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Dramatis Personae

ACTOR 1: ANNOUNCER

ACTOR 2: ROCK, HALF EATEN BAG OF TRAIL MIX

ACTOR 3: PAPER, PEACH, FROZEN DINOSAUR SHAPED CHICKEN NUGGET

ACTOR 4: SCISSORS, PRINTER

ACTOR 5: CLOTHESPIN, ROLL OF TAPE IN PLASTIC DISPENSER

ANNOUNCER

Ladies and gentlemen! Welcome to our story: The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors. Before we begin, I should offer a few words about what you are about to see. I don't want to oversell the quality of this piece of art we are all about to experience. Or raise your expectations to an unreasonable level. However, I think it is fair to say, with all appropriate modesty, that this show is the greatest show ever written in the history of everything. And though it is new, all legends must begin somewhere. And this production's greatness shall someday be legendary. As legendary as the great Champions you are about to meet. Wait...wait. I'm so sorry. I failed to mention that this is a musical production. As such... Maestro, if you please:

MUSIC CUE: 01 - "The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors"
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Three modern day gladiators with one goal. To find a truly worthy opponent to defeat in battle.

ANNOUNCER

ONCE UPON A TIME

THERE WERE WARRIORS THREE

SEPARATELY SEARCHING

FOR THE ONE THAT'S TRULY

A MATCH FOR THEIR SPEED, STRENGTH AND BRAINS

A WORTHY FOE

THEY TRAVELED THE LANDS

OF THE HOUSE AND THE YARD

NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED

THEY LOOKED NEAR THEY LOOKED FAR

EVERY NOW AND AGAIN
A BRAVE SOUL WOULD STRUGGLE TO BEST THEM
THEY WOULD FIGHT ALL NIGHT IN VAIN
BUT WHEN THE MORNING CAME
IT WASN'T EVEN CLOSE, YEAH, NO QUESTION

ROCK

I SEARCH THE WORLD
TO TEST MY METTLE
UNTIL I FIND MY MATCH
I SHALL ALWAYS FEEL
UNSETTLED

SCISSORS

I'VE WONDERED SINCE BIRTH
IS THERE NO ONE WHO'S WORTH
MY TIME IN THE RING?
I'M AS SHARP AS A KNIFE
AND FOR ALL OF MY LIFE
THE LACK OF AN EQUAL
IS MIND BOGG-A LING!

PAPER

MY NAME IS PAPER, Y'ALL
AND I ALWAYS ANSWER THE CALL
I'LL COVER THEM UP
SMOTHER THEM UP
BUT THEY BETTER GET THEIR HOOKS IN
CAUSE YOU KNOW I'M NOT LOOKIN' FOR A TREATY
I WANNA FIND SOMEONE WHO THINKS THEY CAN BEAT ME

ROCK AND SCISSORS

FIND SOMEONE WHO THINKS THEY CAN BEAT ME!

ALL THREE

I JUST WANNA FIND
SOMEONE WHO CAN MATCH ME
STEP FOR STEP

BLOW FOR BLOW

I JUST WANNA FIND
(JUST WANT TO FIND SOMEONE)
AN EQUAL WHO WILL THRILL ME
MOVE FOR MOVE
GO THE DISTANCE WITH PERSISTANCE
GROOVE FOR GROOVE
HEAD TO HEAD AND TOE TO TOE
THROW FOR THROW

ANNOUNCER

(spoken)

Ladies and Gentlemen, our heroes, Rock, Paper, Scissors!

ROCK

MY STRENGTH IS OVERPOWERING

PAPER

YOU'RE GONNA FEEL A WHOLE LOT SORRIER
IF YOU UNDERESTIMATE THIS PULP WARRIOR

ROCK

OVER ALL I AM JUST TOWERING

SCISSORS

I WORRY THAT MY UNMATCHED TECHNIQUE
WILL KEEP ME FROM FINDING THE ONE I SEEK

ALL THREE

AM I DESTINED FOR GREATNESS ALL ON MY OWN?
SPENDING DAY AFTER DAY, AFTER DAY ON MY THRONE
ALONE!

I JUST WANNA FIND
SOMEONE WHO CAN MATCH ME
STEP FOR STEP
BLOW FOR BLOW

I JUST WANNA FIND

(JUST WANT TO FIND SOMEONE)
 AN EQUAL WHO WILL THRILL ME
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(Rock, Paper and Scissors exit dejectedly)

MUSIC CUE: 01a - "The LRPS Playoff"

ANNOUNCER

Yes, these are our heroes. Rock. Paper. Scissors. They are the central characters in this epic tale the likes of which has never been brought to the stage. At this point I would also like to point out that now that you've listened to one whole song, there will be no refunds. Now let us meet these brave champions.

MUSIC CUE: 01b - "Announcer Transition 1"

First, in the Kingdom of Backyard, there lives a mighty warrior. A granite gladiator of greatness and grandeur. He prowls this Backyard Kingdom in search of a worthy adversary. He is alone. And, much like his igneous relatives, there is hole inside of him. Something is missing in his life. But what it could be eludes him. And so he fills each day with battle after battle. Let's hear it for *(music)* Rock!

MUSIC CUE: 02 - "Rock Star!"

ROCK

MAMA SAID WE'RE A FAMILY OF ROCKS
 AIN'T NO SHAME IN IT
 GROWING UP ON OUR BLOCK
 WHAT YOU CALL THE BACKYARD
 WE CALL THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS
 AND I'VE BEEN MAKIN' A GAME OF IT
 EVER SINCE MY FIRST SHOT

MAMA TOLD ME IF YOU BELIEVE
 AND IF YOU WORK HARD
 SOMEDAY YOU MIGHT GO VERY FAR

AND BE A ROCK STAR
 A STAR ROCK!
 KING OF THIS LAND
 BIG DOG ON THE BLOCK
 ROLL ME ANY CHALLENGE, NO WORRIES
 ALWAYS GET DOWN A LITTLE BIT DIRTY
 AND WHEN I'M DONE YOU'RE GONNA SEE LITTLE BIRDIES
 ROCK STAR!

(dance break)

NOT A COOLER STONE WILL YOU FIND
 ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN' IT
 BLOWIN' YOUR MIND
 QUICK MOVES AND DENSITY
 COMES AT YOU INTERTWINED
 I'VE BEEN BREAKIN' AND BOWLIN' IT
 EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE

YES MAMA I STILL BELIEVE
 WHEN YOU WORK REAL HARD
 THE POWER OF YOUR SKILLS CAN BE SCARY
 YOUR OPPONENT'S GONNA BE RATTLED AND WARY
 AND THEY'RE GONNA GET A TASTE OF THIS SEDIMENTARY

ROCK STAR
 A STAR ROCK!
 KING OF THIS LAND
 BIG DOG ON THE BLOCK
 ROLL ME ANY CHALLENGE, NO WORRIES
 ALWAYS GET DOWN A LITTLE BIT DIRTY
 AND WHEN I'M DONE YOU'RE GONNA SEE LITTLE BIRDIES
 ROCK STAR!
 ROCK STAR!
 ROCKITY ROCKITY ROCK!
 ROCK STAR!

ROCK

Who will challenge me? Are there none who dare to challenge the great and all-powerful Rock?

PEACH