

INN BETWEEN

Episode: Season 5, episode 2, "The Party Fund"

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(00:00) INTRO:

HANNAH Hi, everyone! Hannah, here.

Stick around after the show to hear a trailer for a podcast we're obsessed with!

Counterbalance is the story of a professor on a mission to fix the fabric of magic, a demon spirit who is her unwilling assistant, and a girl from our world who is definitely not dressed for this weather. And then they become best friends!

(laughing)

Maybe that's an exaggeration!

(chuckles)

Go with them as they try to throw the world back into balance on a high fantasy quest! That's *Counterbalance*, all one word, from Trilunis.

In the meantime, let's go to the Inn!

(00:30): PREVIOUSLY ON...

TESSA Previously on Inn Between...

AUDIO (00:34): INN BETWEEN THEME PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND.

PHOEBE We're after Idris' Staff of Storms?

MAX The way there won't be dangerous.

YAK Gnoll archers!

SFX (00:42): RAPID FIRE ARROW SHOTS.

RUKES *(out of breath)*

We can make quick work of them.

SFX (00:45): ARROW ZOOMS. TWO HEAVY THUDS AS GRAVEL CRUNCHES UNDER THE WEIGHT.

PHOEBE Yak...?

AUDIO (01:30): INN BETWEEN THEME FADES.

(01:31) THE PARTY FUND.

AUDIO (01:35): BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF A TAVERN.

YAK *(dismissive, good-humored)*

It's nothing. It's a tiny sprain.

LARKIN On your *sword arm*.

YAK I'm ambidextrous! I have two!

MAX How have I never noticed that about you?

YAK *(dryly)*

Chronic self-focus?

MAX *(amused)*

You *wound* me.

RUKES Is it worth healing?

YAK I'll take what you've got.

RUKES Have a little potion then.

LARKIN Potion?

RUKES Do your horns affect your hearing?

SFX (02:00): SOFT POP AS BOTTLE IS UNCORKED.

RUKES Here.

LARKIN *(pointedly)*

And why wouldn't you use a spell?

RUKES *(matter-of-factly)*

And waste my energy on a tiny sprain? Why bother?

LARKIN But we're in for a break, and potions are a non-renewable resource.

RUKES *(with a faux, cheery lilt)*

Much like my patience!

MAX Look, Larkin. I know you learned folks like to think you're smart in every respect, *but* why don't we let the healer make the healing decisions?

YAK Not that *you'd* know about being a know-it-all.

MAX *(tickled)*

Take it from someone who knows!

SFX (02:33): ECHOEY, CRYSTAL-LIKE CLINKS OF HEALING MAGIC.

YAK *(satisfied sigh)*

Thank you, Rukes.

And now a business matter.

MAX *(pained)*

Agh. Good. This again.

- LARKIN What business matter?
- MAX Just... humor them? It'll all be over soon.
- YAK Did someone think to loot the bodies? We have to establish the party fund.
- RUKES The *what*?
- YAK The party fund. We'll pool whatever money we find along the way and split it evenly at the end.
- RUKES (*scoffs*)

 (*sharp, put out*)

 Excuse me, you want me to fork over my hard-earned money?
- YAK Only whatever you pulled off the gnolls which, I will remind you, we all killed together.
- LARKIN Who's going to keep the party fund?
- YAK Me.
- RUKES *You.*
- YAK (*verging on annoyed*)

 Would you like me to spell it out for you?
- LARKIN I thought dragonborn didn't like using money.
- YAK Under normal circumstances, you'd be right. Money causes more problems than it solves.
- RUKES Beg to differ.
- YAK Differ all you like, I'm still right.
- LARKIN Well, then, why are you the one keeping the party fund?
- YAK Unlike the rest of my people, I don't mind handling money.

LARKIN Why?

YAK Because, I don't know if you've noticed, but *I'm* the only dragonborn in the room.

RUKES You still haven't told me why I should trust *you* with the money.

YAK Who better, to be fair? I won't cheat you. Frankly, I only use money when absolutely necessary anyway.

RUKES And how are we supposed to be sure of that?

MAX You can take *my* word.

RUKES (*derisive scoff*)

 Your word.

MAX I trust her more than I trust you.

SFX (04:05): COINS CLINK.

PHOEBE Here.

RUKES Where did you...? Where did you get that?

PHOEBE Looting.

 (*slightly unsure*)

 Yak, do you mind if I keep a ledger of what we've collected?

YAK (*good natured*)

 I welcome the accountability.

MAX (*warmly*)

 That's beautiful. You happy, Rukes?

RUKES No?

MAX Oh!

(clicks their tongue)

Pardon me! Let me try again.

(firm, darkly)

Either pay your loot into the party fund, or take it and leave with my blessing.

RUKES Y—you can't do that!

LARKIN I think they can.

MAX *(lightly)*

We can find another healer. You're not that special.

SFX (04:38): A PAUSE.

SFX (04:41): FEWER COINS CLINK.

MAX That's what we like to see!

YAK Phoebe, that's six gold and eight silver.

SFX (04:47): A SWISH OF PAPER, PEN SCRIBBLING OVER A HARD SURFACE.

PHOEBE Got it!

LARKIN *(unimpressed)*

All that fuss for two and a half gold?

RUKES *(hotly)*

You have something to say, Mallon?

LARKIN *(frightened)*

I guess I don't!

MAX Truly *inspiring* show of courage there, Larkin. Yak, are you done?

YAK Oh, yeah! I'm done!

MAX Then I say it's time for drinks, and I won't even dip into the party fund to get them.

YAK Your generosity knows no bounds.

PHOEBE Can I please... have a cider?

MAX You can have whatever your heart yearns for.

(beat, warmly)

And also a cider.

Anyone else? Yak? Dark lager?

YAK Yes, please.

LARKIN I'll take a cider too.

MAX Hm. What do you think, Phoebe? You think he earned it?

PHOEBE Uhm... yes?

MAX Then a cider you shall have! Be right back.

SFX (05:41): FOOTSTEPS FADE AWAY.

RUKES I don't care what Max says, if you even *think* about cheating us—

YAK *(unbothered, mocking)*

What? What will you do, cleric of Sune? Heal my broken ribs?

SFX (05:55): A PAUSE.

LARKIN *(awkwardly)*

Do you... do you have broken ribs?

YAK Not anymore, I don't! Thanks to the healing magic!

(sarcastically)

Thank you so very much, Rukes, I owe you big.

RUKES Shut up.

PHOEBE Your people don't use money at all?

YAK We do not!

LARKIN That's interesting, I've always wondered how a society works without an economy.

YAK *(tiredly)*

Money is not the same as economy. Read a book.

AUDIO (06:25): DIALOGUE FADES AWAY.

LARKIN *(flustered)*

I... I do. Read books. Lots of books!

AUDIO (06:31): BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF TAVERN FADE AWAY.

(06:32) OUTRO:

(06:33) NEXT TIME ON...

AUDIO (08:12): INN BETWEEN THEME PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND.

TESSA Next time, on Inn Between...

LARKIN *(loudly)*

I don't know much about artificers! Is it true that they love explosions?

RUKES I don't know if I'd say *love*.

SFX (06:43): EXPLOSION.

(06:50) CREDITS:

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AUDIO (07:48): MUSIC ENDS.

HANNAH This story was created in the traditional territory of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute peoples, and edited in the unceded territory of the Salish, Kootenai, and Kalispel peoples.

(08:00)POST-CREDITS:

AUDIO (08:03): BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF TAVERN.

TESSA Special order? How special are we talking?

SFX (08:08): A BEAT.

TESSA Yes, and how much are you willing to spend on that?

SFX (08:10): PAUSE.

TESSA *(unimpressed)*

I'm afraid that's not special enough.

AUDIO: BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF TAVERN FADE AWAY.

(08:20) PROMO: COUNTERBALANCE.

AUDIO (08:28): COUNTERBALANCE THEME PLAYS.

SÆA Hello Auril, did you want to listen in on me and Raka enjoying ourselves?

RAKA Oh... don't encourage him!

SÆA Shall I describe to you what we're doing right now?

YOSHA Um... Akasar?

AURIL Huh?

YOSHA What's going on?

AURIL Let's see.

Look, these windshells document anything you do in order to banish spirits.

RAKA I don't *banish* spirits, I'm *fixing* the tangle weave!

AURIL Of course, we can't open a new hole into the Æther web every year!

HEADCHIEF The spirits aren't always... bad, are they?

EPIOVAR Those are exactly the reason tangle weaves happen in the first place!

AURIL I'm sure Raka knows how to get through a watergate without disturbing the magic balance.

FYALFANA So, what happens when there's a hole in the weave? Does magic pour out?

MALAKI *(laughs)*

It is already broken! Let more Vær into this world. I'll destroy every single one of them!

LYN No, no. You've had enough already!

RAKA *I will kill you, you filthy little...*

LYN Whoa, whoa, whoa! Calm down, Raka!

RAKA *(growls)*

MALAKI Try it, feather duster!

SPIRIT Be gone, ferocious runemaster, your friction will grind the weave atwain.

RAKA Fiyar'ta. In moments like these, I wish I could see the runes.

FERRYCE What's wrong, Raka? Is that tangle weave maybe too difficult even for someone as great as you?

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