1. FRIDAY: BEFORE THE PARTY (GRAAG)
   1. GRAAG: Oh, it’s you. Hanging in there, I see?
      1. YOU (GOOD): I wouldn’t have been able to do it without you. I’m totally in your debt.
         1. GRAAG (GOOD): Totally? I like the sound of that.
      2. YOU (OKAY): I certainly am! Thanks for your help.
         1. GRAAG (OKAY): It was my pleasure. I’ll make a note of your gratitude in my personal records.
      3. YOU (BAD): Yeah, and I’m ready to partaaay!
         1. GRAAG (BAD): How pedestrian. If only you applied the same enthusiasm to your work.
   2. GRAAG: What shall we discuss?
      1. YOU: Are you excited for the party?
         1. GRAAG: No less excited than I am about any of my other work responsibilities. It’s just another task on the agenda, isn’t it?
            1. YOU (GOOD): How do you keep such an even keel? | You’re more complex and beautiful than the gaff-rigged topsail of a multi-masted packet boat!

GRAAG (GOOD): That was perhaps the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me. This must be why I’ve been keeping you around.

* + - * 1. YOU (OKAY): It does feel like a desperate grab for attention…
      1. GRAAG (OKAY): An astute observation. If I could experience sympathy, this would feel like an appropriate time.
         1. YOU (BAD): Do you have to be such a downer all the time?

GRAAG (BAD): I don’t consider myself to be a downer. Perhaps you’re a downer? | What is a downer?

* + 1. YOU: Do you REALLY think Borug’s a good boss?
       1. GRAAG: Hm. No. As inappropriate as it for me to speak on this issue now, I’ve found him to be incompetent since the day he took over. | One day, though, he will slip up, I assure you that, and when that moment comes, I will be ready and waiting to return Second Tower to its former glory!
          1. YOU (GOOD): Finally, someone’s brave enough to say it. Lead us into the golden age, Graag!

GRAAG (GOOD): With pleasure. There’s a place for everyone in the new order—if you play your cards right. | How does assistant to the new regional manager sound?

* + - * 1. YOU (OKAY): Sounds devious. I love it.

GRAAG (OKAY): I would prefer to use the word pragmatic, but I am happy to see you’re on board. I could use an assistant.

* + - * 1. YOU (BAD): That sounds super evil.

GRAAG (BAD): I don’t follow. I’m simply stating the facts. If you’re concerned with my capacity for leadership, I assure you, you’ll be the first to go.

* + 1. YOU: What’s your policy on office romances?
       1. GRAAG: I’m not sure if I’m capable of romance, per se, but if you’re simply referring to non-platonic coworker relations, then I’ve certainly had my fair share.
          1. YOU (GOOD): Intriguing. I’ll make sure to log this exchange in my personal records for future use.

GRAAG (GOOD): You certainly have a way with words. Now I’m all hot and bothered.

* + - * 1. YOU (OKAY): Any chance I could end up a part of that fair share?

GRAAG (OKAY): Perhaps. If you have a resume I can look at, I’ll take it into consideration.

* + - * 1. YOU (BAD): What’s work without a little play, am I right?

GRAAG (BAD): Just work I suppose. I tend to prefer things that way.

* 1. GRAAG: Well, that’s enough nutrition for one day. I must return to my desk to steel my mind against the ensuing birthday celebration. See you at the party.