

## **Who When Wow, Season 2, Episode 12**

### **Stonehenge**

**Carly.** Psst! Hey! It's your favorite secret host here, from your favorite secret podcast. Today we've got special sunrises, weird rock sounds, ancient archeology -- AND a surprise special guest along for the ride. Stay tuned, I'm Carly Q, and this is Who When Wow, Mystery Edition!

(THEME SONG)

(Soundbite office noise, phones ringing)

**Carly.** When I got into work this morning, I did something highly...UNUSUAL ... I went LOOKING for my coworker Lewis.

**Carly.** Good morning!Lewis?Lewis? Anyone seen Lewis today?

**Carly.** See I never really had a chance to talk with him since he saw me coming out of the time elevator, and I didn't want him blabbing to anyone, so I had to find him quick. Linda, do you know where Lewis is?

**Linda.** Hm, Lewis? want me to give him a message?

**Carly.** No message thanks, nothing is up at all, everything is totally cool and totally perfect.

**Carly in background.** But I also had to play it cool with our other coworkers.

**Carly.** Lewis did not catch me doing something that could get me fired from my job. Why would you even think that? No way. I gotta go.

(Soundbite of walking down to basement and door closing.)

**Carly.** Phew!

**Carly.** Luckily, as soon as I got downstairs.

**Lewis.** Oh hiiiiii Carly Q.

**Carly.** I found Lewis there waiting for me! Lewis! Hi! So, um, about that

**Lewis.** I'm gonna cut right to the chase Carly Q: now that we both know you're secretly using the time elevator on your lunch breaks, I think it's time you bring me along with you.

**Carly.** What?! No!

**Lewis.** Yes! If you're going back in time, I wanna go too!

**Carly.** But you don't even know WHY I'm going back in time.

**Lewis.** Well I don't know for sure, but my guuuuesssss is you're going back to investigate time sealed mysteries.

**Carly.** You are so wrong.

**Carly in background.** How does he know me so well?!

**Carly.** Ugh Lewis, how do you know me so well?

**Lewis.** Because you're not the only one who gets curious about all of the bleeped-out files around here.

**Carly.** And like clockwork.

(Soundbite of a thumb drive drops down a vacuum tube.)

**Audio File.** Event: April 1920 (BLEEP) in Wiltshire, England (BLEEEP) Bluestones (BLEEEEEEP)

**Lewis.** Well look at that.

**Carly.** Any idea what it's referring to?

**Lewis.** Hmmm, I'm not sure I should say. Is this a test?

**Carly.** No. Maybe. Yes?

**Lewis.** You say first.

**Carly.** Oh Okay, so you have no idea either! H-dad?

**H-dad.** H-dad, powering on!

**Carly.** I entered in the keywords from the event and.

(Soundbite of Carly typing.)

**H-dad.** This file most likely refers to the megalithic site Stonehenge, a prehistoric circle of stones whose purpose remains unclear.

**Lewis.** Whoa. Tell us more, tell us more!

**H-dad.** Analyzing...analyzing...analyzing.

**Lewis.** Is it always like this?

**Carly.** Unfortunately, yes. But wow, a mysterious stone circle? I wonder what it's for. Maybe predicting the future? Oooh, or teleportation? or maybe it has something to do with ALIENS?!?

**Lewis.** "Aliens"? Seriously?

**Carly.** You sound like Nibbles.

**Lewis.** Who?

**Carly.** Speaking of Nibbles.

(Soundbite of rat squeaking)

**Carly.** Just then, she popped up from the potted plant by my desk. I could tell by the way she was squeaking that she wasn't exactly thrilled about this whole Lewis situation.

(Soundbite of rat squeaking)

**Carly.** I know, I know, Nibs, but maybe he'll be helpful.

**Lewis.** Uhh, first off, of couuuuurse I'll be helpful. And B, why are you talking to a rat? It can't understand you! And it's gross!

**Carly.** She can definitely understand me. When we go back in time, she talks, like human English talks, okay?!

**Lewis.** When “we” go back in time? I sure hope that includes ME, Carly Q, otherwise I’m proooooobably gonna have to tell the bosses about this.

**Carly.** Ugh, Okay, fine. I’ll let you come this one time. Come back down at lunch and I’ll bring you along.

**Lewis.** Yay! Sounds great, see you then.

(Soundbite of footsteps walking up.)

**Carly.** Once he left me alone, I was finally able to get some work done before lunch. Alright files, let’s file some files! And a quick three and a half hours later.

**P.A Voice.** Attention, Butthead employees: Chow time is now time!

**Carly.** Lunch!

(Soundbite footsteps coming down.)

**Lewis.** I’m heeeeeere! We doing this?

**Carly.** Is that a suitcase? What are you doing?

**Lewis.** What, this old thing? I just wanted to be prepared. I’ve got snacks, a hydro flask, camelback, lip balm, sunblock, change of clothes, first aid kit, personal flotation device, butterfly net, more snacks.

**Carly.** You do realize we are only going for lunch break, right?

**Lewis.** Fine, I’ll leave the suitcase here. But I’m bringing the lip balm! Nobody likes to be chapped.

**Carly.** Obviously. Wait have you tried their coconut flavor?

**Lewis.** It’s amazing!

**Carly.** And finally, along with Nibbles and H-DAD, we took off for the elevator.

(Soundbite of walking to elevator and then a ding.)

**Carly.** Hi Odie!

**Odie.** Hello basement compani-Oh.Lewis. Hello.

**Lewis.** Odie. Hi.

**Odie.** My arch-nemesis from the company bowling party two years ago.

**Carly.** Wait. Lewis is your arch-nemesis? That's so weird! He's MY arch-nemesis too! High-five!

**Odie.** I don't high five.

**Carly.** I respect your boundary.

**Lewis.** Um, I'm your arch nemesis?

**Carly.** Shh. Never mind. You didn't hear that.

**Odie.** Basement companion, what is this?

**Carly.** Lewis figured out I've been secretly using the elevator and he told me I have to bring him back in time with me today or he's gonna tell the bosses.

**Lewis.** Just to be clear, I would neeeever rat you out, Odie. Just her.

**Odie.** I don't approve of anyone ratting out anyone, but.

**Carly.** Folks! Nibbles is right here! Words matter, people!

**Odie.** My apologies, Nibbles.

(Soundbite of rat squeaking)

**Odie.** Lewis, if basement companion wants you to come along, I won't stop you. But you must heed the rules: When you go to the past you can't try and change or stop anything. You can observe, witness, ask questions, but that's it. And remember that you can always return to the elevator to fast-forward to another date on the file.

**Carly.** Got it (whisper) This is where you also say "Got it."

**Lewis.** You can't tell me what to say. I can say whatever I want. Got it.

**Carly.** There you go.

**Odie.** So when and where are you going?

**Carly.** England, 1920, Stonehenge!

**Odie.** Ahh yes. The mysterious stone circle in Wiltshire.

**Carly.** Know anything about it?

**Odie.** Not much. It's a fascinating monument, but it inspires many questions. How was it built? And why?

**Carly.** Questions WE are gonna answer today!

**Lewis.** Thanks to me, I'm sure.

**Carly.** Oh brother.

**Odie.** Just remember you two: Sharing the sun can move stone.

(Soundbite of wind chimes.)

**Lewis.** I'm sorry, what?

**Odie.** Okay here you go. Be careful what you wish for Lewissss.

(Soundbite of elevator ding and then travel noises.)

**Lewis.** Does she always say something like thaaaaaat.....?

(Soundbite of elevator landed and then travel ding.)

**Carly.** We made it! We're here!

**Lewis.** Oohhhh boy is the elevator ride always so...bumpy?

**Carly.** You get used to it. Are...you okay?

(Soundbite of stomach gurgling.)

**Lewis.** I'm fine. I'm fine! I think.

(Soundbite of stomach gurgling.)

**Carly.** Just concentrate on your surroundings. Look at all the interesting... grass around us. And the... rain clouds.

**Nibbles.** It's clannier than a summer in San Francisco!

**Lewis.** Ahh! The rat can talk!

**Nibbles.** (mocking him)Ahh! He can talk!

**Carly.** Believe me now?

**Lewis.** Okay so your rat friend really can understand you, point taken. And we also just went back in time. This is a lot.

**Nibbles.** (sniffs) Smells like the 1920's to me.

**Carly.** All around us was an empty plain. There wasn't anything very exciting, except for the big stone structure off in the distance.

**Lewis.** Okay, feeling better, I think. But, that's it? That's Stonehenge? It's so..basic, it looks like Caveman Ikea.

**Carly.** Things in the past don't always look like you expect them to.

**Lewis.** Well even if that's all there is, I guess we should go take a look, yeah?

**Nibbles.** Look at this guy thinking he's running the show.

**Carly.** Right?

**Lewis.** Okay, so?

**Carly.** So, I guess we should go take a look!

**Nibbles.** Great idea Carly!

**Carly.** As we got closer we were able to make out more details. The site was made up of an outer ring of giant stone pillars, some of them with horizontal cross beams on top, and then more stones in a circle in the center.

**Nibbles.** Where did they get all those rocks from? They're so big!

**Carly.** Some of the center pillars were even bigger than the outer ones. But there were a lot of smaller rocks scattered around too.

**Lewis.** It's... not exactly in great shape. Why are so many of the stones all collapsed or falling over?

**Nibbles.** I don't know inspector, maybe because it's, hmmm, thousands of years old?

**Carly.** Okay you two, play nice.

**Nibbles.** How about if I just play possum and take a nap in the backpack?

**Carly.** Hey that guys waving us over.

**Lewis.** I dont like talking to strangers

**Carly.** You do today.

**William.** Hallo! You must be the additional crew sent over by the Office of Works.

**Lewis.** Uh, what -- OWW!

**Carly.** Yes! Yes we are.

**Lewis.** Why did you just pinch me?

**Carly.** Please excuse my associate here, it's his first day on the job.

**William.** Ah. Welcome!

**Carly.** I'm Carly, this is Lewis. And you must be?

**William.** William Hawley of course, the archeologist!

**Carly.** Right,right, right of course. Now okay could you remind us of what exactly you're archeologizing out here?



**William.** This land was recently transferred to public ownership. The government hired me to restore the falling stones and conduct some excavations.

**Lewis** .Okay,so you work with rocks. Got it.

**Carly.** You're saying that Stonehenge now belongs to all of us, the people, and that the government hired you to fix the broken parts?

**William.** That's right... I've just mostly been doing it alone. Here, let me show you where to get started.

**Carly.** William took us to a ditch over by the outer ring of stones. He gave us shovels and told us to start digging, to see if there were any other stones buried under the soil.

**Lewis.**C arly, what, is happening? We're working? Over lunch time? In DIRT?!

**Carly.** Shh! We're investigating!

**Lewis.** I just don't get it. This whole thing, it's just, rocks?

**Carly.** You are hopeless. The archeologist is coming back.

**William.** So what do you two know about the bluestones?

**Carly.** Uh, the what?

**William.** The bluestones. Those heavy stones you're working next to, they're not from anywhere around here.

**Carly.** Where are they from?

**Lewis.** Uhhhhh, how about the earth? Duh?

**William.** These rocks came from hundred of miles away, at least. The ancient people who built this place had to laboriously drag them here. It would have taken months.

**Carly.** Why go to all that trouble? I mean, what exactly was Stonehenge even built for?

**William.** Some archaeologists think the Romans built it as a temple to worship the Gods. Others think it was the Druids.

**Lewis.** I'm sorry. Druids? Are they a band or something?

**William.** Hah. Uh... No. The druids were the people who lived here earlier, around 300 BC. But I suspect all of this is even older.

**Carly.** How much older?.

**William.** I believe construction here began more like 3000 BC.

**Carly.** Whoa! That is old.

**William.** And based on my recent discovery of cremated human remains here, I'm wondering if it wasn't a temple so much as a cemetery.

**Lewis.** Ooooh spooky.

**Nibbles.** (whispers) Maybe that's what's been time sealed, this guy's discovery of the human remains.

**Lewis.** Weren't you napping Ratso?

**Carly.** Shh you two!

**William.** And just yesterday I found this antler pick buried in the soil.

**Carly.** He held up a deer antler, about the size of my arm.

**Lewis.** It looks like a stick.

**William.** No, a pick! It was used as a shovel to cut into the chalky ground. It's an old construction method. Very old, it was used even before the Druids, helping prove my theory of how old this place is!

**Lewis.** Okay all of this old Druid antler talk is suuuper interesting, and I'm obviously looooooving all this hard digging work you're having us do. But we're still unclear, why was all this built in the first place?

**Carly.** Right, like if it was just a cemetery, why drag the heavy bluestones from so far away?

**William.** Well the other main theory is that Stonehenge may have been an astronomical observatory.

**Carly.** An observatory?! What do you mean?

**William.** Stonehenge is laid out in a very particular way, matching up to the sun and other stars. For instance, the layout of the stones perfectly lines up with the sunrise on the summer solstice.

**Lewis.** The summer solstice, like in June?

**Carly.** The longest day of the year!

**William.** And a magical day here at Stonehenge it is! On that one day, the sun rises right next to the "Heelstone" - that's the big stone over there, just outside the main circle - with the sun's rays shining right into the heart of Stonehenge itself.

**Lewis.** Whoa.

**Carly.** Uh, could you excuse us a minute? Lewis, over here.

**Lewis.** What's up?

**Carly.** I think we gotta go see that summer solstice for ourselves.

**Lewis.** Oh, so, another trip in the time elevator. Fuuuuuun.

**Carly.** William! Thank you for telling us all about this place, but we have to get going.

**William.** What?

**Carly.** I think there was a, uh, mix-up back at the office. But good luck with your work here!

**William.** Uh...thank you?

**Carly.** You're welcome!

**Carly.** Lewis and I ran back to the elevator, where I punched in the date for the next summer solstice.

(Soundbite of running.)

**Carly.** Ok so we're here in April 1920, so the summer solstice is just a couple months away. June 21st, 1920 here we come!

(Soundbite of elevator travel noise then a ding.)

**Lewis.** Ohhhhhh boy, okay, I'm... maybe... starting to get used to that.

**Carly.** After Lewis' stomach stopped gurgling, we started making our way back to Stonehenge. We could see a crowd of people gathered there, locals and tourists, a few kids. Everyone looked very excited.

**Lewis.** Is that... a party?

**Carly.** That's it, that's the solstice celebration! Come on let's take a look and see if we can collect some more evidence.

**Nibbles.** Speaking of evidence, got any more info yet from your dad machine?

**Carly.** Hm Good call Let's check! H-dad, theories on why Stonehenge was built?

**H-dad.** Theory One: a symbol of peace and unity between warring tribes. Peace sign emoji

**Carly.** A peace monument! I like it.

**H-dad.** Theory Two: a holy site for healing, that ancient people would make pilgrimages to. Dr.Emoji, he works on my mainframe.

**Lewis.** Uhh?

**Carly.** A pilgrimage, it's like a religious journey to a special place.

**Nibbles.** Like me, when I go to the cheese store.

**Lewis.** Oh come on, you don't go to the cheese store.

**Nibbles.** Well not anymore, now I just order online.

**Carly.** We had finally arrived back at Stonehenge, but we still had a few minutes before sunrise.

**Carly.** Great theories H-dad, but the problem is, none of those explain why it has to be HERE. Even if this area is special, like with how it lines up with the sunrise, why drag those heavy bluestones from so far away?

**Lewis.** Maybe it's something about the stones themselves.

**Carly.** We maneuvered our way through the crowd.

**Carly in background.** Excuse me, Sorry!

**Carly.** Until we found a stone. We inspected it very thoroughly, but it just felt like regular rock.

**Nibbles.** Lemme take a sniff...sniffs..Hmm, nothing unusual there.

**Carly.** So it doesn't look weird, or smell weird, or feel weird.

**Nibbles.** Don't look at me, I'm not tasting it.

**Lewis.** What about the sound?

**Carly.** He picked up a small rock and tapped it against the bluestone, and to our surprise.

(Soundbite of bell ringing.)

**Lewis.** Whoa!

**Carly.** Good call, Lewis!

**Nibbles.** Did that rock just ring like a bell?

**Carly and Lewis.** Yes!

**Carly.** Let's go test some more.

(Soundbite of bells ringing.)

**Lewis.** They all do it!

**Nibbles.** This is incredible!

**Carly.** H-dad what is this? How are these rocks ringing?

**H-dad.** Lithophonic stone: rocks that resonate like a bell when struck. Sometimes used for healing purposes in holistic medicine or religious ceremonies.

**Carly.** I wonder if this is the answer to why this is all here! You know if the location is special because of the sunrise alignment, and the rocks are special because of the ringing, Lewis are you following? maybe that explains why they were brought here.

**Nibbles.** It would also explain Odie's riddle.

**Carly.** That's right! Of course!

**Lewis.** Wait, riddle? What riddle?

**Carly.** You know that little glorious nugget of wisdom Odie dropped on us before sending us back in time?

**Nibbles.** He's really got a lot of catching up to do, huh.

(Soundbite of wind chimes.)

**Odie.** Sharing the sun can move stone.

**Lewis.** Ohhh that riddle.

**Carly.** Hey look! Sunrise!

(Soundbite of ohhs and ahhs from a crowd.)

**Lewis.** Look at it, it's beautiful!

**Carly.** And it matches up perfectly to Stonehenge! The rays of sunlight are lining up directly with the stone pillars!

**Lewis.** This light is absolutely incredible.

**Nibbles.** For once Lewis, I actually agree with you.

**Lewis.** It really makes my skin glow. Look! I'm not washed-out or anything!

**Nibbles.** Well, that didn't last long

**H-dad.** Incoming message from Butthed-quarters.

**Nibbles.** Oh no.

**P.A. Voice.** Lunch time ends in 5 minutes. Finish the chowing, chewing and chomping and get back to work!

**Carly.** Alright, time to go.

**Lewis.** That's it?

**Carly.** That's it!

**Carly.** We hightailed it back to the elevator, and moments later.

**Lewis.** Alright here we go, Oh no, why didn't I take any pictuuures...?

(Soundbite of travel noises and elevator ding.)

**Odie.** (excited) Basement companion! (not excited) Lewis.

**Calry and Lewis.** Hi Odie.

**Odie.** How was Stonehenge?

**Carly.** Incredible! An archeologist taught us all about its history and how it lines up with the summer solstice.

**Lewis.** We saw a beautiful sunrise, like truly one of THE MOST amazing sunrises EVER. Top ten, definitely.

**Carly.** And we figured out the bluestone rocks all have a special ringing ability.

**Lewis.** Like a bell!

**Carly.** I would NEVER have thought to think about LISTENING to the rocks

**Lewis.** Yeah, the idea just CAME TO ME.

**Carly.** And it was TOTALLY the right idea. Honestly Lewis,I am impressed.You broke the whole thing open.

**Lewis.** I know.

**Carly.** Ok relax.

**Odie.** What a good team you two seem to make.

**Lewis.** Who, us?

**Carly.** There's lots of theories for Stonehenge's true purpose, but I think YOU might have had an inkling yourself.

**Odie.** Who,me?

**Carly.** Yeah, with your riddle! "Sharing the sun can move stone", you meant that building Stonehenge to align with the sun could have been what motivated the builders to drag the stones from so far away.

**Odie.** Huh. I guess I did say that, didn't I? I wonder what else I meant by that. Well, you two should probably be getting back to work now, eh?

**Lewis.** Ugh, do we have to?

**Carly.** We have to. Come on Lewis.

**Odie.** Have a pleasant rest of your day.

(Soundbite of Carly and Lewis walking back to her desk.)

**Lewis.** Wow, what a fun lunch break. I mean, not like, the most fun I've ever had, obviously. But a pretty okay time, I guess.

**Carly.** Uh, nice try Lewis. I can see straight through you, you had the BEST time.

**Lewis.** I mean not the BEST best time.

**Carly.** You know, if you want, I...guess you could come with me again sometime.

**Lewis.** Wait, really?



**Carly.** Yeah, it's like Odie said, right? Sharing the sun can move stone.

**Lewis.** Huh?

**Carly.** The thing about her riddles Lewis is they mean more than one thing. So it's not just about Stonehenge. It's also about how a shared experience means you can do things together that are otherwise impossible.

**Lewis.** So?

**Carly.** So, maybe by sharing in these adventures, we can do some cool things together! Like as a team.

**Lewis.** Huh. I guess that does sound pretty cool. But you're making me feel really bad for threatening to tell the bosses on you. That was... not the coolest thing I've ever done.

**Carly.** Agreed.

**Lewis.** I 'm sorry. I guess I should probably get back to work now, but your secret is safe with me Carly Q.

**Carly.** I'm glad to hear it. See you later Lewis!

(Soundbite of Lewis walking up the stairs.)

**Carly.** Well that's what I call an adventure with a capital A people. I can't believe I spent the whole day with Lewis and actually kind of liked it! I guess it just goes to show, you never really know someone until you go back in time with them to explore an ancient megalithic monument. Anyway, I wonder what we'll get into next time. Until then, this is Carly Q..

**Lewis.** And Lewis

**Carly.** Where'd you come from? Signing off? Signing off. And remember: you never heard this!

**Lewis.** But they did hear this. You know that doesn't make any sense right?

**Carly.** Lewis don't interrogate every inch of this, Come on.