

SPACE JANITORS

"PILOT"

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COLD OPEN

EXT. SPACE - IN THE FAR FUTURE

There is a myriad of stars, asteroids, and planets.

NELSON (V.O.)

Captain's log, date: S01 E01, finally I have my ship. It's time to achieve everything I've always known I was destined for. To lead my crew to see what so few as seen, to make a difference, to further humanity, to go down in history, to have everyone know your name, to have everyone want to be your friend, to have everyone want to be you.

A splat sound is heard.

INT. BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

A Banana peel hits the window.

This room is a bridge of a space ship that has a weathered metal interior similar to the interior of a WWII submarine.

Captain NELSON, a late 20s handsome man, who spent a lot of time on his hair this morning, stops writing in his log.

Standing next to him is VERN, a man who appears to be in his early 30s. He has great posture and the looks of a librarian. He is a Kri alien, who are humanoids with turquoise skin.

VERN

Captain, this is the cluster.

Nelson stands up, wipes an enormous amount of sweat off of his forehead and looks at everyone very dramatically.

NELSON

Vern, give the order to *collect the garbage!*

VERN

You heard him.

NELSON

Space. The beautiful beyond.

An enormous, disgusting amount of trash hits the windshield.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONEINT. BRIDGE - PRESENT

Nelson is sitting in the captain's chair, and he begins writing in his log again.

NELSON (V.O.)

Our first mission is to eliminate a garbage cluster. I have collected an ample crew, beginning with my First Mate Vern.

Vern is at his control desk.

NELSON (V.O.)

My second in command. He's from the planet Kri. He happens to have exceptional skills in all things I hate doing: paperwork, making coffee, Tweeting. There is no question that he has the qualities of a true hero.

A explosion is heard followed by the sound of lasers. Vern glares at the gunner's pit, which is a hole in the floor in front of the Captain's control panel.

VERN

What are you doing?!

GUNNER, an early 30s tough looking woman with a mohawk and plenty of tattoos, pops out of the gunner pit.

NELSON (V.O.)

Then there's "Gunner" Rodriguez. My weapons expert and gunner.

GUNNER

I'm destroying it! They're just going to burn it later anyway!

NELSON (V.O.)

Doesn't really have a sense of humor. I won't be able to gain her respect with my incredible jokes as I've been able to do with the rest of my crew.

FLASHBACK - INT. BRIDGE - THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

Nelson enters, as his crew is already inside.

NELSON

Hello everyone, I'm your new captain.  
I know we're all excited to go to  
space, but please let's remember to  
not invade each others space.

Nelson looks around for a reaction to his "joke", but there  
is an awkward pause instead.

VERN

It is a pleasure to meet you Captain.

Molly, a mid 20s woman in overalls who seems to have a Santa  
Claus-like jolliness, turns from her console.

MOLLY

Welcome Cap'n!

Nelson is very pleased with this reaction as nods. He then  
notices that Gunner is shaking his head disapprovingly.

NELSON (V.O.)

My jokes are more the kind of funny  
that causes internal laughter. I knew  
they loved my humor with that instant  
sign of respect. I've been nailing it  
lately. Everyone loves it, but then  
there's Gunner.

GUNNER

That joke sucked.

Gunner enters the gunner pit.

INT. BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

VERN

Please just follow proper procedure.

Gunner mumbles as she goes back into the gunner pit.

GUNNER

I never get to use the guns.

NELSON (V.O.)

She does possess the qualities of a  
fine heroine though.

MOLLY

I have turned down thrusters to cool  
the engine.

NELSON (V.O.)  
Then there's Molly Withers, the ship  
engineer.

FLASHBACK - INT. ENGINE ROOM - THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

Nelson enters.

NELSON  
Molly? The Captain, who is myself, is  
here to see the engine room. Are you  
present?

Molly is welding.

NELSON (CONT'D)  
Excuse me?

Nelson taps Molly on the shoulders. Molly goes into a panic,  
spraying the torch every which way.

Nelson cowers in a corner of the room.

Molly takes off her equipment and cowers in a different  
corner of the room. She regains her composure.

MOLLY  
I must've been sleep walking again.  
Sorry Cap'n!

NELSON  
Pretty sure that's not a real thing.

MOLLY  
Um, permission to disagree sir?

NELSON  
Granted.

MOLLY  
It's real cause that's how I get most  
of my work done! Sometimes I call it  
sleep-welding!

Molly laughs and after a moment Nelson joins in.

Nelson suddenly becomes serious again.

NELSON  
But seriously, it's not real.

MOLLY  
It's a known fact.

NELSON

Call me old fashioned, but I don't believe everything I hear the experts say.

There is an awkward pause. Nelson tries to break the tension.

NELSON (CONT'D)

Did you hear my joke earlier?

INT. BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Nelson continues writing in his log.

NELSON (V.O.)

We may disagree on politics, but she's an engineer. They always have wacky opinions. I have to say, she knows her craft and she will keep my ship alive. While she's on my crew, she will become a true legend.

THE COMPUTER

Captain. There is a large ball of debris gravitating behind us.

NELSON

Show me.

The Computer shows a radar image on the screen.

NELSON (CONT'D)

Then there's the heart of the ship, The Computer. I'll never forget the first time we met.

FLASHBACK - INT. BRIDGE - THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

Nelson sits in the captain's chair.

NELSON

Hello, I am your new captain.

THE COMPUTER

Nice to meet you Captain. Would you care to name me?

NELSON

I'm naming you? Wow! I didn't know I'd be trusted with such a big decision.

Nelson is overwhelmed with stress.

THE COMPUTER

Would you like me to bring up a list of common names for computers?

Nelson is on the brink of a great idea.

NELSON

Wait! What was that again?

A rewind noise is heard coming from the Computer.

THE COMPUTER

Would you like me to bring up a list of common names for computers?

NELSON

It's so simple, yet no one has done it. You shall be named *The Computer*.

THE COMPUTER

Sir, I would advise against that. The probability of confusion is much too high.

NELSON

I will hear no more! Your name shall be *The Computer, computer!*

THE COMPUTER

Very well. This ship is a Badger 500--

NELSON

I'll name the ship *Badger!*

THE COMPUTER

You answered before the question was asked, but very well. Is that our final decision?

NELSON

Absolutely! Now computer! *The Computer!* I shall gain your respect with a humorous joke.

THE COMPUTER

I am unable to give respect. I am a computer.

NELSON

Oh! Well, I guess you can just listen and enjoy then!

THE COMPUTER

Do you want me to finish the  
introduction program?

NELSON

No, I'll figure out everything. Just  
relax. I plan on telling this to the  
crew later and I think it's pretty  
funny. So I'll walk in and--

INT. BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

We see the Captain still writing in his log.

NELSON (V.O.)

The Computer will never admit it, but  
I do have its respect. It does  
whatever I say.

THE COMPUTER

The cluster is now located 300 feet  
away at 240 degrees.

Nelson stands up and looks at SCOTT, a very generic man in  
his 30s.

NELSON

Lock on that.

SCOTT

You got it.

Nelson sits down again and writes in his log. We then see a  
close-up on Scott as Nelson continues.

NELSON (V.O.)

And that's it. No one else works here.  
There's no one else to talk about.

SCOTT

Locked on target.

NELSON

Computer, what's our progress?

THE COMPUTER

Clean-up is at 75%.

NELSON

Get the suit ready, I'm going out  
there!

VERN  
Captain, everything's fine. That seems  
like a unnecessary danger.

NELSON  
You're right. You!

Nelson points at Scott.

NELSON (CONT'D)  
You go out there!

THE COMPUTER  
Clean-up is at 100% and complete.

NELSON  
Oh! Never mind that last order. Good  
work everyone on a successful first  
mission! Shall we head to the galley  
and-

GUNNER  
Party!!!

Gunner comes out with an ice chest full of beer.

NELSON  
Now let's not get too crazy.

She tosses a can of beer to Nelson who catches it in  
surprise.

She tosses a can of beer to Molly, who catches it with one  
hand and immediately chugs it.

Gunner looks to Vern, who waves it off.

VERN  
No thank you. I'm counting calories.

Gunner ignores Scott as she walks past him.

Everyone exits with a pep in their step except for Scott who  
sadly lags behind.

INT. GALLEY - TEN MINUTES LATER

Nelson, Vern, Gunner, Molly, and Scott are laughing.

MOLLY  
I love that movie! Everyone here has  
seen Terraformers right?

Everyone nods except for Vern. After he sees that everyone else has nodded and, in his embarrassment, he nods as well.

GUNNER

Who hasn't seen it?

Everyone laughs except for Vern. Vern awkwardly laughing too.

NELSON

My favorite part is the end. After they save the galaxy and everyone is cheering.

GUNNER

Mine's when they're in prison.

Scott chuckles.

SCOTT

My favorite part has got to be-

NELSON

What's your favorite part Vern?

Vern tries his best to lie, but is still searching for words.

VERN

Oh, uh well for me, it has to be that scene after they get out of prison.

MOLLY

When James dies?

VERN

Yes.

MOLLY

That was a bummer. He was my favorite character.

NELSON

Mine too.

VERN

Well for me, I just like that scene because it was so well acted.

Everyone nods in approval.

SCOTT

My favorite scene was when-

NELSON

Look at the time! The game might be on!

GUNNER

Woo!

MOLLY

Woo!

Gunner and Molly high five. As Molly uses a remote to turn on the television.

SCOTT

I'm actually a big fan of The Lipan Lightyears.

Nelson, Gunner, and Molly are very aggressive in their disapproval.

NELSON

Boo!

MOLLY

Boo!

GUNNER

That team sucks!

Molly finds the game. It is some kind of futuristic hockey.

NELSON

Well, this game's not even close.

GUNNER

They're killing them!

Gunner finds that very funny.

MOLLY

Go Stars! Am I right?

Nelson, Gunner, and Molly high five, while, of course, Scott is left hanging.

MOLLY (CONT'D)

Who's your favorite player Vern?

Vern lies again.

VERN

Williams.

Everyone stares at Vern suspiciously, which causes Vern to become incredibly nervous.

VERN (CONT'D)

I mean Billiams. Chilliams? Kill-iams?

The word "kill" makes Gunner chuckle a little bit.

VERN (CONT'D)

Actually I cannot recall his name. Oh!  
It is that player right there!

Vern points at the screen. It's a referee.

MOLLY

The referee?

VERN

Not the referee, the player that was  
on the screen before... Fine! I can't  
keep this up anyway. I actually don't  
follow sports.

Everyone but Nelson gasps, who is staring at the TV.

NELSON

You know, that guy actually is my  
favorite referee!

VERN

I have never seen Terraformers either.

Everyone, but Nelson, gasps.

NELSON

Yeah, his name's Larry Gomez! He's  
been a ref in some of my favorite  
games!

VERN

I didn't want to be left out. I'm  
sorry.

NELSON

I'm going to see if he's on social  
media!

Nelson uses a tablet.

MOLLY

That's okay. We'll talk about  
something you know about. What's your  
favorite movie?

VERN

Probably "Gyt Irned Weyl Pumach". It  
is such a humorous movie! Have you  
viewed it?

GUNNER

Nah.

MOLLY

I can't say that I have.

NELSON

He's on the orbiter app! Somehow he doesn't have many followers.

VERN

It's a movie from my home planet Kri. And I believe there might be translations!

MOLLY

Oh great! We'll watch it!

VERN

On second thought, it's filled with wordplay and many jokes that are Kri-specific. Also, there's audio jokes that are heard at pitches that only Kri can hear. So you probably won't enjoy it the same way I do.

NELSON

I did it! I'm following Larry Gomez!

Molly tries to hide her disappointment.

MOLLY

Oh well that's okay. We'll still watch-

GUNNER

No.

There is an awkward pause.

NELSON

Look how professional Gomez is! He's the best! Also, not to gossip, but how weird is Vern?

Nelson turns around to see Vern.

NELSON (CONT'D)

Oh Vern! How long have you been sitting there?

VERN

The entire time. You were speaking to me a minute ago.

Nelson is furiously sweating.

NELSON

Oh yeah... As I was saying, you shouldn't find Vern weird at all and don't let me catch you say otherwise!

Nelson laughs uncomfortably.

THE COMPUTER

Captain, there's something irregular in the debris.

NELSON

And it needs my full attention immediately!

THE COMPUTER

Not necessarily.

NELSON

Vern, I have to go check this, you understand.

THE COMPUTER

I have taken a photo of the object.

On a screen appears a classic wooden pirate style treasure chest with a large padlock on it.

NELSON, GUNNER, MOLLY

Treasure!

Nelson, Gunner, and Molly all excitedly exit as Vern sulks.

VERN

I suppose this is what it feels like to be the misfit. If only I had someone I could talk to about this.

Pan to Scott, who is still sitting there.

SCOTT

I...

VERN

Eww.

A disgusted Vern exits as Scott sadly sips his beer.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWOINT. BRIDGE - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Nelson, Gunner, and Molly are excitedly gathered around the Captain chair as Vern walks in. Scott walks in shortly after.

NELSON

I don't care about safety! Just drop the treasure onto the bridge!

THE COMPUTER

Very well.

The large chest is dropped from the ceiling and makes a loud bang as it hits the floor. Nelson, Gunner, and Molly immediately rush over to it.

VERN

Next time just lay it down please.

THE COMPUTER

Lay the object down even when I'm told to drop it?

VERN

Yes, and that goes double whenever the Captain says it.

NELSON

Computer, do we have a key for this treasure?

VERN

I highly doubt that there's really treasure inside.

Gunner suddenly takes out a huge sawed-off shotgun like weapon and shoots the lock off.

Everyone else, naturally, lets out a scream.

GUNNER

Calm down. It wasn't that loud.

Gunner kicks the chest open. It is packed full of bars of gold.

Everyone is frozen with amazement.

VERN

I retract my last statement.

Everyone cheers in celebration.

Scott looks at the back of the chest and stops cheering, while everyone else continues.

SCOTT

On the back of this chest it says  
"Property of Captain Redbeard". Should  
we be concerned about this? Guys?

Everyone ignores Scott as Gunner pulls out another ice chest full of beer.

Nelson whispers to Vern.

NELSON

How many ice chests does he have down  
there?

Once again, she tosses a can of beer to Nelson who catches it more gracefully than earlier.

She tosses a can of beer to Molly.

Vern waves it off.

VERN

I'm still counting calories.

Gunner disapproves and then looks directly at Scott and ignores him once again.

Nelson goes in front of his chair and clears his throat in an attempt to quiet everyone down.

Everyone keeps talking. Nelson clears his throat louder.

Once again, no one responds. Nelson clears his throat even louder which puts him into a coughing fit.

Everyone goes silent and all eyes are on Nelson as he coughs uncontrollably. Molly rushes over to his side.

His coughing subsides as Molly helps him stand. Nelson opens his beer and slowly drinks it.

NELSON

Now that I have your attention, I just  
want to say congratulations! This was  
my plan all along when I became  
captain of this ship. So just to  
clarify, I should get all the credit  
for this and you're welcome. Now we'll  
split this up evenly and we'll each  
get our share.

(MORE)

NELSON (CONT'D)  
Now when I say "The Captain" you say  
"rules"! "The Captain"!

Nelson stands before an empty room. He failed to notice that everyone else had made their exit during his speech.

NELSON (CONT'D)  
Rules...

INT. GALLEY - AN HOUR LATER

Vern enters and sees Nelson, Gunner, and Molly standing in one corner of the room having an enjoyable, yet uninviting conversation.

Vern looks to the other side of the room where Scott is sitting by himself. Scott waves at Vern.

Vern ignores Scott and approaches the uninviting conversation.

Gunner's back is blocking Vern out of the conversation circle. As Vern tries to step by to be a part of the circle, Gunner keeps shifting her body and blocking him unintentionally.

Vern gives up and tries to lean in a bit over Gunner's shoulder to hear the conversation.

MOLLY  
Then the trainer asked the boxer why  
he would do that and the boxer said  
*punch line!*

Darrel, Gunner, and Molly let out a huge laugh, while Vern looks around uncomfortably. Vern decides to start laughing.

The laughing immediately stops except for Vern, who keeps laughing. Vern's laughing subsides as he notices that everyone is staring at him.

NELSON  
Wow, you just came out of no where.

MOLLY  
That's kinda creepy Vern.

GUNNER  
Never sneak up behind me.

VERN  
I... I went to the bathroom. Remember?  
I told you when I left earlier.

The suspicious stares continue until Nelson speaks up.

NELSON

Oh yeah.

MOLLY

Hey Vern, since we're all rich now, we were going to play some poker. You in?

VERN

I have never played nor I have gambled.

The uncomfortable tension is back as Vern notices their intimidating stares once again.

VERN (CONT'D)

But I suppose today is a great day to try!

Everyone is pleased to hear this.

INT. GALLEY - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Nelson, Gunner, Molly, and Vern are sitting at a table with poker chips front of them and cards in their hands.

GUNNER

I call. What you got?

VERN

I believe this is the one that is called a royal flush.

Nelson lays down his cards and somehow he has a royal flush. Gunner lays her cards on the table. Vern cheerfully pulls the chips towards himself.

VERN (CONT'D)

This is fun!

SERIES OF SHOTS - THE CREW PLAYS POKER

- A) Everyone is laughing.
- B) Molly cheers and gives Vern a high five.
- C) Nelson is juggling her chips.
- D) Everyone is chugging their beers.
- E) Gunner literally cuts the deck with a butcher's knife and everyone laughs as Gunner puts another deck on the table.

F) Vern has a big grin on his face as he looks around at his friends.

G) Nelson salutes as he exits with a small pile of chips.

H) Molly laughs and waves as she exits with a small pile of chips.

INT. GALLEY - CONTINUOUS

Vern and Gunner are staring each other down. They both have large piles of chips.

GUNNER

How about we do something a little more interesting? Forget the chips. How about we start betting from... I don't know. Our shares of the treasure and let's switch games! Blackjack!

VERN

I don't know about that Gunner.

GUNNER

Wow. I thought you were one of us, but I guess you're a chicken instead.

VERN

I'm no chicken. Deal the cards.

Gunner grins as she passes out the cards.

CUT TO:

INT. GALLEY - TEN MINUTES LATER

Gunner has that same grin on her face from before, but Vern looks like a mess and is sweating profusely.

GUNNER

And look at this! Another Blackjack! Again?

VERN

I can't.

GUNNER

Did I already win your whole share? That's too bad. We could keep playing if you want to grab those poker chips.

VERN

I'm good.

GUNNER

No, you're not Vern! I just won your whole share!

Gunner laughs and gives a playful slap to Vern's back.

GUNNER (CONT'D)

Cheer up! There's plenty more treasure chests floating around in garbage.

Gunner laughs as she exits. Vern sulks.

VERN

Well, I suppose this is what it's like to be one of the guys.

Scott approaches.

SCOTT

I saw what happened and if you ever need to talk to someone-

VERN

Can't you see I want to be alone!

Scott awkwardly exits as Vern resumes sulking.

INT. CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS - THE NEXT MORNING

An alarm clock sounds.

Nelson rolls out of bed and falls on the ground. He snaps back up very quickly.

Nelson turns his alarm clock off and looks at his tablet. He is amazed at what he sees.

NELSON

No way!

In a very brisk fashion, he jumps in the closet and bursts out in his full captain gear and then heads to the bathroom.

INT. CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Nelson brushes his teeth very quickly. He then smiles and his white teeth sparkle.

He looks into the mirror and combs his hair in one stroke and leaves.

Moments later he returns and gives his hair another stroke and leaves.

He comes back again and quickly goes to work on his hair; combing it as fast as he can, takes one last look at it and exits.

INT. BRIDGE - THE NEXT DAY

A sad Vern sips a cup of coffee, Gunner sits in a chair cleaning her sawed-off shotgun, and Scott is at his console surfing the internet.

Nelson bursts in.

NELSON

Attention everyone! Larry Gomez, the professional referee who we all saw yesterday, has just messaged me back on the Orbiter app!

Nelson sits down and begins typing into his tablet.

Molly enters. It is clear that she is sleepwalking as she stands next to Nelson.

NELSON (CONT'D)

And since I'm rich now, it won't be weird if we hang out!

GUNNER

Captain! Quiet! You don't want to wake Molly up. She's sleepwalking.

NELSON

Nonsense. There's no such thing. Isn't that right Molly?

SCOTT

You don't want to do that. My sister sleep walked.

NELSON

Well, I'm definitely not listening to you.

Nelson pokes Molly's shoulder. Molly wakes up, screams, and punches Nelson in the face. Nelson falls out of his chair.

MOLLY

Where am I? Oh no Captain! I'm so sorry!

Molly helps Nelson up and then sees something outside the window.

NELSON

Molly! You cannot hit your captain!

MOLLY

What's that?

We see that outside there is a huge tattered spiky black battleship with skulls and crossbones painted on the side.

Nelson glances at it.

NELSON

That's just a pirate ship. Stop trying to change the sub-A PIRATE SHIP?!

An alarm starts blaring and red lights begin flashing.

THE COMPUTER

Captain, there has been a breach in the hull.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD, a mid 40s pirate with a grand pirate hat and an eye patch, basically the space version of Blackbeard, appears on the screen.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Arrrrrrgggghhh! You have my treasure!

VERN

Battle stations!

Gunner jogs in and drops all of her weapons in the gunner's pit. She then does a flip into the gunner's pit.

MOLLY

I'm glad she's on our side.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

I'll be taking my treasure back and I'll also be taking you and your ship for the trouble!

THE COMPUTER

Captain! The ship is being boarded!

Nelson chugs his coffee.

NELSON

Everyone prepare to defend the bridge!

Gunner jumps out from the Gunner's pit and throws a pile of guns on the ground.

GUNNER

Grab a weapon! Except for the big ones! Those are mine!

Gunner is hit in the side of the neck with a dart.

ALFONZO

That will not be necessary.

In the doorway of the bridge, we see Alfonzo, a man in his late 20s wearing a classic elegant long coat and a pompadour hairstyle, holding a dart gun. Behind him are several PIRATES.

GUNNER

A tranquilizer? That's no fun...

Gunner falls to the ground as we hear other darts being shot.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREEINT. PRISON CELL - AN HOUR LATER

Nelson, Vern, Gunner, Molly, and Scott are unconscious and chained against the wall in an upright position.

Nelson wakes up and screams, which wakes everyone else up except Molly.

VERN

Molly!

MOLLY

Ahhhhh! Where am I?

GUNNER

In a prison cell. I know it all too well... *I mean* uh I've never been to prison.

NELSON

Everyone just calm down! I have a plan.

MOLLY

What do we need to do Captain?

NELSON

Just follow my lead. Help! Help!  
HELP!!!

VERN

I don't think that's going to work  
Captain.

NELSON

Then I'm all out of ideas. I'm sorry!  
I'm a failure!

MOLLY

No, you're not Cap'n. No one could've  
predicted this happening.

SCOTT

Actually, I-

NELSON

Yeah, you're right. No one saw this  
coming. It's just a shame. We had it  
made! We were going to be so rich!

VERN

Not me. I lost all of it playing  
Blackjack yesterday.

MOLLY

Gunner! You said you'd give it back!

GUNNER

Must've slipped my mind.

VERN

What?

MOLLY

Vern, how many times did she get  
Blackjack?

VERN

Three times in a row and we only  
played three hands.

MOLLY

That's cause she cheated. She always  
cheats at Blackjack. Gunner give him  
back his share!

GUNNER

Fine. Vern, you get it right? I like  
cheating more than I like playing.

VERN

I don't get that, but it's okay.

SCOTT

From the looks of it, our shares  
aren't going to matter anyway. Captain  
Redbeard is probably going to kill us!

NELSON

How do you know his name?

SCOTT

It said his name on the back of the  
chest.

NELSON

That or you're a spy!

SCOTT

If that's true, why would I be chained  
up like all of you?

NELSON

To keep your cover. Duh!

Scott gives up.

MOLLY

At least yesterday was a great day,  
and we learned that Vern's really good  
at poker!

Vern lets a small smile.

VERN

It was fun.

GUNNER

You were having the time of your life.

VERN

I guess I was.

MOLLY

It was nice hanging out with you Vern.  
I wish I got to know you more.

Vern is pleased and flattered.

VERN

Thanks! You too.

NELSON

Hopefully it won't come to this, but I  
want you all to know that you're the  
best crew this universe has seen and  
it will be an honor to die with all of  
you. Well, except for one of you. You  
know who you are.

Everyone glances at Scott.

VERN

I feel the same.

MOLLY

So do I.

GUNNER

I guess me too.

ALFONZO

That's so cute. You're all friends.

Alfonzo, Captain Red Beard, and WYLIE, a large man in his 40s  
that is wearing executioner mask and has several torture  
tools.

NELSON  
Do you ever knock?

ALFONZO  
Your hair looks terrible.

Nelson goes into a rage.

NELSON  
How dare you?! Unchain me! I'll fight  
you right here and now!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD  
Quiet fool! You took my treasure and  
now you shall pay!

VERN  
It was floating in space.

ALFONZO  
Our storage bay got damaged, but being  
the great Captain that Red Beard is,  
he put one of these tracking devices  
in there.

Alfonzo takes out a flashing device from his coat.

NELSON  
I see. Very clever. Let you ask you  
one more thing. He's a spy, isn't he?

Nelson nods over to Scott.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD  
No.

ALFONZO  
Why would he be chained up?

NELSON  
To keep his cover! I know how spies  
work!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD  
Quiet! No one crosses me and you're  
gonna learn that lesson right now!

ALFONZO  
Have at it Wylie!

Wylie has a vicious smile as he revs up his electric saw and  
he approaches Nelson.

NELSON

Wait! You can't do this!

Captain Red Beard chuckles.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

You can't tell me what I can and can't do! Who do you think you are? Larry Gomez?

VERN

The greatest referee of all time?

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Wait!

Wylie's smile turns to a frown as he powers down his electric saw.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD (CONT'D)

How do you know who he is?

VERN

We all do! We're huge fans!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Me too! He's such a-

CAPTAIN RED BEARD (CONT'D)  
Professional.

NELSON

Professional.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Exactly! He's got class!

NELSON

He's officiated some of my-

NELSON (CONT'D)  
Favorite games!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Favorite games!

VERN

Captain Nelson has been talking to him on Orbiter!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

You're lyin'!

NELSON

He follows me.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Shiver me timbers!

NELSON

I said the same thing!

SCOTT

I love the game too! I'm a big fan of the Lipan Lightyears!

Captain Red Beard puts his hand around Scott's throat.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

*I hate that team.*

NELSON/VERN/GUNNER/MOLLY

So do we!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Alfonzo, this is crazy right? Who would've thought we'd capture Larry Gomez fans?

ALFONZO

Yes sir, it is. Shall we proceed with the torture?

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

You know? This made me realize. What are we doing? They're people like us. What harm did they do? We got our treasure back, and sure, earlier I said "no one crosses me"! But why I don't I give everyone one cross? One time you can cross me, but after that, you can't. I'm even thinking about a three strike system.

WYLIE

So no torture?

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Why should we?! Because we're pirates?! Why should we feed into that stereotype? That stops today! Alfonzo! Get our friends out of these chains and let's get them back on their ship.

Alfonzo is slightly disappointed.

ALFONZO

Sorry Wylie, no torturing today.

Wylie is very sad as a tear runs down his cheek.

WYLIE

Okay...

A tear runs down Wylie's face as he sadly exits.

NELSON

Thank you so much Captain Red Beard.

Alfonzo presses a button that releases the mechanical chains.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Now get out of here before I change my mind!

Everyone laughs.

GUNNER

May I use the bathroom?

MOLLY

When you gotta go you gotta go!

Everyone laughs.

INT. PIRATE SHIP BAY - TEN MINUTES LATER

Nelson, Vern, Molly, Scott, Captain Red Beard, and Alfonzo are standing next to a small scouting ship.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Your friend sure is taking awhile.

NELSON

He's been drinking a lot of beer lately.

Captain Red Beard and Nelson shake hands.

ALFONZO

Sorry, I called your hair terrible earlier. It looks good.

NELSON

Apology accepted.

Gunner returns.

GUNNER

Sorry about that. Took longer than I thought.

Vern, Gunner, Molly, and Scott all board the scouting ship. Nelson stays behind.

NELSON

I'll keep a look on the spy. If you find out any intel on him, please let me know.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Okay. What's his name?

NELSON

I don't know. Anyway, safe travels to you Captain Red Beard.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Safe travels. My pilot will take you to your ship.

Nelson and Captain Red Beard share a handshake that Nelson turns into hug.

The embrace lasts too long and Captain Red Beard finally escapes it.

Nelson boards the scouting ship.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

We see that the Pirate ship has a mechanical arm with THE BADGER attached to the end of it.

We see the scouting ship leaving the Pirate ship and going back to THE BADGER.

INT. BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Nelson and his crew.

NELSON

We made it back!

GUNNER

Captain, we should stop by the storage bay real fast.

THE COMPUTER

Ship is being detached.

A brief alarm sounds.

NELSON

What is it now?

THE COMPUTER

We've suffered some slight damage in the storage bay Captain.

NELSON  
Show me a visual!

A screen shows a security camera view of the storage bay.  
There is a small hole in one corner of the room.

NELSON (CONT'D)  
Looks like we lost a few rations.  
We'll be able to restock soon.

A panicked Gunner rushes to the center of the bridge.

GUNNER  
What corner is that?!

THE COMPUTER  
It would be the back left corner.

Gunner is extremely upset.

GUNNER  
No! No! No! No! No! Noooooooooooooo!

Gunner punches the wall and exits.

NELSON  
The damage wasn't that bad!

MOLLY  
Must've been her favorite corner.

NELSON  
Good point. Computer take us home!

The ship goes into hyper drive as the ship leaves that part  
of the universe.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Gunner is haunted as she sits against the wall.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

PIRATE SHIP HALLWAY - TWENTY MINUTES AGO

We see Gunner exiting a prison cell.

GUNNER  
The ladies room's this way?

ALFONZO (O.C.)  
Yes.

Gunner takes a few steps and then goes into stealth mode.

She turns around and sneaks by the prison cell door. As he continues down the hallway, he sees a sign that points him into the direction of the storage bay.

INT. PIRATE STORAGE BAY - CONTINUOUS

We see about ten pirates gathered around the treasure chest in the middle of the room. They are laughing and celebrating.

Gunner enters. The pirates turn around and draw their guns once they see Gunner.

PIRATE #1

Who goes there?

GUNNER

"Your Death"!

PIRATE #2

Huh?

Gunner grabs a box from some shelves she is standing next to and tosses it at a security camera, which makes it fall to the floor and break. Gunner rolls to cover as the pirates begin shooting at her.

Gunner is able to knock over one set of shelves which fall on two of the pirates.

Gunner rushes two of the pirates. She clotheslines one of them and leg sweeps the other, taking both of their guns.

She then does some impressive gun fu to eliminate the remaining six pirates.

Gunner finds the tracking device in the chest and throws it out.

Gunner looks around and sees an exit to the outside. She also sees jet packs and space suits on the wall. She grabs a space suit puts it on along with the jet pack and exits the ship still holding on to the chest.

END FLASHBACK.

INT. HALLWAY - PRESENT

Gunner stares down at a tablet.

On the screen a message reads, "PAY YOUR DEBT OR ELSE".

END OF ACT THREE

TAGINT. PIRATE SHIP HALLWAY - TEN MINUTES LATER

Captain Red Beard walks down a hallway with Alfonzo.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

I'm telling you. I'm completely changing as a person. Another thing I want to talk about is stealing. Why are doing it? Because that's what pirates are supposed to do? I don't know about you, but I'm tired of being a stereotype. I refuse to be a stereotype!

INT. PIRATE STORAGE BAY - CONTINUOUS

Captain Red Beard and Alfonzo enter.

They are shocked as they see the aftermath of Gunner's battle.

CAPTAIN RED BEARD

Arrrrrrgggghhhh! I'll find these scallywags and make them walk the plank!

A PARROT comes out of no where and lands on Captain Red Beard's shoulder.

PARROT

SQUACK! Make them walk the plank!  
SQUACK! I refuse to be a sterotype!  
SQUACK!

THE END