

"Stick of Joy" - Mythic Quest spec script (excerpt from act II), by Henrique Breia Szolnok.

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INT. AUDIENCE - THEATER - NIGHT

Early evening in the audience before the award show. David drinks more while trying to stay out of sight of his French bosses, Ian broods after meeting his Dad and Poppy talks to an INDIE GAME DEV next to her.

INDIE GAME DEV

So we went from bankrupt and burned out to crowdfunded and almost a best-seller. Now this! A best indie nomination. Just pinch me.

Poppy excitedly pinches Indie Game Developer, who recoils.

POPPY

Sorry, got carried away. Cracker story.

INDIE GAME DEV

Are you guys nominated?

POPPY

Best Ongoing. Mythic Quest.

INDIE GAME DEV

Really? I love MQ. I hope you win!

POPPY

(genuine)

Thanks. I hope you win too.

DAVID

That's unlikely.

Indie Game Dev frowns and turns away, offended.

DAVID (CONT'D)

I MEAN MQ! MQ--ah, forget it.

POPPY

(to David)

We could win. How come I'm the one who's MAYBE getting stoked about this? I didn't even wanna be here.

DAVID

It's nice to be nominated and blablabla, but don't get your hopes up. Cold Alliance is the favorite.

POPPY

Oh no, not THOSE guys! Now I REALLY want to win.

IAN

Excuse me.

Ian stands up and leaves. Poppy and David exchange glances.

POPPY

(Aussie lingo)

Why is he cracking the shits?

DAVID

How should I know? It's probably a new protein shake or something.

POPPY

I mean, why is he being so dramatic. What's the hang-up with his dad?

DAVID

(gossip mode)

Back in the day, Ian's dad gave Ian seed money, but Ian went under. Later, Ian got involved in a project that became successful, in no small part thanks to yours truly-

POPPY

On with it.

DAVID

--right. So his dad thinks he should own at least part of it because of the old money. Eean sued Ian, who had to countersue. Things were said. It got UGLEY, I tell ya.

(has an epiphany)

I don't think they ever hugged each other.

POPPY

Oh, I'm sure THAT's the problem.

INT. MQ STUDIOS - HALLWAY - NIGHT

After Rachel's rejection, Dana and Rachel talk quietly near Carol's office.

DANA

You have to try again.

RACHEL

You're not listening. She KO'ed me.
Flawless victory.

DANA

I know and I'm sorry about that.
But this opening could be a once in
a lifetime opportunity. Just think
of how long it took C.W. to die.

RACHEL

Dana!

DANA

Okay, that was nasty. But babe, you
have to keep trying until they make
a decision. It shows determination.

RACHEL

OR it shows I'm a delusional brat
who can't take "no" for an answer.

DANA

What's the difference?