

MIDDLEMOST POST

#028 - "I Know What You Did Last Mail-Off" - Part 1

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We find STEWART in a row boat, fishing alone under the pretty light of the moon.

Stewart drops some FISH FOOD flakes into the water.

The Drone menacingly blinks at Stewart.

When we cut back to Stewart's boat, it's EMPTY. Stewart's fishing supplies float in the water, and a BLANK WHITE SPACE has replaced where he once sat--as if he's been **erased**...

PARKER and RUSSELL lay on their backs and look up at the sky. Both beyond relaxed. Parker with toothpick in mouth.

Parker sips a DRINK from a STRAW.

7 ANGUS (O.S.) 7
Hey, uh, Parker! Can you come down
here, please?

Parker pops up, trots off super casual.

8 PARKER 8
(to Russell)
Brb, bud. You need anything while
I'm up? Cheese? Sardines? Charcute?
Kombuch'?

Russell shakes her head no. She chill.

9 PARKER (CONT'D) 9
Okay!

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - MAIN QUARTERS - CONT.

Parker approaches ANGUS, who studies an ENVELOPE in his hand.
It reads "*Parker J. Cloud.*"

10 ANGUS 10
Hmmm...

11 PARKER 11
What's up, big guy?

12 ANGUS 12
Well you got a letter, kiddo.
Strange though, there's no postmark
or return address.
(<SNIFFS> it)
Definitely not certified mail.

13 PARKER 13
Huh. Cool!

Parker snatches it from Angus and tears it open. Pulls out a
note and reads to himself.

14 PARKER (CONT'D) 14
Mmm mmm mmm mmm mmm.

Parker tosses the note and heads for the FRIDGE.

15 ANGUS 15
Huh? That's it? What'd it say!?

Angus picks up the note. In dot matrix font it reads, "*I know
what you did last mail-off.*"

16 ANGUS (CONT'D) 16

(read)
"I know what you did last mail-off."

(to Parker)
What does that mean?

17 PARKER 17

<SNIFFS SOMETHING IN THE FRIDGE> No idea.

Parker continues rummaging through the fridge. Angus studies the note.

18 ANGUS 18

Hmmm. Well we did have that mail-off against Mayor Peeve and that Postbot fella. Maybe the letter's referring to that.

Parker exits the fridge with an armful of random SNACKS.

19 PARKER 19

(shrugging)
Maybe. <SHUTTING FRIDGE EFFORT!>

20 ANGUS 20

Ehh, but we beat that Postbot and his little drone buddy fair and square.

21 PARKER 21

<SCOFFS!> Boy, did we--

Parker freezes. It all comes back to him in a flash...

22 LLOYD BRAUN (V.O.) 22

Previously, on Middlemost Post.

We see QUICK CLIPS from **EP006 - PostBot 3000:**

- A crowd gathered around POSTBOT and Mayor Peeve.

23 MAYOR PEEVE 23

It's called the Postbot 3000.
People are saying it's the future of mail delivery.

- PostBot shows off how cool he is, delivers mail to the crowd.

- Postbot's butt <SLIDES> open. The Drone flies out.

24 MAYOR PEEVE (O.S.) (CONT'D) 24
The Postbot has a secret weapon of
its own!

- Parker greets the drone.

25 PARKER 25
It looks just like me! Hello, Drone
Parker.

- Parker, inside the belly of Russell, opens his arms out to
the Drone.

26 PARKER (CONT'D) 26
Are you gonna give me a hug?

The Drone <SAWS> at Parker with one of its blades. Parker
gets ticklish.

27 PARKER (CONT'D) 27
Stop it! Stop! <LAUGHS>
(getting concerned)
No, really! Really!

Parker accidentally zaps the Drone!

28 PARKER (CONT'D) 28
<LAUGHS!>

It lands with a <CLANG>. Parker realizes what he's done.

29 PARKER (CONT'D) 29
Oh. My. Cloud. I destroyed Drone
Parker!

- At the PURPLETON LAKE, Parker blasts LIGHTNING at a raft
carrying the "dead" Drone.

30 PARKER (CONT'D) 30
May your light always burn bright,
good buddy.

It ignites like a Viking Funeral and sinks. Parker and
Russell look on in horror.

31 PARKER (CONT'D) 31
<GASP!>

- Parker and Russell join Angus on the Mail-Off route.

32 ANGUS 32
Great job, you two! Any problems?

Parker and Russell look to each other. Um.

33 PARKER 33
Mmmm. Noooo.

BACK TO SCENE: S.S. STEADFAST

Parker's frozen, mouth agape. Angus taps him.

34 ANGUS 34
Uhh... Parker? You okay?

The items that Parker had been carrying fall from his arms.

35 PARKER 35
Huh? Oh, uh, totally. Yeah. I-I'm
better than okay. I mean, I'm
great! <LAUGHS> Bye.

Parker snatches the NOTE from Angus and races off.

36 ANGUS 36
Huh. Kids.

EXT. S.S. STEADFAST - DECK - MOMENTS LATER

A nervous Parker holds up the note to Russell.

37 PARKER 37
<BITES NAILS!>

Russell reads the note. Her eyes grow wide with fear...

38 LLOYD BRAUN (V.O.) 38
Previously, on Middlemost Post--

39 PARKER 39
I know, Russell! Drone Parker is
back! You think it's mad at us?
It's probably super mad, right?

Suddenly, "Zombie" Drone Parker rises above the ship behind Parker. Russell sees it, not Parker. She's scared stiff.

40 PARKER (CONT'D) 40
Awww what could it possibly want
from us?!

Russell points. Parker rotates. He sees the Drone! The word
"REVENGE" is spelled out across the Drone's eyes (think
Goodyear Blimp).

41 PARKER (CONT'D) 41
"Revenge??!" ZOMBIE DROOOONE!

Panicked, Parker and Russell get the heck outta there.

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - KITCHEN - CONT.

Angus tops a cup of hot cocoa with some marshmallows and whipped cream.

42 ANGUS 42
<HUMMING!><LICKS LIPS!>

Angus looks around. No one is watching, so he shoots some whipped cream down his gullet.

43 ANGUS (CONT'D) **43**

<OPENS MOUTH><CHEWS><GULPS> Ahhh...

Angus notices something, looks down...

Parker and Russell are clung to his legs, holding on for dear life like scared little kids.

44 PARKER 44
<QUIVERING WITH FEAR>

45 ANGUS **45**

Parker. Russell.

(beat)

Uhh you didn't see anything, did ya?

46 PARKER 46

Nooo.

47 ANGUS 47
(smiles)
Heh. Okay.

Angus <SHAKES> the two off his legs and walks off.

CUT TO:

A scared Parker and Russell rise up and look out a porthole WINDOW. The drone is gone. It's all sunshine and rainbows.

Parker and Russell look at each other, still weary.

EXT. BLUBERG RESIDENCE - DAY

Angus strolls along, delivering MAIL to mailboxes.

48 ANGUS 48
 <HUMMING>

Trailing behind are Russell and Parker, both wearing cheesy DISGUISES. Parker notices a STORE TAG still on Russell's disguise.

49 PARKER 49
<GASPS!>

He takes it off. Not paying attention, Parker and Russell both bump into Angus.

They fall backwards. Angus looks.

50 ANGUS 50
Tell me again why you two are wearing those silly giddups?

Parker and Russell look nervous.

51 PARKER 51
We're uh... playing a game. Right, Russell? It's called "make believe."

52 ANGUS 52
And who are you supposed to be?

53 PARKER 53
You know, just a couple cool cats who would never zap anything and then hide the evidence! Nooo. <NERVOUS LAUGHTER!> What?? <MORE NERVOUS LAUGHTER>.

Suddenly, a LOOMING SHADOW in the shape of Drone Parker falls over them.

54 PARKER (CONT'D) 54
IT FOUND US, RUSSELL!

Parker latches onto Russell. Emerging from the sun is a BLUBERG WOMAN (BLFLORENCE) wearing a large, FLOPPY HAT that cast the drone shadow. She hands Angus a letter.

55 FLORENCE 55
Would you be a dear and mail this please.

She looks to Parker and Russell, huddled together at the top of a LAMPOST.

56 PARKER 56
<NERVOUS EFFORTS!>

57 ANGUS 57
(re: Parker/Russell)
Uh, don't mind them, they're
playing "make believe."

EXT. YELLOW SPRINGS - CONT.

Angus continues on the mail route, sticking letters on cactus mailboxes. He stops at a HOME.

58	ANGUS	58
	Parker, package please.	

He turns and finds Russell, no Parker.

59 ANGUS (CONT'D) 59

Parker?

Russell's mouth opens wide as ONLY Parker's arm stretches WAY out, holding a BOX.

60 PARKER (O.S.) 60
(inside Russell)
Here you go, Angus.

61 ANGUS 61
Out of Russell, Parker.

Angus takes the package. Parker barely peeks his eyes out of Russell's mouth, then emerges from Russell all tiny.

62 PARKER 62
What's up?

63 ANGUS 63

I need you two to check with Mr.
and Mrs. Short, see if they have
any outgoing mail.

Parker retreats back inside Russell.

64 PARKER 64
<GASPS!> Me and Russell? Alone? Out
there? Without you? Totally
exposed?

Angus removes Parker from Russell by opening Russell like a TRASH CAN with a pedal.

65 ANGUS 65
Yes, Parker... I'll catch up after
I deliver this package. Now go on.

Angus trots off. Parker and Russell look to each other like it's the last time they'll ever be alive.

66 PARKER 66
Well, girl. At least we'll go down
together, hehe, right? <GULP!>

The two steel themselves and do a slow death march towards a HOME in the distance.

67 PARKER (CONT'D) 67
(whispers)
Zombie Drone Parker could be
anywhere.

As they walk, they come upon another ominous shadow. Could this be the Drone?

68 PARKER (CONT'D) 68
<SCREAMS!>

Nope. It's just the shadow of a TACO BILLBOARD.

69 PARKER (CONT'D) 69
<NERVOUS LAUGHTER>...

They start walking again until they see yet another shadow! With claws!

70 PARKER (CONT'D) 70
<SCREAMS!>

They take cover!

Parker and Russell poke their eyes out, but it was just a Drone shaped CACTUS with long arms. Parker and Russell look at each other.

71 PARKER (CONT'D) 71
<NERVOUS LAUGHTER>...

More confidently, they finally reach the door of the house... where another Drone shadow appears!

Parker and Russell turn to see... two ALIENS collecting rock samples. Their UFO hovers above them. They notice Parker and Russell, hop in their craft, and <ZOOM> away.

72 PARKER (CONT'D) 72
<SIGH OF RELIEF> Phew!
(beat)
You think we're overreacting,
Russell?

Russell <NODS>.

73 PARKER (CONT'D) 73
Me too. Maybe Zombie Drone Parker
mailed that letter to the wrong
address. <CHUCKLES>, I bet it
wasn't even for us. We good.

Parker <KNOCKS> on the door. The door opens. It's ZOMBIE
DRONE PARKER! The words "You Not Good" are displayed on the
drone's eye banner.

74 PARKER (CONT'D) 74
WE NOT GOOD! We are NOT good!

Parker <SLAMS> the door in the drone's face, hops on
motorcycle Russell, and the two burn out!

75 PARKER (CONT'D) 75
<SCREAMS!>

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - DAY

Parker and Russell burst through the door!

76 PARKER 76
LILY!

Lily comes out of the backroom.

77 LILY 77
Oh, hi Parker. Hi, Russell.

78 PARKER 78
I have to tell you something!

79 LILY 79
Oh, I have to tell you something
too, Parker.

80 PARKER 80
I haven't told my something to
anyone and you're my favorite
someone to tell something to, so
here goes. <INHALES THRU NOSE!>
Remember that "mail-off" we did?
Well, <BREATHES>, I did
something... bad. I... I... I--

Parker covers his eyes. He can't muster the courage to say
it.

81 PARKER (CONT'D) 81
(over-dramatic)
I can't say it! I'm too ashamed!
<SOBS!> Russell?

Parker pushes Russell towards Lily. Russell <CLEARS> her throat, then makes RANDOM NOISES (telling Lily). She also acts out the events with great detail.

82 LILY 82
Wow, you did all that to the drone?

83 PARKER 83
We did and then we lied to Angus
about it, and now the drone is back
and seeking reveeeenge!

84 LILY 84
Hmmm. That might explain this.

Lily opens the door to the back room of her store. Half of the room is MISSING! Literally. It's just a WHITE b.g. The word "REVENGE" is written on the remaining wall.

85 PARKER 85
<GASPS!>

86 LILY 86
I think that drone ate half my
store. That was the something I
wanted to tell you, by the way.

87 MS. PAM (O.S.) 87
My toast! My beautiful toast!

Parker, Lily, and Russell look O.S...

EXT. THE MIDDLEMOST TOAST - CONT.

A SMALL CROWD of CITIZENS gather around MS. PAM and The Middlemost Toast.

88 MS. PAM 88
It's... gone! Crumbs and all! Oh
nooo! <SOBS!>

89 CROWD WALLA 89
<UPSET WALLA>

The two iconic SLICES of TOAST on the roof of the MMT are completely gone. Like they've been CUT OUT of the BG. We find Parker, Lily, and Russell watching.

90 PARKER 90
Not The Middlemost Toast too! I
love The Middlemost Toast!

TERRY joins the crowd.

91 TERRY 91
Ayyy, you won't believe this, but
something ate Old Stinkhole. The
hole is nothing but a... well, i-
it's still a hole, it's just a
different hole.

92 PARKER 92
<GASPS!> Old Stinkhole's gone!?

MEAT VENDOR joins in...

93 MEAT VENDOR 93
Someone ate my meat cart. Oooh, my
sweet and salty briskets.

94 PARKER/LILY 94
(same time)
Not the meat cart!

MAYOR PEEVE charges in...

95 MAYOR PEEVE 95
Ryan is gone, people! Gone!

96 CROWD WALLA 96
<GASPS!>

97 PARKER 97
<NERVOUS NOSE TWITCH>

Angus ambles up (sans beanie), completely unaware of what's
going on.

98 ANGUS 98
(innocently)
Has anyone seen my beanie?

Parker's eyes dart back and forth. What should he do??

99 PARKER 99
<NERVOUS STAMMERING>... I can't
take it anymore! This is all my
fault, because of something I did.
The truth must come out!

Angus finds his beanie in his back pocket.

100 ANGUS 100
(re: beanie)
Angus, you big doof. Heh, it was in
my back pocket the whole time.

101 PARKER 101
STILL, I'm gonna confess
everything! Even though I'm happy
you found your beanie, Angus.

102 ANGUS 102
Parker, what are you talking about?

Parker dramatically crawls up to Angus on his knees.

103 PARKER 103
(blubbering)
Remember when we had that "mail-
off" against the Postbot and that
drone?

104 ANGUS 104
Oh whatever happened to that drone,
anyway?

Parker turns into a blubbering mess.

105 PARKER 105
<SOBS>, I zapped it with lightning,
dumped it in a lake, then zapped it
AGAIN with more lightning and it
totally blew uuuup! <WEEPS!>

106 CROWD WALLA 106
<GASPS!>

107 PARKER 107
<SHARP BREATH>, Plot twist! It
didn't blow up! It's alive!

CUE Dramatic Lightning Strike!

108 PARKER (CONT'D) 108
And now, I'm pretty sure it's
getting revenge on me... by erasing
all the things I love the
mooooooost!

Angus tries to console the kid.

109 ANGUS 109
It's okay, Parker, don't cry.

110 PARKER 110
I found the drone inside Russell
messing around, and I didn't know
what to do. I'm sorry, Angus.
<SNIFFS!>

111 ANGUS 111
Parker, that drone had no business
being inside Russell. You did
nothing wrong. In fact, some might
say you're a hero for helping out a
friend in need.

112 PARKER 112
Really?

Angus catches some of Parker's tears.

113 ANGUS 113
Sure! And if that drone is really
trying to erase all the things you
love, then how am I still here,
huh? Assuming you... love your old
pal, Angus.

Parker wipes his tears, smiles. Feeling better.

114 PARKER 114
<LOUD SNIFF!> Of course I do.

115 ANGUS 115
Well there ya go! See? There's
nothing to worry about.

OUT OF NOWHERE, Zombie Drone Parker <SLURPS> Angus up!

116 PARKER 116
Angus!!!

117 LILY 117
<GASP!><SCREAM!>

The Drone goes after Lily and Russell! But Russell's too
slow. The Drone sucks her up too, then eats her outline like
spaghetti.

118 PARKER 118
Russell!!!

Townspeople SCATTER and FLEE!

119 CROWD WALLA 119
<SCREAMING!><FLEEING!>

The Drone literally chews the scenery (erasing it) and picks off citizens one by one, specifically BRAD and GR2.

120 BRAD 120
<SCREAMS!>

121 PARKER 121
That's it!

An angry Parker <RUMBLES> and grows in size. He morphs into what looks like a Dragon Ball Z fighter.

122 PARKER (CONT'D) 122
Listen up, Zombie Drone Parker! I might've accidentally zapped you the first time, but this time, I'm doing it on purpooose! <SUMMONING LIGHTNING EFFORT!><THROWS LIGHTNING!>

Parker <ZAPS> a bolt of lightning and tags Drone Parker. <BOOM!> It has NO effect on the drone, other than pissing it off. Parker <POOFS> back to his normal form, a little afraid.

123 PARKER (CONT'D) 123
Okay, so that doesn't work anymore.

The drone CHARGES Parker!

124 PARKER (CONT'D) 124
AHHHHHHHHH!

Parker is pulled out of the way just in time by Lily.

125 LILY 125
This way!

Lily and Parker race off.

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - LATER

Parker and Lily zoom into the store and <SLAM> the door behind them. They catch their breath.

126 PARKER/LILY 126
<INHALE!><EXHALE!>

127 PARKER 127
Ohhh what have I done, Lily? Angus and Russell are gone and it's all my fault.

128 LILY 128
They're not gone, Parker. They're
just inside that mean drone. We can
get them back.

129 PARKER 129
We can?

130 LILY 130
Probably? But we'll need help
stopping that drone first. And we
both know the best person to stop
it.

131 PARKER 131
Terry.

132 LILY 132
Postbot.

133 PARKER 133
Right, Postbot can help! The drone
will for sure listen to Postbot.
But how are we supposed to find
him? He could be anywhere!

134 MAYOR PEEVE (O.S.) 134
I know how.

Parker and Lily turn to find a saddened Mayor Peeve.

135 PARKER 135
Mayor Peeve? You can find the
Postbot 3000?

136 MAYOR PEEVE 136
Of course, cloud. I did purchase
him, after all. Total rip-off.

Peeve pulls out the REMOTE he used to track Postbot during
the "Mail-Off."

137 MAYOR PEEVE (CONT'D) 137
The remote that came with that
giant metal oaf will tell us
exactly where he is.

Peeve pushes some buttons and yanks on the device's ANTENNA.
A weak, flashing <PING> shows up on the screen.

138 MAYOR PEEVE (CONT'D) 138
(re: ping)
There.

Peeve shows the screen to Parker and Lily.

139 PARKER 139
Awesome! Come on, Lily. Let's go
get Postbot!

Parker and Lily go to leave.

140 MAYOR PEEVE 140
Well I'm coming too!

141 PARKER 141
Cool! The more help, the better.
Hey! You know, we should ask Ryan
if he wants to come.

Peeve turns solemn. Confused, Parker looks to Lily.

142 PARKER (CONT'D) 142
What'd I say?

SUPERIMPOSE: **"TO BE CONTINUED"**

143 LLOYD BRAUN (V.O.) 143
Will the Postbot 3000 help bring
peace back to Mt. Middlemost?
(then)
Will loved ones be reunited with
their family and friends?
(then)
Will Parker J. Cloud remember that
Ryan was eaten by that drone? All
this in the exciting conclusion
of... *"I Know What You Did Last
Mail-Off."*

END (PART I)!