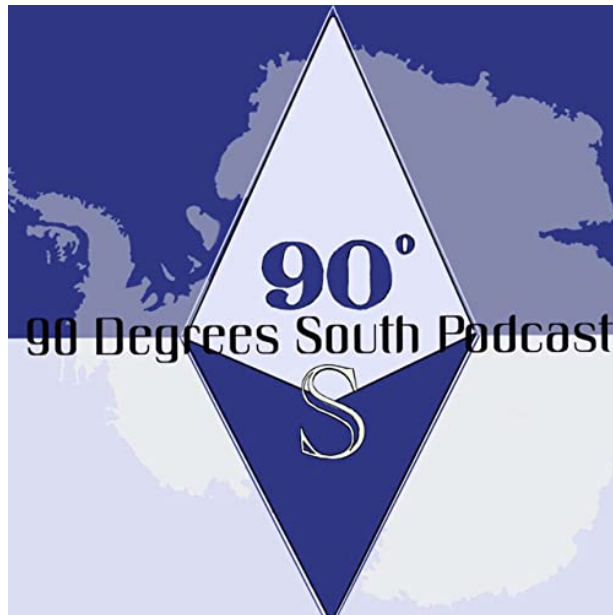


# Ninety Degrees South

SEASON THREE

EPISODE EIGHTEEN: ¡Viene una  
tormenta!

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## INTRO AND MUSIC

### ACT I

**DIGITAL RECORDER STARTED  
WE HEAR THE HEATER OF THE STATION. INSIDE OF BASS' BERTH.  
RECORDER WAS STARTED AT THE END OF A CONVERSATION.**

KENDRA

. . .for Lunch today if I can sneak away.

BASS

Sounds perfect. Hope to see you then. Love you.

KENDRA

Love you too.

**FOOTSTEPS OUT THE BERTH AND DOOR CLOSSES.**

BASS

This is Supervisory U.S. Deputy Marshal Bass Marlow. Today is Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the time is Oh-Seven-Hundred. It's the last day of the official summer season and the last staff will be departing this afternoon; along with final winter-over arriving from the mainland. Amongst them, a very sorely missed family member. Sydney. We have a welcome back party set up for him in the Galley tonight at 21:00.

All reports from my special deputies at McMurdo and Palmer are updated and they are ready to ride out the winter months at their respective stations. While nothing to sneeze at; the winters they have on the coastlines is nothing like winter-overing down here at Amundsen-Scott. That said, I'm confident they have the situation well in hand.

Walking our South Pole station is. . .eerie all over again. After months of having the hallways bustling with people; at times difficult to find an empty seat in the galley or having to jockey for position to reserve one of the lounges for an event; now it's very. . .unsettling. For reasons more than just a lack of people remaining.

After this afternoon, the deadline imposed by Nichols runs out and he's made it clear that nobody on this station will be given any consideration. We're continuing to investigate everything regarding Josh Nichols, searching as many databases as possible. Unlike the credentials for Chaz Wilford which were expertly forged and created as a cover; Nichols is clearer, yet just as confusing.

His birth, schooling, undergrad and graduate paperwork are all correct. Nothing stands out nor is there anything to indicate any falsifications. His teachers all remember him, classmates, people in the neighborhoods he grew up with. He went through the foster system so it's impressive all the accomplishments he made. His real parents died when he was extremely young, and there is no other immediate or extended family we could locate. I don't think we'll find too much more on him. Let alone what his motivation was to conduct espionage against the United States.

Speaking of Mister Wilford, he was flown successfully to McMurdo and then onto Christchurch. After the incident with Margosian in the New Zealand penitentiary, I didn't want to take any chances. I made a few calls and with the help of Inspector Aubrey Morrison from the McMurdo operation a few months back, convince the locals to assign him around the clock guards.

I continue to meet with the Department of Justice special counsel, Sally Kirkwood regarding the upcoming Senate confirmation hearings on my and several other US Marshal nominations. Not much to talk about there. Moving on...

**BEGIN FADE OUT. . .**

I'm in the process of review the stations operational needs and exploring the possibility of . . .

ACT II

FADE IN.

WE'RE IN THE GALLEY BUT IT IS VERY QUIET, ONLY FAINT MUSACK ON THE OVERHEAD SPEAKERS AND THE SOUND OF DISHES BEING CLEANED IN THE DISHPIT. SOME OF OUR GANG ARE ENJOYING A QUIET LUNCH.

ZEKE

[ANGRY]

THE HELL YOU MEAN MOVING ON? YOU DON'T JUST DROP A BOMBSHELL LIKE THAT AND SAY. . blah blah blah moving on! MY BIG OL' FAT ASS WE MOVING ON. Pardon my language.

BASS

Zeke, it's not like. . .

KENDRA

[ANGRY]

It's not like you didn't receive a phone call from. .um who was it again Thomas?

THOMAS

[MOUTH HALF FULL OF FOOD]

President Campbell.

KENDRA

[ANGRY]

Right! And what is he the President of again, some corporation or benevolent society, remind me again Thomas?

THOMAS

[MOUTH HALF FULL OF FOOD]

United States.

KENDRA

[ANGRY]

That's Right. The PRESIDENT of these UNITED STATES calls you, and you don't tell the person you love most about it! And who would that be Thomas?

THOMAS

[MOUTH HALF FULL OF FOOD]

Zeke!

KENDRA

[ANGRY]

Not funny.

ZEKE

[LESS ANGRY]

It was a little funny. Good one Tommy.

BASS

I'm still confused how you guys even. . . Ms.  
June?

ZEKE/KENDRA/THOMAS W/MOUTH OF FOOD

Cheryl-Lynn.

KENDRA

Which makes me even more upset with you that we  
had to learn about this important event from the  
station's gossip columnist.

ZEKE

Serious lawman. I'm sure you had your reasons and  
whatnot, but we don't keep secrets from one  
another, remember!

BASS

[DEEP BREATH, KNOWS HE FUCKED UP]

Look, everybody. . . I'm sorry. I really am. I  
know it doesn't do much to make everything all  
resolved, but please just let me explain.  
Sweetie, please. . . sit back down?

**TWO BEAT**

KENDRA

The fact that you're still sitting while I'm on  
my feet tells me you are all mixed up. Alright.

**CHAIR BEING SCOTED BACK IN**

BASS

I just made Supervisory Deputy Marshal about a  
year ago, and after being a Deputy Marshal for  
almost twenty years. Typically, to be nominated  
as a U.S. Marshal candidate, you need to have

held the position above the one I have now.  
Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for around 10 years or  
so. To my knowledge, nobody in the U.S. Marshals  
has been jumped past Chief Deputy Position to  
full U.S. Marshal. It just doesn't happen.

THOMAS

But jeepers! It's the President of the United  
States. Can't he have nominated whomever he  
wants? He's the President!

BASS

As far as I know there isn't any hard or fast  
rule on the qualifications. Heck, Former Deputy  
Director FBI agents and regional Chiefs of police  
have been given nominations.

ZEKE

Well then there you go dumbass! I'd put you up  
against any other lawman. . law lady. .  
.lawperson and bet I'd still win!

KENDRA

[GUESSING]

So, you. . .didn't tell us about this because,  
you feel like you didn't deserve it? Well,  
that's just bullshit!

ZEKE

[SHOCKED]

Whoa!

KENDRA

Oh, get over it Zeke. I can use adult language  
too!

ZEKE

Naw. . .I get that it's just. . .man it sounds  
weird coming out of. . .

KENDRA

CAN WE JUST FOCUS ON HOW MAD WE ARE AT. .  
.Dumbass over there!

ZEKE

Aw hell, it's a two-fer!

THOMAS  
[KEEPING THE PEACE]  
Maybe, Depu. .huh, US Marshal pro tem? Is that  
correct to use?

BASS  
Let's stick with Deputy for now.

THOMAS  
[KEEPING THE PEACE]  
Maybe Deputy, if you explain your reasoning, it  
will help us understand your decision better.  
Just a thought. . .

BASS  
That's what. . .[DEEP BREATH] okay, so like I was  
saying. . .being promoted from within, at my  
level is completely unheard of. We know the  
President and those within his inner circle have  
been annihilating all foreign policy strides and  
accomplishments that have been achieved over the  
last 50 plus years. I can't believe that's just  
arbitrary. They have a bigger play in mind.  
Plus. . .PLUS! Throw in the interest Beauregard-  
Lowing, the D.I.A. the Chinese Government slash  
organized crime and now. . . Darpa have in this  
station. The nomination is put into a much  
different prospective, and it's a prospective I'm  
not sure I care for.

KENDRA  
Sweetie! Come on now. You've busted the largest  
drug running operation the U.S has ever seen,  
saving countless lives from being ruined by that  
illegal filth! You solved the continent's first  
homicide. Survived a plane crash, saving. . .  
well everybody DID survive it turns out. You  
saved a plane full of Foreign Diplomats and  
Scientists and a promising United States Senator.  
What do you have to achieve to accept that you  
aren't just an ordinary law enforcement official?  
That you're. . .

BASS  
Please don't say it. . .

KENDRA

I was going to say the 'Ice Sheriff' not. . .the  
'H' word. I know how you dislike it.

ZEKE

Correct me if I don't get it, but this is a  
nomination isn't it. Can't you just. . .decline?

BASS

That's just it. I can't. If I do it's all but a  
given I'll be pulled off this posting and  
reassigned someplace else. Someplace I won't be  
able to help carry on everything down here we  
have going. They'll replace me with somebody  
else, and dollars to donuts it will be somebody  
who will follow the powers that be without  
question. Most important; I'd lose all of you!

KENDRA

Bass. . .no matter what happens. . .

BASS

I know Kendra.

ZEKE

Goes double for me!

KENDRA

Dial it down turtledove!

**[A FEW CHUCKLES]**

THOMAS

So, you go on accepting the nomination, you get  
confirmed by the senate, become the first  
Antarctician Marshal. That's GREAT. .  
.[doubting] isn't it?

BASS

That's where I really start to worry, and the  
main reason why I didn't share any of this with  
you. I wasn't going to until I was able to fully  
wrap my head around it.

**THREE BEAT OF SILENCE**

THOMAS



**WELL?** [BEAT] Golly! I apologize Deputy. I more excited about this than I thought!

BASS

It was something that the President said in our very short conversation. After telling me that I'd have to go through the process of Senate confirmation of his nomination. He said he was sure 'this will be a nomination to remember!' Given the current climate, along with the fact that the President's party also has control of the house and Senate, if he wanted to, he could have this rubber-stamped through. He would have said something more along the lines of "it's just a formality" or "I'll make sure its pushed through". But he didn't. From everything I've seen and read, nothing he does is random or not deliberate.

KENDRA

So. . .he nominated you, without intending to have you confirmed? That doesn't make sense!

THOMAS

[LIGHT BULB GOES OFF]

It makes. . . PERFECT SENSE!

ZEKE

Say what now?

THOMAS

Guys, think about it. The Deputy has disrupted more than a few things in his time on the Ice. In addition to everything Doctor Jennings just listed before, there was also the Indonesian flight that the government now has to know we're aware of.

Take all that and apply it against one of the most virtuous and unbribeable lawmen of the 21st century. . having the nomination be rejected would also likely result in the Deputy Marshal being recalled. Except that way, it's not tied to the president at all. He removes what he sees as an obstacle without suffering the public

popularity backlash of removing the Ice Sheriff!  
It's all politic maneuvering!

BASS

Exactly that Mister Kelley. Not only do I have a target on my back from some pretty heavy hitters out there, but now it appears I've attracted undue attention from our own leader in the White House.

ZEKE

Shit! Pardon my language.

KENDRA

DO. . .do you really think he'd. . .

BASS

In a heartbeat.

**LONG PAUSE. JUST GALLEY NOISES.**

BASS

That's why I haven't said anything to you all about this. I need to figure out what my next move is.

KENDRA

Our. . .next move is.

BASS

Given everything I just told you, I can't expect.  
. . .

KENDRA

I'm not changing my mind. I won't be getting on the last transport out of here tonight. Zeke? You want to go?

ZEKE

Fugg no!

BASS

Did you just say; 'Fugg'?

ZEKE

Yeah, I hit my swearing quota for the day.  
Promised the big man I'd dial down the bad-word  
usage. I keep my promises. I'm still in.

BASS

Mister Kelley. . .you have your sister, your  
mother to think about. I can't. . .

THOMAS

I'm not leaving either. I know I'm not super  
well known and I'm willing to bet that they don't  
view a paper-pushing Dexter on station as a real  
threat. Not enough of one to go after my family.  
Anonymity may be the best weapon I have at my  
disposal right now.

BASS

That's an awful big gamble to make Mister Kelley!

THOMAS

But it's mine to make, Deputy Marshal.  
Respectfully.

### **THREE BEAT**

BASS

I don't think I could ask for better friends, or  
a more true love than I have here at this table.

ZEKE

Aw you don't have to go declaring your love for  
me Lawman. We all know.

KENDRA

Shut up Ezekiel!

ZEKE

Yes ma'am!

BASS

Alright. I want to make sure Mister Todd, Dobber  
and Detective Johnson are also aware and get  
another chance at an out. Mister Ferguson as  
well.

ZEKE

Not like the president can take out the entire starting line of the Brewins! I think he'll stay too!

BASS  
Mister Kelley, can you have. . .

THOMAS  
I'll have them all meet you in the Barn in two hours. No problem.

BASS  
Let's get back to normal routines. Act as if nothing unusual is going on.

**DIGITAL RECORDER BOOP.**

### **ACT III**

**JOYCLYN'S RECORDER: RECORDING HAS COMMENCED.  
QUIET FOOTSTEPS DOWN A STATION COORDIOOR. THEY STOP AT ONE  
POINT AND THEN CONTINUE ON. A DOOR OPENS INTO THE  
ADMINASTRATION AREA AND WE HEAR THE AMBIENT NOISE OF  
STATION MONITORING.**

CHERYL-LYNN  
. . .United states himself! Broke the news to that sweet hunka man and didn't even. . .Gladys, I'mma call you back in just a few.

### **DISCONNECT OF THE SPEAKERPHONE**

Good afternoon Agent. He's inside his office, expecting you. I hear you'll be with us for the winter season as well?

**JUST WALKS ON BY WITHOUT SAYING A WORD. WE HEAR THE  
MYSTICAL CHIMES. THEN A CRASH AND SHUTTER OF A MUG.**

JOYCLYN  
COCK-IT! Handle broke right off!

CHERYL-LYNN  
Everything alright down there Shug? Oh, your coffee mug broke? I'll holler at Mikhail to come on down here and fix that mess on up!

**DOOR OPENS AND WE HEAR LARRY'S CLASICAL MUSIC.**

LARRY

[PERTERBED]

Do none of you government law enforcement people know how to knock on a door? Basic social etiquette really!

**DOOR CLOSES AND A CHAIR SLID BACK**

JOYCLYN

I'm in no mood Waynewright! I'm having a rubbish morning. I slept through my alarm, spilled my cuppa all over my trousers, I'm nursing a devil of a headache and I have to deal with your trite. What's so important it can't wait till the meeting later?

LARRY

[ANNOYED]

I thought it prudent to brief you on the incoming station psychiatrist who winter-overs with us every season and prior to his arrival on the station.

JOYCLYN

What, the Bremmer lad? Already know he'll be on station this evening and I have no bloody intention of adding to his rack of skulls. I won't be seeing him, even if I have to get a note from me mum!

**TWO BEAT**

LARRY

[PONDERS]

Actually. . .that may not be such a bad idea honestly. Better to keep some items locked up.

JOYCLYN

Bullocks! I've been through R.T.I. training extensively. I consider it forelay nowadays! He won't get anything out of me with his head voodoo!

LARRY

All the same. . .direction to see Doctor Bremer twice a month is a solid mandate for all personnel on station, stringently enforced by both the N.S.F. and Beauregard-Lowing. Getting director Dantes to obtain an exemption from the National Science Foundation would not be a bad idea!

JOYCLYN

What makes this Bremmer tosser such a concern?

LARRY

He hears people's thoughts.

**TWO BEAT**

JOYCLYN

[CHUCKLES]

You off your bike Grandad? Having a go at me? I told you this is not the morning for it Waynewright.

LARRY

[SERIOUS]

Have you ever known me to. . .have a go. . .at anybody? Am I ever anything less than 100% serious, all the time?

**TWO BEAT**

JOYCLYN

Actually. No, I haven't. You on the level here?

LARRY

If that means am I being honest; yes.

**TWO BEAT**

JOYCLYN

Get off it already!

LARRY

Have you. . .not walked around the station at all? Seen the things which transpire around here?

JOYCLYN

I'm not here to sight-see or make friends. I get my meal, I go to the job, I get a meal and then off to beddy-bye! Occasionally I'll hit the pub but prefer drinking alone.

LARRY

Didn't you tell us you saw Doctor Marcus Rodney's apparition?

JOYCLYN

That's what this is about. That was all due to getting accustomed to the high altitude. I had a bit of a spell.

LARRY

And this is who they entrust to safeguard project Atlas? Incredible. We're pursuing a research station from forty years in the future and bouncing around the ice for heaven's sake, surely a psychiatrist who can hear thoughts isn't that outlandish when a comparison is made?

JOYCLYN

That's cross-governmental science research, not. . . Carnac the Great! Doctor psychics, c'mon!

LARRY

{DONE WITH HER}

I don't have the time nor desire to try to sway your beliefs, Agent Fowler. I've suggested that you get Director Dantes to get an exemption from mental health checks, you do with that as you will. I've relayed the warning, what transpires after this is your responsibility, not mine any longer. Good day Agent, you may go now!

**CHAIR SLIDES BACK AND DOOR OPENS. WE HEAR THE SOUND OF MOPPING OUTSIDE, AND THE DOOR TO LARRY'S OFFICE CLOSSES.**

MIKHAIL

Good mornings to you Strannik! Are you all readys for the cold harsh winters? Ex-ce-lent for coco drinkings! For finishing Haiku poems. . .not so much! You eh. . .you have java-juice on your legs. You want Mikhail's recipe for getting out the stains?

JOYCLYN

Mikhail! This incoming head-shrinker; Doctor Bremmer. Do you know him?

MIKHAIL

[CHUCKLES, SLYLY]

Oh, Janitor and Feelings-Doctor have met before, da!

JOYCLYN

Anything. . .unusual about him I should know?  
Anything. . .dodgy?

MIKHAIL

Oh, da! He hears your brain thinking's!

JOYCLYN

Not you too!

MIKHAIL

Mikhail too, Stho?

JOYCLYN

Waynewright just had a run at me saying that he could read my mind.

MIKHAIL

Oh! Nyet neyt neyt! He can no read! Just eh, listen to what you are thinking!

**TWO BEAT**

JOYCLYN

Is this some ploy to get me to believe. . .

MIKHAIL

Strannik! You work with Smarty-pants-Leader-man long time almost every day. He does not do the kidding! Has no sense of humor! What we say is truths.

JOYCLYN

So, then this head-doctor then. . .really can hear thoughts? Why isn't this bigger news?

MIKHAIL



Muh\*Too\*Shhh\*ka

Is only known to few people. . .Like in Matushka inside of a car.

JOYCLYN

Another Yank telly program, Called My mother inside a car?

MIKHAIL

Da! Lawyer man sees old car in lot one day and hears dead Matushka's voice coming from it. Today it would be movie with phony-baloney fake possessed doll couple from New England. But in 1960's was a hoot!

JOYCLYN

I have no idea what you're on about?

MIKHAIL

In show, Lawyer man buys old car and has restored. Still hears his mother, but another car-liking man wants to get the car too, is shifty, bad-guy plotting man named Captain Manzini. Has funny thick mustache like feelings-doctor does. Also. . .trys to mess everything up!

JOYCLYN

Still have no idea. Look, I'm needed. . .elsewhere. I truly am sorry for the coffee spill Mikhail. Just don't understand how the handle broke off.

MIKHAIL

Is no problems Strannik, Mikhail had free time anyway. Happy to cleans! Just eh, watch out for feelings doctor. [TO HIMSELF] Wants to get mama-car no matter what's. **interloper!**

**FOOTSTEPS HEADING AWAY AND RECORDER SHUT OFF**

**JOYCLYN'S RECORDER - RECORDING HAS CONCLUDED.**

**ACT IV**

**BASS RECORDER: RECORDING STARTED.**

**FOOTSTEPS INTO THE GALLEY, WHICH IS MOSTLY EMPTY, JUST  
A FEW VOICES IN BACKGROUND. WE HEAR THE STATION HEATER  
AS ALWAYS, AS WELL AS SOFT MUSICK**

BASS

Afternoon everybody!

NIC

Hi Deputy Marshal, didn't expect to see you in  
until the party started. Everything alright?

BASS

Oh no, no; everything is fine Mx. Webster. Was  
just stopping by to get a quick cup of yogurt. I  
skipped Lunch today.

FROM A DISTANCE

LLA

Who skipped what now? Oh pish-posh, you sit down  
at the counter here, so you stay out of the party  
committee's way! I'll warm you up a bowl of hot  
vegetable soup, so you have so protein in that  
belly. Can't have the next U.S. Marshal looking  
all sickly now!

BASS

Thank you Ms. Alice! Is there ANYBODY on station  
who wasn't aware of my nomination? Ms. Derecha;  
you're a visitor to this reality; you weren't  
aware of it; right?

SANDRA

I heard about it three days ago. It was all  
Cheryl-Lynn and Gladys were talking about.  
Cheryl-Lynn got to talk to the people who talk to  
the President. Something about taking up a whole  
page in her Christmas letter.

BASS

I should have known. What time does everything  
Start tonight?

NIC

We're starting an hour earlier than normal  
because of so many things to celebrate. We'll

have the standard celebration of Winter Season start of course. This will also be a welcome back party of Doctor Bremmer who gets in at five this afternoon. We'll be celebrating the last flight out's departure and the viewing of the usual movies afterwards. But the MAIN attraction and item we're celebrating. . .

BASS

Oh, please no!

SANDRA

The nomination of one of our own to U.S. Marshal of Antarctica! It's the biggest thing to happen to us down here since Keenan won Antarctica's got talent for his beatboxing of Ave Maria.

NIC

Wasn't a dry eye in the house!

SANDRA

Right!

BASS

[PLEADING]

Seriously! Everybody, I don't want to make a big deal about this. Don't we have enough to celebrate with the Winter season, Sydney. . .everything else?

SANDRA

Zeke said you'd try to talk us out of it.

NIC

Told us how much this means to everybody else, not just to you. First the Nobel prize for works conducted at Amundsen Scott, then a renowned journalist visits our little station, to having the first US Marshal of Antarctica being one of us!

SANDRA

Been one hell of a year, hasn't it!

**FOOTSTEPS TO THE COUNTER**

LLA

Okay here ya go Depu. . .Ope! I mean. . .Marshal Marlow. A big bowl of veggie soup. Here some saltine crackers to dunk, large glass of pop for ya, and a napkin. I want to see every last bit of that soup gone when I come back by now, mister!

BASS  
Thank you Ms. Alice.

LLA  
Oh you betcha!

**FOOTSTEPS BACK INTO THE KITCHEN AREA.**  
**SOUND OF A SPOONFULL OR TWO ENJOYED, BUT NO SLURPING!**

BASS  
So, I'm not going to be able to talk you out of the Bass Marlow celebration of tonight activities am I?

NIC  
Nope

SANDRA  
Zero chance!

BASS  
Wonderful. [TWO BEAT] Hey, how come Ms. June isn't down here helping? She lives for this kind of thing. Party set up and decorating!

SANDRA  
She was supposed to be, but apparently some big call was coming in from Beauregard-Lowing & from Washington. Cheryl-Lynn wanted to be there in case it was the people who talk to the president again. That was about two hours ago.

NIC  
Not sure what's going on, but all the station leads got called into the big conference room not too long ago. They put up the "Do Not Disturb" signs. Even the leaders of the off-station labs we're called in.

SANDRA  
I'm honestly surprised you weren't called in too!

BASS

I uh. . .been having a lot of problems sleeping lately. I decided to take a nap over my lunch break. Turned off my radio so I could catch some Z's. If they did try to get me, I slept right through it.

LLA

[FROM A DISTANCE]

I'm sure if it was urgent you shoulda been there, they'd have Thomas come fetch ya! You just keep on digging into that bowl of Booyah there. Lunch Is just as important as catching those 40 winks don'tchaknow!

BASS

Yes Ms. Alice.

SANDRA

Whatever its about, I'm sure we'll be filled in by Cheryl-Lynn when she gets here. Well. . .maybe after she fills in Gladys that is. Hand me that tape Nic please.

**COUPLE SECONDS OF SPOON SUND IN BOWL AND PARTY DECORATIONS GOING UP.**

BASS

I don't think [SPOON SOUND] I'll ever really get use to this transition over to quiet in the Winter!

SANDRA

Well, after tonight it's all we'll have for the next eight months.

NIC

Well, that and the Ice Feet.

SANDRA

The what?

NIC

Sorry! Sorry, I meant Bumbles.

BASS

[CHUCKLES TO HIMSELF]

SANDRA  
Here's the tape back.

NIC  
Thanks. Oh, we're holding the after-party at  
Renos' Bar. He said he'd keep in open an extra  
hour for us since it's a special occasion. You're  
of course invited Deputy! Can always use another  
table dancer.

[LAUGHS]

BASS  
I'm never living that one down.

**SPOON SAT DOWN ON SIDE OF PLATE**

LLA  
Just leave your bowl and stuff there Deputy, I'll  
come grab her up in just a few.

BASS  
Thanks for that Ms. Alice! See everybody this  
evening. We're starting at 18:00 Then?

NIC  
Huh?

SANDRA  
That's six PM in Marshal talk.

NIC  
Oh. Yeah, that's correct. See you then.

BASS  
Perfect, I'm off to get everything ready for an  
old friend!

**BOOTSTEPS OUT INTO THE HALLWAY AND FADE OUT**

**ACT V**

**FADE IN.**

**EMPTY HALLWAY. WE HEAR A KNOCK ON THE DOOR.**

SYDNEY

[FROM BEHIND DOOR]

It's open!

BASS

Somebody short a patient?

SYDNEY

BASS! You're looking great!

BASS

I'm looking old. Get over here my friend!

**LAUGHING, BRO HUG, PAT ON THE BACK.**

BASS

I know we still talk once a month, but it still feels like it's been forever.

SYDNEY

It's one thing to have a session over a Skype session, it's another to sit face to face and have a chat. What's that you have.

BASS

Little welcome back present.

SYDNEY

For me?

BASS

Who else would we be welcoming back? No fair reading my mind now!

SYDNEY

Wouldn't think of it. Eh? Eh?

BASS

At least your puns are still as bad as I remember.

SYDNEY  
Should I. . .here?  
BASS  
Please do!

**SOUND OF WRAPPING PAPER BEING TORN OFF!**

SYDNEY  
HA! A matching set of bourbon tumblers!

BASS  
I figured since some Jerk ruined the old set. .  
.least I could do. Also, if you'll check your  
left-hand drawer. . .

SYDNEY  
I saw that, figured you have something to do with  
that!

BASS  
A bottle of W.L. Weller Special Reserve and a  
Bottle of Buffalo Trace.

SYDNEY  
Just remember our pact!

BASS  
Keep it for after hours, not during sessions, I  
get it.

SYDNEY  
My colleagues aren't fond of using alcohol during  
sessions. Bit of a no-no, but some patients are  
stubborn enough to require it at times.

BASS  
Well, being as you just got back and have yet to  
hang up the open sign on the store. . .

SYDNEY  
Just a quick belt. I still need to formally check  
in with Lawrence. What is it they got called  
into? Ms. June, after hugging the stuffing out of  
me said they've been in there for three hours.

**SOUND OF BOTTLE BEING OPENED AND DRINKS POURED.**

BASS



I honestly have no idea. I was taking a nap when the departments heads were all called in. Whatever it is, it must be big. I've never seen them in a meeting this long.

To your safe return.

SYDNEY

To all my expense vouchers being approved!

CLINKING OF ICE

SYDNEY

Oohhh, I like this Buffalo Trace. Very nice!

BASS

Reno turned me onto it. Great flavor.

SYDNEY

So, you said you were taking a nap. Not sleeping well?

BASS

You asking as a friend right, not my head-doctor.

SYDNEY

Just a friend, promise.

BASS

Eh, I haven't been sleeping for the better part of a week.

SYDNEY

Let me guess. . . .You're anxious about the senate confirmation?

BASS

[ANNOYED]

Seriously! Is there like an internet board you're all a part of to get this information? I bet you even Franklin knows!

SYDNEY

[LAUGH] No, Cheryl Lynn told me about it, after the bear hug. But your hesitation doesn't surprise me at all. You're a slice of humble pie in a popular diner that we call life!

BASS

There's a lot I already filled you in on over our sessions since Summer started. Other things that have happened, I didn't want to mention or talk about over unsecured phone lines. We'll cover those when you're ready. Now, I know you just got in. The party doesn't start for another few hours. I'm going to leave you to get settled, freshen up and I'll see you at the Welcome Back party that starts at six!

SYDNEY

It's really good to see you again Bass, and doing so much better [MIND READ]

BASS

Good to see you too Syd. We'll catch up in a few.

**GLASS PUT DOWN ON THE TABLE, BOOTSTEPS OUT THE DOOR.  
BASS'S RECORDER: RECORDING STOPPED.**

**ACT VI**

**FADE IN. WE'RE IN THE GALLEY. CHEEFUL MUSIC IS PLAYING AND  
EVEYBODY IS SOCIALIZING. WE ZOOM INTO TO SYDNEY AND BASS  
HOLDING COURT FOR A SMALL CROWD/**

SYDNEY

. . .but he wasn't the most difficult patient I ever had down here. Not by a long shot!

**THE CROWD LAUGHS**

SYDNEY

All joking aside though. It's good to be back here. On the Ice, in this place, which I call my second home!

**POLITE APPLAUSE. THE SMALL CROWD DISPURES.**

DAN BIGGS

Glad you back Doctor!

DAVE BIGGS

I'm gladder!

DAN BIGGS  
Why you always have to one up me?

DAVE BIGGS  
I'm just saying feelings! Like he tells me.

DAN BIGGS  
[THROWING THE GAUNTLET DOWN]  
YEAH?

SYDNEY  
Gentlemen! I'm happy I get to see both of you again. I brought you back a little surprise.

DAVE BIGGS  
Surprise?

SYDNEY  
I know what hockey fans you boys are. Now, it's not the from a current player; but I got you boys signed Jerseys from an old player on the Edmonton Oilers. Number 99.

DAVE  
Wayne Gretzky?

DAN  
Wayne Gretzky?

SYDNEY  
Coach Gretzky sits on a board of directors with me. When I told him about you boys, what you do and where you do it, he wanted to send me down with two of his signed Jerseys.

DAVE BIGGS  
His own?

SYDNEY  
Game worn! BUT. . .I need you boys to behave. Even if just for tonight,

DAN BIGGS  
[PAINFULL GRUNTING]  
Sorry Davey.

DAVE BIGGS  
Sorry Danny!

SYDNEY

Okay guys. Go enjoy the party. . .BUT. . .let's watch the consumption like we were playing in the Maverick Center at the Utah Grizzley's home!

DAVE

Thanks Doc!

DAN

Okay!

**THE BOYS WALK AWAY GRUNTING AT ONE ANOTHER**

BASS

[LEANS IN QUIETLY]

Remember when I first learned that you could hear thoughts, not control minds, you remember what you told me.

SYDNEY

Yeah I think so. I'm a psychiatrist, not a Jedi.

BASS

After what I just witnessed, I'm not so sure anymore.

SYDNEY

Eh, you just have to know your audience is all. Basic psychiatry, nothing more. Hey look! Just coming in the door. . .the gang's all here.

KENDRA

SYDNEY!

**SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS RUSHING OVER AND A BIG HUG**

SYDNEY

How have you been Kendra?

KENDRA

Doing very well Sydney. I can't wait to tell you all about it.

ZEKE

Welcome back doc.

SYDNEY

Thanks Zeke. You're looking well too! Tired, but well.

ZEKE

Yeah, it was a long session in there. Lawman, have a minute?

KENDRA

We'll catch up later Sydney.

SYDNEY

Looking forward to it. If you'll excuse me, I'll make the rounds.

#### **FOOTSTEPS AWAY**

BASS

So, what was the big meeting all about? You all look haggard!

ZEKE

It's not good Bass. TOMMY!

#### **RAPID WALKING OVER**

THOMAS

Hi Deputy Marshal, you tell him yet Zeke?

ZEKE

We were just about to, wanted you over here as well.

KENDRA

Yesterday afternoon there was apparently a raid by the FBI at the home of a high-ranking Beauregard-Lowing vice president.

BASS

Madeline Dantes?

THOMAS

No, it was another executive. According to the information the N.S.F. had and shared with his, this person had access to high level defense department projects and contracts Beau-Low was awarded by the government. He was selling data to the Chinese.

ZEKE

Your bestie in the White House was Pissssseeeeddddd! Those unnamed sources that always have the good dirt, said he tore apart the oval office when he was told the news.

BASS

Yikes!

KENDRA

Oh, it gets worse. He's expelled all Chinese ambassadors, diplomats, and is canceling all work Visas of Chinese citizens. China of course just did the same to any Americans in their country. International relations around the globe are now worse than ever!

THOMAS

He also ordered an immediate pause and stop-work on all governmental funded projects granted to Beauregard-Lowing for 90 days while a further investigation is conducted.

BASS

Does that include. . .Atlas?

KENDRA

We don't know. Probably not, but given we aren't supposed to know about it, and nobody talks about it; we can't be sure.

THOMAS

[UNEASY]

Then. . . .um. . . .there is the news about; Doctor Waynewright.

BASS

What happened?

KENDRA

Director Panchanathan reviewed changes that would have to be taken around the globe where we have research projects housed. A lot of it was tightening security and putting in enhanced data protection, but he singled us out specifically; Amundsen-Scott I mean.

ZEKE

He said the NSF executive committee gathered and in light of the incident with Beauregard-Lowing; they felt Doc Waynewright had too close a connection with them. He's out!

BASS

WHAT?

KENDRA

Waynewright's been terminated effective immediately. It's too late for him to get on the last flight out, so he'll be with us over the winter season.

BASS

How'd he take it?

THOMAS

At first. . .his face went all red and he was about to pull an oval office. Then we heard his laptop ding with a new email. He looked down. .  
.

KENDRA

and just started smiling. He stood up and walked out of the room 45 minutes before the call ended.

THOMAS

I should. . .really go check on him after this. Make sure he's alright!

BASS

I'll go with you Mister Kelley. So then, I guess the million-dollar question is. . .

KENDRA

Who will be the new station leader. Yeah, we had the same question. They said they'd be conducting

interviews for a replacement to begin in the Summer. They'll get back to us in a day or so with the announcement of who will be the interim leader. We're guessing Jovac.

ZEKE  
Obvious choice really.

**TAP TAP TAP ON A MIC**

NIC  
[ON MICROPHONE]  
Everybody, I know we're all still dealing with the difficult news from the leadership meeting, but If I can direct everybody's attention to the rear window, you'll see the final flight out of Amundson-Scott departing, officially signifying the start of winter-season 2023.

**SMATERING OF LITE APPLAUSE**

BASS  
Last flight out. None of us are on it.  
We're committed now.

KENDRA  
We're here, together. We'll face whatever happens, together as well.

THOMAS  
No matter what comes this way.

ZEKE  
No matter what.

**SPECIAL OUTRO SONG & CREDITS  
SEASON 3 END**

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