

The Stench of Adventure Season 2: Episode 2 - The Singularity **1**

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SCENE 1 - NOTHING

NARRATOR

While Scott wrestled with his sentience, Puppet wrestled with his own apprehension about telling the crew the horrid news, Baz and Buttercup wrestled verbally, and Gerald and Theed wrestled literally, in the dirt, like two brothers sharing a moment of intimate physical connection in the only way that society will allow, Stella and the Captain wrestled with...well, nothing. Through the little window of their escape they could only see a vast, empty, all-consuming nothingness.

CAPTAIN

This doesn't make any sense.

STELLA

What, the part where we got sucked into a black hole and didn't die?

CAPTAIN

No. Well, yes, also, that, but the fact that there's just...nothing here. Hungry Steve is hungry for a reason. He devours things all the time. We've fed things to him. Why is there...just vast emptiness? There's no scientific explanation—

STELLA

I think we're well past scientific explanations.

CAPTAIN

So what are we supposed to do? We just float through the nothingness infinitely?

STELLA

Don't ask me. I'm just a baby-woman.

CAPTAIN

Oh so NOW you're okay with my
calling you a baby-woman.

STELLA

I'm saying, I'm just as scared
and confused as you are.

CAPTAIN

I'm not scared.

STELLA

Yes you are.

CAPTAIN

Am not.

STELLA

Are too.

CAPTAIN

We're simply...floating through
what appears to be an infinite
void with no end in sight, surely
about to face a slow and painful
death. What is there to be
scared-

2 Bang bang bang.

(beat)

What was that?

INTRO AND THEME MUSIC.

SCENE 2 - BLACK HOLE MONSTER

Bang bang bang.

STELLA

What WAS that?

CAPTAIN

Why would I know?

Bang bang bang.

STELLA

There's something outside.

CAPTAIN
That's not possible.

STELLA
Surviving a black hole isn't possible.

Bang bang bang.

STELLA (CONT'D)
It's trying to get in.

CAPTAIN
Um...occupied?

Bang bang bang.

STELLA
It's a black hole monster.

CAPTAIN
There's no such thing as a black hole monster.

STELLA
Yes there is and it's trying to eat us.

BANG BANG BANG.

STELLA (CONT'D)
(panicking)
What do we do oh my god what do we do what do we do

CAPTAIN
We let it in.

STELLA
We WHAT?

CAPTAIN
Do you have a better idea?

STELLA
(sputtering)
Well um I mean- not THAT!

CAPTAIN

If it really is a...a "black hole monster" it's going to get in anyway. So we could at least invite it in on friendly terms.

BANG BANG BANG.

STELLA

It's going to slurp off our skin and slowly pick us apart.

CAPTAIN

Stella where did this morbid imagination come from?

STELLA

Well growing up my father-

CAPTAIN

Nevermind, I've heard enough.

BANG BANG BANG.

STELLA

Don't let it in.

CAPTAIN

I'm letting it in.

STELLA

Don't-

Air lock sounds.

NARRATOR

The door to the escape pod slid open, and beyond that door was a beast more horrifying than anything Stella could have possibly imagined. First she saw its spindly legs, all gripping the sides of the pod like a mosquito preparing to latch on to an unsuspecting victim. Then she saw its bulbous torso, round and bloated and a sickly purple. Then she saw its eyes, which actually weren't that scary except that there were five of them, which was far too many in Stella's opinion. And then there were its pincers, like two little scythes wielded by the grim reaper, if the grim reaper was a giant insectoid creature with five eyes. And then this creature opened its gaping maw, and it let out its horrid cry:

SCENE 3 - SID

SID

3 Hey guys.

STELLA

Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah— oh.

SID

What's up my dudes?

CAPTAIN

...Sid?

SID

That's right baby!

STELLA

This...this is Sid?

CAPTAIN

Yeah.

SID

I was waiting for someone from the Raccoon gang to finally check out this place. What took you so long?

CAPTAIN

Um...we didn't want to go into a black hole?

SID

Yeah that's fair I guess.

STELLA

Sid like...the one who died?

SID

I didn't die.

CAPTAIN

Yeah we can see that.

STELLA

You didn't tell me Sid was like...a giant spider person.

CAPTAIN

He's not a "giant spider person." He's a Zetheropod. From the planet Zether.

STELLA

Well I mean you didn't tell me he looked like- I mean like-

CAPTAIN

Why would I tell you that.

STELLA

I mean it was just surprising-

CAPTAIN

I don't define people by their physical attributes, Stella. Wouldn't it be a little rude if I had been like "We miss our beloved crew member Sid who we presume killed. Oh, by the way, he's a giant horrifying insectoid creature?" I don't introduce you to people like, "This is Stella, oh and she has acne."

Beat.

STELLA

Hey that's something I'm sensitive about.

CAPTAIN

Oh sorry I-

STELLA

What, you think my acne is that bad?

CAPTAIN

No I mean it was just an observation-

STELLA

Adult acne is very common-

CAPTAIN

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I WOULDN'T KNOW, I'M A HORSE-

STELLA

I don't just go around pointing out things you're self conscious about. Like- what's one of your insecurities?

CAPTAIN

That's something I would never tell you even if my life depended on it.

SID

6 Clearly you two get along very well.

CAPTAIN

We don't actually

SID

Yeah no I - yeah that's what I meant.

CAPTAIN

Oh. I thought you were under the false impression that Stella and I are friends.

STELLA

Wait what? Did we not just have a moment in the escape pod?

CAPTAIN

That was when we were going to die. We're not going to die anymore so the moment is over.

SID

So, are you going to introduce me, or...

CAPTAIN

Stella, this is Sid. Sid is-

STELLA

I know that part.

CAPTAIN

Sid, this is Stella.

SID

Ha! That's hilarious. What's her real name?

CAPTAIN

That, unfortunately, is her real name.

STELLA

Sid, will YOU tell me what it mean?

SID

Nice try! I'm not gonna say all that out loud.

STELLA

Great.

CAPTAIN

Stella is-

SID

A talking human! Wild.

CAPTAIN

Yes. She is also the woman we hired to be our doctor after Baz-

SID

Turned out to be a fraud and
murderer?

CAPTAIN

Yes.

SID

Good thing you figured that out
before you kept her on the crew
any longer.

(Beat.)

You kicked her off the crew,
right?

(Beat.)

Oh come on!

CAPTAIN

We were down a trash poker...

SID

You gave her my job?

CAPTAIN

It's not like I was exactly
swimming in job applications...

SID

She tried to kill me!

CAPTAIN

Clearly she didn't kill you.

SID

But you didn't know that.

STELLA

I know how it seems but...Baz is
actually really cool.

SID

Yeah! That's what she wants you
to think! Before she throws you
in the garbage!

STELLA

Well for what it's worth, she
hasn't thrown anyone else in the
garbage yet.

SID

Just you wait.

Moment underscored with some emotional music.

CAPTAIN

Sid...I'm sorry if you feel betrayed by the fact that we kept Baz on the crew. We had a trial, there was space law, it was a whole thing. But still, I'm sorry.

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SID

Nahhhh it's cool.

STELLA

Wait, really? But you were just-

SID

I was just messin with ya! I don't care.

CAPTAIN

Are- are you serious?

SID

I mean, maybe pre-noodle Sid would have cared, but post-noodle? Ya start to get some perspective out here!

STELLA

Noodle?

SID

When you get spaghettified! Really makes ya think.

CAPTAIN

Think about what?

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SID

Time. Space. The futility of existence. The usual.

CAPTAIN

All that from just floating in an endless void?

SID

Oh right. Yeah this isn't an endless void. It's just the front part.

CAPTAIN

What's down that hall?

SID

Alright. So do you know what's supposed to be at the center of a black hole?

CAPTAIN

Of course. That's basic science. Everyone knows that.

STELLA

Okay, but let's say...hypothetically...someone didn't know. And you were explaining it to them. What would you say?

CAPTAIN

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The gravitational pull is so great that everything is crushed to infinite density. It's the gravitational singularity.

SID

Right. So that's what was *supposed* to happen at the center of a black hole.

CAPTAIN

Is it not?

SID

Well, you don't feel yourself getting crushed to infinite density, do you?

STELLA

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I am feeling a little stomach pain, to be honest. Is that me being crushed? Or is it just anxiety? I can't tell. I also hear a little ringing in my ears. Is that me being crushed? I think I'm starting to feel some tingling in my left arm. And my right arm, actually. Oh my god. I'm being crushed.

SID

Stella. You're not being crushed.

STELLA

Okay thank you I really needed that reassurance.

SID

Just assume that everything you have ever learned about physics has been wrong.

STELLA

Well I never learned anything about physics so that's easy.

SID

You're about to see what's really inside a black hole. Welcome...to The Singularity.

He throws open the door.

SCENE 4 - THE SINGULARITY

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Party music blares. The sound of a bustling crowd. This is not a mass of infinite density. This is a fuckin' rave, babey!

STELLA

What...what is everyone doing here?

SID

Partyin' baby!

CAPTAIN

But...why?

SID

Well you know how the curvature of time and space has stopped for us?

CAPTAIN

Yes?

SID

So what else is there for us to do! Everyone figured, hey, we're trapped in an infinite void forever since time has lost all meaning. So let's have a fuckin RAVEEEEE.

CAPTAIN

When did you get those
sunglasses?

SID

Oh as soon as we stepped into the
Singularity. You get them
automatically. We don't know why.
You're wearing them too.

CAPTAIN

So I am.

STELLA

Am I wearing them too?

CAPTAIN

Yes.

STELLA

Nice.

(beat.)

Why does it smell so bad?

SID

There's a lot of people in here.
Fluids get exchanged.

CAPTAIN

14 No it's not that. It's the
garbage.

STELLA

What?

CAPTAIN

Stella, this is where we dump all
the garbage. It's still here.

SID

Oh yeah, we like to call that
"ambience." Now c'mon, just
party! We're about to do Six.

STELLA

Is that a drug?

SID

No. Why, do you want drugs?

CAPTAIN

I'm not convinced that party that exists outside the boundaries of time and space would have a bathroom.

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SID

It doesn't!

CAPTAIN

Thank you for your commentary Sid.

SID

Any time!

STELLA

Well, there are doors, but I'm not sure if they go anywhere?

CAPTAIN

Also, they keep moving, and changing size, shape, and number of dimensions.

STELLA

Yeah, I guess it's kinda hard to go through a door that doesn't know what material plane it exists in. The other thing I usually do at parties is pet the cat, but I feel like that would be frowned upon here.

CAPTAIN

I can't believe Sid actually enjoys doing this forever. It's almost like it's a good thing that Baz pushed him.

STELLA

Wait.

CAPTAIN

What?

STELLA

I figured it out. I know how we can get out of here!

CAPTAIN

I highly doubt that.

STELLA

No I'm serious! Remember how Sid got here in the first place?

CAPTAIN

Baz pushed him into the garbage.

STELLA

Yes! Because she was trying to get that package! You know, that super important package that the government is looking for?

CAPTAIN

And?

STELLA

That package must be in here too!

CAPTAIN

And you think the package is going to help us get out?

STELLA

Well it must have been really important, right? It must be something...really powerful. Or special. Like a calendar from an ancient civilization...or...a big diamond. Or a ton of gold.

CAPTAIN

Stella, did humans put a lot of value in rocks back on earth?

STELLA

I guess we did, come to think of it.

CAPTAIN

And you think a big rock will help us get back to the Raccoon?

STELLA

No, I just...I think it might help us.

CAPTAIN

Alright. Let's take a look. Sid!

SID

Enjoying the party my dudes?

CAPTAIN

Absolutely not. Remember that package that made you so concerned?

SID

Sure do.

CAPTAIN

What was so alarming about it?

SID

18 It said "government" on it. Don't trust the government.

STELLA

You freaked out about the package just because it had the word "government" on it?

SID

Sure did. I don't like the government in my business, you know what I mean?

CAPTAIN

So what was in the box?

SID

Oh, I don't know.

CAPTAIN

Of course. We're floating in a massive void. It's lost. He never got a chance to look inside because it's lost.

SID

Nope. Actually I got it right here.

Slaps metal.

CAPTAIN

Have you been carrying that around this whole time?

SID

Yup.

STELLA

How did we not notice that?

SID

19 I got big pockets. Like, HUGE pockets.

STELLA

And you didn't look inside?

SID

Nope.

CAPTAIN

Why not?

SID

Never thought about it, if I'm bein honest.

STELLA

Well let's look inside!

SID

Why? What do you think is inside?
A big diamond?

CAPTAIN

20 I don't get you people.

SID

Alright. Let's crack this puppy open.

THEME SONG AND CREDITS.