In the deserts of New Mexico...

Whew! We finally made it here!

I thought we might do the typical thing and ask to speak with the leader...

Well, now what?

Look, I told you we would find something!

Yeah, but will you remember where we parked?
Having some understanding of Earth, our heroes decide to find out more information...

Well, we know that the leader of this land is known as the President, but how a President is elected confuses me.

Maybe we should ask for help...

Until our heroes found...

Well, as you know, every four years we go to polls to elect the next President...

The votes from the people are collectively known as the popular vote.

Unfortunately, help could not be found...

I didn't know they allowed cosplayers in the library...

Excuse me...

Well, we were on our way to cosplayland and were arguing about how a President is elected...
The constitution set up the electoral college to determine who is president. However, the popular vote does not determine the winner of a presidential election...

The House is elected by the people... the Senate by the states. The election of the president should be a combination of both.

The constitution outlines the electoral college...

Each state will get one electoral vote per representative and senator it has!

The states select their electors.

The electors vote for the president.

So, you don’t really vote for the president?!?!?

Well, yes and no...
When the votes are counted, most states use the “Winner take all” system. According to the constitution, Electors will meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December after a presidential election to cast their votes. Electors are to vote according to whomever had the most votes in their respective states. Whoever has the most votes takes all of the electoral votes! The candidate with the most votes in Texas gets 38 votes! There are 538 electoral votes in the United States. Electors are elected by the people or by the state legislatures. In order to win, a candidate needs 270 electoral votes. Once the magic number is reached, the candidate has passed the first step. According to the constitution, electors will meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December after a presidential election to cast their votes. Electors are to vote according to whomever had the most votes in their respective states...
So, really, whoever gets the popular vote always becomes the president!

Well, yes and no...

In the elections of 1824, 1876, 1888, and 2000, the person who won the popular vote lost in the electoral college.

Our heroes were surprised!

The system was established by the founding fathers as a balancing system, but it remains controversial even today...
WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IS OUR LEADERS ARE STILL ELECTED INSTEAD OF APPOINTED OR HANDED DOWN FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH GAS MONEY....

WITH THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED, OUR HEROES STILL HAD A DECISION TO MAKE!

STILL WANT TO MEET THEIR LEADER, OR GET SOMETHING TO EAT?

YOU CAN GUESS WHAT WAS THE DECISION....

OR JUST DECLARING THEMSELVES BOSS....