

The Atomic Library - Good Evening Haven Hollow Season 1, Episode 7 Transcript

V.O. Live from studio 101 in Downtown Haven Hollow, it's Good Evening, Haven Hollow! with your hosts Morgan Maxley, and Elizabeth Gilead!

[News theme music]

MORGAN This is Morgan Maxley.

ELIZABETH And this is Elizabeth Gilead.

BOTH And this, is Good Evening, Haven Hollow.

ELIZABETH And boy do we have some stories for you today, don't we Morgan?

E and M **(fake newscaster laugh)**

MORGAN We sure do, Liz.

ELIZABETH Elizabeth.

[News transition music]

MORGAN First up, The Haven Hollow Healthyish Commission for those Who Survived, also known as the Triple-HCWS, has reported this week that deaths are down .2% this year.

ELIZABETH That's a staggering change from last year's 47% rise in the death rate.

MORGAN The Triple-HCWS believes that this dramatic fall in deaths could be due to the fact that all of the people who were supposed to die, already did.

ELIZABETH I never thought of it that way, but if the Triple-HCWS is reporting it -- it has to be true.

MORGAN Skeptics are saying the large divide in this statistic is more likely due to last year's Baby Boom at Haven Hollow's Holy Health Hospital.

ELIZABETH Wait, isn't a Baby boom a good thing?

MORGAN **(condescending laugh)** You would think! Joining us in studio to explain the DOWNSIDE of a Baby Boom is local contrarian Marian Valerian. Hello Marian.

MARIAN Morgan, Elizabeth. Thank you for having me on.

ELIZABETH So, you say the drop in deaths this year is NOT due to an increase in Haven Hollow inhabitant health thanks to more healthyish behavior?

MARIAN Goodness no! That's what the Triple-HCWS wants you to believe! But we all remember the Baby Boom. Due to hyper-competitive expectant mothers exposing their unborn children to STEM education audiobooks all of last year's babies were born freakishly smart!

ELIZABETH That doesn't sound so bad...

MARIAN Huh! Oh it doesn't? Well let me remind you how every child in the H5 nursery worked together and built a huge bomb out of formula and hand sanitizer. They blew a hole in the side of the Hospital and escaped into the wild!

MORGAIN Bada-bing, Bada-Baby BOOM, amirite? **(fake laugh)**

(Silence)

ELIZABETH Yeeeee, that was quite a tragedy for everyone else in the hospital. The band of babies was last seen roaming the desert east of Ember Valley. This year, however, the number of births has figuratively exploded -- with so many new eyestalks to look into, and tentacles to hold, it really does soften the blow of last year's events.

Pause, as if to look at the next camera. [SFX: papers shuffle]

ELIZABETH Let's take a break to hear a word from our sponsors!

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STU **(yelling)** VISIT SURVIVAL STU'S BAR-B-QUE BUNKER, RIGHT OFF OF ROUTE 97.5 IN IODINE CITY. WE GUARANTEE THAT ALL OF OUR MEAT IS AT LEAST MOSTLY FRESH, AND YOU'LL LOVE OUR STU'S SPECIAL SURVIVAL SAUCE -- A PROPRIETARY BLEND OF HERBS, SPICES, MINERALS, AND OF COURSE A WHOLE LOTTA LOVE. VISIT STU'S -- THE LEAST IRRADIATED BBQ IN THE WHOLE STATE OF TEXAS. **(quieter, fast talking)** Stu does not recommend that you put his special sauce in any of your orifices, regardless of how delicious it may be.

[News transition music]

ELIZABETH Welcome back to Good Evening, Haven Hollow! Here's Charlie with the financial news.

CHARLIE At this evening's market closing, the US Straw remained strong against the EU Button and the Japanese Shoelace Index. Australia, however, is seeing heavy trading on their AU Bobby Pin, and it wouldn't surprise me at all if it overtakes the Straw by next week. Back to you, Liz!

ELIZABETH I sure am glad that I have such a large stash of bobby pins! **(fake laugh)**

MORGAN And to think, we used to worry about straws ruining the oceans! **(both fake laugh)**

[News transition music]

MORGAN In local sports news, the Haven Hollow High Horsemen lost 8-2 against the Killmore Krakens. Better luck next time, kids!

ELIZABETH I heard that star quarterback, Toledo Jones, actually lost a leg during this week's game. From all of us here at GEHH, we wish you a very speedy recovery, Toledo.

MORGAN Toledo is a tough kid. The last time this happened, it took him roughly two months to regrow his limb. Doctors believe that his odds are looking very favorable for a comparable outcome.

ELIZABETH Now that's the news we all like to hear!

MORGAN Now let's go to Darby Drab with the Weather.

[News transition music]

DARBY **(very monotone voice)** There will be soot, ash, and death in the streets on Monday. Tuesday will be the same. Wednesday will be the same. Thursday will be the same. Friday, we will have thunderstorms. Saturday will be soot, ash, and death in the streets. Back to you Morgan.

MORGAN Hey Darby -- the citizens of Haven Hollow would love to know more about that crazy day last week where...

DARBY **(still monotone)** We do not speak of it.

ELIZABETH Many residents are curious if this "blue sky" phenomenon will be seen again -

DARBY **(still monotone)** We do not speak of it.

MORGAN Oh...okay!

[News transition music]

ELIZABETH Local Roller Derby gang ... team... the Haven Hollow Unholy Rollers are at it again, Morgan! Team captain Mandy Wolf says this year they aim to pillage and steal as much "cash, merchandise, and general loot " they can to help their cause,

MORGAN Who are they helping this year, Liz?

ELIZABETH Wolf says that this year's charity is the Healing Hollows College of Medicine and Beauty, where students learn everything from wound care to weaves! I sat down with Wolf recently to discuss their annual charitable raid ... campaign.

[News transition music]

ELIZABETH I'm sitting here with the Queen Unholy Roller Mandy Wolf. Mandy, tell me how you chose this year's booty recipient.

MANDY **(speaking a little rough, coughing etc.)** Well, uh, lemme tell ya, last year when my teammates would get wounded in a derby, or got their hair pulled out in a scrum the College of Medicine and Beauty could always find time to patch em up AND fix their 'dos for a reasonable fee. So we thought we would give back.

ELIZABETH Wow, that's so generous ... so tell me more about -

MANDY That's a nice necklace.

ELIZABETH This? Oh thank you. As I was saying, tell me more about -

MANDY Is it real gold?

ELIZABETH Uhhh... I think so yes. So-

MANDY Hand it over.

ELIZABETH Wh--what?

MANDY HAND IT. OVER.

ELIZABETH But - what?

[SFX: screams, television test tone]

MORGAN What a great cause! I always get my hair coiffed at the HHCMB -- the students there are top notch.

ELIZABETH Yes. We'll be back after a word from our sponsor.

[News transition music fades into screeching metal guitar for ad]

I.C. GUY HEAD ON DOWN TO IODINE CITY IN IODINE CITY FOR ALL YOUR IODINE NEEDS! DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS

PURIFYING? HAVE YOU TRIED IODINE? YOU WON'T FIND A BETTER SELECTION OF IODINE BETWEEN HERE AND SHREWSPORT! WE'VE GOT IODINE TABLETS, IODINE CAPSULES, IODINE LIQUID WITH AND WITHOUT A REGULATION IODINE DROPPER. IF IT'S IODINE YOU'LL FIND IT AT IODINE CITY! WHILE YOU'RE HERE STOP BY OUR GIFT SHOP FOR A NOVELTY IODINE MUG OR T-SHIRT! IODINE CITY IN IODINE CITY! LOCATED NEXT TO SURVIVAL STU'S BARBECUE BUNKER!

[News transition music]

ELIZABETH And we're back! Hey Morgan, you know what time it is?

MORGAN **(fake chuckle)** Is it that time already!?

ELIZABETH It's that time in the show when we bring on Ms. Bernice from the Hollow Heart Service Animal Services Coalition to show off some of their newest "recruits"!

BERNICE Thank you so much for having us on again! **[SFX: Sid the Llama is munching papers off of the desk]** Sid! No, No, **(quieter)** knock it off you big cow!

ELIZABETH Who do we have here with us today?

BERNICE Of course I had to bring Sid, since he is my service animal.

MORGAN Of Course! We are very familiar with Sid. **(fake and annoyed laugh)**

BERNICE First up today is Barnabus **[SFX: buzzing]** . He's being kept in this little cage for now, due to some issues I had recently at the Library.

ELIZABETH Haven Hollow has a Library?

MORGAN Is it off of the bike trail?

BERNICE Yes and No. ANYWAY. Barnabus would make a great friend to anyone who is in need of a small, yet intimidating, service animal.

ELIZABETH Just how I like my men **(fake laugh)**

BERNICE My next friend is Timothy, the Tiger. [SFX: tiger growls] He was originally an escapee from the Haven Hollow Zoo -- but I came to his rescue around three years ago.

ELIZABETH And it's a great thing that you did because he was eating all of the city's dogs! **(fake laugh)**

BERNICE It's not a laughing matter... Timothy feels a lot of remorse for what he did.

[SFX: Awkward paper shuffling]

MORGAN I think we should move on to the "Power of Prayer" with the Disciples of the Very Slow Rapture. Thank you, Bernice.

ELIZABETH Yes...thank you, Bernice. It's always a pleasure.

[News transition music]

MORGAN Hang on. I'm being told our guest had to cancel because he is currently being raptured.

ELIZABETH What?

MORGAN Yes, he is slowly ascending... reeeeeally slowly ... into the clouds...behind which there appears to be a saucer-shaped object. Does heaven have a shuttle bus?

ELIZABETH I don't know about that.

[SFX: the power surges and broadcast cuts out]

ELIZABETH We're back and we have breaking news! Our producer is.....

(pause...some muttering can be heard while the producer talks to the hosts)

ELIZABETH Ok - this just in! We are getting a special report from Haven Hollow Bike Trail Construction site #65..... **(listening to a producer on an earpiece)** OH -- I mean from the ... Orson Welles Community Library?

MORGAN. Huh. So we really have a Library? Where is it?

ELIZABETH I'm ... not entirely sure, but Chuck is on location -- what can you tell us, Chuck?

CHUCK First of all, it appears we DO indeed have a library! I'm in the courtyard now! A woman is lying in the path of a bulldozer! The City Manager is here, sir -- can I get a word?

CM No comment!

CHUCK The City Manager is unable to speak with us at the moment, but from what I can see, construction on the bike trail extension was supposed to start today. This extension is meant to run directly THROUGH the building, giving riders a great view, and a nice shortcut into the heart of Haven Hollow -- which is obviously the Mall.

HAZEL **(off)** YOU WILL NOT DESTROY MY LIBRARY!

Patrons **(chanting)**
2, 4, 6, 8
Libraries are ... great... places!

What do we want?
An intact children's department!
When do we want it?
Well we have it right now! We just want to keep it the way it is, really!

CHUCK Ma'am - can I have a quick word with you for Good Evening, Haven Hollow?

HAZEL Oh! Absolutely! I'm glad you all are finally paying attention to the travesty -

CHUCK Why do you hate bicycles?

HAZEL Wh - why do I ? WHAT?! NOW YOU LISTEN HERE ...!

Sound of struggle

CHUCK **(fending off Hazel who is in the background yelling things about the ridiculousness of the trail extension)** Back to you - ow! back to you in the studio Morgan! Let go! This is a really expensive jacket!

[SFX: sound of struggle then test tone]

MORGAN Well, that's what I call "fighting words!" right Liz? Liz?

ELIZABETH **(Loooong sigh)**

MORGAN Well that's all the news from Haven hollow tonight! Stay safe and join us at 6 a.m for "Good Morning Haven Hollow!"

[Closing music]

Morgan and Elizabeth talk like they forgot their mics are on.

ELIZABETH Holy crap that was bad.

MORGAN Oh god

ELIZABETH Ugh.

MORGAN I didn't even know there was still a library!

ELIZABETH Right?

ELIZABETH Gross. I mean, what the hell? This is not what I thought I would be doing after the apocalypse. Jesus.

MORGAN Ugh, this voice modulator is so uncomfortable! **[SFX: A hiss as voice modulators are removed] (voice becomes high and squeaky)**. Can you believe they have been listening to the Atomic Library?

ELIZABETH **(excruciatingly bad valley girl accent)** You mean written and produced by Chriss Chaney and Lara Tabri? As if...

MORGAN **(laughs)** oh yeah! And **(sounds like air quotes)** STARRING

Ashley Taylor as Morgan Maxley
Alisha Skelton-Donley as Elizabeth Gilead
Lara as Marian Valerian

ELIZABETH The local contrarian?

MORGAN pfff. Yeah.

ELIZABETH Oh! And what about

Erin O'Quinn as Charlie
Catherine Kelso as Darby Drab and
Aleya Stone as Chuck

MORGAN Honey, not nearly as bad as

Erin O'Quinn as Mandy Wolf
Chriss Chaney as Hazel Adams, Survival Stu AND Iodine City Guy
Q as Bernice,
And all of the above as various background characters!

ELIZABETH Just the worst! Did you know this was recorded at Innovation Pipeline?
And you can follow them on Instagram @TheAtomicLibrary, on Twitter
@AtomicLib, or communicate with staff by email at
TheAtomicLibrary@gmail.com. That is, if the internet is working that day
and you are between power surges and solar flares. Oh! And they are
ALWAYS reminding you to USE YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY? I mean -
change the SONG already!

PRODUCER **(from a sound booth)** uh guys? Your mics are hot.

ELIZABETH WHAT?!

MORGAN Oh double shrapnel!

[SFX: test tone]