

GAMERS Episode 1 - Level One

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INT. HOUSE - AFTERNOON

MATT is sleeping in bed when the alarm goes off. He rolls over to turn it off, it's 1:45PM. Camera cuts to a variety of morning activities when the doorbell rings. Matt opens the door to reveal STEVE holding beers.

STEVE
(raising beer)
Happy anniversary!

MATT
(sleepily)
What are you talking about?

Steve walks in and sets down the beer removing one for Matt.

STEVE
(tossing Matt a beer)
Come on now, I know you've been a bit turned around lately but you couldn't have possibly forgot what happened six years ago today.

MATT
(setting down his unopened beer)
No...

STEVE
Yes.

MATT
Has it been six years already???

STEVE
Six years today.

MATT
Damn...

Matt opens beer and takes a large drink.

MATT
(now in new room of house drinking with Steve)
It seems like we just launched site yesterday.

STEVE
I know and know righteousgamers.com is the 23rd largest site in the world and we have that six figure salary that everyone dreams about.

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MATT

You know I do sometimes feel guilty that other people in our tax bracket actually improve people's lives, while we run a website about video games and work out of my house...

STEVE

I here you, it's like I told you 27 years of immaturity has definitely paid off for us...

Matt and Steve cheers

CUT TO OPENING CREDITS

Matt and Steve are playing video games.

STEVE

Oh my god dude, I have to tell you about this chick I brought home last night, I mean I've had some lookers bu...

MATT

(interrupting)

Will you just shut up about your sexual exploits.

STEVE

Why?

MATT

Why? You know damn well why, Meghan and I just broke up and I'm sorry but I don't exactly enjoy listening to your sleazy sex stories while I spend every night home alone jerking off to Chun Li.

STEVE

(taken back)

Sorry...

The doorbell rings and Steve answers it. DAN enters with a six pack.

DAN

Six years bitches...

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STEVE

Just another day at the office my friend.

Steve and Dan cheers, hug and we move to basement with Matt.

MATT

Morning sunshine...

DAN

You know it's three in the afternoon, I've been up for over eight hours now.

MATT

That's because you have a fiance who tucks you in at 9:30 every night while I I on the other hand get hopped up on vicodin, drink beer and pown n00bs till 4 AM... you tell me who has the more kick ass life.

DAN

(to Steve)

What's with him?

STEVE

He's pissed cuz I wanted to tell him one of my sleazy sex stories.

DAN

Meghan?

STEVE

Meghan.

DAN

That was over four months ago.

MATT

And you know we dated for over five years...

DAN

Yeah I hear you but you can't deny Steve his sleazy sex stories, hell you can't deny me Steve's sex stories.... I mean with all the wedding prep Jen's been colder than Hoth.

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STEVE

So explain to me why the only one of us who is actually in a relationship is the one who isn't getting any?

DAN

I know, it's just this wedding stuff... wait when did Matt start getting some?

STEVE

Oh he's been working overtime with Chun Li on a nightly basis.

DAN

You know I always wondered why they couldn't make a decent Street Fighter movie.

MATT

(still playing games)

Yeah you'd think a bunch of slutty chicks and beefcake dudes beating the shit out of each other would be cinema gold...but it turns out it's just a recipe for over acted under written garbage.

STEVE

Amen... those girls are so fine I can't tell you the things I'd do to them.

DAN

You don't need to, we already know you're an oversexed underloved horn dog who'll sleep with pretty much anyone with a vag.

STEVE

Whatever dude, I have standards.

MATT

What about that girl with the prosthetic leg?

DAN

Or that girl with the terrible lisp?

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MATT

Oh, and don't forget the one who was at least in her fifties.

STEVE

You can both go to hell, at least I'm not some whipped piece of shit or spend every night drunk and feeling sorry for myself.

MATT

(while drinking one of many beers)
I'm not whipped.

STEVE

Right...

DAN

It doesn't matter, the main thing is some of us have met the one person in the world who completely gets us and some of us haven't.

STEVE

That is just ridiculous...

DAN

You just don't know what it's like to meet that one person who understands you at every level.

STEVE

I dunno, now this whole convo sounds like a Hugh Grant flick.

DAN

I think that's a little over th....

MATT

(interrupting)
You think there's anyone who's a bigger n00b than Hugh Grant?

STEVE

David Schwimmer.

MATT

You know he may just be...

DAN

Yeah but NOT British so I'd have to call it a draw.

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MATT

Wait... what were talking about before?

STEVE

I don't know and I don't care, but I have thought of a way to get you out of your Meghan slump.

MATT

Oh, and what might that be?

STEVE

A party... at my place. I'll give you some pointers send you in the right directions, you'll have you're pick of the litter.

DAN

That is a great idea, plus after a few drinks Jen gets drunk and horny, and if she forgets about the wedding it will be the perfect get away... but without Steve Zahn and a bullshit twist at the end.

STEVE

Then it's settled, party Friday night at my place, we'll get Matt over Meghan and Dan under Jen.

DAN

You pretty much disgust me in every way possible, but I must say there are times I think you're a genius.

MATT

I'll come but I can tell you right now I'm not going to have any fun.

STEVE

I figured you'd have that attitude and because of the I'm going to need you to come over a few hours early.

MATT

Oh and why's that?

STEVE

Because I'm not letting your self destructing attitude into my apartment... and you haven't picked

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STEVE (cont'd)
up a girl in years so you're going
to need some coaching.

MATT
So you're going to mentor me, like
Mister Miyagi?

STEVE
Exactly... but with a laundry list
of STD's.
(gesturing)
Wax on, wax off.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

Matt is outside knocking on the door, Steve answers.

STEVE
Jesus Christ you look like shit.

Matt walks in and goes straight to the fridge.

STEVE
Have you even showered today?

MATT
(digging for a beer)
You have anything in a light?

STEVE
(grabbing Matt, sitting him
down and setting aside his
beer)
Just sit down, we'll run through
some things and I'll grab you some
socially acceptable clothes.

MATT
What's wrong with my clothes?

STEVE
(gestures at Matt's t-shirt
which reads "Just Blow it")
Look I'm as big a 8-bit fan as you
but nothing dries up a lady quicker
than a convo about Kid Icarus.

MATT
I just don't get woman... next
you'll be telling me Star Wars is
off limits.

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STEVE

Obviously... girls definitely don't want to waste an hour of their life debating the importance of Ewoks.

MATT

Why not? Ewoks are cute cuddly, and they overthrew the Empire.

STEVE

Which made no damn sense, I mean they're essentially Wookies with down syndrome... Plus I don't trust anything I can punt over 40 yards.

MATT

All I know is that the Rebellion would have failed without them.

STEVE

And this whole back and forth is something no normal woman would be a part of... I mean I'm a fan too but advertising your obsession is not going to help you get with a normal female.

MATT

In my opinion any chick that can't tell an X-wing from an A-wing is far from normal.

STEVE

Just please stay away from the Trilogy tonight.

MATT

The Force can have a strong influence on the weak-minded.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVE PARTY

Matt is standing around drinking a beer when a cute girl approaches him.

GIRL 1

Pretty good party

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MATT
(startled)
Wha... Oh yeah...

GIRL 1
So do you have a name?

MATT
Sorry kind of new to this whole
scene, I'm Matt

GIRL 1
You know I've always liked that
name.

MATT
(blurting out after awkward
silence)
So what exactly is you take on
Ewoks?

Girl 1 walks away with a look of disgust.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

Back to pre-party training.

STEVE
Another thing we've got to cover is
our job.

MATT
Our job?

STEVE
Yes our job, women like men with
good paying stable and important
jobs.

MATT
Dude we make good money.

STEVE
Yeah for running a site frequented
by 13 year old boys with bad acne
who spend most of their time in
from of their television and taking
exceedingly long showers.

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MATT

So how the hell am I supposed to make that socially acceptable?

STEVE

What I tell them is I own and operate one of the most popular web sites in the world. And if they ask me what site it is I just play it coy and mention if it wasn't for pornography my site would probably be THE most popular in the world.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVE PARTY

Matt confidently approaches a girl.

MATT

So what do you do?

GIRL 2

(bubbly)

Straight to the point huh... well if you must know I'm an accountant, what about you?

MATT

Well if you must know, I own and operate one of the world largest web sites.

GIRL 2

(suddenly very interested)

You don't say, what site is it?

MATT

(trying to be funny)

I could tell you but I'd have to kill you.

GIRL 2

(taken back)

You'd kill me?

MATT

(stumbling)

Oh... ah... well... sorry, it's not like GTA IV and I drive around murdering prostitutes

(Matt acting out GTA IV)

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QUICK SHOT OF GIRL 2 CONFUSED

MATT

CUT AND I DON'T MEAN TO IMPLY THAT YOU'RE A PROSTITUTE...
UNLESS OF COURSE YOU ARE A PROSTITUTE AND NOT AN ACCOUNTANT
AS YOU SAID... I MEAN IN THAT CASE I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW I
HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR YOUR PROFESSION.

An Awkward silence again.

MATT

Sorry, sorry... I kind of ramble
when I'm nervous. You wanted to
know about the web site and let me
just tell you if it wasn't for porn
I'd have a lot more time on my
hands.

GIRL 2

Pervert... stay away from me.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

STEVE

An finally, and this is definately
the most important, you have to
treat women with respect.

MATT

Coming from you that just sounds
ridiculous.

STEVE

I didn't say you actually have to
respect them, you just have to make
them think you respect them. Once
you take care of business you can
toss them aside like an empty milk
carton.

MATT

That's more like it.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVE PARTY

An obviously drunk girl approached Matt

GIRL 3
Hey there, you're cute.

MATT
Thanks, what can I do for you?

GIRL 3
Oh I think you could find SOMETHING
to do for me.

MATT
That's quite the bracelet you have
there, do you like jewelery?

GIRL 3
What girl doesn't

MATT
Well that's good because I've got a
pearl necklace with your name on
it.

Girl 3 slaps Matt and walks away. The party is dying and Steve enters.

STEVE
Ouch dude, you've had a rough
night.

MATT
Yeah thanks for all the coaching.

STEVE
Hey the playbook is proven you just
have to execute it properly.

MATT
Whatever, how's Danny's plan
working?

STEVE
Surprisingly well...

Camera pans to Dan with a very drunk and touchy Jennifer.

JENNIFER
Let's get out of here, I want to
take you to bed.

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DAN

I'll get our coats

JENNIFER

I'm a big girl, I can get them...
and I know how much you like to
watch me walk away...

Jennifer begins to walk away trying to act sexy but obviously very drunk. She falls hard and there is a loud crash.

DAN

(running to Jennifer)

Oh shit!

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

Matt is sitting at a table with a bottle of whiskey. Steve sits down next to him and takes a pull.

STEVE

Crazy night.

MATT

Yeah, how's Jen?

STEVE

At the hospital.

MATT

(taking a pull)

Rough, looks like Danny'll have to
unload the gun himself tonight.

STEVE

Yeah and what about you? You had a
pretty brutal night yourself.

MATT

I'll be fine.

STEVE

(standing up and patting Matt
on the back)

That's my boy, I'm gonna get to
bed... don't worry we'll get you
through this... no matter how long
it takes.

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Steve leaves and Matt takes a pull. There's a silence as Matt sighs, takes another pull and pulls out his phone. Another pull and a awkward decision making sigh. Matt opens phone and it looks at screen. Camera cuts to close up of phone and screen reads "calling Meghan."

CUT TO BLACK: