episode 84: Would it help if I spoke stupid?

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]	EPISODE 8	4 - SOMEWHERE BOWELY
1		NARRATOR Yeah, soooooooo when the last episode ended, Two and I kind of took off running-
2		N2 In a defensive maneuver.
3		NARRATOR Translation: Shit scared.
4		N2 Defensive!
5		NARRATOR Indeed you are. Anyway, we're somewhere in the bowels of the ship, and I'm really wishing I had another word besides "bowels," but the rumbling and gurgling down here is distinctly digestive.
6		N2 Oh, come on! Yuck!
7		NARRATOR Am I wrong?
8		N2 No. But you're not helping.
9		NARRATOR The space is pitch black and as far as we can tell, cavernous. We've explored the area as much as we can, and tragically, we've come to the conclusion that this is one of the few rooms on the ship that doesn't have at least one trunk overflowing with night vision goggles.
10		N2 She made ME explore the room, by the way. By feel.
11		NARRATOR You're the spare, dude. (to audience) If you remember, Olivia is under the influence of Dr. Von Haber Zetzer's

	hallucinogenic I — as in "AI" — drops and is thus even less dependable than usual. And the sandwich machines, which formerly seemed dangerous only because of the food they contained, have become even more sinister as they apparently serve as teleporters. But when you'll be pulled in and where you might end up is anybody's guess.
	Suddenly we hear the hum of a vending machine.
12	N2 Crap. A vending machine just appeared.
13	NARRATOR Don't look at it. It'll try to lure you in.
14	N2 Butokra and pickled tofu with whipped cream on a gluten-free cauliflower bun! I can smell it from here It smells disgusting, but I want it.
1 5	NARRATOR
15	Stay strong, Two. Sounds of distant, muffled shouting.
16	N2 Is that? Uhhhhhhhh, I think the crew is coming!
17	NARRATOR Crap. Didn't you say you felt some boxes we could hide behind?
18	N2 Yeah, but I have no idea where. I'm all turned around.
19	NARRATOR We're out of time. Just stand still and stay quiet!
	Weird sound, then lots of yelling and thumping.
	JOE

Drop and roll! Drop and roll!

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21	JESSIE We're not on fire, ya roaster.
22	JOE It's never a bad practice. All I'm saying.
23	JULIE (slightly muffled) GREG. GET YOUR HOOF OUT OF MY MOUTH.
24	JOE You think hoof in mouth is badI'm just hoping there's a cream for this.
25	GREG Sorry, everyone. Zebras mostly sleep standing up, so getting up from a down position is hard.
26	JESSIE YOU'RE NOT A REAL ZEBRA.
27	OLIVIA Ooooooo, I see butterflies.
28	JULIE Yeah? What kind?
29	OLIVIA Leafwing.
30	JULIE Agrias narcissus. Nice!
31	JESSIE Who the hell cares? Are there ghosts here; that's the only critter I want identified!
32	JULIE Hang on. We're not all here. Pipi? Dr Theo? That stupid last tumble through the machine knocked my goggles off.
33	JOE Olivia?
34	OLIVIA MMmmmmmm?

35	JOE Are you still hallucinating?
36	OLIVIA How the hell would I know? Have you always been a centaur? I think you've got the halves wrong, though.
37	JULIE Oh boy. That's a problem.
38	JESSIE "Is she still hallucinating"?? She sees butterflies, for Saint Tilda's sake!
39	GREG That's not necessarily a hallucination. We have a bioswamp.
40	JESSIE Have you ever seen a butterfly in our bioswamp?
41	GREG Uhh. Yes! I think. It had teeth.
42	JOE I feel something. Or someone.
43	N2 (giggle)
44	JESSIE Isn't it funny how sinister a giggle in the dark can be? That you, Julie?
45	JULIE I was about to ask you the same question. Only with "Jessie" at the end.
46	GREG Wasn't me either.
47	JOE Didn't really need to hear from you, zebra made of metal, but thanks for confirming.

48	JESSIE Are you still touching it? Or them?
49	JOE No. But I think it licked me.
50	NARRATOR (surprised noise, quickly muffled)
51	GREG Hold on. That sound came from a different spot.
52	JOE Olivia? Who — or what — is in here with us?
53	JESSIE And how many of the buggers are there?!
54	OLIVIA All the pretty fairies. Covered in glitter and gold and shining like tiny little bits of glass in the poorly signposted crossroads of my mind.
55	JESSIE Guess that answers the "still baked" question.
56	JOE The centaur didn't do it for you?
57	GREG Anyone else want to get the hell out of here?
58	JULIE Which way is the exit?
59	GREG At this point, I'm scared enough to make one of my own.
60	JESSIE I can get behind that.
61	OLIVIA Ooooo, a bat is coming, my lovely butterflies! You must fly away home!

	Follow the doors!
	Door opens in the distance.
62	JOE YES! Follow the light! Go!
	Jessie, Greg, Joe run for the exit. Door shuts behind them.
63	NARRATOR "It licked me"?
64	N2 I was hoping he'd think I was a dog.
65	NARRATOR You He What?
66	N2 Not my finest moment. I panicked — let's move on. Did she say a bat is coming?
67	NARRATOR Yeah. Man, I hope those I-drops wear off soon.
	Vending machine hums again. Same weird noise as Pipi and Dr. Theo tumble out.
68	PIPISTRELLE Ouch!
69	DR THEO Ow! Now I feel badly for every packet of soy-nut gluten-free raw-vegetable trail mix I ever purchased from one of these monsters.
70	PIPISTRELLE Soy-nut gluten-free raw-vegetable trail mix sounds like its own revenge. If you could perhaps get off my wing?
71	DR THEO Yes, certainly. Your wings feel differently than I expected.
72	PIPISTRELLE (uninterested but polite) Indeed?

73	DR THEO Less motorcycle jacket, more dolphin pelt.
74	PIPISTRELLE "Pelt."
75	DR THEO Skin? Fur? I I don't know what a dolphin wears
76	PIPISTRELLE Perhaps stop there, Dr. Theo. I sense a large pit at your feet.
77	DR THEO Oh, my god! How deep?
78	PIPISTRELLE Metaphorical. Though there might also be a physical one, so I'd hold still if I were you.
	A sound of the vending machine closing up and f*^king off
79	PIPISTRELLE That's interesting.
80	DR THEO That phrase used to excite the scientist within me. A few months on the Oz 9, and now it makes me want to be sick. What's "interesting"?
81	PIPISTRELLE The sandwich machine just disappeared.
82	DR THEO Well, for once, "That's interesting" sounds like good news. Or at least neutral.
83	PIPISTRELLE We did just lose one method of escape.
84	DR THEO One very painful and random method of escape.
85	PIPISTRELLE Granted. But I'd be OK with that at

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	the moment, as we're not alone.
	DR THEO
86	(whispering) Are there ghosts here too?
87	PIPISTRELLE If there were, do you suppose whispering would avoid their notice? No, Dr. Theo, these organisms are quite solid.
88	DR THEO (nervous) Who's there? Joe? Julie?
89	PIPISTRELLE Neither Joe nor Julie nor any ping I recognize. Also, they're holding very still in hopes of not being detected. So, perhaps you and I should avail ourselves of the nearest exit?
90	DR THEO (scared now) Yes, please. Ummm, whomever you are, we're just going to go now.
91	PIPISTRELLE I assure you, Doctor, if they can hear you, they can hear me and are thus apprised of our intentions already.
92	DR THEO "Apprised." "THUS apprised" even. I feel quite light-headed and weak-kneed suddenly. Is this "swoony"? I've never been on this end of a swoon.
93	PIPISTRELLE Dr. Theo?
94	DR THEO Yes. Escape. Right. Which way?
95	PIPISTRELLE I notice a slight concavity in the wall down there. It may indicate a door.
96	DR THEO "Concavity." Captain Madeline once

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	referred to a door as a "sideways wall mouth." I'm sorry, my legs are trembling. I'm not sure I can run.
97	PIPISTRELLE Would it help if I spoke stupid?
98	DR THEO I think it might, yes.
99	PIPISTRELLE (sigh) Very well.
100	JULIE We need to evacuate!
101	MADELINE "Evacuate"?! Here? That's disgusting!
102	DR THEO Wow! Was that you?
103	PIPISTRELLE Of course. Mrs Sheffield's "100 percent real imitation vanilla voices" course was superb.
104	DR THEO Whatever the case, that worked. Let's go!
105	PIPISTRELLE Follow the pings!
	Metallic pings, their voices, Dr Theo's footsteps, and Pipi's wings all fade into the distance.
106	DR THEO Ouch! Ow! Do your pings really have to hurt? Ow!
107	PIPISTRELLE Oh, stop being a baby. I'm using the blunt ones.
	Door opens and closes some distance away.
108	N2 Can I move now?

109		NARRATOR It appears we're alone. At ease.
	Thump.	
110		N2 Ow! Was this wall here all along? I don't remember there being a wall this close.
111		NARRATOR Is there a door in it?
112		N2 Uh I don't think so. Hang on. What's this?
	Sound of	powerful lights going on.
		N2
113		Wow. That's bright.
114		NARRATOR You felt your way around the room and said "there's not much here." How exactly do you determine "much"?
		N2
115		I don't think all this was here before.
		NARRATOR
116		It just somehow silently appeared.
		N2
117		I'm telling you - I didn't feel any of this. Where do you suppose it all came from?
		NARRATOR
118		No idea. Doesn't look like any of it still works, though. Flip the switch on that one.
		N2
119		Hang on

Hang on...

The sound of carousel music starts up, never quite gets to regular speed, then grinds to a stop.

120	N2 That's just creepy.
121	NARRATOR Hall of Mirrors, Haunted Castle, Bumper Cars
122	N2 Weird. All the goldfish in the ping pong ball toss are still alive. We should take these up to the swamp and let them loose.
123	NARRATOR (not paying attention) Yeah, you do that.
124	N2 Ooo, I found a bucket! Stinks a bit. Sorry, fishies. But you'll have a lot more room in your new home. You're a pretty boy, aren't you? I'm going to call you Alfie.
	We hear the splash of goldfish and water being added to the bucket.
125	NARRATOR There's an entire theme park in here. Who would put a theme park on a space ship?
126	N2 The same people who put an alligator in the bioswamp. Idiots. Come on, now, Goldie. You'll be all right. Your turn, Fred. Margaret! Just hang on to your peduncle, I'll get to you.
127	NARRATOR Uh Two?
	Creepy music starts to play.
128	N2 Hang on. Last fish. In you go, Simon! What's up?
129	NARRATOR The Haunted Castle. It's coming alive.

130	N2 What?
131	NARRATOR I see figures moving inside. Hear the footsteps?
132	N2 So where was that door?
133	NARRATOR We have to go past the Haunted Castle to get to it.
134	N2 Crap.
	Noise of vending machine returning. We hear Mrs S, Madeline, and Colin shouting.
135	N2 Vending machine is back. Sounds like someone's coming through. We gotta hide!
136	NARRATOR Oh, of course. OF COURSE. Right. Into the Haunted Castle. GO!
137	N2 But I don't want to go!
	They run. Creak of spooky door closing behind them. Weird machine noise. Thump. Mrs. S, Madeline, and Colin tumble out with ooofs and shouts.
138	MRS SHEFFIELD Ouch! Right. No one presses any more sandwich buttons without my say-so.
139	MADELINE OY. Captain here.
140	MRS SHEFFIELD Have you taught a class in Chameleon Circuits: Disguising Travel Devices in Plain Sight?
141	MADELINE No.

142	MRS SHEFFIELD Nor me, but I've watched a damn sight more Dr. Who than you, so listen up.
143	COLIN There's glitter in my martini.
144	MADELINE For god's sake, don't drink it. Who knows what might happen? Remember the onion?
145	COLIN Olive.
146	MADELINE Really? Damn, I'm going to have to change all my inspirational Post Its. And how can you even see your martini?
147	COLIN I can't. I just see the glitter, floating in space roughly where my martini would be. Is? Is.
148	OLIVIA Oh, those are my fairies. They're made of stardust and wood chips. Also salsa and tiny little spoons. Meanwhile
149	MRS SHEFFIELD I see the I-drops haven't worn off. Whatever is this place we've landed in?
150	COLIN My god. Are we on earth? After the apocalypse?
151	MADELINE Feel the floor, Colin. That hum says Oz 9.
152	MRS SHEFFIELD How very Captainy of you.
153	MADELINE Like I keep saying
154	COLIN It looks like Alton Towers after a

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tidal wave.

155	MRS SHEFFIELD That would be "Six Flags" in American, Captain.
156	MADELINE Gotcha.
157	COLIN It's creepy. I forget how big the Oz 9 really is. That's an entire roller coaster over there.
	Distant scream.
158	MADELINE Was that you, Colin?
159	COLIN What? I'm standing right here.
160	MADELINE Mrs S? Did you scream?
161	MRS SHEFFIELD I'm starting to see why we continually bump into planets. Have you had your aural depth perception checked?
162	MADELINE Hey, now. Let's not talk about my aural anything in mixed company.
163	MRS SHEFFIELD Do you know, if we added up all the time I spend gape-jawed and sputtering in disbelief over something you've said, I imagine it would be days. Possibly weeks.
164	MADELINE That's super nice, Mrs. S., but maybe not now?
165	COLIN SOMETHING SCREAMED. Are we going to investigate? Or run? I know which I prefer, but I am trying to be more Leet-like.

166	MRS SHEFFIELD We can investigate now or bid adieu to a decent night's sleep from now on. What say you, eh?
167	OLIVIA There's a pair of "meanwhiles" in the Haunted Castle, so don't go in there.
168	COLIN I have no idea what that means, but it feels like sound advice. Could that scream have been le Bichon Frise?
169	MADELINE You're not making this rescue-or-run decision easier, Colin.
170	MRS SHEFFIELD It came from the direction of the Tilt a Whirl. Come on!
	They walk.
171	MRS SHEFFIELD Captain? Whatever are you doing?
172	MADELINE I'm being stealthy. I thought you were some sort of super spy. You don't recognize stealthy?
173	MRS SHEFFIELD Oh, I do. That's not it.
	Another scream, closer. Clearly LBF this time.
174	COLIN That's Frise. However did he get off his shuttle?
175	OLIVIA Gobbled up like a snack. F-two he was. Sardines and sour cream.
176	COLIN That doesn't sound too awful, for once.
177	OLIVIA And strawberries.

178	COLIN There it is.
179	MRS SHEFFIELD Hush! I hear something!
	LBF whimpering nearby.
180	MADELINE He's over here. Under a giant tea cup.
	Sound of giant tea cup being lifted. Sorry, Chrisi. :)
181	LBF (muttering incoherently)
182	MRS SHEFFIELD Goodness. He's had a fright. Pull yourself together, boy. What's happened?
183	COLIN He's panicking. Can I slap him?
184	MRS SHEFFIELD You're very keen. Give him a minute.
185	COLIN (sulking) Fine.
186	MRS SHEFFIELD Come on, Frise, tighten your girdle, boy. What's got your knickers in a twist?
187	MADELINE That sounds like he's wearing a lot of underwear.
188	COLIN I really think slapping would be more effective.
189	MADELINE I'm game.
190	LBF F-f-f-f fantôme.
191	MADELINE Fantome? What is that in English?

192	COLIN Really?
193	MADELINE What?
194	MRS SHEFFIELD Where? Where did you see the ghost?
195	MADELINE "Ghost"??
196	COLIN And how did he get here from his shuttle?
197	MRS SHEFFIELD One interrogation at a time, eh, Colin?
198	COLIN FINE.
199	OLIVIA Does anyone want a biscuit?
200	MRS SHEFFIELD Right. Pay attention, Alfonse. Look into my eyes. Look deeply. You're safe now.
201	COLIN You're joking.
202	MRS SHEFFIELD Colin?
203	COLIN Yes?
204	MRS SHEFFIELD Have you ever been on a Death Wheel?
205	COLIN No. Is that one of the rides in here?
206	MRS SHEFFIELD It could be.
207	COLIN Ah. Sorry.

208	MRS SHEFFIELD Thank you.
209	LBF Fantôme!
210	OLIVIA Biscuit? Oh, don't mind if I do. Perhaps just a nibble; I am trying to cut down.
211	LBF Fantôme!
212	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, so you've said. Look in my eyes, Alfonse. I'm going to count to seven. By the time I reach seven, you'll be calm and content, all right?
213	MADELINE Who counts to seven? Isn't five enough?
214	MRS SHEFFIELD He's terribly frightened. Shush. Un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept.
215	LBF (snores)
216	MADELINE Mmmm hmmmmm.
217	MRS SHEFFIELD Alfonse, come up a layer or two, there's a dear.
218	LBF I will assassin you all!
219	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, perhaps later. What happened to make you so afraid?
220	LBF I saw a ghost!
221	OLIVIA How would you translate deja vu? Already seen? Seen before? Only,

	you're going to need to know, in a minute.
222	MRS SHEFFIELD Where was this ghost? On your shuttle?
223	LBF No. I was on my shuttle, all snuggly and ready for my tea, when my machine du sandwich started singing to me!
224	COLIN You have a sandwich machine on your shuttle?
225	MRS SHEFFIELD Shhhh! Go on
226	LBF My lightening quick reflexes leapt into action, and I nearly shattered the glass, but I was able to pull back at the last moment! I looked straight into the machine, I dared it to attack, but it only sat and hummed at me. And then something caught my eyeballs.
227	MADELINE The ghost!
228	COLIN A sandwich.
229	MRS SHEFFIELD Well, obviously.
230	OLIVIA Ooooo! A big surprise is coming
231	LBF Turkish delight and pickle on rye. Disgusting! But also I want it
232	MRS SHEFFIELD Do you remember the key combination?
233	LBF But of course! It is quivering there, my sandwich, just at the end of F <i>deux</i> . Ready to fall into my waiting

	hands I desire it. I hunger for it and it for me! I want only to tear off its-
234	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, well, ahem.
235	COLIN Don't stop now!
236	LBF But before <i>ma sandwich</i> can tumble into my waiting hands, eager to be tasted, the glass opens like a mouth and swallows me whole! I am falling, falling, falling! And finally, the madness is stopping, and the machine, it yawns again, and poof poof!
237	MADELINE What? What?
238	LBF I am in a dark place. So dark. It is not my shuttle. And then, there is a glow. And a smell, fwah! Horrible, of death. I am coiled, ready to strike!
239	COLIN And leap under a giant tea cup!
240	MRS SHEFFIELD Colin, I will not ask you again. I taught a course in how to silence troublesome onlookers at an interrogation, and apparently just assembling the prop list sent four teaching assistants into therapy. All righty?
241	OLIVIA Very soon now
242	COLIN Very well. Just hurry it up.
243	LBF The apparition, it approaches me. The stench, it is too much! I am overwhelmed-

244	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Yes, all right.
	(Colin, Mrs. Sheffield, Madeline all scream)
245	OLIVIA I did warn you.
246	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Goodness. What a tightly wound bunch.
247	LBF She leans in close to me, she is so close! Too close!
248	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Do be quiet. Is that accent meant to be French?
249	COLIN What the hell are you doing back???
250	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Hello, Horace. Good to see you again.
251	COLIN WE FWIPPED YOU.
252	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Oh, I remember. You'd be surprised what sticks in the old memory.
253	MRS SHEFFIELD Am I to understand that you know each other?
254	LBF The smell, she is almost making me to puke-
255	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Yes, we've quite gotten the point, thank you.
256	LBF I open my eyes and suddenly it is there, horrible and pale! I see-
257	COLIN The ghost of Lady Nibble Biscuit. Yes, we know.

258	MRS SHEFFIELD I suppose you can wake up now, Frise.
259	LBF (wakes up) AAAAAAAAAAAGH!
260	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Rude.
261	COLIN You are a bit of a shock, Lucretia.
262	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Says the man wearing a tuxedo at 8 AM. Really, Horace. Who are these other people?
263	MRS SHEFFIELD Clara Sheffield, Lady Nibble Biscuit?
264	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Neville Bickford, actually. Horace here and I go back a piece, and old nicknames are a bastard to shake, hey, Horrible?
265	COLIN Rather.
266	LBF Why are we having conversations with this
267	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Mind your manners, young man. I'm not without resources.
268	MRS SHEFFIELD May I ask how you're here, having been M-R-D-R'd, it seems, as well as fwipped?
269	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD First of all, my death had nothing to do with the MRDR protocol. If you remember, I was in Pod Bay 3, which bypassed all that mess. No, I was murdered the old fashioned way.

270	COLIN My god! By whom?
271	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD I suspected brother Alastair, if you remember, but I did my test haunt at his house, and his grief was touchingly real.
272	MRS SHEFFIELD "Test haunt"?
273	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Indeed. Apparently even life comes with a quiz at the end.
274	LBF Go away! Poof poof!
275	OLIVIA Is she covered in mushrooms?
276	MRS SHEFFIELD Ahhhhhh, of course. She's part of the hallucination.
277	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD Hallucination? How fun! Well, now that I'm back, I do think I might stick around.
278	COLIN Can you do that?
279	LFB No! You cannot stay! You are icky!
280	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD I was murdered. I'd quite like to figure out why and by whom. You can help.
281	LFB Non. This must not be!
282	LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD (SARAH: her voice goes really scary at the all-caps) Oh, I think I'll stay and you'll HELP ME SOLVE MY MURDER. OR YOU'LL JOIN ME.

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LBF

283 (screams)

He runs away and we hear a bumper car engine start up.

COLIN

284 Did you have to do your Lady Macbeth voice? It's much scarier coming from a ghost.

MADELINE

- 285 Please don't do that again. I'd be running with him, only I hate him more than I'm scared of you.
- LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD 286 (laughing) It's so much fun! I did the same to Alastair's horrid little wife through her bathroom mirror and she wet herself.

COLIN

- 287 Lucretia!
- LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD 288 Oh, she was already in her bathroom. It wasn't much of a clean up.
- MADELINE 289 What the hell is Freeze doing?

COLIN

290 Is that ... a bumper car?

MADELINE

He's trying to escape in a bumper car.

Pause. We hear bumps and distant cursing from LBF through the end of the scene

- LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD 292 He's not very clever, is he?
- MADELINE 293 So you're not going to go away?
- LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD 294 Not until my murder is solved, dear.

MRS SHEFFIELD

295 In that case, we'd best call in

reinforcements.

OLIVIA 296 Can we wrap this up? We're well over the writer's usual 3500 words, and my new heffalump needs to go out. LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD 297 Baked? MRS SHEFFIELD COLIN 298-299 To the gills. To the gills. OLIVIA 300 And you're all harshing my buzz. LUCRETIA NEVILLE BICKFORD 301 Very well. It's a bit of a limp cliffhanger, but I suppose it'll have to do. Perhaps this will help spice it up: no one on this ship sleeps until my mystery is solved. (SARAH: scary voice again) THAT SHOULD BE FUN, EH? OLIVIA 302 Meanwhile... (Gasps and other noises from Mrs S, Madeline, Colin. Then a pause where the narration should come in.) MADELINE 303 So....now what? COLIN 304 No clue. This feels incomplete. MRS SHEFFIELD 305 Awkward, eh? Shall we...ride the roller coaster? COLIN 306 I'd be game for that. MADELINE 307 Looks safe. (loud crash) MRS SHEFFIELD 308 Ah. Bumper cars?

COLIN 309 Someone probably should bump Frise loose.

MADELINE 310 Dibs on the green one!

INSIDE THE HAUNTED HOUSE

NARRATOR

311 (whispering, scared) Two? We need to do the credits. We're late. Are you in here? Two?

N2

312 (screams)

Music.