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 answeres 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 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 (MORE)
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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.
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)
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.

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.
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 jewelry?

      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: