

00:00:00	Music	Transition	<p>Dark Materia's "The Picard Song," record-scratching into a Sisko-centric remix by Adam Ragusea.</p> <p>Picard: <i>Here's to the finest crew in Starfleet! Engage.</i></p> <p><i>[Music begins. A fast-paced techno beat.]</i></p> <p>Picard: <i>Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the USS Enterprise!</i></p> <p><i>[Music slows, record scratch, and then music speeds back up.]</i></p> <p>Sisko: <i>Commander Benjamin Sisko, the Federation starbase... Deep Space 9.</i></p>
00:00:14	Music	Music	Record scratch back into "The Picard Song," which plays quietly in the background.
00:00:15	Adam Pranica	Host	Welcome to <i>The Greatest Generation!</i> It's a <i>Star Trek</i> podcast by a couple of guys who are just a little bit embarrassed about having a <i>Star Trek</i> podcast. I'm Adam Pranica.
00:00:25	Ben Harrison	Host	I'm Ben Harrison. Adam, I am a bit of a Borg right now!
00:00:29	Adam	Host	<i>[Laughs.]</i> Yeah?
00:00:30	Clip	Clip	<p>John Roderick (Road Work, "Wall to Wall and Treetop Tall"): He's a Borg! <i>[High-pitched]</i> Oh no! Ahhh!</p> <p><i>[Dan Benjamin laughs.]</i></p> <p>John: Picard's a Borg!</p>
00:00:35	Ben	Host	Yeah.
00:00:36	Adam	Host	In what way? I mean, most episodes you're an emotionless automaton.
			<p><i>[Ben laughs.]</i></p> <p>But in what way—</p>
00:00:42	Ben	Host	<i>[Stifling laughter]</i> Is that my reputation?!
00:00:43	Adam	Host	In what way are you not that today?
00:00:46	Ben	Host	I'm semi-cybernetic right now! I've got diodes attached to my chest. I've got a device dangling off them.
			<p><i>[Adam laughs.]</i></p> <p>I'm—I forget what this thing is called, but I have—it's like an EKG that I <u>wear</u> 24 hours a day, and I'm supposed to wear it for a week.</p> <p><i>[Adam sighs.]</i></p> <p>Because I recently had like a big health scare!</p>
00:01:10	Adam	Host	Wow, man! Uh, this relates to your— <i>[laughs]</i> this relates to your falling down. Does it not?
00:01:18	Ben	Host	<i>[Laughs.]</i> Oh, yeah. When we were on tour—I think it was in Houston—I passed out in our Airbnb at one point. Not from drinking!

00:01:27 Adam Host I found you on the floor, clutching your pearls.

00:01:30 Ben Host Yeah.

00:01:31 Adam Host This was just after I told a dirty joke.

00:01:33 Ben Host I was just morally outraged. *[Laughs.]*

00:01:35 Adam Host Yeah.

00:01:37 Ben Host No, I—so I was on—I was flying to France to visit my folks for the holidays with my lovely wife.

00:01:45 Adam Host Mm-hm.

00:01:46 Ben Host And I was like, trying to get myself to sleep. Which is not easy for me on a—on an airplane. But I was getting ready for bed, and I was fumbling around trying to get the air—you know that little nipple of air that you get up on the ceiling of the airplane?

00:02:08 Adam Host Oh, yeah, you gotta tweak the air nipple.

00:02:10 Ben Host Yeah.

00:02:11 Adam Host To get satisfaction.

00:02:12 Ben Host So I was trying to turn that on, and I couldn't figure out how to do it. And I thought "Oh, this must be some new kind of plane that has like a different—it's not just a knob that you turn." So I called the—I pressed the button for the flight attendant to come. And by the time the flight attendant came, I was like "Oh, I'm—I'm losing consciousness." And I told him I was in, like, medical distress and I couldn't see.

And then apparently about five minutes transpired, but I woke up. I had the oxygen mask on, and I had the like, blood pressure cuff around my arm. And I was surrounded by doctors.

00:02:51 Adam Host Pretty uncomfortable situation, it sounds like.

00:02:53 Ben Host Yeah.

00:02:54 Adam Host Were you, uh—were you covered in your own piss and shit?

00:02:58 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* I managed to avoid evacuating everything. So that was good.

00:03:03 Adam Host God. You were so lucky.

00:03:05 Ben Host But I think maybe more than anything that has ever happened to me, this has been a series of events that expose how addicted I am to doing bits.

00:03:19 Music Music "All I Do Is Win," by DJ Khaled, interspersed with soundbites and clips of Ben and Adam.

T-Pain: *All I do is—*

Ben: *Bits, bits, bits*

T-Pain: *—no matter what (what)*

Ben: *You're always doing—*

Adam: *Bits, bits, bits*

T-Pain: —no matter what (what)

Ben: You're always doing—

Adam: Bits.

Ben: Bits!

Adam: Bits?

Ben: I was doing bits.

Adam: Bad bit moment!

Ben: Bad bit moment.

[Music stops.]

00:03:38 Ben Host

[Laughs quietly.]

00:03:39 Adam Host

Are you—[laughs]. So our Maron today after that kind of run-up is a Benjamin Ahr Harrison Bad Bit Moment?

00:03:48 Ben Host

Yeah.

00:03:50 Adam Host

Wow. [Laughs.]

00:03:51 Ben Host

Some of these are good bit moments. But like, among—I'm, you know, like, I'm coming out of losing consciousness. And it was not easy, because my wife also had a panic attack in reaction to this, because she was woken up and—you know, woken up by a flight attendant and a bunch of doctors who were telling her that her husband was—[laughs] you know. Not well. But—

00:04:17 Adam Host

If you tell me she was also doing bits in the middle of a panic attack, I'm just not going to believe you.

00:04:23 Ben Host

You've met my wife. She wasn't doing bits.

00:04:24 Adam Host

No. [Laughs.] No.

00:04:26 Ben Host

But one bit I did in this moment was, uh, "Hey! The bag inflates!" Because they put one of those airplane oxygen masks on me. You know, the yellow cup with the elastic band, and the bag—

00:04:40 Adam Host

The one they tell you specifically not to worry about not inflating.

00:04:44 Ben Host

The bag inflates, Adam!

00:04:45 Music Music

T-Pain: All I do is—

Ben: Bits, bits, bits

T-Pain: —no matter what!

[Music stops.]

00:04:48 Adam Host

Wow. [Laughs.]

00:04:49 Ben Host

Nobody thought that was funny or amusing.

[Both laugh.]

00:04:56 Adam Host

You know, ask any medical professional, and they'll tell you the bit

portion of the brain is the last to die from oxygen deprivation.

00:05:04 Ben Host

Yeah. Yeah.

00:05:05 Adam Host

That's—

[Both laugh.]

It's sub-reptile brain.

00:05:11 Ben Host

Yeah. Yeah.

00:05:12 Adam Host

That's what the bit brain is.

00:05:13 Ben Host

So you know how like, we always complain about people that put their feet up on airplanes?

00:05:19 Adam Host

Oh, yeah! And like you'll see videos of people who use the IFE with their toes, like hitting buttons and stuff.

00:05:27 Ben Host

Yeah. They—because they wanted more oxygen to get to my brain, they—I was in a bulkhead seat. And they actually had me put my feet up on the bulkhead!

00:05:39 Adam Host

Hey—uh, what airline was this?

00:05:42 Ben Host

This was a Delta flight.

00:05:44 Adam Host

Hey—hey, Delta. Big fan. Medallion guy over here.

[Ben laughs.]

Uh, you know what a great way is to get a person's feet up, to get more oxygen to their head? Move 'em up to first!

[Ben laughs.]

You think that isn't worth an upgrade?!

00:06:01 Ben Host

Well, first class was fully booked, but actually somebody that had a row of three seats was very kind and offered me their row of three. And I laid down for the rest of the flight. And I was fine!

00:06:15 Adam Host

[Laughs.] You know what would have been great? Is if a per—if there was a seat open in first, what your wife would have done had you been moved up to first for a medical reason.

[Ben laughs.]

And how you and I both know that both of our wives would not have been okay with that.

00:06:32 Ben Host

Yeah, that would have been—there would have been a silent grudge issue. *[Laughs.]*

00:06:34 Adam Host

Like, they would have—yeah! They would have expected a chivalrous gift of first.

00:06:41 Ben Host

Yeah.

[Adam laughs.]

[Politely] "Well, why don't you take it?"

[Both laugh.]

So all these doctors told me I need to get to a cardiologist when I get back to the States. And—

00:06:52 Adam Host Because there were doctors on board that tended to you, yeah?

00:06:56 Ben Host Yeah! And you know, like, there were some concerning signs. Like, I had an undetectable pulse. You know. I—I was not well on this flight, and—

00:07:06 Adam Host I think the question on everyone's mind is, uh, did you have the fish? As the in-flight meal, Ben.

00:07:11 Ben Host I had the chicken.

00:07:12 Adam Host Mm.

00:07:14 Ben Host And when my wife started to like, show signs of her panic attack, I was like "Oh, man." Like, "There might be something in the food."

00:07:21 Adam Host Yeah.

00:07:22 Ben Host "And this is like—and then like the people in the row behind us in like, you know, 45 seconds are gonna start to experience their symptoms, and then it'll just be like a cascade back to the back of the plane."

[Both laugh.]

You know?

00:07:34 Adam Host Oh no. It just turns into barf plane.

00:07:37 Ben Host Yeah.

00:07:38 Adam Host On emergency approach.

00:07:39 Ben Host Yeah, I could see the flight attendant contemplating the ramifications of that possibility.

00:07:46 Adam Host Oh, god. "And there's just not enough barf bags!"

00:07:51 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* But I—you know, we landed and I was... fine. And we got back to the States, and I had an EKG at my general practitioner. Which was abnormal. And they said like "You need to get to the cardiologist as soon as you can." And so we go to the cardiologist—and like, this was a new GP, so I had to fill out like a whole medical history with the GP, and then do it again the next day at the cardiologist's office.

So it was just like—it was a lot of jumping through medical bureaucracy hoops. And—

00:08:27 Adam Host Intake takes time.

00:08:29 Ben Host Yeah. And the cardiologist is asking me about my drinking habits—

[Adam laughs.]

—when she is, like, taking my medical history. And—

00:08:40 Adam Host "I don't see what that has to do with this!"

00:08:41 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* Well, I told her—

00:08:43 Adam Host "Di—did my wife put you up to this?!"

00:08:46 Ben Host Well, so, your wife actually put me onto something that I have adopted in my life, which is don't drink on weekdays. Like, just save it for the weekend! Like, have your fun on the weekend, but on weekdays, like, knock it off with the drinking. And that's actually been—

00:09:00 Adam Host Yeah, I—I believe that's called "binge drinking."

[Both laugh.]

00:09:05 Ben Host That's what I told her I do. I said "I don't—I try not to drink on week nights."

00:09:10 Adam Host *[Stifling laughter]* Uh-huh.

00:09:12 Ben Host "But I will have, you know, five or six drinks, you know, over the course of a weekend."

00:09:16 Adam Host Mm-hm.

00:09:17 Ben Host And the cardiologist said "Well that, uh—that is actually not advisable. You should try and spread it out, you know, over the course of a week."

And I said "Well, but then I can't get totally obliterated!"

00:09:28 Music Music **T-Pain:** *All I do is—*

Ben: *Bits, bits, bits*

T-Pain: *—no matter what!*

[Music stops.]

00:09:31 Adam Host *[Laughs.]*

00:09:33 Ben Host Big laugh from the cardiologist when I said that!

[Both laugh.]

Who was pregnant, by the way. *[Laughs.]*

00:09:41 Adam Host Wow. Yeah, so you know she was missing it.

00:09:43 Ben Host Yeah. Yeah, she—*[laughs]*. She liked the bit.

And then just a couple days ago, I went in to get this thing attached to my chest, but I also had an echocardiogram.

00:09:55 Adam Host Mm!

00:09:56 Ben Host Which, I didn't know that this was different from an EKG, because I just assumed that EKG was a bad abbreviation for echocardiogram.

00:10:04 Adam Host Mm-hm.

00:10:05 Ben Host But echocardiogram is like a sonogram. It's got the same inverted wedge thing that you see when a pregnant lady has—

00:10:15 Adam Host Yeah!

00:10:16 Ben Host —has the sonogram on her belly.

00:10:18 Adam Host Did they lube up that chest?

00:10:19 Ben Host They lubed up my chest, and the—

00:10:21 Adam Host Oh, hell yeah!

00:10:22 Ben Host The med tech was putting the little wand onto my chest and I said— and I put my hand on his wrist and I said "Before you do, please don't tell me the sex. I want it to be a surprise."

00:10:31 Music Music **T-Pain:** *All I do is—*

Ben: *Bits, bits, bits*

T-Pain: *—no matter what!*

[Music stops.]

00:10:34 Adam Host *[Laughs.]*

00:10:35 Ben Host Huge pop from the med tech! Which I could not believe. I was like— like, as I was saying it I was like "God, this is so fucking hack."

00:10:42 Adam Host Yeah!

00:10:43 Ben Host "This guy hears this every single time he does this."

[Adam laughs.]

To his credit, gave me a big, big pop.

[Both laugh.]

00:10:52 Adam Host Wow! Wow. You're the medical community's best friend.

00:10:56 Ben Host Either—

00:10:57 Adam Host They love this kind of patient, I bet.

00:10:59 Ben Host You know what I realized in retrospect? The cardiologist is dealing with patients who are nervous, so their heart is beating faster. So they're probably always getting slightly skewed data. Right?

00:11:12 Adam Host Mm-hm.

00:11:13 Ben Host They probably have training to just put people at ease! Laugh at their idiot jokes!

00:11:17 Adam Host You think that's what it is?

00:11:18 Ben Host Yeah!

00:11:19 Adam Host Well, I mean, by saying that you're saying that there's a chance you might have not been legitimately funny.

00:11:24 Ben Host Y—oh.

[Both laugh.]

Oh, Adam, I assure you, I am not legitimately funny. *[Laughs.]*

00:11:29 Adam Host Wow. And that brings us to our show. *[Laughs.]*

00:11:33 Ben Host Yeah. *[Laughs.]*

00:11:34 Adam Host Our hit comedy show!

00:11:36 Ben Host I'll tell people before we go that I've received the results of all but one of these tests, and the results have been very good. I've—like, all my

bloodwork came back good. My echocardiogram, the results were within normal parameters. And it does not look like I have a heart condition. So far the best guess on the part of my doctors is that I had something called a vasovagal syncope, which is just... I got too hot on the plane, and I passed out.

00:12:09 Adam Host Wow.

00:12:10 Ben Host Yeah. So I feel very lucky to be saying that right now. I was genuinely really terrified for a couple weeks, and like, contemplating what life was going to be like if I had discovered that I had like a really bad heart condition or something like that.

00:12:26 Adam Host Yeah!

00:12:27 Ben Host If I was like, forbidden from traveling in the future or, you know, given some kind of amount of time to... you know, get my affairs in order or whatever. And I was like genuinely really terrified and feeling all of the feelings about that. And so I—you know. I don't wanna make light of like, the real shit people go through, and I feel very lucky to have so far been given very good news by the doctors. But yeah.

00:13:00 Adam Host I'm really glad to hear that. I'm glad you ended your story with that. I was gonna say, man, tell the people—*[laughs]*—

00:13:06 Ben Host Yeah!

00:13:07 Adam Host —what the prognosis is! Don't just leave them hanging!

00:13:09 Ben Host I make jokes as a defense mechanism, Adam. *[Laughs.]*

00:13:12 Adam Host I definitely get that. Yeah, I mean, a little behind the pod is a lot of people were very worried for you for a long time, and we're relieved that at this point your prognosis is good. Though I must admit I did contemplate a show life without you. And, uh... looked pretty good.

00:13:32 Music Music **T-Pain:** *All I do is—*

Adam: *Bits, bits, bits*

T-Pain: *—no matter what!*

[Music stops.]

00:13:35 Adam Host I—

00:13:36 Ben Host Finally this thing gives up the lead weight that's been holding it back. *[Laughs.]*

00:13:41 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Adam:** I—I'd considered who would be a worthy replacement for you, a medical replacement for you on the show.

Ben: Oh! Did you have—I would love to—'cause I thought about this, too. Like, "Who would replace me on *Friendly Fire* and who would replace me on *Greatest Gen*?"

Adam: God.

00:13:54 Ben Host And I thought maybe—maybe that's different people!

00:13:56 Adam Host I—yeah. I thought a ton about this, and here's what I came up with.

00:14:00 Ben Host Mm.

00:14:01 Adam Host I would solo host *Greatest Gen*.

[Ben cracks up.]

And I would talk twice as much on *Friendly Fire*.

00:14:08	Ben	Host	Wow.
00:14:09	Adam	Host	So "irreplaceable" is what I would consider you, Ben.
00:14:13	Ben	Host	If you talked twice as much on <i>Friendly Fire</i> you'd be almost a third of that show!
00:14:17	Adam	Host	[Laughing] I know!
			Yeah. It's true. That's not even a joke!
00:14:24	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Ben: [Laughs.] That's just math!
			Adam: That's just the cold truth. Yep.
			Ben: That's just math, baby.
			[Both laugh.]
00:14:31	Adam	Host	Yeah. Well, I'm glad to be stuck with you for a long, long time, Ben. In all sincerity, I'm glad things are going fine. Are we gonna hear any beeps from your end with this heart Walkman you're wearing? Or is that gonna leave us alone for the duration of the show?
00:14:46	Ben	Host	It beeps if I push the button. And there's a—the button is—if I push the button, I'm supposed to write down in a diary, like, what symptoms I was experiencing. And I have been trying to keep that. Like, I—if I get up and I feel lightheaded.
00:15:03	Adam	Host	Uh-huh.
00:15:04	Ben	Host	I have pushed the button and written that down a couple of times.
00:15:08	Adam	Host	How many Moleskines have you filled with your diary entries for this thing?
00:15:12	Ben	Host	[Laughs.] I mean, a few. But a lot of it is that when I, you know, go to give my dog a hug he'll often put his paws on my chest and accidentally push it. So.
00:15:23	Adam	Host	Mm. There you go.
00:15:25	Ben	Host	Yep.
00:15:26	Adam	Host	Dog-induced beeping.
00:15:28	Ben	Host	Yeah. He makes my heart skip a beat. I love that guy!
00:15:33	Adam	Host	Aw. Aw! Well, he knows as well as I do, there's no replacing you.
			Let's see if the episode we're going to talk about today is replaceable. We'll save that part for the end as we begin discussing <i>Deep Space Nine</i> season 5 episode 25: "In the Cards"!
00:15:53	Music	Transition	A techno song mixed with clips and soundbites from <i>DS9</i> .

Sisko:

Ow!

Do you realize how incredible this is?

Ow!

Ha ha!
Ow!
Ha ha ha!
Hoo!
No... Of course you don't!

[Music stops.]

00:16:02 Ben Host You know that feeling when you're at a dinner with a bunch of Boomers, and they want to talk about the news of the day?

[Adam laughs quietly.]

And you're just thinking about the future that they have foreclosed on and what a nightmare it is, and how little you want to talk about it with them? You know that feeling, Adam? That's sort of the feeling at the beginning of this episode.

00:16:23 Clip Clip **Kira:** What do you want, Julian? A war?

Sisko: What I want is to talk about something else.

00:16:28 Adam Host It might as well be today. [Laughs quietly.]

00:16:30 Ben Host Yeah.

00:16:31 Adam Host No one's having fun at the dinner party!

00:16:33 Ben Host Nooo.

00:16:34 Adam Host But maybe that's because he's serving slug guts again.

00:16:36 Ben Host Maybe!

00:16:37 Adam Host Do you think he's still on that Ferengi recipe kick?

00:16:40 Ben Host It's another very indistinct plate of food.

00:16:43 Adam Host Yeah.

00:16:44 Ben Host It could just be like, that snack mix that you get at an Asian grocery store.

[Adam laughs quietly.]

That's kinda what it looked to me like on the plates.

00:16:53 Adam Host Yeah.

00:16:54 Ben Host Just kind of miscellaneous small objects. There's also a bottle of like, Calvados or something going around, but it does not seem to be putting people in nicer spirits.

00:17:05 Adam Host Yeah, it looks like there's real booze flowing. And you'd think it would be a little more... I don't know, festive, or jovial. But it just can't feel that way, because they've lost another ship.

00:17:18 Clip Clip [Clinking of cutlery or bottles.]

Bashir: This rate, we're gonna run out of ships.

Kira: Well, that's not funny.

Bashir: It wasn't meant to be.

00:17:22 Adam Host And this is the first—I mean, this isn't the first of many. Like, this is happening all the time.

00:17:27 Ben Host Yeah.

00:17:28 Adam Host And furthermore, there's like hoarding and looting of supplies on the station. Like, they sort of go around the table sharing their awful news.

00:17:37 Clip Clip **Speaker:** The news is not good! I've just learned that my final words were "Back to you, Linda!"

[Explosion.]

00:17:43 Ben Host Politics sucks to talk about. And this is the eve of war, you know? They can all tell that the trends are not looking good. Odo had a vacation planned, and he's canceled it. You know, everything—everything's a nightmare.

00:18:00 Adam Host Have you ever had a dinner party go bad? And like, what did you do to save it? Like, do you have any secret weapons, socially, for redeeming a vibe like this?

00:18:10 Clip Clip **Speaker 1:** I'm not talking to you! I'm not talking to you!

Speaker 2: Oh, but I'm talking to you!

Speaker 1: I'm not talking—

00:18:14 Adam Host This seems pretty tough to save. Even Captain Sisko doesn't even try. He's—like, the best he can think of is just letting the crew go. Thinking that they're staying out of some sort of obligation.

00:18:27 Ben Host You know, the admonishments we've made to leave without saying goodbye at parties?

00:18:32 Adam Host *[Laughs.]* Yeah. Yeah.

00:18:33 Ben Host I've done that at my own parties before.

00:18:35 Adam Host Yeah...

00:18:36 Ben Host Sometimes that's the solution. Is just, uh, "Yeah, like, lock up on your way out." *[Laughs.]* "I'm done."

00:18:40 Adam Host That's stone cold, but I respect it.

00:18:43 Ben Host Yeah! I mean, this is a fucking bummer. Jake and Nog were trying to work as like, waiters, I guess?

00:18:52 Music Music Fast, cheerful music.

00:18:56 Ben Host Sisko asks them to leave on the same, you know, like "I'm—I'm not feeling this. You guys gotta go." And then as they leave, Sisko gets a radio from Ops that Kai Winn is going to be visiting the station. News of Kai Winn's impending arrival is apparently not the antidote for depression.

[One or both laugh quietly.]

00:19:19 Adam Host Indeed it isn't. This is shitty hat on top of shitty hat!

[Ben laughs.]

How can it get any worse?

00:19:26	Clip	Clip	Fry (<i>Futurama: Bender's Game</i>): The big fecal enchilada! Anyone else hungry?
00:19:29	Adam	Host	What I like about Nog and Jake here is that they're sort of dismissed from the dinner party, and they go straight to the bar. And I love a kind of secret, second location that they've hatched here. Like, "Dinner party sucked, but it doesn't have to be the end of the night! Let's go to Quark's!"
00:19:46	Ben	Host	Did you think that they were drinking root beer in this scene? Or are they drinking something... stronger?
00:19:53	Adam	Host	I mean, the assumption is root beer, with them. But, uh... yeah. That's what my guess was.
00:20:01	Ben	Host	'Cause this is the first time we've heard them talk about being drunk in an episode. So I wondered if they're old enough now, or whatever.
00:20:08	Adam	Host	What do you think the drinking age <u>is</u> ?
00:20:11	Ben	Host	I don't know! Like, is it one thing for synthehol and another thing for real alcohol?
00:20:16	Adam	Host	How could you prescribe to <u>any</u> kind of drinking age when you have a bar full of aliens for whom, like, maturity is a totally different amount of time, right?
00:20:27	Ben	Host	That's true. Yeah. Maybe it's a little more continental in that way. It's just like, you know, like, "Whatever! Whatever, man! It doesn't matter!"
00:20:35	Adam	Host	It's like Germany!
00:20:37	Ben	Host	Yeah! <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:20:38	Adam	Host	You can drink at <u>any</u> age!
00:20:39	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Adam: And it's <u>encouraged</u> . Ben: It's the continental way.
00:20:40	Clip	Clip	Speaker: <i>[Speaks German]</i>
00:20:42	Adam	Host	The deal at Quark's is that there's gonna be an event the next day. It's gonna be an auction, and this auction is gonna be of items found from an old Bajoran derelict freighter. But not the freighter itself! I was waiting for them to drive up that freighter at the auction!
00:20:57	Ben	Host	Oh, that would've been cool.
00:20:59	Adam	Host	Like a classic car auction you see on TV sometimes.
00:21:02	Ben	Host	Yeah. So if Kai Winn is <u>not</u> the antidote for depression, maybe a Mickey Mantle baseball card is.
00:21:09	Adam	Host	Right. Because Quark has a PADD with all the items that they've recovered from this thing. And Jake locks on to this right away.
00:21:17	Ben	Host	I feel like Quark should just be using eBay. Like, how is gathering a few people in the bar at Deep Space 9 a better way to generate revenue from this shit than putting it out on the World Wide Web for <u>everyone</u> to bid on?
00:21:30	Adam	Host	I don't know. It seems like it's a pretty limiting move.
00:21:33	Clip	Clip	Speaker: I don't actually sell anything here, I just sell them on eBay.
00:21:36	Ben	Host	Yeah. Quark is not the greatest businessman of all time.

00:21:40 Adam Host Anyway—

00:21:41 Ben Host We get a pretty funny conversation between—

00:21:43 Adam Host Hold up a second.

00:21:44 Ben Host Mm?

00:21:45 Adam Host We need to say this. The reason Jake wants to get himself this 51 Willie Mays is he wants to give it to his dad! He wants to make him feel better. He thinks it's gonna be the only way to lift his spirits.

00:21:56 Ben Host I'm pretty sure I made that point with my whole "antidote for depression" construction.

00:22:01 Adam Host Yeah, that seems overly complicated.

00:22:04 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* Are you insulting the intelligence of our listeners?

00:22:09 Adam Host Depression isn't cured with physical possessions, man!

00:22:13 Ben Host I'm—I don't disagree! I'm—

00:22:15 Adam Host What does Jake think he's doing?!

00:22:16 Ben Host I'm talking about the premise of the episode, man! *[Laughs.]*

00:22:20 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah! I mean—*[laughs]*. Here's the thing about this episode.

[Ben laughs.]

You may believe that this storyline is the B. But let me disabuse you of that right now. This is the A fucking story.

00:22:32 Ben Host Yeah.

00:22:33 Adam Host And we are strapped into it until the bitter end.

00:22:36 Ben Host Yeah.

00:22:37 Adam Host It's baseball card time!

00:22:38 Ben Host It's baseball card time, and we get a big conversation between Jake and Nog about how they're gonna get this card. And Jake is trying to convince Nog to... give him all the money Nog has, to bid on this card. Because humans don't have money, Adam. They have no need for it! They've moved to a non-monetary economic system.

00:23:02 Clip Clip **Jake:** *[Hollowly enthusiastic]* We work to better ourselves and the rest of humanity!

00:23:05 Adam Host I love that Jake quotes chapter and verse what Picard says in *First Contact* to Lily.

00:23:11 Clip Clip **Picard (*Star Trek: First Contact*):** We work to better ourselves... and the rest of humanity.

00:23:16 Adam Host It's like the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Ben laughs.]

Like, everyone knows it. Everyone knows how to say it. Everyone has this answer for when a Ferengi asks you about your weird culture. Like, *[laughs]* it's great. And even Jake—like, even Cirroc Lofton—like, the spin he puts on his line reading, it feels... it feels practiced and tiring for him in a fun way.

00:23:36 Ben Host Yeah! I really liked it. And I also really liked how he started to... like,

you know, money may not be a thing, but value is.

00:23:45 Adam Host Hmm.

00:23:46 Ben Host And he starts to manipulate Nog's allegiance to Sisko as a—you know, as a locus of value, until Nog admits that doing a magnanimous thing for the guy that got him into Starfleet Academy is a valuable act.

00:24:05 Adam Host Yeah, guess what always has power, no matter what century you're in? A guilt trip!

[Ben laughs.]

So much of this story is crazy. But Nog's five bars of latinum represents his entire life savings! Which is an interesting bit of calculus here. Like, I think up until now it's been hard to gauge the relative worth of what a bar is. Like, we know what a bar is compared to a strip, for example. But a life savings adding up to five bars I think is relatively new information.

00:24:40 Ben Host I mean, how old is Nog?

00:24:42 Adam Host You think Nog is getting like, strips in every birthday card from Moogie?

[Ben laughs.]

And he saves up those checks?

00:24:48 Ben Host How much postage do you need to put on an envelope if you're including strips of latinum?

00:24:53 Adam Host Yeah, I don't know. I don't know!

00:24:54 Ben Host Like, at a certain point it cuts into the overall value of the latinum. Right?

00:24:59 Adam Host Yeah! *[Laughs.]* You never see those bars in this episode, by the by.

00:25:04 Ben Host Yeah. Yeah. That's true.

00:25:06 Adam Host Are they even real?

00:25:07 Ben Host Who knows, man? They're just paid lip service.

00:25:10 Adam Host Those bars of latinum are like the Canadian girlfriend that Nog's always talking about.

[Ben laughs.]

That goes to a different school.

00:25:18 Ben Host Yeah. You wouldn't know her.

00:25:19 Adam Host They're going to prom together! You'll meet her then.

00:25:22 Ben Host Aw, too bad they broke up right before prom.

00:25:24 Adam Host Mm.

00:25:25 Music Transition A techno song mixed with clips and soundbites from *DS9*.

O'Brien: *Gul Dukat!*

Kira: *Dukat!*

Sisko: *Dukat.*

O'Brien: *Gul Dukat!*

Kira: *Dukat!*

Dukat: *So...*

[Music stops.]

00:25:29 Ben Host Sisko gets a visit from Kai Winn. She is there to tell him that she's gonna be meeting with the Dominion tomorrow. At the invitation of the Dominion. Kind of surprising that the Dominion can just... reserve a meeting room on Deep Space 9?

[Both laugh.]

00:25:49 Adam Host Yeah! They—yeah, they reserve the Kanar 3 meeting room.

[Ben laughs.]

00:25:52 Sound Effect Sound Effect [\[Ding!\]](#)

00:25:55 Adam Host You know, it's not as big as Kanar 1.

00:25:57 Ben Host Oh, yeah.

00:25:58 Adam Host But you—what you do is you take Kanar 1 and you roll the partition through it.

00:26:01 Ben Host Right.

00:26:02 Adam Host The—you store that partition in the wall.

00:26:04 Ben Host Yeah. It's a nice deal because like, you just pay one flat fee and they like, provide coffee and water and you get—you know, you get access to the business wifi. It's not like the—

00:26:14 Adam Host It comes as a—at a reduced rate, too! When you book a room at Deep Space 9.

00:26:19 Ben Host Yeah.

00:26:20 Adam Host It's not as expensive as if you aren't.

00:26:21 Ben Host Right. You throw in the catering and it's like, it's very synergistic! You know?

00:26:25 Adam Host Right.

00:26:26 Ben Host You get those like, little sandwiches brought out during lunchtime.

00:26:29 Adam Host Yeah. The Federation might not have monetary units, but they do have points.

00:26:34 Ben Host Yeah. *[Laughs quietly.]* Oh, yeah.

00:26:36 Adam Host That you get for staying at their stations.

00:26:37 Ben Host Yeah, you're earning a lot of IHG rewards points for—*[laughing]* for this.

00:26:42 Adam Host Uh-huh.

00:26:43 Ben Host Yeah. She's not totally sure what the meeting's about, and Sisko wants to warn her. Making an alliance with these guys right before this war breaks out is not necessarily the greatest idea, what with all the political intrigue they're known for. And Kai Winn pulls out her driver's license and shows him that it's, uh—it's literally Kai "Political Intrigue" Winn, is her official government name.

00:27:13 Adam Host *[Both laugh.]*
She's so mean to him.

00:27:20 Adam Host *[Ben laughs.]*
She's like—apropos of nothing she's like "Yeah! All my favorite shops have moved out."

00:27:22 Adam Host **Sisko:** Something wrong, Eminence?

00:27:26 Ben Host "The hat shop I used to shop at on the Promenade, where'd that place go?"

00:27:30 Adam Host Yeah, "I'm stuck with this hat? Most people think this hat is dumb!"

00:27:37 Ben Host Sisko's like "Yeah, all the good hat shops moved out once this unstable element moved into town."

00:27:52 Adam Host Yeah. You know, Sisko is saying he and the Federation take Bajor's safety really seriously. But she is in a position where she's not so sure. And so she's gonna hear these guys out.

00:28:19 Adam Host We very quickly cut to this auction that we were promised. We've got no time for this political intrigue storyline. *[Stifling laughter]* Gotta get back to this baseball card story.

00:28:23 Adam Host *[Ben laughs.]*
And Quark as auctioneer I think serves that position pretty well? He's trying to goose the action, but I think the problem is you can only fit like 20 people inside Quark's! So there's not a lot of action, and the energy's really low, too.

00:28:38 Adam Host **Auctioneer:** *[Inaudible rapid speech.]* 135 *[inaudible].*

00:28:39 Adam Host **Speaker 1:** Yeeep!

00:28:58 Adam Host **Speaker 2:** Holla!^

00:29:02 Adam Host **Auctioneer:** 145, sir? 135 there—?

00:29:05 Ben Host The stuff he is auctioning off just doesn't seem that great. As was already observed by Jake and Nog. Like, this is mostly kinda junky stuff. But the baseball card is actually not being auctioned off by itself. It's being auctioned off as part of a lot.

00:29:09 Adam Host Mm-hm.

00:29:19 Ben Host There's like a chest with a bunch of items inside of it. And Jake and Nog are pretty confident that they're gonna get out of here for about two bars of latinum. However, they did not count on one person starting to bid up the value of this chest pretty aggressively.

00:29:28 Clip Clip **Auctioneer (Seinfeld, "The Bottle Deposit"):** 6500 to the dark-haired person on the right.

00:29:37 Adam Host It's a real JFK's golf club situation, isn't it?

00:29:40 Ben Host *[Laughing]* I suppose it is.

00:29:49 Clip Clip **Quark:** *[Incredulous]* The bid is ten bars of gold-pressed latinum! Is there another bid?

00:29:15 Ben Host The bid gets to ten before they know it, and that is twice as many bars as Nog has access to. So they're out! And—

00:29:23 Adam Host This was kind of a head fake for me! I thought for sure what would happen is Nog would overbid with money he didn't have, and that would be the story.

00:29:32 Ben Host Right.

00:29:33 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Adam:** Like, he's in debt and into bad—

Ben: He's cheating Quark for money he doesn't have.

00:29:37 Adam Host Yeah. I was actually very surprised that this scene ended the way it did.

00:29:42 Ben Host They're outbid by a real *Star Trek* "That Guy." This guy was Vorin in that episode of *TNG* where Worf's brother Nikolai Rozhenko was relocating a colony in the holodeck.

00:29:54 Adam Host Oh!

00:29:55 Ben Host Remember him? He was like the historian of the primitive people that Nikolai Rozhenko had taken up with.

00:30:02 Adam Host How about that!

00:30:04 Ben Host And yeah, he gets the crate, and Jake and Nog do not. And that is—

00:30:12 Adam Host Oh, he's in a couple of *Voyager* episodes that—he's definitely alumni. He's "That Guy" alumni!

00:30:17 Ben Host Yeah. I read that he and Jeffrey Combs are the only two actors in *Star Trek* history to play two different characters in the same episode.

[Both laugh.]

00:30:28 Adam Host Wow, that's awesome.

00:30:29 Ben Host Yeah. So we'll—we will have more encounters with this character actor.

00:30:34 Adam Host I'm sure Jeffrey Combs is pissed at this guy! You don't wanna come for that throne.

00:30:38 Ben Host Yeah.

00:30:39 Adam Host Jeffrey Combs is the king.

00:30:40 Ben Host You and I were recently in a bar that Jeffrey Combs was also in!

00:30:45 Adam Host Yeah. It's true. I ordered a drink right next to him, and I pulled a Benjamin Ahr Harrison! I didn't talk to him when I had the chance.

00:30:51 Ben Host You didn't say any—he was at the bar itself?!

00:30:53 Adam Host Yeah. It sucked.

00:30:55 Ben Host 'Cause when I was ordering my drink he was at a table with some people, so I didn't wanna go be table interruption guy.

00:31:01 Adam Host I mean, I wasn't sure, because let's be honest. How do you know it's Jeffrey Combs when you're talking to him?

[Ben laughs.]

00:31:07 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Adam:** He's a man of a thousand faces!

Ben: You look and you see if he's got a little like, latex makeup still stuck to his forehead.

00:31:13 Adam Host Yeah. It's impossible. I wouldn't have wanted—I would have been very embarrassed to have introduced myself to someone who was not Jeffrey Combs.

00:31:20 Ben Host "Hey, are you Jeffrey Combs, by any chance?"

[Adam laughs.]

There was a—I was in coffeeshop recently, and I saw a lady that I thought might have been a girl I went to kindergarten with. And I didn't—I didn't ask, just for the same reason. Like, chances are it's not. *[Laughs quietly.]*

00:31:41 Adam Host God.

00:31:42 Ben Host You know?

00:31:43 Adam Host I don't think I remember anyone from before middle school.

[Ben laughs.]

Like, anyone.

00:31:48 Ben Host Well, I went to the same school from kindergarten through eighth grade. So everyone I went to kindergarten with, I went to middle school with.

00:31:57 Adam Host God. Feel like my brain is filled with Langoliers. Like, just chewing up time.

[Ben laughs.]

Writing over it.

00:32:07 Ben Host Wow.

00:32:08 Clip Clip **Dinah Bellaman (*The Langoliers*):** Where is everybody? They've gone! They've all gone!

00:32:10 Ben Host So they follow this guy down the hallway. And he is not interested in talking to them about parting with this baseball card. He is very angry, I would say. Like he seems to be like, hate-walking his newly bought—

[Adam laughs.]

—uh, auction prize back to his apartment? He accuses them of being "soulless minions of orthodoxy," and then gets on the elevator and, uh, tells them to fuck right off.

00:32:41 Adam Host Yeah, I mean any time you're called a soulless minion of anything, I don't think it's a good sign if you're looking to negotiate.

00:32:49 Ben Host Yeah. I mean, it's one step up from being called a nattering nabob of negativism.

00:32:54 Adam Host *[Laughs.]* Tell you what, when he dismisses them saying something like "The only laws I've broken are the laws of nature!"

[Ben laughs.]

That uh... that sounds pretty pervy to me. TBH.

[Ben laughs.]

00:33:11 Ben Host Like, I'd probably give this guy a wide berth if I were Jake and Nog.
"Why don't you sit over there?"

[Both laugh.]

00:33:16 Adam Host Like, there's clinking from inside his little trunk. It's just full of Mike's Hard Lemonade.

[Both laugh.]

00:33:21 Clip Clip **Chris Hansen (To Catch a Predator):** And what's going on here seems pretty pervy. Doesn't it?

00:33:25 Adam Host That's why it looks so heavy!

00:33:26 Ben Host Yeah!

00:33:27 Music Transition A techno song mixed with clips and soundbites from *DS9* and other sources.

Odo: *To be quite honest about it, I was in a pail.*

Speaker: *A bucket?*

Odo: *A pail.*

Announcer (Mr. Bucket commercial): *Mr. Bucket!*

Odo: *I have to revert back to my liquid state!*

Speaker: *Hoh!*

Speaker: *Odo!*

Odo: *I don't use the bucket anymore!*

[Music stops.]

00:33:36 Ben Host Back to the B storyline. A jumbo-tick shows up, and Weyoun and a couple of Jem'Hadars walk through the airlock, greeted by Sisko. I was kind of surprised that the Jem'Hadars weren't asked to give up their guns in this scene.

00:33:54 Adam Host *[Laughing]* Right?

I guess... honestly, I think the headcanon here is like, it doesn't matter. Like, they know they're overmatched! Like, they—the tick could destroy the station at any moment, and it just chooses not to, right?

00:34:09 Ben Host Well, that's the thing about like, the Dominion. Like if the tick wanted to just set self-destruct while it was docked at the pylon... it could and would.

00:34:19 Adam Host Right.

00:34:20 Ben Host Like, nobody on board is gonna be sad to die for the Dominion.

00:34:23 Adam Host Right. Right.

00:34:25 Ben Host So...

00:34:26 Adam Host There's an interaction here between Sisko and Weyoun that I wanted to interrogate with you a little bit. And I think it represents a lot about

the relationship between anyone that Jeffrey Combs plays, and any of our main characters. Because Sisko in this scene is a hard-ass with him. He doesn't wanna be friends, even though Weyoun is super psyched to be on the station, to have more interactions with Ben Sisko. He's being nice.

And I wonder... and in this scene, I was anti-Ben Sisko. I was like "Ben Sisko, why are you being such a jerk to Weyoun?! He's being nice to you!" And I think that comes from a quality of acting here! Like, I almost think that if you cast Weyoun with a different actor—
[Stifling laughter] Uh-huh.

00:35:17	Ben	Host	
00:35:18	Adam	Host	—you may feel the way that you're <u>supposed</u> to feel about this. But instead I am manipulated, because of Jeffrey Combs, into being on his side when I shouldn't be.
00:35:26	Clip	Clip	Speaker: It's like fool me once, shame on you! Fool me twice, shame on <u>you</u> . Fool me three times, like, you're <i>[censor bleep]</i> -ing dead to me.
00:35:33	Adam	Host	Is that how <u>you</u> feel when you see this interaction? Or are you pro-Ben Sisko?
00:35:37	Ben	Host	I think that the charisma that Jeffrey Combs brings to the character makes this tension fun. And if it was a less charismatic performer, you would be 1000% Sisko. You know?
00:35:52	Adam	Host	It's weird, like, all the different ways that threat can be embodied. Because like, a Gul Dukat is charismatic. But he appears more threatening than Weyoun ever does, because Weyoun is just like, gleeful.
00:36:06	Ben	Host	Right.
00:36:08	Adam	Host	But no <u>less</u> threatening.
00:36:09	Ben	Host	I mean, Dukat has won <u>Kira</u> over for brief moments over the course of the series. So...
00:36:14	Adam	Host	Yeah.
00:36:16	Ben	Host	You know.
00:36:17	Adam	Host	I think it is a really interesting quality that Weyoun/Jeffrey Combs has, and I think it is challenging in scenes like this. And I think that's a good thing.
00:36:27	Ben	Host	But enough about this boring, boring B story, Adam! <i>[Adam laughs.]</i> Let's talk about the A story! <i>[Both laugh.]</i>
00:36:35	Adam	Host	Let's talk about a story without any subtext at all... the baseball card story.
00:36:41	Ben	Host	They still want this card. It was not the card that Dr. Giger, our friend, was bidding on the case for. There was something else in the case that he wanted.
00:36:52	Clip	Clip	Quark: A 23rd-century ion transtater.

00:36:54 Ben Host So Nog and Jake go pitch him on "What if we just buy this card from you?" And you know, this guy knows leverage when he sees it.

00:37:04 Clip Clip **Nog:** We would like to open the negotiations with a bid.

Giger: The card is not for sale.

00:37:07 Ben Host He says "I don't want your money. What I do want is this list of things. If you can go get this list of things for me, I will give you the card." And they're like "Great, great, great. Okay. We'll just go get that list of things."

And they're like, turning to go out the door when they're like "But wait... what are you gonna use these things for? 'Cause you have a lot of weird beepy-boopy equipment in here."

00:37:31 Adam Host This guy was suspicious right away to me. I—you should never trust a man with a tanning bed.

00:37:35 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* No.

00:37:38 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Adam:** And he's like—

Ben: Everybody knows that that's gonna give you skin cancer, you know?

00:37:41 Adam Host He's like 50! What are you doing with a tanning bed?!

00:37:44 Ben Host Yeah. Come on, man. Gotta take better care of your skin!

00:37:49 Adam Host Yeah.

00:37:50 Ben Host But he goes off on this rant. He is a bit of a mad scientist type. He has set his sights on cheating death, and the way he would like to do that is by perfecting his "cellular regeneration and entertainment chamber." Because he has determined that it is the drudgery of mitosis that causes cells to eventually give up and die.

00:38:16 Clip Clip **Giger:** Why should any of us end up as putrefying corpses in wooden boxes stuck in the ground? Or vaporized into subatomic particles and vented into the cosmos like a bad case of gas?

00:38:26 Sound Effect Sound Effect *[Someone blows a raspberry.]*

00:38:27 Adam Host It's an amazing theory. I'm ready to believe it. He makes a very persuasive argument! That it is cellular boredom that causes death.

00:38:36 Ben Host I'm pretty sure that that's definitive.

[Both laugh.]

00:38:41 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah, he's kind of a crackpot.

00:38:43 Ben Host Yeah.

00:38:44 Adam Host And even to the extent that Jake and Nog do that thing where they're like "Hey, we're gonna go talk over here for a second."

00:38:51 Ben Host *[Stifling laughter]* Yeah.

00:38:52 Adam Host And they're like—they're in hushed tones, talking about, uh—*[laughs]* what a whackjob he is.

00:38:57 Ben Host *[Goofy stage whisper]* "Hey! This guy's pretty crazy! Right?!"

[Back to regular voice.]

00:39:00	Adam	Host	<i>[Laughs.]</i> This is a moment consistent with an earlier scene between Jake and Nog, where they're talking about Jake not having any money. What Dr. Giger wants to do is horse trade.
00:39:13	Clip	Clip	Picard: Horse! Earth horse.
00:39:14	Adam	Host	He doesn't want money for the card, he wants <u>stuff</u> for the card.
00:39:18	Ben	Host	Yeah. And this sets in motion a—sort of a vintage Noh-Jay series of hijinks. It's a—
00:39:25	Adam	Host	Right.
00:39:26	Ben	Host	You know, they're pitching Chief O'Brien—
00:39:29	Music	Music	Intense bagpipes.
			O'Brien: I am Chief Miles Edward O'Brien!
			<i>[Music cuts.]</i>
00:39:32	Ben	Host	—on getting them one of these objects. And they wind up promising to do some calibrations that he has to do on his behalf, and—to free him up to get them whatever the thing is.
00:39:46	Clip	Clip	O'Brien: I owe you one.
00:39:47	Ben	Host	They promise to get Dr. Bashir's teddy bear back from Leeta, in order to get something from him.
00:39:54	Clip	Clip	Nog: A Kuka-what?
			Bashir: Kukalaka.
00:39:57	Ben	Host	Which gives us probably the creepiest scene—
00:40:00	Adam	Host	Ugh.
00:40:01	Ben	Host	—in the history of the show. <i>[Laughs.]</i> Which is Nog, like, Smeagol-fingering over Leeta to try and snatch this teddy bear from her sleeping arms.
00:40:13	Adam	Host	I—I mean, I envied how deeply Leeta sleeps, but good lord. If you know you're a deep sleeper like that... think you gotta put a chain over the ventilation shaft.
00:40:25	Ben	Host	<i>[Laughs.]</i> Yeah. When she goes to bed she put—she does the chain lock on the door, and then she goes down to the ventilation shaft and does the chain lock on that also?
			<i>[Both laugh quietly.]</i>
00:40:39	Adam	Host	It's interesting the thing that we know from this series of vignettes is that labor <u>always</u> has value. Because what Jake and Nog are trading in exchange for these things are like, doing favors, that other people are unwilling or unable to do for a variety of reasons.
00:40:55	Ben	Host	Can't automate that!
00:40:56	Adam	Host	No.
00:40:57	Ben	Host	Wake up, sheeple!
			<i>[Both laugh.]</i>
00:41:00	Adam	Host	Yeah. Try taking <u>those</u> jobs.

00:41:02 Music Transition A techno song mixed with clips and soundbites from *DS9* and *TNG*.

Sisko, little girl, and Bashir:

Allamaraine! Count to four!

Allamaraine! Then three more!

[Continues]

Picard:

What are you doing?

What—what—what are you doing?

Commander, what are you doing now?

Sisko:

Ow!

Ow!

Ha ha!

Ow!

Ow!

Hoo!

I'm not Picard

I'm not Picard

I'm not Picard

I'm not Picard

Picard:

Exactly.

[Music stops.]

00:41:19 Ben Host We get a brief scene between Sisko and Kai Winn. And Kai Winn tells Sisko that the—what Weyoun has proposed is a non-aggression pact between Bajor and the Dominion. And this is tough news for Sisko because there's not really—like, he can't offer her a better deal. Because if a war breaks out, he can't really promise her that Bajor will be 1000% safe. Only the Dominion can promise that.

00:41:52 Adam Host I was waiting and waiting for Kai Winn to drop the bomb that she eventually does. She correctly points out that it was Sisko himself that prevented the first time Bajor attempted to join the Federation.

00:42:06 Ben Host Right.

00:42:07 Adam Host And she's like "What the fuck are you talking about, man? Like, this is basically your fault anyway." I love that.

00:42:13 Ben Host But even if they had, he wouldn't be able to promise Bajor's safety. You know?

00:42:17 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah.

00:42:18 Ben Host Like... it's—like, it's—

00:42:20 Adam Host But it is a neat destabilization of that conversation, though. It really—I think it puts Sisko off balance.

00:42:25 Ben Host Yeah. I mean, I think that... like, it's a really interesting episode about how resources are finite. And even in a post-scarcity utopia, resources are finite. And it puts her character in a really interesting position, too, because she very explicitly got into the business of

being Kai for the power, not for the responsibility.

00:42:50 Adam Host Mm-hm.

00:42:51 Ben Host And now the responsibility is on her shoulders and she is bad at it.

00:42:56 Adam Host Right.

00:42:57 Ben Host And it's one of the most humble moments we've gotten from her, because she just turns to Sisko and says "How can I save Bajor? Like, what do I do? You tell me!"

00:43:05 Clip Clip **Kai Winn:** Tell me what to do and I will do it!

00:43:07 Adam Host Yeah, and neither avenue seems particularly good. She can either align with the Federation, in which case Bajor would be the first planet to fall. Or if you take the Dominion route, they'd survive, but they'd be under Dominion rule. Which would feel I think a lot like Cardassian rule.

00:43:25 Ben Host And it's already Team Cardassia.

00:43:27 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah.

00:43:29 Ben Host So...

00:43:30 Adam Host So Sisko's advice is to stall for time! It's the third leg of this decision.

00:43:36 Ben Host Yeah!

00:43:37 Adam Host Which I think is pretty great! He's like "War hasn't happened yet, and we don't know when it will. There's no downside to stalling here. Why don't you just wait it out for a little bit longer and see if there's another path that reveals itself?"

00:43:51 Music Music Excerpt from "Real Earth" by Cannibal Ox, off the album *The Cold Vein*.

This ain't a space race! So why you rushin'?

[Music stops.]

00:43:54 Ben Host I like this advice!

00:43:55 Adam Host I do, too. It's a strategy I like to employ in my own life.

[Ben laughs.]

Like, why make a decision now when you can make one much, much later?

00:44:03 Ben Host I'm all for it.

00:44:04 Adam Host Yeah.

00:44:05 Ben Host So at this point Dr. Giger has gotten a lot of the crap that he wants. But not all of it. He starts to install stuff that Jake is delivering to him into his—into all his machinery. And the machinery, you know, powering up starts to really make a hell of a racket. And we get a pretty fun, like, pan up through the ceiling, and the upstairs neighbors that Dr. Giger has been unfortunate enough to get is Weyoun and the Jem'Hadar.

00:44:39 Music Music Dramatic "bum bum BUM" music sting.

00:44:43 Adam Host *[Laughs quietly.]*

Who booked these rooms? Like, when they checked in... you gotta know what you're doing, right?

[Ben laughs.]

When you put Weyoun and co. above the weird doctor?

00:44:52 Ben Host When you're the doctor and you're checking in with Ensign Hospitality, you put, you know, your \$20 bill down on the desk at the check-in and say "Hey, I'd love to be as far away on the station from any Jem'Hadar as possible. I'd love to take care of you." And you just inch—inch that \$20 bill toward them, and then Ensign Hospitality says "Sir, I can't accept any money for that kind of thing."

00:45:19 Adam Host *[Laughs.]* You know Weyoun is an IHG Latinum member!

[Ben laughs.]

Like, how is it that he doesn't have his choice of rooms?

00:45:29 Ben Host Who says he doesn't? It might—you know, that upper floor might be all the good rooms!

00:45:33 Adam Host Is he bunking with the Jem'Hadar? Like, is he two-queen-beds guy?

00:45:38 Ben Host I think that he summoned the Jem'Hadar to scan.

00:45:41 Adam Host Alright. That makes sense.

00:45:43 Ben Host Do Jem'Hadar sleep?

00:45:45 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Adam:** I don't think they do.

Ben: Or does he just have 'em go invisible and stand in the corner when he's sleeping?

00:45:50 Adam Host Yeah. I mean, I don't know, dude. If—even if they're invisible, I think I'd have a hard time sleeping, just knowing they're there.

00:45:56 Ben Host Yeah, 'cause you're like—you're trying to ejaculate on the TV remote, and you're just like conscious of the fact that they're invisible but in the room watching you.

00:46:04 Adam Host Remotes are for butts, Ben.

00:46:06 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Ben:** *[Laughs.]* Oh, excuse me.

Adam: They're not for shooting ropes onto.

[Ben laughs.]

00:46:10 Adam Host That's just gross.

00:46:12 Ben Host Pardon me!

[Adam laughs.]

I guess I've said too much.

[Both laugh.]

00:46:18 Adam Host God, the last couple times I've been in a hotel, my remote just flat doesn't work. It never works!

00:46:24 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Adam:** It fucking sucks.

Ben: Yeah, 'cause people like ejaculating on it, Adam!

Adam: God. It—the, uh—you're suggesting that the hotel remotes are too full of cum to operate properly? See, I just thought—

Ben: Yeah! Yeah. Have you noticed that they're a little heavier than they look?

00:46:36 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah, they feel like, uh... snow globes?

[Ben laughs.]

They feel weighty?

00:46:44 Ben Host Yeah.

00:46:45 Adam Host And full of liquid?

00:46:46 Ben Host So Jake and Nog arrive with a second batch of crap for the doctor. And like, kind of for the second time in the episode, they walk into this room with their jaws dropped.

[Adam laughs quietly.]

But this time the camera pans around and the room is empty. It's not the mad scientist's laboratory that they walked into the first time, and it's a—there was never a Dr. Giger even registered here.

00:47:11 Clip Clip **Pee-wee Herman (*Pee-wee's Big Adventure*):** That means the Large Marge I was riding with was...

Crowd: Her ghost!

Music: Dramatic sting.

00:47:18 Adam Host Right. Yeah! That's creepy knowledge! When they tell this story to Odo—

00:47:23 Music Music A clip from a Mr. Bucket commercial.

Mr. Bucket: *I'm Mr. Bucket!*

Mr. Bucket and Kids: *Buckets of fun!*

[Music stops.]

00:47:25 Adam Host —it almost seems like the crime is they're reporting a fake crime. Because when Jake and Nog leave Odo's they're like "Wow, we got threatened with false reporting and obstruction of justice."

[Both stifle laughter.]

00:47:39 Ben Host Yeah!

00:47:40 Adam Host It's not a good moment! They think they're doing a good thing, but they did a bad thing!

00:47:44 Ben Host Odo is really quick to hand out these accusations.

00:47:48 Adam Host It's because when Jake explains the story of Dr. Giger he sounds as insane as Giger did initially!

00:47:55 Ben Host That's true. So they realize that the person that they're gonna have to talk to is the Kai, because the other person that was bidding for that baseball card was a Vedek. And they've seen the Kai talking to that Vedek.

So the Kai bids farewell to Weyoun. She's like, heading back to Bajor. She sort of, in her classic way, doesn't commit to a final answer with Weyoun on the whole non-aggression pact idea. 'Cause I guess she's gonna go give advice to the First Minister about what to do. But declines to tell him what her advice will be.

00:48:35 Adam Host Right.

00:48:36 Ben Host And she comes around the corner, and there is Jake and Nog kind of like, uh, "Hey, nice Kai robe there. Be a shame if anything happened to it." *[Laughs.]* I don't know what that means. *[Laughs.]*

00:48:46 Adam Host This is a really fun sequence. You see this fairly often, though. We get a surprise establishment opposing a couple of characters, and then we cut to the consequence without seeing the argument—

00:48:59 Ben Host Right.

00:49:00 Adam Host —that precipitated the consequence, because we smash cut to Sisko's office, and he is howling mad.

00:49:05 Clip Clip **Sisko:** You accused the Kai of burglary and kidnapping?!

00:49:08 Ben Host *[Stifling laughter]* The captain explodes at the insult that they have leveled against the religious leader of the planet Bajor.

00:49:17 Clip Clip **Sisko:** Are you trying to be funny, Cadet?! Because I'm not laughing!

00:49:19 Ben Host And, uh, this is a bad look for Jake and Nog.

00:49:22 Adam Host I feel like you can make the case for what Jake is doing up until this point, at which—and at this moment, it all flies apart. Because Jake is committed to the idea—

00:49:34 Ben Host Fly her apart, then! You know? *[Laughs.]*

00:49:36 Adam Host Yeah! Yeah.

00:49:37 Ben Host He's gotta get that baseball card to make his dad happier.

00:49:40 Adam Host He's so committed to the idea that he maintains the cover-up! Because he wants to surprise his dad with it, and by telling him the truth in this moment he would be ruining the surprise.

Nog is like—they—when they leave this meeting, they're walking out into Ops to the lift, and Nog is like "You need to get some perspective, man. Like, losing the trust of your father over this and ruining the diplomacy between Bajor and the Federation maybe isn't worth your gift idea?"

[Ben laughs.]

And he's right.

00:50:11 Ben Host Yeah.

00:50:12 Adam Host He's never been more right than this moment.

00:50:14 Ben Host No, yeah. And also, like, "Telling your dad that you and I got drunk and that's part of why this is all happening?" *[Laughs.]*

00:50:21	Adam	Host	Right. Yeah, I think that answers your root beer question earlier! Like, that was a lie, so they <u>didn't</u> get drunk.
00:50:26	Ben	Host	Right.
00:50:27	Adam	Host	It was root beer.
00:50:28	Ben	Host	But a pretty intense thing to tell your dad is why you're acting like an idiot.
00:50:35	Adam	Host	Is root beer a suitable mixer for any liquor? I don't remember ever... like, it's not like Jack and Coke. I don't think I've ever had a Jack and root beer.
00:50:43	Ben	Host	Root beer float spiked with spiced rum is one of the delightful adult beverages, Adam.
00:50:48	Adam	Host	Oh, I bet that's real good.
00:50:50	Ben	Host	Yeah.
00:50:51	Adam	Host	I bet that's real sweet, too!
00:50:52	Ben	Host	Doesn't have to be. You could put a lot of rum in.
00:50:55	Adam	Host	Mm. Oh, yeah, that's what you do. Just more booze!
00:50:59	Ben	Host	Yeah! Knock that sweetness back with more booze!
			<i>[Adam laughs.]</i>
00:51:02	Music	Transition	A techno song mixed with clips from <i>DS9</i> and various other sources. <i>Dax: Morn</i> <i>Kira: Morn?</i> <i>Odo: Morn!</i> <i>[Hammer clang.]</i> <i>Quark: Dear, sweet Morn!</i> <i>O'Brien: Morn</i> <i>Kira: Morn?</i> <i>Norm (Cheers): Evening, everybody!</i> <i>Kira: Morn!</i> <i>MC Hammer: Stop! Hammer time.</i> <i>[Music stops.]</i>
00:51:10	Ben	Host	So they're on this elevator, arguing about what an idiotic ploy this was on Jake's part, when they get transported over to the super-tick. And yeah, they have a—they have kind of like a, like, "waiting for the principal" moment.
00:51:25	Adam	Host	<i>[Stifling laughter]</i> Uh-huh.
00:51:26	Ben	Host	And then Weyoun comes in and sits at the desk. He's got the Aeron chair, Adam!
00:51:30	Adam	Host	Yeah.
00:51:31	Ben	Host	That's the same chair that you and I use! <i>[Laughs quietly.]</i>
00:51:33	Adam	Host	Love that chair.
00:51:34	Ben	Host	Did you notice that Weyoun is an Aeron user?

00:51:36 Adam Host I mean, he's a smart man.

00:51:38 Ben Host Yeah.

00:51:39 Adam Host He's—*[laughs]* he's live a thousand lifetimes! Like, I think you know from experience what a great seat the Aeron is.

00:51:46 Ben Host This tick is the hottest water that Jake and Nog could find themselves in. And Weyoun asks them to explain what their relationship is with Giger, because Weyoun has taken Giger and all of his crap aboard the tick. And you know, he kind of scoffs at the dumb explanation that is the real explanation at first. Because he knows a lot about what Jake and Nog have been up to. He knows that they've been meeting with the senior staff. He knows that they met with Kai Winn right after Weyoun did. And so Jake pivots to novelist explanation, which is "Yeah, we're actually working with Starfleet Security."

00:52:29 Clip Clip **Jake:** We're investigating the man whose picture is in your hand right now. Until yesterday, that man—one Willie Mays—did not exist in any historical documents.

00:52:39 Adam Host There is a really neat magic trick that I really haven't considered before, which is a lie in proximity to the truth makes the truth way more believable.

00:52:49 Ben Host Yeah.

00:52:50 Adam Host And that's what happens here in Weyoun's experience! He's like "Well, that was shit."

00:52:55 Ben Host Yeah.

00:52:56 Adam Host "Uh, I guess I'm gonna go with column A."

00:52:58 Ben Host I loved it 'cause it's like—it's a pretty light and silly episode. But this lie that Jake comes up with is something I could see *Star Trek* trying to make an episode out of.

00:53:10 Adam Host *[Stifling laughter]* Mm-hm.

00:53:11 Ben Host And is so much sillier and more laughable that it like—it retroactively makes the episode feel good.

00:53:17 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah.

00:53:18 Ben Host So Weyoun picks column A, he gives 'em the baseball card, and lets 'em go! And then Weyoun and Giger are like, hitting it off.

00:53:28 Clip Clip **Weyoun:** I have a background in, shall we say, creative genetics. I'd be most interested in hearing your theories!

Giger: Well, it may take some time to explain.

00:53:35 Adam Host I don't like Dr. Giger's chances of living a normal life after this episode.

[Ben laughs.]

I mean, there's no record of him on DS9, so like, he—I mean, if he never existed, what happens here doesn't qualify as a disappearance!

00:53:50 Ben Host Yeah.

00:53:51 Adam Host He's just gone. He'll never be found!

00:53:53 Ben Host Nobody's gonna come looking for him.

00:53:54 Adam Host Yeah.

00:53:55 Ben Host But he gets back to Deep Space 9, because we get like a captain's log as the button of the episode. And Sisko is reminiscing about how a couple of days ago, everybody was really bummed out about the politics. And suddenly morale has improved wildly. And we do a little montage of like, going around the station. Chief O'Brien's had some time to do a little bit of kayaking, Bashir's got his bear back, Leeta is, uh, the one—*[stifles laughter]* the one bit of salt to bring out the sweet. She's pissed that the bear is missing.

Kira has delivered her speech to the water conservation board. It's gone great 'cause Jake wrote some bits for her. Worf is enjoying his, uh—*[laughs quietly]* his Klingon opera, because the—you know, Nog has been able to improve the audio. Giger has even got Weyoun enjoying himself, showing him around cellular regeneration and entertainment chamber.

And Sisko's enjoying his baseball card.

00:55:03 Adam Host And yet we are still just as on war's doorstep as ever.

00:55:08 Ben Host Yeah.

00:55:09 Adam Host But it's the little things, right?

00:55:10 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Ben:** It's the little—

Adam: The little comforts.

00:55:12 Ben Host It's the little comforts, you know?

00:55:13 Adam Host Yeah. Did you like this episode, Ben?

00:55:16 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* I spent a lot of this episode thinking I hated it, and by the end I did like it!

00:55:21 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah.

00:55:24 Ben Host I thought that was amazing!

00:55:26 Adam Host I mean, clearly there's a lot to make fun of here.

00:55:29 Ben Host Yeah.

00:55:30 Adam Host But in the end, like in totality... it begs you not to take it seriously.

00:55:36 Ben Host It's—

00:55:37 Adam Host And I think it's effective in that way.

00:55:39 Ben Host It's a self-consciously corny episode. But to a sweet end, you know?

00:55:47 Adam Host Yeah.

00:55:48 Ben Host I really liked it.

00:55:49 Adam Host This was the first episode directed by Michael Dorn!

00:55:52 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Ben:** Whoa!

Adam: The first of three that he will direct in *DS9*.

00:55:55 Adam Host I thought it was ably directed by him. I think it explains why you get very little Worf in the episode.

00:56:01	Ben	Host	Yeah.
00:56:02	Adam	Host	I think I'm with you as far as whether or not I liked it. It is just a little piece of candy in this <i>DS9</i> season five storyline that can be pretty serious and bitter-tasting. But this was just a little bit of a break here, that for some reason worked. I kinda like the red paperclip idea to this thing. That you know, you can chain some small favors together and create a solution to a problem in a—when you don't have money to solve it, you know?
00:56:37	Ben	Host	Yeah.
00:56:38	Adam	Host	Thought that was cool.
00:56:39	Ben	Host	You know what else I think is cool, Adam? Our Priority One Messages. Do you wanna see if we have any?
00:56:44	Adam	Host	Hey, those take money to make happen.
			<i>[Ben laughs.]</i>
			Don't—don't try to trade us favors or labor for a P1. It doesn't work that way.
00:56:53	Clip	Clip	Computer: <i>[Beeps four times.]</i> Priority one message from Starfleet coming in on secure channel. <i>[More beeping.]</i>
00:56:58	Music	Transition	"Push it to the Limit," by Paul Engemann, mixed with clips from various sources. <i>Ernie McCracken (Kingpin): We need a supplemental income. Roy Munson (Kingpin): Supplemental income? Ernie: Supplemental. Roy: Supplemental. Ernie: Yeah, it's extra. Ralph Offenhouse (TNG, "The Neutral Zone"): Why, the interest alone could be enough to buy this ship!</i>
			<i>[Coins drop on a hard surface. Music fades into the next song.]</i>
00:57:08	Music	Music	Music plays softly in the background of this segment, peppered by the ship's computer repeating, "Captain Picard, priority one message."
00:57:09	Adam	Promo	Ben, our one and only Priority One Message comes from Past Jenna, and it is for Present Jenna. <i>[Ben laughs.]</i>
			Message goes like this: "Hey, Jenna, it's you from the past!"
00:57:20	Ben	Promo	Ah!
00:57:21	Adam	Promo	"You're at home alone for Christmas, recovering from <u>double otitis</u> . Hopped up on painkillers and spending money you don't really have for a shoutout from your favorite podcast hosts!"
00:57:34	Ben	Promo	Wow!
00:57:35	Adam	Promo	"Hoping this will put a smile on your face, wherever you find yourself. You're a capable badass and you <u>will</u> get your groove back."
00:57:45	Ben	Promo	I believe it. Jenna sounds dope! Both past and present.

00:57:49 Adam Promo Double otitis, so much worse than single otitis, because it—'cause of course it is a double ear infection. That sounds painful!

00:57:59 Ben Promo Ugh. I used to get ear infections all the time!

00:58:03 Adam Promo I'm gonna guess Jenna is an adult, because only adults should be listening to this piss and shit show.

[Ben laughs.]

But yeah. I—I think the last ear infection I had was in middle school. It was super painful, though.

00:58:18 Ben Promo Yeah, that sucks.

00:58:19 Adam Promo Get well, Jennas! Past and present.

00:58:22 Ben Promo Yep! Get well, Jennas. And keep kicking ass and being awesome. Thank you for the P1!

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[Music stops.]

00:58:46 Music Transition A techno song mixed with clips and soundbites from *DS9*.

Speaker: Gotta—

Sisko: Get that—get that—

Quark: Gold-pressed latinum

Sisko: Get that—get that—

Nog: Gold-pressed latinum!

Sisko: Am I right? Ha ha! Hoo! Yeah!

Am I—am I right? Ha ha! Hoo!

[Music stops.]

00:58:55 Promo Clip **Music:** Relaxing ukulele music.

Manolo Moreno: Hey, you've reached *Dr. Gameshow*. Leave your message after the beep.

[Music stops.]

[Beep!]

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[Beep!]

[Music resumes.]

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[Music fades out.]

00:59:42 Promo Clip

Music: Classical orchestral music.

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[Music fades out.]

01:00:28 Sound Effect Transition

[Computer beeps.]

01:00:29 Music Music

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01:00:30 Adam Promo

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01:00:34 Ben Promo

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01:00:42 Adam Promo

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01:01:11 Adam Promo

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[Music stops.]

01:01:29	Music	Transition	<p>A techno song mixed with clips and soundbites from <i>DS9</i>.</p> <p>Speaker: <i>Gotta, gotta—</i> Sisko: <i>Get that—get that—</i> Quark: <i>Gold-pressed latinum</i> Sisko: <i>Get that—get that—</i> Nog: <i>Gold-pressed latinum!</i> Quark: <i>Latinum?</i> Speaker: <i>Latinum!</i> Quark: <i>Latinum?</i> Speaker: <i>Latinum!</i> Distorted Speaker: <i>Go-go-go-go-gold-pressed latinum!</i> Nog: <i>That's a lot of yamok sauce!</i></p> <p><i>[Cash register "cha-ching!" sound. Music stops.]</i></p>
01:01:39	Ben	Host	<p>Hey, Adam!</p> <p><i>[Beat.]</i></p>
01:01:41	Adam	Host	What is that, Ben?
01:01:43	Ben	Host	Did you find yourself... a Drunk Shimoda ?
01:01:46	Music	Music	<p>Clips of <i>TNG</i> and Adam and Ben mixed with electric guitar.</p> <p>Shimoda (TNG, "The Naked Now"): <i>Incredible!</i></p> <p>Adam & Ben: <i>Druuunk Shimoda!</i></p> <p><i>[Music ends abruptly.]</i></p>
01:01:47	Adam	Host	<p>When Weyoun is in an episode it's gonna be hard to choose against him. I <u>am</u> going to nominate Weyoun for Drunk Shimoda here. He is—and I mean this as a compliment, and I think he would take it as this—I think Jeffrey Combs is the Christoph Waltz of <i>DS9</i>.</p> <p><i>[Ben laughs.]</i></p> <p>Because he is like the Hans Landa in <i>Inglourious Basterds</i> that Weyoun is here. That interrogation scene—</p>
01:02:13	Ben	Host	The villain that is full of zeal?
01:02:16	Adam	Host	Yeah! Yeah, and I think it's that scene where he's interrogating Jake and Nog here that really solidified that for me. Like, this interrogation is gentle and comedic.
01:02:27	Ben	Host	Yeah.
01:02:28	Adam	Host	And he has all the power, and in fact it is <u>lethal</u> power. But you sort of forget that because he's so charming.
01:02:35	Ben	Host	Yeah.
01:02:36	Adam	Host	I think he's just great. He's great in every scene. I don't know how many episode of <i>DS9</i> we have left. I hope as we bring this series to a close there are a lot more episodes with Weyoun in them. Because he's just <u>fantastic</u> .
01:02:52	Ben	Host	Yeah.
01:02:53	Adam	Host	So he's my Drunk Shimoda. What about you, Ben?

01:02:56 Ben Host I'm gonna give mine to Jake. There is—probably the most unfortunate part of the episode is a little interchange between Jake and Nog when they're looking at Kai Winn up on the second level of the Promenade, talking to that Vedek.

01:03:12 Adam Host Mm-hm.

01:03:13 Ben Host And Jake says something about bearding the lion in its den. And then Nog says "Lions, Gigers, and bears." And Jake says "Oh my."

[Beat of silence.]

01:03:27 Adam Host Mm.

01:03:29 Ben Host *[Laughs.]* Really wish that wasn't in the episode!

[Ben laughs, Adam cracks up.]

So Jake gets my Drunk Shimoda for that moment.

[Adam keeps laughing.]

I mean, it really should go to both. But if I had to pick, it's really more Jake's bad... thing.

01:03:51 Adam Host Yeah. Yeah. *[Laughs.]* Jake said a bad thing.

01:03:55 Ben Host Yeah.

01:03:56 Adam Host Well, is there a good thing coming up in the next episode, Ben? What is the episode and how will we be watching it?

01:04:02 Ben Host The episode is season 5 episode 26 of *Deep Space Nine*, and episode 300 of *The Greatest Generation*.

01:04:12 Sound Effect Sound Effect *[Airhorns.]*

01:04:13 Adam Host Wow. Three hundred!

01:04:15 Ben Host It's called "A Call to Arms."

01:04:17 Adam Host *[Deep breath.]* "This! Is! ... *The Greatest Generation!*"

01:04:22 Ben Host *[Laughs.]*

"Deep Space 9 prepares to face a Dominion/Cardassian attack."

01:04:32 Adam Host Wow. The Cold War turns hot, huh?

01:04:34 Ben Host Yeah, baby.

01:04:35 Adam Host Is this the season finale of season five?

01:04:38 Ben Host It is.

01:04:39 Adam Host Alright! Big one!

01:04:42 Ben Host Crazy bang! To end season 5 on episode 300 of our show. I have no idea how that worked out. But...

01:04:50 Adam Host I mean, you'd probably—I mean I know you're not a gambling man. But if you were, you'd have to bet everything that this is gonna be a cliffhanger, right?

01:05:00 Ben Host Yeah, I'm pushing all my chips into the middle of the table.

01:05:03 Adam Host Gotta push in! Like you're Ken Jennings or something.

01:05:06 Ben Host Yeah.

01:05:07 Adam Host Double it up!

01:05:08 Ben Host Yeah!

01:05:09 Adam Host Wow. Well, are we going to be watching this episode in a particular way? Only the [Game of Buttholes](#)—

01:05:15 Sound Effect Sound Effect *[Thunder crashes.]*

01:05:17 Adam Host —Will of the Prophets can tell us.

01:05:19 Ben Host That's true, Adam! Do you want to fire that thing up?

01:05:23 Clip Clip **Falow (DS9, "Move Along Home"):** You are required to learn as you play. Roll.

[The Wadi are tapping their klon peags (sticks) rhythmically, and continue during the segment. Clip audio and podcast audio are intertwined for the next several lines.]

01:05:27 Adam Host Twinkly shuttlecraft is currently pulsating on top of square 40, where off in the distance is a Coco Nono. It would take a roll of a six to get there. I'm gonna roll!

01:05:39 Ben Host Go for it.

01:05:40 Adam Host "Get away from me, man! I'm gonna roll!"

[Ben laughs.]

"I swear to god, I'm gonna roll!"

01:05:46 Clip Clip *[Quark breathes on the dice.]*

[Dice roll. Tapping stops.]

Falow: Chula!

Crowd: *[Laughing]* Chula! Chula!

Quark: Did I win?!

Falow: Hardly!

[Clip audio ends.]

01:05:51 Adam Host And I have rolled a three! A three lands us on a regular old episode at square 43 on the Game of Buttholes, and that is how it will be for the season finale of season 5 and our 300th episode!

01:06:05 Music Music "The Picard Song" starts fading in.

01:06:06 Ben Host Hey, you know, we would really appreciate you leaving a nice review in honor of the 300th episode. The iTunes reviews could really use some juice. If you'd like us to answer a question, leave it in the form of a question!

01:06:24 Adam Host Yeah!

01:06:25 Ben Host But also, you know, like, episode 300, this is a big deal! We've given a lot of pod out in the history of this show, and if you can find it in your heart to review or recommend the show to somebody, that would be really awesome.

01:06:37 Adam Host I haven't been looking at the odometer of this show, and I am—I'm really surprised that it's 300! This is an older podcast now, Ben!

01:06:46 Ben Host Yeah, we're—

01:06:47 Adam Host It's got some miles on her!

01:06:48 Ben Host We're, uh—*[laughs]* we're running it into the ground, really!

[Both laugh.]

01:06:54 Adam Host Yeah. *[Stifling laughter]* It really smells like shit inside.

[Both laugh.]

01:07:00 Ben Host You're not gonna get this smell outta the upholstery. One of the many mechanics keeping this thing operational—

[Adam laughs.]

—is our buddy Adam Ragusea, who makes custom music for the program. He of course based all the music he makes on the work of Dark Materia. And he is now a YouTube sensation with the Adam Ragusea cooking channel on YouTube!

01:07:20 Adam Host Occasionally we'll pull this podcar up to a stoplight and a bedraggled man will come to the vehicle with a squeegee and some newspapers.

[Ben laughs.]

That man—that very funny man—is Bill Tilley.

[Ben laughs, Adam barely stifles laughter.]

You can find him on Twitter at @billtilley1973. He's using newspapers that are, in fact, comedy baseball cards that he makes for every episode we make, you and I. And, uh... I mean, I wish he would take a tip. But he doesn't.

01:07:51 Ben Host Yeah.

01:07:52 Adam Host He just squeegees our windshield and lets us go on our way.

01:07:55 Ben Host We've re-tooled this thing a few times with parts that we found on— at various junkyards around the Internet. Of course there's the *Greatest Gen* Facebook group, there's all the folks on Twitter that use the hashtag #GreatestGen, there is the Reddit sub and the *Greatest Gen* Wikia. There's all kinds of junk out there related to this show.

01:08:17 Adam Host *[Laughs.]* You know sometimes how you'll give someone a ride, and they'll offer to give you gas money?

[Ben laughs.]

You know, if you've driven them a long distance?

01:08:26 Ben Host Yeah.

01:08:27 Adam Host I think we can say, you and I, Ben, that we've driven our pod

passengers—our [Friends of DeSoto](#)—quite a long distance. If you'd like to chip in some gas money, you can do that over at [MaximumFun.org/donate!](#)

01:08:39 Ben Host

Yeah. *[Laughing]* It's ass, gas, or grass.

[Adam laughs.]

Or just donate at [MaximumFun.org](#).

[Both laugh.]

01:08:46 Adam Host

And with that, we will be back atcha next time for episode 300! And a great episode of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, and an episode of *The Greatest Generation* which finally shoots at something.

01:09:01 Music Music

"The Picard Song" continues at full volume.

*Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the USS Enterprise!
Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the USS Enterprise!*

Make make make-make-make-make make it so!

*Jean-Luc Picard!
Make it so!*

Make make make-make-make-make make it so!

*Jean-Luc Picard!
Make it so!*

(Make make make make make make make—)

*Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the USS Enterprise!
Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the USS Enterprise!*

Make make make-make-make-make make it so!

*Jean-Luc Picard!
Make it so!*

Make make make-make-make-make make it so!

[Echoing] Jean-Luc Picard—card—card—card—

[Song fades out.]

01:09:33 Music Transition

A cheerful guitar chord.

01:09:34 Speaker 1 Guest

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01:09:36 Speaker 2 Guest

Comedy and culture.

01:09:37 Speaker 3 Guest

Artist owned—

01:09:38 Speaker 4 Guest

—audience supported.