

Daddy Master Notes

As it may be evident in the listening, Anthony didn't know what was going to happen this episode.

Audio Edit Notes

Title and Intro Notes

"Mechanics and Heat 101" is a reference to, what else, the film Primer, which is how the characters refer to the act of time travel. We had a number of titles kicking around but most of them gave away the underlying time travel conceit, so we opted to be more vague. Other potential titles: "Be Kind, Rewind" and "Live, Dad, Repeat." The introduction was Beth essentially watching a WatchMojo.com video of the worst YouTuber apologies and spinning that one from the top of the dome. The sad piano music, unfortunately, is generally not a staple of the apology video genre, but in this audio-only medium, helps emphasize the serious gravitas of the apology it underscores.

Episode Notes

There had been quite a bit of planning here for this episode in terms of us, as the players, coming to terms with what exactly we wanted to do with our respective dads (some of which has been captured by me on video, and I'm putting together a little bonus vid for Patrons that give some insight into this process). When we settled on the idea of using the bracelets from Ep. 2, which due to it being so early in the show, were clearly overpowered items Anthony had most likely more or less forgot about, the pieces all basically fell into place.

We were careful, when it came to the wording, to ensure that there was no potential spoilers for new listeners to the show (for example, we didn't say anything about our dads even though that'd be a logical thing to write on the bracelets). Hopefully, the end result is that it feels like there's some time travel shenanigans with Gartok and it just disappears into the background only to pay off 62 episodes later.

When people came over to record, I was literally uploading the updated episode on my computer, so for a two hour period, the "modified" Ep. 2 was live, as we wanted to capture Anthony going to our website and clicking listen. We reverted the episode after the record until the episode release.

Timestamp Notes

1:27 - Glenn flexes he's Satoshi. Clearly he isn't!

15:06 - You can tell that I'm familiar with the legend of JO crystals.

30:35 - Primo dads + sports talk, but I think Darryl would know what team Lebron is on!

37:30 - Unseen - we were all looking around at each other to determine who would bring up the plan.

41:24 - Welcome to a new style of aside - a player only non-DM huddle where we discuss our plans. There are more than a few of these in the coming episodes as we try and make sure Anthony, as DM, is unaware of our moves.

54:59 - Very light editing here to make Anthony just a little less okay with our railroading for a spot of more fun tension.

58:18 - "Freddie, it's fine" are two clips from that episode, in fact. Originally this whole segment was going

to be recorded off his laptop with a 1/8" jack, but the audio of it sounding like it's coming through our mics helps the humor of this scene, I think.

1:23:48 - The issue of Dndbeyond showing everyone playing the results of dice rolls is actually something I'm thinking more and more about as something that straight up doesn't work as well on a podcast medium (I noticed the latest season of Adventure Zone has some of these beats too). Everyone reacting to something without verbalizing it... is not as good, in my opinion. We'll likely make a change here on this for future episodes.

1:26:53 - This is the bits and bobs we rerecorded for Ep. 2. We went with take 2, as it was a bit more cohesive and concise.