

CHARACTER CLASS
Ep. 4 "You're Dead"?

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CREDITS UP, TITLE SCREEN.
Conversation is heard off screen.

STEVE (O.S.)
If you don't shut up, I'm gonna
kill your character.

MAX (O.S.)
You can't kill my character.

STEVE (O.S.)
Yes I can. I can deal more damage
with one attack than you have in
HP.

LAUREN (O.S.)
That's your health points, right?

MAX (O.S.)
Your alignment is neutral-good, you
can't just kill me.

STEVE (O.S.)
Oh, look at this. I have an eraser
right here. And oh, would you look
at that, this is written in
pencil...

MAX (O.S.)
Dude, you can't just change your
alignment in the middle of the game
because you just feel like killing
me.

LAUREN (O.S.)
Wait, what's alignment again?

STEVE (O.S.)
I can if I have a nightmare that
makes me believe that you're a
threat to our party.

MAX (O.S.)
I'm the only healer. Brian?

BRIAN (O.S.)
I'll allow it.

INT. BRIAN'S HOUSE - NIGHT
Everyone is sitting around the table. Tucker is taking notes,
Lauren is watching the argument, Bob is uncomfortably trying
to ignore the argument.

MAX

Brian!

TUCKER

I want to roll a saving throw to protect him.

BRIAN

You can't. You're asleep. Steve, roll me a percentage to see if you really have the dream, then a will save to see if you can even muster up the courage to kill a party member.

MAX

Are you kidding me!

STEVE

Ninety-two.

BRIAN

You have the dream.

He rolls again and the die lands on a 20.

STEVE

Nat twenty Bitch!

MAX

This isn't happening.

BOB

Don't worry, Max. If he doesn't kill you in the first attack, we'll all wake up and stop him.

BRIAN

What do you do?

STEVE

I quick cast lightning for two bolts, with maximize spell and extend spell. That's ninety points of damage each, for a total of 180 points of damage.

BRIAN

What's your HP, Max?

MAX

120. Unbelievable. Whatever, I'll just roll up a new character.

BRIAN

You know the rules, man. Two week minimum break between new characters.

MAX

Since when?

BRIAN

That's always been my rule. You've just never died.

LAUREN

Sorry, Max.

MAX

Shut up, Lauren.

Max leaves.

LAUREN

I'll be right back.

Lauren leaves.

STEVE

Hurry up, Lo-Lo. I've got itchy trigger fingers and you're new to the party!

EXT. BRIAN'S PLACE - NIGHT

Max is walking back to his car. Lauren runs to catch up with him.

LAUREN

I'm sorry, Max.

MAX

Why are you even here, Lauren?

LAUREN

Look, Max, I'm just trying to have fun.

MAX

If you really wanted to play that bad, you could have just gone to any game store and joined someone else's campaign, instead of invading mine!

LAUREN

I don't know anything about that.

MAX

Exactly!

LAUREN

Just because I don't know much about the game yet, means I can't play?

MAX

I just don't know why you want to play in MY game.

LAUREN

Well, technically, it's Brian's game. He's the Dungeon Master.

Max gives her a fed-up "Really?" Look.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

I just wanted to try something new, I don't understand what the big deal is.

MAX

Don't make it seem like I'm overreacting!

LAUREN

You are.

MAX

Oh c'mon. We break up...

LAUREN

You dumped me.

MAX

(gradually raising voice until yelling)

And you choose to just pick up the nerdiest game ever invented to "try something new" and you choose to play it with me. What the hell is wrong with you? This isn't normal!

LAUREN

And you're not overreacting?

Defeated and irritated, Max walks away. Lauren follows.

MAX

Why are you following me, Lauren? I am not used to getting this much attention from you.

LAUREN

Knock it off, Max. What did I do to you that was so wrong?

Max stops and turns towards her. After staring at her for a beat, he takes a deep breath.

MAX

You made me fall in love with you... And you don't feel the same.

She stares at him, surprised. After letting it sink in, she grabs him and kisses him.

INT. MAX'S ROOM - NIGHT

Max and Lauren lay in bed.

MAX

Does this mean you want to get back together?

LAUREN

Nope.

She gets up, puts on her clothes and starts for the door.

MAX

So, you were just leading me on, so YOU could be the one to end it?

LAUREN

I guess you'll never know, will you?

MAX

I'm gonna see you next time we play.

LAUREN

No you won't. You're dead.

She closes the door behind her leaving Max stunned and speechless.