

Level One Human: (24 pages) Episode 6 "Who Could Have Seen This Coming?"

CAST

Egan: James Miron
Zinnia: Clark Eileen Atkinson
Lars: Matt Griffiths
Moxie: Devon Richtmeyer
Rhodan: Jason Kulas
Amulet: Jerry Crystal
Town Crier: Humphry Rolleston
Marzia: AJ Lin
Palanus: Kurt Boucher
Grand Chancellor: Jack Sheedy
Narrator: J Timothy Quirk
Guard 1 (Vergermuck):
Guard 2 (Vergermuck):

Moxie

No Rattus were harmed in the making of the following episode.

Narrator

Are you sure of that, Moxie?

Moxie

I mean, I hope so. I mean, I'll be fine, right?

Narrator

Well...

Moxie

Oh, crud.

Narrator

Welcome to "Level One Human" Episode 6: "Who Could Have Seen This Coming?" Last episode, we finally saw what Rhodan is up to,

"I can do whatever I want. And I want *chaos*."

And the party made it to Fennickwicky: "It's said that the same dragon destroyed this city over a hundred years ago. It's sad: so many people gone in one terrible day." Only to discover the town crier who turned out to be,

"Talleol Busin, a member of the council of the Order of Order, at your service." Who was about to kill-

(Sword slash)

Lars

No!

(Sound: of swords clashing)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Lars! What are you doing?! Step aside!

Lars

I can't let you hurt them!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

It's a necessary execution. The Order needs this information. Now step. Aside.

Lars

No. No, you can't harm them. We can apprehend them and take them to the Temple.

Zinnia

For what?! To be tortured?!

Lars

No, I don't- the Grand Chancellor will know what to do.

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

You may not be willing to follow your orders, but I am perfectly capable of following mine.

(Sound: Swing of sword, clashing again)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Argh! That's enough! I hereby decree Lars Arielson to be rejected by the Order of Order! Effective immediately!

Lars

Y-You can't do that! You don't have that authority!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
The Grand Chancellor gave me the authority on the chance you would
disobey your divine orders! You're done!

Lars
Fine. Fine! I don't care! I won't let you hurt my friends!

Egan
Woo! Go, Lars!

Lars
Now leave! Or I'll make you!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
That's cute. (Voice echoing) Divine Damage! (Magic sounds)

Lars
Augh! (Voice echoing) Precise Strike! (Magic and sword sounds)

Moxie
Zinnia! We have to help him! Get us out of these chains!

Zinnia
I can't! They have some sort of magic-dampening enchantment!

Moxie
Shoot, I can't reach my potions bag!

Egan
(Struggling) I can almost get it!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
You've always been a troublemaker! Chaos follows wherever you go!
(Voice echoing) Blessed Beam! (Magic sounds)

Lars
Agh! (sound: Jumping out of the way) I only ever tried my best!

(Sound: Swords clash)

Egan

I got it! Here!

Moxie

I should have some arcanic acid in here somewhere- there!

Egan

Whoa, be careful with that stuff!

Zinnia (quietly but urgently)

Quickly, pour it here, there's a weak point! If you can weaken the spell, I can shatter these chains!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Your best?! Ha! You're just a little orphan celestial, you're lucky we took you in! (Sound: sword slash - hits)

Lars

Augh! I just wanted to help people!

Moxie

(quietly) Did it! Go!

Zinnia

(Echoing voice) Burst bindings!

(Sound: explosion of magic as Zinnia destroys the chains)

Zinnia

Get away from him. (Sound: magic powering up)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

You think you can defeat me? With a little spell? I was *teaching* magic before you were born! (Echoing voice) Radiant Ray! (Magic sounds)

Lars

Zinnia, look out! (Sword slashes - hits)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Agh! Enough of this! (Voice echoing) Tactical Teleportation! (magic sounds) ha-HA!

Moxie

Augh!

Lars
Unhand her!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Tell me where the artifact is, and I will let your friend live!

Moxie
Ow! Ow! Egan, just tell him!

Egan
I don't know!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
One swipe with this dagger, and she's dead! Tell me!

Egan
I don't-

Lars and Zinnia
Egan!

Egan
It's ME! Okay?! I'm the dragon!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
(beat) What?

Zinnia
I knew it! I freaking knew it! No one eats their steak that rare!

Lars
Zinnia, please. Please-

Zinnia
No, you filthy liar! How could yo- Lars, if you don't let go of me, I swear-

Lars
Okay! Okay!

Egan

I didn't mean for this to happen! You infected me with your *caring* and-and *niceness*! If you think about it, this is all technically your fault-

Zinnia

OH HO HO, HERE WE GO!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Wait just a second; you are the dragon? You're telling me you are Angregan? The horror of Mittenshear?

Egan

Yes! I don't know what happened, okay?! One second I'm about to eat some stupid adventurers, and the next I'm a *human*.

Lars

B-but you said you were from Kottletop.

Egan

No, I don't know where I'm from.. Presumably another dragon.

Lars

The dragon destroyed Kottletop, and if Egan is the dragon- oh gods, I'm going to be sick.

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

(Sighs) Okay, where is the artifact?

Egan

I wasn't lying about *that* - I don't know. I wasn't one to collect treasure; I preferred being a force of destruction.

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

All our intel said it was in the dragon's possession!

Egan

Well, it obviously isn't!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Fine. I'll find it myself. I don't need you anymore, do I?

Moxie

Wait, wait, wait-!

(Sound: rumbling and quiet spooky whistling in distance)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Oh great, now what is *that*?

Zinnia
I-I don't know.

Moxie
It sounds big.

Lars
..Egan, you're sure you're the dragon?

Egan
Pretty sure, bud. This isn't me.

(Sound: rumbling and whistling gets louder, a horde of rats appear,
lots of squeaking)

Palanus
Unhand my charming friend, you cad!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Oh god, are those rats?!

Moxie
Palanus?!

Palanus
Hello again, my friends! It seems you are in need of assistance!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
(Rats squeaking) Ow! Ow! They're everywhere! Get them off!

Palanus
I assume this is the enemy!

Moxie
Well, he does have a dagger at my throat.

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
I am a member of the high council of The Order of Order! You really think a bunch of rats will be able to defeat m- (sound: punch) OOF.

Moxie
And another thing! (Sound: punch)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Agh! Why you little--

Palanus
Rats! Attack! (spooky echoing whistling)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Ugh, disgusting pests! (Voice echoing - about to cast magic) Mystical
Mis-Ow! (Sound: mouse squeaking)

Zinnia
(Voice echoing) Icy Blight! (Magic sounds)

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Augh! You may be able to best me in magic, but let's see how you hold up to a blade!

(Sound: blade slash)

(Grunts and shouts from Lars and Tally)

(Sound: Blades clashing)

Lars
Tally, stop! Why are you doing this?! Just because of your orders? Sometimes there's more important things than doing what you're told!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin
Ugh, I-I..

Palanus
(Spooky whistling, mice squeaking)

Town Crier

Augh! No more rats! (Voice echoing) Heavenly Storm! (Magic sounds, mice squeaking) Ah! Ow! This isn't over! Gah! (Sound: runs away)

Moxie
Good riddance!

Zinnia
(Beat) Palanus, what are you doing here?

Palanus
Ah, well, Anvilfel was full of demons, so I thought I'd see how Fennickwicky was doing.

Moxie
It seems you have more control over your curse, but what happened? I thought I cured you?

Palanus
Ah.. I ran into someone who reversed it.

Zinnia
Reversed the erasure of a curse? They re-cursed you?

Palanus
I-It seems that way. I, oh, I was running away from him when I saw your predicament. We should move along now; he's coming this way.

(Sound: running)

Zinnia
(panting) I've never heard of someone un-reversing a curse. That must be powerful magic.

Palanus
Ah, yes, he was certainly scary. Oh, you never told me what all of you are doing here; did you want to see the sights as well?

Lars
(panting) No, we- we are looking for our friend.

Moxie

Oh, he's still your friend? Do you betray all your friends, or are we just special?

Lars
Moxie, I-

Egan
Yeah, Lars, that was really not cool.

Zinnia
Egan, you just admitted you are a murderous dragon. Neither of you are off the hook, and we will be talking about this. But first we need to find Rhodan.

Palanus
Rhodan? That's the fellow who re-cursed me!

Egan
What? You guys said he doesn't know magic!

Zinnia
He doesn't! I don't know what is going on!

Moxie
Are you telling me we're currently running away from Rhodan?

Palanus
Yes, but-

(Sound: Moxie runs off)

Lars
Moxie-! Come back! (Sound: running) He could be dangerous!

Zinnia
Moxie! Wait! (Sound: runs off)

Egan
(Sigh) I suppose it would be wrong to run away and leave them, right?

Palanus
Yes; let's go help!

(transition - to Rhodan walking through woods)

Rhodan

Why did we re-curse that guy? I liked him.

Amulet

You said you'd let us cause some trouble! Anyway, the more you practice, the better you'll get. Soon, casting magic will be no effort at all.

Rhodan

It did feel great to do. It always looks- *looked* like fun when Zinnia did it.

Amulet

Exactly. You should listen to me more often.

Rhodan

I guess I should. Oh, that looks like the gates to Fennickwicky. (sound: walking) Wow, this place is super run down.

Amulet

Ah, back to where it all began.

Rhodan

What do you- wait. Is that Moxie?

Moxie

(in distance) Rhodan!

Rhodan

(Sound: starts running) Moxie! I- *guh!* (sound: necklace takes over)

Amulet

No! It's a trap! Listen to me! She just wants to hurt you! She wants to take away your power!

Moxie

(Sound: running stops) Rhodan?

Rhodan

Moxie, I-- Just-- **Get away from me!**

Lars

(Sound: running over) Rhodan! Whoa, what's going on?

Zinnia

Are you okay? We couldn't find you anywhere!

Rhodan

I-You ditched me! What do you want?!

Moxie

(scared) Rhodan? Why are you acting like this? What do you mean, "ditched you?"

Egan

That's him?! You're the guy that did this to me?! I'll kill you!

Lars

Whoa, Egan, wait! (Sound: holding Egan back)

Rhodan

You left me in that cave! All alone!

Moxie

No, Rhodan, we've been looking for you everywhere! (Sound: goes to grab him)

Rhodan

Don't touch me! Argh! (Sound: pushes her away, she falls)

Moxie

Oof! Ugh, w-why? I don't understand?!

Rhodan

You can't trick me again! I'll get rid of you once and for all! (magic powering up)

Moxie

(screams)

Zinnia

Get behind me! (Voice Echoing) Safety Sphere! (magic sounds)

(Sound: explosion as both magics collide)

(Transition - sounds to flashback. We're in a village, a peaceful acoustic version of the theme song plays on a stringed instrument or fife.)

Rhodan

Hey, that was pretty cool what you did back there.

Moxie

Was it?

Rhodan

Yeah, standing up to The Baron and all.

Moxie

He's a jerk. I should know. He's my dad.

Rhodan

Whoa. And you took him down like that? Publicly embarrassed him? Can you even go back home?

Moxie

(beat) I suppose not.

Rhodan

(beat) I could use someone like you.

Guard 1 (in distance)

There she is! By order of the Baron, halt!

Moxie

I gotta go.

Rhodan

C'mon. I'm good at hiding. Shh... (Sound: quick walking)

(beat)

Guard 1

I saw her. She was talking with that elf. They just... vanished!

Guard 2

Spread out and search! They can't have gotten far! (Sound: they leave)

Rhodan

(whisper) See? I have talents, too. We could be quite a team.

Moxie

(excited but a little scared) I- I- uhm, guess so.

Rhodan

I am Rhodan.

Moxie

M-Moxamillia. My friends call me Moxie.

Rhodan

Moxie it is, then. There's a ship leaving for Kottletop. Apparently the dragon of Mittenshear has been seen around there, along with a lot of goblin activity. There's bound to be a lot of work for a pair of sellswords.

Moxie

I'm ready to go. I don't need anything from this place.

Rhodan

You can just ditch your family and go? How do I know you won't do that to me?

Moxie

I... I can't imagine I'd ever want to do that.

Rhodan

You're cute. I like you. I hope that's a promise.

Moxie

Uh, wow. Yes. It is. I've never been more serious about a promise.

Rhodan

Cool. This sounds like the beginning of a great adventure. (two beats)
Let's go.

Moxie
I'll go anywhere you do.

(transition - back to the fight. Wind intensifies)

Rhodan
You promised me! And then you just left me!

Amulet
Yes! Yes! Destroy her, and you will have unlimited power!

Moxie
I never wanted to leave your side!

Rhodan
But you did! Just like everyone I ever cared for!

Moxie
Rhodan, no! I didn't!

Zinnia
We've been searching for you for weeks!

Rhodan
We were a team!

Amulet
Destroy her and be free! You don't need anyone! (Sound of magic intensifying)

Lars
Moxie, get back! This isn't Rhodan!

Moxie
You were the first person to ever see me as I am! Rhodan, what is happening to you?!

Amulet/Rhodan
I. Don't. Need. You!

Moxie

Rhodan! I can't lose you!

Amulet/Rhodan

You've already lost me! (Magic releases)

Moxie

(Cries out in pain. Horrific pain. Dies.)

Amulet/Rhodan

I am Rhodan Shadowhart! And I don't need anyone!

(Rhodan screams/roars)

(Sound: huge magical burst)

Lars

He's... He's surrounded by dark magic!

Zinnia

Moxie! She's not moving!

Lars

Is she dead?

Egan

No one could have lived through that! Run!

Palanus

We are not finished with this, friends! Rats, attack! (whistling)

(Sound: of Rats swarming at Rhodan)

Rhodan

Foolish tiny man!

Palanus

Augh! Let me go!

Lars

He's got Palanus!

Rhodan

(Voice echoing) **Arcanic Displacement!** (magic sounds)

Egan

He's teleported away with him! The rats are dispersing!

Lars

Rhodan! Come back! Don't do this!

Zinnia

Guys, Moxie's not breathing! Help me!

Lars

Does she have a potion? Check her bag!

(Sound: of bottles clinking)

Egan

I knew it was him! He has magic - He cursed me, after all.

Zinnia

How much stuff does she have in here?

Lars

So many potions. I don't see-

Zinnia

Here. This one. Look.

Lars

There's a note on it.

Zinnia

(beat) It's for Egan. It says-

Egan

'For Egan. Last of the Dragonsbane. Hope this fixes your curse.'

Lars

Dragonsbane. That could also revive her. She's used that on me.

Zinnia

Egan?

Egan

(two beats.) I could be free? (beat.) I could be myself again!

(two beats.)

Egan
Give it to her.

Zinnia
Egan?

Lars
Quickly - before they change their mind.

Egan
You... We need her to be okay.

(Sound: pouring potion down Moxie's throat)

Zinnia
It's not doing anything!

Lars
Zinnia.

Egan
Oh no.

Zinnia
Lars, why isn't it working?!

Egan
Did we just waste it??

Lars
Egan.

Zinnia
Lars! Why isn't it working?!?!?

Lars
I don't kn-

Moxie
(coughs)

Zinnia
Moxie?!

Lars
Moxie!

Moxie
(groans) Told you (cough) I was a bad (cough) penny.

Zinnia and Lars
MOXIE!

Moxie
Ouch! Not so loud. My head is killing me.

Zinnia
(more quietly) You've got it, kiddo.

Moxie
Did we win? Is Rhodan here?

Egan
He's gone. He teleported away with Palanus.

Lars
I didn't know that that was something someone could do. Tactical Teleport is the only teleportation magic I've seen, and that can only move you up to twenty feet.

Zinnia
Yeah, that's pretty powerful magic.

Moxie
(upset still) I don't understand. That isn't like him.

Egan
Guess you just don't know folks.

Zinnia

No. You don't.

Lars

(beat) I...

Zinnia

Shut it. Rhodan kidnapped Palanus; we have to help him.

Moxie

We have to help them *both*.

Zinnia

(Sighs) Shoot, I guess I didn't find the artifact.

Lars

Neither did I. And I didn't kill the dragon.

Egan

That's... complicated.

Moxie

Awkward...

Zinnia

You got kicked out of the Order of Order. Doesn't matter. My mother is still counting on me to get the artifact. And now I have to find it before The Order does.

Egan

And I need to break my curse and be a dragon again.

Moxie

If you must.

Egan

Hey. You owe me a potion.

Moxie

Twerp. As if. (beat) Also, Dragonsbane is nearly extinct. That may be the last we ever see of it. (beat) Sorry.

Egan

Whatever.

Lars

So. Sticking together then?

Zinnia

I guess so.

Moxie

Yes. Let's rescue Rhodan. And Palanus *from* Rhodan.

Egan

(beat) ...Can I come along?

Zinnia

(two beats) Are you going to lie to us again?

Egan

Probably.

Moxie

Figures.

Lars

(beat) C'mon. Let's go.

(Transition music - sounds of the ocean, seagulls, etc.)

Rhodan

You obviously cannot be trusted to wield this power. I'm taking it back.

Palanus

Oh please do! I'm tired of this back-and-forth cursing business. And then I'll be taking my leave, before you kill me like you did that nice Rattus lady-

Amulet

Wait, we still need him.

Rhodan

For what? Scaring goats?

Palanus

Goats? I'm not going to scare any goats. I am quite fond of goats. I dare say that I've never met a goat that I didn't like. Majestic beasts, every single one of them. (He keeps talking while we hear the Amulet answer.)

Amulet

His power is still connected to him. We can just flip the on/off switch. If we keep him around we can feed off the extra magic.

Rhodan

What would happen to him?

Palanus

Happen to who? You're not threatening a goat, are you?

Amulet

Well, eventually we'd drain him but we don't have to worry about that right now.

Rhodan

I don't know if I'm okay with *draining* someone.

Palanus

Excuse me? You shouldn't milk a goat until it is drained; that is unbearably cruel.

Amulet

You seemed happy to kill your friends back there. Why is this different?

Rhodan

I suppose you're right. Let's just bring him with and we can figure this out later.

Palanus

Are- Are you referring to me?

Rhodan

Hush. we're taking a ship to the mainland. Too dangerous around here with that lot following us.

Palanus

No no, you see that's a very bad idea - I get sea sick very easily.
I'd rather just stay on land please!

Rhodan

Lots of possibilities on the mainland.

Palanus

But I can't swim!

Rhodan

Get moving!

Narrator

And thus, the group set out to find their troubled friend. To break curses and free bards. But what would become of Lars, who was exiled from his Order? Or Zinnia, who has lost the treasured artifact? Or Moxie, who left her family and lost a best friend? And of course, Egan, who doesn't want to be a human anymore? Find out next season, on "Level One Human."

Narrator

(credits)

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Thank you for listening to Nutmeg Junction, and may all your journeys
bring you back to a happy home.

(AFTER CREDITS SCENE>>>>>)

Marzia

Whoa, what happened to you?

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

(Tired and annoyed) Rats. Many many rats.

Marzia

What?

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

It doesn't matter, We have to report back; you do the incantation- I'm
exhausted.

Marzia

O..kay. Conjure Converse!

(Sound: magic being cast)

The Grand Chancellor

Ah, Tally! And Marzia! How is the mission going?

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Greetings, Grand Chancellor. Unfortunately, Lars has failed to kill
the dragon or get the artifact. But I did what you said - I revoked
his membership.

The Grand Chancellor

Ah, I had a feeling that would happen. Where is he?

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Uhm, they fought me off. You see there were these rats—

The Grand Chancellor

We can't have someone walking around who knows that much about the Order! (Sighs) Okay, we can deal with that later. If the dragon is not dead then where is it?

Marzia

It disappeared.

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

Well no—

The Grand Chancellor

Are you telling me you were defeated by a group of useless adventurers, don't have the artifact, and *LOST AN ENTIRE DRAGON!*?

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

No no, I found it! But it's been magically transformed into a human.

The Grand Chancellor and Marzia

What?!

Town Crier/Talleol Busin

But it didn't have the artifact anyway!

The Grand Chancellor

Great. So we have no idea where the artifact is?

Marzia

Well, I may have a lead.

(Ominous music)