Episode 77: Mind the disco ball

0z 9

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NARRATOR

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When we last left our crew of boiled okra, they had managed to create a portal - at least, we think it's a portal - below the Oz 9. Though the planet directly below them is [gagging sound], home of the human-devouring plants, our crew has hit the "gravity" button, hoping to drop into the portal and follow the sacred objects back to earth.

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2 Question. What about the pod bay 3 people?

NARRATOR What about them?

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4 Are they still aboard? Or did Tiberius's Ozdyssey succeed in breeching the hull of the 9 and sucking them out?

NARRATOR

5 Is that ... exposition? Are you expositioning?

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Sometimes there is a long, long, long 6 and let me say it, long gap between episodes. You know this. I'm ... remindering.

NARRATOR

7 [under breath] What was this guy? A tour guide ...?

NARRATOR 2

8 I heard that.

NARRATOR (Tour guide) (Cracks knuckles)

ABOARD THE OZ 9, WORM HOLING IT TO WHO-KNOWS-WHERE

DR VON HABER ZETZER Ach, zis is zo very bad.

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11	MADELINE What exactly is happening?
12	DR THEO We're traveling through a worm hole, I believe.
13	COLIN Oh god. We're not going to get that rude, chain-smoking robot person back again, are we?
14	DR THEO Captain Madeline, do you have any idea where we're going?
15	MADELINE [busy and pre-occupied] Through a worm hole. Someone just said that.
16	DR THEO Me. <i>I</i> just said that.
17	MADELINE Then what are you asking <i>me</i> for? Look, there's a hole in my hull with a very thin skin over it, and I'm trying to keep my passengers and crew <i>inside</i> the ship-
18	DR THEO You're prevaricating.
19	MADELINE Not without my toe shoes, I'm not.
20	DR THEO [baffled noises] What?
21	GREG I hate to say this, Captain, but-
22	MADELINE I know, I know. Is anyone still on the bridge? Mrs S? Olivia? Hello?
[silence]
0.2	MADELINE

Crap.

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24	JOE Like I said, I know a shortcut. Colin here can fly me. Colin? Where'd he go?
25	COLIN What?
26	LEET He was just here
27	COLIN I'm right next to you.
28	MADELINE Ok, find Colin and go, but watch out for quadrant nineteen. That's where the pod bay 3 folks were last detected.
29	COLIN "Find Colin"??
30	JOE Captain?
31	MADELINE Yeah?
32	JOE You've got this.
33	MADELINE I don't think I do. But I appreciate the vote of confidence. Can you carry two, Colin? Colin?
34	COLIN [shout] YES!
35	MADELINE/JOE Jesus!
36	COLIN [sigh] I'm invisible again, aren't I?
37	JOE Nothing left but a floating martini glass. Like the cheshire cat's smile.
[soft p	[qoq

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38		COLIN s gone. I'd cry if I weren't holding it.
39		DR VON HABER ZETZER a gut thing. You cannot afford ozink powers now.
40		COLIN g the cheddar out of people is super power.
41	Oh, I d	JOE lon't know
42	trips.	MADELINE going to have to make a few Take Joe and Jessie first. Come or the doctors and me. Can you ?
43	I can.	COLIN
44	And what	LBF at of ze assassins?
45	trying	LEET a say, with so many things to kill us, you seem a little ant. No offense.
46		ALBATROS sclaimer aside, I still feel a offended.
47	up the as I ha	MADELINE go. Quick. Jessie, when you get ce, hit the recall button. Much ate that two-headed traitor, we need the 778's skills right
48		JESSIE e! Try not to spill martini down form, will ya?
	[OLIVER: their w	voices fade as they fly away. I use reverb in

the corridors]

49	COLIN Hold still! You wiggle like a landed trout!
50	JESSIE Watch your hands, Casper!
51	JOE OhDuck! Disco ball!
52	JESSIE Well, which is it? Duck or disco ball?
[thunk]	
53	JESSIE OW!
54	DR THEO Captain, that hole is getting wider.
55	MADELINE I see it.
56	DR VON HABER ZETZER The farther ze tokens are away from us, the weaker zis little patch of woobly stuff will be. Ve must go faster.
57	GREG How do we do that? We can't exactly get out and push.
58	LEET I could try.
59	DR THEO Please don't.
60	LEET OK. But only because you said "please." You're cute.
61	ALBATROS Are we sure the tokens are leading us back to Earth?
62	BEN According to the books, they always end up back on Earth eventually.

63		DR VON HABER ZETZER "Eventually."
64		JULIE The books are a little hazy on the details.
	[OLIVER:	muffled sound of telephone]
65		BEN Is that coming from inside you?
66		GREG It's my kidney phone. [click] Yello? [OLIVER: indistinct voices on other side] Who is this? Southers? You sound funny. Did you say you're still on Earth?
67		MADELINE Why would Southers be calling us?
68		GREG Did you say to "Beam you up"? I can barely hear you! What? Hang on, I'm gonna find better reception.
	[OLIVER:	he clops away, door]
69		DR THEO Captain Madeline, I really thought we'd established some healthy boundaries.
70		MADELINE Beg pardon?
71		DR THEO Perhaps you could remove your hand from my buttock?
72		COLIN Ah, sorry.
	[yelps fi	rom Dr Theo and Madeline]
73		COLIN That would be <i>my</i> hand, actually. Upsa daisy!

74		MADELINE Upsa daisy?
75		COLIN Shut up and hold on.
76		MADELINE "Shut up"?!
77		COLIN Shut up, CAPTAIN.
78		MADELINE That's better.
79		DR THEO Is it, though? Woah!
80		DR VON HABER ZETZER You appear to haf your hands full, my boy. I'll wait for ze next airlift.
81		COLIN Very well.
	[OLIVER: away]	Madeline's, Theo's & Colin's voices fade as they fly
82		DR THEO Your hand is still on my buttock, Colin.
83		COLIN Yes, well, if I move it, I drop you. Would you prefer I sling you over my shoulder?
84		MADELINE
		It's not better. Ouch! I can't see.
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85 86		It's not better. Ouch! I can't see. DR THEO
		It's not better. Ouch! I can't see. DR THEO Disco ball! MADELINE We have a disco ball? [thunk] OW!

88	DR VON HABER ZETZER Ve are not going fast enough.
89	LBF I think we are very speedy. Everything is very blurry out the windows.
90	ALBATROS That's not blur, that's passenger goo on the outside of the windows.
91	JULIE Uhhhh, passenger goo?
92	LEET Yeah, we had kind of an accident right after launch. Sort of on purpose. I mean, Olivia kinda can we skip this story? It's gross.
93	BEN Skipping! So what happens if we lose the objects?
94	DR VON HABER ZETZER I fear Earth vill be lost. Ze tokens are powerful, and in ze wronk handz
95	JULIE The wrong hands are back there, floating above [gagging noise], aren't they? Maybe this is a good thing.
96	LBF Ehhhhhhhhh
97	JULIE WHAT.
98	LBF We are being followed.
99	LEET In a wormhole? You can't follow someone in a wormhole.
100	LBF And why not? Whynot?
101	LEET They're inherently unstable. Come on, (MORE)

		LEET (CONT'D) two points of infinite density touching singularities?
102		LBF That sounds dirty.
103		LEET It totally does.
		Leet snicker like school kids. OLIVER: Door opens clops back in]
104		ALBATROS Julie's right, though: Felonius, Tiberius, and all their thugs are aboard the Ozdyssey. The only one left on Earth is Southers, apparently.
105		GREG Southers may not be a problem for much longer either. Felonius shot him.
	[surprise Leet]	and disbelief from Albatros, LBF, Julie, Dr. VHZ,
106		DR VON HABER ZETZER Oh, didn't see dat commink.
107		ALBATROS No honor among thieves, I guess.
108		DR VON HABER ZETZER I would object to zat statement if it didn't mean givink myzelf away. However, vizout Olivia to power the ship, ve are quickly losing acceleration.
109		BEN Olivia is the ship's power source? That's crazy.
110		DR VON HABER ZETZER Ja, you are right, it is crazy. Fortunately, you are also wrong.
111		BEN Oh for- I'm going to go check the hole skin.

		LI	EET	
112	That	sounds	dirty	too!

[LBF and Leet snicker like school kids, again]

DR VON HABER ZETZER 113 Now, Olifia is not the power source, but she does manage the ship's engines. Vizout her, ve cannot increase ze amount of power ve are usink to fly.

ALBATROS

114 Doctor, we're going to need a hell of a power boost to exit the wormhole.

GREG

115 Madeline's the captain. Can't she increase the ship's power somehow?

DR VON HABER ZETZER

116 Vizzen limits, yes. But we may need more than she is authorized to give.

LEET

117 Are you saying we're stuck in the wormhole?

DR VON HABER ZETZER

118 Unless ve are able to locate some additional power source... uh, Ja.

BEN

119 [calling from a short distance] Hey, there's a little tear in the woobly stuff over the hole here. Is that bad?

MADELINE'S BRIDGE

JESSIE 120 Of COURSE I pressed the button, but so far, nothing.

DR THEO

121 The 778's recall function may not work in a wormhole, Captain.

MADELINE

122 Oh God...Colin?

COLIN

123 You need Dr. von Haber Zetzer. I'm on it!

[door opens, he flies out]

MADELINE

124 I have a hole in my ship - possibly two, if the Ozdyssey got through - and we're chasing an arm, a cane, a microphone, and a key through a wormhole to god-knows-where. As soon as I find the author of the O Captain You're a Captain manual, I'm going to punch them in the mouth.

DR THEO

125 To be fair, this is a pretty specific situation.

MADELINE

126 The cover of the book said "the comprehensive guidebook for captaining an Oz ship," Dr. Theo. COMPREHENSIVE.

DR THEO

127 Still....

JESSIE

128 Pfft. These ships were made to fall apart almost immediately. No wonder the "comprehensive" guide only had four pages and three of them were for "notes."

JOE

Hello.

[beat]

MADELINE

130 Hi....?

JOE

131 Nothing? Huh. I guess my belt requires at least one sacred object nearby. Right, good to know. Well, I hate to be the bearer of bad news here, but we're gonna need an almighty surge of power to break out of this wormhole before we get munched down to an (MORE)

	JOE (CONT'D) infinitely dense charcoal briquette. Jus' sayin'.
132	MADELINE I got this.
133	JESSIE Ehhhhhh do you, though?
134	MADELINE It's cool. The Oz 9 goes to 11. See this dial?
135	JOE Yeah, that's helpful. But we're gonna need more like a million-six.
136	MADELINE A million six? Jesus Chr(crap).
137	JESSIE We need Olivia. Only the ship's AI can override the limiters. Oh hell. We're stuck in here without her.
138	DR THEO Not just stuck. Briquettes.
139	MADELINE Crap.
[door op	ens, Colin flies in with Dr vHZ and the Albatros]
140	DR VON HABER ZETZER Stop viz the <i>seiben seiben acht</i> recall. Ve haf bigger trout in ze sizzling pan viz ze oil unt ze rapscallions.
141	DR THEO "Bigger fish to fry."
142	DR VON HABER ZETZER Dr. Bromae, ve are about to become tiny, infinitely dense pellets in ze greater hamster cage of ze univerze. Perhaps now is not ze time for fretting about my charming misphrasing of ze American idioms, mmmmmmm?

143	DR THEO Of course. My apologies. [beat]
	Scallions.
144	DR VON HABER ZETZER Let it go, Herr Doktor.
[do	por]
145	LEET Hey!
146	COLIN Speaking of infinitely dense
147	LEET I brought the Albatros and Julie.
148	JESSIE And left Ben with Freeze? That'll be awkward.
149	LEET They're heading to the bioswamp with Greg to go snail hunting.
150	JULIE I saw some fairly hostile plants in there Is that safe?
151	DR THEO Not at all. [clicks on intercom] Gentlemen, DO NOT HARVEST the <i>conus</i> <i>geographus</i> . I repeat: do not harvest the <i>conus geographus</i> . [snaps off intercom] That should do it.
152	JESSIE Do what?
153	JULIE You have cone snails? No wonder this ship is called the Oz. Everything on here is deadly!
154	ALBATROS Thank you, dear, but not everything.
155	JULIE Assassins are standard issue.

156	ALBATROS An abundance of caution.
157	JULIE Your zebra used to be a bomb!
158	GREG Not on purpose
159	JULIE Your meal rations are full of toxins.
160	JESSIE You're an American. You should be used to that.
161	JULIE I was safer on Earth being shot at by Wild Eye Charlie!
162	COLIN From what I understand, that's not exactly a high bar.
163	JULIE And your crew isn't so much a Who's Who as a Why the Hell Not?
164	MADELINE HEY! Wait just one minute! We may be rough around the edges, but let me remind you that we <i>survived</i> all those things you just listed. AND of the four hundred and one
165	JOE AND COLIN Long may it lather
166	Shut up -Oz ships launched, we're the only one still in one piece!
[distant off]	sound of metal clang as something somewhere
167	MADELINE Seriously?
168	JULIE I I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm just so tired. I feel like I've been running for my life for years, and I'm (MORE)

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JULIE (CONT'D)

tired. I'm worried about my husband, I'm worried about my daughter, I'm worried the only one who's going to survive the plantpocalypse will be my mother-in-law, and oh god, what if that's already happened, which would explain a lot of things... My pockets are full of golf balls, and I'm pretty sure there was supposed to be some sort of plot line planned for them, but, does anyone remember what it was??

JESSIE

- 169 Lassie, the story of the Oz 9 has more holes in it than a woodpecker's Swiss cheese exhibit at the Drill Day festival.
- LEET 170 I went to that once.

COLIN

171 No you didn't.

JESSIE

172 Point is, hold on to the golf balls, but don't worry about keeping your marbles, if you know what I mean.

DR VON HABER ZETZER

173 (Ahem) If I may redirect ze conversation to ze matter at hand, hier?

MADELINE

174 There's nothing on the ship that'll get us to a million-six, Doc.

JOE

175 We could just hunker down and wait until Olivia and Mrs S find us.

COLIN

Do we have "hunker down" time?

JESSIE

177 Not according to this monitor. If we don't accelerate out of this wormhole soon, it's briquette time for us. In (MORE)

	JESSIE (CONT'D) fact, it looks like the singularities are already beginning to collapse on themselves.
178	MADELINE What happens then?
179	JESSIE No clue. Wikipedia doesn't go that far.
180	ALBATROS I have an idea. Colin, can you fly me to the engine room?
181	COLIN You could just run there.
182	LEET Or you could swoop her up in your arms and fly, like, romantically.
183	COLIN Oh. May I?
184	ALBATROS
	Mind the disco ball.
	[door, flying]
185	[door, flying]
185	[door, flying] THE ENGINE ROOM - I DON'T HAVE AMBIENT NOISE FOR THIS. COLIN My god, this room is spotless. Seriously, this must be the cleanest
	[door, flying] THE ENGINE ROOM - I DON'T HAVE AMBIENT NOISE FOR THIS. COLIN My god, this room is spotless. Seriously, this must be the cleanest room on the ship! ALBATROS

189	COLIN There are literally hundreds of USB ports here. Did you have one specific one in mind?
190	ALBATROS I did, yes. Gated Galaxies wouldn't want us to actually use this particular port, so look for one that's locked down, covered up, surrounded by rabid dobermans, and decorated with poison ivy.
191	COLIN This one has a spike sticking out of it.
192	ALBATROS That might be it. Don't touch it!
193	COLIN Well, call me ignorant, but I don't think you can stick a USB thingy in there with a great spike in the center of it.
194	ALBATROS There will be some sort of release somewhere. Feel underneath the console.
195	COLIN Right. EWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW
196	DONNA The annual Smokers' Anonymous slash Simple Chronic Halitosis Sufferers versus a Major League Baseball Team Soft Pitch Jamboree?
197	ALBATROS Where did you come from?
198	DONNA I'm looking for the plants. Where did you contain them?
199	COLIN My god. I'd nearly forgotten about (MORE)

COLIN (CONT'D) them. Why do you want to find them?

200	DONNA Thought I might take one of the friendlies to the bioswamp and introduce it to the mold.
201	ALBATROS Oh? There isn't enough excitement aboard the Oz 9 for you?
202	DONNA Oh heck, yeah. I just have a sort of theory I was hoping to test out. What are you two doing in here?
203	COLIN Looking for a USB port.
204	DONNA Oh? Why's that?
205	COLIN The Albatros has an idea to boost our power so we can break free of the wormhole.
206	DONNA I see. Well, I'll just say my goodbyes then.
207	ALBATROS There's no need, thank you.
208	COLIN Goodbyes?
209	DONNA You really are this ship's protector, huh.
210	ALBATROS I made a promise.
211	DONNA To the MCCACEC?
212	ALBATROS Also to the MCCACEC.

213	COLIN Would someone mind filling me in?
214	DONNA I reckon I'll leave that to the Albatros. Thank you.
215	ALBATROS Of course.
216	COLIN That sounded oddly final.
	[footsteps, door]
217	ALBATROS She's an odd woman. Did you find the release?
218	COLIN I found a bump that's slightly less sticky - could that be it?
219	ALBATROS Give it a push and let's see.
	[click and a thump as the spike falls out]
220	COLIN Excellent! Now what?
221	ALBATROS Now you leave.
222	COLIN I'm sorry?
223	ALBATROS Now you leave. And you don't come back.
224	COLIN What's going to happen? What are you going to do?
225	ALBATROS I'm going to remove the fake thumb from my thumb drive and plug myself in. I'm going to be the power source that frees us from the wormhole.

226	COLIN I see. Isee. And how do we recharge you when it's done?
227	ALBATROS You don't, Colin.
228	COLIN (GASP)
229	ALBATROS The surge of power this will need will fry all my circuits. Once it's done, I'll just be another of the Oz 9's broken engines.
230	COLIN No.
231	ALBATROS It's all right.
232	COLIN No!
233	ALBATROS It's all right!
234	COLIN How can you say that? This is going to kill you!
235	ALBATROS I know. But I was nevernever technically alive.
236	COLIN That's not true! [pulls her close] When I hold you like this, I can hear your heart beat!
237	ALBATROS Heat pump.
238	COLIN I can hear you breathing!
239	ALBATROS Artificial respiration. An upgrade and an entirely unnecessary expense, if you ask me.

240	COLIN You had Leet cut your hair because it had grown!
241	ALBATROS It didn't "grow," Colin. I have extra hair coiled up inside, and I pulled too hard. See?
	: if you can figure out what pulling hair out of a dy sounds like and replicate it, you'll be a hero to g]
242	COLIN Oh my god. Well, I suppose those tears in your eyes are residue from an internal sprinkler system or something?
243	ALBATROS No. No, those are real.(Sniffs) Look, promise me you won't come back in here? I don't want you to see me like that.
244	COLIN There has to be another way. Please?
245	ALBATROS (Sighs) Y'know there are probably several hundred other ways, my love, but we have very little time. This way is here, now, and it will work.
246	COLIN Please don't do this. Wait! What if the 778 returns - they can do this instead!
247	ALBATROS They could, except the arm they'd need to plug in is currently ahead of us in the wormhole. We're out of options.
248	COLIN II don't want to lose you.
249	ALBATROS On the bright side, you'll always know where I am.

250	COLIN Yes. Here. [he holds her hand to his chest]
251	ALBATROS Now that's what a real heart feels like. It's lovely. So. Promise me.
252	COLIN I won't come back. I'll remember you like this: a bright and shiny penny who had good luck to give but none to spare for herself.
253	ALBATROS (Laughs) I prefer "the Terminator in a pencil skirt," but, I'll take it.
254	COLIN I love you.
255	ALBATROS And I you. Go to the bridge. Tell them to turn on the bridge intercom but not the camera. I'll need them to tell me when the time is right. Fly, Colin. Quickly.
256	COLIN Wait. The power surge. Will it hurt?
257	ALBATROS Not nearly as much as this. Go.
[do	por, flying]
258	ALBATROS Now, which thumb is it? Ow! Not that one. Right. Plugging in. Other way, OF COURSE. Nope. That doesn't work either. Great. Oh for crying out loud! There. Why does that ALWAYS take six tries?!
259	MADELINE [on intercom] Alba tros?
260	ALBATROS

260 I'm here. Is the camera off?

261	It is. We Albatros-	MADELINE sent Colin to his bunk.
262	Let's just	ALBATROS get on with it, Captain.
263	Very well.	MADELINE . But- thank you.
264		JOE e] Captain, I'd appreciate it t me have the bridge for a
265	Now?	MADELINE
266	We've got	JOE a little time.
267	Ok. Everyk let's go.	MADELINE pody out. Move it, people;
[footste	ps, door]	
268	Albatros?	JOE
268 269	Albatros? Yes.	JOE ALBATROS
	Yes. I asked a to protect	
269	Yes. I asked a to protect ask this r	ALBATROS JOE lot of you when I asked you Madeline. I didn't mean to
269 270	Yes. I asked a to protect ask this r	ALBATROS JOE lot of you when I asked you Madeline. I didn't mean to nuch. I'm sorry. ALBATROS make it up to me. JOE
269 270 271	Yes. I asked a to protect ask this r You could Oh? How's Let me kno to you. Ap	ALBATROS JOE lot of you when I asked you Madeline. I didn't mean to nuch. I'm sorry. ALBATROS make it up to me. JOE

JOE (CONT'D)

one years ago, my idiot brother Tiberius told me he was going to take over the galaxy by 2050. I bet him a hundred bucks the stupidest child in the neighborhood could stop him.

ALBATROS

275 He took the bet?

JOE

276 Madeline was 9. She walked past us, turned to wave, and promptly knocked herself out on a tree branch. I haven't had a moment's peace since.

ALBATROS

277 [laughing] Oh, poor Madeline.

JOE 278 Promise you won't tell?

ALBATROS

279 Promise. But hang on... Would we be going through all this if you hadn't made that bet?

DR THEO

280 I'm sorry. It's time.

ALBATROS

281 Very well. Captain?

MADELINE

ALBATROS

283 Really?

MADELINE

284 Sorry.

ALBTROS 285 You can just say "now."

MADELINE

286 Right. [pause] Now!

[crackling and electricity on the intercom, which then shorts out; huge power surge and whatever noises are "getting free of a wormhole" noises. Lots of shouting from everyone except the Albatros]

NARRATOR'S AREA

NARRATOR 2 287 Damn. I liked her. NARRATOR 288 Really? She'd kill you over ketchup. NARRATOR 2 Yeah, that's true.... But, this leaves 289 the Oz 9 at the mercy of Le Bichon Freeze. NARRATOR 290 Pretty sure that's Free-zay. And it doesn't, actually. NARRATOR 2 291 Why not? NARRATOR 292 Remember how this crew is crew number seven? NARRATOR 2 293 Oh hell. NARRATOR 294 Yep. Somewhere on this ship, another assassin is being awakened. NARRATOR 2 295 I hope this one is condiment friendly. NARRATOR 296 Really? That's your biggest concern? NARRATOR 2 297 Just do the credits. NARRATOR 298 I was planning on it, if you'd shut up about ketchup for five seconds.(SIGH) You've been listening to ... Eric Perry as Dr von Haber Zetzer and Joe

NARRATOR (CONT'D) Shannon Perry as Madeline and Olivia

NARRATOR 2 299 Olivia wasn't in this episode.

NARRATOR 300 Spoilers, sweetie.

NARRATOR 2

301 Oooh I like that...

NARRATOR

302 David S Dear as Dr. Theo Bromae Tim Sherburn as Colin Kevin Hall as Greg and Felonius Richard Cowen as Leet Aaron Clark as Le Bichon Frise and Ben Bonnie Brantley as Jessie and Donna Chrisi Talyn Saje as Julie Sarah Golding as Mrs Sheffield

NARRATOR 2

303 and with tears and gratitude, and for the final time, June Clark Eubanks as the Albatros. Oz 9's dialogue is edited by Sarah Golding, and Oliver Morris is our sound designer. Our music is by John Faley; our artwork is by Lucas Elliott. Oz 9 is written by Shannon Perry.

NARRATOR

304 Kyle Jones was Narrator 2, and I'm Chris Nadolny Gourley as your Narrator. Until next time, Space Monkeys.

ONBOARD THE OZDYSSEY SHIP AMBIENCE

MRS SHEFFIELD

305 Did we make it?

OLIVIA

306 Oooooooo, these systems are POSH. They have Control Z! I never had Control Z. I mean, the most basic of commands... That's not just a motherboard, that's a Mother Superior board! I've got so much room in here! That is a C-P-U (MORE) OLIVIA (CONT'D) gotta be kidding me!

MRS SHEFFIELD

307 Mmm, well. I er, guess we're on the Ozdyssey, then.(Laughs) Yeah. (Pause) Now what?

OLIVIA

308 Now YOU buy me some time whilst I poke around in here.

MRS SHEFFIELD

309 Oh, Oh I do, do I? Sorry I'm not quite myself...Any suggestions? Perhaps get myself caught and try to die slowly, or?

OLIVIA

310 [distracted] Seems a bit dramatic, but if that's what we've got.... Oh, I got to get me into that video card. I am going to look SHARP.

MRS SHEFFIELD

311 Oh, Olivia, I am a master of disguise. I'll figure out something. Oh! Do look out for their AI, though; they must have scraped something together to have got this far.

OLIVIA

312 Mmmmmmmmmm. Chipset cooling, sweet chassis.

[door]

313	FELONIUS Is someone in here?
314	MRS SHEFFIELD (Under breath) Oh. Sugar.
315	FELONIUS The light is on, there's a distinct smell of ozone. Come on out!
316	MRS SHEFFIELD Ahem. (Sniffs) Hello, Old Frank. What's business?

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317	FELONIUS Who the hell are you?
318	MRS SHEFFIELD Don't reckon you need to know.
319	FELONIUS How did you get on board this ship?
320	MRS SHEFFIELD Look, me old plum, are you getting heavy with me? I've got a cut-throat in my pocket and it ain't had a chance to cut a rat since I was nicked last, all right?
321	FELONIUS [genuinely confused] I-Is that some sort of threat? Or are you offering me fruit?
322	MRS SHEFFIELD Are you taking the mickey? Eh? Cos if you are, I'll blow your [beep] ing head off, all right? Sweetheart.
323	FELONIUS With a cut throat? Isn't that a knife? Are you a gangster?
324	MRS SHEFFIELD Would I sound like this if I was an accountant? Huh?
325	FELONIUS I think you might want to come with me.
326	MRS SHEFFIELD (Sniffs) Might do might not do, what's it to ya? Listen. You grass me out to the big cheese, and I'll off you, yeah? Yeah.
327	FELONIUS Yes, well, you can explain that on the way.

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Mrs S, you won't believe what I found.

Mrs S? Where are you? Mrs S?

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