

FUTURAMA - SPEC SCRIPT

"PLANET BONDS"

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INT. PLANET EXPRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

The crew (Fry, Leela, Bender, Amy, Hermes, and Zoidberg) sit at the table playing JENGA, here called "MENJA", as each one slowly takes turn pulling out the pieces, but the pieces BITE when you try to take them out of the structure.

Fry tries pulling a piece but it bites him.

FRY
Almost... got it... Ouch!

The whole structure collapses.

BENDER
Hehehehe, that's what I'm talking about baby, I win!

LEELA
That's not how the game works, Bender. If one piece falls then we all-

BENDER
-Yeah, yeah, yeah. Quit being a sore loser.

Zoidberg examines a MENJA piece which waits to bite his finger with no remorse, and it does.

ZOIDBERG
Excuse me please but you'd have to take me out to dinner first!

AMY
Show off.

Farnsworth walks in.

FARNSWORTH
Good news everyone!

BENDER
We're doing a flash mob?

FARNSWORTH
We have a delivery!

Awkward silence.

HERMES
Anyone catch the game last night?

FARNSWORTH
Oh fuff.

Farnsworth shoves Leela the package.

LEELA
Do we know what we're delivering,
Professor?

FARNSWORTH
How am I supposed to know? My
Packatron 9000 does this for me. It
can also make a great oven!

A large machine that takes orders and loads up the packages.
See one package going through casually like a conveyor belt,
being filled with 5 RUBBER DUCKIES, some packaging peanuts,
into its makeshift oven that also produces a single macaroon,
tapes the package together and DING- as if cake is ready, and
the machine FLINGS the package onto the Planet Express ship.

Farnsworth takes the macaroon and gives it to Fry.

FARNSWORTH (CONT'D)
Here!

FRY
For me?

AMY
That's a really cool machine,
Professor!

FARNSWORTH
Oh, not quite, it still forgets to
put the delivery address sometimes.

EXT. PLANET BOND

The Planet Express ship lands and Fry, Leela, Bender, Amy,
Zoidberg, and Hermes step out; Leela carries the package.

An blue swampy like planet where the vast surroundings aren't
revealing of any direction.

LEELA
How come it takes all of us to
deliver a single package?

HERMES
Don't make fun of the bureaucracy,
woman! Asking questions is a sin.

LEELA
So... hmm.

The crew keeps walking.

FRY
If you're happy and you know it
clap your hands.

HERMES
Why would I clap my hands if I'm
happy? I'd rather not clap my hands
and conserve my energy.

ZOIDBERG
Some mood you're in today, Hermes.

AMY
Wow, look!

The crew see's a massive lagoon with blue water and
bioluminescent trees and flowers.

FRY
Woah..

LEELA
Now I'm not sure who we're supposed
to be delivering this package to.

A small little cute smurf creature tugs on Leela's clothes
and looks up at her with big sad eyes.

LEELA (CONT'D)
Aw, have you lost your way from
home?

Suddenly, there's a strong vibration as the ground starts
shaking which startles the smurf creature as it hugs her leg.

ZOIDBERG
Oh no, it's a planet quake!
Everybody run!

Zoidberg signatural runs away back to the ship.

BENDER
Oh mama!

AMY

Gross!

HERMES

A planet like this isn't meant to have Earth quakes.

FRY

I guess that's why it's called an Earth quake.

HERMES

(beat)

I'll go get me measurement gear!

EXT. PLANET BOND - CONTINUOUS

As Hermes walks back to the ship, beneath the crew opens up a MASSIVE EYE that belongs to the entire planet itself, its opening movement makes Hermes fall onto it and get up.

HERMES

Oh my goodness.

EXT. PLANET BOND - CONTINUOUS

Not far another eye is seen, as well as the planets mouth.

PLANET

Hello, and welcome to Planet Bond!

BENDER

Why'd you say that like you're the talking head from Wizard of Oz?

LEELA

Bender!

BENDER

What?

LEELA

You know what the Wizard of Oz is?

BENDER

I'm cultured!

LEELA

I guess we're supposed to deliver this package to you.

The Planet opens its mouth and Leela tosses the package into it, swallowing it. Its eyes close and it exhales a sigh of relief.

AMY
Another job well done, great work
team! Hey, where'd Hermes go?

INT. PLANET EXPRESS SHIP

Zoidberg sits alone wearing a bucket on his head, and takes it off slowly seeing there's no danger.

A small tiny blue bug crawls towards him.

ZOIDBERG
Well hello there little friend.

The bug bites him, rather harmless but enough to rattle him.

ZOIDBERG (CONT'D)
Why you little!

EXT. PLANET BOND

Fry, Leela, Bender and Amy walk back to the ship to see Hermes pressed on a small hydrothermal vent protruding from the ground that's releasing some kind of gas, sniffing it religiously, he just can't get enough.

Fry, Bender, Leela, and Amy all watch him confused.

FRY
Um, Leela. Can an atmosphere be
backwards?

LEELA
Hermes, are you alright?

HERMES
It smells just like the gumbo my
grandma used to make! I hadn't...
mmm... I hadn't had it in ages!

AMY
To me it just smells like farts.

HERMES
Shut your mouth!

More hydrothermal vents pop up.

LEELA

Oh, my! It looks like the planet is releasing some kind of chemical that mixes with our own perceptions of...mmm.. mmm.. what is that?

Leela's attention is drawn to a vent beside Hermes as she goes on the ground also and smells.

LEELA (CONT'D)

That smell! I haven't smelled that since I was a little girl going to her first day at school. I was so-

Fry runs to push Leela aside, now smelling the vent for himself.

FRY

Mmm.. Smells like the room my parents and I stayed in during our trip to Paris!

BENDER

What's a Paris?

AMY

This one smells just like my old blankie!

Fry, Leela, Amy and Hermes all are pressed up on these hydrothermal vents as Bender watches them awkwardly.

BENDER

Ugh... guys?

EXT./INT PLANET EXPRESS SHIP

Bender drags in Fry and Leela who are resisting and smelling as much of the air as they can.

FRY

No, Jean-Pierre, you'll never take me away!

Bender goes back out and drags in Hermes and Amy also resisting. They're all inside the ship, the door closes.

BENDER

Alright, enough's enough. Start the engines, Captain.

Bender turns around to see Zoidberg, Leela, Fry, Amy, and Hermes skin completely BLUE with TRANCED out eyes.

Bender anxiously gulps.

INT. PLANET EXPRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

Farnsworth sits alone reading a magazine called "Virtuals Virtual" with unique retro glasses on the cover. He gets up and looks at the open roof, checking his watch, waiting, confused and worried that his crew hasn't returned.

He shrugs it off.

EXT. PLANET BOND

Bender hides in the blue lagoon shrubs to see:

Fry, Leela, Hermes, Amy, and Zoidberg all dressed in blue servant clothes serving cock-tails to relaxing but still sad blue lagoon creatures who all look practically the same, laying on white beach chairs.

BENDER

Alright, it's time to act!

Bender runs out of the shrubs charging toward the lagoon with various medieval weapons. Before he can get any closer, the planet's big mouth opens and swallows him whole as he tumbles down yelling:

BENDER (CONT'D)

Ahhh!!!

EXT. PLANET BOND - LAGOON

Fry and Leela walk around in a trance-like states still blue serving cock-tails;

Hermes and Amy same thing, but playing badminton with these sad lagoon creatures.

Zoidberg polishes the shoes of these smurf-like creatures.

INT. PLANET BOND - UNDERGROUND

Bender gets up from the rough terrain to see a large male blue ice-figure approach him, sad, with barely any energy.

BENDER

Hey, who the hell are you?

MADELEINE
My name is Madeleine.

BENDER
Like the cake?

MADELEINE
What is cake?

BENDER
The last time I ended up in a
digestive track I got called Moby
Dick for months.

MADELEINE
Of a whale?

BENDER
Absolutely.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. OCEAN

Bender on the ocean fighting a whale that swallows him whole,
and him surfing down it's digestive track cheering.

BENDER
Wooo! Look at me now Father Maple!
Hehehehe.

CUT TO:

INT. PLANET BOND - UNDERGROUND

MADELEINE
Your people up there are trapped
here, although you seem to be
different from them.

BENDER
I am different! Can't you tell
I'm... wait.. did you say my
people?

FADE TO:

EXT. SPACE - PLANET BOND - FLASHBACK

Planet Bond, lighter blue, around other large planets of
different sizes all laughing at Planet Bond.

MADELEINE (V.O.)

Our planet is the outcast in our solar system. No matter what we did, all other planets hated us.

-- Planet Bond approaching a moon, trying to be friendly but it's shy. Another planet larger and more aggressively comes and takes the moon away.

MADELEINE (V.O.)

Even when we tried to help, it always worked against us.

-- Planet Bond, slightly darker blue now, trying to shield a smaller planet from the rays of a DANGEROUS SUN, and the small planet is grateful until its parents come and start YELLING at Planet Bond.

MADELEINE (V.O.)

We went from solar system to solar system and no matter what we did we couldn't fit in.

-- Planet Bond wondering through space alone.

FADE TO:

INT. PLANET BOND - UNDERGROUND

BENDER

Hey. Um... Why did the chicken cross the road?

MADELEINE

What?

BENDER

If I tell you a joke and make you laugh, you'll let my friends go, right?

MADELEINE

Even if they wanted to go, they wouldn't be able to. Over the last decade, our planet has developed such a crippling loneliness that it has evolved to keep all its visitors here once and for all.

BENDER

But we're the only one's here.

MADELEINE

Yes, and the only one's that'll
ever be.

A worried expression on Bender's face.

Suddenly, a strong updraft carries Bender UP QUICK, SPITTING
HIM OUT.

EXT. PLANET BOND

Bender lands ass first beside the lagoon to witness:

A massive HOTEL EMPIRE.

FRY, LEELA, HERMES, AMY, and ZOIDBERG dressed in more SERVING-
LIKE CLOTHES are now even deeper in this TRANCE; a LONG LINE
of these blue creatures checking into their quarters, still
sad but moving with a tad more pep in their step.

INT. PLANET EXPRESS LOUNGE

Farnsworth sits alone on the couch.

FARNSWORTH

I can feel that something is wrong.

The same ding is heard from the Packatron 9000.

FARNSWORTH (CONT'D)

Oh, that's right, my soufflé.

INT. PLANET EXPRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

Farnsworth pulls out his soufflé and notices on the Packatron
9000 screen that the package to Planet Bond has been
delivered.

FARNSWORTH

Well that's strange. It says that
the package has been delivered but
they still haven't returned.

Farnsworth clicks the display button on the Packatron 9000
that writes "Delivery Contents".

Only see his worried panicked reaction to this:

FARNSWORTH (CONT'D)

Oh my!

INT./EXT. PLANET BOND - HOTEL - NIGHT

See Amy behind the check-in counter with a long line of these blue lagoon creatures.

AMY

Enjoy your stay at Planet Bond.

Fry, near Amy, takes their luggage as the bell-boy and walks toward the main lobby, and outside to the connecting building. On his way see:

INT. PLANET BONDS

Zoidberg cleaning as a janitor quickly, there's too much to clean and he's stressed but too tranced to realize.

EXT. PLANET BOND RESTAURANT

Hermes as a restaurant cook, stirring very quickly and there's SOMETHING BURNING in the background but he's too tranced to realize.

Leela as a waitress trying to get to every table but the should be angry smurf creatures are still all too sad.

INT. PLANET BOND - ELEVATOR

Follow Fry into the elevator with the luggage. The elevator screen displays weather forecasts, then static, then BENDER'S FACE POPS UP.

BENDER

Fry! Hey Fry!

Fry is too tranced out to notice.

BENDER (CONT'D)

I'm coming to save you, Fry!
Though, I'm not really sure how
yet. Any ideas?

FRY

More breadsticks please.

INT. PLANET BOND - ELEVATOR BACKROOM

See Bender plugged into the elevator machine consol.

ELEVATOR
(female voice)
A little shake perhaps?

BENDER
(frustrated)
Oh!

INT. PLANET EXPRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

Farnsworth paces nervously to see Cubert walk in.

FARNSWORTH
Oh thank goodness you're here.

CUBERT
What will it be this time
Professor? Another creation of a
telescope enhancer? Or perhaps
another trip to the edge of the
universe to save your doppelganger?

FARNSWORTH
I told you to never say those words
out loud! But no, I'll need you
deliver this package to Planet
Bond.

CUBERT
Planet Bond? I thought that species
has died out from loneliness.

FARNSWORTH
Well apparently it hasn't, and
there's only one left. The planet
developed evolutionary mutations.

CUBERT
Let me guess, smell ports?

FARNSWORTH
Yes! And nostalgia bugs!

CUBERT
I will be there right away. But you
owe me Professor.

FARNSWORTH
Oh fuff, what will it be this time?

EXT. PLANET BOND RESTAURANT

Leela serves the food to the smurf like creatures and the trance starts wearing off, she turns less blue, and asks the creatures eating the food whether they like it or not.

LEELA

Do you not like the food? Wait a second. What the hell am I doing?

See a small bug creature crawl up and bite her toe, and Leela starts sniffing the air again, turning more blue, and in a trance-like happy state walking away from the table:

LEELA (CONT'D)

He said yes! I asked him out and he said yes!

See the corners of the mouth from one blue lagoon creature lift slightly as he hears this.

INT. PLANET BOND UNDERGROUND

Madeleine paces talking to himself through alter-egos, evil one first.

MADELEINE

It'll be the end of it all!
No, but it can't be!
All the pain will be gone!
No!
Yesss!
No!!
Yes.

Madeleine peaks down to a DEEP sewer with pipes blocking it.

See the delivered planet express package open to reveal:

A LARGE TICKING TIME BOMB with the timer counting down: 5 minutes.

EXT. PLANET BOND

Cubert arrives with the packaged Farnsworth gave him dressed in a blow-up protective space suit. To himself:

CUBERT

Alright, now I just have to find the other package.

Cubert walks toward the hotel.

INT. PLANET BOND HOTEL

Cubert see's Amy at the front desk still checking people in. It appears the line hasn't died down at all.

CUBERT
You look even prettier in blue.

AMY
Welcome to Hotel Bond. How many visitors?

Amy checks guests in. Cubert's stomach rumbles.

CUBERT
Alright, food first, then I'll find the other package.

EXT. PLANET BOND RESTAURANT

Cubert's sitting waiting for his food which Leela brings to him, these live squid-like spaghettis and he slurps them pleasantly without a care in the world.

CUBERT
Mmm.. delicious!

Suddenly, a FIRE breaks out in the kitchen.

Hermes panics trying to subdue the fire, which isn't working so Leela, noticing, RUNS TO HELP and trips on a table which sends a FORK FLYING... SLOW MOTION... to Cubert, puncturing his suit which deflates and falls off him, leaving him completely exposed.

The nostalgia bugs pick up on this and quickly a swarm of them crawl up to him, ready to attack. Cubert is scared and worried as the music intensifies.

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. PLANET BOND RESTAURANT

Same position.

Suddenly, Bender comes in driving a golf cart, knocking down everything in his path.

BENDER
I'll come save you miniature Professor!

Bender stops where the bugs are facing Cubert, and blows fire at them through his mouth, effectively killing them.

BENDER (CONT'D)
Hahaha! That's what you get darn
bugs! Saved your behind now didn't
I, Cubert?

Bender looks to Cubert, but it's too late. He's already been bitten and is in the same trance like state as the others. The blue smurf figures watch, indifferent and unimpressed.

EXT. PLANET BOND

Bender sits alone crying.

BENDER
I'll never save my friends!

A god-like voice is heard from the distance:

VOICE
Bender!

BENDER
God is that you?

MADELEINE
No, Bender it's me.

BENDER
Oh, hi Madeleine.

MADELEINE
You remember my name?

BENDER
Ya, it's pretty easy actually. Once
when I was a little baby robot-

MADELEINE
-Tell me, Bender. They call you
Bender because you bend?

BENDER
Now don't you be trying to play
tricks on me!

MADELEINE
I'll be able to help you save your
friends if you help me bend a pipe.

BENDER

Wait, what's in it for me?

MADELEINE

I... just told you.. I'll help you
save your friends.

BENDER

Oh ya. Wait, how can you help me if
you're one of them?

MADELEINE

I am the spirit of the planet.

BENDER

Planets don't have spirits, silly!

MADELEINE

Do you have a spirit?

BENDER

I... I don't know.

MADELEINE

So, Bender. What do you say? Care
to bend a pipe for me?

EXT. PLANET BOND UNDERGROUND

Bender bends the pipes and they open up revealing a large
sewer hole that goes as deep as the planet's core.

Madeleine see's this and is pleased.

BENDER

So now what?

MADELEINE

Now I will blow this planet up to
shreds.

BENDER

Oh ya, you and what army?

Madeleine peaks toward the big BOMB ticking down with thirty
seconds left. Bender see's this and panics.

BENDER (CONT'D)

(gasps!)

You can't blow this place up!
That'll mean we're all gonna die!

The bomb is ticking down, twenty five second, twenty four seconds, twenty three seconds.

MADELEINE

We're the last planet that'll ever be that is like us, and your friends nostalgia just isn't making us feel any better. For centuries our planets have all died due to crippling loneliness. But all we ever did was try and help. Do you know how difficult it is to want to be accepted by others, to do everything right by them, to then have them reject you completely?

BENDER

Look, I'm no human or a planet. But I am a robot. And when robots feel sad and alone all we do is drink. Speaking of, do you have beer here?

MADELEINE

No...

BENDER

And that's the problem. Tell you what, I'll bring you as much beer as you'd ever be able to drink. And you won't feel so alone anymore. Though, you might get more thirsty.

MADELEINE

We don't drink anything unless it comes from our planet. This conversation is over. We've had enough. I am sorry, Bender.

Madeleine takes the BOMB and tosses it down the sewer hole toward the planets core, and walks away.

Bender panics, trying to find something that will fix the situation, and pulls out various objects:

-- A metal detector

-- Beach towels

-- A chainsaw

-- A baby goat

-- A small boat

-- A lifejacket

-- A copy of Moby Dick.

-- A harpoon.

-- And the package Cubert was supposed to deliver which reads
"PUT ON BOMB!"

BENDER

What, which bomb? Oh!!

Bender DIVES into the sewer hole holding himself up by his feet which extend downward quickly as he catches up to the falling bomb with the package in his hands.

The bomb is ticking.. ten, nine, eight, seven...

Bender puts the whole package on the BOMB but nothing is happening.

BENDER (CONT'D)

What the heck is going on!? Why
isn't this working?

Ticking: six, five, four, three...

Then Bender realizes he has to open the box first, opens it, revealing a ready-made thick shell that fits the bomb like a glove.

Two... one.

And it attaches. Bender exclaims a sigh of relief.

BENDER (CONT'D)

Ahh! Boy was that a close one.

BANG! A HUGE blue almost nuclear explosion.

EXT. PLANET BOND ORBIT

The entire planet shakes from within.

INT. PLANET BOND HOTEL - SHAKING

The inside shaking see's Amy still checking these smurf creatures in, everyone shaking, and Fry falling as he's trying to walk with luggage.

INT. PLANET BOND HOTEL - SHAKING

Zoidberg's mop bucket spills the water all over the floor with no reaction from him.

EXT. PLANET BOND RESTAURANT

See these vents release a different chemical, and these blue bugs dying as they're about to bite Leela.

Hermes can't get the food plating right as the whole ground shakes while Leela drops a whole tray of cocktails.

LEELA
What the hell?!

Slowly her skin turns to normal as she snaps out of the trance. Then see Hermes' skin turn to normal as he snaps out of it also confused.

INT. PLANET BOND HOTEL

Amy and Fry both look toward one another confused about what happened.

The smurf like creatures tints have changed a little, they're still blue but a distinctly lighter shade.

One of them simply goes up to Amy and shoves her away innocently, and starts to check new customers in.

One of them takes the luggage from Fry and starts carrying the suitcases.

Zoidberg runs in -

ZOIDBERG
(to Fry and Amy)
Friends! Friends! Guess what! I
found a quarter on the ground!

EXT. PLANET BOND RESTAURANT

The smurf creatures help Leela pick up the glass pieces, and two of them take over Hermes' cooking station.

See Bender walk in upset.

BENDER
Stupid bomb still exploded. Leela!?

LEELA

Bender! Where are the others?

Hermes joins them followed by Fry, Amy, and Zoidberg.

LEELA (CONT'D)

Is everyone alright? What happened?

AMY

It looks like the planet put us under its spell.

HERMES

I'll admit, it was fun while it lasted even though I don't remember anything.

FRY

I just wonder why we came here in the first place. Hold on a second, is this a dream?

LEELA

We came to deliver a package but I'm not sure if it got delivered.

BENDER

Oh it got delivered alright. And I was the one to deliver it. Fry, that'll be ten dollars.

FRY

For what?!

Bender fake winds up to punch Fry who squirms.

ZOIDBERG

No, don't hurt him! Here are mine... oh wait.

INT. PLANET EXPRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

The crew exit the ship; Farnsworth's waiting for them.

FARNSWORTH

And how was your trip to the one and, well, only Planet Bond?

LEELA

Truth is, Professor, we don't really remember anything.

FARNSWORTH

Makes sense. Planet Bond is a lonely planet so it had you under its spell the whole time.

AMY

So we were zombies?

FARNSWORTH

Pretty much. While you were there, you all opened up your very own hotel for the life forms there. Well, not under you own will anyway.

FRY

That makes no sense. Wouldn't a lonely planet brainwash us to build something else to make it not lonely?

AMY

Like what, Fry?

FRY

I don't know. A puppy shelter? No! A dragon shelter!

LEELA

I think it was the planets own way of expressing self-love.

AMY

I don't get it, my form of self-love is a pedicure.

FARNSWORTH

The concept is quite simple and human-like, indeed.

LEELA

The more they visit a hotel, the more it'll make them feel better when they come home, at least that was the idea.

FRY

But how can that be if they're already sad at home?

LEELA

Hm.. maybe they thought something would change?

(MORE)

LEELA (CONT'D)

You see, when we first landed the creatures were all sad and blue but when we left they got a little lighter. Does that mean they were less sad, Professor?

FARNSWORTH

Indeed, it does.

LEELA

Wait, but then how did we leave?

BENDER

You're looking at him right here!

FARNSWORTH

I had Cubert drop off a device that prevented them from blowing themselves up, and included something a little extra.

LEELA

Something extra? Like what?

FARNSWORTH

Let's just say various modifications that will make them slowly rely on their own selves to make them happy.

EXT. PLANET BOND

-- The blue smurf creatures start having their own nostalgia as the planet's ports release their own smells.

-- The bugs no longer swarm other extraplanetary visitors who come with various gifts and drinks.

-- Everyone enjoys themselves.

See Madeleine walking with purpose, happy.

See Cubert laying on the beach chair sipping a cocktail, and winking at the camera, zoom in on this.

Ding!

The End.