

EPISODE 4: MONEY PROBLEMS!

INT. HOTEL ROOM - MORNING

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

Jordy and CD sleep on the floor. GOOD NOISE BEEPING

CD
Jordy, wake up! Wake up!

JORDY
What?

CD
Our allowance! Our allowance is here!

KAZOMI
What's that?

Kazomi sleeps in the bed.

CD
Leave us alone, Kazomi. So every Friday, the Box Peek Organization gives you an allowance of marbles based off your tier. Since we're both Banana Tier, we just got twenty marbles added to our accounts.

JORDY
That doesn't seem like a lot.

CD
It's not. But I'm pretty rich already.

JORDY
Oh yeah. So can we go shopping today?

CD
For sure.

KAZOMI
Can I come?

Yes.	JORDY	No.	CD
Yes.	JORDY	No.	CD (CONT'D)

Yes.	JORDY	No.	CD (CONT'D)
Yes.	JORDY	No.	CD (CONT'D)

SHOW OPEN

EXT. CHEDDAR MALL - DAY

TITLE: CHEDDAR MALL, CERTAINLY CITY, LETZGO ISLAND

Jordy, CD, and Kazomi walk around the mall.

JORDY
Look how cool that mannequin looks.

A super cool mannequin wears sunglasses and flashy clothes.

KAZOMI
Nice threads.

JORDY
Yeah, I'm going to go spend my allowance in there. It pays to look good.

CD
Jordy, wait. The whole point of allowance is to spend it on stuff that will make you a better Box Peeker. Check out that store.

He gestures toward a store with a "Box Peek Boutique" sign.

JORDY
Box Peek Boutique?

CD
Yeah, come on!

INT. BOX PEEK BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Jordy, CD, and Kazomi walk through the store, lined with interesting-looking boxes.

KAZOMI
Whoa.

She wanders off.

CD

This is where you can buy all sorts of tricky things to stash in your box.

JORDY

Box Mods? What are those?

An expensive silver sign reads "Box Mods".

CD

Just super cool modifications you can install onto your box. You're not allowed to use them until you're Chocolate Tier though.

JORDY

Aw man.

CD

Yeah, we should look at some smaller stuff. These are the Air Jars that the guy you challenged yesterday used.

JORDY

Whoa, Juicy Hot Cinnamon Buns?! I bet nobody could resist that smell.

CLERK overhears.

CLERK

Hi! May I help you?

JORDY

I would like an Air Jar of Juicy Hot Cinnamon Buns please.

CLERK

Sure, that will be 800 marbles.

JORDY

Whu-oh. Um. What can I buy with 20 marbles?

CLERK

Oh. Let's see. We have--
(reading the label)
"Gorilla Vomit."

Jordy considers it for a while.

JORDY
(defeated)
Okay.

EXT. FAIR BOAT BOAT FAIR - DAY

TITLE: THE FAIR BOAT BOAT FAIR, FAIR BOAT ISLAND

Crowds, balloons, Ferris wheels, boat displays.

On a stage, PRESIDENT HAMLER concludes a speech in front of a large audience.

PRESIDENT HAMLER
And, as it is both my Presidential
duty and extreme privilege, I
hereby declare this year's Fair
Boat Boat Fair is officially
underway!

The crowd cheers.

PRESIDENT HAMLER (CONT'D)
See? We know how to have fun! We
don't need Box Peek right? We don't
need it.

One guy says "Yeah!"

PRESIDENT HAMLER (CONT'D)
Yeah! Boats rule! Let the party
begin!

The crowd cheers again. President Hamler waves, ducks behind the curtain.

INT. BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

President Hamler rushes in. CORBIN, his assistant, waits.

PRESIDENT HAMLER
How'd I do, Corbin? Did I sell
them?

CORBIN
You did! You sold it!

PRESIDENT HAMLER
I appreci--

DENISE (O.S.)
Nobody's buying it.

Reveal Denise, bored in a chair.

CORBIN

Oh, yeah, the CEC of the Box Peek Organization--

PRESIDENT HAMLER

Yes Corbin, we're familiar. Hello Denise. Corbin, can you fetch us a couple boat dogs?

CORBIN

Absolutely.

Corbin leaves.

PRESIDENT HAMLER

So is this a business trip, or did you just come all the way over here to ridicule us?

DENISE

Business, of course. I want to bring Box Peek to Fair Boat.

PRESIDENT HAMLER

Well sure of course you do.

DENISE

I know. But I'm close this time. I'm here today because I need to know where you stand: Can we come in?

President Hamler turns away.

PRESIDENT HAMLER

Denise, we could use it. Believe me. Look at us out there--a boat fair? We're bored out of our skulls. This whole island is.

(ashamed)

Our primary exports are mattresses and dog bowls.

He faces Denise again.

PRESIDENT HAMLER (CONT'D)

I still think about the Box Peek matches we had back in college. Every day. I remember each one. But I don't make the rules here. Peekhibition is ingrained in our society.

(MORE)

PRESIDENT HAMLER (CONT'D)

I mean there are plenty of people out there who are old enough to remember the day President Clarke's husband died inside of his box and they couldn't get him out of the Basement Fortress.

DENISE

We have precautionary measures against that now.

PRESIDENT HAMLER

It doesn't matter. They're still mad.

DENISE

They won't be. There's one thing we've learned from our World Tournament ratings--Sure, it's about watching the best in the world compete, but people really just want to cheer for their home island. I'm going to give this island someone to cheer for.

PRESIDENT HAMLER

How? Worlds are next year. Nobody here could compete.

DENISE

You'd be surprised. We are monitoring some promising prospects. I just need to know that you'll be on board when the time comes.

PRESIDENT HAMLER

I--I'm on board. Yes.

DENISE

Fantastic. Enjoy your fair, Mr. Hamler. I'm looking forward to our rematch.

She leaves. Corbin arrives with two stuffed dogs wearing little sailor hats.

CORBIN

Okay I got your bo--
(so disappointed)
Oh, she left.

PRESIDENT HAMLER
Relax, Corbin. One for me, one for
you.

CORBIN
(honored)
Thank you sir.

EXT. CHEDDAR MALL - LATER

Jordy stands with CD and Kazomi, each with shopping bags.

JORDY
That was fun! I'm ready for a Box
Peek!

CD
There should be a few Box Peekers
around here.

KAZOMI
What about that guy?

ALLIO, a dirty guy in dingy clothes, has his arm raised.

CD
I dunno. He seems kinda poor, so
he's probably super low tier.

JORDY
I don't care how much money he has!
I accept your challenge!

ALLIO
Oh, thank you! Thank you!

CD
Well, at least it shouldn't be too
hard to take this guy down.

KAZOMI
Good luck, Jordy.

PEEKREF 12 floats in.

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

JORDY
Me, Jordy Defective!

PEEKREF 12
 Jordy Defective. Banana Tier. 307
 points.

ALLIO
 (sinister grin)
 Me, Allio Vulla.

PEEKREF 12
 Allio Vulla. Chocolate Tier.
 110,341 points.

CD
 Oh no.

KAZOMI
 Chocolate tier.

JORDY
 CD, that means he gets--?

CD
 Box mods!

ALLIO
 Oh, does that surprise you?

PEEKREF 12
 Competitors, summon your boxes!

Jordy and Allio summon their boxes.

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

Jordy and Allio duck into their boxes.

INT. JORDY'S BOX

JORDY
 Box mods, huh? Well I guess I
 should peek just to see what I'm
 dealing with--

EXT. BATTLE SCENE

Jordy peeks, but is blinded by light.

JORDY
 Ow! Ouch!

PEEKREF 12

One!

JORDY

Ooh it burns! I can't take it! Awgh
my eyes!

PEEKREF 12

Two!

Jordy ducks back into his box.

INT. JORDY'S BOX

JORDY

Phew, longest two seconds of my
life.

INT. ALLIO' BOX

ALLIO

With all the wins I've been racking
up since I bought this Ultra Bright
Beam box mod, this thing is
practically paying for itself. It's
simply impossible to stare at my
box for four seconds, let alone
two. I just sit here, let the poor
fools burn their eyes a couple of
times, and then show up after
twelve seconds to reap my rewards.

EXT. BATTLE SCENE

CD

I can barely see what's happening!

KAZOMI

Allio's box is moving--

Allio peeks.

ALLIO

Ha ha, no surprise! The coast is
clear!

PEEKREF 12

One!

KAZOMI

Jordy needs to peek.

CD
 He can't, Kazomi! He'll burn his
 eyes out!

BOX PEEK THEME. Jordy slowly peeks, smugly wearing the
 sunglasses that mannequin had.

PEEKREF 12
 Counter peek! Jordy Defective wins!
 Yippee!

The boxes lift off.

CD
 Nice win dude!

KAZOMI
 That was so smart, Jordy.

JORDY
 It's like I always say: it pays to
 look good!

They laugh. From a rooftop, The Bronze Fang observes, nods.

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EXT. CERTAINLY CITY STREETS - LATER

TITLE: CERTAINLY CITY, LETZGO ISLAND

Allio sits on the sidewalk, dejected. A very sullen Victor
 walks up.

VICTOR
 Hey there. Room on this sidewalk
 for two?

ALLIO
 What?

VICTOR
 You just seem down on your luck is
 all. I know the feeling.

ALLIO
 If you want to play Box Peek with
 me I won't accept your challenge. I
 already know everybody in the whole
 city bought sunglasses.

VICTOR

(sitting)

No, you don't have to worry about me. They took my box away.

ALLIO

What?

VICTOR

Yeah. Turns out if you lose a hundred in a row, the system assumes you're tanking on purpose, so they come and they take your Boxporter.

ALLIO

A hundred in a row?

VICTOR

I don't know how it happened. I was having a good year until this kid-- he beat me in the first four seconds. And ever since then I've been off my groove, too slow, too fast, making stupid mistakes... I think his name was Defective?

ALLIO

Jordy Defective. That's the kid who beat me today. And afterward, him and his stupid friends just stood there, chuckling it up at a weird joke that wasn't even funny. I think the Peekref even said yippee?

VICTOR

(Peekrefs would never say Yippee)

Well that can't be right.

ALLIO

No I guess not. So what are you going to do now?

VICTOR

I've been thinking. The Box Peek Organization sometimes act like they're The Law, you know? But they don't own Box Peek. We do. We all do. My Box Peek adventure does not end here. I will find a way.

ALLIO

You can't have my box.

VICTOR
Okay, nice meeting you.

Victor walks away

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