

D&D
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CAST
AINSLEY - 20s, the Dungeon Master
TIM - 20s
AVA - 20s
OLIVIA - 20s

(Ainsley's basement.)

AINSLEY

I'm really glad you all finally agreed to play Dungeons and Dragons with me.

AVA

Yeah, we've been talking about it for so long, I'm glad we finally all got together to play. Ainsley, do you know our friend, Olivia?

OLIVIA

Hi!

AINSLEY
(Darkly)

Oh. I know Olivia.

(The group sits at the table.)

AINSLEY

Let's start playing. Your characters all enter the village tavern and come across the troll at the bar. He offers you all glasses of milk.

TIM

I take the milk and drink it.

AVA

Me too.

OLIVIA

I don't drink it. My character doesn't like to drink milk.

AINSLEY

The troll says hello to all of you.

TIM

I say hello back to the troll and give him a handshake.

AINSLEY

The troll smiles and shakes your hand.

AVA

I play a little song on my mandolin for the troll and do a fun dance!

AINSLEY

The troll gives you ten pieces of gold and dances with you.

OLIVIA

Ooh! Ooh! What does the troll say to me?

AINSLEY

(Immediately serious)

He thinks you're ugly.

OLIVIA

Wait, what?

AINSLEY

Okay, and we're having fun. What do you want to do, now?

OLIVIA

Wait, can we go back to what the troll just said to me? That felt, like, really targeted.

AINSLEY

No, this is just roleplaying.

TIM

Yeah, not everything's about you, Olivia. Here, drink some milk and maybe your character will calm down.

OLIVIA

I already told you, my character doesn't drink milk, it's gross.

AVA

Oh! I want to ask the troll if he knows where any good treasure is?

AINSLEY

The troll says that there's a legend of a cave not too far from the town you're in right now.

TIM

I ask the troll if he thinks we're strong enough to make it into the cave!

AINSLEY

The troll says it might be difficult, since there's a dragon guarding the treasure!

TIM/AVA/OLIVIA

(In unison)

Wooooaaahhhhh!

OLIVIA

I ask the troll if he thinks my magic could work on the dragon!

AINSLEY

The troll says you don't look like the kind of person who would be good at magic and should try your luck at the village brothel, Olivia.

AVA

Oh, I want to play another song for the troll!

OLIVIA

Wait, why is the troll being so mean?

TIM

The troll is supposed to be a mean character, Olivia.

AVA

Yeah, he's a mean guy. It's not personal.

OLIVIA

But he's only being mean to me!

AINSLEY

Maybe that means you need to work on your rancid personality more, Olivia.

TIM

I ask the troll for another drink.

AINSLEY

The troll gets you another drink, but as he hands it to you, he spills it all over Olivia, and damages her health by five points!

OLIVIA

Well, then I tell the troll that he seems like he's bad at his job and that I think he's going to die alone.

AVA

Woah! That's really uncool!

TIM

Olivia, why would you say that?

AVA

I tell the troll that Olivia didn't mean it!

AINSLEY

The troll is mad and he takes out his sword and swings it at you. Everyone roll your dice to see if he hurts you!

(Ava rolls her die.)

AVA

I got an 11!

AINSLEY

The roll doesn't hurt you.

(Tim rolls his die.)

TIM

Ooh, I got a 9.

AINSLEY

You're safe, and the troll doesn't hurt you.

(Olivia rolls her die.)

OLIVIA

I got a 20! I got a 20! I'm safe!

AINSLEY

Ohhh, but your class proficiency as a raging bitch actually modifies your roll to be a negative 1. The troll hits you.

OLIVIA

Well, then, I hit the troll back.

AINSLEY

The troll dodges your hit and also thinks your voice is annoying.

OLIVIA

Well, I think the troll needs to work on his people skills. And I use my magic to stun the troll.

AINSLEY

The only thing that stuns the troll is how much of a revolting person you are!

OLIVIA

Well, I tell the troll that maybe his girlfriend was right to cheat on him!

AINSLEY

The troll tells you that the day you die he'll dance on your grave.

OLIVIA

Well, I tell the troll that maybe HIS MOM-

AINSLEY

The troll hits you with his sword and knocks you out. That sucks, Olivia, your character is dead.

OLIVIA

What? But he only hit me, like, two times!

AINSLEY

Yeah, but your bones are too brittle to withstand the hit and your skeleton shatters into a million pieces. You died.

OLIVIA

But I have one of the strongest characters in this room! How could my skeleton shatter?

TIM

Maybe next time you should create a character that drinks milk.

(Blackout.)