

EPISODE 2: BITTER FRIENDS, BEST RIVALS!

EXT. CERTAINLY CITY STREETS - MORNING

TITLE: CERTAINLY CITY, LETZGO ISLAND

Jordy and CD walk side by side.

JORDY

What are the boxes made of?

CD

It's an indestructible plastic called Double Plastic. That's why it's completely soundproof except for some high frequency noises.

JORDY

What?

CD

Like you can hear a baby bird chirping, but one time a couple of fire trucks crashed into each other outside my box and I had no idea.

JORDY

Whoa. Can we take the Peekref robot home with us?

CD

Not unless you want a lifetime sentence on Bonefield Island. Bonefield Island is--

JORDY

I know what Bonefield Island is. Hey is it good that I'm Banana Tier?

CD

No, it's super bad! It goes like this: Banana Tier, which you're in. Then there's Strawberry Tier, which is like the people who play every day. Vanilla Tier is when people really start getting good; it's basically a full-time job at that point.

JORDY

Are they all named after ice cream flavors?

CD

Milk shakes. Shoogies' is a big sponsor of the Box Peek League.

He points at a Shoogies'

JORDY

Oh, weird. We have those, but they're called Mama Thurspies'.

CD

Mama Thurspies? That sounds so dumb.

JORDY

I think Shoogies sounds dumb.

CD

It's not. Anyway, then there's Chocolate Tier, most people never get there. After that is C&C Tier.

JORDY

Cookies and Cream.

CD

Yep. And finally, the best of the best belong in the Marshmallow Clover Tier.

JORDY

Ooh those are the best shakes!

CD

Exactly. Anyway you can't enter the Box Peek World Tournament until you're Marshmallow Clover Tier.

JORDY

Alright, a World Tournament? When's that?

CD

Next year, on Big Crush Island.

JORDY

Next year, huh? Sounds like I have plenty of time to get in!

CD

Most people in Marshmallow Clover Tier spent decades getting there.

JORDY

I'm not most people! I'm Jordy Defective, the greatest Box Peeker who ever lived.

CD

Okay, take it easy for a second bud.

JORDY

No, I'm going straight to the top, and I'm never gonna lose. If you got a problem with that, you can bite my butt!

CD

Jordy, you're not even good yet!

JORDY

Whoa. Not cool, CD. Take it back!

CD

(super serious)

No.

JORDY

(also serious)

Take it back.

CD

No.

SHOW OPEN

INT. BOX PEEK ORGANIZATION BOARDROOM - DAY

TITLE: BOX PEEK ORGANIZATION HQ, MAXIMUM ISLAND

DENISE addresses a room full of BOARD MEMBERS.

DENISE

Everyone loves Box Peek. That's no longer an advantage to our business.

BOARD MEMBER 1

(whispering)

What does she mean?

DENISE

It's a disadvantage.

Gasps.

DENISE (CONT'D)

For the last four years Box Peek popularity has stalled--at 100 percent.

BOARD MEMBER 2

(whispering)

I thought 100 percent is good.

DENISE

If we ever expect to grow as a business, it's time we seriously reconsider the 7-of-7 Initiative--our expansion into Fair Boat Island. It is unacceptable that in the year 202 we still have Box Peek in only six of the seven Great Islands.

The Board Members reel back.

BOARD MEMBER 1

Denise, you're doing an incredible job. You're probably the best Chief Executive Commissioner this organization has ever had.

ARNOLD

Hey!

BOARD MEMBER 1

Come on, Arnie, you know it's true.

ARNOLD

(good humored)

No I do, I do.

BOARD MEMBER 1

Point is we're happy. We're wealthy. The game of Box Peek has never been stronger. So trust me on this: Leave Fair Boat alone. We've wasted enough time and resources on that backwards island in decades past.

BOARD MEMBER 2

You'd have more luck expanding to one of the lesser islands, like Slimy Island or Hunchback Island.

BOARD MEMBER 1

It's true. Please, let's not bring up Fair Boat Island again. Now let's all maybe relax, enjoy some Shoogie Treats, and celebrate the fact that we just signed a contract worth 8 billion marbles with whatever the heck ZoneZone is.

ARNOLD

Hear, hear!

The BOARD MEMBERS all leave, except for SEAN.

DENISE

(you had something to say?)

Sean?

SEAN

(dour, staring forward)

I am under the assumption that you already planned to reinstate the 7-of-7 Initiative without our permission. And my guess is that this less-than-favorable ZoneZone deal is how you plan to fund it?

DENISE

It's not about the money.

SEAN

Oh of course not. Denise I know you don't care how much we stand to make from a Fair Boat league. I think it kills you that there is an entire Great Island out there filled with people who don't know how amazing Box Peek is. We're not-- philanthropists though; we're a business. A healthy business. You don't have to make it complicated.

He leaves.

DENISE

(under her breath, furious)

Oh I hate you Sean. I hate you so much I just hate you. C'mon I just hate you.

EXT. CERTAINLY CITY STREETS - LATER

Jordy and CD stare each other down, holding their arms up.
Peekref 12 descends from the sky.

PEEKREF 12
Peekref 12 reporting in! Who are
the competitors?

JORDY
You're the same robot from
yesterday!

PEEKREF 12
Naturally. I'm assigned to the day
shift for this entire region. **Who**
are the competitors?

JORDY
Oh! Me, Jordy Defective.

PEEKREF 12
Jordy Defective. Banana Tier. 6
points.

CD
Me, CD Romanasello.

PEEKREF 12
CD Romanasello. Banana Tier.
Negative 52 points.

JORDY
There's negative points?

CD
(embarrassed)
Yeah.

JORDY
(concerned)
Oh, CD--

PEEKREF 12
Competitors, summon your boxes.

Jordy and CD summon their boxes.

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

Jordy and CD duck into their boxes.

INT. CD'S BOX

CD

Okay, Jordy--let's see how good you really are!

INT. JORDY'S BOX

JORDY

I wonder what CD is doing right now.

A prolonged, loud SQUEAK.

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Staring intently, CD rises a little more, and his boxes squeaks a little more.

PEEKREF 12

One!

Jordy peeks.

PEEKREF 12 (CONT'D)

Counter peek! Jordy Defective wins!

The boxes levitate off.

CD

Awgh! Dang. Nice match, man.

JORDY

(being nice)

I got lucky.

PEEKREF 12

Competitor Romanasello loses 1 point. Competitor Defective receives 1 point.

JORDY

One point seems bad.

CD

Hey, points are points. At least you don't have negative 53.

PEEKREF 12

Match over!

Peekref 12 flies away.

JORDY

Hey, CD. I'm sorry about those things I said before the match.

CD

Me too, dude. I take it back. You're good at Box Peek.

JORDY

Thanks.

CD

So I guess you know now--I'm really bad at Box Peek. If you wanna stop being friends, I understand.

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JORDY

What? No way, I just got lucky. CD, you know everything about Box Peek, and honestly, you're like the coolest kid I ever met.

CD

Really?

JORDY

Yeah. Look, I'm going to make it to that World Tournament, but only because of your help. So when I show up to that huge arena, and the whole world is watching me, I'm gonna be wearing a shirt that says "CD is my best friend" in big fat letters.

CD

You would make a custom t-shirt for me? Nobody's ever done that for me before.

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JORDY

I mean it. I don't want to fight ever again.

CD

We won't. Friends for life.

JORDY

Yeah! Now let's go find some enemies!

END CREDITS

INT. CD'S HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

TITLE: CD'S HOTEL ROOM, CERTAINLY CITY, LETZGO ISLAND

Jordy sleeps on the floor, CD is tucked into bed.

JORDY
Good night dude!

CD
Good night!

JORDY
Hey, CD?

CD
Yeah?

JORDY
Your box squeaks. It squeaks when
you open it.

CD
Oh.

JORDY
I could hear it through my box. I
think that's probably why you lose
so much. *

CD
You could hear that? *

JORDY
Yeah. I didn't want to say anything
earlier because I thought you'd be
mad. *

CD
Not even. Thanks for telling me,
bud. *

JORDY
No prob. I got your back. G'night.

CD turns over.

CD
(to himself)
Oh I hate you Jordy. I hate you so
much I just hate you. C'mon I just
hate you.

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