

Jephael's Radical TMNT Fan Site Proudly Presents: *Nuclear Nightmare*

The following story is based on an RPG that was played out in an America Online chat room on January 15, 2000! My friend KCWindham was the GM of this group and he wanted to help me get a better understanding of how Role Playing Games are conducted, so he made up this amusing episode to act out.



Donatello portrayed by **Jeoace***

*That was my AOL screen-name back in those days.



Leonardo played by **AlliMarty**



Michaelangelo played by **AngeIFF7**



Raphael played by **Odiefan314**

Mike and Raph are watching TV, Leo is practicing and Don is in his workshop.



comes into living room
"Uh, has anyone see my pliers?"



keeps changing the channel for the sheer purpose of annoying Mike
"Yeah, sure, I stole it and hid it in my bed because I want it badly. No, I haven't seen it."



"Dude...cut that out!"



"Okay, I'll go ask Leonardo."



comes in, wiping sweat from face
"Hey, what's going on?"



makes a valiant attempt for the remote, but misses
"Raphael's being a loser, that's what's going on, bro!"



"Isn't he always being a loser?"



"Since when is it Rag on Raph day?"



sighing
"Leonardo, have you seen my wrench and pliers? I can't find them anywhere."

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"I can't really say that I've seen them anywhere, but I'd suggest looking where you left them last."



"That was two days ago though, I can't really recall too well!"

Splinter enters the living room and says "I sense a great evil is about to come to pass."
Just then the TV news anchor says "And in other news, the National Geographic series Rodent Mating Habits was canceled due to bad ratings."
A bereft Splinter screams "NOOOOOOOOOO!!!!"



"That IS a great evil!"



sighs
"Master, what sort of evil are you really speaking of?"

Splinter replies "I am uncertain, but I have a feeling Shredder is behind it."
NEWS ANCHOR: "This is a special news bulletin..."



"Mike, I TOLD you that would happen if you kept changing channels like that."



"Be quiet, Raph! I want to hear this."



smirks at Raphael

NEWS ANCHOR: "There is a burgerlary... sorry, burglary in progress at the military base outside the city."



"Oh no! All those poor burgers!"



"A burglary at a military base?! This sounds like a Shredder caper all right!"

NEWS ANCHOR: "April O' Neil is on the scene just outside."
APRIL: "This is April O'Neil at what appears to be a robbery in progress by two monsters. This reporter will go to get a closer loo-"
April's camera fizzles out and the screen goes blank.



"Well Turtles, let's get going!"



"Right, April and the city are counting on us!"

The turtles arrive on the scene and they find the news van with its doors shut tight.

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"April, are you all right? What's going on?"



opens the door

The Turtles find Vernon Fenwick in the fetal position, shaking in a puddle of his own urine and crying "MOMMY!"



"Oh, good Lord!"



abruptly shuts the van door
"Well, nothing unusual here!"



"Uhm. Well...like.....just um."



"Shouldn't we try questioning him or something, Raphael?"



"Oh fine."
re-opens door
"Vernie, come on out, buddy"



attempts to help Vernon out of the van

Vernon shudders at the sight of Donatello. "Don't hurt me! Please! I'm too young and important to die!"



"Relax, Vernon. It's just us Turtles!"



"Vernon, could you fill us in on what happened here?"

VERNON: "Two monsters got April!"



"And you just sat here and PEED?!"



"Bravery is not always an easy path, Raph."

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"I think it's never been a TRODDEN path for him. Well, looks like we need to rescue April. So which way did the monsters head?"

VERNON: "They're still inside! I was too scared to pay attention!"



"Well that makes things easy. Thanks for the info, buddy!"
shuts the van door again



"Boy if that guy was a cat, he would have lost up to 8 lives by now!"



AlliMarty had to temporarily leave the chat, so **KCWindham** took the part of Leonardo for the following scenes

LEONARDO: "Let's get inside. April is depending on us." *heads in quietly*



heads in



follows his brothers tip-toed

The turtles hear some noises down a hallway to the right.



sneaks towards the hallway with both sais out



whips out bo staff
"I don't like this guys"

Inside are the two hideous monsters, none other than Shredder's two hench mutants.

ROCKSTEADY "Duh! I, Captain Andromeda will conquer your Zarconian empire!"

BEBOP "No way! My space fleet will blast you to space bits!"

BEBOP "What does, NUKE ARMED mean?"

ROCKSTEADY "It means I'm winning!"

BEBOP "Oh yeah?? Well watch this!"

Bebop disarms the nuke which is right next to where they have April tied up.



"This could be bad. We should intervene, no?"



"You okay, Michaelangelo? You've been awful quiet this whole time."



"I'm okay."

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Leonardo draws his swords and shouts "TURTLE POWER!!!"
BEBOP: "The toitles!! Let's get 'em!"



"We have a special offer, today only, we'll kick your butt ABSOLUTELY FREE!"
kicks Bebop in the stomach



slams bo staff into Bebop's nose

Bebop attempts to swing a punch, while Rocksteady starts firing away with his laser blaster. Leonardo manages to free April amid the chaos.
APRIL: "Thank goodness! They were playing with that new nuclear bomb!"



"April! Durette, are you okay?"

APRIL: "I'm fine thanks to you guys!"
Rocksteady continues to fire.



"I never liked those lasers."



slashes Rocksteady's pants off

Rocksteady stops firing as he realizes they can all see he has on underwear with hearts all over.



"There's something I never needed to see."



laughs and points at Rocksteady



AlliMarty returned and resumed playing Leonardo at this point.



looks for someone to hand the nuclear bomb thingy to



"Here, let me take that."
grabs bomb from Raphael

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"Dudes, let's not start a game of nuclear hot potato!"



stares at the buttons
"Boy this thing sure has some complex circuitry."



"Bro...if that was meant to make me feel better...it didn't work."

While the Turtles are examining the bomb, Bebop and Rocksteady escape.



"Wussies! So now what?"



struggling to keep the bomb in his arms
"Hey guys, give me a soft place to put this thing on."



"Somewhere soft?"



points to Raphael's head



"Nah, too soft."



Sadly, this group disbanded a short time later, so I never got to play another story with them.

Around the year 2002, a friend from the Technodrome Forums (who I'll refer to as *Toby*) decided to start a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles RPG with me. However it was a much different experience. For one we had no GM to tell a coherent story, so we were just making it up as we went along. *Toby* called dibs on Donatello from the very start, while I played Michelangelo. Other players would join in, taking on the roles of Leonardo and Raphael, as well as some original characters made specifically for this game, which quickly took a rather strange turn into the realm of "erotic alien furry fan fiction". I really didn't feel all that comfortable with it, but I didn't want to leave the group.

Eventually they told me that they didn't care for the way I was portraying Mikey, so I was replaced with a different player. Shortly afterwards, *Toby's* group got tired of putting the Turtles into these kinky escapades and tried a more intense story centering around a zombie apocalypse. I was invited back to take on the role of a boy mutated into a dog who meets up with other mutated people at Casey's farm where we'd meet the Turtles and Casey's adopted daughter Shadow, though sadly Casey and April had already died at the hands of killer zombies.

That story got old quick, so we decided to give our little group one last try, but this time we went with a story about the Teen Titans, with no reference to the previous TMNT stories. *Toby* played Knightwing (Dick Grayson, aka the original Robin) while I played Beast Boy. Just like with my portrayal of Michelangelo, they weren't to happy with how I handled Beast Boy, and inevitably our little ragtag RPG group disbanded.

Someday I hope to start a brand new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles RPG, utilizing the classic Palladium RPG books featuring the TMNT as they appeared in the original black and white Mirage comics.

- Jephael; May, 2023