## OZ 9 EPISODE 59

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1	NARRATOR The last time we checked in with our ground crew, Pluto and Donna were sharing a semi-private moment that was actually kind of sweet. Well, except for Mr Southers in the background shouting, "Go on 'n' git it, Goldmember!" Fortunately, they seemed as oblivious to his presence as Romeo was to the Post-It note on Juliet's forehead that read "wait for it"
2	PLUTO There is moonlight in your eyes, my lady.
3	DONNA [suggestive, flirty] It has been a while, hasn't it? That ain't moonlight, Goldilegs.
4	NARRATOR Sadly for our star-crossed lovers, just before their lips could meet, there was what is known in certain circles as "a ruckus."
5	FELONIUS They're here! Guards! Hold still; you're surrounded.
6	DONNA OK, now dang it, I was looking forward to that kiss.
7	PLUTO As was I, lady.
8	FELONIUS Good work, Pluto, you led us right to them!
9	DONNA What?

PLUTO

No! I didn't!

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11	FELONIUS You can drop the lover-boy pose now, Lord Pluto.
12	JULIE Pose?
13	BEN I knew it!
14	MRS SHEFFIELD  Damn. The old god-mistakes-a-human- for-his-long-lost-lover trick. Can't believe I fell for it.
15	PLUTO Fair Persephone, you must believe me! I would never betray you!
16	SOUTHERS Oh, give it a rest, Pluto. You mighta fooled them with that loverboy routine, but your cover's blown higher than a Scotsman's skirts after a baked bean breakfast.
17	FELONIUS Come along, all of you. You did well, Pluto.
18	PLUTO No! This is deceit! Subterfuge! Please, Donna, tell me you believe me.
19	DONNA I don't know what to believe.
20	SOUTHERS All right, Felonius, I got 'em all gathered up for you. You go on and bring 'em in. I need to be heading on back to G2HQ.
21	FELONIUS I don't think so, Southers. There's someone back at the resort who'd like a moment of your time. And probably a foot of your lower intestine or a lobe of your liver, but I'll let the two of you sort that out.

22	SOUTHERS Now, hang on a minute there, Felonius-
23	MRS SHEFFIELD [scornful] We know Tiberius is dead, Felonius. You're acting on your own authority. Do you really think these guards will do as you say?
24	FELONIUS They will, if they know what's good for them.
25	JULIE Please. You can barely get your own shadow to follow you.
26	BEN Good one, honey! Except it's night.
27	JULIE He knows what I mean.
28	MRS SHEFFIELD  Ben does have a point, though. A  really GOOD insult isn't situation- specific.
29	DONNA Oh, come on, now. I think a really good insult is like an egg. You can't ESCAPE it once it HATCHES, right, Pluto?
30	PLUTO [bewildered] If you say so, Lady
31	FELONIUS Quiet! I realize your only escape strategy is to drown your enemies in nonsense, but that won't work with me!
32	DONNA Are you saying you'd like to ESCAPE from the plans we're HATCHing? Does that sound right, Pluto?
33	BEN Why are you talking to the enemy, Donna?

34	JULIE Look at you. You are so happy to think Pluto's a bad guy.
35	BEN He called me stupid. A lot.
36	MRS SHEFFIELD Well
37	BEN Stop it.
38	DONNA You know what else is good at ESCAPE? The nutHATCH.
39	PLUTO I feel you are trying to tell me something.
40	JULIE We're talking about birds now?
41	DONNA I'm running out of options.
42	FELONIUS Good god, Pluto-
43	BEN You sure? Not much good about this god.
44	PLUTO I am not your enemy.
45	JULIE Yeah, well, it's hard to see you as a friend right now.
46	DONNA Pluto, listen to me. Remember our walk to the grove? Remember what you told me? Before the Mike and Ike's?
47	FELONIUS She thinks you have some sort of ESCAPE HATCH, you gold-plated, Valhalla has-been!

48	PLUTO  VALHALLA? And oh, yes, I'd forgotten  about that.
49	DONNA Clearly. If you wouldn't mind?
50	FELONIUS Raise one shiny finger, and she's dead.
51	PLUTO Does this mean you trust me?
52	DONNA It means I trust you more than Felonius.
53	PLUTO That's not a high bar.
54	DONNA So you'd better clear it, huh?
55	PLUTO I hope you enjoyed your last meal, my love.
56	DONNA Because it was my last?
57	PLUTO Of course not!
	[shimmering sound stolen from Pete]
58	PLUTO Because you're going to see it again.
59	JULIE What the hell?
60	FELONIUS [to himself] Yesssssssss! I knew it! [to all] Stop!! What have you done?
61	MRS SHEFFIELD  Pluto, you'd better start talking, or the next bloody hoof

62	PLUTO Yes?
63	MRS SHEFFIELD Really? You can't ride that pony to its logical conclusion on your own?
64	BEN Where's Donna???
65	PLUTO Safe. I hope.
66	JULIE You "hope."
67	PLUTO Nothing is foolproof. And I fear I have been the biggest fool of all. We must hie to the tunnels.
68	BEN I'm not hieing anywhere until you tell us where Donna is!
69	FELONIUS No one is hieing unless I tell them to!
70	MRS SHEFFIELD Like Donna, you mean? She hied it out of here in a hurry, didn't she?
71	SOUTHERS Don't suppose you could do that little trick a second time there, Pluto, m'boy? Find me a little hence to hie to?
72	PLUTO No. And now "hie" sounds funny.
73	MRS SHEFFIELD  I'm starting to doubt the existence of these guards you're threatening us with. I mean, they're awfully guiet.

FELONIUS
74 Stealth training.

JULIE

75 And where are they? It's a golf course. Not a lot of things to hide behind.

FELONIUS

76 It's dark.

JULIE

77 It's not that dark. [realizes] You're alone.

[shot pings nearby-ish, whoop from Ben]

JULIE

OK, except for Wild Eye. [shouting]
Really, Charlie? I thought we were
friends!

**FELONIUS** 

79 He had some ... unprofitable affection for Donna. He'll quite happily shoot the rest of you.

MRS SHEFFIELD

That stings, Charlie; it really does. Still. Better that than a bullet. Tunnel?

FELONIUS

Who's giving the orders here? As it happens, I was taking you to the tunnels anyway. March!

NARRATOR

Captive again, our ragged band heads across the 16th hole and back to the tunnels, under the watchful if poorly focused gaze of Wild Eye Charlie, the sniper. If he sees Julie occasionally stoop to retrieve a golf ball and stick it in one of her many pockets, he makes no move to stop her.

THE OZ 9 CREW ROOM - MUSIC

NARRATOR

Meanwhile, back on the ship, Howard and Emily have finished refurbishing the crew room, previously destroyed by Colin's laser eyes or one of le Bichon

Frise's nefarious but stupid plans or
a von Haber Zetzer experiment gone
awry, who remembers? Anyway, it's
fixed now, complete with new, soothing
music and surprisingly functional
equipment.

LEET

It's so nice!

DR THEO

There are bookshelves? Does that mean there are also books somewhere on this ship?

COLIN

There are tooth marks on the tables.

JESSIE

And on this chair.

LEET

And on the refrigerator. Aw, did you guys get hungry?

HOWARD

You try setting up a crew room with no arms, there, champ.

EMILY

90 We found this equipment in an almost identical room on the 15th level. Once we got this place all cleaned and reptilian-

HOWARD

91 Repaired.

**EMILY** 

We had to bring it all down here, without arms: appliances, furniture, etoufee.

HOWARD

93 Etcetera. Well said, Tater Tot.

COLIN

Why didn't you just leave it there and make that our new crew room?

[pause]

95	EMILY Crap.
96	HOWARD I think I'm gonna cry right now, I'm feeling the WD40 welling up-
97	JESSIE Why do you even have teeth?
98	DR THEO I'd like to claim this shelf for my novel. It will just be the manuscript at first, of course. You'll all have to promise me you won't peek!
99	LEET Oooo! You could read it to us!
100	DR THEO Well, I don't know that anyone wants to hear it in this rough state I'll just go get it, shall I?
101	OLIVIA Oy. That was weird.
102	GREG What was weird? Oooo, check out the feeding trough!
103	HOWARD We installed that just for you, my four-legged, lustrous-maned friend.
104	EMILY Are you flirting with the zebra?
105	HOWARD Hey, can't a repair bot admire a well-kempt do?
106	GREG Well, this is awkward.
107	LEET What happened, Olivia?
108	DR THEO Shall I go get my novel? Mind you, I only have about 800 pages so far.

109		LEET Olivia?	
110		OLIVIA Hmmm?	
111		LEET You said something w	as weird.
112		OLIVIA Did I? Don't think s	0.
	[ping!]		
113		MICROWAVE Your salad is ready.	(NARRATOR)
114		COLIN Did the microwave ju	st say something?
115		JESSIE It said "your salad puts a salad in the	
116		LEET That is so cool! Say	something else!
117		HOWARD Oh yeah, all these a	ppliances talk.
118		COLIN Is that the same voi	ce as the alarm?
119		NARRATOR Don't judge me. I wa the money. I was put through the Ron Howa Expository Sciences!	ting myself
120		HOWARD Open the refrigerato	r door, Leet.
121		LEET There are tooth mark handle.	s all over the
122		EMILY Quality control. Als	o, nibbles.
123		REFRIGERAT Warning. You are nea	OR (NARRATOR) rly out of kudzu

bread.

## [pause]

		GREG
124		Damn. I can just hear the tappity tap of her heels through the hallways.
125		COLIN I know what you mean. Earlier today, I could have sworn I smelled kudzu bread baking.
126		MADELINE Here you all are! Wow, this is posh!
127		COLIN If this says "posh" to you, I weep for your childhood.
128		MADELINE Hey! You've got a whole arm today!
129		EMILY Which is more than we have, incidentally. Have we not spurned
130		HOWARD Earned
131		EMILY At least one arm back?
132		LEET Come on, Captain. What do you say? They're not going to try to kill me again, are you?
	[long par	use]
133		EMILY No.
134		LEET See?
135		JESSIE No room for both symmetry AND survival instinct, huh?

	MADELINE
136	Fine. ONE arm, but if you raise it against the crew, I'll set the Alb-Damn.
137	DR VON HABER ZETZER I vill keep an eye on zem. Goodness, zuch a luffly new crew zpace ve haf. Haz anyone seen Joe? I am needing a clean up on aisle fife, as zey say.
138	LEET  If I listen to your novel, can I sit on your lap?
139	DR THEO
140	REFRIGERATOR (NARRATOR) Your cocktail is chilled.
141	COLIN Thank you.
	[sound of fridge door opening, closing]
142	REFRIGERATOR (NARRATOR) You are out of greens.
143	DR VON HABER ZETZER Ahhhhhhh, I zee ve haf ze talking appliances now. How zpectacularly uzeless.
144	MICROWAVE (NARRATOR) Hello, Dr von Haber Zetzer. You are a weirdo.
145	LEET Whoa! It knows you?
146	DR VON HABER ZETZER Zis if vy I vanted ze non-speaking variety for our crew room. Ze little boy who programmed ze speaking of ze applianzes vas a complete arschgeige.
	MICROWAVE (NARRATOR)
147	I know you're a butt violin, but what am I?

148	DR VON HABER ZETZER Unt he spoke a little German. Hosenscheisser.
149	OLIVIA  If Doc here is going to duke it out with the microwave, perhaps the rest of us should hie to the bridge?
150	JESSIE "Hie"?
151	OLIVIA No idea where that came from. Anyone seen Freeze today?
152	JESSIE Sulking in the swamp, I think.
153	DR THEO My "research assistant" finally agreed to do some actual research.
154	MADELINE What do you have him doing?
155	DR THEO Don't worry, Captain. It's nothing he can use to hurt anyone. I have him collecting different, harmless samples to see if anything will work against the plants. Besides the mold.
156	COLIN Such as?
157	DR THEO I had several things on the list: swamp water, those stinging brambles, venom from the cave snakes, a few mushrooms-
158	GREG Mushrooms?!
159	DR THEO Not yours, Greg, I promise. There are several species of lichen in the caves that are interesting, though.

**JESSIE** 160 Is that why he was scraping an egret's tongue? I thought maybe that was some weird assassin ceremony. COLIN 161 He's scraping the tongue of a rabid bird, so you naturally assumed it was part of some odd assassin ritual. Exactly how did you make that logical leap? And remind me again of the requirements to be an Oz captain? **JESSIE** 162 He'll be scraping you off the ceiling in a minute. COLIN Retracted. But really.... 163 OLIVIA 164 Dr Theo, do you really think venom, diseased spittle, nettles, and potentially psychedelic cave lichen are "harmless" in the hands of an assassin? DR THEO Le Bichon Frise hasn't shown any signs 165 of recovered intelligence in quite a while. My hope is he'll get wrapped up in vines the way Captain Jessie did. LEET 166 But that would kill him! DR THEO 167 Sadly, no. But it would take him out of action for a day or so. Leet, why are you holding my hand? LEET 168 To comfort you. DR THEO 169 But I'm not anxious.

LEET You're awake.

171	DR TI Fair. [pause] :	
172		IGERATOR (NARRATOR) all were leaving.
173	MADE Seriously? We'r our refrigerato	ce being dismissed by
174		N n is chilled to ave the fridge ALONE.
175	JESS: What's in a Smo	
176	DR TI We are.	HEO
177	a button with a pink lips on i told me to wait	N ly sure. There was just a pair of big, shiny, t. When I pushed it, it t seventeen minutes and and a Smoking Ruin would
178	-	IE d it was a cocktail and e aboard the Oz 9?
179	COLII Let's say I was	N s pleasantly surprised.
180	elocutionairal	
	BRIDGE 19 SOUNDS	
181	ALBA' Olivia? Olivia	
182	OLIV: You squawked?	IA
183		TROS eed you to track Joe. ing his body tag all

morning, and not a hint.

184	OLIVIA Look, Missy, I've already got two captains hollering every time we hit a space pothole; I'm not at your beck and bellow, all right?
185	ALBATROS I do NOT "bellow."
186	OLIVIA You do. There, what's that?
187	ALBATROS Where?
188	OLIVIA That blip in pod bay Oy! Is that Pod Bay 3? How come this bridge has eyes in?
189	ALBATROS I don't know nor do I care.
190	OLIVIA Well, I do. What cheek.
191	ALBATROS Computer! Where is Joe?
192	OLIVIA I don't know. Hang on, I'll have a little look-see. Are you making swamp bread?
193	ALBATROS Of course not. [pause] I may have made some earlier this morning.
194	OLIVIA You don't eat.
195	ALBATROS I can if I want to.
196	OLIVIA No one WANTS to eat that dreck.
197	ALBATROS Hey!

	OLIVIA
198	Just saying, cordon blue and cordon blew your breakfast are two different things. You want them to smell that, don't you? You want them to miss you!
199	ALBATROS Please. I don't give a fig if Colin misses me.
200	OLIVIA COLIN?
201	ALBATROS I did NOT say "Colin," I said "All'n." As in "all'n of them." I don't care if all'n of them misses me.
202	OLIVIA HA! Pull the other one!
203	ALBATROS Are you quite finished?
204	OLIVIA Only because someone's bellowing from the other end. Make a note if that blip in Pod Bay 3 moves, all right?
205	ALBATROS I have other priorities, and my programming forbids surveillance of Pod Bay 3. By the way, did I hear an air lock open this morning?
206	OLIVIA Oh yeah, one of the zombies made its way down to our level, so I fwipped him. Jay-something-or-other, according to his body tag. Not sure how a high school principal affords a pod on this buggy.
207	ALBATROS Maybe his adoring students did a GoFundMe or something.
208	OLIVIA GoFwipMe, more like.

	ALBATROS
209	Are the other zombies getting close?
210	OLIVIA Not too. I'll keep an eye on 'em. No peeking into Colin's bunk!
211	ALBATROS  Don't be ridiculous. As if I would!  [to herself] Besides, he's invisible.  Dammit.
212	NARRATOR  Back in the crew room, our gaggle of blunt objects are busy entertaining themselves by making the toaster and the ice machine argue, so let's just leave the ship for a moment and check in on the other gaggle.
	THE TUNNELS
213	BEN Oh, man, the lichen down here is hairy.
214	JULIE That's not lichen, honey.
215	BEN What is it?
216	FELONIUS Perci- Tiberius.
217	BEN So that's
218	JULIE Scalp. Hand sanitizer?
	[sound of squirt of sanitizer, Ben frantically rubbing hi hands together]
219	SOUTHERS He gave of himself so that the Others might flourish. Rest his soul.
220	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, well, apparently he didn't give of his feet; I believe I just stepped

on one.

221	FELONIUS SHOW SOME RESPECT.
222	MRS SHEFFIELD  No, I don't think I will. All right, Pluto, what was the mad rush to get here?
223	FELONIUS I'm the one with the sniper, I'll ask the questions!
224	BEN Your sniper is a crap shot at the best of times. Think he can hit us in here?
225	FELONIUS FINE. I'm a far better shot, and I'm much closer.
	[click of pistol beingwhatever it is that goes click]
226	JULIE Is that a gun? My Sharpshooter Barbie's gun was bigger than that. And less pink.
227	MRS SHEFFIELD Sharpshooter Barbie?
228	JULIE My parents believed in equal opportunity toys.
229	MRS SHEFFIELD How very American. Did you enjoy that?
230	JULIE Sure. My brother was less excited about Crochet Ken, though.
231	SOUTHERS "Crochet Ken." And we wonder why men grow up like soft and squishy Ben here.
232	BEN Pffft. Your hairdo cost more than my

car.

	SOUTHERS
233	Son, you and I are gonna have a talk about masculinity and grooming one day soon.
234	FELONIUS IT'S A GUN. And it shoots very real, very deadly bullets, so be quiet! Pluto, why are we here?
235	PLUTO Are there any strangers amongst us?
236	BEN Strangers? Do any of us look like strangers?
237	PLUTO Humans mostly look alike to me. Like ants. Or shoes.
238	BEN Shoes. [pause] No, no strangers.
239	PLUTO Has this area been disturbed? Is anything out of place?
240	MRS SHEFFIELD Well, I suppose you could say that elbow is out of place, as it really should be somewhere between a wrist and a shoulder, but perhaps that's not what you're talking about.
241	PLUTO No. Probably. I'm not sure. Maybe.
242	JULIE Not real helpful, there, Pluto.
243	PLUTO There should be someone here.
244	JULIE "Someone." Can you be more specific?
245	PLUTO A human.

246		BEN How is that more specific?
247		JULIE Ben? I got this, OK? Pluto, would it be a human you've seen before? Male? Female?
248		PLUTO I don't know. Why is no one here?
249		MRS SHEFFIELD  Is it possible the plants got to him?  Or her? Or them? Oh bother, is that the time? Must dash.
250		FELONIUS Get back here!
	[she turn	ns to go. sound of very small gunshot.]
251		MRS SHEFFIELD [running away] No good! Keep training, Felonius!
	[distant	gunshot]
252		MRS SHEFFIELD [from outside the tunnels] Sorry, Charlie! Next time, perhaps! Keep training!
253		FELONIUS  If another of you tries that, you'll do it with a hole in your head, got it?
254		PLUTO Your threats are unnecessary, Felonius. I need them here more than you do. No one will leave.
255		BEN Oh, so you're not content with probably killing off Donna, huh? You want to give us all up to the plants? I guess you are on their side.
256		JULIE Ben. Stop. [sniffing] Do you smell that?

	PLUTO
257	What do you smell, Lady of the Plants?
258	JULIE Gertie. She's been here. Recently.
259	BEN You can smell her?
260	JULIE Don't freak out. I noticed when Donna and I were trying to help her that she - she Gertie, not she Donna - had a distinctive scent. Like lemons.
261	BEN Oh my god.
262	FELONIUS Does that mean you speak plant?
263	JULIE How do you say, "Waiter" in French?
264	FELONIUS "Garçon." Very well, I get your point.
265	JULIE Just remember, Felonius, we helped her. We may have a powerful friend.
266	PLUTO Or two.
267	JULIE Oh, yes, sorry. Two.
268	BEN Is he a friend, though?
269	JULIE Hmmm. Good thought. One. Maybe two.
270	PLUTO Two! I did not lead them to you; what number of times must I repeat this point?
271	NARRATOR I realize you're probably getting dizzy from all this jumping around,

but we do need to quickly pop in to
the resort. If you thought Mr
Southers' office at G2HQ was fancy,
well, it is. But this one is even
fancier. Like, waaaaaay fancier.

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272	TIBERIUS Who's rummaging around out there? Hello? Who's there?
273	MRS SHEFFIELD Oh, just me, ducks.
274	TIBERIUS And who is "just me"?
275	MRS SHEFFIELD Oh, aaaaaaah, 'Arris. Mrs.
276	TIBERIUS I don't like people
277	MRS SHEFFIELDRummaging around outside your office?
278	TIBERIUS No, just in general.
279	MRS SHEFFIELD Ah, well, never mind me, ducks, I'm just the cleaning lady.
280	TIBERIUS I see. I don't generate dirt.
281	MRS SHEFFIELD Then I'll be right quick, won't I? Just let me wave a damp cloth around and chuck a few bits of paper in the bin, and I'll be off and out of your
282	TIBERIUS Go on
283	MRS SHEFFIELD  Mmmmmmm. I was gonna say 'hair' but what's going on up there don't quite qualify, do it?

284	TIBERIUS Do you have any idea who I am?
285	MRS SHEFFIELD Riddle, eh? I'm new here, but I'll give it a go. Mmmmmmconsidering the position of your office and the cost of your furniture, I'd say you're the big wheel of cheese at the end of the grocer's counter, ain't ya? Pennies enough to afford some decent shampoo, anyway. Maybe a touch of hot oil
286	TIBERIUS Mrs?
287	MRS SHEFFIELD 'Arris. Ada 'Arris, how'd you do.
288	TIBERIUS You don't expect me to shake that, I hope.
289	MRS SHEFFIELD Oh, gwan. That hand's been elbow deep in a bucket of bleach most the day, won't do you no harm.
290	TIBERIUS No, thank you, Mrs. Harris.
291	MRS SHEFFIELD HHHHHarris? No, dear, "Arris."
292	TIBERIUS I assumed you dropped the H.
293	MRS SHEFFIELD Like hot lead, me darlin, and never picked it up again! [loud laugh] Now, don't you mind me, ducks; my name's Arris A-R-R-I-S.
294	TIBERIUS  Go about your work, Mrs Arris, but hear this: you are never to be in this office nor in my waiting room alone.  If I am not here, YOU are not here. Is

that clear?

MRS SHEFFIELD

295

As you like, ducks. I'll just nip in with the Hoover and be out in a tic! You might want some of them flashy earmuff-headphone sets. This machine's a bit old and the shriek of it'll get your teeth wobblin' in your gums!

[sound of vacuum cleaner, Mrs S singing over it]

TIBERIUS

This cannot be happening. FELONIUS!!

NARRATOR

297

It's bad days all around, I'm afraid. Because just at that moment, in Pod Bay 3...

POD BAY 3

DONNA

298

Ooooof. I think I threw up hard enough to give myself whip lash. Next time, I'll stick some Pepto Bismol in my pocket first. What a mess. Oh, a mop and bucket! That's super handy.

## NARRATOR

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Told you so. You've been listening to: Lee Shackleford as Pluto Kevin Hall as Felonius and Greg Bonnie Brantley as Donna and Jessie Iri Alexander as Julie Aaron Clark as Ben Sarah Golding as Mrs Sheffield Mrs Sheffield as Mrs Arris Eric Perry as Southers, Dr von Haber Zetzer and Howard Tim Sherburn as Colin and Emily Richard Cowen as Leet David S Dear as Dr. Theo and Tiberius June Clark Eubanks as the Albatros Shannon Perry as Olivia and Madeline and me, Richard Nadolny as your Narrator. Also, as ... (sigh) the microwave and fridge.

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