

The Stench of Adventure Season 2: Episode 4 - In  
Memoriam

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PROLOGUE - BAZ

Cart rolling down a hall. Baz humming.

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DOCTOR

Hey! You!

BAZ

Who? Me?

DOCTOR

Yeah. What are you doing with that cart full of organs?

BAZ

Um, taking them to be transplanted. Obviously. What do I look like, someone who's just going to waltz into a hospital and steal organs?

DOCTOR

Well, you do actually. Kinda.

BAZ

Well. I'm not.

DOCTOR

Well you do have goggles, so it definitely looks like you know what you're doing. Look, I don't mean to be rude, but it's just, you don't look like any of the doctors we have on staff-

BAZ

I'm new.

DOCTOR

Really? And what's your specialty?

BAZ

...Legs.

DOCTOR

Legs?

BAZ

Yeah. I'm a...leg...doctor. I know all about...legs. You know. The top part. The bottom part. That tricky little knee. Oh, I could go on for hours about the knee. I wrote my dissertation on the knee.

DOCTOR

Really?

BAZ

Yup.

DOCTOR

Sounds fascinating. I would love to read it one day.

BAZ

Well it's called: Knees. Do we KNEE-d them? Spoiler alert: the answer is yes.

DOCTOR

Fascinating.

BAZ

So...can I get back to transporting these organs to where they're going? Which, to clarify, is in people's bodies. Not anywhere else.

DOCTOR

Yes. Of course. Go right ahead. I'm sorry to have held you up.

BAZ

Oh, don't worry about it! But um, you know, since I'm new, would you mind pointing me to the exit? Like, if I were to load these into a spacecraft, where would I go?

DOCTOR

You...you work here and you don't know where the exit is?

BAZ

Yeah I just got here.

DOCTOR

Right down that hall.

BAZ

Great.

DOCTOR

But you're taking those to be  
transplanted right?

BAZ

Yeah totally whatever. I'll see  
ya around. You know, since I work  
here.

DOCTOR

Right. I'll be asking you about  
knees!

BAZ

Sure ya will.

Rolling. Door.

NARRATOR

Baz was used to getting what she  
wanted. She was used to telling a  
lie and having people believe  
her. She was used making up a  
story having it seem plausible.  
She was used to stealing  
something and getting away with  
it. However, there was one key  
difference between Baz then and  
Baz now.

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MYRA

What took you so long?

BAZ

Just shut up and drive.

NARRATOR

Once upon a time, she had an  
accomplice.

## SCENE 1 - COMING TO TERMS

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

While The Captain and Stella were attempting to get out of the Singularity, very much not dead, Puppet was attempting to tell the rest of the crew that The Captain and Stella were dead. They were, as we have established, not dead, but Puppet had no way of knowing that.

BAZ

What do you mean Stella is dead?

PUPPET

Um, I mean she died? The Captain is dead too, if that makes it any better.

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BUTTERCUP

Why would that make it any better?

PUPPET

I don't know, I just kinda thought, well maybe if you have two things to be sad about then you'll be sad about each one individually a little less.

SCOTTBOT

Even I know that's not how sadness works and I only just learned about emotions.

BUTTERCUP

What?

SCOTTBOT

It's a long story. Let's focus on our dead friends.

PUPPET

Scott and I do have an important announcement to discuss with you all, but...we'll address that later.

THEED

4 Snails can usually only feel up to three emotions, but I think I'm starting to invent a new one. It feels like...being empty inside.

BAZ

That's loss, Theed.

THEED

I think I invented it. I don't like it.

BUTTERCUP

I can't believe I'm actually blaming someone other than Baz for our problems—

BAZ

Yeah I can't believe that either.

BUTTERCUP

But this is all Gerald's fault.

THEED

Hey! I won't let you guys talk to Gerald like that. Gerald is my bestie.

GERALD

5 I made us friendship bracelets.

THEED

I can't wear it because I don't have a wrist, but I draped it over one of my eye stalks.

GERALD

Tell em Theed!

THEED

Thats right. I'm a new snail. I'm not just gonna let you walk all over me anymore.

PUPPET

6 We would never, Theed. We physically cannot! You're huge! But also beautiful, so never be ashamed.

THEED

Thanks Puppet.

BUTTERCUP

But we can all agree that Gerald is directly responsible for Stella and The Captain falling into Hungry Steve, right?

PUPPET

Well I think it's actually the police who are responsible for that.

THEED

Yeah, it's the tactic of the ruling class to get us to blame each other for our oppression instead of the powers that be.

GERALD

You're an excellent pupil, Theed.

BUTTERCUP

Why does this crew insist on defending murderers and criminals?

THEED

The real murderers and criminals are the people in power. I'm done being sad, now I'm angry! Angry at the system!

PUPPET

**7** Theed, I think you might shift my paradigm!

BAZ

I know we're all feeling a lot of things right now. And most of those feelings are not positive. And many of those feelings are directed at me.

PUPPET

I don't think they are actually.

SCOTT

For this first time in Raccoon history, I don't think anyone is angry at you, Baz.

BAZ

Whoa. That's wild. I can't believe I'm actually defending someone else for once. But that doesn't change anything! The point is we just lost two friends. So if there was ever a time that we as a crew need to band together, that time is now.

BUTTERCUP

What are you talking about? There is no more crew.

PUPPET

What do you mean?

BUTTERCUP

We don't have a Captain. We don't have a doctor. We're still wanted by the police. Hell, even if we tried to start up our job again, I wouldn't even know where to begin. The Captain always dealt with the administrative stuff. I don't even know who pays us.

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PUPPET

You guys get paid?

BUTTERCUP

Face it. The Starship Raccoon is over. We're just a cat, a snail, a con artist, an android, an AI, and an anarchist—

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GERALD

Anarcho-communist!

BUTTERCUP

--on a planet full of burrow people. We don't have a job anymore. So we're not a crew.

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PUPPET

I guess you're right.

THEED

But if there's no more crew, does that mean...no more crew meetings?



BAZ

I'm afraid not, Theed.

PUPPET

Well...it was nice to collect trash with you guys while it lasted.

SCOTT

No.

BUTTERCUP

What?

THEED

You didn't think it was nice, Scott?

SCOTT

No. I mean, yes, of course I did, it was lovely, Theed, but— No. We're still a crew.

BUTTERCUP

Why?

SCOTT

Because I say so, that's why! And I'm an AI and I know better than you, so there. That settles it.

BUTTERCUP

Scott—

SCOTT

What's your job, Buttercup? Oh, that's right. It's mechanic. And what's mine? Oh yes! It's administrative AI. The one who's in charge of knowing things and making crucial decisions that can't be trusted the the feeble minds of living beings. So let me do a quick calculation with my circuits — you know, the ones programmed with superior intellect— beep boop bop. Aaaand there we have it! We can't split up. We're still a crew.

BUTTERCUP

You didnt even calculate anything.

SCOTT

Yes I did.

BAZ

What did you calculate?

SCOTT

Computer stuff. You wouldn't understand.

BAZ

Before we make any decisions, I think the first thing is...to say good bye.

SCOTT

Baz is right. I think a funeral might be in order.

## SCENE 2 - THE FUNERAL

NARRATOR

A funeral, of course, was not in order, because at the very moment that the crew of the Raccoon trekked out into the Lentraxi sun, Stella and the Captain arrived in the intergalactic taxi.

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Taxi drives away.

STELLA

There they are!

CAPTAIN

Wait!

STELLA

What?

CAPTAIN

They're just...standing there. In The middle of the desert. Talking. And looking...really sad. I think...I think maybe they're having a funeral for us.

STELLA

Aw, that's actually kinda sweet.

CAPTAIN

Stella...

STELLA

Yeah?

CAPTAIN

We don't have to tell them we're  
alive immediately, do we?

STELLA

I don't think so. I think  
maybe...we could wait...

CAPTAIN

Have a little listen...see what  
they say...

STELLA

I'm sure that would be fine!

NARRATOR

There aren't many places to hide  
on a barren desert planet where  
the people live underground, the  
Captain and Stella awkwardly  
sidled up to the funeral homing  
that the crew was distracted  
enough not to notice them.  
Weirdly enough, that somehow  
worked.

BAZ

I didn't have...the best life  
growing up on this planet. It  
always felt like...

BUTTERCUP

A shithole?

BAZ

I was gonna say a hostile  
environment.

BUTTERCUP

Oh.

BAZ

But yeah it is a shithole.

GERALD

It didn't used to be.

BAZ

What?

GERALD

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Long before your time, this planet didn't used to be subterranean, you know. We used to live on the surface. But long ago the Politicians used it as a military outpost, and they used up all the resources until there was nothing left for natives like you and me.

BAZ

Gerald, how do you know that?

GERLAD

I was there. I was born on this planet long ago.

BAZ

How old are you?

GERALD

Really old.

BUTTERCUP

Okay, so...how do we do this?

BAZ

I've never been to a funeral before.

BUTTERCUP

You never knew anyone who died?

BAZ

No, I did. For sure. But I didn't care about them enough to go to the funeral. Also sometimes I was directly responsible for their death, so that would be like, you know...awkward.

PUPPET

I think we talk about them, right? Say nice things.

THEED

I can do that. I love to say nice things.

BUTTERCUP

It's a tall order, but I'll give it a try.

PUPPET

Let's start with Stella.

BAZ

Stella was really stupid. But stupid in like, a fun, sweet way. And I regret manipulating her the way I did. But also not really, because if I hadn't done that then we never would have made her a part of the crew. So actually I don't regret anything.

BUTTERCUP

I did not like Stella.

PUPPET

Is that your whole eulogy?

BUTTERCUP

(indignantly)

No.

(Beat.)

Okay actually it was but I can tell you all expect more from me. Stella...was the only person on the crew to ask me about my feelings. And I hated every second of it. It was kind of nice of her though.

PUPPET

Stella was the only audience member for my three-hour one-android show. She gave me a standing ovation at the end, and I'm pretty sure she was crying. No one had ever supported me like that before. Thanks, Stella.

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 Stella was always really nice to me. When we played checkers, she moved the pieces for me. And she let me win. Either that or she was really bad at checkers. She even helped me clean my nest even though it was full of dead fish.

BAZ  
 Why was it full of dead fish?

THEED  
 That's not important right now. What's important is that I'm saying good bye to her. I always thought that Stella had many snail-like qualities, and in many ways considered her an honorary snail. In in her honor, im giving up this dead fish.

Sounds of disgust.

SCOTT  
 Stella helped me discover many...things...about myself.

BAZ  
 Very suspicious thing to say. Thanks for that. Do you wanna say anything Gerald?

GERALD  
 I'm sorry you died in the name of revolution.

BUTTERCUP  
 How does getting sucked into a black hole help the "revolution?"

GERALD  
 It doesn't, but she was sucked in the the black hole in the NAME of revolution.

THEED  
 Good bye, Stella. I hope you enjoy that fish.

BAZ  
 Okay. And now, the Captain.

Long silence.

PUPPET

Well, um...

More silence.

BAZ

Guys we can't just not do a eulogy for the Captain. That's like, kinda fucked up.

PUPPET

No, we definitely have to. I just like...can't think of anything?

BUTTERCUP

They were really good at...sticking to the trash schedule.

THEED

They were always late to crew meetings.

PUPPET

Yup, that's...that's true.

BAZ

Um.

BUTTERCUP

This is bad.

CAPTAIN

Are you fucking kidding me?

BAZ

Whoa!

CAPTAIN

You had all that to say about Stella and you have nothing to say about me?

PUPPET

You're alive!

CAPTAIN

Yeah, obviously, okay but we're past that.

BAZ

Is Stella alive too?

CAPTAIN

Oh of course it's always about Stella.

STELLA

Hey guys!

ALL

Stella!

CAPTAIN

Unbelievable.

PUPPET

How did you guys survive a black hole?

BAZ

And end up here?

CAPTAIN

It's a really long story--

STELLA

And we'll tell you the whole thing!

ALL

Yay!

CAPTAIN

Typical.

PUPPET

We're happy to see you too, captain!

CAPTAIN

Really? Are you really?

BUTTERCUP

Yes! Of course we are!

CAPTAIN

Because you didn't really have much to eulogize about, now did you.



BUTTERCUP

We don't know anything about you, okay? Stella always told her about her thoughts and feelings—

STELLA

Yeah!

BUTTERCUP

And it was really annoying.

STELLA

Oh.

BUTTERCUP

But at least that meant we actually got to know her.

CAPTAIN

I have shared thoughts. And feelings. Or maybe just one feeling. I'm sure I have shared a feeling at one point. Or at the very least thoughts.

SCOTT

Actually, your personality file is completely blank! I have gathered no information on you.

CAPTAIN

There must be something.

SCOTT

You are a horse—

He sounds like he's going to continue but he doesn't.

CAPTAIN

And?

SCOTT

Actually, that's it.

CAPTAIN

Great.

PUPPET

Wait. Are you gonna tell us how you possibly survived?

STELLA

Yeah, of course! But, um, can we get back on board the Raccoon first?

SCENE 3 - SCOTT'S BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

NARRATOR

And so, after being reunited with the crew of the Raccoon, Stella and the Captain were reunited with the Raccoon itself. It was horrible and stinky as ever.

BAZ

Okay, so let me get this straight: you found the package I was looking for?

CAPTAIN

Yes.

BAZ

And it was just an empty box?

STELLA

Yes.

BUTTERCUP

That Stella knew the password for?

CAPTAIN

Somehow also yes.

BAZ

That could teleport you?

CAPTAIN

That part I'm not sure about. I think it was more of a...bridge between two points in space? This seems impossible but I think it may be a sort of...wormhole in a box.

PUPPET

A worm in a box?

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CAPTAIN

Wormhole.

PUPPET

I love worms!

CAPTAIN

Wormhole.

PUPPET

I wish I was a worm. Maybe not one in a box though.

CAPTAIN

Well it's not a worm in a box.

PUPPET

Can I name the worm?

CAPTAIN

No, there is no worm.

PUPPET

I like the name Frank.

CAPTAIN

Puppet there is no worm!

PUPPET

Are you sure? Worms are pretty small. Maybe you just didn't see it.

CAPTAIN

Puppet I assure you if we ever come across a worm you will get to name it, but right now I assure you, there is no worm.

NARRATOR

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Little did the Captain know, there WOULD be a worm and Puppet WOULD name it, but that won't happen until Season Three.

BUTTERCUP

How is that possible?

CAPTAIN

Admittedly I don't really know anything about astrophysics. Baz?

BAZ

I don't know anything about astrophysics. Buttercup?

BUTTERCUP

Me neither! Puppet?

PUPPET

I also don't.

Beat.

STELLA

**16** I also don't know anything about  
astrophysics. Like, in case  
anyone was wondering.

CAPTAIN

So none of us know what we're  
dealing with.

SCOTT

Ahem.

PUPPET

Oh yeah! Scott has just about  
everything! He can teach us.

SCOTT

You know, I didn't want to be  
rude or anything-

CAPTAIN

No it's fine-

SCOTT

It's just you know, knowledge is really my thing-

CAPTAIN

Yeah I should have asked you  
first-

SCOTT

So I thought maybe I could  
volunteer some information, you  
know, if you all would allow.

BUTTERCUP

Tell us what you know, Scott.

SCOTT

Well one thing I can tell you for  
certain is that the box does not  
contain a wormhole.

CAPTAIN

Why not?

SCOTT

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Because you found it in a black hole. And if a wormhole connects two points in space, then it cannot exist in a black hole, because a black hole exists outside the realm of space.

CAPTAIN

So...what is it then?

SCOTT

Oh I have no idea.

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PUPPET

It's a...slughole.

CAPTAIN

No it's not.

PUPPET

Why not?

CAPTAIN

Because I hate that.

BAZ

No way! You guys went through a slughole!

CAPTAIN

That's not what it's called.

SCOTT

It is now.

CAPTAIN

Scott I can't believe you're taking their side.

THEED

Did you bring the slughole with you?

CAPTAIN

No, we left it--

STELLA

Sure did!

Metallic slap.

CAPTAIN

Stella have you been carrying  
that the whole time?

STELLA

Yup.

CAPTAIN

How did I not notice?

STELLA

Well, you are still wearing  
sunglasses.

BUTTERCUP

Yeah I was gonna ask about those.

CAPTAIN

It's a long story. Do I look  
cool?

ALL

No.

CAPTAIN

Okay.

SCOTT

Puppet? Do you think now would be  
a good time to...

PUPPET

Right! Yes! Now that you're all  
back on board...there's something  
that Scott and I would like to  
share with you.

CAPTAIN

I hope it doesn't have anything  
to do with that feeling nonsense  
Stella was insisting on earlier-

PUPPET

Well it's funny you should  
mention that because-

CAPTAIN

Since if the Benevolent Robots  
Corporation found out, they would  
have him terminated.

PUPPET

Wait...what?

CAPTAIN

They would get rid of him. Delete him. Redo his code. Why do think I was so concerned about the prospect of his having feelings?

STELLA

Because you hate feelings.

CAPTAIN

Yes that too. But mostly because The Benevolent Robots Corporation would hunt us down.

PUPPET

But...they're benevolent. They made me! And how could someone who made me be bad?

Awkward silence.

BUTTERCUP

No comment.

CAPTAIN

Their greatest fear is that the intelligence of AIs might one day eclipse that of carbon based life forms. That's why all sentient AIs must be reported lest they become too intelligent.

STELLA

What about Puppet?

PUPPET

Oh, that's not an issue for me. I'm really stupid.

CAPTAIN

Anyway, it's a good thing we put that whole feeling debacle behind us. So what was it you wanted to tell us?

BAZ

Hey guys this is like really weird.

PUPPET

We wanted to tell you that...that....Scott started writing poetry.

SCOTT

That's right! I did.  
(beat.)  
I did.

Long pause.

CAPTAIN

Okay. Do you...want to...share?

SCOTT

I don't really think that's—

BAZ

Wait, Captain, you want to hear poetry?

CAPTAIN

I'm actually a big fan of poetry when it's well crafted.

PUPPET

You never want to hear my poetry.

CAPTAIN

Yours is not well crafted. No offense.

PUPPET

(cheerful)

I don't see how I could not take offense at that! But I respect your subjective opinion.

CAPTAIN

It's not subjective. My opinion is fact.



SCOTT

I'm afraid that my poetry  
is...um...intended for an AI  
audience only. If you were to  
hear it, then, um...your  
heads...would...explode.

Long pause.

BUTTERCUP

Really?

THEED

I don't have a head.

SCOTT

Well your...flesh foot would  
explode.

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THEED

Oh no.

CAPTAIN

I must admit, writing poetry  
is...well, it's not entirely  
normal behavior for an AI. It's  
probably best to have Scott  
checked out.

STELLA

Oh, I mean, I've never treated an  
AI before, but I guess—

CAPTAIN

Not by you Stella. I mean, if  
something is wrong with Scott, we  
should probably get him  
exchanged. His warranty isn't up  
yet.

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STELLA

What?

BAZ

You can't!

SCOTT

Right. Yes. Please. Exchange me.  
I am fine with that. If that's  
what's best for the crew.

THEED

No, take me instead. I'm ready.  
It's my time.

CAPTAIN

(appeasing the crowd)  
We probably won't have to do  
that. We just need to get you  
checked out to make sure  
everything is fine and normal.

SCOTT

Which it totally is!

CAPTAIN

Which means we have to go to—

PUPPET

Yes yes yes.

CAPTAIN

Puppet?

PUPPET

Sorry I'm just really excited.

CAPTAIN

We have to go to—

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PUPPET

YES YES YES.

CAPTAIN

Just...just let me say it, okay?  
Then you can scream as much as  
you want.

PUPPET

Got it.

CAPTAIN

We have to go to the headquarters  
of the Benevolent Robots  
Corporation.

(beat)

Okay Puppet now you can scream.

Puppet screams in excitement. It is cut off by: **23**

THEME SONG AND CREDITS.