

MIDDLEMOST POST

#054 - "Closed for Cocooning"

Written by

Rocco Pucillo

WRITERS DRAFT #1 - 06/25/21
WRITERS DRAFT #2 - 07/12/21
WRITERS DRAFT #3 - 08/12/21
SE DRAFT - 09/06/21
FIRST DRAFT - 09/20/21
BOARD DRAFT - 09/27/21
BOARD DRAFT UPDATED - 09/28/21
REC DRAFT - 11/18/21
SHIPPING DRAFT - 02/14/22

EXT. CITY OF SOMEWHERE - DAY

Parker floats happily down the sidewalk singing. (See Ep 07 for total reuse.)

1 PARKER 1
(singing)
"Gonna see Lily, cuz Lily's my
friend. Got nothing to tell her, I
just wanna hang..."

Parker reaches The Somewhere Store and enters.

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - CONT.

As Parker floats in, he spots who he thinks is Lily behind the counter. Her face is obscured by an issue of "TEEN GRUB" magazine.

2 PARKER 2
Lily! You up for an epic hang sesh
with your best cloud friend in the
whole world?

The grub lowers the magazine, revealing herself to be not Lily, but MILLY (Lily's slightly older, much girlier, and nearly identical step-sister).

3 PARKER (CONT'D) 3
AHHHHHHHHH!
(then)
You're not Lily.

4 MILLY 4
No. I'm Milly. I can see how some
people get us confused.

Parker's jaw drops. He's in absolute awe.

5 PARKER 5
Oh. My. Cloud! You're one of
Lily's sisters!

6 MILLY 6
Uh, yeah. In the flesh. Judging by
your cloudiness, you must be
Parker.

7 PARKER 7
In the cloud flesh!

Parker peels off his "flesh."

8 MILLY 8
<CHUCKLES> Gross.

He excitedly shakes her hand.

9 PARKER 9
I just can't tell you what an honor
this is. I am a HUGE fan of Lily,
which means I'm a huge fan of
yours.

10 MILLY 10
Right on.

11 PARKER 11
So, uh, where's Lily? Lily!

12 MILLY 12
Ssssh. She's cocooning.

13 PARKER 13
Ohhh, okay, got it. Sorry. <NERVOUS
CHUCKLE> What's cocooning?

14 MILLY 14
That's cocooning.

Milly points to the ceiling. There's a large, gooey SACK
(cocoon) dangling from it. Parker freaks!

15 PARKER 15
AHHHHHHH! Lily's in there!!? We
gotta get her out!

Parker flies up to it, unleashing a bunch of moves on the
cocoon in a desperate effort to bust Lily out.

16 PARKER (CONT'D) 16
<VARIOUS ATTACK EFFORTS>

17 MILLY 17
Kid, relax. Lily is fine. Cocooning
is a natural part of a young grub's
life. We all go through it.

Parker floats back down.

18 PARKER 18
Have you?

19 MILLY 19
How do you think I got these bad
boys?

Suddenly, Milly unfurls a rockin' pair of WINGS that scream
"PAR-TAY!" They're super glittery and colored bright like a
neon sign. Parker's eyes melt from the coolness.

20 PARKER 20
Oh whaaaaaaaaaat?

21 MILLY 21
They're my party wings. You get
them when you finish cocooning.
<CHUCKLES> I know, pretty dope.

22	PARKER	22
	Lily's gonna get dope party wings?	
23	MILLY	23
	The dopest.	
24	PARKER	24
	Wooooooooow.	
25	MILLY	25
	It's why I'm here, P. To throw Lily an epic "Wing Ding." That's the party we throw when a grub gets her wings.	
26	PARKER	26
	A Wing Ding? For Lily!? Can I come?	
27	MILLY	27
	Oh, that depends. You down to clown?	
28	PARKER	28
	There's gonna be clowns at this party!?	
29	MILLY	29
	Uhh, not really what I meant... but whateves! We got a party to throw.	
30	PARKER	30
	Woo-hoo!	

PARTY FAVOR WIPE:

EXT. CITY OF SOMEWHERE - DAY

Milly follows Parker through town...

31	MILLY	31
	You think this place will have all the party supplies we need for Lily's Wing Ding?	
32	PARKER	32
	Totes. The Gray Area has everything you need. Including pickpocketers. So watch your wallet.	
33	MILLY	33
	That sounds super sketch. Cooool.	

They enter the Gray Area...

EXT. GRAY AREA - MARKETPLACE - DAY

A flea market selling anything and everything. From second-hand items to actual hands and other oddities of questionable origin. Milly and Parker walk through the market...

34 MILLY 34
A Wing Ding can't be an ordinary party, you know. Like "basic." This is a big deal for a grub, so it's gotta be a total banger.

35 PARKER 35
Say no more, Milly.

Parker zips off and returns with massive amounts of FIREWORKS.

36 PARKER (CONT'D) 36
BOOMSHAKALAKA! Fireworks! We launch 'em off in the middle of the party. Instant banger.

37 MILLY 37
Mmmm, maybe not fireworks.

38 PARKER 38
Okay.

Parker tosses the fireworks as the two walk on. The fireworks explode in the b.g. as PEOPLE run for their lives. BERNIE runs past, on fire.

39 BERNIE 39
<SCREAMS!>

Then Bernie realizes he's already a flame and shrugs it off.

40 BERNIE (CONT'D) 40
Oh, right. I'm already fire.

41 MILLY 41
We should start with a theme. Every killer party has a killer theme.

42 PARKER 42
Great idea!

Parker zips off and returns instantly with giant SWORDS.

43 PARKER (CONT'D) 43
I vote swords! Swords are awesome!

44 MILLY 44
Parker, swords is not a theme.

Parker continues to zip off and return with stuff.

45 PARKER 45
Lawn darts!

46 MILLY 46
Not a theme.

47 PARKER 47
Raccoooooons.

48 MILLY 48
<GROANS>

49 PARKER 49
So much fun.

Milly grows more and more frustrated as the stuff Parker brings piles up around her.

50 PARKER (CONT'D) 50
Sticky hands! Fake mustaches!

51 MILLY 51
Eww.

52 PARKER 52
<GASPS!> Napkin art!

53 MILLY 53
<GASPS!>

54 PARKER 54
Rubber band balls!

55 MILLY 55
<DISGUSTED GRUNT>

56 PARKER 56
Chainsaws! Lily loves chainsaws!

It's clear Milly is concerned/worried about Parker's choices.

57 MILLY 57
Um, Parker, I don't think--

58 TILLY (O.S.) 58
Hey, girl!

Milly races over to three GRUBS that look just like her with slight variations. This is JILLY, TILLY, and BETH.

59 TILLY (CONT'D) 59
Woooo! Where's the party at?

60 MILLY 60
You're early! I am so happy you're here!

61 MILLY/JILLY/TILLY/BETH 61
<GLEEFUL LAUGHING/SCREAMING!>

The sisters "sorority" hug, super excited. Their "party wings" fan out like peacocks.

62 PARKER 62
Oh my grub! MORE Lily sisters?!

Parker squeezes himself into the group hug.

63 PARKER (CONT'D) 63
Wooo! Partay! Can't stop, won't
stop, sister. <CHUCKLES/DANCE
EFFORTS>

The sisters all stop, stare at Parker.

64 JILLY 64
Who is this cloud?

Parker still celebrates, feeling it.

65 PARKER 65
Wooooooooo!
(singing)
"Party, party, party!"

66 MILLY 66
That's Parker. Lily's best friend.
(to Parker)
Parker, these are my sisters.

67 MILLY (O.S.) (CONT'D) 67
Jilly.

68 JILLY 68
Hi.

69 MILLY (O.S.) 69
Tilly.

70 TILLY 70
Sup.

71 MILLY (O.S.) 71
And Beth.

72 BETH 72
(husky)
Yo.

73 PARKER 73
I had NO idea Lily's sisters were
so flippin' cool.

74 JILLY 74
Awww. So cute.

The four sisters turn away from Parker and go into full
planning mode as they walk off.

75 JILLY (CONT'D) 75
Okay, what do we still need for the
party? I have so many ideas.

76 TILLY 76
Me too. Like soooo many ideas.

Parker watches them go, floating over his pile of RANDOM ITEMS he's collected for the party.

77 PARKER 77
(to sisters)
I'll catch up! Just gotta put all this stuff back. Wooo-wooo! Am I right? An I riiight?!

The sisters completely ignore Parker as they disappear around the corner. Bernie suddenly runs past again.

78 BERNIE 78
I'm on fire! <TERRIFIED SCREAMS!>

Once again, realizes he is still a flame.

79 BERNIE (CONT'D) 79
Oh, right. I'm already fire. I can't believe I did that again.

He walks off, totally in his head.

80 BERNIE (CONT'D) 80
Bernie, you're fire. You stinkin' idiot.

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - DAY

The four sisters make party plans at the counter.

81 MILLY 81
Jilly, I'm putting you in charge of food and drinks.

82 JILLY 82
Love it.

83 MILLY 83
Tilly, you can handle the entertainment.

84 TILLY 84
Girl, I am the entertainment.

Tilly breaks out into a hip dance.

85 TILLY (CONT'D) 85
<DANCE EFFORTS>

86 MILLY 86
Beth, you're in charge of the guest list.

87	BETH	87
	Bet.	
88	MILLY	88
	Um, did you say Beth or bet?	
89	BETH	89
	Bet.	
	Milly shrugs.	
90	MILLY	90
	Oh, that's what I thought.	
	She turns to face the rest of her sisters.	
91	MILLY (CONT'D)	91
	Alright, girls. Wings in!	
	The sisters touch wings in the center of their circle and raise them like a cheer.	
92	MILLY/JILLY/TILLY/BETH	92
	Best Wing Ding ever!	
	Left hanging is Parker, who we didn't even notice was there.	
93	PARKER	93
	You forgot about me. What do I do?	
94	MILLY	94
	Um. Wow, okay. Um, I <i>guess</i> you can help Jilly with food and drinks.	
95	PARKER	95
	Onnnn it!	
	Milly and Tilly watch Parker excitedly zip off.	
96	MILLY	96
	Poor kid. Has no idea that when Lily gets her party wings, she's not gonna want to do all those "kiddie" things her and Parker used to do.	
97	TILLY	97
	Think we should say something to the little fluff ball?	
98	TILLY/MILLY	98
	Not it!	
99	MILLY	99
	Poor kid.	

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - BACKROOM - DAY

Jilly sets up a hipster cheese plate. Lots of classy finger foods here. She eats a fancy hors d'oeuvre with a toothpick.

100 JILLY 100
Mmm. This "charcute" is the bomb.
<TAKES ANOTHER BITE>

Parker zips in out of breath.

101 PARKER 101
Phew... okay, I got it. Was worried
for a minute... there wouldn't be
enough.

102 JILLY 102
Enough what?

103 PARKER 103
Meats on a stick.

Parker pulls out various MEATS on sticks from his being, dumping them on the table much to Jilly's dismay.

104 JILLY 104
Uh, Parker? I don't think this is a
"meat on a stick" kind of party.

105 PARKER 105
Obvy. That's why I brought... TOAST
too!

Parker unloads copious amounts of TOAST onto the table, messing everything up.

106 PARKER (CONT'D) 106
Lily's gonna be in meat and toast
heaven.

He scoops Jilly up and twirls her around.

107 PARKER (CONT'D) 107
(singing)
*"Ain't no party like a Wing Ding
Party cuz a Wing Ding party don't
quit!"*

108 JILLY 108
Oh, know what? I think Tilly said
she needed help with the
entertainment.

109 PARKER 109
Onnnn it!

Parker zips off.

110 JILLY 110
Phew.

Jilly takes in her now ruined food table.

111 JILLY (CONT'D) 111
<GROANS>

MEAT & TOAST WIPE:

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - DAY

Tilly "DJ'S" behind some turntables and mixer. The music is straight out of a Vegas club at 1am.

112 TILLY 112
<BEATBOXES> Ah yeah!

Tilly grabs a RECORD. The record IS Parker.

113 PARKER 113
Woo-woo! Parker in the hizzy! Good news, Tilly. I scored us the hottest band on all of Mt. Middlemost for Lily's Wing Ding. It's Brad and the Underbites!

Parker points over to BRAD (on guitar), STEWART (on drums), and DOLORES MOODY (on bass).

114 PARKER (CONT'D) 114
You are not ready for this, Tilly.

Stewart bangs his drumsticks and counts it off.

115 STEWART 115
A one, and a two, and a three, man...

The band kicks into a fast punk song. The song consists entirely of Brad yelling his name followed by him screaming. Then Stewart backing the scream with his own scream.

116 BRAD 116
(singing)
"BRAD! Ahhhh-uhhhhh-eeh. BRAD!
Ahhhh-uhhhhh-eeh. BRAD!"

Brad slides up to Stewart with the mic. Both scream into it.

117 BRAD/STEWART 117
(singing)
"Ahhh-uuhh-eeeeeh!"

Parker head bangs to the song.

118 BRAD (O.S.) 118
(singing)
"BRAD! Ahhhh-uhhhhh-eeh."

Tilly is at a loss for words. What is happening?

119 BRAD (CONT'D) 119
(singing)
"BRAD! BRAD! BRAD! BRAD!
BRRAAAAAAD!"

Brad <SMASHES> his guitar on the floor.

120 BRAD (CONT'D) 120
Thanks for your time.

121 PARKER 121
(to Tilly)
How's that for entertainment?

Tilly doesn't know what to say. Looks for a way out...

122 TILLY 122
Oh, wow. <NERVOUS CHUCKLE> I
totally forgot that, um, Beth
needed your help with the guest
list, Parker. Heh.

123 PARKER 123
She did? Ah, makes sense. I know
all the kewl peeps on the mountain.

124 TILLY 124
Perfect! Because a Wing Ding is a
V.I.P. exclusive event. The guest
list has to be on point.

125 PARKER 125
Don't worry. I know all the V's,
and the I's, even some P's. I
gotchu, girlfriend.

Parker zips off. Tilly realizes Brad and the band is just
standing there still.

126 BRAD 126
Sooooo is that a yes or...?

127 TILLY 127
No, Brad. No.

128 BRAD 128
<ANGRY GUITAR STRUMMING>

Stewart and Dolores share a look.

129 STEWART 129
I thought we nailed it, man.

EXT. SOMEWHERE STORE - NIGHT

It looks like a movie premiere outside the store. Beam lights
blast into the sky. A crowd waits behind velvet rope.

AT THE ENTRANCE OF STORE - CONT.

Beth, with a stunned stare, holds the GUEST LIST. Parker, dressed in party attire, smiles confidently.

130 PARKER 130
Like I told your sister, I know all
the hippest and coolest people on
the mountain. Lucky for us, they
all agreed to come!

Reveal the least cool INCIDENTALS we have (GORDY, LOLA, DRIZZ, REGGIE) dressed in what they "think" is party attire, waiting in line to get in.

131 GORDY 131
I don't know how to dance. But I'm
looking forward to trying. <DANCE
EFFORTS>

132 BETH 132
<GROANS>

Milly, Jilly, and Tilly join them. All freeze when they see the line of guests.

133 MILLY 133
Hey, Beth! How's the guest list
goooo--

134 REGGIE 134
Hi. I'm Reggie. Is this your card?

Reggie pulls out a PLAYING CARD.

135 TILLY 135
What is happening?

ANGUS, rocking a SPORT COAT, MOCK TURTLE, and GOLD CHAIN, sticks his head out from the back of the line.

136 ANGUS 136
Hey, Parker. There's gonna be food
in there, right?

137 PARKER 137
You betcha, big guy!

138 ANGUS 138
Niiice! I brought a little bag to
bring some home.

Angus holds out a DOGGY BAG.

139 PARKER 139
Good thinking!

Parker happily turns around, walking past four grubs who look far from pleased.

140 PARKER (CONT'D) 140
<HAPPY SCATTING>

Tilly and Milly share a look.

141 TILLY 141
We should say something.

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - NIGHT

The party is BUMPING! Lights, music, the whole shebang!
Reggie even pulls out another card to show Dolores.

142 REGGIE 142
Is this your card?

Parker flies into a roped off V.I.P. area of the store.

143 PARKER 143
Oh, snap! I've never been a V.I.P.
before. Wow! How am I supposed to
act? Where do I put my hands?

144 MILLY 144
Have a seat, Parker.

Parker sits. The sisters all share concerned looks. Parker
senses something wrong.

145 PARKER 145
What's, uh... what's wrong?

146 MILLY 146
Parker, when Lily is done
cocooning, she's gonna be a lot
different.

147 PARKER 147
I know. She'll have dope party
wings! Just like you.

148 MILLY 148
Which means she's gonna be more
like us. And a lot less like...

149 BETH 149
You.

150 PARKER 150
What do you mean?

151 TILLY 151
This is torture! I'm just gonna say
it. Parker, Lily's not gonna think
all this kid stuff you like is cool
anymore.

152 PARKER 152
She won't?

153 TILLY 153
Lily will have her wings. And when
a grub gets her wings, it means
they've grown up.

154 MILLY 154
She's right, kid. Lily might even
decide to move somewhere else.
Somewhere more...

155 BETH 155
Dope.

Parker's world slowly crumbles around him.

156 PARKER 156
L-leave M-Mount Middlemost?

157 TILLY 157
What's the point of having wings if
you don't spread them? I mean, we
all did. Lily won't be any
different.

The girls all nod.

158 PARKER 158
<WHIMPERS>

Parker looks out of the V.I.P. area at Lily's cocoon.

159 PARKER (CONT'D) 159
You're wrong. <SNIFFLES> Lily is
different. She's not gonna change.
I know her better than anyone.

Right then, Lily's COCOON lowers like the DISCO BALL on New
Year's Eve. The music kicks in! The light show starts.

160 MILLY 160
It's happening! Lily's coming out!

The sisters all flutter to the dance floor, anxiously
awaiting Lily's grand entrance.

161 MILLY/JILLY/TILLY/BETH 161
<EXCITED GIGGLING!>

Parker clings to the hope that Lily will emerge unchanged.

162 PARKER 162
Please don't change. Please don't
change. Please don't change. Please
don't change.

In a very Lady Gaga moment, the cocoon cracks open, and Lily
emerges into the light. There appear to be no wings.

163 PARKER (CONT'D) 163
No wings! <GASPS!> She didn't
change.

On cue, a pair of colorful party wings spring out from Lily.

164 LILY 164
Where my ladies at?

165 MILLY/JILLY/TILLY/BETH 165
AAAAHHHHHHH!

Lily and her sisters reunite and dance like nothing else
matters in the world.

166 TILLY 166
Now we can really get this party
started!

Parker watches, crestfallen. Lily looks and dances just like
her sisters. He's lost her. Lily even busts a solo move.

167 MILLY/JILLY/TILLY/BETH 167
Go, Lily! Go, Lily!

EXT. ROOF OF SOMEWHERE STORE - NIGHT

Parker sits on the roof of the store as the party rages on
below him. He wipes a tear.

168 PARKER 168
<SNIFFLES> It was fun while it
lasted, I guess. Lily and I had a
good run. Can't blame a grub for
wanting to spread her wings.
<SOBS!>

169 LILY 169
Phew. That was exhausting.

Lily, now wearing her mech suit (but still with wings), sits
down next to Parker.

170 PARKER 170
Lily? Why are you up here wasting
your time with me? Wouldn't you
rather be with your all grown up
cooler sisters? <SNIFFLES>

171 LILY 171
Are you kidding? I couldn't wait to
get out of there. Wing Dings are
not my scene. No one likes a party
pooper though, so I play along.

172 PARKER 172
But, <SNIFFLES>, you have your
party wings now, just like all your
sisters.

173 LILY 173
 These silly things?

Lily pulls her wings right off as if they were Velcroed.

174 LILY (CONT'D) 174
 They come right off, Parker. Which
 is good, because they kind of get
 in the way.

Lily <VACUUM SUCKS> the wings into her mech suit.

175 PARKER 175
 Your sisters said that you would
 change.

176 LILY 176
 Why would I change? I'm pretty
 awesome the way I am.

Parker hugs Lily.

177 PARKER 177
 You said it, Lily.

178 LILY 178
 You know what this party really
 needs?

179 PARKER 179
 Swords?

180 LILY 180
 (nods)
 Swords.

181 PARKER 181
 Ooh, ooh! And chainsaws?

182 LILY 182
 Meats on a stick!

183 PARKER 183
 Raccoons!

184 LILY 184
 Now that sounds like a party.

The two friends race off.

185 PARKER/LILY 185
 Woo-hoo!

THE END.