

MAGNUS CHASE EPISODE 5

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EPISODE 5: I GO TO MY OWN FUNERAL

EXT. FENWAY PARK - NIGHT

A light snow sprinkles the rows of empty red seats. A portal opens behind the dugout. Magnus falls on top of Hearth. Blitz topples both of them a second later.

MAGNUS  
Fenway park? Sick.

BLITZ  
Ah damnit -

Magnus turns toward Blitz, who ducks under the bleachers.

MAGNUS  
What's wrong?

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Sun. Bad for Blitzen.

Blitz's cheeks start to turn grey from the break of dawn.

BLITZ  
I need shade.

EXT. FENWAY PARK - GREEN MONSTER - DAY

The green monster blocks the sunlight. The three find shade, sitting by the scoreboard.

BLITZ  
I never hung out with you during the day! How could you not have noticed?

MAGNUS  
Well now that you say that - it's like Hearth took the day shift and you took the night.

BLITZ  
Sunlight is deadly to dwarves. We're subterranean. That's why I try to cover up. Sunscreen helps. I can stand a little bit of sun, but too much and I - petrify.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
After bridge, his legs turned to stone. No walking until the night.

INT. FENWAY PARK - GREEN MONSTER - DAY

The three rest inside of the green monster.

BLITZ

It's not your fault, kid. You saved  
our asses and dozens of other  
mortals. Including your uncle.

MAGNUS

Is Randolph okay?

HEARTH

(sign language)

Fine.

BLITZ

Thankfully, only one casualty.

Hearth hands Magnus a newspaper clipping. A photo of Magnus  
in fifth grade reads: *Untimely demise. Survived by two  
uncles and a cousin. Private service to be held.*

BLITZ (CONT'D)

We watched the emergency services  
retrieve your body.

MAGNUS

My body? But my body is here.

Hearth squeezes Magnus's bicep, admiring his new and  
improved physique.

BLITZ

Your old body. We searched the  
river after the coast was clear.  
The sword was nowhere to be found.

MAGNUS

Then Surtur must have it.

BLITZ

Let's not assume that. Best case,  
it's with your old body.

HEARTH

(sign language)

Magic sword. You claimed it - stays  
with you.

BLITZ

We'll have to raid your coffin.

MAGNUS

You want me to go to my own funeral?

HEARTH

(sign language)

We go before.

BLITZ

According to your funeral notice, your body is at the funeral home today for viewing hours. We should have the place to ourselves. It's not like you'll have mourners lining up outside.

MAGNUS

Gee - thanks a lot.

Blitz fits his feet into a pair of boots.

BLITZ

(to Hearth)

I'll talk to the boss and swing by Svartalfheim to grab some proper anti sunlight supplies.

MAGNUS

You're going to the dark elf world?

BLITZ

It's not as complicated as it sounds. Boston is the center of the world tree, Yggdrasil, after all. One time, Hearth and I stepped off a curb in Kendall square and accidentally fell into Niflheim.

HEARTH

(sign language)

That was cold.

Magnus shivers.

MAGNUS

Speaking of cold.

Blitz takes out a familiar pair of pink mittens and hands them to Magnus.

BLITZ

Here - I'll meet you both down on Arlington street. Be careful - this isn't Valhalla.

(MORE)

BLITZ (CONT'D)  
I don't want to have to tell our  
boss about another Magnus corpse.

EXT. CHARLESGATE STREET - DAY

Magnus and Hearth snag warm clothes from a charity drop box.

MAGNUS  
Is this sword going to be a  
problem? I don't want to get us  
arrested.

Magnus straps his Valhalla sword to his waist.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Mortals are not good at seeing  
magic. Between fire and ice is  
mist. G-i-n-n-u-n-g-a-g-a-p. Hard  
to explain in sign.

MAGNUS  
Good. Then let's go pay our  
respects to me.

EXT. BOSTON STREETS - DAY

Hearth shivers in his leather jacket. His lips are peeling  
and cracked. His nose runs. Magnus takes quick glimpses at  
Hearth, studying him.

MAGNUS (V.O.)  
Elf - huh. Not exactly what I had  
in mind.

Magnus taps Hearth's shoulder.

MAGNUS  
What's it like - where you're from?

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Alfheim not so different. Only  
brighter. No night.

MAGNUS  
No night time? Like ever?

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
First time I saw it -

Hearth splays both hands in front of his chest like he's having a heart attack.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Scared.

Magnus smiles.

MAGNUS  
I can imagine.

EXT. TWINING AND SONS MEMORIAL SERVICE - DAY

The funeral home is tucked in a row of town houses. The top of the viewing sign reads: *Magnus Chase*.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
You go inside. I'll stand guard.  
Dead human bodies...

Hearth shakes his head and his shoulders shrivel.

MAGNUS  
What if someone recognizes me?

Hearth plops a baseball cap on Magnus's head.

INT. TWINING AND SONS MEMORIAL SERVICE - DAY

Magnus stands at the chapel doorway. He looks down at a guest book sitting on a small table. He grabs the pen and writes:

*Thanks for coming to my funeral!*

- *Magnus*

Magnus slowly tip toes toward a coffin. Inside, his old body's face is caked with makeup. His hair shellacked to one side. His arms folded under his back to hide the severed hands.

Magnus looks away, grimacing.

MAGNUS (V.O.)  
Oh my -

His nostrils flare. He contemplates for a beat, upset at his old self.

MAGNUS (V.O.)  
No - I have a job to do.

Magnus fishes around the coffin, feeling for the sword.

A VOICE (O.S.)  
What're you doing.

Magnus turns around. A familiar girl holds a single flower. It's ELIZABETH, the girl who lent Magnus the pair of pink mittens, which he is currently wearing.

ELIZABETH  
Those're my mittens.

MAGNUS  
Just - organizing the body.

Magnus straightens the tie on dead Magnus.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)  
Wow - hold the phone. You look exactly like him.

MAGNUS  
Uh - yeah, Magnus is my twin brother. I'm -  
(a beat)  
Theodore.

Elizabeth gets uncomfortably close, observing Magnus's face. She pokes and squeezes his cheek.

ELIZABETH  
Hmmm.

MAGNUS  
Can I help you with something?

ELIZABETH  
Where are your parents? Why would you let your twin brother live on the streets?

MAGNUS  
That was his decision. Magnus liked to be alone. And homeless.

ELIZABETH  
That's - ridiculous.

Elizabeth approaches the coffin and looks at the body. She places the flower inside.

MAGNUS (CONT'D)  
Were you two... close?

ELIZABETH

Not at all. I ran into him on the streets - gave him that pair of mittens you have on. I saw him again later the same day. It was during that fire.

EXT. BRIDGE - FLASHBACK

Elizabeth's POV from inside the taxi. Magnus and Surtur clash. Surtur is shrouded in mist, disguising him from mortal eyes. It's like Magnus battles a grey shadow.

ELIZABETH (V.O.)

He was fighting something. I couldn't even make a guess to what it was, but I'm pretty sure he saved my life.

INT. TWINING AND SONS MEMORIAL SERVICE - DAY

Elizabeth blushes.

ELIZABETH

I think - your brother was a hero.

Hearth barges through the front door. His right eye swells with a black ring around it. He signs frantically.

MAGNUS

From the second story?

Magnus looks up.

MAGNUS (CONT'D)

Did they have the sword?

Hearth shakes his head.

HEARTH

(sign language)

Who's that?

MAGNUS

Elizabeth. This's my friend Hearth.  
Hearth - Elizabeth.

Elizabeth waves cutely.

MAGNUS

Did you see who attacked you?

Hearth beckons Magnus to follow him.



EXT. ARLINGTON STREET - DAY

Blitz leans against a stop light wearing a wide brim hat, jacket, ski mask, sunglasses, and leather gloves. He carries a bowling ball bag.

Magnus and Hearth bound down the road. They halt. Hearth catches his breath.

BLITZ

Wow - wow - what happened to your eye?

MAGNUS

Somebody jumped him. We didn't find the sword.

Hearth claps for their attention.

HEARTH

(sign language)

You brought HIM?

Blitz lifts the bowling ball bag.

BLITZ

Yep, Capo's orders.

MAGNUS

We lost the culprit. Any idea where they'd be going next?

BLITZ

Well if they checked out your body at the funeral home -

MAGNUS

Can you not phrase it like that?

BLITZ

They're probably headed to the bridge.

HEARTH

(sign language)

It was a girl.

BLITZ

Her?

Elizabeth jogs behind them.

MAGNUS  
No - not her.

ELIZABETH  
You guys are fast!

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
There!

Hearth points. Across Boylston, a girl wearing a brown pea coat and green head scarf walks at a brisk pace.

MAGNUS  
I've seen that scarf before.

It's Sam, the ex-Valkyrie.

EXT. BOSTON STREETS - DAY

Sam sprints downstream on a jogging trail. Magnus, Elizabeth, Hearth and Blitz race after her down a spiral staircase.

BLITZ  
Best case scenario, the Valkyries  
sent her.

MAGNUS  
She was kicked out.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Wish I had a bow, I could have shot  
her.

EXT. RIVERBANK - DAY

The group exit the staircase. Blitz limps, standing behind the shadow of a tree.

MAGNUS  
You alright?

BLITZ  
Don't worry. Legs are still a  
little petrified.

MAGNUS  
That's something to worry about.

ELIZABETH  
I don't understand a thing you guys  
are talking about.

BLITZ  
Kid, is this mortal a friend of  
yours?

ELIZABETH  
Mortal? Okay short stuff, calm  
down.

Magnus closes his eyes. He focuses on the river current. His vision travels downstream until he reaches a riverbed. The water is grey and stagnant.

BLITZ (V.O.)  
What'd you call me! Hearth get out  
of my way!  
(a beat)  
I know - but we already checked the  
river. It's a waste of time!  
(a beat)  
No we couldn't have missed it!

Magnus opens his eyes.

MAGNUS  
The sword isn't there.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
How do you know?

MAGNUS  
My guts telling me. It's like when  
you rattle a can and there's  
nothing inside. The coffin felt the  
same way.

BLITZ  
I don't suppose you could point us  
to where it should be rattling.

SFX. Footsteps sprinting in grass.

SAM (O.S.)  
That would be nice.

Sam drop kicks Magnus in the chest and propels him backward into a tree. His lungs implode.

Sam swings her axe horizontally. Blitz pushes Elizabeth out of the way. Hearth ducks and spills a bag of runs. Sam swings her axe down at Hearth's head.

MAGNUS  
Stop!

Hearth grabs a runestone and squeezes it. A blue shield encompasses him like an egg, blocking Sam's axe. Hearth grapples her, but Sam judo flips him onto his back.

Blitz guards Elizabeth. His hat tilts sideways. His ski mask is knocked off and his face begins petrifying.

BLITZ  
AHHH it hurts -

Sam hefts her axe, ready to cut him down. Magnus unsheathes his sword and sends it spinning like a frisbee. It knocks the axe out of Sam's hand and slices her temple.

SAM  
What the Hellheim?

MAGNUS  
You started it!

Hearth grabs Sam's ankle. She kicks Hearth in the gut.

MAGNUS  
Quit kicking my friend!

Sam pulls back her headscarf. Black hair sweeps over her shoulders.

SAM  
If I had my full powers, I'd rip the soul from your body, Magnus Chase.

ELIZABETH  
Magnus -

MAGNUS  
You told me to come find you.  
What's with the cold welcome? I thought we could help each other?

BLITZ  
Help her? My face is a chunk of quartz because of her!

Hearth signs while lying flat on his back.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Somebody please kill her.

SAM  
What's he doing? Is he making rude elf gestures at me?

ELIZABETH  
He wants us to kill you.

Magnus turns to Elizabeth.

MAGNUS  
You can read American sign  
language?

ELIZABETH  
Duh.

BLITZ  
Alf sign language.

Sam retrieves her axe and Magnus's sword. Magnus raises both  
hands, surrendering.

MAGNUS  
Can we call a truce and talk it  
out? We can always go back to  
killing each other.

SAM  
It wouldn't be much of a fight.

BLITZ  
I'll have you know Hearth is an  
excellent rune caster. And as for  
me - I have many skills, Valkyrie.

SAM  
For instance?

BLITZ  
I could fix your disgraceful  
outfit. Nobody wears a brown pea  
coat with a green head scarf.

SAM  
A dwarf in a ski mask and  
sunglasses is giving me fashion  
advice.

Blitz fumes.

BLITZ  
I have daylight issues!

MAGNUS  
Look, we all want to find the  
sword, right? Keep it away from  
Surtur.

SAM  
Assuming he doesn't already have  
it.

BLITZ  
That's what the Capo's here for.

Blitz picks up the bowling bag.

SAM  
What's in the bag?

Hearth makes a claw with his hand and taps his shoulder  
twice.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Boss.

EXT. RIVERBANK - DAY

The group walks to the edge of the river. Blitz unzips the  
bowling bag.

SAM  
Is that human hair?

Blitz tosses a spherical object into the water with a KER -  
PLUNK!

BLITZ  
Hair - yes. Human - no.

The object sinks and quickly surfaces. A beheaded man's face  
bobs on the surface. The face is shriveled like an old apple  
with a bottom row of crooked teeth.

SAM  
You work for him?

Water swirls. The man's face inflates and his skin turns  
pink. His eyes flutter open.

MIMIR  
(coughing)  
Man - I hate -

Mimir coughs. His ears, nose and tear ducts spew out water.

MIMIR  
I hate traveling in that bag.

SAM  
Lord Mimir, you honor us.

Sam kneels down. Everyone else stands.

BLITZ

Sorry, Capo - it was either that or the fish tank. And the tank breaks easily.

MIMIR

Son of Frey, I've come a long way to speak with you -  
(coughs out water)  
Hope you appreciate it.

MAGNUS

Should I know you?

MIMIR

I am Mimir! God of wisdom and knowledge! You should be bowing at my - nevermind - forget it. Where was I?

MAGNUS

Did Frey cut off your head? Is that why you're getting upset?

MIMIR

I'm not mad. You'll know when I get mad.

MAGNUS (V.O.)

Maybe he'll gurgle more menacingly.

MIMIR

Though, your father was part of the reason I lost my head! I was once mighty among the Aesir. As a truce to end the war between us and the Vanir, the two godly tribes exchanged hostages. Your father and his father, Njord, came to live in Asgard. The god Honir and I were sent to Vanaheim.

MAGNUS

I'm guessing that didn't go well.

Sam punches Magnus in the shoulder.

MIMIR

Your father made me look terrible! He was the great general of the Vanir, all shiny and handsome.  
(MORE)

MIMIR (CONT'D)

I wasn't worthy counsel, so as a protest, they cut off my head and sent it to Odin.

SAM

And now the Aesir and Vanir respect your counsel. Magnus didn't mean to offend you. He's not that stupid.

Sam glares at Magnus clearly saying: YOU ARE SO STUPID!

MIMIR

Yes. Thanks to Odin, I was carried to a hidden cave in Jotunheim where a mystical spring feeds into the roots of Yggdrasil.

Hearth motions with his fingers straight and his thumb down. He makes the 'Blah Blah' gesture, indicating they've heard the story hundreds of times.

MIMIR (CONT'D)

He placed my head into the well, bringing me back to life, and increasing my wisdom a thousand fold!

MAGNUS

But - you're a severed head.

MIMIR

It's not so bad. I can operate across the Nine worlds and guard the well of knowledge. Sometimes I let travelers drink from the well, but not without a price.

Blitz and Hearth stiffen up.

MAGNUS

So - great and well connected Mimir, where can we find the sword?

MIMIR

I can't tell you.

MAGNUS

Wonderful.

Mimir spits out a minnow.



MIMIR

I have two words for you. Fenris wolf. Tell me, son of Frey - what do you know of him?

BLITZ

Fenris...

MAGNUS

What's a Fenris wolf?

BLITZ

Fenris - the wolf. Every dwarf knows him.

MIMIR

Surtur plans to free him.

BLITZ

That's impossible, the rope is unbreakable!

HEARTH

(sign language)

Frey's sword.

MIMIR

You must find the sword. The island that imprisons Fenris is only accessible during the first full moon of each year, which is seven days hence.

MAGNUS

Okay - who makes up these rules?

MIMIR

I DO! So shut up.

SAM

Lord Mimir - I understand retrieving the sword, but wouldn't it be rash to take it to the island? Isn't that what Surtur wants?

MIMIR

The lord of Muspellheim will find a way to free the wolf regardless. See - this is why I'm the boss and you're not. I did mention I can see the future, right?

Mimir's head angrily bounces creating small ripples.

MIMIR (CONT'D)  
Now I have one last task to  
complete here.

Mimir's head shifts like an oversized bobber, peering toward Elizabeth. She looks directly at Mimir. From her mortal POV, she sees a flopping fish.

ELIZABETH  
Can all fish talk?

MIMIR  
I will grant this mortal a drink  
from the well of knowledge.

Blitz and Hearth suddenly put themselves between Mimir and Elizabeth.

BLITZ  
Wow - wow - wow. Absolutely not.

MIMIR  
Free of charge.

Hearth pokes Blitz and signs.

HEARTH  
(sign language)  
Did he say - for free?

MAGNUS  
What happens if you drink from the  
well?

BLITZ  
Normally, you're given a choice of  
payment. Odin gave his eye in  
exchange for a drink. But this is  
different.

MIMIR  
I will bestow her the ability to  
see past the mist, among other  
magic perks. The decision is hers  
alone.

All eyes turn to Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH  
I don't understand -

BLITZ  
That's the offer. If you accept,  
you'll be able to understand.

A beat of contemplation. Mimir blow bubbles in the water.

MIMIR  
I don't have all day!

MAGNUS  
No - she's not interested. We're  
not dragging her into something  
dangerous. She has a home -

ELIZABETH  
Magnus.

Magnus turns to her.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)  
So you are Magnus - aren't you?

Magnus nods. Elizabeth turns to Mimir.

ELIZABETH  
Then I accept.

MIMIR  
Good, follow me.

The god's head swirls and spirals downward, creating a  
whirlpool. Elizabeth jumps in, getting flushed.

INT. MIMMISBRUNNR - NIGHT

Bubbles hit the surface of dark water. Elizabeth breaks the  
surface and slicks back her hair.

MIMIR (O.S.)  
Mimmisbrunnr. The well of  
knowledge.

An ancient stone well is carved in the shape of an eye. The  
contents glow faintly green. Mimir's old shield and spear  
lie close.

Elizabeth trudges through the water, her clothes drip. She  
leans over the well. Green rays illuminate her skin.

MIMIR (O.S.)  
Drink up.

EXT. RIVERBANK - DAY

SAM  
Mimir. I should've known he was  
involved in this.

BLITZ

The Capo is on our side, don't worry.

Sam laughs.

SAM

I suppose you two work for him of your own free will then! You didn't drink from the well and pay a price?

Blitz and Hearth look down.

SAM (CONT'D)

Thought so. You two must be jealous. Favoritism for a mortal.

Elizabeth emerges from the river and clings to pier.

MAGNUS

Here - grab hold.

Magnus lifts her entire bodyweight with ease. She shivers, but her expression is calm.

MAGNUS

How do you feel?

Elizabeth looks up at Magnus. Her eyes gleam a color of bright green.

THE END