FOUR YOUR INTERPRETATION 2016 March Madness Submission

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Oh, good I thought I was late.

ALPHA

Do you know why we're here?

BETA

No, what have you heard?

ALPHA

Nothing yet. I just got a call from you-know-who saying to come and bring this.

BETA

I got the same call, so I brought mine too. I'm nervous. I hate being involved with things that are this up in the air and ambiguous.

ALPHA

Everything is ambiguous.

BETA

Everything? Even this right here?

ALPHA

Especially this right here. It's all open to interpretation. Isn't that why we are all here? Interpretation?

BETA

I guess you could be right. I just wish I knew what to expect. This might be awful. Just awful.

ALPHA

I guess you'll have to wait and see.

BETA

Great, more ambiguity.

ALPHA

I'm sure it will be fine.

GAMMA

Hi guys!

BETA

You've got a lot of nerve showing your face around here.

GAMMA

How many times do I have to tell you that I'm sorry.

If it weren't for this one, I swear I would hit you with this. I can't even speak to you.

GAMMA

But seriously, how many times? Like eight? Thirteen?

BETA

You stupid, ugly, little -

ALPHA

Quiet. Now, can we please, just focus on what's important? Why are we here?

GAMMA

Well, my mother told me I'm here because a smooth talkin' trucker came through town nine months before I was born. What does that mean?

ALPHA

No, not why are we here. Why are we here?

BETA

Did you hear why we're here?

GAMMA

Yes.

ALPHA

Really?

GAMMA

No.

BETA

I hate you.

GAMMA

I don't know why I'm here. I usually don't know whats going on.

BETA

No.

ALPHA

Did you get the call?

GAMMA

What call?

ALPHA

You don't know?

GAMMA

Know what?

BETA

You didn't bring your -

GAMMA

No. What?

ALPHA

Now what?

BETA

You know what?

GAMMA

No. What?

BETA

We got called here by "you-know-who."

GAMMA

I do not, as the name implies, know who.

BETA

To be fair, you are an idiot.

GAMMA

That's fair, especially coming from a genius like you.

BETA

Are you being sarcastic?

GAMMA

Oh, no. Of course not.

BETA

Mmm.

ALPHA

I can't believe how long we have been waiting.

BETA

When this inconsiderate jerk shows up, I'm going to offer up a piece of my mind. Better yet, a piece of my fist.

ALPHA

Well you know what they say, actions speak louder than -- speak of the devil!

DELTA

Hello, everyone.

GAMMA

Actions speak louder than the devil? I don't think that's the expression?

BETA

No, you moron, speak of the devil.

GAMMA

Um. Ok. Uh, well, in christian theology, the devil is like the opposite of Jesus. Jesus is all nice and good, but the devil likes to party and wear Hawaiian shirts - Ouch! - What was that?

BETA

I didn't see anything.

GAMMA

Crap. What do I do now? I think I'm stuck.

ALPHA

So, we're here now. What is this all about.

DELTA

Before we get to that, can I offer you -

GAMMA

Hey everyone, um, I'm trapped.

BETA

Can we get to the point?

DELTA

Yes of course. Of course. Well, it all started back when I was in Vietnam. I had heard so much about Charlie by then, I was itching to meet him face to face. I knew he was in the jungle somewhere, and I knew once I went into the jungle, Charlie would find me. I was just a kid then. I had no idea of the gift that Charlie had waiting for me in those jungles. None of us did. When we saw him, it was never for long. He lead us on a wild goose chase all over the jungle. Up and down, left and right. Even if we didn't see him, we sure saw his arms. It sure was fun. Just tons of fun. We were just kids.

Look we all know that old story. Why did you bring us here?

DELTA

Right, right. Well. Try to stay calm. I needed to show you this.

ALPHA

Oh my God!

BETA

That is jaw dropping.

GAMMA

I can't see. Let me see! I want to see. Gasp! I've never seen one that's this -

BETA

This is so - I mean, its just - I can't even -

DELTA

I know. You don't need to tell me.

BETA

Well, what are you going to do?

DELTA

That's why I call you all here. Obviously, I can't handle this myself. I'm going to need all of you to help me out with it.

ALPHA

I sure can't help with this!

DELTA

Come on. Do you expect me to deal with this on my own? I need help.

GAMMA

I need help too.

BETA

You do need help, but of a different kind.

ALPHA

I really can't help.

DELTA

Oh, please. Why not?

ALPHA

I have some news.

DELTA

What news?

ALPHA

I don't know how you are going to feel about the news.

GAMMA

The news? All a bunch of lies if you ask me. A bunch of talking heads on the TV telling everyone -

ALPHA

Not that news, you idiot. I have news.

GAMMA

Well, that's news to me.

BETA

Is it the news that I knew?

ALPHA

No, it's new news.

DELTA

What is the new news?

ALPHA

I don't quite know how to say this.

GAMMA

With the English language. You know, fun fact, I invented the English language. As a baby, I couldn't understand anything anyone was saying. It was extremely frustrating to communicate. Since I couldn't understand anyone, logically, they didn't speak any languages. Just babbling. Gibberish. As I got older, I began to invent the language, word by word. By telling these words to my parents and other people, they picked up on what I was teaching them and began to speak English. Within a couple years, they learned it, and I could finally understand people. This new language must have spread quickly, by the time I was a young child, it seemed that almost everyone was speaking this language I invented. So, you're welcome.

BETA

Shut up. Just shut up.

DELTA

Can you just tell us the news?

ALPHA

I'm pregnant.

DELTA

You're kidding me.

BETA

Pregnant? Pregnant?

GAMMA

I can't believe it.

ALPHA

What do you think?

BETA

Isn't it obvious?

DELTA

You know, of all of the incredible choices you have made over the last few years, this is by far the most brilliant. I honestly don't know what to say. Do you have any idea what you are going to do?

ALPHA

Well, with this reaction, I guess there's one one thing I can do.

BETA

Well, what kind of reaction did you expect?

ALPHA

I don't know, something a little
more -

GAMMA

I'm also pregnant!

ALPHA

Really?

GAMMA

No.

BETA

Shut up!

DELTA

Look, this is all well and good. But can we get back to the issue at hand. What do I do about this?

Don't stress about it. We will figure it out. The two of us brought these, so at least that's a start. A certain idiot didn't bring anything but I don't know if that will be a big issue. The important this is that we work together on this. Right?

GAMMA

You guys?

DELTA

Yes. Exactly. We just need to work together as a team.

GAMMA

Anyone?

ALPHA

Together, there is nothing we can't accomplish.

GAMMA

I still need some help here.

ALPHA

Would you mind?

DELTA

No.

BETA

Can we talk for a second?

ALPHA

Of course.

BETA

Do you believe this?

ALPHA

No, this is the most -

BETA

I know right? So we are on the same page? That whole team thing was bullshit right?

ALPHA

Yes of course. What are we going to do?

BETA

Well, we have to take care of it. Before the rest of them have a chance to go behind our backs.

ALPHA

Well obviously, but how?

BETA

Follow my lead.

GAMMA

Oh thank God, I'm glad to be out of that mess finally.

BETA

What the hell happened to your pants?

GAMMA

Well I was stuck, how else was I supposed to get out?

DELTA

I might have been involved.

ALPHA

That explains the pants.

DELTA

It sure does.

GAMMA

Well, my friend helped me out. And I always return the favour. You know, being friends with me sure has its benefits. Everyone that knows me calls me a friend with benefits.

DELTA

Everyone?

BETA

Oh really? I sure haven't seen any of these benefits. I asked for your help on that project and you -

GAMMA

I said I was sorry.

DELTA

What happened?

BETA

I don't want to talk about it.

DELTA

What happened?

GAMMA

Well... I was helping fix these walls. We started out, the first (MORE)

GAMMA (cont'd)

two went fine. The third one, a couple issues, but we move onto the fourth one, and I - um - I...

BETA

You broke the fourth wall!

DELTA

You broke the fourth wall?

GAMMA

I broke the fourth wall.

ALPHA

Oh my goodness.

BETA

What kind of an idiot -

GAMMA

You didn't give me clear direction!

BETA

You are impossible to direct! What am I supposed to do? Tell you where to stand? What to say? You told me you knew what you were doing!

GAMMA

Not with blocks. I told you I didn't know the first thing about blocking.

BETA

You know what I think? I think this is an act. I think you staged the whole thing!

GAMMA

Oh yeah, I'm just acting over here!

BETA

Do you think this is some kind of a joke?

DELTA

Stop it you two. This joke of yours is getting really tired. If anyone is watching this they must think we are all a bunch idiots for dragging this out for so long.

GAMMA

If anyone is watching us right now, they would be an even bigger idiot than you is... You am? No, you is.

You get out of here.

DELTA

Why did you go and do that?

BETA

He is just so -

DELTA

Hey, what are you doing?

ALPHA

Hmm?

DELTA

Get away from there.

ALPHA

I wasn't doing anything.

DELTA

Yes, you were I saw you!

ALPHA

Of course you saw me, I was right here.

DELTA

Yeah, right here doing this.

ALPHA

I was most certainly not.

DELTA

I thought we were a team. Clearly I was mistaken. I asked for your help with this, and this is how you repay me?

ALPHA

I was helping.

DELTA

That didn't look like help to me.

 ${\tt BETA}$

Do you want me to fix this?

ALPHA

Yes.

ALPHA

What did you do?

BETA

What? Thought we were on the same page?

ALPHA

No, not if this is the page you are on. We aren't even in the same book.

BETA

Why would you say we are on the same page if you didn't want me to do this?

ALPHA

That's not what I meant.

BETA

Well, maybe you should have been more clear. As you mentioned, its open to interpretation.

ALPHA

You we're right, it was awful.

GAMMA

What happened to my friend?

BETA

We should go.

ALPHA

Should we bring this?

BETA

What do you think?