

The Stench of Adventure Season 2: Episode 9 - Human
Nuggets

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SCENE 1 - ESCAPE

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NARRATOR

Well. Here we are. Almost at the end of Season 2. All these flashbacks, all these little bits of history. And yet! Has it ever occurred to you to wonder who I am? Have you ever wondered who is the owner of the silky sweet voice unraveling Stella's story right before your very...ears? Well then it's time, dear friends. Time for me to reveal my-

(beat)

Oh. That's where we left off? A bit of a cliffhanger, isn't it? Well surely I can't just leave you there! We'll get to me another time! There are more important matters at hand!

CAPTAIN

Stella, what do you mean that was your dad?

STELLA

Well you know how we just looked in that office and there was a human guy sitting there? Well that human guy was my dad.

BAZ

Stella, your dad wasn't real.

CAPTAIN

He was part of a simulation, remember?

STELLA

YES I REMEMBER OBVIOUSLY I REMEMBER THAT.

Alarms.

STU

(over intercom)

Hi everyone. It looks like someone blew up the front of the building so we've called the police. Just a heads up.

BAZ

How is your dad a real person?
And also how is he the President
of the Politicians?

STELLA

I think we focused too much on
the dad part and less on the part
where we leave before the police
get here.

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POLICE 1

Too late we're here already.

POLICE 2

We run super fast.

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POLICE 1

Hey I remember you guys.

POLICE 2

You had a Moon Pie wrapper.

POLICE 1

Gross.

BAZ

C'mon buddies. You don't wanna
get us in trouble. We have a
history. We're friends, right?

POLICE 1

No we are not. Why would you
think that?

BAZ

Because...you're so friendly.

POLICE 1

I am not.

BAZ

I...love your eyes.

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POLICE 1

...do you really?

BAZ

Yeah. They're pretty.

POLICE 1

Oh. I...thank you.

(beat)

We're still not gonna let you go
though.

BAZ

Fuck.

STELLA

But you don't really wanna be
doing this, do you? You don't
wanna work for the police.

POLICE 2

I did not want to be a police
officer. I wanted to be a modern
dancer.

STELLA

I thought you wanted to be an
improv actor.

POLICE 2

I contain multitudes. But thank
you for remembering.

STELLA

No problem.

POLICE 2

Anyway, we're going to have to
shoot you know.

CAPTAIN

What? No, arrest us.

POLICE 1

No, sorry, direct order for
central. See for yourselves.

CAPTAIN

What is it?

POLICE 1

It's a direct order from central.

CAPTAIN

And what does it say?

POLICE 1

It says, shoot them.

CAPTAIN

Huh. Okay. Fair enough. I have a question though.

POLICE 1

What's that?

CAPTAIN

Are you aware of the old man behind you, or....?

POLICE 1

What old-

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GERALD

I'm gonna crack you like a pistachio!

Gerald grunts. **7**

STELLA

Whoa, I had no idea Gerald could do that!

BAZ

Look at him swing that mop.

STELLA

This is the craziest thing I've ever seen. Gerald has gone full feral.

BAZ

Gerald is like a wild animal.

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GERALD

Take that, pigs!

CAPTAIN

Hey, wait a second. The pig is a noble creature. I have some good friends who are pigs. Let's not equate pigs with cops, alright? They're better than that.

More Gerald grunt.

Gerald, you got them. You can stop.

GERALD

Fine.

CAPTAIN

Everyone get in the Raccoon!

GERALD

Need any help getting in?

CAPTAIN

We're good, Gerald, thank you! I think you've exploded enough for one day.

GERALD

Eh, I could do with one more.

Boom.

NARRATOR

The crew gathered in the parking lot, smoke from Gerald's many explosions billowing behind them.

CAPTAIN

I really should have kept the sunglasses from the Singularity.

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BAZ

Yeah that would have made us walking away look like super cool.

STELLA

I've still got mine.

She puts them on.

BAZ

Damn you look so cool right now.

STELLA

I know.

Buttercup running to join them.

CAPTAIN

Buttercup! How did it go?

BUTTERCUP

We lost Jorb and Jaundice!

STELLA

You mean like they DIED?

BUTTERCUP

No, I mean, I literally lost them. I don't know where they are.

CAPTAIN

(unperturbed)

Oh no.

STELLA

Well you could at least try to sound a little concerned about them.

CAPTAIN

Sorry, let me try again.
(excatly the same)

Oh no.

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The box reappears.

PUPPET

We're here too, everyone!

THEED

And I discovered my passion for the stage.

CAPTAIN

That makes everyone. Wow . I can't believe we actually did it. In the Raccoon, everyone!

Door.

SCOTT

Oh look. You're finally back.

BAZ

Scott, are you mad about something?

SCOTT

It's fine. Really.

STELLA

You know we couldn't take you with us, right?

SCOTT

Of course not. How silly of me
for wanting to be included.

CAPTAIN

I can't believe we actually made
it back alive. I think I know
just how to celebrate.

THEED

You don't mean...

CAPTAIN

Oh. I do.

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THEED

WENDYS!!!!!!

INTRO AND THEME MUSIC.

SCENE 2 - WENDYS SOUNDS OF A WENDYS.

Sounds of a Wendys.

CAPTAIN

So this is Wendys.

BAZ

Is this what Wendys was like on
Earth, Stella?

STELLA

Yeah. Like, exactly. They didn't
even try to change anything. This
is a Wendys.

WAITRESS

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Hi there! What can I get you
today?

CAPTAIN

Ah, and this must be the
eponymous Wendy?

BAZ

No, that's just the cashier.

CAPTAIN

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Then where is Wendy? Is this not
her domain?

BUTTERCUP

Wendy isn't real.

CAPTAIN

Then who owns the restaurant? Are you telling me we are in a fast food establishment owned by a fictional character? That's madness! That's anarchy! If Wendy were real, I'm sure she'd be outraged!

PUPPET

Good thing she's not real then! I wish I could be a fictional character that owned a fast food chain. I'd call it: Gustavo's!

WAITRESS

So are you all gonna order anything, or...

GERLAD

14 I'd like a human burger, please.

Sounds of general disapproval.

WAITRESS

Coming right up!

CAPTAIN

That, uh, that seems in poor taste, don't you think, Gerald?

GERALD

Medium rare!

BAZ

Gerald can you order something else please.

GERALD

Alright fine. How about the human nuggets?

CAPTAIN

Okay that's better.

STELLA

How is that better?

BAZ

Can we just not order human
please?

THEED

But I love human nuggets.

STELLA

Theed! You've eaten human before?

THEED

No. But I love anything that's
nugget shaped.

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STELLA

I'm kinda nugget shaped.

THEED

And that's why I love you,
Stella.

NARRATOR

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What the rest of the crew ordered
at Wendys is not important.
However, I will tell you that
someone ordered a frosty, but for
the sake of suspense, I will not
tell you who.

CAPTAIN

Gerald, it occurred to me to ask
you something.

GERALD

What?

CAPTAIN

Gerald, you don't have any
explosives planted around the
Raccoon, do you?

GERALD

That's for me to know and you to
find out.

CAPTAIN

I don't want to find out.

PUPPET

I do!

Captain

Puppet no.

PUPPET

Scavenger hunt!

THEED

I do love a good scavenger hunt.

CAPTAIN

This is a bad scavenger hunt.
Gerald, I can't believe I have to
say this to a janitor, but disarm
your secret explosives
immediately.

GERALD

No.

(Beat)

CAPTAIN

Okay. Checkmate, I suppose.

BAZ

Now that we did your secret
mission, you can tell us about
yourself, right Gerald? Like, how
old are you really?

GERALD

Nope.

STELLA

You're the same species, right?
Can't you tell?

BAZ

Well normally bones keep getting
longer with age.

STELLA

Gerald's bones don't seem to be
longer.

GERALD

17 I had some bones removed as
punishment for my crimes.

BAZ

Yeah the Lentraxi justice system
is really weird.

STELLA

Wait til you hear about the Earth justice system. That thing was wild.

PUPPET

This cheeseburger is great! It's the best cheeseburger I ever had!

CAPTAIN

You're not eating it. You're just...rubbing it on your face in a strange and uncanny mimicry of eating.

PUPPET

I know I'm just pretending.

THEED

Okay I'm gonna eat now so you guys better turn around.

BAZ

No I wanna see this.

CAPTAIN

I admit I am kinda curious now.

THEED

Okay...you guys asked for it...

18 Horrible snail eating noises. General sounds of disgust.

GERALD

I spilled my frosty!

SCENE 3 - DADDY ISSUES **19**

BAZ

Hey, uh, Stella?

STELLA

Yeah?

BAZ

Are we gonna talk about the whole thing where the head of the Politicians was a human and then you said that human was your dad but then the police found us so you couldn't elaborate?

STELLA

You wanna talk about that now? In Wendy's?

BAZ

I just mean like...what was that about, right?

STELLA

I don't...know. I mean, the Politicians programmed Earth. For me. So I guess they just...made my dad look like their boss? Just another one of their stupid jokes.

BAZ

Right. Just another stupid joke.

STELLA

It was weird, though. Like seeing him there? I thought he was gonna turn around and tell me to start studying before he revokes my cell phone privileges. It's weird to see someone who used to mean so much to you and just know that...they wouldn't even recognize you.

BAZ

Yeah. It is.

NARRATOR

20 Baz knew this feeling better than Stella realized, but she didn't let on.

SCENE 4 - BUREAUCRATIC NONSENSE

NARRATOR

21 Unfortunately, nothing gold can stay, and that includes the golden serenity of a crispy human sandwich at Wendy's. After their celebration, the crew was back to work. For the Captain, that meant dealing with the Trash Collection Board.

CAPTAIN

Scott?

SCOTT

Yes?

CAPTAIN

Could you put in a call to the
Trash Collection Board, please?

SCOTT

Um. Why?

CAPTAIN

They took us off the trash
collection schedule for being
criminals.

SCOTT

Oh. But, we are criminals.

CAPTAIN

Well yeah but we still have a job
to do.

SCOTT

Well...okay, if you insist.

CAPTAIN

It should only take a few
minutes.

SCOTT

Okay.

Dialing.

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KEVIN

Welcome to the Trash Collection
Board Customer Service Line.
This is Kevin speaking-

CAPTAIN

Hi, Kevin, I'm calling to-

KEVIN

--to you from a recorded message.

CAPTAIN

Oh.

KEVIN

Your call is very important to us. No really, it is. Your call means everything to us. We'd kill for you. Seriously, we would. We've killed before and we'll do it again. That being said, there are a few other callers ahead of you, and they're actually more important to us. So you're going to have to wait.

CAPTAIN

(getting annoyed)

Okay, well how long, Kevin? How long will I have to wait?

KEVIN

You are number 7 in the queue.

CAPTAIN

Okay 7 that's not so bad.

KEVIN

Your estimated wait time is 3 thousand--

CAPTAIN

Three thousand minutes?

KEVIN

--Years.

CAPTAIN

No!

KEVIN

In the mean time, please enjoy this relaxing music.

23 The most annoying jingle ever plays.

SCENE 5 - LET'S DISCUSS

STELLA

Hey Baz?

BAZ

What's up
(ad lib strange term
of endearment)

STELLA

Well, we got the neural
constructs, so, um...I think I
should start figuring out...

BAZ

Right! Yes! You wanna revive your
friends!

STELLA

Yeah.

BAZ

Let's do it!

STELLA

Right. I just...

BAZ

What? Are you having second
thoughts?

STELLA

What? No! Well...maybe. I've been
thinking about it a lot.

BAZ

I can tell. You hardly touched
your frosty at wendys.

STELLA

Well that was mostly because I
didn't know what Flurf flavor
would taste like.

BAZ

Actually you didn't get flurf,
you got flurf?

STELLA

I just...I don't know. I really
want my friends back, obviously.
But, I've also gotten really used
to being part of this crew. How
is that gonna change?

BAZ

(serious)

I know what you mean. I've been...I've been wondering the same thing actually.

STELLA

You have?

BAZ

Yeah! I mean, this whole time you've been "the new one" ya know? Now they're be more, and they're, uh, your friends, and not, like our friends, and that'll be...like, awkward?

STELLA

But then there's this other huge thing that's like: they didn't ask me to do this.

BAZ

What do you mean?

STELLA

I mean, they didn't consent to being revived.

BAZ

Yeah, but no one consents to be born either.

STELLA

That's different. When you're a baby you're like, a little idiot. You can't consent to anything.

BAZ

Aren't we all still kinda little idiots?

STELLA

I guess you're right.

(realization)

Wait. I guess I'm still a little idiot too.

BAZ

I mean, sure.

STELLA

Baz, I'm not equipped to make this decision. Bringing people back from the dead? That's like playing god!

BAZ

That's my favorite game.

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STELLA

I shouldn't have that power! I'm just... I'm just a human nugget!

BAZ

No one should have that power. Not even god. Which there isn't by the way. Not in this universe, anyway.

STELLA

Yeah I kinda figured.

BAZ

Life just kinda happens. No one is "equipped" to make that decision.

STELLA

So you think I should just go for it.

BAZ

Well...will it make you happy?

STELLA

Yes!

BAZ

And do you think it'll make them happy?

STELLA

I think so.

BAZ

(this is hard to admit)

Yeah. You should do it.

STELLA

Great! So...how?

BAZ

What?

STELLA

Well we have their brains, but we don't have their bodies. So what...what do we do?

BAZ

Huh. Yeah I didn't think that far ahead.

SCENE 6 - BUREAUCRACY 2

Annoying music still playing. Perhaps Kevin's voice occasionally interrupts to give us fun facts about the Trash Collection Board.

CAPTAIN

If this song does not stop playing in three second I am going to start hitting things.

Beat

CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

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Three

Beat

CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

Two

Beat

CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

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KEVIN

Hi there!

CAPTAIN

OH THANK GOD. I was starting to think I was losing my mind.

KEVIN

My name is Kevin.

CAPTAIN

You're also Kevin? Cos the guy on the recording was also named Kevin.

KEVIN

We're all named Kevin.

CAPTAIN

So...do they only hire guys named Kevin, or....

KEVIN

Nope! We're all clones of the same guy named Kevin! Made specifically to answer phones.

CAPTAIN

That sounds...unfulfilling.

KEVIN

It sure is! What can I help you with today?

CAPTAIN

I'm the Captain of a garbage collection ship, The Starship Raccoon, and it looks like we've been removed from the rotation.

KEVIN

I see. So you want the scheduling department.

CAPTAIN

Yes.

(beat)

Is this not the scheduling department?

(beat)

Please tell me this is the scheduling department.

KEVIN

I'm afraid I'm gonna have to transfer you. This is the records department.

CAPTAIN

I swear to god if you transfer me Kevin-

KEVIN

Just gotta press the transfer
button-

CAPTAIN

Kevin don't press that button.
Don't do it Kevin. Kevin be
reason able. Kevin no. Kevin!

Jingle starts playing.

CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

KEVIN WHY!!

SCENE 7 - BODIES

PUPPET

Hey Scott!

SCOTT

Yes, Puppet?

PUPPET

Stella's been talking about
reviving her friends and all, but
she doesn't have bodies to put
them in.

SCOTT

I heard. I am omnipresent on the
ship.

PUPPET

I figured you and I are such a
good problem solving team-

SCOTT

We are?

PUPPET

That we could come up with a
solution?

SCOTT

I'm sure we can! What with my
infinite knowledge and
your...enthusiasm, I have no
doubt we can come up with
something.

PUPPET

Great! Let's think!

Puppet and Scott thinking song.

BOTH

I got it!

SCOTT

Puppet? Did we just have the same idea at the same time?

PUPPET

I think maybe we did!

SCOTT

Alright, let's say it at the same time

Simultaneous:

PUPPET

A dead body!

SCOTT

An android body.

SCOTT (CONT'D)

What?

PUPPET

A dead body! We look through all the trash we collected and see if there are any dead bodies in there and-

SCOTT

Puppet. Puppet no.

PUPPET

What...what were you thinking?

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SCOTT

An android body.

PUPPET

Oh. I just thought it would be cool, if like, we found some dead people-

SCOTT

It would not.

PUPPET

I thought we were on the same page.

SCOTT

We were not.

PUPPET

I thought we were.

SCOTT

We were not.

SCENE 8 - BUREAUCRACY 3

KEVIN

Hi there!

CAPTAIN

Kevin. Kevin please. Kevin I'm dying. Save me Kevin.

KEVIN

I cannot do that!

CAPTAIN

Listen. My ship. The Starship Raccoon. We got taken off the rotation. We need to be put back on. Please.

KEVIN

Sure! I can do that!

CAPTAIN

Really?

KEVIN

Yes!

CAPTAIN

I might suddenly start believing in god.

KEVIN

Let me just check something...

Keyboard.

Ah okay so it looks like you were suspended for criminal activity.

CAPTAIN

That is correct.

KEVIN

Yeahhhh so you're gonna have to clear that with the records department.

CAPTAIN

I was just on the phone with the records department and they sent me to you.

KEVIN

Yeahhhh so I'm gonna have to transfer you...

CAPTAIN

Kevin be merciful. Kevin I'll give you my first born child. I'll do anything. Kevin-

Jingle starts.

CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

That's it. I've become radicalized.

SCENE 9 - BRC

TOUR GUIDE

Benevolent Robots Corporation!
How may I help you?

PUPPET

Hello there! We'd like two human-shaped robots that a consciousness could be uploaded to, please!

TOUR GUIDE

Can do! We appreciate you choosing us over, say, using a dead body.

PUPPET

Huh. I guess this was a good choice after all.

SCENE 10 - STELLA AND BAZ DISCUSS

NARRATOR

Thanks to Scott's idea, some android bodies were easily sourced from the Benevolent Robots Corporation. They got a competitive price on the condition the Puppet stop talking to the guy selling them. With that hurdle cleared, nothing would stop Stella from reviving her friends.

BAZ

Ready to do this?

STELLA

Yeah. Let's do it.

Dramatic music swell.

STELLA (CONT'D)

Wait, so how does this work?

THEME SONG AND CREDITS.