Oz 9 Episode 96: Why is there a bar on the bridge?

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OZ 9 EPISODE 96 - NARRATORS' BRIDGE

Narrator 2 is making some groaning sounds in the background during line 1.

NARRATOR

We're not in a wormhole. No one is talking like Dirty Harry or Hamlet. Two reappeared this morning with a stomachache and reeking of Turkish Delight. The rolling fog of rottencheese stench has dissipated, along with Le Bichon Frise, and no one is obviously wigging out on mushrooms. It's weird. Everything feels...normal.

N2

2 Uuuuuggggggh.

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- NARRATOR Except Two, who needs to learn to pace himself with sweets.
- N2 Don't say "sweets." UUUUUGGGGHHH.

NARRATOR

5 Do you hear that?

N2

Hear what? I don't hear anything.

NARRATOR

Exactly. No alarms, no faint pings of bits falling off, no distant explosions. I don't like it.

N2 8 My mama used to sing to me when I felt like this.

NARRATOR 9 Awwwww. Did that help?

N2

10 It really did.

NARRATOR 11 Shame she's not here then.

CAPTAIN'S BRIDGE

Everyone is on the bridge. There are lots of side conversations going on: Pipi and Dr. Theo are giggling, Jessie and Mrs Sheffield are quarreling over stewed tomatoes or Hadrian's Wall or something; Colin and Dr vHZ are comparing cocktail recipes; Julie, Greg, and Pluto are discussing the kitchen rota. Or whatever.

MADELINE 12 Could everyone sit down and shut up, please?

Nope.

MADELINE CONT 13 Hello? Helloooooooo! Trying to call a meeting to order, here.

Try again.

MADELINE CONT 14 Crew? Come on, y'all. CREW!

Still nothing.

MADELINE CONT 15 You leave me no choice. Olivia, fire up the aromatherapy. Number 62 with a side of 11.

Sounds of Madeline putting on a gas mask.

OLIVIA 16 Oooo. You are feeling cranky.

Faint hiss, followed by lots of coughing, retching, and choking noises.

MADELINE 17 (through gas mask) OK, that's enough.

Hiss slows and stops.

JULIE

18 What the hell was that?

MADELINE

19 (still wearing mask) High school locker room with a side note of corpse flower. Now that I have your

	attention, we need to discuss a few things.
20	GREG Can we discuss the fact that we passed through two wormholes, and we were powerless to do anything about the effects?
21	JULIE Can we discuss the fact that our captain just gassed us to get our attention?
22	MADELINE Yeah, I'm with Julie. Why the hell don't you people pay attention to your captain?
23	JULIE That's not really the direction I was going with that.
24	JESSIE Don't know what you're grousing about. I was <i>four separate fairies</i> . Do you have any notion how confusing that was? Also, my throat hurts.
25	COLIN I don't know. I found being a gangster rather refreshing.
26	PLUTO And I found I rather enjoy narrating.
27	N2 WATCH IT.
28	NARRATOR Hush. (beat) Never mind, I'm with you on that one.
29	DONNA Oh, the noire wormhole was a hoot! I'm going to be saucy more often.
30	PLUTO Is that a promise, lady?

Thunder rumbles. Giggles from both.

OLIVIA 31 Ugh, the hormone haze in this room... GREG 32 My POINT is - what if we get into a wormhole that turns us all into slugs? OLIVIA 33 You sure that hasn't happened already? DR THEO 34 Greg does have a point. If we got into the wrong situation, we could get stuck there. We need to be in control of our environment. DR VON HABER ZETZER 35 Control shmontrol, Herr Doktor. Sometimes you need to see where ze exshperiment takes you! COLTN 36 Is there a wormhole that will turn us into slugs? Do you know what gin does to a sluq? The room dissolves into panic (Colin) and more crossconversations (everyone else). Then there's a hissing noise and everyone shuts up abruptly. Dialogue should be very quick here. Not panicked, but quick. JULIE 37 (through a cloth over her face) Oh god, now what? Durian fruit mixed with rotten oyster? OLIVIA 38 No, just Madeline opening a soda. MADELINE 39 Sorry. Hissing stops. OLIVIA 40 But what were those smells again? I need to see if they're in the catalog.

Sound of flipping pages. Digital. Somehow.

41	COLIN Captain. Not to be rude, but may we move on?
42	PIPISTRELLE Some of us have places to be.
43	COLIN We do? What places?
44	DR THEO We're exploring the caves in Pipi's bunk. There's a species of lichen in there that warrants further research.
	Pause.
45	COLIN I'm sorry, I dozed off.
46	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, if we could get a move on? Some of us have lives-
	Giggles from Mrs S and Dr. vHZ.
47	OLIVIA Yeah, on that point, could I ask everyone to please update the privacy settings on your bunk monitors? I mean six rounds of gangsters and molls is more than any AI should be forced to witness.
48	MRS SHEFFIELD (interrupting) Yes, thank you, Olivia. CAPTAIN?
49	MADELINE I'M TRYING. Right. We'll get to the wormhole business in a minute, but right now, I want to discuss side quests and also our zombie problem.
50	MRS SHEFFIELD Not zombies and also not necessarily a problem.
51	MADELINE Would YOU like to run this meeting?

52	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, actually-
53	MADELINE Too bad!
54	PLUTO Someone is approaching.
55	GREG Beg pardon?
56	OLIVIA Ten points to Goldipants. There's another vessel out there, and it's coming up right quick. Hang on, what the hell is that?

Explosion and chaos as something hits the ship. Shouting. YOU'RE ALL HAVING TO SHOUT OVER BACKGROUND NOISE UNTIL I SAY OTHERWISE.

			JUL	ΙE		
57	What	the	hell	was	that?	

58 <u>It's just my soda bottle again, Julie,</u> sheesh.

JULIE

59 <u>Not that</u>,

Another hit.

JULIE

60 THAT!

<u>More shouting.</u> Periodic sounds of missiles whistling by. <u>Everyone please give me some shouting, whimpering, general</u> <u>fear.</u>

- 61 <u>We appear to be under attack. Raising</u> shields. We probably ought to bring in the figurehead. Heads.
- 62 <u>MADELINE</u> 52 <u>Stations, everyone! Move move move!</u>

JESSIE

63 <u>Olivia, what's our damage?</u>

64	<u>OLIVIA</u> <u>Took a bit of a whack to levels four</u> <u>through nine, but shields are holding</u> <u>steady.</u>
65	<u>COLIN</u> Do we have stations? I don't have a station!
66	JOE Captain!
67	<u>MADELINE</u> Jesus!
68	JOE Even under attack, eh? Good to know. They seem to be concentrating their attack on the lower levels.
69	<u>MADELINE</u> <u>Copy that. What's down there they</u> <u>might want to target?</u>
70	<u>COLIN</u> What's my station?
71	<u>DONNA</u> <u>Bartender, sweetie. We're gonna need</u> you.
72	COLIN Right.
	ds of him setting up the bar. BACKGROUND NOISE DROPS FOR - NORMAL VOICES.
73	JULIE Why is there a bar on the bridge?
74	MADELINE How about you grab the comms, Julie?
75	JULIE Right. (pause) Point at it for me?
76	MADELINE Over there. No, over there. Whatever. See if you can figure out how to hail the ship.

77		DONNA Joe was right. The missiles are definitely concentrated on our lower decks.
78		I'll head down there and see if I can figure out what's so interesting.
79		MADELINE OK, but suit up, full gear. And be careful. If it gets too hairy, get back up here.
80		JOE I will, I will. Sheesh. What are you, my sister?
		he exits. Another hit. Reactions . <u>BACK TO SHOUTING</u> ES OVER THE BACKGROUND NOISE
81		<u>MRS SHEFFIELD</u> What weapons capabilities do we have?
82		<u>MADELINE</u> Yeah, the weapons manual is in Old Norse.
83		<u>PLUTO</u> Ah, well, I have a smattering of Old Norse. I can give it a look.
84		JESSIE Seriously? Uh, OK. It's propping up the snack table in the old crew room.
85		OLIVIA Follow the doors! Shields at 48 percent.
	Door, as VOICES.	Pluto exits. BACKGROUND IS QUIET AGAIN, SO NORMAL
86		JULIE Captain, I have a lock on our attacker. Bringing the ship up on screen.
	Expression	ons of disgust.

DONNA You know, I once had to snake out my

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shower drain-

88	DR THEO Please don't finish that sentence.
89	DONNA Righty ho. Still add a little bit of foam, and-
90	DR THEO I'm begging you.
91	PIPISTRELLE Pinging.
92	JULIE I thought I was doing that?
93	PIPISTRELLE Different kind. I can calculate distance with sub-centimeter accuracy.
94	MRS SHEFFIELD Even from inside the ship?
95	PIPISTRELLE Yep. They're close.
96	GREG Sub-centimeter accuracy and we get "they're close"?
97	PIPISTRELLE I don't know space distances! They're like, half a mile.
98	DR VON HABER ZETZER Zere is a number here, on zis screen.
99	JESSIE Any luck on the comms?
100	JULIE I think I'm saying something to them, but I don't know what!
101	COLIN Order up! First round's on me. Julie?
102	JULIE Kinda busy here

103	COLIN I NEED TO MAKE DRINKS!
104	JULIE Fine! Uh, rum and Coke, please.
105	COLIN I NEED TO MAKE COMPLICATED DRINKS!
106	JESSIE I'll have a Commonwealth! Ha! Seventy- one ingredients — that'll keep him busy.
	SFX: sounds of the drink being created in the background. Then a hit and SHOUTY VOICES AGAIN, PLEASE.
107	<u>DR VON HABER ZETZER</u> It's a very large number.
108	MRS SHEFFIELD WEAPONS, WOMAN.
109	<u>MADELINE</u> <u>I'm waiting for Pluto to translate the</u> <u>manual! Just push a button and see</u> <u>what happens!</u>
110-111	JULIEDR THEOYou're not serious.You're not serious.
112	DR VON HABER ZETZER Unt it is flashing.
	Another hit. KEEP SHOUTING
113	<u>MADELINE</u> <u>PUSH A BUTTON!</u>
114	MRS SHEFFIELD Right! I choose this one!

BACKGROUND NOISE STOPS. New sound. Everyone is silent, then gentle music fills the bridge.

MADELINE 115 <u>PUSH A DIFFERENT ONE.</u>

Another hit. **SHOUTY VOICES AGAIN**

116	<u>OLIVIA</u> Not to put too fine a point on it, but shields are at about 11. And the 778 is still out there.
117	<u>JESSIE</u> Bring 'em in. Ironically, we could use some extra hands.
118	<u>GREG</u> Can we trust them?
119	<u>MADELINE</u> <u>Not much choice, at the moment. Bring</u> <u>'em in, Olivia. And can the music!</u>
120	DR VON HABER ZETZER It's quite an alarmingly large number. Flashing very fast now.
	BACKGROUND NOISES STOP.
121	<u>JULIE</u> <u>Should I push</u> something else?
122	MADELINE You're at the comms station, Julie!
123	JULIE I KNOW THAT. But I'm just a botanist!
124	MRS SHEFFIELD Trying another one now!
	Pause. Nothing.
125	GREG What happened?
126	JULIE Looking on screen we fired at them!
127	MADELINE Excellent! Any damage?
128	JULIE Negative. Apparently we fired a bowl of petunias at them.
129	GREG Why is that even an option???

	<u>OLIVIA</u>
130	The 778 is in, if anyone cares, which I don't. Shields at nine.
131	<u>JESSIE</u> <u>We cannae-</u>
132	<u>MRS SHEFFIELD</u> (interrupting) We can't take much more of this, Captain.
133	<u>JESSIE</u> OY! Do ye mind?
134	<u>JOE</u> (over his helmet intercom) Captain,
135	<u>EVERYONE</u> Jesus!
136	JOE <u>the lower decks are still sealed, but</u> <u>they've taken a lot of damage. Not</u> <u>sure how much longer the hold will</u> <u>uh hold.</u>
137	DR THEO We have to figure out what they want.
138	<u>PIPISTRELLE</u> Dr. Theo is right.
139	DR THEO Awwwwww, thank you, my love.
140	<u>PIPISTRELLE</u> <u>Well, I mean, you're clearly the</u> <u>smartest person on this ship, and no</u> <u>one ever listens to you.</u>
141	OLIVIA (talks over Pipi) Stop the gooey stuff, or I'll flood both your bunks with pudding.

BACKGROUND NOISES STOP.

JULIE142I'm pretty sure I'm sending out

	<u>messages, but if</u> they're responding, I'm not sure I'd recognize it.
143	JESSIE Any idea what they're after, Joe?
144	JOE There's not a lot down here. No weapons I can see. But there's a lot of ground to cover. I'll let you know if I find anything.
	Door opens.
145	PLUTO Captain, I've managed a rough translation of the introduction.
146	MADELINE Please don't tell me you've spent all this time on the acknowledgements?
147	PLUTO I'll let that go, for the moment. Would you like to hear what I discovered?
148	MADELINE Please, He-who-is-immoral-
149	PLUTO Immortal.
150	MADELINE Take all the time in the world. No - take all the time in the UNIVERSE.
	Another hit. BACK TO SHOUTY VOICES
151	<u>MRS SHEFFIELD</u> <u>Yes, I agree with the Captain here.</u> <u>Can we speed this up a tad?</u>
152	<u>PLUTO</u> <u>No need to get tetchy. The main</u> gist of the manual is "ekki aftur" or <u>"ei aftur."</u>
153	<u>MADELINE</u> <u>Meaning?</u>

154	<u>PLUTO</u> <u>"Not again." I think it may have</u>
	something to do with the petunias.
155	<u>PIPISTRELLE</u> <u>It's a very thick book for just two</u> <u>words.</u>
156	<u>PLUTO</u> <u>I didn't say I'd translated it all.</u>
157	<u>OLIVIA</u> Shields at negative two.
158	<u>COLIN</u> One Commonwealth! Try not to spill. Who's next?
159	<u>JESSIE</u> (drinks) Mmmmm. Not bad. Bit busy.
	SFX: sets drink down.
160	<u>COLIN</u> For god's sake, woman, use a coaster!
161	<u>OLIVIA</u> <u>Right. Activating defense systems.</u>
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162 163	Right. Activating defense systems. BACKGROUND NOISES STOP. JULIE I beg your pardon. What were you waiting for??? OLIVIA I'm sorry, did anyone else hear the faint sound of someone questioning my decisions? GREG How can our shields be at "negative" two? Are we just handing over pieces

Distant boom.

167	DR VON HABER ZETZER Och. Zis number just got much zmaller.
168	COLIN Someone order a cocktail, dammit!
169	DR THEO Oh, for heaven's sake. I'll take a fat-washed mezcal!
170	JESSIE Is that the one that uses fat drippings from pork ribs?
171	DR THEO Slow-cooked pork ribs, AND it has to sit overnight.
172	MADELINE That's disgusting.
173	DR THEO But time-consuming.
174	DR VON HABER ZETZER Number is still going down, but slowly now.
175	PIPISTRELLE Did we take out their guns?
	Another hit. SHOUTY VOICES
176	<u>PIPISTRELLE CONT</u> <u>Well, at least somebody will answer my</u> <u>questions.</u>
177	<u>DR THEO</u> <u>Your voice is so sweet and calming. I</u> <u>suspect that's the reason no one hears</u> you.
178	JOE (still on helmet comms — alarmed) Yeah, OK, I'm seeing cracks. Also, can we keep the gushy stuff OFF the comms system?

MRS SHEFFIELD 182 Do you know, I think I recognize that ship.

BACK TO NORMAL VOICES

183	<u>JULIE</u> <u>Oh, for god's sake. Does anyone</u> <u>understand the urgency here?</u> And why does it keep getting quiet while I'm talking?!
184	MRS SHEFFIELD Shush, dear. You're very shouty today. I have a vague notion
185	DR THEO What do you remember?
186	PIPISTRELLE Very astute question, Doctor.
187	DR THEO I was inspired by <i>your</i> question, actually.
188	PIPISTELLE Were you? That's so adorable!
189	MRS SHEFFIELD Please, I'm already nauseated from falling all over the bridge. Just thinking Julie, those books Ben retrieved from the Showertorium. Do you still have them?
190	JULIE Oh, uh nono, we got rid of those-

191	MRS SHEFFIELD Not the porn, dear. The other ones.
	JULIE
192	Oh. Then yes.
193	MRS SHEFFIELD There was one with an orange cover. You know the one I mean?
194	JULIE Yes, we use it to prop up a table in our bunk.
195	GREG You'd think the people who built this ship could build a simple table.
196	DR THEO Why would we think that?
197	GREG Fair.
198	MADELINE Colin, fly to Julie's bunk and get that book.
199	COLIN I'm busy!
	Another hit. SHOUTY VOICES
200	JOE (on helmet) Captain!
201	<u>MADELINE</u> Jesus! COLIN.
202	<u>COLIN</u> <u>FINE. Julie, any chance you have eight</u> <u>guajillo chiles squirreled away in</u> <u>there?</u>
203	<u>JULIE</u> <u>I think we might. Check the</u> <u>refrigerator.</u>
204	<u>COLIN</u> Right! Excellent! Back in a tic.

Door. Wings. NORMAL VOICES

205	PLUTO You have guajillo chiles?
206	JULIE No. But I do speak Colin.
207	PLUTO Clever girl.
208	OLIVIA Shields at negative fourteen.
209	GREG I really <i>do</i> have to ask
210	OLIVIA Don't.
	Door. Colin flies in, throws a book on a desk.
211	COLIN Mission accomplished!
	Sound of jar being popped open.
212	MRS SHEFFIELD You actually had guajillo chiles?
213	JULIE I uh
	Hit.
214	MADELINE Let's move on! The book, Mrs. S!
215	MRS SHEFFIELD Yes, yes, all right.
	Another hit. SHOUTY VOICES
216	<u>JESSIE</u> <u>We cannae take much more, Captain.</u>
217	<u>MADELINE</u> How long have you been waiting to say

that?

218	<u>JESSIE</u> <u>Ages. I'd've said it sooner, but</u> <u>shifty Sheffield jumped in.</u>
219	<u>MRS SHEFFIELD</u> Look, just because you're Scottish-
220	<u>EVERYONE</u> <u>THE BOOK!</u>
221	<u>DR VON HABER ZETZER</u> <u>I don't vish to rush you, my dear, but</u> <u>zere is zum urgency now</u>
222	<u>MRS SHEFFIELD</u> <u>ALL RIGHT. Yes, yes, here it is!</u> <u>Ahhhhhhh excellent! They're</u> <u>friendly!</u>
223	<u>COLIN</u> Anyone need more peanuts? Pretzels? I could possibly chase down some salt and vinegar crisps
224	<u>DR VON HABER ZETZER</u> <u>I could nibble.</u>
	NORMAL VOICES
225	PLUTO Do you have any Mike & Ikes?
226	COLIN I can do you a Mike & Ike daiquiri.
227	PLUTO Make it a double!
228	DR VON HABER ZETZER Zese numbers are holding steady. Uup. No, just dropped by one.
	Hit. SHOUTY VOICES
229	<u>OLIVIA</u> <u>Shields at negative twenty-seven.</u> <u>Should we just invite them over for</u> <u>snacks and total surrender?</u>

230 <u>GREG</u> I thought you said they were friendly!

	PIPISTRELLE
231	<u>They're pinging us!</u>
	JULIE
232	<u>I</u> don't see anything on the comms
	screen.
	PIPISTELLE
233	Not that kind of pinging, MY kind of
	pinging!
	NORMAL VOICES
	MRS SHEFFIELD
234	Yes, I see that here: the
	Kestochalians* have advanced echo-
	location capabilities. Ahh
235	GREG "Ahhhh???"
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	MRS SHEFFIELD
236	Not quite so many h's, Gregory dear.
	(reading) "An exceptionally
	affectionate race, they are,
	unfortunately, the Bugle Galaxy's - "
	were you aware we'd entered the Bugle
	Galaxy, Captain? I wonder why it's
	called that
	DONNA
237	How's about we chase that one up
	later, okey dokey?
	MRS SHEFFIELD
238	No time for intellectual curiosity,
	eh? Very well. "They are,
	unfortunately, the Bugle Galaxy's
	equivalent of a seven-year-old boy on
	the playground, as they show their
	interest by 'picking on' the object of
	their affections. One of the most
	misunderstood races in the galaxy,
	they have become increasingly isolated
	as inter and intra-galaxy travel has
	ramped up."
	PIPISTRELLE
239	That's probably why their echo-
	location skills are so developed. No
	one's let them get close in centuries.

240		DR THEO How incredibly insightful.
241		PIPISTELLE Why, thank you!
242		OLIVIA That's it: butterscotch or banana?
243		DR THEO I beg your pardon?
244		OLIVIA Your pudding. Butterscotch or banana?
245		DR VON HABER ZETZER Now you've done it.
246		COLIN One fat-washed mezcal!
	Sound of	glass thunked down on bar.
247		DR THEO That's not possible. That takes literally days!
248		COLIN Not with laser eyes, it doesn't. Mike & Ike daiquiri coming up!
249		DR VON HABER ZETZER Are you gonna drink zat?
250		DR THEO Not on a bet.
251		JULIE THE ALIENS??!
252		MRS SHEFFIELD Whatever are you so worked up about? They're friendly — did you not hear me just say that? They're being affectionate!
	Hit. <u>SHO</u>	JTY VOICES

253 <u>THEN PISS THEM OFF.</u>

Pause.

254	DR VON HABER ZETZER Zis is not a bad idea.
255	<u>OLIVIA</u> Firing at them doesn't work. I think they read it as flirting.
256	<u>COLIN</u> Send Jessie over. She makes everyone angry.
257	DR THEO Colin may be on to something.
258	<u>JESSIE</u> <u>Watch it. Also, thank you. What do you</u> <u>say, Mad Pants? This is my kind of</u> <u>diplomacy!</u>
259	MADELINE True. But what if they hurt you? Or kill you!
260	JESSIE That's just it. They won't!
NORMAL V	OICES
261	PIPISTRELLE They'd only hurt her if they liked her. And I think we've established that's not likely.
262	JESSIE OY. Also, thank you.
263	JOE Captain.
264	EVERYONE JESUS!
265	OLIVIA Still alive, I see.

267	OLIVIA Quit grumbling. You only look slightly less three dimensional.
268	JOE Pipi's plan does have a rare sort of genius to it.
269	JESSIE Come on, boss, whaddya say?
270	MADELINE I say assemble an away team. You can go, but not alone.
271	JOE You'll need to take the most objectionable folks we've got. Too bad we lost the bitchen' freeze.
272	MADELINE Right. OK. So no Dr. Theo, probably not Julie
273	JULIE "Probably"?
274	MRS SHEFFIELD The 778 can go.
275	MADELINE Good one. Not enough, though. We can't trust them. Need one more
276	COLIN Mike & Ike daiquiri!
Thunk. F	Pause.
277	COLIN CONT What?
NARRATOF	S' BRIDGE
278	NARRATOR With the shields at negative thirty and dwindling, the crew rush to get the away team ready.
279	N2 On the Oz 9, "ready" is a generous

	term. Actually, it's just wildly inaccurate.
	CORRIDOR NEAR AN AIRLOCK
280	JOE Lemme lube up those seals for you.
281	JESSIE Is that ski wax?
282	JOE All I could find.
	Sounds of duct tape.
283	COLIN You're not serious.
284	JOE It'll hold.
285	MADELINE You're trying to be as unattractive to them as possible. Whatever you do, don't hit anyone, they'll probably ask you to marry them. And remember, sticks and stones may break your bones-
286	COLIN (interrupting) Yes, that'll do for the pep talk, thank you. So what DO we do?
287	JESSIE What would you do on a playground?
288	COLINR Hide behind the teacher, naturally. Or fob the bully off with my lunch money or a Rolex.
289	HOWARD Eh, I'm noticing a distinct lack of offensive or defensive mechanisms here.
290	EMILY They are sending us to our deaths, Dear.

291	JESSIE The hell they are.
292	MADELINE In this case, your natural defenses should be plenty. Just be yourselves.
293	PIPISTRELLE OVER COMMS OK, I think I pinged to them that someone's coming over.
294	JULIE OVER COMMS Yeah, there's lots of chatter all of a sudden.
295	COLIN I really don't want to do this.
296	GREG OVER COMMS You're the only one with weapons no system can detect. Plus you're ornery.
297	COLIN Will I ever cease to regret that accursed olive
298	GREG OVER COMMS Oh hell, did we fall back into the Shakespeare wormhole?
299	JULIE OVER COMMS Nah, he's just pretentious.
300	COLIN I heard that.
301	JULIE OVER COMMS Oh. Sorry. Uhhh go, you!
302	DR THEO OVER COMMS They've opened an airlock. Looks like they're expecting company.
303	MADELINE You got the gift?
304	HOWARD Four loaves of moldy kudzu bread in used birthday wrapping paper.

305	PIPISTELLE OVER COMMS Genius.
306	DR THEO OVER COMMS (faux modesty) Just an idle inspiration.
307	COLIN These two are making me nauseous. Let's go.
308	MADELINE OK, Jessie, you've done this before. So like last time, use the vent on your space suit for propulsion and the two of you will tow the 778 between you. And Jessie - no peeing.
309	JESSIE Oh for Christ's sake. Open the damn door, Olivia.
310	EMILY You promise to tow us back again, correct?
311	HOWARD Don't you worry, Tater Tot. I got it in writing.
312	OLIVIA Helmets on. Closing the interior hatch. Right. Opening the airlock.
	Sounds of stuff happening, then pings on the outside of the ship. "Ow! Ouch!" etc. from Colin and Jessie. Flat "ow" from the 778.
313	JESSIE THROUGH HELMET OW! Goddammit!
314	MADELINE What's happening?
315	JESSIE THROUGH HELMET They're firing at us! What is that? (pause) You're joking.
316	MADELINE What is it?

317	JESSIE THROUGH HELMET Candy Valentine hearts. This one says hang on "will you be mine?" That never sounded so ominous before.						
318	OLIVIA You've never heard it before.						
319	JESSIE THROUGH HELMET Shut it.						
320	COLIN THROUGH HELMET Mine says, "I want to heart you." I don't remember that one from Earth.						
321	MADELINE Get moving. I don't want them to start firing on the Oz 9 again.						
322	JESSIE THROUGH HELMET Right. Colin, you ready?						
323	COLIN THROUGH HELMET Not at all. Lead the way, Captain.						
324	JOE Aren't you going to say "Former" Captain?						
325	MADELINE No. Not this time.						
NARRATORS' BRIDGE							
326	N2 And so Jessie, Colin, and the 778 make their way towards the hairy, matted Kestochalian* ship, its airlock yawning open just in front of them.						
327	NARRATOR The aliens' guns have stopped for the moment, giving the Oz 9 much-needed time to assess the damage. But if they should start up again						
328	N2 What will become of the away team? Will they be greeted with the hostility and antipathy they hope for?						

329	NARRATOR Or will they be, quite literally, killed with kindness? Tune in next time, Space Monkeys, when you might or might not get the answer.
330	N2 But probably not.
331	NARRATOR Probably, as Two says, not. You've been listening to Shannon Perry as Madeline and Olivia Chrisi Talyn Saje as Julie Kevin Hall as Greg Bonnie Brantley as Jessie and Donna
332	N2 Tim Sherburn as Colin and Emily Lee Shackleford as Pluto David S. Dear as Dr Theo Bromae Eric Perry as Dr. von Haber Zetzer, Howard, and Joe
333	NARRATOR Sarah Golding as Mrs Sheffield Sarah Rae Werner as Pipistrelle
334	N2 I'm Kyle Jones as Narrator Two
335	NARRATOR And I'm Chris Nadolny Gourley as your Narrator. John Faley is our music director, and our awesome artwork is by Lucas Elliott. Oz 9 is written by Shannon Perry.
336	N2 Sarah Golding is our dialogue editor, and Shannon Perry is our sound designer.
337	NARRATOR Oz 9 is a proud member of the Fable and Folly Network! Please check out our sibling shows at fable and folly dot com and support our sponsors.
338	N2 Hey, I feel better.

	NARRATOR					
339	Great.	Want	some	Turkish	delight?	

N2

340 Why you gotta be so mean?

NARRATOR

On someone else, this would be mean. On me, it's charming. See you next time, Space Monkeys! Till then, keep your eyes on the stars. Especially if they start firing on you. Lights!

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