

ZeroMancer Episode 4

Taffy is defending himself from a flying toaster, demanding that he eats the lovely goodness inside it.

<Taffy>

Damnit, Karat! What the hell did you do to our toaster?!

<Karat (off camera)>

I made it better!

<Taffy>

If by better, you mean possessed, then you're a freakin' moron!

Taffy continues to wrestle with the toaster. A knock OCCURS at the door.

<Taffy>

Karat! Get the door!

<Karat (oc)>

But I'm on level 24!

Taffy throws the toaster back into the apartment's kitchen and stomps off towards the door.

<Taffy>

Fine!

Taffy opens the door. Melina is standing on the other side, looking confused and depressed.

<Melina>

Uh... Hello--

Taffy, before she finishes her sentence, slams the door closed and walks off. Karat enters the scene

<Karat>

Who was at the door? It wasn't those Jejova's Witnesses again, was it?

Karat opens the door, immediately sees Melina, and slams the door closed

*****Cut to Opening*****

<Karat>

Oh crap it's her!

Karat is interrupted as Melina kicks down the apartment door

<Taffy>

How did she find us?

Melina holds up the tag from the backpack to them. Karat looks at the missing tag, then to the backpack, then to the tag again

<Karat>

Wuh-oh

<Taffy>
Damnit Karat!

Taffy hits Karat. Both then scramble for thier weapons. Melina takes a step forward

<Melina>
Wait! Don't!

*Wait for the toaster, and Taffy and Karat both are now armed, aiming their weapons at Melina.
They hesitate*

<Taffy>
Give me a reason.

<Melina>
I need to talk to you guys.

Melina then sets down her pistol onto the floor

<Melina>
See? Now I'm unarmed. Now let me talk.

Taffy lowers his weapon, Karat reluctantly follows suit

<Taffy>
Alright...

<Melina>
Okay... Look... I'm not here to turn you guys in--

<Karat>
*mutters*Yet..

<Melina>
AT ALL *eyes Karat* Now it seems that we have a common enemy...

<Karat>
You?

Taffy AND Melina smack Karat

<Taffy>
The Mafia.

<Melina>
nods Right. And I figure we might have a better chance of surviving if we work together against them.

<Taffy>
As opposed to you chasing us around the city?

Melina nods

<Taffy>
Alright then. Follow me.

* They exit the apartment complex together*

<Melina>
We'll take my car.

she pulls out her keys, which are immediately snatched by Taffy

<Taffy>
No, we won't.

<Melina>
Why not?

He hits the auto starter, and Melina's car explodes. She gapes, and he drops the keys back into her hands

<Taffy>
The effing MAFIA is after us. This is why WE don't have a car. Come on.

He grabs her by the arm and drags her behind them

. * They then begin walking down the street, Melina looking morbidly depressed*

<Taffy>
So you wanna go up against the Mafia, eh?

<Melina>
Of course.

<Taffy>
Hm. Well, you do know who the current leader is, right?

<Melina>
No...

Karat points to a near-by tall building labeled Lacentia Industries

<Karat>
Pawl Lacentia., the "businessman".

Melina follows his line of sight

<Melina>
What?! Pawl Lacentia?
He just bought a new orphanage, and he's paid for 90% of this town, including the police station!
He's a PHILANTHROPIST!

<Karat>
More like philanthropomafia.... Ist!

Melina and Taffy stare at him. He shrugs.

<Taffy>
What my brain-challenged friend means to say , is that philanthropy is a front. He's really the leader of the Mafia as we know it. Don't you see how owning so much of the town can benefit a

crime lord?

<Melina>

she sighs I guess you're right. The man who was powerful enough to get to my car in that short of time must be a god, cash-wise.

<Taffy>

(angry) Would you PLEASE SHUT UP ABOUT THE CAR!?

<Melina>

interrupting BUT IT'S MY CAR!!!

<Taffy>

THIS IS BIGGER THAN ANY DAMNED CAR! PEOPLE DIE AS A RESULT OF HIS ACTIONS!

He punches the wall, hard, and a huge splash of nothing sprays out. He storms away.

<Melina>

Geez, what was his problem?

<Karat>

sighs Okay, so you know how most ZeroMancers are registered through the government, correct? *Melina nods* Well, Taffy isn't.

They continue walking, Melina glances back to where Taffy walked off

<Karat>

Let's just say the mafia has been a big part of his life you know?

<Melina>

What like he's been in the mafia since he was a kid or something <jokingly>

<Karat>

Uh, yes. His parents were a little behind in there payments, so...

<Melina>

That's awful... so he lost his parents...

<Karat>

Among others... they really just wanted a Zeromancer. They were willing to crush any bug under their thumbs just to get one.

<Melina>

you know...as many regulations as there are about Zeromancers I never understood what they actually were...

Karat picks up a piece of the pavement gravel stuff that's always everywhere when there's poorly manufactured sidewalks

<Karat>

See this rock

<Melina>

Yeah, what about it?

<Karat>

Say there was another one, exactly the same...but not here.

<Melina>
What?

<Karat>
Look... everything that there is... there isn't!

<Melina>
...you get hit in the head a lot, don't you?

<Karat>
No... Why? Ok, Ok... um, lets say there's this other place where everything that's here exists a second time... but they cant exist together so one version comes here...the other is over there... in the nothingness... I guess.

<Melina>
Ok...

<Karat>
Zeromancers... control what goes to the nothingness and what stays here. Only problem is every time he does it seems to take something out of him...

<Melina>
So you mean they make stuff disappear

<Karat>
Yes... Melina, things disappear... (exasperated)

cut to Taffy on top of the apartment building, brooding. He sighs.

cut to Pawl Lacenta and some lackeys, sitting at a desk

<Lackey>
Boss, this guy and his two partners are causing way too much trouble. I think we should call in the big guns. I think we should call Zoate.

<Pawl>
Listen to me. I, Pawl Lacenta, reunited the three familys; the Pestos, the Lackeys, and the Lacentas. I don't need his help. At least, not yet. He's just one man...

<Lackey>
one man who seems to be causing us a whole hell of a lot of trouble Lacenta

<Pawl>
Look, everythings under control, we can handle this ourselves. If we bring in Zoate too early the other families are going to think we're weak and cant take care of things ourselves.

<Lackey>
Alright... I'm trusting you on this one Pawl.

<Pawl>
We got this one, we got it.

Cut back to Melina and Karat

<Melina>

Well, now that my cars gone and I have no place to live...

<Karat>

Now what? thats your own fault

<Melina>

You blew up my car!

<Karat>

What are you suggesting then.

<Melina>

... I think you should give me a place to stay. It's a fair trade after all.

<Karat>

Guh. Fiiiine. I guess that'll work for now. I don't know how well that will go over with Taffy though.

<Melina>

Oh, I think he'll see things my way.

They get home

<Karat>

I mean, we've always needed someone clean the apartment... do the laundry... make me sammiches... wash the dishes... buy me food...

Melina puts the rest of her guns down

<Karat>

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE UNARMED

<Melina>

I didnt shoot you did i?

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