

THE LAN PARTY

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TIME: Present

PLACE: A small room on a college campus

CHARACTERS:

Arnold Patel - college student that is a computer hacker

Joe Halls – a life long gamer

Mark Franklin - college student that is a computer nerd

Sera Smithe - college student that is attractive

Hillory Lane – a young biologist that loves computers

Ann Rogers – carpet installer

ARNOLD, JOE and MARK are in front of their computers at a Lan Party. A Lan Party is where gamers get together and bring their computers and connect them together to play video games against one another. A Lan Party can last a few hours to a few days. They have all been there for a few hours and the room is full of empty pizza boxes, chip bags and soda cans.

ARNOLD

Man, this is the best lan party ever. I am glad that we all decided to camp out and play Unreal Tournament today. I think that this is the best lan party ever.

JOE

I beg to differ Arnold, but didn't I suggest that we game today.

MARK

Joe, I don't remember it that way. Arnold has been planning this for over a month now.

JOE

Mark, I can remember bring this up at the first game meeting we had this year.

ARNOLD

Joe, whatever. If you say it, it must be true. (Pause) I got you Joe. I am the master at fragging.

MARK

What about Remo? You *know* he is the best at UT.

ARNOLD

Yeah, Remo rocks. He is the *best* at everything. Mark, where is the Remo at?

MARK

I don't know. I bet he is asleep. Probably up playing UT all night and couldn't get up. He'll show up in a few hours.

(SERA walks into the lan party.)

SERA

Hi guys.

ARNOLD, JOE and MARK all answer
(They stare at their computer screen)

What's up Sera?

SERA

Hey where is the Remo at?

ARNOLD

We don't know. He said he was coming. I instant messaged him last night and he said you might come by. He said that you suck at UT.

SERA

Well shoot! I wanted to frag him again. He always brags how good he is at UT, but I own him. And he knows it!

JOE

Too bad Ultron isn't here. He would own all of you. Has he gotten a job yet?

ARNOLD

What about you? How long has it been since you had a job?

MARK

Yeah, Joe. Tell us about your *manger* job at Taco Bell.

JOE

What's to tell? I started that place when it first opened and by the time I left, it was the best Taco Bell in the state.

MARK

Man, Joe, that's *great*. But what have you done since then?

JOE

I just fragged you. Die you punk. Eat my dust!

SERA

Man, when is Remo going to get here? I don't have all day to frag him. I have a date in few hours.

MARK

You have a date? Who's the lucky guy or guys?

SERA

That's it. Let me in the game. You all are going to die! Let the fragging begin.

(HILLORY walks in the lan party room)

HILLORY

Hey where's the Remo at?

ARNOLD, JOE, MARK and SERA all answer
(They stare at their computer screen)

Hey Hillory.

HILLORY

Where is Remo at?

JOE

We don't know. Are we Remo's keeper?

HILLORY

I wanted to challenge him to a one on one death match. He is all talk and no action. All he has done the last few weeks was diss me about how bad I was at UT. And he has been emailing me the last few weeks is how bad he was going to own me at UT and the bum doesn't even show up. Man, what a jerk! Move over and let me play. I am so mad, I have to lose some anger! My first frag is dedicated to the Remo, where ever you are.

ARNOLD

Well, that's the Remo.

(ANN walks in the lan party room)

ANN

Is Remo here?

ARNOLD, JOE, MARK, SERA and HILLORY all answer
(They stare at their computer screen)

NO!

ANN

Well, he said that he was going to be here today. I put in some carpet pad in his apartment and he owes me \$75. Has he left me a check?

ARNOLD, JOE, MARK, SERA and HILLORY all answer
(They stare at their computer screen)

NO!

ANN

So, what are you guys doing?

MARK

We are playing UT.

ANN

Oh, my brother has an X-Box, is it like that? It looks like Halo.

ARNOLD

If you mean does this game suck, then no. It isn't anything like the X-Box or Halo.

JOE

The X-box isn't that bad.

MARK

Too bad you can't get another job at Taco Bell so that you could buy one. And Joe, how is your pregnant girlfriend doing? Is she still working at Wal-Mart? It must be nice to have someone pay the rent?

ANN

You have a pregnant girlfriend, she has a job and you don't? And you are here playing video games while she is working? What kind of person does that?

JOE

Hey, at least I don't owe you \$75.

ARNOLD

No, you owe James \$400.

JOE

What is this? Diss Joe day? Oh, I just frag Arnold and Mark. You guys are losers.

ANN

Yeah, *they're* losers. Well tell Remo that he can mail me the check, I have some more carpet to install today. My name is Ann, he should remember me.

ARNOLD

Don't worry Ann, Remo pays his bills, unlike some people I know.

HILLORY

Ann, let me call Remo for you on my cell.

ANN

Thanks.

HILLORY

(HILLORY takes out her cell phone and dials.)

Remo, it's Hillory. Man it is four o'clock. Are you up yet? What? Who? When? Man that's great. Hey everybody, Remo is flying to LA to perform his nerd song on the Tonight Show.

ARNOLD

What!?

MARK

Man that is awesome! I got to write this up for the school's paper.

JOE

Man that is cool. (He yells at the cell phone) Congrats Remo.

SERA

Maybe I should cancel my date tonight and go see Remo.

HILLORY

Everybody quiet, I can't hear the Remo. What's that Remo. You're flying out tomorrow. You need a ride to the airport.

ARNOLD

Tell Remo that I'll do it.

MARK

I can come too.

HILLORY

Remo, Arnold and Mark say that will take you. OK, I call you later. You what? Everybody, Remo wants to go out to eat at Chinese buffet. All right, we'll all be there in a few hours.

ARNOLD

Man, that's off the hook. I knew that Remo was a star. Man I can't believe it.

MARK

This will be the biggest story that I have ever written. Maybe I will win an award at the journalism conference next month with this article.

JOE

Did Remo say that he was paying for dinner?

(They all look at JOE like he is a jerk. Fade out.)

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