FEMMELOT EP. 1

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ATMOSPHERE: MAUREEN'S APARTMENT

Sound: iPhone memo beep

MAUREEN

It's August, uh, 16th. Right, the 16th. 2017. Wow. It's August 16th 2017, the first day of classes for students. I'm not sure what to make of this year yet. I'm trying not to be too hopeful, but we'll see. I was hopeful last year and... Well, we'll just have to see. Other than that, I don't have much to say. The end of summer was uneventful. I've managed to keep most of my headaches away. Lynne is moving back to town today as well. I hope she doesn't seek me out.

Sound: iPhone memo beep off

ATMOSPHERE: KAY AND REAGAN'S DORM

KAY Reagan. Ray. Ray-ray. Little ray of sunshine.

REAGAN

Mmmm.

KAY C'mon, we have gym time this morning. First day of classes. The whole college thing?

REAGAN The whole college thing, mmhmm. I'll get right on that.

KAY

Reagan.

REAGAN

Kay.

KAY C'mon. It's leg day. We can't be late.

REAGAN I'm working on it. Sound: shuffling of sheets and clothes being put on.

KAY Were you up late or something? Normally you're up by now.

REAGAN Just didn't sleep well.

KAY

Nerves?

REAGAN Probably. Just some really weird dreams.

KAY

Yeah?

REAGAN Yeah. There was like, a war or something? It's really unclear.

KAY Yeah, I get ones like that before a big game. Gotta say, it's weird when the cannonballs become soccer balls.

REAGAN (exhales a laugh) Maybe then you could actually hit one when it comes toward you.

Sound: voices begin to fade as a door opens and closes

KAY Hey, I'm used to my feet. I hate head shots.

REAGAN Yeah, we know. Our whole high school knows.

KAY

Please don't tell the new team that story.

REAGAN Don't drag me out of bed and we'll see.

ATMOSPHERE: RECREATION ROOM

REAGAN One more set, one more set. You can do it!

KAY (out of breath) I absolutely cannot.

REAGAN Sure you can! I did it.

KAY I don't know how. For being the last one up, you seem--(grunts in exertion) --pretty energetic.

REAGAN I thought you didn't want to miss leg day.

KAY (mocking her) "I thought you didn't want to miss leg day". Yeah, yeah. Keeping track?

REAGAN You have three left.

As Reagan counts down, Kay makes a grunt and the machine is heard.

REAGAN (CONT'D) And three. Two. One. Done.

KAY I don't know how you did that.

REAGAN Hey, you did it, too.

KAY

But you aren't about to keel over. C'mon, we got class in an hour and we both need showers.

REAGAN I can't disagree with you there. You stink. KAY It's my natural odor, and it's delightful.

REAGAN Uh-huh. Sure it is.

Sound: gathering of items and opening and closing door during conversation.

KAY You wish you smelled like this at the end of a workout.

REAGAN

You're crazy.

ATMOSPHERE: CAMPUS SIDEWALK

KAY

Am I? Because it seems like I'm the only one between us that can get a date.

REAGAN That's because you have lower standards.

KAY That's not true. I am a great chooser of--

Sound: Kay running into Reagan.

KAY (CONT'D) Hey. What, did your legs stop working?

REAGAN Sorry. Sorry, it's only--

KAY

Only?

REAGAN

That girl.

KAY

Um, what?

REAGAN

The girl across the street. She was in my dream. Kind of. It all came rushing back.

KAY You dreamed about her?

REAGAN

Not about her. But she was there. But she wasn't her. And it made me remember the rest of the dream.

KAY

Woah. Okay, you look pale. Maybe that workout did hit you hard. C'mon, let's, like, stop by the Union and grab some food. C'mon.

REAGAN

But the girl--

KAY

Just random. She probably just looked like someone. Or you saw her, like, walking yesterday. Things happen. Let's get food.

Beat.

REAGAN

Okay. Fine. Yeah, food does sound good.

KAY I knew it would.

ATMOSPHERE: SOCCER FIELD

KAY C'mon, one more round.

REAGAN

Practice ended an hour ago. I want to shower before going to bed, and I have a ton of homework.

KAY

On your first day? You have a ton of homework on the first day.

REAGAN Not a ton, but I do have a response to post and an article to read before another class tomorrow. KAY Please? Just like, one more round. I swear. REAGAN Fine, fine. But you're helping ice me after this. KAY Deal. Sound: Soccer balls being kicked and goalie blocking REAGAN (slightly out of breath) Kay! That's, like, twelve. We're done. KAY Fine, fine. Sound: one more kick KAY (CONT'D) There. Now I'm done. REAGAN Fine. I want to shower. Sound: growling in the distance KAY I get it, I get it, we're goin' back. Okay? No need to get all grumbly. REAGAN That wasn't me. KAY Then what was it? REAGAN I don't know. It was probably a truck in the distance. KAY Fine. Blame your grumbling on a truck. I get it.

REAGAN Hey, I'm not grumbling.

KAY No, you're just a homework nerd.

REAGAN I want to stay on top of things, okay? Scholarships require a GPA.

KAY Oh yeah, and your GPA is, like, so determined by your first night of homework.

REAGAN Showering? Now?

KAY Yeah, yeah. I'm coming.

Sound: Footsteps fading. Growling happens again, louder.

ATMOSPHERE: SOCCER FIELD

COACH What the hell happened here? The field is destroyed.

GIRL

I don't know, coach. Looked like that when we got here.

COACH

We can't play on this. Let's go to the lower fields. C'mon girls. Kay, Reagan, bring the equipment down. The rest of you can get a head start on running. Let's go!

Sound: Groans as the girls start to run down.

REAGAN Good thing we don't have too much to carry.

KAY Yeah. I hate having to carry, like, ladders. They never fold or stay still. Mostly cones today.

REAGAN Wonder if we'll be drilling a lot. KAY Probably. We need it.

REAGAN

Why?

KAY Did you see our last game? It was like kindergartners.

REAGAN Okay, you have got to relax.

KAY

What?

REAGAN You're working yourself into the ground. What is up with you?

KAY Only trying to become a better player, that's all.

REAGAN Fine. Now c'mon, we've got to go before coach--

Sound: The growling from earlier returns, louder this time.

REAGAN (CONT'D) Did you say something?

KAY Me? No. I thought that was you.

REAGAN Maybe it was a truck again.

KAY

Again?

REAGAN Yeah, like we heard last week, remember?

KAY Oh, that? That was nothing. It was-holy shit!

Sound: growling and crashing near the field.

REAGAN

Okay. Okay. No, what is that? What is that?!?

KAY I don't know! Holy shit, holy shit!

REAGAN Stop saying that and run!

Sound of a MONSTER entering the field. It growls and charges. The girls run.

KAY I don't think we can outrun it!

REAGAN We have to! There's no-- oh my God. Oh my God! What are you doing?!?

KAY

Running!

REAGAN Not you, her!

KAY

Her?

Sound: sword hitting shield

REAGAN (OVERLAPPING) Run! What are you doing?!? RUN!

KAY (OVERLAPPING) RUN, RUN, RUN!

REAGAN (whispers) What is she doing?

LYNNE (from a distance) I've got this! You two, go!

REAGAN What are you going to do?

LYNNE I'm going to fight it!

Sound: fighting between Lynne and the Monster. Footsteps begin again.

KAY What are-- Reagan, get back here!

REAGAN She needs our help!

KAY Our help? She has a freaking sword!

Sound: footsteps join in as Kay follows Reagan and drags her back.

KAY (CONT'D) We're leaving. Now.

REAGAN We're going to help.

KAY No way. C'mon, Reagan. C'mon!

Sound: the fight continues. Kay and Reagan run far away. It isn't too long before there's a high keen followed by a thud. The monster is dead.

REAGAN Now can we go? She may need our help.

KAY Nope. No way. We're forgetting this happened, and going to practice. Now. We've got drills to do.

REAGAN Fine. We'll go.

KAY

Thank you.

REAGAN But after practice?

KAY Sure we can come back. After practice.

Sound: the footsteps retreat again. Lynne sighs. A single pair of footsteps approach from the other way, barely perceptible.

MAUREEN I thought I told you to stay away from them. LYNNE Jesus, Maureen. What the hell?

MAUREEN I told you to stay away.

LYNNE

I didn't have a choice, and it's not like I had a conversation with them. There was a monster, what was I supposed to do?

MAUREEN

I was coming to take care of the situation.

LYNNE (laughs) Oh, yes. I forgot. You are an expert magician now, right?

MAUREEN

Don't test me.

LYNNE You won't let me.

MAUREEN I don't want you to go near them again.

LYNNE I won't turn them away if they seek me out.

MAUREEN I'm serious. They need to discover things on their own.

LYNNE Oh, like me? Because that turned out so well.

MAUREEN That was different.

LYNNE Because you hate me.

MAUREEN Because I can't trust you. LYNNE I thought that this was supposed to be a second chance. Why won't you even let me try?

MAUREEN It's not my decision.

LYNNE

Like hell it isn't. We don't even know what definitively happened last time.

MAUREEN I know enough. When Arthur returns, he can decide.

LYNNE But until then...

MAUREEN But until then I'm saying no.

LYNNE That's your decision then. Good luck getting them to trust you.

MAUREEN You're one to speak of trust.

LYNNE He was my friend.

MAUREEN And you hurt him! You destroyed him!

LYNNE We don't know that!

Sound: Wind rushes through and a small thud as Lynne falls on the ground.

MAUREEN Get out of here!

Beat.

LYNNE Fine. I'm leaving. But just know that you are not him. He wouldn't do this to a friend.

Sound: Fabric rustling as Lynne gathers her things and leaves. MAUREEN I know. That's why I have to be strong for him. (sighs) I'm trying, Arthur. Whenever you want to show up-- that would be great. ATMOSPHERE: SOCCER FIELD Sound: Footsteps approach. REAGAN Where's the body? KAY I don't know. Where's the girl? REAGAN She probably left. We were gone for a few hours. KAY Yeah, I guess. But yeah, the body--REAGAN It should still be here, right? That thing was huge. KAY Yeah, it was. Okay, permission to freak out? REAGAN Granted. KAY Dude. What the hell was that?!? Holy shit. What the hell? I mean, damn. Dude. I can't-- What even was that? Beat of silence. KAY (CONT'D) Hey, you okay? Reagan? Earth to Reagan. Ray ray? Wanna join me on

this freak out?

What?

KAY Dude, you were lost there for a second. I thought we were freaking out together. Is everything okay?

REAGAN

Yeah. Fine. Just fine.

KAY

Okay, you aren't fine, and you shouldn't be fine, because we just went through the weirdest shit ever. So what's going on?

REAGAN I only... I feel like I know that girl.

KAY Know her? How?

REAGAN I don't know. But she seemed, familiar, somehow. Didn't she?

KAY

I don't know, man. She seemed different to me. Can't say I've ever met anyone with a sword and shield before. Well, except Tommy Johnson, but that's a whole other thing.

REAGAN Right. But still.

KAY But still. You can't shake it?

REAGAN

Yeah.

KAY

Okay, then we'll look into it. I've got you, man.

REAGAN

Thanks.

Sound: It's night. The room is quiet, except for a clock ticking. Suddenly, Kay screams.

REAGAN Wha-- Woah, Kay. Kay!

Sound: Scrambling out of bed across the room, Reagan rushes to wake up Kay.

REAGAN (CONT'D) Kay! Wake up, wake up! What is it? What's wrong?

The screaming stops.

REAGAN (CONT'D) What? Is it a Charlie Horse or something? What?

KAY (very serious) I had a dream.

REAGAN A dream? Or a nightmare?

KAY It was a dream, but...

REAGAN

But?

KAY I saw... It was a bloodbath.

REAGAN

A war?

KAY Yeah. And you were there. But not you. And the sword girl, too.

REAGAN And the other weird girl? From a week ago?

KAY Yeah. What the hell does that mean?

REAGAN I don't know. But we'll figure it out, okay? KAY Yeah. Yeah, okay.

REAGAN

Okay.

End of episode 1.