**[rainy day, running to the car, and the door slams]**

**John**

[happy]

I’m so glad to get out of the house for this.

I have been going nuts. Thanks for picking me up.

**Lisa**

[behind the wheel, aware of the rain, a little nervous]

Dude, don’t worry about it.
We’re all overdue for a face-to-face… or mask to mask, at least.

I haven’t been out of the house since the Ratman episode, so this is going to be a ton of fun.

How far is this from here?

**John**

[looks at phone]

Let’s see….

About two-and-a-half, maybe three hours?

**Kevin**

[amused]

Waze says two hours, 55 minutes if we do Route 2 to 91.

Three hours or more if we take that old highway up until we get to Route 7.

Do you have a preference?

**Lisa**

[thinking about the rain]

Depends on if this weather’s still with us as we head West. Good news is that I won’t have to worry about my garden this week.

**Kevin**

[happy]

I’m just glad we’re all headed out to do this.

I mean, even though it’s not technically a Cryptid, there aren’t supposed to me any mountain lions in Vermont, so doing this trip is gonna be a blast. I don’t think I’ve been to Vermont since 2011. And I’ve never been to Southern Vermont.

**John**

[thinking about visiting his big sister, how little the town was]

It’s actually really nice out there.

Lots of old hippies, a cool college campus.

We’ll be about an hour from Albany if we want anything other than diner food or Pizza Hut.

**[Lisa and Kevin laugh at that]**

**Lisa**

[laughing]

So White, but not “white.”

[Melissa, pronounce the “h”]

**Kevin**

[amused at that]

Well, hopefully more Ben and Jerry than

Dueling Banjos.

So your sister, what does she think of all the catamount sightings?

**John**

[thinking about Marisol being rational and a hardworking vet]

She laughed it off about a week ago.

Her neighbors talked about missing pets, and she said there are plenty of coyotes, fishers, and trappers that could be the cause. A big cat like that is really hard to miss. But people all around her have been claiming they’ve been hearing weird noises, and a few people say they saw it. So, enter us, the Scooby Gang.

**Kevin and Lisa**

**[at the same time]**

Dibs on Velma!

Jinx!

YOU OWE ME A

**Kevin**

[laughing]

Beer

**Lisa**

[laughing]

Jack and Coke.

**John**

[laughing]

Damn, you guys *are* twins.

You ever spend time apart?

**Kevin**

[still happy, and trying not think too much about the context]

Just a couple tours in Iraq for me, give or take basic training.

Lisa went right to college.

**Lisa**

[thinking about college]

It was like the first couple of years we’d been apart.

But yeah, whatever.
He’s funny, and I don’t like most people.

**John**

[charmed by that]

I am jealous.

Marisol and I fought like every day in our teens.

I think it’s because our parents just gave me all of her hand me downs and she LOVED dresses and rompers. I just kept stealing my dad’s jeans. He didn’t wear them until the weekends anyway, but it did piss him off a bit.

**Kevin**

[impressed]

And look at ya now, wearing your own damn pants and rodeo shirts.

**John**

[laughing]

Being a dude doesn’t kill a sense of style, what’s your excuse?

**Kevin**

[laughs]

**Lisa**

[seeing the rain lightening up]

Oh, thank goodness, I hate driving in a downpour.

Come on, sun…. Get it together.

**Kevin**

I’ve been doing some research on the area, and I’m pretty sure our cell signal is going to suck out there. There’s almost no towers in that part of the state for our carrier.

So, I am hoping there’s at least decent wifi in town.

**Lisa**

The hotel does, from what I saw online.

And with the pandemic, I bet we’ll have plenty of bandwidth.

**John**

Yeah… and we can always use Mari’s. She’s gonna love you guys. If I know her, she’s going to be so happy to see me, she’ll invite us to stay with her. Nevermind the hotel.

**Lisa**

[calm]

Eh, I like having my own room, really.

It’s not a big deal.

**John**

[excited about it]

Oh, but man, the food though. Mari is a great fucking cook.

You thought my mom made good food?
Marisol should have been a chef.

**Kevin**

[thinking about awesome food]

I can’t wait. What’d she say when you told her we were coming?

**John**

[hesitant, but like comedically]

I… didn’t.

I mean, we haven’t seen each other since Christmas, and I wanted to get the drop on her in the middle of all of this.

**Lisa**

[thinking about people coming to her own house unannounced]

Well.
I hope *she* finds that fun.

**John**

[laughing]

She’s also go this big, tough dog, he’s … a cross between a Lab and a … those really big dogs. Like, shit, I don’t want to make the comparison to this, but Hagrid’s dog?

**Lisa**

A boarhound?

**John**

[realizing he’s wrong]

Nah, starts with an M.

Um…. MASTIFF!

**Lisa**

A mastador? Really?

**Kevin**

We don’t need to fight any bulls.

[laughing]

**Lisa**

Ass. Anyway, that’s an awesome mix.

**John**

[thinking about Peanut]

Peanut is a dope dog.
And with him added in, we got two Velmas, a Scooby now, and Mari makes a good Daphne.

Now we just need a Shaggy, and we’re good.

**Lisa**

[confused]

Oh, you’re not?

**John**

Not what?

**Kevin**

[gets it, and also thinks it weird]

Oh you’re saying you’re

**John**

**[playfully offended]**

I’m the Fred. I’m short, but I’m fit as all hell.

**Kevin**

But you do get baked a lot.

**John**

I challenge you to tell me that *anyone* in that van doesn’t.

I challenge you.

**Kevin**

Fair.

**Lisa**

Yeah. Checks out.

[pausing]

Did you guys see Reddit today?

There’s a couple of people who are actually going to check out the Quabbin, looking for the spot where we were looking for Ratman. Like still.

**Kevin**

It’s not hard. We basically threw down the GPS coordinates in our Patreon.

**Lisa**

They think we gave a fake location. And there’s a guy who keeps complaining about us. You know for ratting out ---

**John**

Ah, fuck em. Reading that stuff is always trouble. Don’t go chasing Reddit threads.

**Kevin**

Stick to the streams and the Discords you’re used to?

[Lisa and Kevin, knowing that TLC song laugh]

**John**

Uh. Should I google?

**Kevin**

[laughing]

My friend… no need. Let me regale you with an ancient time known as the Nineteen Hundred and Nineties. Airports never got to see your socks and a female Hip Hop trio was featured on a television channel devoted solely to music, and Dan Cortez.

**Lisa**

[amused and disgusted]

**Jesus…**

**Kevin**

This holy trinity consisted of TBoz, who was sort of a boss, Chili, who knew what was up with that sauce and Lisa Left Eye Lopes….

[fade out on that]

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