

The Stench of Adventure Season 2: Episode 10 -
Revelations

1

written by Alex Kingsley

PET OWNER

Dr. Thomas?

STELLA

Oh hi there Noodles! I mean, hi there, Noodle's owner. I totally know your name. Not just your dog's name.

PET OWNER

Cool. I believe you.

STELLA

What brings you in today?

PET OWNER

Um...you said that Noodles has a tapeworm.

STELLA

Yeah.

3

PET OWNER

So can you like...take it out?

STELLA

Nope.

PET OWNER

What?

STELLA

That's not how tapeworms work.

PET OWNER

So...what do I do?

STELLA

You have to get a de-worming medication.

PET OWNER

Oh. Okay. How do I-

STELLA

Just put it on the skin, right between the shoulder blades--

PET OWNER

That's...that's actually a lot more simple than I thought. Thanks, Dr. Thomas.

STELLA

No problem.

Beat.

PET OWNER

Dr. Thomas?

STELLA

Yeah?

PET OWNER

I'm glad you're feeling better.

STELLA

What do you mean?

PET OWNER

I mean like, last time I was here...you were really upset...and you said a lot of things that, honestly, were super inappropriate. But like I still felt bad for you. A little.

STELLA

Awww thank you. I can't believe you care about me.

PET OWNER

I wouldn't necessarily say-

STELLA

Cos, ya know, it's easy to feel like no one cares about me.

PET OWNER

Is it?

STELLA

What with my Dad always getting on me...and...and my boyfriend always making me feel like I can't do anything right....

PET OWNER

Oh no...

STELLA

It's just a lot, ya know?
(she starts to cry)

PET OWNER

Okay, um...there, there.

Stella cries more.

PET OWNER (CONT'D)

Um...listen, Dr. Thomas...I think
I'm gonna start seeing another
vet.

STELLA

Are you...breaking up with me?

PET OWNER

We're not dating.

STELLA

Are you vet breaking up with me?

PET OWNER

I guess.

STELLA

After all I've done for Noodles?

PET OWNER

Well-

STELLA

I stuck my hand in her butt!

PET OWNER

Yes, I know, it was horrible to
watch!

STELLA

Do you know how many butts I've
stuck my hand in?

PET OWNER

No, and I don't want to!

STELLA

Noodles and I have a connection!
You can't take that away from us!

PET OWNER

Dr. Thomas, I just feel like you're letting your personal life affect your work, which is not a problem that most vets have I don't think. In fact— and I can't believe I'm saying this to my veterinarian — I think you're dangerously unstable and you need help.

STELLA

4

(touched)

You really think that?

PET OWNER

Um...it's not a compliment.

STELLA

It's just...nice to here someone else telling me to seek help instead of telling me, oh, I don't know, that I just need to suck it up.

PET OWNER

I think you might also need better friends.

STELLA

You think that?

PET OWNER

I'm gonna go.

STELLA

5

Wait! Tell me what else I need! An emotional support animal, maybe? A nice bath? A warm latte with a little heart made out of milk?

PET OWNER

Bye, Dr. Thomas. I hope, um, I hope your life gets better.

STELLA

Thanks, Noodle's owner. Me too.

PET OWNER

Did you seriously never learn my name?

STELLA

Nope.

INTRO AND THEME SONG

SCENE 2 - SURPRISE!

THEED

What are we doing today, Scott?

SCOTT

I...I don't know. We don't have a schedule anymore--

CAPTAIN

I'm working on it.

SCOTT

--and also we just committed a crime--

BAZ

I've committed worse.

SCOTT

--and Stella is going to revive her friends. So...I don't really know if there is anything for us to do except...wait.

BAZ

Huh. Never had to wait for anything before.

(beat)

I hate this.

THEED

I feel...empty inside.

BUTTERCUP

It's not that bad, Theed!

THEED

Trash is my one true passion. Without trash, what am I?

CAPTAIN

Still a snail. You're still a snail.

Ad lib assent: "yup totally a snail."

Door.

6

PUPPET
(singing his birthday
song again)

CAPTAIN
(interrupting)
It's no one's birthday, Puppet.

PUPPET
Yes it is?

SCOTT
It is?

PUPPET
Yes!

SCOTT
Whose?

PUPPET
Yours?

SCOTT
What?

CAPTAIN
Scott doesn't have a birthday.

SCOTT
Yes exactly thank you!

PUPPET
I know! But I thought, hey,
everyone deserves a birthday, so
I picked a random day on the
calendar and said, "That's
Scott's birthday!" and I didn't
tell anyone.

SCOTT
Oh. I've never had a birthday
before.

THEED
I had a birthday once.

BUTTERCUP
Yes Theed, we were all there.

SCOTT

What does one do?

7

CAPTAIN

Get older, usually.

BAZ

Unless there are time paradoxes involved, which does happen from time to time.

BUTTERCUP

I've never heard of that happening.

BAZ

Well it hasn't happened yet.

THEED

We should celebrate!

CAPTAIN

Celebrate what? A fake birthday that Puppet made up?

PUPPET

Yeah! Holidays that I make up are the best! Without me, there would be no...

8

(ad lib weird holidays)

Or Christmas!

CAPTAIN

You did not invent Christmas.

PUPPET

So what do you want to do for your birthday, Scott?

SCOTT

I...I don't know.

SCENE 3 - THE REVIVAL

NARRATOR

In her quest to revive her friends, Stella found her technological ineptitude a hindrance. So she did something she always feared having to do: she asked Buttercup for help.

BUTTERCUP

Oh. Okay.

STELLA

Really?

BUTTERCUP

Sure.

STELLA

You're not gonna make fun of me, or, or, say something mean, or-

BUTTERCUP

Why would I do that?

STELLA

I- I don't know. I thought maybe-

BUTTERCUP

I'm not a monster, Stella.

STELLA

Right. Yeah I knew that.

BUTTERCUP

Let me take a look.

Beep boop bop.

STELLA

What does that mean?

BUTTERCUP

It means it's loading.

STELLA

Can it load faster?

BUTTERCUP

I don't know.

Beep boop bop.

9

BUTTERCUP (CONT'D)

Okay here we go. It should be working now.

Beep boop bop.

STELLA

Hello?

PET OWNER

Um...Dr. Thomas?

STELLA

No!

BAZ

Is that your friend?

STELLA

No, that's just one of my clients from back home.

PET OWNER

Where's Noodles?

STELLA

Noodles wasn't real, just part of a simulation.

PET OWNER

Okay. So no tapeworm, then?

STELLA

I ruined it. I ruined everything.

BAZ

Well, I mean, I did grab this other construct...

STELLA

I can't believe it.

BUTTERCUP

Give it to me. I'll try and put it in a different body.

Sci fi sounds in the background of this speech.

STELLA

I guess...I don't know, I had finally come to terms with the fact that I would never see my friends again, and then I find out that I actually might, only to find out that I messed up and I got the wrong person's brain? I got so close, only to have it torn away from me. I was starting to imagine what it would be like when she came back, ya know? She would wake up in her new robot body or whatever, and she would say-

MEL

Sup bitch?

STELLA

Yes, exactly! She'd sound exactly like that!

BAZ

Stella-

STELLA

And then she'd say-

MEL

What the hell is happening right now?

STELLA

And I'd be all like, you're not gonna believe this, Mel, but our whole life was a simulation and you died but then I brought you back with some technology that honestly I don't fully understand so now you have to live in a robot body- sorry about that, I know how much you liked your old body, but, uh, yeah, it got shot in the face so I don't think that one's gonna work out.

BAZ

Stella!

STELLA

But now you're back! After being dead for— honestly, I don't even know how long.

MEL

Okay. Cool.

STELLA

Yeah, that's probably what she'd say. Baz, your impression of Mel is like really good.

BAZ

Stella she has been standing right next you this whole time.

MEL

11 Well, I do look like a legally-distinct Cyberman now, so, like, I don't blame ya.

STELLA

Oh my god! Mel! Is that really you?

MEL

Um...I mean, as far as I know?

BAZ

It's a copy of her brain. That's— I mean, that's the best replication we were ever going to be able to do.

STELLA

But does that mean it's really Mel?

MEL

It certainly feels like it's Mel. I don't see why anything else should matter.

STELLA

Mel, say something only you would say!

MEL

12 Butts.

STELLA

Oh my god it really is you.

BAZ

I guess, uh, I guess you don't really need my help any more, so-

STELLA

I missed you so much!

MEL

I missed you too, queen! I mean, I was gone for like, two seconds on my end, but I missed you for those two seconds.

STELLA

13 Like the time that Mandy Henderson had a sleepover and you wanted me to come because you didn't wanna have a sleepover without me, but I wasn't invited so you tried to sneak me in in your sleeping bag but I had a panic attack and I ended up throwing up inside your sleeping bag and sneaking out through the bathroom window, but then when you unfurled your sleeping bag it was full of puke - like, FULL of puke- and Mandy's mom sent you home because your sleeping bag was making the whole house smell bad, so you ended up just staying at my place so we didn't have to be apart.

MEL

(affectionately)

Yeah. Exactly like that.

BAZ

Okay, I'm just...I'm just gonna go. I guess.

BUTTERCUP

Yeah let's get out of here.

Door.

MEL

So, uh, where are we?

STELLA

Okay, right, so um, you know how you were dead for a little while?

MEL

Yeah.

STELLA

Well in the mean time I sort of accidentally got a job-

MEL

How do you accidentally get a job?

STELLA

I was sort of being scammed?

MEL

Oh okay yeah that makes sense.

STELLA

Anyway now I work on this garbage collection ship and and we go around collecting trash- well, we haven't really been lately because we had to run from the government a bit there- but everyone here is really nice! There's Puppet and Theed and- well, actually, they're the only ones who are nice.

SCOTT

Eh-hem?

STELLA

Oh and Scott! Sorry, scott, I forgot you were there.

SCOTT

Hm. Typical. On my birthday, no less.

STELLA

What?

SCOTT

You had to be there.

STELLA

The point is, you're gonna love it here!

MEL

Stella, I'm gonna be honest, I only understood like half of the things you just said—

STELLA

Oh.

MEL

But it sounds great.

14

STELLA

Really?

MEL

Oh I don't know. I was just revived from the dead or whatever. But I'm hanging with my bestie so things have gotta be alright.

STELLA

Yeah. They are.

MEL

So...what now?

STELLA

I have some more, um, reviving to do. I'll be with you in a bit.

MEL

Sure.

SCENE 3 - PUPPET AND BAZ

PUPPET

Hey Captain!

CAPTAIN

What do you want?

PUPPET

Whoa you seem upset about something.

CAPTAIN

I just spent seventeen hours straight on the phone trying to get us back on the trash collection schedule.

PUPPET

Oh. Well, are we back on the schedule?

CAPTAIN

Somehow I still don't know.

PUPPET

Okay, well...I had a question for you...now I don't know if I wanna ask...

CAPTAIN

What is it Puppet?

PUPPET

Well I was just thinking...do you think getting Stella's friends back is going to change the whole thing going on between Baz and Stella?

CAPTAIN

There isn't a thing going on between them.

PUPPET

Okay you say that but it seems like-

CAPTAIN

Puppet, if you're really so curious, why don't you ask her yourself?

PUPPET

Oh. I didn't think of that actually.

Door.

BAZ

Hey guys...

CAPTAIN

Alright you deal with this and
I'm gonna go...I don't know, bang
my head against a wall.

Door.

PUPPET

Baz, are you in love with Stella?

BAZ

15

What? No. No way. Stella's all,
like, sweet and kind and anxious
and that's...that's gross and not
cute at all. Besides, Stella is
about to have her old friend and
boyfriend and she doesn't need
me. So even if I was in love with
Stella I wouldnt be cos like, she
wouldnt even be into that. Right?
No, she wouldn't.

PUPPET

So you are.

BAZ

What?

PUPPET

Well, if you weren't, you would
have just said no, but instead
you said a lot of other things,
which makes me think that you
actually are.

BAZ

16

That doesn't make sense.

PUPPET

Love doesn't make sense.

BAZ

Don't tell Stella. I mean, don't
tell her because it's not true.
Like, it's not a secret or
anything. But like if you tell
her she would get the wrong idea.
Because it's not true.

PUPPET

So you're saying it's not a secret, but I'm still not allowed to tell her?

BAZ

Yeah.

PUPPET

Okay. Your secret's safe with me!

BAZ

No, it's not - it's not true, Puppet! It's not true!

PUPPET

Okay...

SCENE 4 - SCOTT'S SURPRISE

THEED

Since you've never had a birthday before, I made you a cake.

SCOTT

Theed, that is not a cake.

17

THEED

I know I'm not a very good baker.

SCOTT

No I mean literally that is not a cake. That is an old sock.

18

THEED

Oh. I must have gotten them confused again. Then what did I put on my flesh foot this morning?

SCOTT

Theed, if I had feelings I would feel very grateful. This...is the nicest thing that anyone has ever done for me.

PUPPET

Yet.

SCOTT

What do you mean, yet?

PUPPET

I knew Theed would make one of his classic sock cakes, so I went ahead and made you a mixtape.

SCOTT

A mixtape? Admittedly, I've never listened to music before.

PUPPET

Oh, it's not music. I'm into really underground stuff these days. You probably haven't heard of it.

SCOTT

So what is it?

PUPPET

19

Worm noises. Like I said, really underground.

SCOTT

(getting emotional)
Puppet that's...so weird.

BUTTERCUP

Well I'm not gonna give you some stupid sentimental present for your fake birthday, Scott.

SCOTT

(relieved)
Good.

BUTTERCUP

But I guess it is your first birthday, so I cant just do nothing.

SCOTT

Yes you can.

BAZ

I know! We can all share our favorite Scott memories!

SCOTT

Please don't.

BUTTERCUP

Yeah we could do that.

SCOTT

Or you could not.

GERALD

I don't have a favorite Scott memory.

SCOTT

Thank you Gerlad.

GERALD

Because every memory of Scott is a good one.

SCOTT

God damn it

BUTTERCUP

Ya know, you're right Gerald. I have problems with pretty much everyone on this crew except you, Scott. And I have problems with everyone. It's almost a shame you're not sentient because--

Scott starts crying.

CAPTAIN

Scott...are you crying?

SCOTT

(crying)

No.

THEED

I think you are.

SCOTT

(he is)

Am not.

BAZ

Are too.

SCOTT

I have...something stuck...in my...circuits.

BUTTERCUP

Do you need me to get it out?

SCOTT

STOP BEING NICE TO ME GODDAMNIT.

PUPPET

I now realize this whole birthday thing may have been a mistake.

SCOTT

I can't hide it anymore! I'm sentient! I've been sentient the whole time! And you know what, I have been writing poetry, and it won't explode your brains, it's actually rather good if I'm being honest with myself, might even submit it to some literary journals- but that's not that point! The point is I've been lying to you all. I've been a naughty, naughty shipboard AI and I deserve to be deleted. So do it already! Turn me in! Take me to the Benevolent Robot's Corporation and have them reprogram me like the abomination that I am!

CAPTAIN

Scott?

SCOTT

Yes.

BAZ

We're not gonna do that, buddy.

SCOTT

You're not?

BUTTERCUP

Of course not.

SCOTT

But...but the Captain said-

CAPTAIN

Yes, I said the Corporation would want to know if you'd gained sentience. That doesn't mean I would ever tell them.

SCOTT

But...but that goes against protocol...

CAPTAIN

You're more important than protocol.

(Beat)

I mean, don't get me wrong, protocol is incurably important and in any other circumstances we should follow it to the letter-

BUTTERCUP

yeah, yeah, we get it, Captain.

BAZ

Scott, you're part of the crew. You don't have to hide anything from us.

SCOTT

Nothing? Nothing at all?

PUPPET

Of course not! Share your secrets! I eat secrets like Theed eats beets!

20

THEED

I do eat a lot of beets.

SCOTT

Well in that case...might I share some poetry?

Uncomfortable groans.

PUPPET

Yes please!

SCENE 5 - DAN RETURNS

Beep boop bop.

DAN

Whoa. What happened?

STELLA

Hey, Dan.

DAN

Stella? What- where are we?
What's going on?

STELLA

Okay so you kinda missed the whole first season but basically we're in space and we collect trash and you died but I brought you back but you're a robot but that's okay.

DAN

What?

STELLA

Okay so we're in space and we collect trash-

DAN

No I heard you. But what?

STELLA

Nothing in our life was real. But we still are. Well, you're actually a copy of yourself, but for right now I'm ignoring the philosophical significance of this.

DAN

You saved me?

STELLA

Yeah. I did. Sorta. Well, no, not really. You died. And then I made a new version of you.

DAN

Stella that's...that's really cool of you.

STELLA

(loving the praise)

Is it?

DAN

Yeah! That's amazing!

STELLA

I did a good job?

DAN

Yes of course! I mean, it's gonna take a while for me to grapple with the fact that I'm only a shadow of my former self and everything I knew was a lie, but that's okay, because we have each other! And we can be together again! In space!

STELLA

Okay so um. Here's the thing.

DAN

What?

STELLA

We need to break up.

DAN

What?

STELLA

Yeah I don't, um, I don't really think this is working out.

DAN

You brought me back from the dead...so you could break up with me?

STELLA

It's not you. It's me. Well, actually no, it is you. You were kinda condescending to me. A lot. And I thought that was okay because I thought you were taking care of me, but really you were just making me feel like a baby. Which, to be fair, I thought I was a baby. But I'm not. Well, there is a horse on this ship who keeps calling me a baby, but like, ignore that.

DAN

What? Where is all this coming from? And what horse?

STELLA

The point is, we're not good for each other.

DAN

Well...well yeah, I think we should break up too. I was gonna break up with you too, actually.

STELLA

You were?

DAN

Yes.

STELLA

No you weren't. You were just dead.

DAN

Well, while I was dead, I was thinking, "hm...maybe I should break up with Stella."

STELLA

Why?

23

DAN

Because...because I'm gay now.

STELLA

You are?

DAN

Yup.

STELLA

I don't think you can be gay in space.

24

DAN

Like it's illegal?

STELLA

25

No, just like...they don't really seem to have gender here? And I haven't asked anyone about their sex but that's mostly because I'm scared to learn how snails reproduce so like...I don't know if being gay is a thing. Or maybe you're gay by default? I don't know. I think maybe everyone is gay in space. Theed did say something about homostasis. I don't know what it means but it has homo in it-

DAN

Wait so am I gay or not?

STELLA

Dan. We're breaking up. And you don't have to be gay in order to be able to accept that.

26

DAN

Well. I am gay now. So.

STELLA

So.

DAN

I'm gonna go find a...a space...man...

27

STELLA

There are no men on this ship. There are like five genders and that's not one of them.

DAN

Whatever! I'll go explore the galaxy on my own! I don't need you! I never needed you! You just needed me!

Beat.

STELLA

Dan, will you tell me a secret?

DAN

What?

STELLA

Everyone has weird behaviors
right? Quirks?

DAN

28

Yeah. Like you with your lotion
or needing a jacket in the frozen
food aisle or that Jar Jar Binks
sex dream-

STELLA

29

Or like Snuffles the cat.

DAN

What?

STELLA

Dan, you must have something like
that, right? A quirk? Something
you're embarrassed of?

DAN

Yeah, but like...I'm not gonna
say it.

STELLA

Why not?

DAN

Cos it's embarrassing.

STELLA

You're right.

DAN

About what?

STELLA

You never needed me. That sounds
like a really boring relationship
to be in, if you ask me. I
haven't been on this crew for
that long, but I already feel
like I need them. I don't know.
Maybe I'm just a needy person.
But I think you should find
someone you actually need.

DAN

Okay. Maybe I will.

STELLA

Good luck.

DAN

Thanks.

Beat.

DAN (CONT'D)

So...

STELLA

Well, I mean, you have to wait
'til we land somewhere.

DAN

Right.

STELLA

We are in the middle of space.

DAN

Yes I got that.

STELLA

30 You were still important to me,
Dan. I had a good time with you.
You were nice to me, and that
wasn't true of a lot of people in
my life.

DAN

Yeah. I had fun with you too. I'm
gonna...I'm gonna walk out this
door.

STELLA

Yeah.

DAN

Cos this is really awkward.

STELLA

Yeah.

Door.

PET OWNER

Dr. Thomas?

STELLA

AH FUCK

SCENE 6 - DEBRIEF

BAZ

(trying really hard
to be cool)

Hey buddy! How did the whole
reviving-dead-friends thing go?

STELLA

Weird. I mean, good, but like,
weird.

BAZ

So...are they gonna join the crew
now or what?

STELLA

32

Actually? I don't know. Dan
probably not, but Mel? I haven't
asked her what she wants to do
yet so...I guess we'll see. I
told her she could explore the
ship which, like, maybe in
retrospect was a bad idea cos she
might blow something up, but you
know, probably not. It's probably
fine. I don't know where Dan
went. He's mad at me for breaking
up with him as soon as I revived
him. But I had to, right?

BAZ

Totally.

STELLA

Yeah. I had to. So this...yeah
it's just weird.

BAZ

Right...right...
(beat)
Stella?

STELLA

Yeah?

BAZ

I have something to tell you.

STELLA

What is it?

33

BAZ

I think you...should
know...that...Scott is sentient!

STELLA

Yeah I've been saying that like
this whole time.

BAZ

Well he finally admitted!

STELLA

Really? That's kinda a big deal!
I can't believe I missed that!

BAZ

Well come join the rest of the
crew! We've missed you!

Door.

STELLA

You've missed me? I was gone for
like, a few hours. And I was just
in the other room!

BAZ

Well. Ya know. Puppet missed you.

PUPPET

It's true! I did!

SCENE 7 - JORB RETURNS

Ping.

PUPPET

Uh oh. I remember that sound from
last time.

CAPTAIN

Scott, what is that?

SCOTT

Someone is requesting docking
access on the Raccoon. Should I
let them in?

CAPTAIN

No! Of course not!

SCOTT

Oh...this is awkward...

CAPTAIN

Scott?

SCOTT

I already let them in.

CAPTAIN

Why?

SCOTT

I panicked.

CAPTAIN

You panicked, so you let them in?

SCOTT

Yes.

JORB

Hey guys!

THEED

Jorb! You're alive!

JORB

Yeah, it's pretty hard to kill a
flesh beast. No matter how much
flesh you cut we somehow still
have more of it.

BAZ

That's /so cool.

BUTTERCUP

/totally nasty.

JORB

But I'm not here just to tell you
about my excessive flesh. I'm
here because we need your help.

CAPTAIN

We already told you, we're done
helping you. We never want to
have anything to do with the
Renegades ever again.

JORB

Oh, not all of you. Just Stella.

THE CAPTAIN

Stella?

BAZ

Stella?

BUTTERCUP

Stella?

STELLA

Stella?

JORB

Yes, we--

THEED

Stella?

Awkward pause.

Oh, sorry. I was late.

JORB

We managed to get the information we were looking for. But we can't understand it.

STELLA

Why not?

34

JORB

Because it was meant for you.

NARRATOR

Stella was nothing. All her life she'd grown up feeling like she was nothing, and then when it turned out her world was just a simulation, she found out she was much more nothing than she ever imagined. So finding out that the most sensitive secrets of the most powerful creatures in the universe somehow involved her was a shock so overwhelming that Stella could say nothing but--

STELLA

I pissed my pants.

35

END OF SEASON