins!

YINZER

When could you have--?!

JORDY

I just tipped my box over before Peekref finished the countdown.

YINZER

Is that allowed?

PEEKREF 12

Yes. Acts of cunning ingenuity are considered legal moves.

YINZER

But now everyone can do that! What am I supposed to do with my Robo Arm?!

PEEKREF 12

Competitor Defective receives 8,016 points. Competitor Poff loses 8,016 points.

KAZOMI

Good stuff, Jordy.

CD

Yeah I thought you were toast for sure.

JORDY

Thanks.

PEEKREF 12

Match over!

It flies away.

CD
 Hey it's still pretty early; wanna
 do some more recon?

JORDY
 Sure!

Jordy sees something.

JORDY (CONT'D)
 (making this up)
 But, I gotta go pet a big dog I
 just saw. I'll catch up.

Across the street, a sign: FREE CHICKEN TENDERS

CD
 Okay.

KAZOMI
 Bye.

EXT. ALLEYWAY - CONTINUOUS

Jordy wanders into the alleyway.

JORDY
 Hello?

The Bronze Fang drops from above. He speaks with a dark,
 mysterious elegance.

BRONZE FANG
 Jordy, don't scream. I'm not here
 to harm you.

JORDY
 Okay. Who are you?

BRONZE FANG
 I'm called the Bronze Fang. I work
 in the shadows, performing
 complicated tasks for mysterious
 benefactors.

JORDY
 Does that mean there are no chicken
 tenders?

BRONZE FANG
 No, of course, boy. Here you are.

He hands Jordy some chicken tenders.

JORDY

Thanks!

BRONZE FANG

I think it's time you learned the truth about your box.

JORDY

Okay.

BRONZE FANG

Boxes are complicated, volatile mechanisms. In truth, we barely understand how they work. Every year, a handful of faulty boxes are produced. These are marked with the word "Defective" in red letters.

JORDY

(nervous)

How do you spell defective?

BRONZE FANG

(dramatic, especially the last E)

D-E-F-E-C-T-I-V-E.

JORDY

Oh no.

BRONZE FANG

It's true, Jordy. You have a broken box.

JORDY

What's wrong with it?

BRONZE FANG

They don't tell me everything, but from what I can gather it--your box won't accept box mods.

Jordy turns around, stares at the sky.

JORDY

(this is swearing)

Aw, nuts! That stinks!

BRONZE FANG

I'm sorry, Jordy.

JORDY

What do you even want from me?

BRONZE FANG

My mission is to destroy that box.

Jordy gasps.

BRONZE FANG (CONT'D)

I'm regularly hired to dispose of defective boxes. Because of the nature of the technology, you cannot simply remove a box from the Basement Fortress. I travel to Atroxic Island to--

JORDY

The island with the giant acid pit?

BRONZE FANG

Yes, that one. I travel to Atroxic Island to boxport the box into the giant acid pit, then toss the Boxporter in after it. It's the only way to destroy double plastic completely. A mission of this degree requires one who can be trusted to be discreet but also one with the training to fend off any burglars looking for a free box, making a man such as myself uniquely qualified.

Jordy takes his Boxporter off, offers it up.

JORDY

So I guess you want this?

BRONZE FANG

No. I can't take it back. It's true that I lost that very Boxporter back in Certainly City when a tiny seagull flew into my helmet. But I've been watching the way you play--and--it's beautiful. As you could imagine, there isn't much joy in my work. Seeing you play the game, well, it's been something else.

JORDY

Thanks.

BRONZE FANG

They'll come for me. I will likely spend the rest of my life in isolation, keeping the location of your box a secret from the other Fangs. I don't expect you to understand, but it's worth it to me just to give you a chance. Good luck, Jordy Defective. You've got a lifelong fan.

He jumps back up to the rooftops.

JORDY

That guy was cool.

He eats a chicken tender.

END CREDITS

EXT. CERTAINLY PARK - LATER

CD and Kazomi are walking together.

CD

Hey, Kazomi--I didn't want to worry Jordy about this, but I think someone might be trailing us.

KAZOMI

What do you mean?

CD

I don't know. Feels like wherever we go, we're being watched.

KAZOMI

That guy has been following us for a long time.

Tuguay is hiding behind some bushes.

CD

Tuguay?

Tuguay hides.

CD (CONT'D)

You can't be friends with us! Stop it!

KAZOMI

Stop it!

CD
Stop following us!

Tuquay runs away.

CD (CONT'D)
Well, that settles that.

KAZOMI
Yep.

END