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FAR OFF IN THE DISTANT SKIES OF WORLDS UNKNOWN THERE FLIES A SHIP CALLED THE KURGAN. ABOARD, SOME OF THE TOUGHEST SONS OF GUNS FOR HIRE THIS WILD UNIVERSE WILL EVER KNOW. THEY ARE THE MISERY LOVES COMPANY.

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Long before the Misery Loves Company once more wrapped themselves up in Mercenary Army Bullshit once again, before the gladiators, before the missions, before they blew up that damned moon, the Misery Loves Company was merely out of gas, floating in the Kyrgan through the void of space, waiting on a tugboat to haul them into a nearby spaceport.

AHAB

Who was supposed to buy the gas

BERNIE

TWASN'T I

CLYDE

I don't dance and I don't buy gas.

AHAB

Kyrgan, report, who was supposed to buy gas.

KYRGAN

All data suggests that Company Member Clyde was tasked with purchasing fuel. When asked if he had purchased said gas, Company Member Clyde simply stated I don't dance and I don't buy gas. However, Company Member Bernie was screaming about his upcoming shedding season at the time. You may not have heard.

CLYDE

I don't dance and I don--

AHAB

Clyde, every cent that comes out of this bullshit mishap starting from this moment comes out of your pay.

CLYDE

That's not fair, what if Bernie breaks the ship

AHAB

Your ass on the line, better keep his off the console

BERNIE

That's a mighty good lookin seat over there Clydey-Baby, would love to shed on it.

CLYDE

I'll crawl through your ears and dwell in your nightmares if you try it.

BERNIE

Not my fault! I dance *and* buy gas

AHAB

But you're too stupid to do either. Kyrgan, how long until the tugboat arrives

KYRGAN

I'm unable to tell as the tugboat is still in squashspace travel.

AHAB

How long until they leave squashspace

KYRGAN

I'm unable to determine when squashspace will end.

CLYDE

Squashspace

KYRGAN

Sq q q q q q q q washspace

BERNIE

Squash. Space.

CLYDE

SQUASHSPACE

AHAB

Kill me.

BERNIE

With pleasure boss!

AHAB

If he kills me I'm taking it out of your pay

CLYDE

Don't kill Ahab

AHAB

Thank you.

CLYDE

Yet.

BERNIE

Thank you.

KYRGAN

I have a fun idea.

BERNIE

That's scary

KYRGAN

Do not be afraid Company Member Bernie, I will tell you the exact moment I want you to die.

AHAB

Kyrgan, report, when will Bernie die

KYRGAN

That information is classified Company Member Ahab. I'm saving it for a rainy day.

CLYDE

This *is* a rainy day.

AHAB

Spill the space beans

CLYDE

Space beans

KYRGAN

Spaaaacebeeeeeeans

BERNIE

That's enough of this fiddle-faddle, I ain't dyin without a hideous beast in my arms and some brewskis in my belly and all I got beast wise is Ahab and he's too ugly even fer me.

AHAB

That's the cruelest thing anyone has ever said to me.

CLYDE

Not true.

AHAB

DON'T TOP IT.

CLYDE

I can top it.

BERNIE

TOP IT!

KYRGAN

Before I was interrupted, I said, I have a fun idea.

AHAB

What do you want Kyrgan

KYRGAN

Today's Universal Date is the 197th anniversary of the end of hostilities in Space War Four.

BERNIE

Truce Day!

KYRGAN

Correct Company Member Bernie! It is Truce Day!

BERNIE

It's my second favorite holiday because tomorrow is War Day, I love space war five.

CLYDE

20 planets gone in the blink of an eye

AHAB

Almost forty quintillion lives lost in only the first day of open hostilities!

KYRGAN

Yes! And I thought we could celebrate Truce Day

AHAB

Why celebrate Truce day when we can just celebrate War Day?

KYRGAN

What if we call today War Day's Eve. We can drink and tell stories and invite our friends to talk to us.

AHAB

Everyone we know is on board this ship.

BERNIE

I got an idea! Let's call Bloodstorm! He can tell us a cool story! and I love him! And I want him to be my new daddy! In a purely familial sense!

CLYDE

Purely familial

BERNIE

PURELY FAMILIAL

AHAB

Purely

BERNIE

....Purely!

AHAB

Kyrgan, report, how aroused is Bernie right now

KYRGAN

Company Member Bernie's arousal state is--

BERNIE

Why ya'll ruining War Days Eve

CLYDE

We're already celebrating War Day's Eve.

AHAB

Yeah! We love War Days Eve! Clyde get us some beer, the good stuff.

BERNIE

It was a good idea ya'lls just jealous

AHAB

Bloodstorm hates you Bernie. He hates me, and he loves me.

BERNIE

But he knows all the best stories of murderin' those who done gone and deserved it. What better way to spend the holidays. It's the reason for the season after all.

CLYDE

He's got a point.

AHAB

Bernie if you can beat Clyde in arm wrestling I'll let you call Bloodstorm.

BERNIE

Yeah but he can't cheat by goin all intangible.

CLYDE

I can't help going intangible sometimes.

BERNIE

Yeah but it magically only happens when you're losing.

CLYDE

Wow. WOW. WOW. WOW.

AHAB

Bernie what did we say about accusing clyde of cheating when his body goes intangible. he can't help it.

CLYDE

WOW. WOW.

BERNIE

(sigh) Sorry Clyde.

KYRGAN

I want to arm wrestle, Company Member Bernie.

BERNIE

You ain't even got no arms you goof.

KYRGAN

Wow. WOW. WOW. WOW

CLYDE

She had arm wrestling arms installed just to arm wrestle with us you absolute donkey

BERNIE

I DIDN'T KNOW.

KYRGAN

WOW. WOWWWW.

BERNIE

(Sigh) Sorry to you too Kyrgan. Doggone ya'lls a bunch of sensitives today holy shit a man's just tryna call his best friend in the world.

KYRGAN, AHAB, CLYDE

WOW. WOW. WWWWOOOOWW. WOW

BERNIE

SORRY

CLYDE

I'm not arm wrestling this fat piece of shit, Kyrgan you do it. I don't want to get my *intangible* body anywhere near his hands.

KYRGAN

Gladly company member Clyde. Company Member Bernie, please place your hand inside of my wrestle chamber.

BERNIE

What the hell why's it all goopy in here, what is this?

KYRGAN

I am merely lubricating the playing field

BERNIE

heh heh, what's YOUR arousal level.

KYRGAN

I don't get aroused, I'm a SPACE SHIP.

BERNIE

BUNCHA SENSITIVES.

KYRGAN

Can you feel the cold unstoppable steel that is my newly installed wrestling arm Company Member Bernie

BERNIE

Is that what you call this weird nub?

KYRGAN

WOW.

BERNIE

YES I FEEL IT.

KYRGAN

Company member Ahab, would you do the honor of counting to the number of three please.

BERNIE

Start on three?

KYRGAN

Let's not make it a bit Company Member Bernie. Simply begin arm wrestling with my so-called *wrestling nub* when the number of three is called by Company Member Ahab.

BERNIE

If I win ya'll gotta help me make Bloodstorm talk to us.

CLYDE

Fine.

AHAB

How's the beer Clyde

CLYDE

This *is* the good stuff.

AHAB

I've been saving it for a rainy day.

CLYDE

This *is* a rainy day.

AHAB

I know that's why--...ugh... I think sometimes maybe the banter is going a bit too far.

BERNIE

HELLO?

AHAB

(quickly and dispassionately) one two three.

KYRGAN

If I was exerting myself with any difficulty I would be grunting, but as I am easily holding Bernie back, I am not making any sounds at all.

BERNIE

You fly real good but your trash talk is awful baby HNGHHHH

KYRGAN

I will continue lubricating the wrestle chamber to insure a fair fight

BERNIE

I DON'T NEED NO LUBRICATION

KYRGAN

Many people of all ages need lubrication in order to perform at their maximum, it is not a matter of shame Company Member Bernie

BERNIE

SHUTUP 'N LOSE

AHAB

This is a great fight huh Clyde. How many beers can we drink before Bernie realizes he's gonna miss half the keg.

CLYDE

Shhhh. Drink now Bernie never.

KYRGAN

I sense your muscles exhausting themselves against the cold metal will of my mind company member Bernie.

BERNIE

PLEASE THO

KYRGAN

I will allow you to defeat me if you clean up your dead skin from your deck Company Member Bernie

BERNIE

FINE

KYRGAN

Unbelievably, Company Member Bernie has bested me. Now clean my deck up. Even in loss I am full of victory.

BERNIE

Drink now Bloodstorm Now-er.

CLYDE

I'll get the old man on the phone.

BERNIE

Thankya baby. Man my arm is beat. You a good workout there Kyrgan

KYRGAN

Thank you company member bernie.

BERNIE

Yeah... heheh... no sweat.

AHAB

Clyde?

CLYDE

He's... here.

AHAB

Heeey Bloodstorm, merry truce day.

BLOODSTORM

Hell no.

(Tone)

AHAB

Oh well! We tried. More beer Clyde!

CLYDE

More beer Clyde coming up.

BERNIE

CALL HIM AGAIN KYRGAN

KYRGAN

I am calling him again Kyrgan

BERNIE

How is everyone here drinking but me

AHAB

Squashspace

CLYDE

Squashspace.

BLOODSTORM

You have five seconds to convince me not to kill myself

BERNIE

I want to talk to you!

BLOODSTORM

I'm killing myself.

AHAB

General... hello. Listen. We want to share our War Days' Eve bounty of joy with you.

BLOODSTORM

Today's truce day. Celebrate tomorrow on war day.

AHAB

We changed the name of truce day

BLOODSTORM

War Days Eve... I don't hate it. I hate it less than I hate some other things. Other large, stupid, moronic, putrid, vile things.

BERNIE

I love you.

BLOODSTORM

Share your bounty huh?

AHAB

Yeah... listen, we thought it would be cool, you know, to hang out, share some laughs, have a talk, celebrate the spirit of War Day.

BLOODSTORM

I gotta be blunt with you here boys, I'm crossing the streams pretty hard tonight. If this is truly happening, I need more of it. You're damn well lucky I'm alone tonight or I'd have blown that ship out of squashspace with my own two hands you shit tier dribble donkeys.

AHAB

You couldn't open the door to your house right now old man.

(EVERYONE)

WOW. WOW. WOOOOOOOOOOW. WOW.

BLOODSTORM

Just 'cause it's true don't make it right to say you smug little backwashed... I can't even keep up with my own insults right now. What did you want from me?

AHAB

Bernie wants to hear a story about War Day's Eve.

BLOODSTORM

I can do one even better than that. I can tell you about when it happened.

AHAB

Shit General, I knew you were old but, wow.

BLOODSTORM

If you kill real good you live real long. Settle in. Here's the real story. A permanent peace was declared across the whole galaxy. No more people were to die ever again in war, battles, sieges or otherwise.

BERNIE

What a nightmare!

BLOODSTORM

Why, I remember, I came up to these children, singing a song about war and violence. The galaxy had been at peace for almost 6 hours. I said, you little cock shits even know what war and violence is? They just ran off. I was disgusted.

CLYDE

Did you hunt them down after

BLOODSTORM

No spoilers.

AHAB

I wonder if those kids ever learned the true meaning of War Day.

BLOODSTORM

But here's what happened next... So I was full of hate 'n anger and I decided, you know what, this isn't the world I want to live in. A world where I can't shoot down a spaceship for being the wrong color, where I can't fight my friends just 'cause I want to. So I went back to those friendly youths, and I sat 'em down, and I told 'em the story of what war was once like, all those hours ago. I said, war was a wonderful thing. There was tanks, guns, mega guns, double mega tanks, triple mega guns, guns that shot guns... I know you know what those are, Bernie.

BERNIE

You said my name.

CLYDE

I once saw a gun that shot guns that shot guns that shot tanks.

AHAB

You're full of shit Clyde

KYRGAN

They are real Company Member Ahab, I have evidence.

AHAB

shhhhhhh....

KYRGAN

Oh I am sorry Company Member Ahab.

AHAB

Shhhhhhhh.

BLOODSTORM

They didn't believe me! They said noooo, there's no such thing as guns that shoot guns.

BERNIE

Tragic.

BLOODSTORM

I said they shot bullets just like *this* and I punched one of them in the face. He died. So I kept talking to the other one. The kid said, wow, were you in wars? I said you bet your dumb idiot ass I was. I just killed your pal with one punch! Just like I did back in the wars. There were whole lots of us then. Billions and billions just punching each other over and over forever. Kid was mystified.

AHAB

That's the magic of bloodshed.

BLOODSTORM

And that's when... they appeared. The peace flag wavin' sons of bitches that ended all wars forever with the promises of happy lives, good food and never being shot at.

CLYDE

Disgusting.

BERNIE

Wretched.

BLOODSTORM

I says to em I says, I says But here's what's gonna happen, friendly youth, I'm gonna go out to the deep black of space and I'm gonna help start space war 4. And we're gonna live in it forever and ever.

BERNIE

Did it work?

BLOODSTORM

You moron, space war 5 rages on to this very day. And I did strangle that kid.

AHAB

How did you start space war 5?

BLOODSTORM

Easy! I threw those kids in my ship, flew up to the nearest inhabited spaceport and said "Hey, somebody just started something! We gotta finish it!" And next thing you know, bam. Endless war for all eternity... if you can keep it in your heart.

AHAB

Did any of this actually happen. I really don't feel like you started space war 4

BLOODSTORM

Did all of what happen, I'm so blasted up I don't even know what planet I'm on. Why are we even talking, don't you owe me money. I'm hanging up.

BERNIE

Wait!

BLOODSTORM

What!

BERNIE

Happy War Day General

CLYDE

Yeah, Happy War Day

AHAB

We miss you man. Happy War Day.

BLOODSTORM

And may the bullets rain on you always. Godspeed boys.

KYRGAN

General Bloodstorm has turned off communications.

AHAB

Well, what did we learn today?

CLYDE

Uh....

BERNIE

Drinkin' with your boys and a talkin' spaceship is fun, but talking to old people is a nightmare because they're wrong about everything?

CLYDE

Maybe a day of peace and dranks isn't the worst possible future? Maybe the only way to appreciate the never ending violence is to have a single day without it?

AHAB

I think you both had a little bit of the right answer. The dranks are on me tonight.

KYRGAN

I feel compelled to tell the three of you that I never want another crew, and I hope to keep your bones here long after your mortal bodies decay forever.

BERNIE

What a blessed thing to say baby doll.

CLYDE

Look! The tugboat!

AHAB

It's a War Days Eve miracle!

BERNIE

I got an idea! After they rescue us, let's rob 'em! And take everything they have and love!

AHAB

That's the spirit Bernie. Now go get your guns. Let's make some money.

VO

So they sprang for their weapons, and the Kyrgan her missiles

And away they all flew, shootin' tootin' and lootin'

But I heard them exclaim, before they won at all costs

Happy war day to all, and to all a get lost!