

**C-RED-IT5:** This is C-RED-IT5 with a festive X-Marse announcement. You're invited to a special live Mission to Zyxx performance on Saturday, January 25th at the Brooklyn Podcast Festival. We will kickstart our upcoming season four with a brand new episode improvised live on stage featuring a special guest comedian and an unknown amount of orange beer. So book your travel to the Brooklyn Quadrant on January 25th and get your tickets at [missiontozyxx.space](http://missiontozyxx.space) or [bkpodcast.com](http://bkpodcast.com). Now settle in for a little X-Marse treat from the crew to you.

[00:32] [Theme Music - X-Marse version with jingling bells]

**PLECK:** Oh man. Guys, I've been to a lot of X-Marse Eve dinners. That one was delicious.

**C-53:** [Agreeing] Hm.

**AJ:** It was really good. The paste was... Hit the spot.

**BARGIE:** That oil was so good. Thank you so much [stumbling over Nermut's name] Nermb... Nerg... Nerken...

**NERMUT:** Uhh... you're...

**BARGIE:** Sturf...

**NERMUT:** ... Okay, you're welcome.

**PLECK:** Yeah, Nermut, you're- you're quite the cook.

**NERMUT:** Oh, thanks! Yeah.

**DAR:** Yeah.

**NERMUT:** You know, when I was working up to getting my residency at the club I had to wash dishes, I had to cook. I learned some stuff, so...

**C-53:** Yeah, and Nermut, if I may say, these batteries are perfection.

**NERMUT:** Oh, thanks so much! Those I took out of the toaster. Sorry Bargie.

**C-53:** Oh.

**NERMUT:** But...

**PLECK:** Huh.

**BARGIE:** Hey, don't apologize to me, apologize to the toaster.

**NERMUT:** Oh, I'm so sorry, Gina.

[Nermut scuttles over to the toaster and depresses the lever]

**C-53:** It... doesn't have any batteries.

**NERMUT:** Oh, there's no way-

**PLECK:** Yeah, no, you can't-

**DAR:** Yeah, it doesn't-

**C-53:** Maybe get her some new batteries-

**NERMUT:** And then apologize.

**C-53:** Yeah.

**PLECK:** Well, guys, you know, I'm going to hit- I'm going to hit the sack now so I can get up early on X-Marse morning.

**DAR:** And open those boots!

[Crosstalk]

**NERMUT:** [Rapping] Open the boot! / Boot!

**C-53:** / Oh, yeah, can't wait!

**BARGIE:** Oh yeah!

[AJ hits the table, clattering silverware]

**AJ:** Wait, what the juck?!

**DAR:** Whoa!

**AJ:** You guys aren't opening on X-Marse Eve?

**C-53:** [Placating] Whoa, AJ!

**NERMUT:** AJ!

[Clattering as AJ climbs onto the table]

**DAR:** AJ, get off the table.

**AJ:** We're not opening the boots now?!

[AJ throws a plate, it shatters]

**[Crosstalk]**

**NERMUT:** Stop / smashing the plates!

**BARGIE:** / Oh!

**BARGIE:** Wow!

[Another plate shatters]

[Pleck and Nermut protest and try to calm AJ as AJ begins throwing plates to punctuate his words]

**AJ:** WE'RE NOT OPENING- [plate shatters]- THE- [plate shatters]- BOOTS- [plate shatters]- NOW?! [plate shatters]

**C-53:** AJ. AJ, you're scaring Tayleen.

[It's quiet for a moment]

[AJ gets down off the table]

**TAYLEEN:** Hi!

**AJ:** [Angrily] Why did you bring-

**TAYLEEN:** I'm so happy to be here. Thanks, guys, for inviting, well, C, for inviting me.

**AJ:** Why the juck did you bring a stranger, C?!

**C-53:** [Trying to be patient] AJ.

**NERMUT:** AJ.

**[Crosstalk]**

**C-53:** You are being / SO rude right now.

**PLECK:** / Yeah, AJ, all are- all are welcome.

**[Crosstalk]**

**DAR:** You're being / unbelievably rude!

**AJ:** / We're all thinking it!

**PLECK:** No.

**NERMUT:** No, Tayleen, it's so nice to meet you.

**TAYLEEN:** Thank you.

**[Crosstalk]**

**PLECK:** Yeah, C-53's allowed / to bring anyone to X-Marse-

**DAR:** / Yes!

**AJ:** [Stomping around] This is, like, a crew thing! Why the- Tayleen- on the- [Shatters a glass]

**TAYLEEN:** I can go. Here. I can go.

**C-53:** Uh, no, Tayleen, it's fine.

**TAYLEEN:** Okay.

**C-53:** Hey, AJ?

**AJ:** [Petulantly] Huh?

**C-53:** Do you want to lose out on your boot?

**AJ:** No! It just, like... Here's the thing. It's my first... This is my first X-Marse away from the conditioning center.

**C-53:** [Kindly] Yeah. Yeah, no, I know, Buddy.

**BARGIE:** Oh.

[C-53 gives AJ a comforting pat]

**PLECK:** I'm sorry, AJ.

**DAR:** I'm sorry.

**AJ:** Yeah, we always would open our boots on X-Marse Eve!

**C-53:** Okay. AJ-

**DAR:** Yeah, we- we see that now. We do.

**AJ:** Thanks, Dar.

**C-53:** So you're- so you're a little, maybe a little anxious that you're not spending X-Marse where you're used to spending X-Marse.

**AJ:** [Quietly] Yeah, that's right.

**C-53:** Well, Tayleen can't make it back to her slime planet either.

**TAYLEEN:** No, so... thank you.

**AJ:** So- but- are you guys, like, together? What's going on?

**TAYLEEN:** We haven't decided.

**C-53:** We're not putting a label on it.

**TAYLEEN:** We're, like, no labels. [Laughs]

**DAR:** Wow! She just booped his nose!

**NERMUT:** Yeah.

**PLECK:** AJ X-Marse is about togetherness. Anyone can come to X-Marse dinner.

**AJ:** [Petulantly] Hmph!

**BARGIE:** Hey, everyone, why don't we just let AJ open the boot tonight?

**PLECK:** Yeah, AJ, how about you open your boot and we'll open ours tomorrow morning?

**AJ:** Okay-

**C-53:** Is that okay with you?

**AJ:** You guys- you guys would do that for me?

**DAR:** Yeah!

**C-53:** Sure, AJ, yeah.

**PLECK:** Yeah.

**BARGIE:** We truly have no choice. You're going... a little crazy here.

**C-53:** Yeah.

**AJ:** Sorry.

**PLECK:** Also, back on Rangus 6, AJ, when I was growing up, if you were under ten you were able to open your boot the night before and you're only five, so you know.

**AJ:** Yeah.

[There is a pause]

**NERMUT:** But you're here now. You should probably open it tomorrow when we all do.

**AJ:** [Advancing on Nermut] Nermut, I will-

[AJ grabs Nermut]

**DAR:** Nermut.

**PLECK:** Nermut, why would you-

[Nermut starts yelling in pain]

**DAR:** Oh! AJ, please don't do that to-!

**C-53:** AJ!

**DAR:** Please don't do that to him!

**C-53:** AJ. AJ.

[AJ drops Nermut]

**AJ:** I'm sorry!

**PLECK:** Calm down. Calm down.

**AJ:** I'm sorry! The holidays just make me like... aggro, which I'm usually not. I'm usually pretty chill.

[The crew agrees insincerely]

**DAR:** Hey, Nermut, is your neck okay?

**NERMUT:** No!

**DAR:** He almost popped your head off like you were a bottle of champagne.

**NERMUT:** Yeah, it's... Will you actually crack it back into place?

**DAR:** Oh, just, like, a little...

[Nermut's neck cracks back into place]

[Nermut yelps in pain]

**C-53:** Oh, that was loud. Um, AJ, okay, here, I'm going to give you your boot.

**AJ:** Alright, I'm opening it!

**DAR:** Okay.

**AJ:** I'm opening it!

**C-53:** Okay. Alright.

**BARGIE:** There's something in there from all of us.

[AJ fishes something out of his boot]

**AJ:** Aww, guys! You're the best! Tactical knives!

[AJ rubs the blades along each other]

**C-53:** That's right, tactical knives!

**AJ:** Oh, wow! You could split somebody from, like, sternum to all the way up to the- the- [AJ plays with his knives] From their Adam's to their sternum from this!

**C-53:** Yeah! Yeah, you can, buddy.

**DAR:** Yeah.

[AJ continues playing with his knives]

**AJ:** Oh, wow!

**DAR:** Yeah.

**NERMUT:** C, those are from you?

**C-53:** Yeah.

**AJ:** Yay!

**C-53:** Yeah, those, uh... those are from me.

[AJ fishes another gift out of his boot]

**AJ:** Oh, choco-schlorgs! Yay!

**BARGIE:** Those are from me. I got it off the black market. Watch how you can only eat one.

**AJ:** That's right. If you eat more than one your brain gets on fire and you die!

**C-53:** Why would they make that?

**PLECK:** Uhh...

**BARGIE:** I heard they're delicious.

**AJ:** They're yummy.

**PLECK:** Bargie, why didn't you just give him one?

[Pause]

**BARGIE:** Why don't you shut up?

**PLECK:** Alright.

**DAR:** [Laughs]

**NERMUT:** [Dryly] Wow. That's nice.

**AJ:** Aww!

**C-53:** Tayleen- Tayleen, I'm sorry.

**TAYLEEN:** It's okay, my family's really similar. I have something in there, too!

**AJ:** Oh, wow!

**C-53:** Oh, that's so nice! That's so nice!

[AJ pulls something squishy out of his boot]

**AJ:** Oh, it's a- oh, it's a wad of slime! Thank you! Thanks...

**TAYLEEN:** Yeah.

**AJ:** Oh! Dar! You got me pj's!

[AJ pulls the pj's out of his boot]

**AJ:** Pj's for AJ!

**DAR:** Yeah, I just figured something that you could wear at night so you didn't have to keep wearing your suit.

**AJ:** Oh, it has a- it has a flap on my butt! So if I need to, like-

**DAR:** Honestly, that's an X-Marse gift to me cause, uh... I still want you to be able to access that butt gun. Even in your pj's.

**AJ:** Thank you, Dar! Wow, so much cool stuff.

[AJ pulls another gift out of his boot]

**AJ:** Oh, it's a... planner... with a...

**NERMUT:** Yeah, but look at it close!

**AJ:** Oh, it's got your Bermut Nundaloy stuff on it!

**NERMUT:** Yeah! Like, so-

**AJ:** Oh, wow!

**NERMUT:** So, yeah! Um-

**AJ:** I won't use this, but this is cool!

**NERMUT:** What?

**AJ:** I won't be using this, it's a planner.

**NERMUT:** What do you- no, you-

**PLECK:** AJ doesn't do a lot of planning.

**AJ:** Why would I- why would I do that?

**NERMUT:** I know, but that's why he has it. You need to. You're so off the cuff-

**AJ:** I guess... Oh, you know what I'm going to do? [Speaking aloud as he writes in the planner]  
"Lock... and... load."

**NERMUT:** Uh-

**AJ:** So now I'll know that I'll need to lock and load on this day.

**NERMUT:** Uh. Oh boy...

**PLECK:** Wow, he's getting a lot better at writing.

**C-53:** Well, you know, sort of the right idea...

[AJ pulls another gift out of his boot]

**AJ:** Papa! It's a- it's a pinky!

**PLECK:** Yeah, well, it's a festive X-Marse pinky.

[AJ opens his helmet and samples the pinky]

**PLECK:** Yeah.

**AJ:** It's a peppermint pinky!

**PLECK:** Yeah, you can screw that in during the holid-

**AJ:** I'm gonna do it right now!

**PLECK:** Yeah-

[AJ rips his current pinky off]

[The crew makes disturbed noises]

**DAR:** Oh, wow, he ripped off the other pinky!

**C-53:** Yeah... Taylee, I should have warned you about that pinky.

[AJ rummages around his boot some more]

**AJ:** Hey, what's this at the bottom?

**NERMUT:** Oh.

**BARGIE:** We didn't-

**[Crosstalk]**

**C-53:** That, well- that was everything / we put in there.

**BARGIE:** / That's not... Yeah.

**NERMUT:** That's everything from us.

**AJ:** But what about...

[AJ plays a recording]

**MISS JANELLE:** Well, hello, AJ-2884.

**PLECK:** Oh, wow!

**NERMUT:** Whoa!

**AJ:** It's Miss- it's Miss Janelle!

**MISS JANELLE:** Hello crew of the Bargarean Jade-

**C-53:** Oh, wow!

**MISS JANELLE:** - and hello to any slimy new friends!

**DAR:** Wow!

**C-53:** Wow!

**NERMUT:** Aww!

**TAYLEEN:** So nice of her!

**PLECK:** Very, very inclusive.

**MISS JANELLE:** This is Miss Janelle Fitzmeyer and I'm just wishing you all a wonderful and splendid X-Marse! Now, my dearest 2884-

**AJ:** Yeah, that's-

**MISS JANELLE:** - while I understand that you have defected, -

[AJ makes uncomfortable noises]

**MISS JANELLE:** - know that there is always, always a place in my heart for each and every one of my beloved and special C.L.I.N.T.s.-

**AJ:** Oh, wow!

**PLECK:** Yeah, AJ, it's so nice-

**MISS JANELLE:** - and I hope that your boot overfloweth with X-Marse bounty-

**AJ:** Yeah.

**MISS JANELLE:** - and that you allow your unique talents to shine throughout the entire year for everyone to see.

**PLECK:** Just unfailingly nurturing.

**C-53:** So kind.

**NERMUT:** So sweet.

**DAR:** Yeah.

**NERMUT:** Yeah.

**MISS JANELLE:** As for me, I've had a good, fun year. I have a new gentleman friend-

**DAR:** Wow!

**MISS JANELLE:** - named Gary and he and I enjoy so many of the restaurants at the new outdoor mall. In fact, we had wonderful gilgatine salad the other day.-

**AJ:** Whoa!

**MISS JANELLE:** - It was to die for! Oh, and I included some homemade bebops and zuzu's-

**AJ:** Yay!

**MISS JANELLE:** - I know you love them-

**AJ:** It's candy, Bargie!

**BARGIE:** Okay.

**MISS JANELLE:** Okay, well, I'll look forward to your letters. I always love pal-ing with you. Kiss kiss! Hug hug! Janelle Fitzmeyer

**PLECK:** Oh, man.

**C-53:** Wow, she is...

**PLECK:** She's good.

**C-53:** She's a special lady.

**DAR:** Really a special lady.

**PLECK:** A special lady.

**NERMUT:** She's so nice.

**AJ:** Wow.

**NERMUT:** I just think of everyone we've met who trains kill squads for a living, she's, like, the best.

**BARGIE:** Pretty nice.



**C-53:** Yeah, hands down.

**DAR:** Absolutely.

**NERMUT:** Well, I mean, the only downside is, like, AJ, now tomorrow morning when we all up in our boots, kinda, your fun is over.

**AJ:** Are you kidding me? [AJ puts on his helmet] The most fun about X-Marse is watching other people get gifts.

**NERMUT:** [Quietly] Oh, wow.

**PLECK:** Wait, really?

**BARGIE:** That's a positive outlook on life!

**AJ:** Yeah.

**C-53:** Then why were you so excited to open your boot?

**AJ:** Because I got these knives. [Knife swish] And the other thing that we know about X-Marse is that it's about... survival!

**C-53:** Oh, that's... a fair point.

**NERMUT:** Yeah.

**DAR:** Yeah, that's true.

[AJ starts playing with his knives dangerously]

**BARGIE:** Oh, oh, okay!

**NERMUT:** Wow!

**AJ:** [Leaving the room] See you tomorrow morning!

**BARGIE:** Um...

[Tayleen and C-53 start giggling and behaving flirtatiously]

**TAYLEEN:** Well, thank you so much for inviting me. This was, like, so fun.

**C-53:** Yeah, this was really- I'm so glad you could make it.

**TAYLEEN:** Yeah!

**C-53:** I'm really glad. I didn't think you'd be able to-

**TAYLEEN:** [Laughs] I was like, you- you know... I responded so fast...

**C-53:** [Giggles]

**TAYLEEN:** It was like-

**C-53:** No, no, not at all!

**TAYLEEN:** I'm sorry about the slime!

**C-53:** [Laughs] No, no-

**TAYLEEN:** I'm- that is- who I am!

**C-53:** I love the slime! I'm a slime fan!

[Both Tayleen and C-53 laugh awkwardly]

**TAYLEEN:** Uh... Um... Oh, wow. We're underneath the...

[Suggestive pause]

**C-53:** Oh the, um-

**TAYLEEN:** The feather whisker.

**C-53:** Yeah. Um. [Chuckles awkwardly] Well, you know what that means!

**TAYLEEN:** Yes, we deeply, passionately make out for a very long time-

**C-53:** Yeah, uh-

**TAYLEEN:** That it's so uncomfortable for anyone else to watch.

**C-53:** Yeah... [Chuckles awkwardly]

**TAYLEEN:** I guess we have to!

**C-53:** Yeah, I guess we have to-

**TAYLEEN:** [Chuckles awkwardly]

**C-53:** - give it a try!

[Slimy slurping and robotic modem noises]

**PLECK:** Alright, well, goodnight everybody!

**DAR:** Merry X-Marse!

**PLECK:** Happy X-Marse!

**NERMUT:** Merry X-Marse!

[Outro Theme; Bargie Flyby]

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[10:31] [Maximum Fun Promos]

[Promo 1: Dead Pilots Society]

**NARRATOR:** Dead Pilots Society brings you exclusive readings of comedy pilots that were never made featuring actors like Patton Oswalt-

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**NARRATOR:** - Adam Scott and Jane Levy-

**JANE LEVY:** Come on, Corey. She's too serious, too business-y. She doesn't know the hokey pokey.

**ADAM SCOTT:** Well, she'll learn what it's all about.

**NARRATOR:** - Busy Philipps and Dave Koechner-

**DAVE KOECHNER:** Baby, this is family.

**BUSY PHILLIPS:** My uncle Tell, who showed his wiener to Cinderella at Disneyland, is family. Do you want him staying with us?

**DAVE KOECHNER:** He DID stay with us. For three months!

**BUSY PHILLIPS:** And he was a delight!

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[Promo 2: Dr. Gameshow]

**JO:** Hi, I'm Jo Firestone.

**MANOLO:** And I'm Manolo Morano.

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**JO:** A custom magnet!

**MANOLO:** Subscribe now to make sure you get our next episode.

**JO:** What's an example of a game, Manolo?

**MANOLO:** Pokémon or Medication.

**JO:** How you play that?

**MANOLO:** You have to guess if something's a Pokémon name or medication.

**JO:** [Doing impression of Manolo] Medication.

**MANOLO:** First time listener, if you want to listen to episode highlights and also know how to participate, follow Dr. Gameshow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**JO:** We love to hear from you.

**MANOLO:** And it's really fun.

**JO:** For the whole family. We'll be every other Wednesday starting March 13th and we're coming to Max Fun!

**MANOLO:** Snorlax.

**JO:** Pokémon?

**MANOLO:** Yes.

**JO:** Nice!

[Maximum Fun Promos End]

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[12:13] [Outtake]

**WINSTON/AJ:** And the other thing we know about X-Marse is that it's about survival.

**ALDEN/PLECK:** Oh, yeah.

**JEREMY/C-53:** That's... a fair point.

**ALLIE/DAR:** That's true.

**WINSTON/AJ:** [Makes swishing knife sound effects with his mouth]

**MOUJAN/BARGIE:** Oh!

**SETH/NERMUT:** Oh!

**MOUJAN/BARGIE:** Oh! Oh!

**SETH/NERMUT:** Wow! Wow!

**WINSTON/AJ:** See you tomorrow morning!

**MOUJAN/BARGIE:** Um.

[Crosstalk]

**ALLIE/DAR:** Wow, he just / cut Tayleen in two. [Laughs]

**JEREMY/C-53:** / He's really brandishing those blades.

**ALDEN/PLECK:** C- C-53, why did you give those to him?

**JEREMY/C-53:** Well, he loves knives!

**ALDEN/PLECK:** [Trying not to laugh] I mean, that's true.

**JEREMY/C-53:** Also, Tayleen, you're fine, right?

[Silence]

**ALLIE/DAR:** Tayleen?

**JEREMY:** She just got sliced in half.

**ALLIE:** [Laughs]

**[Crosstalk]**

**MOUJAN:** [Laughs] No, no, no, / she shouldn't be dead.

**SETH:** / Yeah, she's silent cause she's dead.

**JEREMY:** [Trying not to laugh] No.