

EPISODE 1: JORDY GETS A BOX!

EXT. LETZGO ISLAND - MORNING

TITLE: CERTAINLY CITY, LETZGO ISLAND

A large boat approaches Letzgo Island.

EXT. DOCK - CONTINUOUS

JORDY DEFECTIVE (pronounced Deh-fect-ih-vey) 12, sneaky, high-spirited kid, repels down the side of the boat. From behind a crate and forklift, he sees the Certainly City skyline.

JORDY

Certainly City, the perfect
starting point for my Box Peek
adventure.

(stares for a second)

Cool buildings.

The ship's CAPTAIN converses with BORDER PATROLMAN.

CAPTAIN

(not proud)

Got a shipment in from Fair Boat
Island. Nothing too exciting;
mattresses and dog bowls.

BORDER PATROLMAN

Yeah, sounds like Fair Boat.

(notices Jordy)

Hold on--Hey! You! Get away from
that.

He walks over to Jordy.

BORDER PATROLMAN (CONT'D)

What's your name?

JORDY

Jordy Defective.

BORDER PATROLMAN

Defective?

JORDY

Yeah.

BORDER PATROLMAN

(warms)

You can stop looking for your
Boxporter, you little knucklehead.
We found it this morning.

He hands Jordy a chunky wristwatch-like device with the word
"DEFECTIVE" on it.

BORDER PATROLMAN (CONT'D)

I'm not gonna report you to the BPO
or anything, but you really need to
take care of this. It's worth
probably sixty-thousand marbles.

JORDY

I will take care of it, thank you!

Jordy runs off.

JORDY (CONT'D)

Thank you!

EXT. CERTAINLY CITY STREETS - LATER

Jordy walks in, admiring his Boxporter. CD, 12, supportive
but always jealous, approaches.

CD

(getting Jordy's
attention)

Hey, you play Box Peek?

JORDY

No.

CD

Yes you do; you have a Boxporter.

JORDY

(excited)

This is for Box Peek?!

CD

(obviously)

Yeah.

JORDY

Can I tell you something? Some guy
just handed it to me because it has
my name on it. I mean I'm from Fair
Boat Island.

CD
Isn't Box Peek illegal there?

JORDY
Yes.

CD
Your parents are gonna be so mad.

JORDY
No don't tell my parents! They think I'm on a super long field trip. I don't even know what this does.

CD
It's a Boxporter, dummy. You wear it on your wrist, press that button and it summons your box instantly.

Jordy puts his Boxporter onto his wrist.

JORDY
From where?

CD
(again, so obvious)
From the Basement Fortress.

JORDY
You mean the boxes just magically teleport?

CD
Well it's not magic, but yeah.

JORDY
Whoa. What else can you do with it?

CD
Nothing, it's only for Box Peek! They don't teach you any of this on Fair Boat Island?

JORDY
No. Hey, um, what's your name?

CD
CD.

JORDY
Hi CD I'm Jordy. Do you have time to sit down and slowly explain everything about Box Peek to me?

CD
For sure. Now--

Jordy raises his arm to inspect the Boxporter.

CD (CONT'D)
Jordy, don't! That's how you issue
a challenge!

JORDY
What?

VICTOR (O.S.)
I accept!

VICTOR ROSS, 45, burly and devious, steps forward, showing
his own Boxporter.

VICTOR (CONT'D)
I accept your challenge.

JORDY
Wha--I didn't mean to.

VICTOR
I'm sorry, is this kid new? Just
forfeit, buddy.

JORDY
No way! CD, please--tell me what to
do!

CD
Okay, we have a little time before
the Peekref gets here--

JORDY
What's a Peekref?

CD
(not important)
It's a floating robot that referees
the match.

JORDY
(excited)
You have floating robots here?

CD
Just for Box Peek! Okay, so both
opponents start by getting into
their boxes.

(MORE)

CD (CONT'D)

There are two ways to win: Peek at your opponent's box for four seconds, that's a complete peek, or catch your opponent peeking, that's a counter peek.

JORDY

So it's a game about peeking.

CD

C'mon, yes. There are three more important rules: You can retreat from a peek, but only after at least two seconds. If you retreat, you have to wait six seconds until you can peek again. Finally, you can put anything in your box that fits in your box.

JORDY

(confident)

Got it. Okay what was the first rule again?

PEEKREF 12, robot orb with black and white stripes, flies in.

PEEKREF 12

Beep di beep! Peekref 12 reporting in! Who are the competitors?

VICTOR

Me, Victor Ross.

PEEKREF 12

Victor Ross. Vanilla Tier. 51,198 points.

VICTOR

That's right.

CD

Uh oh.

JORDY

And I'm Jordy Defective!

PEEKREF 12

Player not found. Would you like to create a record?

JORDY

Yes.

A cute jingle plays.

PEEKREF 12
 (cheerful but dry)
 Registration complete.
 Congratulations, your Box Peek
 adventure begins today. Jordy
 Defective. Banana Tier. Zero
 points.

JORDY
 (quietly)
 CD, that's a real robot?

CD
 Yes.

JORDY
 Hello robot!

PEEKREF 12
 (annoyed)
 Hello.

JORDY
 Do you like Box Peek?

Peekref 12 tilts a little.

PEEKREF 12
 Cease this.

CD
 What is wrong with you? You're not
 supposed to ask them questions!

JORDY
 Sorry! Sorry robot!

PEEKREF 12
 Competitors, summon your boxes.

Jordy and Victor press the buttons on their Boxporters. Their
 boxes lower over them. The boxes face each other, three feet
 apart. Both boxes contain the player's last name on top of
 the face of the box, though Jordy's is written in red.

PEEKREF 12 (CONT'D)
 The match will begin on my mark. 3,
 2, 1, go!

INT. VICTOR'S BOX

Victor grins.

VICTOR

Ah, finally an easy win, Victor. Every newbie ever counts to five or six before peeking, thinking they will catch an old pro like me being aggressive. Kinda feel bad, but I should pop up on the seventh second. No sense in getting his hopes up. Everybody's gotta lose their first match though; it's kind of a rite of Box Peek. Now how many seconds has it been? 3? Okay, I think I have a little cranberry soda left in here.

PEEKREF 12

4!

VICTOR

What?

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The two boxes float back off.

PEEKREF 12

Complete peek! Jordy Defective wins!

VICTOR

You're telling me he just peeked the whole time?

JORDY

I didn't get the rules.

PEEKREF 12

Competitor Defective receives 6 points. Competitor Ross loses 6.

VICTOR

I'm only worth six points?! What is this?

PEEKREF 12

Competitor Ross deducted 500 additional points for aggressive questioning. Match over!

Peekref 12 flies away.

VICTOR

No, dangit! Wait!

JORDY

Bye, robot!

CD

Jordy, that was a gutsy move. Only professionals try stuff like that.

JORDY

Thanks. That was really fun. Can you teach me more about Box Peek?

CD

Sure, if you promise to challenge me too when you're ready!

JORDY

You got it!

ABRUPT MUSIC CHANGE - EMOTIONAL

CD

Hey, Jordy--I don't have a lot of Box Peek friends. Most of the kids who play are pretty mean.

JORDY

Yeah, kids are mean everywhere.

CD

And um, in every town I stop in on my Box Peek adventure, I rent a hotel room. I have one here in Certainly City, so you can stay in mine if you want.

JORDY

How do you afford that?

CD

Both my parents died three years ago at the zoo. I got a lot of money because of that, so I just use it to travel around Letzgo Island playing Box Peek.

JORDY

Oh. I'm sorry.

CD

Yeah.

JORDY

CD, I'll be your Box Peek friend.

CD

Thanks.

JORDY

Also, I've been meaning to ask:
what happens if nobody peeks?

CD

Jordy, you have the craziest
questions! That has literally never
happened.

They continue walking cheerfully. From a distance, THE BRONZE FANG, masked mystery man in business suit and cape, observes. He disappears.

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EXT. CERTAINLY CITY STREETS - NIGHT

Victor Ross is on his phone.

VICTOR

Can you cancel? We see your parents
all the time. Yeah. I just lost--I
blew up again, I lost a bunch of
points. I'll be playing all night.
Tell them I said hi. Thank you. I
gotta--how many times do I have to
say it? I already--I already did.
Sure I'll say it again: I'm sorry.
I'm positive I said it twice now.

(more sincere)

I'm sorry Amy. Okay? I love y--
(sees offscreen Box
Peeker)

I accept your challenge!
(wrapping up conversation)

I love you.
(to Box Peeker, annoyed)

No, not you!
(to phone)

I gotta go. Yes you. Bye babe.
(to Box Peeker)

I was clearly talking to my wife,
you little jerk! I accept your
challenge.

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