

**Zeromancer**

Episode 3: Shopping is fun.

<<Dark Office scene zoomed on Pawl>>

Pawl:  
Send them in.

<<door creaks open, the henchmen from ep 1 walk in the door>>

Henchman 1:  
You... uh wanted to see us

Pawl:  
There was a problem with the job 2 weeks ago?

Henchman 1:  
Yes...

Pawl:  
You know... breaking you out *cost* me money, it was a simple job... in and out.

Henchman 1:  
Some guy beat us to it

Pawl:  
Some guy? Is there something you're not telling me...

Henchman 1:  
It was the... uh same guy as... last time...\*cringe\*

Pawl:  
Same guy, well then..

<<commence killing>>

Pawl:  
This is what happens... when you get... caught

<<more killing>>

Pawl:  
Damn it Taffy.  
<<cue opening>>

<<Taffy and Karat at the apartment, its totally trashed, Karat is playing Boom 3 Taffy looks over at the backpack of money >>

Taffy:  
Uh, hey Karat

Karat:  
Yeah what? I'm busy...

Taffy:  
You know.... We got a lot of money left still and <ceiling beam falls> the apartment needs some <dust

and a bit of brick falls> sprucing up...

Karat:  
But I'm almost to level 23....

Taffy:  
But I'm fairly certain the ceiling may collapse.... On your computer.

Karat:  
TO THE SHOPPING!

<cut to Melina in the shopping district>

Melina :  
Gotta make my car payment... I don't care what I have to sell... as long as I can keep the car. Couldn't keep the house after all that happened.... But I'll get by, I have to.

<as she is selling her stuff Taffy and Karat are buying stuff at the store across the street.>

Melina:  
So now what? I've sold just about everything I have for this... Guess I owe myself a little bit of a treat...  
<she looks over to a hotdog stand and sees only the umbrella of it through the crowd. Karat and Taffy are already there getting hot dogs, Karat freaks at spotting her>

Karat:  
TAFFY!

Taffy:  
What?

Karat:  
Girl, cop problem, that way... need to go, now!

<Taffy makes an exasperated sound as he is dragged off before Melina can get a good look>

Melina:  
This is where I saw that guy with the back pack... I swear he was just here, I could find him still! I can't just give up! I can do this! <eating noises>

<cut to melina searching for them in different places and just missing Taffy and Karat.>

Melina:  
Have you seen this backpack.... On a grown man

Melina:  
Nope not here

Melina:  
Not here Either

Melina:  
I'm not even going to bother... I still need to go get food...

<< She goes to get food at the grocery store and taffy and karat are also shopping at the grocery store, they go through the aisles picking up various things >>

Melina:  
OOO 25% off how can I lose <sarcastic>

Karat:  
... and I want, this gum, ooo and this candy.... CREAM FILLED, WOW! And some of this too, and some Mountain brew... and whatever this is its gotta be good.

Taffy:  
Put it all back you can get one treat.

Karat:  
Oooh ☺, ok this one then...

Taffy:  
You sure, looks like there's some kinda sauce on there

Karat:  
AAAH! SAUCE!

<melina looks over briefly, cut to pawls office>

Pawl:  
I see, yes, take care of it then. Use the Pesto brothers, that's right.

<he hangs up the phone and we cut back to melina going into the checkout line, Karat and taffy are in the line next to melina as they are checking out. Karat drops his gum.>

Karat:  
My gum!  
<he dives for it, much to Taffy's protest, and in the process, destroys the shelf between Melina and them. She sees them, and pulls her guns>

Melina:  
YOU!

Karat:  
Wuh oh!  
<He pulls his own gun. Taffy follows suit.>

Taffy:  
Karat!

Melina (to Taffy):  
YOU! FROM THE BANK!

Taffy:  
YOU!

<the silence of them all at a stand off is broken by the mafia gunfire. As they get behind the isle ends they look at each other a moment , guns still pointed at each other>

Melina:

You're just ruining every ones day huh?

Taffy:

Yeah, I'm a bit of a thorn in the side

Karat:

Uh... Taffy?

Melina:

Team up then?

Taffy:

Seems about right

<Taffy cocks his gun the gunfight ensues. Later on in the fight Melina spots Taffy using Zeromancy on a couple stray bullets , also at this some point the frog back pack gets nicked >

Melina:

It's like before... he has something to do with that too?

<a bullet speeds by her face and she turns and shoots the guy, one shot, she turns back, taffy and karat are gone>

Melina:

Grr they just left?

<<she looks to the ground seeing the return to tag from the frog backpack>

Melina:

Bingo. No where to hide now...

<sirens blare as she looks out at the city.>

<end episode>