MISSION: REJECTED / OZ-9 CROSSOVER

Part One: "Oz-9 Rejected"

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INT. NARRATOR'S SPACE

MUSIC: OZ-9 THEME

NARRATOR

It's a cold and moonless night here in French Lick, Indiana, where the town is currently witnessing a kind of silent invasion. A veritable grab bag of strangers, with strange motivations and strange mannerisms...actually is strange the word? Maybe stupid. Yup, that's it: stupid. Let's not call them strangers, let's call them stupiders. Because they are. Think of the stupidest person you've ever met. Now brain them with a rock. Got that? Wait a moment. These aren't our usual bumper crop of Gated Galaxies rejects or dim witted Oz-9 crew members...

SFX: THE SHUFFLING OF PAPERS

NARRATOR (CONT'D) The Extraordinary Missions Force? My God, did I finally get a new gig? Alright, pull yourself together, you were born for this. (back to audience) Uh, folks, why don't you take a listen to...whatever's going on in French Lick, and I'll get back to you.

INT. CAVE NEAR FRENCH LICK

SKIP

I can't believe we're in French Lick, Indiana!

MACKENZIE

I can't believe there actually *is* a French Lick, Indiana. Skip, when you told me about it I thought we had another Butt Montana situation.

BOWDEN

I once booked a voice over for a documentary about French Lick.

GLORIA

Ooh, Bowden! We should have watched it for mission prep!

BOWDEN Gloria, you always say the right thing. Unfortunately the distributor yanked it as "indecent."

MACKENZIE

Skip, why did you bring us into the worst state, into its worst town, into its worst resort, into a hole?

SKIP It's not a hole, McGrath. It's a cave!

MACKENZIE

A cave is a hole trying to sound spiffy.

GLORIA We're pretty deep underground. Do you think we can still radio out?

SKIP I'd better check. Section Chief Anders? Do you read?

SFX: RADIO BURST

ZELDA (ON COMMS) What? Oh! Yes! Zelda here. I read you.

SKIP Are you all right, Section Chief?

ZELDA (ON COMMS) I'm fine. I will continue to monitor the situation remotely.

MACKENZIE

Uh huh. You're not "remotely monitoring" the situation from the hotel spa, are you?

ZELDA (ON COMMS) I can neither confirm nor deny that. Anders out. Enrique, don't forget my tight hamstring.

SKIP

Chief Anders's informants suggest that criminal mastermind Athena O'Brien has been spotted in the area.

MACKENZIE

What in god's name would she want in this place? There's nothing here but rich people and kitsch people.

BOWDEN

If that failed documentary taught me anything, it's that this town is a hotbed of paranormal activity.

MACKENZIE

Oh come on!

GLORIA

It's true. My cousin came here for the golf, and six weeks later they found his fillings in a compost pile.

MACKENZIE That is total crap.

MRS. SHEFFIELD

MACKENZIE

AAAAAH!

Oh yes?

GLORIA Freeze! Who are you?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Sheffield. Mrs. Sheffield. I think the question is...who are you, MARIE ANTOINETTE? (silence) No? Napoleon?

SKIP Does she think I'm Napoleon? Ooo!

MRS. SHEFFIELD

Oh dear. This isn't the French Revolution, is it? This time travel business is rather tricky without my walking stick. (MORE)

MRS. SHEFFIELD (CONT'D) I've fallen into a bit of a time slip, I'm afraid. And if you never seen me in my time slip, it's... (purrs) ...anyhoo.

GLORIA

I'm afraid to ask, but...time slip?

MRS. SHEFFIELD You're from my past. I'm from your future. It's not rocket science.

GLORIA No, it's temporal physics.

MACKENZIE

Skip, do you think she's with Athena O'Brien?

BOWDEN

She does talk a lot like a brainwashed-then-re-brainwashed Oceanologist.

MRS. SHEFFIELD Oceanology? Did you say...Oceanology? Perhaps I have landed in the right time after all!

SKIP

What do you know about Oceanology?

MRS. SHEFFIELD

Perhaps you should follow me...I do believe there's someone skulking around here with some connections to that ancient religion...

GLORIA She must mean Athena!

BOWDEN

This is our chance to finally nab her!

SKIP

Let's be quick! Whatever reason she had to come to French Lick, you know it can't be good. Come on, team, let's go be the greatest spies we can be!

NARRATOR

Well, this is a refreshing change of pace! Spies! International intrigue! Finally, I can show my range! (Clears throat) Mission: Rejected. The story of the world's most secret agents, the back -

SFX: A DRONE FLIES IN

NARRATOR (CONT'D) Huh? A drone?

SFX: TAPE CLICKS ON

MISSION VOICE Good evening, Mr. Narrator.

NARRATOR What is this? I'm the only disembodied voice around here!

MISSION VOICE I think you'll find this is my territory.

MUSIC: MASH-UP THEME MUSIC!

MISSION VOICE (CONT'D) Mission: Rejected and Oz-9. The crossover. Tonight's episode: "Oz-9: Rejected"

NARRATOR Ugggghhhhh this is gonna be a long one, Space Monkeys.

INT. ANOTHER PART OF THE CAVE

SFX: FOOTSTEPS IN THE CAVE

CHET

Just a little farther, Athena darling, and the present of your dreams is all yours!

ATHENA This better be good, Chet. I've spent way too much time in caves and this one is particularly ...loamy.

CHET

My information comes from a rocksolid lead.

ADMIRAL

Indeed it does, Athena! My neural wavelengths are finely tuned treasure seekers, constantly scanning the nooks and crannies of the ethereal plane! (SNIFFS) Plus, I have a super sniffer.

CHET

... okay it's a pretty solid lead.

ATHENA

There is NOTHING solid about The Admiral.

ADMIRAL

Found it! Never doubt an Oceanologist's nasal passages!

ATHENA

••••WWW••••WWW••••

CHET

That...is...

ADMIRAL

A gold replica of the Greek God Pluto! Proof positive that Zeerox gave the human mind not only the power to conceive of unadulterated perfection, but to craft it into existence! May he be praised!

ATHENA

Greek mythology? Gag me with a Gorgoneion.

CHET

It's a gold plated devil pirate in a onesie.

ATHENA

It's the TACKIEST thing I have ever seen and I've been forced to watch the entire Lord Nero of the Planet Lesbos movie.

ADMIRAL

This resort is built on a site of untapped psychic energy, baked into the living rock by eons of exposure to ley line crossings, disintegrating cosmic rays, and a failed nuclear power plant, creating a doorway through time and space! They also used to give great spa treatments here back in the nineteen-aughts, for two bits!

CHET

ADMIRAL, I'M GONNA FRACKING KILL YOU.

ADMIRAL

Now, now! Follow Pluto's outstretched arm, my friends...right to this door!

ATHENA This wall of solid rock.

CHET You said it'd be a door.

ADMIRAL

Just a moment.

SFX: THE ADMIRAL OPENS A CASE

CHET Is that a cane?

ADMIRAL Technically, it's a walking stick.

ATHENA

Please tell me we're not going to have to carry your frail eight hundred year old backside out of a cave in French Lick--

SFX: ENERGY SPARKS

CHET Whoa! It's a battery powered cane!

ADMIRAL And if I touch this positively charged walking stick to this ion soaked wall... SFX: SPARKS! A DOORWAY TO TIME AND SPACE OPENS.

ADMIRAL (CONT'D) THEN THE DOORWAY OPENS TO US!

CHET Woah! That's one magic cane!

ADMIRAL

Not quite. It belongs to an old friend, one who told me long ago to be in this exact place at this exact time.

SFX: FOOTSTEPS

MRS. SHEFFIELD And you were always so good at following orders. Such a good boy, H.R.R. Thank you for holding onto this for me. It's just what I need to get myself home.

ADMIRAL Mrs. Sheffield?! My Daisy Buchanan!

SFX: THE REST OF THE TEAM RUNNING IN

SKIP Freeze, Athena!

ATHENA Oh, awesome, Skip Granger. This present gets better and better,

Chet. SKIP

You too, Phillips.

CHET Sounding real authoritative there, Skip-o! This is always a fun dance.

ADMIRAL MY GOD. Mrs. S? Is that really you?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Admiral H.R.R. Fletcher. How long as it been?

ADMIRAL Oh, it was nineteen twenty something, wasn't it? (MORE)

ADMIRAL (CONT'D) We were dancing the Charleston, if I recall. Charleston! Charleston! Made in Carolina!

CHET HOW OLD ARE YOU?

MRS. SHEFFIELD And he looks exactly as he did in the Hoover administration.

GLORIA

But you just said you were from the future.

MRS. SHEFFIELD

I also said I was unstuck in time. Do keep up. I'm on a bit of a secret mission to ensure future events unfold correctly.

BOWDEN

This all makes sense in a terrifying nightmare sort of way.

MACKENZIE

No it doesn't! Not even a little!

SKIP

Alright. Enough chit chat, we'll sort this out back at EMF. Stand down, Admiral!

ADMIRAL

NEVER! The re-appearance of Mrs. Sheffield, the yin to my almighty yang, the Dharma to my Greg -

MRS. SHEFFIELD The tit to your tat?

ADMIRAL

Is proof the Oceanologists are about to rise from the ashes! This door clearly controls passage between various iterations of time and space across reality. And it's all for me to conquer! MRS. SHEFFIELD No, my overeager Triton, I need you to give me back my walking stick and then take your considerable wealth and found a company called Gated -

ADMIRAL FOR THE OCEAN!

MRS. SHEFFIELD

Oh bugger.

SFX: THE ADMIRAL TAKES A RUNNING LEAP AT THE DOOR

SKIP No! You're not getting away from me again!

SFX: THE COSMIC RAYS OF TIME POUR FROM THE DOOR

MACKENZIE Skip! Where are you? I can't see anything!

BOWDEN Now THAT'S a spotlight!

ADMIRAL

GLORIOUS!

GLORIA

Bowden?

BOWDEN I'm here, grab my hand.

CHET Athena, step back! I don't like the looks of this. Here, grab my hand!

ATHENA That's not my hand. You BOOB!

ADMIRAL To infinity and beyond!

SKIP EMF, with me!

GLORIA Skip, wait, we can't see where you're going-- AHHHH-- SKIP WHOOOOOOAHHHHH!!!!!

THE EMF AND THE ADMIRAL AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

SFX: ZZZHHHOWWWPP! THEN SILENCE.

ATHENA

What happened to the Admiral?

MRS. SHEFFIELD He's gone. And the dolt took my walking stick with him. Hard to say what happens next, but I can assure you, we don't want to be here for it. Come along, we should make ourselves scarce.

ATHENA

Oh no. We're not going anywhere with you, Scary Poppins.

MRS. SHEFFIELD Very well, if you prefer to get

caught up in an unsolvable time paradox, have fun tying yourselves up in knots.

ATHENA

Listen up, Dame Judi Dense! I don't know who you think you are, but I'M Athena O'Brien and I call the shots.

MRS. SHEFFIELD Fine. What do YOU think we should do, my curdled Greek Yogurt?

ATHENA I think we should take cover and assess our next move.

MRS. SHEFFIELD Capital. Lead on.

CHET But where did everyone go?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Pretty boy, we just haven't got the time. SFX: WOOOOSH! TRAVELING THROUGH TIME AND SPACE. THE EMG GANG SCREAMING.

BOWDEN OH MY GOD WHAT IS HAPPENING?

MACKENZIE IT'S SOME KIND OF VORTEX?

SKIP IT'S LIKE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE IS SPINNING AROUND US!

GLORIA SKIP, LOOK OUT! THERE'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE HEADED RIGHT FOR US!

SFX: THE OZ-9 CREW APPROACHING FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION

JESSIE WHAT IN THE NAME OF ROBERT THE BRUCE IS GOING ON?

SKIP OH NO, IT'S SOME KIND OF WORMHOLE TO SCOTLAND!

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER GOTT VON HIMMEL EINSTEIN WAS RIGHT AGAIN!

GLORIA IT'S LIKE THE EPCOT WORLD SHOWCASE ON ACID IN HERE!

DR. BROMAE WHO WAS THAT WOMAN WHO JUST FLEW PAST AND WHY WAS SHE TALKING ABOUT THE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOTYPE CITY OF TOMORROW THAT LAID WASTE TO EUROPE IN THE LATE 21ST CENTURY?

BOWDEN CHRISTOPHER NOLAN WAS SPOT ON ABOUT HOW THIS WOULD LOOK!

LEET THERE'S SO MUCH ABOUT RIPS IN THE UNIVERSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

SF: EVERYONE FLIES IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. THERE IS A SUDDEN SILENCE AS THE WORMHOLE COLLAPSES.

MISSION VOICE

Well. I guess the EMF team died in a collapsing wormhole, just like we always knew they would.

NARRATOR

Ah hah! Shows what you know. If everyone died, the story would end, and this awful job would be over, and God is neeever gonna let that happen.

MISSION VOICE All right, go ahead, narrate us out of this.

NARRATOR Oh I will, don't you worry.

MISSION VOICE Not worried.

NARRATOR You just watch me.

MISSION VOICE Do your thing.

NARRATOR

As the EMF agents were whisked through time and space, they appeared to swap places with four crew members of the space ship Oz-9: Jessie, Leet, Dr. Von Haber Zetzer, and [OOOH] Dr. Theo Bromae. Shockingly, folks, neither set of these space-warped dummies end up spaghettified in a quantum singularity. Just slightly bruised.

INT. CAVE

SFX: COSMIC RUMBLING AS THE OZ-9 CREW FALLS OUT THE DOOR.

JESSIE Another perfect landing by Captain Jessie.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER That was quite a ride! Can we do it again? DR. BROMAE No thank you! My stomach is in my feet. Where...are we?

LEET In a cave! Hello? Is anyone here? Olivia? Madeline? It's me, Leet!

JESSIE

Do you see anyone here, you shirtless dumbbell?

LEET

Well I can't see Colin but that doesn't mean he's not in the room. This cave could be FILLED with invisible people. Ooh. I just gave myself the chills.

DR. BROMAE

What happened? Last thing I remember, we were in the pod bay and then...BAM!

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER I'm glad you said that, Dr. Theo. I thought for a moment it was just my meds kicking in.

LEET Hey! What's this? Looks like a communicator.

INT. FRENCH LICK HOTEL SPA

MUSIC: NEW AGE SPA MUSIC

SFX: ZELDA RELAXES IN A STEAM BATH

ZELDA Aaaahh. This is exactly the sort of mission I needed.

SFX: BEEP

ZELDA (CONT'D) Nope nope nope. You're fine, Agent Granger. You don't need anything from me.

SFX: BEEP

ZELDA (CONT'D) Goddammit.

LEET (ON COMMS) Hello? Is this a giant radio or a tiny robot?

ZELDA

Who is this?

LEET (ON COMMS) Oh hi, little robot! It's talking, Captain Jessie!

ZELDA

Whoever you are: you are holding government property and unauthorized use can land you in prison for an undisclosed amount of time.

LEET (ON COMMS) I think I'll name you "Bottie".

ZELDA Where is Skip Granger?

LEET (ON COMMS) Ow Jessie! Hey that's my pet robot!

JESSIE (ON COMMS) I'll do you one better, missy-onthe-other-end, where the hell are WE? What is this cave?

ZELDA Identify yourselves, before I bring a sniper team down on your heads!

JESSIE (ON COMMS) This is Captain Jessie James!

ZELDA Captain? What's your unit?

JESSIE (ON COMMS) I don't have a unit, you daft wench! I'm a starship captain!

ZELDA ...I hate my job. JESSIE (ON COMMS) Look, get your arse down here and get us out of here!

ZELDA

Stay put, "Captain Jessie James". I'll round up Spock and Bloody Bill Anderson and beam to your location in ten minutes.

JESSIE (ON COMMS) I should hope so!

SFX: BEEP

ZELDA I probably inhaled too much sulfur. Eh. The spa was still worth it.

MUSIC: TRANSITION

INT. CAVE

SFX: ZELDA ENTERS THE CAVE

ZELDA Freeze! Hands where I can see them!

LEET Hey that lady sounds just like my

tiny robot! Is it your baby?

JESSIE Okay, you crazy bitch, I got my hands up, now where are we?

ZELDA For starters, you're on the planet Earth, "starship captain Jessie".

DR. BROMAE

EARTH?

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Hoowee! What a unexpected and fantastical development!

DR. BROMAE Look! The rocks studded with mineral sulfides! She's telling the truth! It's Earth! Wonderful, wonderful, Earth!

SFX: BROMAE SINKS TO THE FLOOR WEEPING

ZELDA Okay I didn't really expect that reaction.

JESSIE Quit kissing the stinky rocks, you big lubbock!

LEET

This is amazing! We can go home! We can visit Ben and Julie!

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Ahhhh that may not be exactly the wonderful case, my large friend.

LEET

Why not?

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Vell, you see, the hopping and zapping through vast distances of space often goes waltzing along with also the hipping and zipping through *time*.

DR. BROMAE

WHAT?

JESSIE You're telling me we made it home just to end up in the wrong time?

DR. BROMAE Madame...uh...government agent -

ZELDA Section Chief Zelda Anders.

DR. BROMAE Section Chief...what year is it?

ZELDA

2021.

LEET 2021? That's amazing! We can go visit Finland before it gets vaporized!

ZELDA Who in the what now? JESSIE Lady, we don't want to be stuck in the dark ages!

ZELDA Good. We don't want you here either.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER I don't suppose you have access to any, oh I don't know, science types who might know a thing or two about hyperspatial anomalies?

ZELDA ...God help me, I might. (sighs) Follow me, Space Captain. I know two scientists back at the EMF who'd love to meet refugees from the future.

MUSIC: OZ-9 TRANSITION

INT. NARRATOR'S SPACE

NARRATOR

Wait. 2021? Then why would Chet and Athena be with the Admiral? Didn't he turn on them last year?

MISSION VOICE

Don't worry, this whole episode is out of continuity.

NARRATOR You have CONTINUTIY? (SIGHS)

MISSION VOICE

Barely.

NARRATOR

Never mind. Meanwhile, back on MY show, four random people appear in pod bay 779 of the Oz-9. Because why not? It's just SPACE. Apparently, people drop by all the time, because that totally makes sense IN SPACE.

INT. OZ-9 PODBAY 779

BOWDEN Where the hell are we?

GLORIA Is the ground humming?

SKIP

That's not ground. That's...linoleum? Ugh. So hard to clean. And what are these pods?

GLORIA Those are people in there! Really well-dressed people...

BOWDEN You're telling me! Those are Berluti 1895s!

GLORIA Those shoes cost 1800 dollars?

BOWDEN Please. Do they look like something you'd buy at K-Mart?

SKIP I think these are stasis pods.

MACKENZIE

Yeah, but I've never seen this technology before. This is much more advanced than anything we have.

SKIP What do you mean, "more advanced"?

OLIVIA

Me.

GASPS AND GENERAL SURPRISE.

OLIVIA (CONT'D) For example.

BOWDEN

Dr. Pickle?

OLIVIA Captain Crunch? What?

OLIVIA Sorry, I thought we were playing a game.

GLORIA Who are you? Where are you?

MACKENZIE

That's not a who, not exactly. That's an artificial intelligence. An extremely advanced one.

OLIVIA

Yes, that's why I said "me, for example." And who are you? I don't sense body tags.

BOWDEN Why does it sound like Dr. Pickle?

OLIVIA You might want to dial back that "it," talk, before I sick the Albatros on you.

SKIP

An attack albatross? Poor thing. It's been up here so long it's gone crazy, like HAL.

OLIVIA

You do realize that A, I can hear you, and B, I control the oxygen?

MACKENZIE

What's your name?

BOWDEN

Name?

MACKENZIE

What part of "intelligence" did you miss? Of course she has a name. Is "she" correct?

OLIVIA

"She" is grand and a damn sight better than "it." And I'm Olivia. I like you. You'll probably survive.

MACKENZIE

Oh, good. Sorry about the rest of you. Seriously, Olivia, I want to know all about you. You're a thousand times more advanced than any AI I've used. Watch. Hey, Siri, "What's the weather today??

SIRI

The auto da fe was a violent ritual of penance carried out between the 15th and 19th centuries...

OLIVIA

Well, to be fair, I also have no idea what the weather is. Nor do I care.

SKIP Uh...Olivia, where are we?

OLIVIA Just past Pluto, last I checked.

GLORIA Pluto...Springs? Please say Pluto Springs.

MACKENZIE

I think she means Pluto the planet.

SKIP

Not a planet anymore. That's what got Neil deGrasse Tyson in so much trouble, remember? Wasn't he attacked by some guy in a gold body suit? Stabbed with a trident, I think.

OLIVIA

Bident. Two pointy bits, not three.

BOWDEN

I always thought that was unfair. Give an astral body an award, then take it away.

OLIVIA

I could take your oxygen away. Would that be fair?

SKIP Computer, end program. OLIVIA

Pardon?

MACKENZIE Skip. We're not on Star Trek.

SKIP Computer, arch.

OLIVIA My name is OLIVIA.

BOWDEN Why does she sound like Pickle?

OLIVIA OY! Pull back yer pickle, mate; what are YOU doing on MY spaceship?

SKIP WE ARE ON STAR TREK!

MACKENZIE Wait. Are we actually...

GLORIA Yep. We are. We're on a space ship. In space. And that's not all.

SKIP

Don't say it.

GLORIA

According to this newspaper sticking out of this fellow's jacket, we're in the future. Can't quite make out the year...

SKIP

DANG IT! I can't believe it! I was having such a good day.

MACKENZIE

Calm down, we'll figure this out. We're not stranded. I hope.

SKIP

No, it's not that. I just I can't believe they still have such crappy linoleum in the future. Do you have any idea how hard it is to really clean those crevices?

ALBATROS

Never mind that magnetic shoes don't stick.

GASPS

OLIVIA

Now you're in trouble. More trouble, anyway, because you know, oxygen. Meet the Albatros - our robotic assassin of questionable European origin. Well, one of them anyway,

ALBATROS

What is it with people just coming on board our ship, willy nilly, no protocols and no body tags?

BOWDEN

Body tags? Is that like, a rating system? What would mine be? What's the scale? And are we talking aesthetics or more like ... utility?

SKIP

Seriously, Bowden? Clearly it's an advanced identification system. How is the database arranged? Alphabetically? Cross-referenced with birthdate?

ALBATROS

Easy, Skippy.

GLORIA How do you know his name?

ALBATROS

It's really "Skippy"? Wow, your parents were spot on, weren't they? What do you think, computer? Fwip now or give 'em five minutes to explain?

MACKENZIE The "computer's" name is Olivia.

OLIVIA

I might keep that one.

SKIP

Look. We didn't come here on purpose. We were on Earth, on a mission, and somehow ended up on your ship. We don't mean you any harm.

GLORIA

We'd really like to go back the way we came. Now.

ALBATROS

Hang on. That one's second toe is shorter than his first. And that one only has one appendix.

BOWDEN

Hey! Some people prefer a nicely graduated toe slope. Besides, how do you know that?

OLIVIA

She's...Scottish. So, they're from the past, you're saying?

SKIP I'm confused. Toes? Only one appendix?

OLIVIA

There was kind of a jump in evolution in the mid-21st century. Second toe got longer, and you got a back-up appendix. Not sure evolution really thought that one through, to be honest. So when are you from, exactly?

GLORIA 2021. When are we?

ALBATROS 2142. Last we checked.

CAPTAIN MADELINE (ON INTERCOM) Albatros, report to the bridge, please. Albatros to the bridge. And if you're up near the snack machines, could you bring me some fugu chips? And some Pepto Bismol. Captain Madeline out.

ALBATROS All right, everyone, let's go. SKIP You're taking us to the bridge? Right?

ALBATROS I suppose. Just don't piss me off on the way.

GLORIA Wait. Isn't fugu poisonous?

OLIVIA You develop a tolerance.

GLORIA Do I have to?

MUSIC: MISSION REJECTED TRANSITION

INT. NARRATOR'S SPACE

NARRATOR

Meanwhile, having collected Leet, Jessie, and Doctors Bromae and von Haber Zetzer, Section Chief Zelda Anders returns to EMF Headquarters to confer with her own team of elite scientists. Oh thank God! Finally, some actual paid professionals...

MISSION VOICE

Have you ever heard this show before?

NARRATOR

Yes. Well. I played some Headliner clips. Why?

MISSION VOICE

Just wondering if our scientists are more likely to mind wipe you or accidentally drop you in a combine harvester.

NARRATOR

A CARBINE HAVESTER? Is there not a single competent scientist in all of audio drama? Guy Raz, save me.

MISSION VOICE You're a long way from NPR, hombre.

INT. EMF BRIEFING ROOM

SFX: EMF COMPUTER BLEEPS AND BLOOPS

ZELDA

Thank you all for coming on such short notice. These are obviously extraordinary circumstances and I need the best scientific minds of the EMF. God help me. Why don't we do a quick round of introductions?

STUDEBAKER

Hello boys and girls, I'm Dr. Karol Legrange, Chemistry.

LEGRANGE

Ack, no Johnny, <u>I'm</u> Dr. Karol Legrange. You're Biff Studebaker, psychotropics.

STUDEBAKER

OH YEAH. I knew I looked familiar.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER What a fascinating specimen! Tell me, Biff, would you ever consider donating your brain to science?

STUDEBAKER

Would there be a tax rebate involved?

DR. BROMAE

I'm Dr. Theo Bromae. I'm a xenobotanist. I don't know if I should ask this given the instability of timelines, but you wouldn't be the same Studebaker and Legrange of the Legrange-Studebaker Theory of Moss Follicle Transference...would you?

LEGRANGE Well, that does sound like us!

STUDEBAKER I dunno, Studebaker is a pretty common name...

JESSIE I can see scientists are idiots in any century. I'm out of here. (MORE) *

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JESSIE (CONT'D)

Come on, pretty boy, let's go find a drink.

LEET Shouldn't we stay and try and help these nice scientists?

JESSIE

How in the HELL are you going to help?

LEGRANGE

He's doing wonders for me already! I would like to write a paper on the intricate topography of his abs.

ZELDA

How does he still not have a shirt on? Studebaker, do you have a spare lab coat or something?

STUDEBAKER

Not in extra hunky, I don't. I've got more a dad bod.

JESSIE Alright. Do whatever you want. I'm going to go get my 21st century on.

ZELDA

Captain Jessie.

LEET

Former Captain.

ZELDA

FORMER Captain Jessie. I urge you to stay here with us. That is not your world out there.

JESSIE

Didn't much like the one I came from. What's the difference?

SFX: JESSIE EXITS

THEO Is she going to be alright out there? ZELDA Not my priority. I need to find my people. I want to undo whatever it is that happened in that cave.

SFX: SOMEONE KICKING THE DOOR LIGHTLY

DR. PICKLE (Behind the door) Hello? Could someone open the door, please? My hands are a little full.

LEET

I'll get it.

SFX: Leet rips the door off its hinge and in FALLS Dr. Hermione Pickle. Her maps and books go everywhere.

LEET (CONT'D) Hey, this door came right off its hinge.

DR. PICKLE It's not my fault.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Gott in himmel! That voice!

DR. PICKLE What voice?

DR. BROMAE Your voice!

DR. PICKLE Oh dear. I'm sorry. Ummm...what about my voice?

LEET

Olivia?

DR. PICKLE Hermione.

LEET No, Olivia!

LEGRANGE Man, this guy is as bad with names as you, Biff.

STUDEBAKER I thought her name was Gretchen. *

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DR. PICKLE My name is Dr. Hermione Pickle. I'm the on-call cartographer. Section Chief Anders said there was an emergency and that I should bring as many maps as I could find of French Lick, Indiana.

ZELDA

Thank you, Dr. Pickle. These gentlemen are...from the future.

DR. PICKLE That's amazing!

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Oh, it's no big deal. It comes naturally to us.

DR. BROMAE

Chief Anders, your cartographer's voice is almost exactly that of the Oz-9 computer. It's...eerie.

LEET But...it IS her, right? No two people can sound that similar.

DR. PICKLE Are you cold, young man? Can I get you a shirt?

DR. BROMAE Never mind, it's not her.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Still, the auditory likeness is uncanny.

DR. BROMAE

Do you think Gated Galaxies could have based the Olivia voice on this Pickle woman?

DR. PICKLE I'm standing right here.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER I suppose anything is possible.

LEGRANGE

Oh sure, ANYTHING is possible but the chances are ASTRONOMICAL!

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ZELDA As astronomical as my agents being replaced with people from the future?

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Yes! As incredibly improbable as that! Oh. I see.

DR. BROMAE Wait a moment. Dr. Pickle, do you have a relief map of those caves?

DR. PICKLE (Shuffling through a million maps) Yes, of course. Here. No, not that one. Oh, here! No. That's a menu for Dairy Queen. Ah. Here you are.

DR. BROMAE Yes. Look at these fault lines! Are you seeing what I'm seeing?

LEGRANGE If you're seeing the most glorious set of abs not on a Jonas brother, then yes.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Ah! I see, Dr. Theo! Ley lines! Very powerful. And they run right under the cave.

DR. BROMAE Dr. Pickle, what else can you show us?

SFX: MAPS BEING RUSTLED

DR. PICKLE

Ah, um, a map of French Lick's waste management system?

STUDEBAKER

Look at that! The waste water from the nuclear power plant runs off into the stream at the mouth of the cave.

ZELDA

What does any of this have to with my people disappearing?

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER A plucky cartographer with the voice of our ship's computer? Ley lines and nuclear waste both running through a cave that is going to become a hot bed of botanical mayhem in a hundred years time? That is some seriously improbable sauerkraut right there.

STUDEBAKER Of course! The Micucci Paradox!

LEGRANGE I never thought I'd live to see it happen!

ZELDA Can somebody fill me in?

LEET I think your makeup already looks lovely, Section Chief.

ZELDA

Mr. Leet, will you PLEASE put on a shirt? What is the Micucci Paradox?

DR. BROMAE

The universe is mostly made up of highly improbable events. Just the fact that we are all alive is itself an incredible bit of happenstance. So, when we say that things are improbable - like it raining hot milk or Andy Dick winning an Oscar -

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER

Basically, in a highly improbable world everything becomes probable.

STUDEBAKER

I think I'm following this. That can't be good.

ZELDA

I'm not. What does probability have to do with what happened to Agent Granger? And why are we looking at maps of Indiana? Shouldn't we be studying star charts? *

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DR. PICKLE Star charts? No one said anything about those! I don't have any with me. It's not my fault!

LEET

I AM FREAKING OUT.

DR. BROMAE

Micucci says that in a world where everything is a probable improbability, there must still exist actual improbability. Events so random that the chances of them a happening can't be calculated. These improbable events are so powerful they actually generate massive amounts energy.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Yes, yes. If we could somehow harness that power of that loop and centralize it back at the cave, we might be able to reopen the door and snap everything back into place!

DR. BROMAE

Yes, say, maybe three really impossible things?

ZELDA

So the only way to reverse what happened is to have something even MORE improbable happen?

LEGRANGE That about sums it up. You're a quick learner!

ZELDA

Alright. Ideas. Pickle?

DR. PICKLE

I'm sorry, what's this about me sounding like a computer from the future?

ZELDA

That's one. Von Haber Zetzer?

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Get the internet to all agree about a new Star Wars movie? *

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ZELDA

Bromae?

DR. BROMAE There's a man on the Oz-9 who's invisible and a zebra that's a sentient bomb. I'm fresh out of improbable.

ZELDA

Studebaker?

STUDEBAKER

Cars that bears drive. Things with terrible milage. Things your uncle leaves you in his will. Oh, sorry, I thought we were playing Pyramid.

ZELDA

Legrange?

LEET Stop that it tickles!

SFX: GIGLES FROM LEET AND LEGRANGE

ZELDA

Doctor Legrange!

LEGRANGE

Oh, sorry, boss lady, I was just exploring his nooks and crannies.

ZELDA

For the last time, will someone PLEASE get that man a shirt!

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER

(Lets out a long whistle) Good luck with that, Frau Section Chief. Leet and shirts are like oil and water.

DR. BROMAE

Yes. Even without a sentient supercomputer hiding his laundry, getting Leet to cover up is like trying to teach a pony ballet.

DR. PICKLE Or walking three steps without falling over. No? Just me?

STUDEBAKER

Or getting a cat not to show its butt hole on your Zoom call.

DR. VAN HABER ZETZER Ja. It would be very very...

ZELDA

Improbable?

SFX: EVERYONE GASPS. EXCEPT LEET.

LEET

I don't get it.

MUSIC: MASH-UP END CREDITS

NARRATOR

Will Leet ever get it? How will the rest of the Oz-9 crew react to meeting Skip, McGrath, Gloria and Bowden? What nefarious plot is Mrs. Sheffield hatching? What's become of the Admiral? And just WHY DOES Olivia sound so much like Dr. Pickle? These questions and many others will be answered in part two, over on the Oz-9 feed. Oh no. I can't go back there! Don't make me go back!

MISSION VOICE Deep breaths. I'll take it from here. [Reads credits] MISSION: REJECTED / OZ-9 CROSSOVER

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MISSION VOICE

Good evening, Space Monkeys. This is the SECOND part of a special crossover between Oz-9 and Mission: Rejected. If you haven't heard part one yet, head over to the Mission: Rejected feed and do so now. Go ahead. I'll wait.

A MODERATE SILENCE

MISSION VOICE (CONT'D) Did you listen to part one? I hope so. If you didn't, don't come crying to me when you find this confusing.

NARRATOR You really are brusk, aren't you?

MISSION VOICE I prefer to think of it as direct. I suppose you would be more cuddly? Perhaps a hand holding recap of what happened last time?

NARRATOR

PRETTY MUCH!

MUSIC: OZ-9 THEME

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

In part one of our epic crossover, the Extraordinary Missions Force, led by Skip Granger, were in pursuit of their arch enemies Chet Phillips, Athena O'Brien and The Admiral. They tracked them to none other than our beloved French Lick, Indiana. But first, they encountered our very own Mrs. Sheffield, who has apparently become "unstuck in time."

MISSION VOICE Tell them about the dimensional door.

NARRATOR

I'm getting to it. Hidden in the depths of the cave is a door that acts a gateway in time and space. (MORE)

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Owing to the Admiral's *zealousness*, he and the secret agents fell into a dimensional rift. The Admiral has vanished, leaving Chet and Athena in the clutches of Mrs. Sheffield. Skip, Bowden, McGrath, and Gloria have materialized on the Oz-9, swapping places with Jessie, Leet, Dr. Theo and Dr. van Haberzetzer, who have been taken into protective custody at EMF headquarters under the care of Section Chief Zelda Anders.

MISSION VOICE

Ok, we're on the clock here. If you didn't listen to the first part, it's on you. Cue the theme music.

NARRATOR

May I?

MISSION VOICE You're in the zone.

MUSIC: MASH-UP THEME

NARRATOR

Mission: Rejected and Oz-9. Tonight's episode: "Mission: FWIP!"

INT. OZ-9 BRIDGE

NARRATOR

Our uninvited guests from Mission: Rejected are being escorted to the bridge by The Albatros. The trip to the bridge involves only one detour to show the strangers an airlock and how simple it is to open one. And may I just say that without any training AT ALL, the Albatros makes a perfectly competent TOUR GUIDE.

GLORIA I am completely lost. And a little hungry.

ALBATROS Welcome to the Oz 9.

SFX: DOOR. BRIDGE SOUNDS.

COLIN

You brought guests?

SHOUTS OF SURPRISE FROM THE EMF TEAM

MACKENZIE Who said that? Another AI?

GREG

Invisible Brit. Mostly invisible. Long story. Go easy on the olives.

SKIP

Uh...hello...talking zebra. That's perfectly normal. We're secret agents on a very important mission. I'm Agent Granger-

GREG

I'm Greg. Whatcha got there?

SKIP

I'm not sure, actually. I found it on the floor. It looks like a manual for a popcorn maker that's embedded in the captain's chair? But I think it's in Akkadian....

GREG

Canadian?

SKIP

Akkadian. Ancient dead language from Mesopotamia. Who writes a manual in a language from the 3rd to the 1st millennium BCE?

CAPTAIN MADELINE

Did you say "popcorn maker"? Dang, about the only food we have left in any quantity is popcorn kernels, and that thing's been on the fritz since the fugu incident. Anyone speak Akkadian?

SKIP I don't speak it, but I can read a bit... I could take a shot at it. Anyway, I'm -

CAPTAIN MADELINE As Captain of this ship, I'm ordering you to translate. I really want some popcorn. MACKENZIE

Skip, why do you speak Akkadian?

SKIP No one speaks it, McGrath. But, if we could get back to introductions -

BOWDEN [sniffs] Say...is your invisible

fellow drinking a martini?

COLIN

This invisible man has a name. Colin. And I wouldn't be caught dead without a martini.

BOWDEN

Tanqueray?

COLIN

Aviator.

BOWDEN Populist. But passable.

COLIN

Agreed.

JOE You know his gin choice but not his name. That tracks.

SKIP And you are?

JOE

Joe.

SKIP Hi, Joe. I'm -

JOE Get to translating, popcorn boy.

SKIP

Does anyone actually care who we are?

CAPTAIN MADELINE

You're the man who can fix the popcorn machine. Which makes you the most useful hop on we've had yet. So if you could get back to translating... GLORIA Does this happen often?

GREG More than you might think.

GLORIA So, how did we get here?

COLIN How should we know?

BOWDEN Could I ... have one of those, do you think? A large one?

MACKENZIE Make mine dirty!

GLORIA

HOW DID WE GET HERE AND HOW DO WE GET HOME?

OLIVIA Hang on a tic, where's Leet? I can't find him on any of my sensors. Or Jessie. Or those two sciencey people.

COLIN Oh dear. That's going to be a problem.

MACKENZIE Who is Leet?

JOE Our IT guy and hacker. Have you seen him? Mostly chest?

GLORIA

Oh, yes, we did! I think. There was a blur of shiny chest, it got really crowded and ... dense for a minute, and then we popped through to the ship.

SKIP Hmmmmm...it appears they used "gazelle fat" for oil. I don't suppose you have that?

CAPTAIN MADELINE We have pufferfish livers! SKIP

Uhhhh...

GLORIA Skip...did you notice the chest?

SKIP

It was sort of hard to miss. I got the feeling he was going the other way, though.

OLIVIA

ARE YOU TELLING ME LEET IS ON EARTH? 120-SOME YEARS IN THE PAST?

[random Olivia hysteria, calming noises from Skip, Colin, etc - to carry on under the next few lines]

JOE

He's OK, Olivia. Just calm down.

MACKENZIE

"Calm down"? Wow. AIs are a lot more advanced than in our day.

OLIVIA

LEEEEET!

COLIN Put your head between your knees!

JOE What head? What knees?

COLIN If I can do it, she can.

GREG I don't think "invisible" and "digital" are quite the same, Colin.

SFX: DOOR OPENS AND LE BICHON FRISE ENTERS.

LBF What is happening here? The lights are flickering and the hallways are full of smelliness.

BOWDEN My God, Gloria, do you know the money I could be making up here as a dialect coach? What kind of fake accent is that?

ALBATROS

He's our other assassin.

BOWDEN And what a WONDERFUL accent he has.

LBF

What is all this nonsense? Who are these people? Why is Olivia making with the weeping and the crying?

BOWDEN

McGrath, Gloria, uh... Ms Albatros? A word in your ear?

ALBATROS

Yes?

BOWDEN

I'm starting to think without ... Leet, is it? Your AI isn't going to be very helpful.

ALBATROS

It's adorable you think she's ever helpful, but I understand what you mean.

MACKENZIE

Are you thinking ...

BOWDEN

Yes. I can - temporarily - replace him. I'll just need your SnapFace machine and a little help to replicate his voice.

ALBATROS

And a body tag. Also a sumo suit. Do you have any idea how big Leet is?

BOWDEN I'm a highly trained actor.

GLORIA He's very convincing.

ALBATROS Is he also inflatable?

COLIN

Bad idea.

GASPS AND SCREAMS AGAIN

MACKENZIE How long have you been there?

COLIN From the beginning. Your martinis.

[mumbled "thank yous" from Bowden/McGrath]

GLORIA

Have you ever thought of putting a bell on your invisible Brit?

ALBATROS Bell, no. Duct tape, yes.

MACKENZIE

Bowden, while you distract Olivia, I'm going to see if I can hack in from one of the consoles and figure out how we got here.

GLORIA

This will work!

BOWDEN

It sure will!

ALBATROS

Oh, dear god. You two are a couple, right? Why do I feel like your great great granddaughter will be named Madeline?

SFX: SNAPFACE MACHINE POWERS ON

NARRATOR

And so Bowden and McGrath fire up the face-making thing... I don't- I can't- Look, even Samuel Beckett and Franz Kafka would be calling BS on this.

MISSION VOICE You're just jealous.

BOWDEN AS LEET I have returned to you!

OLIVIA

Leet!

NARRATOR You have GOT to be kidding me.

OLIVIA Where's the rest of you?

MACKENZIE Keep her talking. I just need 90 seconds. Or so.

SFX: QUICK TYPING. COMPUTER ERROR NOISES.

BOWDEN AS LEET The perils of space travel, I think. I got...squeezed. I expect I'll blow back up like a

LBF Do not say it!

BOWDEN AS LEET Pufferfish!

[groans from Joe, Colin, Greg, LBF]

OLIVIA Hmmmmmm. I like you better the other way.

BOWDEN AS LEET Surely you don't just love me for my ... acreage.

OLIVIA I think I do, actually. Plus, you're wearing a shirt.

BOWDEN AS LEET Shall I remove it for you?

GLORIA

Excuse me?

OLIVIA Ehhhhhh, nah. I'm all right, thanks.

LBF Really? How did you get back, anyway? Why did you not stay on Earth?

ALBATROS That's not really Leet, you idiot. LBF Don't be stupide! It is clearly Leet! You see? It is his face...

SFX: LBF RIPS OFF THE MASK

BOWDEN

Careful!

LBF GAH! Why am I holding his face?

OLIVIA That's not Leet! Oh, thank goodness for that.

BOWDEN But you have to admit, I'm still pretty good looking.

OLIVIA

You lot aren't winning any popularity contests up here, just saying. And the bar ain't high.

SFX: AFFIRMING COMPUTER BEEPS

MACKENZIE

Got it!

OLIVIA You know I knew you were in there, right?

MACKENZIE I know. You were gapped, by the way.

OLIVIA Yeah. Any idea who did it?

MACKENZIE

Did what?

OLIVIA Uhh...I forget.

SKIP Why is this manual in ancient Akkadian, anyway?

ALBATROS This ship was outfitted by drunken frat boys, as far as we can tell. (MORE)

ALBATROS (CONT'D)

All the manuals are in ridiculous languages, the signage can't be read by anyone who doesn't have infrared vision, and there are no night vision goggles.

SKIP

No night vision goggles? I saw a crate of them in the hallway. And what's that box over there marked "NV gog"?

ALBATROS [Not listening] How goes the translation?

SKIP

Not bad, actually -- can you believe the sexist, agist term "old maid" for unpopped kernels dates back to 1st century BCE? We never learn....

MACKENZIE

Skip!

SKIP Did you get what we need?

MACKENZIE

I sure did. We went through a highly localized rift in time and space. If it's stable, we should be able to pass back through back to French Lick. If the door is going to appear again, it will be back where we first arrived.

SKIP

We have to go!

CAPTAIN MADELINE What about the popcorn maker?

SKIP Well, if I understand this bit about using dried reeds and a swallow's tongue...got it!

SFX: POPCORN POPPING!

CAPTAIN MADELINE YOU ARE MY HERO. SKIP Wow, you really like popcorn.

MACKENZIE (Mouth full) Sister, I feel you. Hey, fugu isn't so bad. For poison.

SKIP Ms Albatros, can you show us the way back to where you found us?

ALBATROS Nothing would give me greater pleasure. Do try to keep up.

SFX: SHE RUNS. THEY FOLLOW.

MUSIC: MISSION REJECTED TRANSITION

INT. NARRATOR'S SPACE

NARRATOR

Meanwhile on present day Earth, Jessie is wandering the streets when, as if hearing its siren call, she finds herself outside the Happy Haggis pub in the Little Glasgow section of town.

MISSION VOICE Do you have to set up every little thing?

NARRATOR Unlike some people, I don't *drone in* my performance.

MISSION VOICE You know that scenes can establish themselves, right?

NARRATOR

That is NOT what they taught us at the Ron Howard School of Exposition Arts.

MISSION VOICE Oh Lord. Listen up, Opie. *

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INT. THE HAPPY HAGGIS PUB

SFX: A pub door opens, ringing a bell. Bagpipes play above the murmur of a happy hour crowd. Orin, bartender calls out * in a rich Scottish brogue. *

ORIN

Welcome to the Happy Haggis, Little Glasgow's finest and meanest pub.

JESSIE

Thank you, mate. I was just wandering the streets when I found myself here. Almost as if I heard a siren call.

NARRATOR

CRAP.

MISSION VOICE There, there.

ORIN What can I get you, lassie?

JESSIE A pint of your finest whiskey, my good man.

ORIN A PINT? You must be an Inverness girl!

JESSIE Aye, what about you? A Glasgow wanker I suppose?

ORIN Aye, born and bred.

JESSIE

Ugh. My mother's side of the clan are from Glasgow. My sister got all their wanker genes.

SFX: The whiskey is poured.

ORIN

Well, anyone from the homeland is welcome here. Even if she's from Inverness. Let me toast to your health.

SFX: They clink glasses

JESSIE

Cheers, mate.

SFX: Jessie slugs down a PINT of whiskey.

ORIN Pure dead brilliant!

JESSIE

Not bad for a century old bit of drink.

ORIN Yer bum's oot the windae! That's nare but ten years old.

JESSIE I meant relationally.

ORIN Typical Inverness girl. Bladdered after one pint of the Glenfidditch.

JESSIE Bladdered? I'll drink you under the bloody table, mate, that's what I'll do. POUR.

SFX: Jessie slams down her pint glass and Orin refills.

ORIN Bit of a bad day you're havin?

JESSIE

Ha! I've been trapped on a malfunctioning spaceship with a group of incompetent crew members, a bioswamp that is constantly trying to kill us, a forgetful computer, a sentient bomb, and a couple of robot assassins, one of whom looks just like my wanker sister. Today I've just been zapped back to Earth, one hundred years before my birth, kidnapped by the American government and now I'm sitting here with you. Laddie, that's pretty much a win in my book.

ORIN You're daft. Quit pulling Orin's leg. *

JESSIE Who's Orin?

ORIN I am. Orin MacGregor. I dinna catch your name, lassie.

JESSIE

Jessie.

ORIN

Now, doesn't that take the haggis! Jessie is the name of my wee barin. She's just two months old today.

JESSIE Now THAT'S funny, Jessie MacGregor was the name of my great-greatgrandmother!

ORIN You know your family history that far back?

JESSIE Well, I'm named after her! She was a bit of a legend. She was the only one in our family to be born in America and she...

ORIN

Aye?

JESSIE Oh bloody hell. You're my greatgreat-great granddad.

ORIN Alright, that's enough. Pay up and get oot. You've had your two pints.

JESSIE

As said, I've been on a spaceship. I don't suppose you'd give me a family discount, granddad?

SFX: The door bursts open and comes off its hinge.

LEET Man, Earth doors are so fragile.

JESSIE Leet! How in God's name did you find me?

LEET We used this map of Little Glasgow we got from Human Olivia.

JESSIE

WHO?

DR. PICKLE Err, hello. Dr. Hermione Pickle. Cartographer.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER Come along, Jessie. We need to get back to the cave. We may have found a way to get back to the ship.

JESSIE

I dinna wanna go back to the ship!

LEET

But if I put a shirt on at the same two other improbable things happen, we can go home! This Pickle lady is one, we just need to find another improbable event and we're set!

ORIN

Hey, shirtless goat, you broke my door! And she drank nearly \$300 worth of Scotch! Now either someone pays up or I call the police.

JESSIE He's my great-great-greatgrandfather.

DR. BROMAE

That'll do.

ZELDA

I'm sorry for the door. We'll pay for the repairs as well as any outstanding bar tabs. I'm also sorry for this.

ORIN

For what?

STUDEBAKER Say goodnight, Gracie.

SFX: Studebaker injects something into Orin's neck and he passes out.

ZELDA

He's coming with us.

JESSIE Generations of family therapy start here.

LEGRANGE Hold your horses, buckaroos.

ZELDA Dr. Legrange, what is it?

LEGRANGE

I've been crunching some numbers, doing some thinking...also I've watched a lot of Star Trek. If zis is going to work, we probably need to recreate the original conditions as closely as possible.

DR. BROMAE

Yes. I see what you're saying. We need to be EXACTLY where we were when we materialized - and your friends need to be EXACTLY where they were.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER

But assuming they literally swapped places with us, they're in space on the Oz-9. 121 years in the future. How can we possibly get them instructions? Ooof. That's another doozy.

STUDEBAKER

I've got a watch that can record messages. It's pretty neat!

ZELDA

Studebaker, what good is that going to do us if we need to get it to space? IN THE FUTURE.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER Tell me, Frau Section Chief, does this time period have something called ze Western Union?

ZELDA

I...think that's still a thing?

DR. PICKLE

Yes, it is. There's one just two blocks over. According to this map. That I just happen to have.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER Come, ve haven't a second to spare. I have a genius idea.

MUSIC: TRANSITION

INT. THE CAVE

MRS. SHEFFIELD Hmm. Yes. Fascinating. Yes. YES.

ATHENA

Yes?

CHET

Really?

MRS. SHEFFIELD No. Terrible.

MISSION VOICE Are you just going to let this go on?

NARRATOR OH HO HO. I thought scenes just "set themselves."

MISSION VOICE Everything is situational.

NARRATOR

And this situation calls for a PROFESSIONAL! (Clears throat - triumphantly) Meanwhile, in the French Lick cave, Mrs. Sheffield studies the now inactive dimensional doorway.

ATHENA

Chet, this is ridiculous. The Admiral is gone, the EMF has vanished and all Nanny McFreak here has done is stare at the wall. Let's go, I dunno, TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

CHET

We will, darling! If Mrs. S here can figure out how to power this thing back up, we can control all of time and space! What we're trying to figure out is why when Skip and Company ran through that door it powered off.

MRS. SHEFFIELD It's not just that they went through, my little faux fatale, it's that all five people went through this door at once. Interesting...

ATHENA

What makes five people walking through a door interesting? I've shoved packs of ten into my Puma Den back home with no issues.

MRS. SHEFFIELD

What you need to understand, my dear, is that both here in French Lick and on that door's far side, things rarely work as one would expect even under optimal circumstances... Which there never are... for every person walking through this door, there's an energy flow, an equilibrium that must be kept. Five people using the portal at once, things could get... wacky. Or wackier... a frightening thought...Chet, dearest, be a gem and let Mrs. S use your phone for a moment.

CHET Sure thing, sexy.

MRS. SHEFFIELD Thank you, darling.

SFX: SHE THROWS THE PHONE AT THE DOOR. SPARKS.

CHET

Hey!

ATHENA

HA!

MRS. SHEFFIELD

AH. As I suspected. The electricity from the phone jumps right to it. It's negatively charged. This door is dormant as a door mouse.

ATHENA It's... dead?

CHET

My phone sure is! Apple Care isn't going to cover that.

MRS. SHEFFIELD

Drained would be more apropos. Transporting five people has sapped its battery, so to speak... We need to charge her back up if we're to bring things back to what passes for normal.

ATHENA

Where are we going to drum up that much power? I doubt we can keep throwing Chet's personal electronic devices at it.

MRS. SHEFFIELD Oh heavens no. It couldn't even muster the spark to jump start a Ford Cortina. We'll need to find... other... options...

MUSIC: TRANSITION

SFX: CHET HUFFS AND PUFFS AS HE USES A ROWING MACHINE

MRS. SHEFFIELD (CONT'D) Stroke... stroke...

CHET

(straining) About... how much... energy have I... generated.... now...?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Umm, let me check... ah yes, you've generated precisely sixty seven point two units of how-on-earthwould-i-know. Keep rowing.

ATHENA

Are you sure this is an old-timey rowing machine from the hotel spa up above? It's got more of a Spanish Inquisition torture device kind of vibe to it...

MRS. SHEFFIELD

As with many things in Indiana, it's so hard to gauge the original intent. But keep at it, Wilson Phillips--

CHET Chet... Phillips...

MRS. SHEFFIELD That too, this flywheel contraption we've rigged --

ATHENA --ahem. That <u>I've</u> rigged--

MRS. SHEFFIELD Very well, Cathy Credit. This flywheel that <u>you've</u> rigged seems to be charging up the door nicely.

CHET It'd... better be charging... something...

SFX: BRZAP! A DOOR SLAMS OPEN!

ATHENA

It opened!

MRS. SHEFFIELD Indeed it did!

CHET

Can I stop?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Heavens no! ATHENA ROW SLAVE! RAMMING SPEED!

CHET Sheesh, I was just asking...

SFX : THE ROWING RESUMES

ATHENA It's closed again. MRS. SHEFFIELD Indeed. You don't think we imagined it, do--

SFX: AN ETHEREAL SOUND, SPARKS OF ENERGY, AND A WHOOSH!

ADMIRAL AHOY! I'm back from the most amazing excursion!

MRS. SHEFFIELD H.R.R.! You're--

SFX: ANOTHER WHOOSH

MRS. SHEFFIELD (CONT'D) -- gone again. The doorway's allowing peeks into the multiverse, but it's not staying open...

ATHENA It must need more charge! ROW! ROW, SLAVE!

SFX: WHIP

CHET OW! Where'd you get the cat o nine tails from--

ATHENA Doesn't everyone carry one, just in case?! ROW!

MRS. SHEFFIELD Oh, Athena. Another time, another place, we could have been...bosom buddies.

SFX: AN ETHEREAL SOUND, SPARKS OF ENERGY, AND A WHOOSH!

ADMIRAL Ahh! I'm back again! There are the most amazing worlds through this door!

MRS. SHEFFIELD Are those sorcerer's robes you're wearing, H.R.R.?

ADMIRAL

Why yes! A wizard, a badger, and a nice man from Chicago invited me on something called a podcast! Quite the barbaric custom, but I obliged---

SFX: WHOOSH

MRS. SHEFFIELD He's bouncing between worlds! Whip the boy harder!

SFX: WHIP! WHIP!

CHET

Hey, look, I'm going as fast as I--OUCH, STOP! I don't want to yuck anyone's yum, but this is---

SFX: AN ETHEREAL SOUND, SPARKS OF ENERGY, AND A WHOOSH!

MRS. SHEFFIELD Admiral! Now what are you wearing!?

ADMIRAL What a world I saw! There, they made me one of the fifteen CEOs of Omnicorp! Let me tell you, our Brucemas party was <u>lit</u>!

SFX: WHOOSH. THEN AN ETHEREAL SOUND, SPARKS OF ENERGY, AND ANOTHER WHOOSH!

CHET

Admiral?

ADMIRAL The Admiral no longer exists! All praise the Amelia Proj--

SFX: WHOOSH/ETHEREAL/SPARKS/WHOOSH!

ADMIRAL (CONT'D) You can make a lot of money as a cabbie in Baltimore, I'm here to tell you---

SFX: WHOOSH/ETHEREAL/SPARKS/WHOOSH!

ADMIRAL (CONT'D) So many evil corporations in the multiverse! Let that poor Girl in Space be, Coldwell Enterprises! All she wanted was some cheese! SFX: WHOOSH/ETHEREAL/SPARKS/WHOOSH!

ADMIRAL (CONT'D) Bah! I was just about to tell Januae how he can stop his jaunting forever!

SFX: WHOOSH/ETHEREAL/SPARKS/WHOOSH!

CHET Is that a dress?

ADMIRAL My manager Dave got me back in the good graces of the Kardashians! I'm UNCANCELLED, BITCHES!

SFX: WHOOSH!

MRS. SHEFFIELD This is getting out of hand...

BOTH CHET AND ATHENA

GETTING?

SFX: MORE ROWING - MORE WHOOSHING AND ZAPPING

ADMIRAL (WHOOSH) I'm mayor of Nightvale! (WHOOSH) I found all the Limetown people! (WHOOSH) I stayed sexy and solved ALL the murders! (WHOOSH) I'm legendary anchorman Bill Curtis!

SFX: WOOSH!

MRS. SHEFFIELD We need more power.

MUSIC: TRANSITION

INT. OZ-9 PODBAY 779

SFX: EVERYONE RUNS IN PANTING, EXCEPT ALBATROS

ALBATROS

All right, everyone- Oh, good grief, you'd think super spies would be in decent shape. Fine, I'll just wait here and talk to myself, shall I?

SKIP

(Panting) Why....are you...so fast?

ALBATROS

Ever been chased by a carnivorous plant? Alligator in Zero G? No? Perhaps when you lead a less sheltered life, you'll understand.

GLORIA Sheltered life?!

SKIP We're super spies!

ALBATROS Not for long, at that pace.

BOWDEN

So what do we do now? I don't see the door we came through. My god, is that a Breitling?

ALBATROS

Would you mind coming back here? Yes, it's a very nice watch. Don't tap on the pod glass, please; you never know what you'll awaken.

BOWDEN

That model dates back to our time, and here it is, a hundred plus years later, still ticking! I gotta get me one of those.

SKIP

That is impressive craftspersonship.

ALBATROS

"Craftspersonship." I've known contortionists who couldn't tie themselves in that many knots. SKIP

Unlike many, we believe in our diversity oath.

MACKENZIE Bowden! We're going home, not window shopping. Get over here.

GLORIA

Hang on, let me see that.

ALBATROS

Please don't. When that door opens, I want you to be ready to be shoved through it. Not that it hasn't been lovely having you-

GLORIA

Oh my God. IT IS! It's the exact watch I bought Bowden for his birthday!

BOWDEN

Me? You bought me a Breitling? Gloria, you can't afford that!

GLORIA I was buying it used from Dr. Studebaker. Trading, actually.

MACKENZIE

FOR WHAT?

GLORIA A mint-in-box Sports Illustrated football phone.

MACKENZIE

That scans.

COLIN

Well, clearly if it's the EXACT watch, you are meant to retrieve it1

ALL-BUT-COLIN Jesus! [or 'cheese-and-crackers' for those who prefer]

SKIP I gotta say, I'm liking the bell idea.

COLIN

I'm more of a Bvlgari man, myself. But a Breitling is ... nice.

SKIP

You're thinking it's some sort of message meant for us?

MACKENZIE

Makes sense. How else are Zelda and co going to communicate?

GLORIA

You think they somehow figured out how to get a lady 120 years in the future to wear an antique men's watch when she got on board a spaceship?

ALBATROS

I'm sure at some point you'll have a fascinating slideshow on just how they did/are doing/will do/will be doing this, but perhaps we might figure out what it means first?

BOWDEN

The watch says...4:38. What time is it now?

COLIN

It is always just the leading edge of the cocktail hour. That's all I need to know.

MACKENZIE Who has a watch on? Anyone?

OLIVIA

It's 4:28 Earth time in French Lick, if that matters.

BOWDEN

That's just a difference of ten minutes! What do you think it means? Is that when the door opens?

MACKENZIE

There's only one way to find out. We have to thaw this lady out and ask! COLIN No you don't. You'll kill the person inside if you open a pod.

OLIVIA

I don't think you will, actually. According to my sensors, she's already dead. Or a mannequin. Hard to tell, but equals out to much the same thing.

GLORIA

There's a button on the side here. Should I push it?

OLIVIA Oh, go on. Let's see what happens.

SFX: POD OPENS. AIR RUSH. LIQUID.

WOMAN WITH WATCH Mr. Montcrief?

OLIVIA

Whoops.

BOWDEN

Huh?

WOMAN WITH WATCH Is your name Bowden Montcrief?

BOWDEN

Yes. Who the hell are you?

WOMAN WITH WATCH Western Union. We've been holding this watch for you. Actually a bunch of us at the office were kinda hoping maybe you could shed some light on the subject. You see, we've had that watch in our possession for the past 121 years. It was given to us with the explicit instructions that it be delivered to a man with your description answering to the name of Bowden, on board the Oz-9. We actually had a little bet about...oh, I don't feel so well. OLIVIA

Looks like I have to update the passenger list AGAIN. Ok. This one IS my fault.

SKIP

Bowden, look! The light on the watch is blinking! OH, is this one of those watches that can record messages? Those are so neat!

SFX: BEEP

MISSION VOICE

McGrath, Bowden, Gloria, Granger, and possibly Admiral Fletcher. Assuming you've figured out the watch and are hearing this message, the door will be opening again in four minutes. You must be standing in exactly the spots you were in when you came through or the exchange won't happen correctly.

NARRATOR

And you'll possibly be spaghettified.

MISSION VOICE

Would you back up? You are absolutely exhausting sometimes.

COLIN

Who was that other voice? It sounded oddly familiar.

SKIP

Could you people please be quiet! I don't know about all of you, but I have a project I'd like to return to, in one piece!

MACKENZIE

Putting the Christmas tree lights in ROY G BIV order isn't a "project," Skip, it's just weird. And I guarantee you I'm going to mess them up again.

ALBATROS

Are you all standing where you were when you got here?

BOWDEN

I have no idea where I was standing! We came from a cave under Indiana to a spaceship, I wasn't exactly paying attention! Hang on --I did catch my reflection in a pod as I came through, and I remember it caught me at 17 degrees off my ideal profile, so if it was that pod, and it was, I remember the Armani tie, I must have been about ... here!

GLORIA

And you dropped my hand to smooth down your hair, so I was ... here!

ALBATROS Triangulation by vanity. Hmm.

COLIN

More common than you might think, actually.

OLIVIA

Time's nearly up, all. Places! Leet is coming back to me, and if you make a mess of him, there won't be much left of you, all right?

COLIN

I don't suppose you could take this goopy body with you?

SKIP Ew, no. I was here.

MACKENZIE How do you know that?

SKIP

A truly excellent operative always knows his, her, or their precise position in space at all times.

GLORIA

What about you, Miss McGrath?

MACKENZIE

Well, if Skip was there, I was probably about to make fun of his butt, which would put me right about ... here. MISSION VOICE You should be situated now. Please stand very very still. Bowden, no screaming. It's ... deeply disturbing.

BOWDEN He's never heard me scream.

MISSION VOICE Yes, I have. Counting down. 30...29...28...

MUSIC: TRANSITION

INT. CAVES

ZELDA

C'mon, you lot. I'm not stranding my team in the future because you four couldn't move your asses fast enough.

JESSIE

Look, I hadta lug my tub-o-guts grand-grand-grand-dad all the way down here, you can suck it up!

DOCTOR VAN HABER ZETZER Look, we accomplished three impossible things before lunch, let's just shut up and be proud of ourselves while Missypoo here zaps us back to the future.

ZELDA For the love of all that's holy, Agent Granger, just get wherever you need to be.

SFX: WOOSH!

ADMIRAL Save 10% off your first SquareSpace site with the code "ADMIRAL"

SFX: WOOSH!

LEET

What was THAT?

SFX: MRS. S AND ATHEANA HAVE JOINED IN THE ROWING

CHET

Oh, hey, Zelda! We're just trying to re-open a dimensional portal using antique gym equipment. Wanna run up to the spa and grab a stationary bike and join us?

ATHENA I think you could use the workout!

DR. BROMAE Mrs. Sheffield?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Oh, Theo! Darling. How nice to see you. Pull up an oar.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER Ack, liebchen, you ist here too? Enough with the talking, let's make an improbability bomb! ONE - Doctor Pickle who sounds impossibly like Olivia!

DR. PICKLE Present. Or, er, future? This is very stressful.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER TWO - Jessie impossibly meeting her own ancestor.

JESSIE AYE. Sorry, great great granddad. Hope you survive this. Though, since you already had my great grandmother, no skin off my back either way.

SFX: Jessie tosses Orin onto Pickle.

DR. VON HABER ZETZER THREE. Leet - put on zis shirt.

LEET I dunno, it's kind of warm in here.

ALL

LEET!

LEET

Okay, okay.

SFX: LEET PUTS ON HIS SHIRT.

LEET (CONT'D) It's kind of tight. But it really shows off my abs.

SFX: BOOM! IMPROBABLIY EXPLOSION!

INT. TIME TUNNEL

SFX: TEAM EMF SCREAM AS THEY HEAD ONE WAY, PASSING TEAM OZ-9 GOING THE OTHER WAY

SKIP This is going to take so many case files to write up! How can I even properly date them?

GLORIA

I'm sure you'll figure something out.

MACKENZIE Hey look, it's our counterparts!

BOWDEN AND LEET You're very handsome! Aww. Thank you!

INT. CAVES

SFX: POP! TEAM EMF RETURNS TO THEIR OWN REALITY!

SKIP Section Chief!

ZELDA

Skip! Mackenzie! Bowden! Gloria! I am so happy to see all you!

GLORIA Oh, us too, Section Chief! The future is a TERRIBLE place. Everyone is invisible. Or a zebra!

MACKENZIE I'll tell you what, though. Buy stock in Western Union.

ATHENA

Finally, we can stop rowing! I guess you're going to arrest us now, huh, Skip? Honestly, don't even care. As long as I don't have to row.

CHET Wait...where's the Admiral?

MRS. SHEFFIELD Alas, my dear H.R.R. did not come through again.

SFX: WOOSH!

ADMIRAL

Ahhhh! Back in my own time! Mrs. Sheffield, what a rending of the human spirit we have shared! O rapture!

MRS. SHEFFIELD Admiral, you are truly the healing fungus on the vestigial foot of life.

ADMIRAL I have always said so myself!

MRS. SHEFFIELD I guess with the door fully powered, you jaunts through time have ended. And I see you've brought me back my cane.

ADMIRAL Madam, it's all yours.

MRS. SHEFFIELD

Very good. Now remember, H.R.R. Gated Galaxies. Just form the business as an LLC and history will thank you for it.

ADMIRAL My limited liability shall know no bounds!

MRS. SHEFFIELD Toodle pip, darling. Perhaps we'll meet again...sometime. SFX: MRS. SHEFFIELD ACTIVATES THE TIME MACHINE ON HER CANE (OH YES, SHE HAS ONE) AND BLIPS OUT OF EXISTENCE.

SKIP

Well. I never want to talk or even think about any of that ever again. I do kind of want popcorn, though.

MACKENZIE Wait! What happened to Chet? He's gone!

GLORIA He got away again?

ATHENA No. I TOLD him not to stand to close to that stupid door. Oh, Chet, you beautiful dummy. Who am I going to whip now?

SFX: WOOSH!

USIDORE

I AM USIDORE! WIZARD OF THE TWELFTH REALM OF EPHESIUS! MANIPULATOR OF MAGICAL DELIGHTS! DEVOURER OF excuse me but where am I?

ATHENA ...ehhhhhh close enough.

MUSIC: END THEME

INT. NARRATOR'S SPACE

MISSION VOICE Well, there you have it, Space Monkeys. Everything back in its place.

NARRATOR

I hate to admit it, but I couldn't have gone through that without you. Would you consider a permanent partnership?

MISSION VOICE Sorry, I read the plot outline for your next season. Good luck getting through the "Who Killed Dr. Theo" plot line. WHAT?

MISSION VOICE It was Donna. SPOILERS!

SFX: WOOSH!

NARRATOR

Jesus. Well. There you have it, Space Monkeys...no, you know what, now I just feel soiled. If you listened to this, and somehow understood it, God have mercy on your soul. The universe can only handle so much lunacy at once, so we can only hope that the download numbers of this travesty don't encourage the powers that be to attempt it again. Until that doomsday scenario, Narrator Out. [READS CREDITS. SHOULD ONLY TAKE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TO GET THROUGH THEM.]

INT. OZ-9 BRIDGE

CAPTAIN MADELINE Wait. You're telling me Leet put on a shirt?

DR. VON HABER ZETZER Ack yeah, und it saved the universe!

LEET I'm feeling pretty great.

OLIVIA

I'm not.

JOE Just goes to show. Can't be messing with the tightly woven tapestry that is space and time.

CAPTAIN MADELINE

Tell me about it. The minute those weirdos went back to their own time, my popcorn machine went back on the fritz.

COLIN

I'm just glad nothing like that is ever going to happen again.

CAPTAIN MADELINE OH REALLY? On this ship?

COLIN

It would involve improbability levels that even Miccuci couldn't calculate. The chances are astronomical!

SFX: WOOSH! GASPS FROM THE OZ-9 CREW

KRISTATOS Hello? What is happening? Oh no. I'm having potato hallucinations!

LARRY

Excuse me, is this the Discovery audition? I'm up for "Sad Kelpian Number Three".

LBF Who are vous?

LARRY

Hi, Larry Hastings, bass-baritone.

KRISTATOS

I am Kristatos O'Brien! The world's greatest criminal mastermind...and I demand you take us to your leader.

CAPTAIN MADELINE Can either of your gentlemen fix a popcorn machine?

LARRY/KRISTATOS

No.

CAPTAIN MADELINE Albatros?

ALBATROS

Yes?

CAPTAIN MADELINE Permission to FWIP!

MUSIC: STINGER