TILLY

What's new?

TULLY

Same ol' crap.

TEDDY

Still hate my life.

TROMVUL

I convinced my colony to start a worker rotation program. No one ever has to be on skinning duty for more than a day a month. We get three times as much done as the colonies around us, and have one fifth the maulings.

TILLY

(off TULLY)

Same here.

TROMVUL

One fifth!

TEDDY

What a life.

TILLY

How are the jobs?

TROMVUL

I try to help out with the lower positions, but they really want me in charge of the aquarium.

TULLY

I'm tied to that drill-

TEDDY

Boring.

TULLY

Yes, boring away.

TILLY

I as well. Time will make fools of us all.

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 \mathtt{TULLY}

Were any of you married?

TILLY

Never.

TEDDY

Finished.

TROMVUL

Twice.

TULLY

Still together?

TROMVUL

She died in the apocalypse.

TILLY

Anyone with anyone?

TULLY

It's hard.

TEDDY

Occasionally.

TROMVUL

Now? Yes.

TILLY

Tully, you must be with someone. The wo/men always loved you!

TULLY

Me? No, you're thinking of Teddy, that sexpot.

TEDDY

Never kept 'em. You were always the hot one Tilly.

TILLY

No, that was Tully.

TEDDY Tilly. TILLY Tully. TEDDY Tilly TULLY Tully. TILLY Tromvul, how's your dog? That puppy loved my leg. TEDDY (not hearing TILLY) Maybe it was me. I was very athletic. TROMVUL Oh, we had to do that thing, um, what do you call it... TULLY (in response to TEDDY) The few remaining members of the opposite sex left only want the opposite of sex. TROMVUL (remembering) Castration...? TULLY (to TEDDY) How are the kids?

TILLY

(to TROMVUL)

Neutered.

TEDDY

Good. Quite good.

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