

Mage and Machine. Post Season 2 hiatus teaser 1.

[A brief snippet of the Mage and Machine theme plays.]

(Natterjack's office. It's a nice office. Natterjack is leaving a message for somebody.)

NATTERJACK: Natterjack speaking. (beat) Normally I prefer to give this kind of news to my clients in person, or on the phone. But as this is the only method you gave me to contact you, I suppose this message must suffice.

(Natterjack leans back in their chair.)

NATTERJACK: There were ... complications in obtaining the item you requested. My specialists had to resort to their backup plan of obtaining the most vital pieces of the object along with documentation of its mechanisms in-situ. Your bill will be adjusted accordingly. (beat) The team is on their way to my office as I record this. I'll give you further updates once I'm clear on what exactly they were able to obtain. Thank you for your patronage.

(Natterjack hits a few buttons on their computer and some kind of high tech "message sent" sound plays.)

NATTERJACK: (to themself) Cross that off my list. And now ...

(Plinio's apartment above his shop. He's passed out in bed.)

PLINIO: (snoring)

(Plinio's phone rings. It takes a while before Plinio wakes up enough to realize it.)

PLINIO: (suddenly-awakened-from-deep-sleep noises) Wha ... wha th' hell

(Plinio fumbles for his phone and answers it.)

PLINIO: (sleepy) H'lo?

NATTERJACK: (on phone) Mr. Orellano. I'm so sorry to call at this hour.

PLINIO: (waking up fast) Natterjack! Why -- is Mack --

NATTERJACK: (on phone) He's fine as far as I know. This isn't *that* kind of phone call, don't worry.

PLINIO: (sigh of relief) Okay. Thank you.

NATTERJACK: I simply wanted to advise you that due to some ... circumstances ... surrounding his work tonight, we may have need of your services at my office when he arrives.

PLINIO: (getting a little worried again) Okay. Right. Right, I'll uh ... what time is it? ... I'll grab some coffee on the way over.

NATTERJACK: (on phone) Until then.

(Natterjack hangs up.)

PLINIO: (exhausted groan) Damn it Mack, what did you do now ...

[Mage and Machine theme plays.]

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