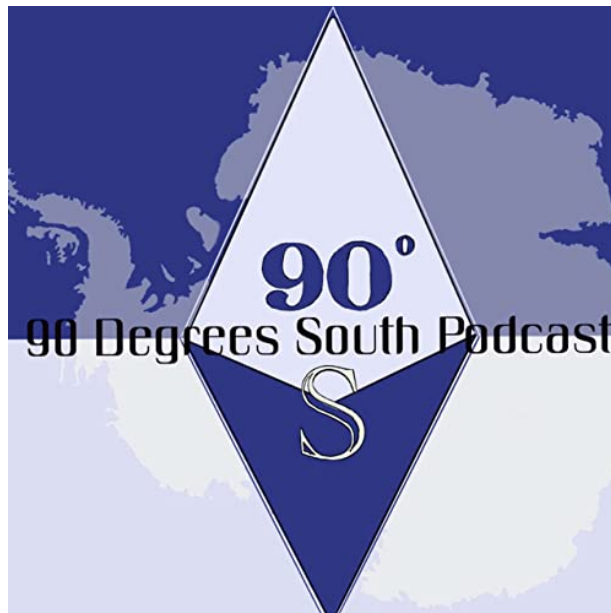


Ninety Degrees South

SEASON THREE

EPISODE SEVENTEEN: Didn't see
that Coming!

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INTRO MUSIC

ACT I:

DIGITAL RECORDER BOOP. WE'RE IN THE GALLEY. SOFT MORNING MUSIC IS PLAYING. ONLY A FEW PEOPLE GETTING THEIR BREAKFAST IN THIS EARLY. MS. ALICE IS GETTING READY FOR THE MORNING RUSH AND WE HEAR THE SOFT PUSHING OF MIKHAIL'S MOP IN THE FAR BACKGROUND.

BASS

Today is, February 10th, 2023, and it is currently 06:50 hours. Reveille was twenty minutes ago, got my morning shower in. A cup of black coffee and ready to start today. For once. . .in what I think may be in my entire career as a United States Marshal, I have no investigations ongoing. Officially anyway. Always something going on around here; but I shouldn't say anything until there is officially something to say.

The station is preparing for the upcoming Winter season which begins next week. The final staff rotation is underway and it's looking like we'll have fifty-three people on station this winterover. Twenty-five are lifers and twenty-eight new for winter. Each and every one of the new people arriving have had extensive background conducted and more than a few were turned away as there was some level of abnormality during their reviews. The NSF, OPP. . .

MIKHAIL

[FROM DISTANCE]

Whose down with O.P.P?

BASS

And DOJ are being extra thorough. We've had enough people with forged credentials come through this station already. We're doubling down with the pre-checks. Of course, everything had to go through Ms. Chipperfield in HR to ensure it was above board! [CHUCKLE] She decided she was going to spend winter back in the states. So, with 'mom' not in the house, we can actually let our hair down a bit after she's gone! I contemplated retaking my old office back, but

I've grown fond of this one along the admin hall. Alrighty, although I no formal pressing investigation, we do have various items to cover.

Special Deputy Culligan arrived last night to escort Wilford back to McMurdo and then over to US Marshals who will pick him and secure him in Christchurch. Getting back to Mudtown from Christchurch will still be possible for several weeks after travel to Amundsen Scott is shut down. So, he'll still be able to get back in time to hunker down. Palmer is already secured down for the winter with only twelve individuals remaining on station. Special Deputy Cord relayed there has been no additional individuals on station he suspected of being moles. In addition, the tourist season has wound down so no more day-trippers to get into his hair.

Wilford is still in a coma and his condition hasn't changed. They're already prepping a room for him in Christchurch so he can be monitored and the try to accelerate his healing process. It was, also something of a surprise to hear that Doctor Julian Ambrose will be leaving us. He's decided to go back to private practice in the states. He mentioned working down in Antarctica for seven years was more than he had ever thought he would stay. He's taking off six months before going back to work so he can tour all the prestigious golf courses in the U.S. first.

Which leaves Doctor Timms for the winter, who has also been named as head physician for the station. Cat-0-Nine tails and all. I. . .shouldn't go there. What she and Fred. . .enjoy. . . .*WHEW*, anyhow. . .The station population is beginning to thin out now. Only eighty or so remaining. I'm having flashbacks to returning to after the crash and just how. . .isolated everything seemed. Now, however; that isolation will be providing us a bit of a reprieve against any new attempts being made to come after us.

Last item of note: Prior to their departure, Zeke had his teams search the station top to bottom looking for anything out of the ordinary.

Anything that may have been planted as a surprise. We couldn't get into the Atlas areas of course, nor the locked up electrical panel room; but after four days, everybody came back with nothing out of the usual having been sighted.

I'm still nervous about the decision the team here made. The decision to remain on station despite the threat from Josh Nichols and whomever it is he's representing. None of them have the training to be able to help defend the station in the event of somebody coming in to do harm. My responsibility to do my job and keep everybody safe is more than I envisioned having to undertake. I've debated asking for additional deputies from Marshal Murphy, but with the winter approaching, it's a decision I won't need to make for another eight months or so.

Alright, time to get this day started. Bass Marlow; Supervisory U.S. Deputy Marshal. Update completed. February 10th, 2023, and it's oh-seven hundred.

DIGITAL RECORDER BOOP

ACT II

SPARSE CONVERSATIONS TAKING PLACE IN THE HALLWAY FOR A FEW SECONDS. THEN WE HEAR THE P.A. CHIME FOR THE STATION.

P.A. OPEN CHIME

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER PA SYSTEM]

Good morning ya'll and I hope all my polies are doing wonderful this morning. Today is February 10th and its oh nine hundred on the tick. This is Ms. Cheryl-Lynn here with your South Pole Daily announcements.

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER PA SYSTEM]

All departing polies are reminded to stop by operations and check with Mister Kelley to

determine which final transports ya'll will be on. It's always a sad time to see so many of my little angels leaving the station! Each and every one of you should be prouder than a mama dawg showing off her new cute puppies! [SNIFFLE] Okay. . .Ya'll just give me a minutes here. I swore I wasn't going to have another come apart this morning! [BLOWING NOSE, SNIFFLING]. All my little chickens flying the coup. I mean. . .if chickens could fly! [CONSIDERING] Ducklings, maybe. Little cute duckies with the fur coming off and being replaced with big-bird feathers. Aw, Imma gon' do it to myself now. [BLOWING NOSE, SNIFFLING]. Let me just hit this tape deck so we can move on!

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER PA SYSTEM]

I'm okay! If I could get over Mister June losing his sobriety every five days. . .I can weather this storm! AHM. [BLOWING NOSE, SNIFFLING]. Alright. . .where was I? Oh right! Since our last Logistics Leader was a low-down snake in the grass Boston Yankee spy; Mister Kelley will be interviewing for a replacement position staring today from eleven hundred to fourteen hundred in his office.

You need to have a good head for math; the ability to keep really good records, and our preference is that you aren't secretly working for a clandestine and subversive U.S. government organization. Or. . .I guess any government organization, really. Anywho, ya'll go jaw with Thomas if you're interested!

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER PA SYSTEM]

All cargo teams are reminded that supplies and final drop offs from Christchurch are to be hauled inside the supply arch, or into do-not-freeze huts by this time next week. The LAST

THING, anybody wants is to have to wait for our sundries to be warmed up to be useable. Most ya'll don't remember the frozen bathroom paper conundrum of 2017, and those that do; we ain't wantin' to repeat that experience.

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER PA SYSTEM]

Beginning tomorrow evening, and every Wednesday throughout the Winter season, Gladys will be hosting. . .[READING AHEAD TO HERSELF]. . .[ANNOYED] Oh Gladys I know you didn't! You did NOT try to start up another knittin' group in the craft room! We talked about this girl! You ain't gonna come down here and try to introduce needle-poin. . .ya'll just ignore that announcement. Seems Gladys got back into that private stash of Kentucky mash that was supposed to be sent over to Reno Dave's bar. Come on now Gladys; you're so low with this you could crawl under a snake's belly!

FOOD TRIANGLE BELL

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER PA SYSTEM]

Anywho, today for Breakfast; Lunch Lady Alice is whipping up some breakfast burritos, eggs made any-old-way you want 'em. Waffles and griddlecakes! For lunch, she got burgers, hotdogs, grilled salmon and fresh baked bread. . .oh it's gonna be a regular old tailgate party down in the galley. Just don't tell Mister June where the suds or hooch is at!

For supper, we'll be having bacon wrapped chicken, filet . . .minion, spaghetti with meat red sauce, or for our vegetarians, squash salad, or grilled cheese sandwiches with cream of mushroom soup. Alice is also taking requests for meals to make during the winter season. So, get those requests in soon!

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

Next week, our resident mental health specialist Doctor Sydney Bremmer will be returning to set up his shop and make sure we all weather the winter storms without any problems this coming season. Just like last season, all polies who are winter overing will be required to visit our doctor at least twice a month for your own good health and not getting too worked up. Must be a better way of saying that!

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

Coach Glenn would like to thank all his Ice Pick's Summer volleyball team for a wonderful season and a down to the wire finish against the McMurdo Mud-Dawgs for the Antarctica championship three years in a row! After some well-deserved time off, Coach Glenn and team Captain Landry will begin scouting talent for the Winter season intermural and preparation for the 2023 Summer Season open.

TAPE RECORDER BUTTON CHEESY FANFARE HORNS

Lastly, an announcement & invitation for all winter-overing to join us in the big gym at 7PM this time next week for the traditional double feature of "The Thing" and "The Shining", projected up on the big screen. All DeWalts will be free to attend as our Chief of Engineering, Zeke has volunteered to take the emergency shift in the arches that night.

So, there you go! You take care now my polies. Lets get all them chores taken care of before we settle in for the winter! You have a wonderful and blessed day! Thank youuuuuuuuuuuuuuu!

PA CLOSING CHIME.

HALLWAY NOISES FADE OUT

ACT III

JOYCLYN RECORDER: RECORDING STARTED.

**FOOTSTEPS DOWN A LONG HALL. WE HEAR THE ATLAS FACILITY
BACKGROUND. A DOOR OPENS AND THEN CLOSES BEHIND.**

JOYCLYN

Alright Doctors, I'm here. What's this exciting news you have?

JOVAC

Oh, this is MOST impressive work we've achieved Agent Folwer, most Impressive, even if the horns we're tooting are our own, but that said. .
.toot-toot!

JOYCLYN

Can somebody please just tell me what the urgency is?

JEMMA

The current aspects of the challenge we've been facing are two-fold! The first as you're aware, is location of the gravimetric signature for the station as it bounces around the twenty square mile radius of the central point where that station will disappear in 2057!

JOYCLYN

[ENCOURAGED]

So, you're able to pinpoint it?

SHEP

We believe we're only days away. Not just being able to locate it, but we'll be able to forecast where she'll appear days before she continues jumping within Null space! If we're right. .

LARRY

. . .which we are!

SHEP

We will be able to predict exactly where the station will appear during event four!

LARRY

Thanks, in no small measure, to the instrumentation I had prepared and shipped from the Papoose Mountain Beauregard-Lowing Research facility. Early testing with it exceeding our initial estimates! Using technology refined by our corporate benefactors, we have obtained three LISA units. [TWO BEAT] oh yes, my apologies Agent! That stands for Laser Interferometer Space Antenna.

Housed on portable wheeled units that rotate around the station in a triangle formation, beaming lasers at one another. As a gravitation waves formed by the station in Null space pass through the beams, the units will detect the edges of the triangle being affected!

It's detection technology which We in Beauregard-Lowing have now perfected, far in advance of the MAGIS-100 prototype detector Fermilab is building in their Batavia labs. Simpletons!

JEMMA

We had the units mounted on the remote vehicles and they've completed their 100th circuit around the station. The data they produce, in conjunction with the theories provided by Doctor Dellham are not just extremely promising, they're able to predict the exact location of the next wave being generated. It's been right the last five times!

JOYCLYN

[GETTING LOST]

Translation Jemma, please!

JEMMA

Alright. Remember a few weeks back when we said we were hoping to get the appearance location for event four down to roughly 2 square miles from twenty?

JOYCLYN

Yes.

JEMMA

Confidence is high, we can reduce that appearance window now on event four to one quarter square mile. When Roberta Bondar re-emerges; we can set up just outside that area and be on-station in less than thirty minutes.

FOUR BEAT

JOYCLYN

Impressive! Director Dantes will be very pleased. You said before the challenges were two-fold. That's the first, so what's the second?

LARRY

This. . .[HESITANT] is where Doctor Jovac and his interesting theory comes in. After we all reviewed his findings, even I must admit. . .it was revelatory!

JOVAC

That. . .is the first time you ever paid me a compliment Lawrence! [MUTTER UNDER BREATH] about damn time! {REGULAR VOICE} It all comes down to stabilization of the displaced environment! Tethering it to our space and time as opposed to having it slip back into Null-space as the Apogee of the 96-hour rotation forces her back!

[THREE BEAT]

That glossy -eyed look tells me I need to explain further!

LARRY

Perhaps in. . .lay-WOMAN terms, Doctor Jovac!

JOYCLYN

You what?

LARRY

Mrs. Chipperfield told me lay-MAN was sexist! I am endeavoring to be more accommodating.

JOVAC

Judges would have also accepted lay person, but we'll put all that on a gift certificate, pat! Okay. . .think of the event like, um. . . OH!

Like the planet earth! The event rotates on an axis itself, just like Earth! Also, just like our planet, it rotates around its own giant gravitational force, we call sol (that's 'Sol'; not 'Saul' God I love Bobby Odenkirk!).

Now the station, that's the Canadian station. .not ours of course, is tethered to a gravitational instability in null-space which it rotates around, just like the earth in our solar system.

Every year, every 370 days to be exact, the position of the station returns to more or less the exact same point for only 96 hours. It's during that extended window, where the layer between our space and null space is so thin, that you're able to pass through. After that, the intersection closes, until the next event window, 370 days later. The moving appearance point is probably due to planetary wobble on its axis, along with some null-space factor!

JOYCLYN

Right. Not a bloody word coming out of your gob told me any part of how to grab the station Grand dad!

JOVAC

The key is to introduce both, BOTH. . .a gravimetric field enveloping the station and to activate [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP] just as before. The envelop will effectively tether the future station, allowing the pocket of null space to continue on its orbit without it ; and operating [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP] is the chain to that anchor! Outcome, we keep the station in our space; and I retire to a sunny beach with beautiful & wealthy widows and retirees! Limbo and margaritas!

JOYCLYN

We can . . . get all this suss'd out for event four?

SHEP

Sadly, not everything!

JOYCLYN

Alright Johnny Ball, you give it the old whirl.

SHEP

While we are more than confident we can location the station, stabilizing it will require much more data. Presently, the combined consensus here is that we need to install additional sensor units inside the station and map its patterns for one more year. After event four, if we can get the data obtained, we should be able to make a grab during event five.

JOYCLYN

Doctor Waynewright?

LARRY

I'm in agreement.

JOYCLYN

Alright then. I'll notify Director Dantes in the next scientific batch upload in the morning. Given these updates; I predict she'll be in less of a mood than normal.

LARRY

Alright everybody, this briefing has taken up enough of our time. Let's get back to work.

FADE OUT

ACT IV

BASS' RECORDER: RECORDING STARTED.

WE HEAR BOOTS WALKING DOWN THE COORIDOR TO THE ARCHES.
FOOTSTEPS ACROSS THE WAY AND INTO THE VMF. THE FAMILIAR
SOUND OF GREESE MONKEYS AND POWER TOOLS FILL THE AIR.
TRUCKS BACKING UP AND MOVING CARGO AROUND, IT'S ALL HANDS-
ON DECK TIME. WE HEAR ZEKE BARKING OUT ORDERS.

ZEKE

All right. Let's go, people. They ain't paying us
by the hour. Let's go. Head 'em out. Go go go!

Annie! Will you show the new crew how to stack
crates on the shelves! I don't want the same mess
we had last winter; I want a nice, clean
dispersal this time! Let's get it down right!

Aw hey! Not the best time lawman. We still
several hours behind the schedule I sat to be
fully secured for winter. [LOUD SO HIS CREW CAN
HEAR] AND IF'N WE DON'T PICK UP THEM FEW HOURS,
IT'LL BE DOUBLE SHIFTS TILL WE DO, YOU FEEL ME
PEOPLE?

BASS

I know this is your busy week buddy, I won't keep
you long, promise.

ZEKE

Yeah, alright then. . hold up a second. THR HELL
YOU DOING KEENAN? I KNOW YOU AIN'T DONE UNLOAD. .
.. [SHOCKED] Damn! He is done. And in record
time too. I swear this kid is gunning for my job!

WHAT THE HELL YOU WANT YOUNGBLOOD?! A COOKIE? SO
YOU DID YOUR DAMN JOB WITHOUT MY BOOT UP YOUR ASS
FOR ONCE. GO HELP LARS AND JE. . .HAYSUS WITH
THEIR UNLOADING!

Damn! That boy is making me proud!

BASS

Maybe you should tell him that?

ZEKE

Oh Bass! Damn. Sorry about that. Now what's on your mind?

BASS

Just been checking with everybody who has new staff under them and will be winter overing with us. Checking to make sure nothing is giving them concern. If so it's better to deal with it now while we can still have the, transported back to the US vs. after winter has grounded all flights.

ZEKE

Nah, nothing like that. I reviewed all the files for the DeWalts coming in. Had Mrs. Chipperfield triple check their backgrounds for anything not smelling good. Weren't nothing. They know their trades, answered all my questions correctly; wasn't nothing stood out.

BASS

Good. Best news I've had so far today.

ZEKE

How about the others?

BASS

I spoke with Mister Kelley about the Dexters. He said he only had concerns about one of the new admin staff, but it was more about adjusting to life on the station vs. anything directed at us. We seem to be good there too.

ZEKE

And the beakers?

BASS

That's my next stop. Going to be a bit more difficult to judge their credibility. I mean, we have Kendra to look everything over, but she's only over the Dark Sector Lab. The IceCube, MAPO and ARO labs I'll need to address separately. I could ask Jovac. . .but for as much as he may know; he's still Atlas so I can't trust him fully.

ZEKE

Karl's a good man. A bit out there in the head maybe. .

BASS

Definitely!

ZEKE

Okay, definitely; but I think of all the Atlas crew, he's the one I'd trust most!

BASS

How about the new Doctor? Shepard Dellham?

ZEKE

Nope. Next to Waynewright, I trust him the least.

BASS

Why's that?

ZEKE

Well. . .okay he hadn't done nothing specific like that I can put a finger on. It's just. . .it's this feeling I got in the back of my mind.

BASS

[TEASING]

You mean the Shining?

ZEKE

That ain't funny Bass! You know how I feel about that movie. I saw it once, and I never saw no Kubrick movie ever again. Scatman deserved better than an axe in the back two seconds in.

BASS

Okay buddy, I'm just teasing.

ZEKE

Ain't no shining. . .more like, just a feeling that he not fully on the up and up.

BASS

If it wasn't for the fact we found out he's connected to Atlas, I'd be nervous about him as a scientist in the IceCube lab. Think about it. . .I've only ever heard of security they have on Atlas only the country's most secretive sites.

Real area 51 type super-secret measures. Now, before they let ANYBODY inside to work; you can bet they're getting the 2nd, 3rd, 4th degree and beyond questioning.

ZEKE

Huh. Never considered that.

BASS

I'm not saying he's a good person or can be fully trusted. I've only had two or three words with him since he arrived, so not enough to feel him out really. I just seriously doubt he's here for anything other than work in the IceCube Neutrino lab and with Atlas.

ZEKE

But we still gonna keep an eye on him, right?

BASS

Oh, a hundred percent, yes!

WE HEAR A LOADER BACKING UP AND THEN A CRASH.

ZEKE

The hell? REGGIE! YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN YOUR OPERATING THAT FORKLIFT! DAMN SON! NOW WE GOONA BE EVEN FURTHER BEHIND SCHEDULE! Jesus, how we gonna deal with . . .oh hell!

JESUS

Working as fast as I can chief!

ZEKE

No, I know that you all. . . We hours behind schedule, I got loaders making all kind of rookie mistakes. We got no logistics lead to keep tally no more. How'd you handle this Haysus?

JESUS

Well, with everything I just heard, I'd go get a bite to eat! Always easier to work out a problem on a full stomach!

ZEKE

That. . .that ain't bad heysus! Don't want to have everybody suit up to head to the galley, eat

and then head back. . .but we can have food brought down here. That won't put us any further behind. I'll call ahead and have Ms. Alice set up a real quick catering order. Do me a favor, grab a few guys. Head upstairs and grab the stuff and wheel it down here. We'll have us a working lunch!

JESUS

Yeah, I can help you out, no problem!

FOOTSTEPS HEADING OFF.

ZEKE

What Ms. Alice serving for lunch today?

BASS

Uh, burgers and dogs. .oh, she also has grilled Salmon and fresh baked bread.

ZEKE

So. . .I just told. . .Heysus to go up, come back and hand out loaves and fishes to the crowd? Dang lord! That's a good one! YA got me again!

A FEW MOMENTS GO BY.

BASS

You thought anymore about what we talked about last night? Me assigning you one of the extra firearms?

ZEKE

No, I did not consider it any further. I said no, I wasn't comfortable with that, and my answer hasn't changed. I ain't handling no firearm!

BASS

Look, if something does go south over the winter, I'd be a lot more comfortable if I knew you were going to be the backup I call for.

ZEKE

I heard that last night, I still appreciate that and am taking the compliment; but I don't want to ever have a gun in my hand again. Sides. . .I have an even better weapon.

BASS

Your faith isn't going to stop and end a situation Zeke. A firearm. . .

ZEKE

Bass! Answer is no. Ain't happening lawman. I ain't touching no gun ever again. Now, you my boy, you my best friend, and I'd ask you just respect that decision.

TWO BEAT

BASS

You know I'll respect it. May not understand it myself. . .but the last thing I want is to make you uncomfortable or put a firearm in the hands of somebody not ready for it, so. . .okay. I'll stop asking.

ZEKE

Thank you!

BASS

Okay. I've taken up enough of your time down here. I need to go check in with Kendra and then oversee the loading of Wilford onto the plane and off the station. We good?

ZEKE

We always good lawman! You go do what needs doing. I gonna go watch Heysus feed the crowd since I didn't get to see the original happen.

BASS

[CHUCKLES] Catch you for dinner than buddy.

ZEKE

Later!

FOOTSTEPS AWAY FROM THE ARCHES AND THEN FADE OUT.

ACT V

FADE IN. HALLWAY IS SPARSE AND THERE ARE FOOTSTEPS WALKING DOWN THE B-POD COORIDOOOR. A MEDICAL TEAM IS WORKING INTENTLY AT PREPPING THEIR PATIENT FOR TRANSPORT.

AMBROSE

Keep the I.V. stable and infusion pumps locked down! I don't like how the ventilator and oxygen cylinders are seated. I want them strapped down better!

Let's get him set up for moving, I want to see his chart from the last 24 hours. I'm not signing off on moving him unless I like what I see first.

BASS

How's he looking?

AMBROSE

Still looks like you shot him deputy.

BASS

Couldn't be helped given the situation, Doc. He still on the schedule for transport at 19:00?

PAPERS FLIPPING

AMBROSE

Heart rate, B.P. all unchanged. We had a bit of a battle with sepsis, but that seems to have been resolved, no more issues with post-op infections, so he has that going for him.

BASS

You still transporting with him? Leaving the station for good?

AMBROSE

Yes indeed. Paperwork is all taken care of, I've made an offer on a house in Pacific Palisades which was accepted and I'm taking six months off before reporting to my new assignment at UCLA Santa Monica to play every course on my wish list. . .starting with the Riviera Country Club! [BEAT] Okay, chart looks good. Doctor Chou, please take a fresh set of vitals before we begin

moving him. Francis, please radio out to the C-130 and make sure they're set to receive him!

BASS

And the station?

AMBROSE

Who offloaded these supplies? They not being stored in the proper. . .[SIGH] no. . .this isn't my problem any longer. Somebody please make sure Doctor Timms is aware of this! She's the chief of Medicine now! [REFOCUS ATTENTION] The station? Yes Deputy Marshal, I'm leaving for good. Seven years is more than enough time spent down in Antarctica. Okay, let's move him CAREFULLY to the transport gurney. Deputy, take a part of that backboard handle under him please. And in three. . .two. . .one. . .GO!

SOUND OF GRUNTING AND THEN BEING PLACED ON THE GURNEY.

AMBROSE

Perfect people. Lock him down; thank you!

BASS

I must admit, it's going to be different without you here on the station.

AMBROSE

You mean people will stop trying to kill you every three months? You'll actually listen to the chief of medicine and do what they tell you to do? You'll ACTUALLY show up to your scheduled medical follow up appointments without somebody having to drag you in?

BASS

No, I figure that part will be more or less the same. Just won't have the same fun dodging it all as I've had with you.

AMBROSE

HA! Now you have to deal with a hot Irish temper and a woman who doesn't deal kindly with people on station missing appointments. I wish you all

the luck with that one son; trust me. . .you'll need it.

BASS

What's the latest with Wilford's condition.

AMBROSE

Sorry Deputy Marshal, you know the drill. I'm not able to go into any specifics of the patent to anybody other than immediate family. Holds true even for law enforcement. All I can say is that it's looking favorable that he'll make it to Christchurch where they have an excellent trauma ward and will be able to give him treatment we lack here.

BASS

One of my special deputies, Bill Culligan will be meeting you in McMurdo and formally take possession of the prisoner.

AMBROSE

Patient!

BASS

Both. If he was conscious, I'd be heading down with you for the formal transfer. With him still in the coma, it won't be necessary. We have a cargo plane and doctors from Christchurch all set to give him a check and then move him on to New Zealand. All on the taxpayer's nickel.

AMBROSE

Oh, don't worry about transporting him or his safety Deputy. I hear our Agent Fowler will be accompanying us.

BASS

WHAT?

AMBROSE

She's heading down to McMurdo to pick up a few final items and bring them back as part of the last fight to the station. Not that I expect Mr. Wilford to exit his coma en route, but should that happen, we can sedate him, he's strapped

down fairly well for the ride and I'm sure she'll be more than happy to put more bullets in him!

BASS

[CONCERNED]

Now I think I SHOULD be going as transport.

AMBROSE

Deputy, myself and everybody from medical except Katherine and two winterover nurses are going with Mister Ambrose. We have the medical staff from McMurdo along with the New Zealand contingent there to oversee as well. She won't pull anything.

BASS

You don't know her like I do.

AMBROSE

Be that as it may, you're perfectly fine to stay here, in fact. . .given you're overdue to have somebody try to kill you again, I'd prefer you to remain here quite honestly!

BASS

DO you know what it is she is picking up?

AMBROSE

No, and honestly I wasn't interested enough to ask. You'd have to do that yourself.

BASS

She wouldn't tell me regardless of whatever it is.

AMBROSE

Okay people, He's ready to go. Wrap the thermal blankets around him before we get to the airlock and then I want Zeke's DeWalts to help us get him down the external stairs.

Deputy Marshal. It's been. . .eventful being your doctor this past year and a half. Do an old man a favor and stop almost getting killed. The amount of paperwork we have to fill out each time is ridiculous!

BASS

Take care Doctor. I still hate you.

AMBROSE

And it will always be music to my ears. ALRIGHT,
LET'S WHEEL HIM OUT!

GURNEY ROLLING DOWN THE HALLWAY GETTING QUIETER.

BASS

Doctor Timms.

KATHERINE

Deputy Marshal?

BASS

You ready for all of this?

KATHERINE

Being the chief of medicine. I assure you deputy;
I have all the appropriate training and have
graduated all of mu schools with the. . .

BASS

Not that. I have no doubt in your qualifications
doctor. I'm talking about being the head
physician. It's a huge responsibility. You'll be
the one calling all the medical shots going
forward.

KATHERINE

I'm ready for the responsibility deputy. Although
if you don't mind me saying, you seem to have
something weighing on your mind. Anything you
want to get off your chest?

BASS

We're heading into the winter months. Things can
get a bit hectic during this time.

KATERINE

I've spent two winter overs on station Deputy. I
still suspect there's something else bothering
you. .

BASS

I suspect there may be trouble heading our way. A great deal of trouble that is going to push the medical team to it's limit.

KATHERINE

You care to elaborate? Sounds serious!

BASS

[DEEP BREATH] Another time. Sorry Doctor, I don't mean to. . . .just sorry.

KATHERINE

Deputy? Sometimes. . .when you worry about something; you worry over something that may never happen, so you worry over nothing. If something should happen. . .worrying about it before hand just doubles that worry. Maybe you should try. . .relaxing some?

BASS

Thank you Doctor.

STATION P.A. CHIME OPEN

CHERYL-LYNN

[OVER P.A. NERVOUS]

BASS SHUG, YA'LL NEED TO GET TO A STATION PHONE AND PICK UP LINE FIVE NOW! SUPER URGENT AND I CHECKED. . .IT AIN'T NO PRANK CALL! DOUBLE TIME DEPUTY. THANKKKK YOUUUUUUU!

KATHERINE

Feel free to use the phone in my office. My. Office. . .that will take some getting used to!

BASS

Thank you doctor!

FOOTSTEPS INTO KATHERINE'S OFFICE AND THE SPEAKPHONE LINE PUSHED SOUND.

BASS

This is Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Bass Marlow.

DOUBLE CLICKING SOUND

FEMALE OPERATOR
[ON PHONE]
Please hold for the President. . . .

ACT VI

**NO ACT BREAK. WE'RE ON HOLD LISTENING TO THE STATION
HEATER. THE SOUND OF VARIOUS MOVEMENT IN THE MEDICAL ROOM
OF PEOPLE CLEANING.**

FEMALE OPERATOR
[ON PHONE]
You're connected Mister President. . .

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL
[ON PHONE]
Deputy Marshal Bass Marlow?

BASS
[CONFUSED]
Yes sir. . .Mister President. Marlow here.

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL
[ON PHONE]
Excellent. I wanted to call you myself to give
you the good news.

BASS
Good news sir?

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL
[ON PHONE]
Great news son! After recent events here in the
states, I'm sure you've become familiar with the
enhanced security and safety measures my
administration has enacted, for our nation's
safety.

BASS
Yes sir. I'm familiar.

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL
[ON PHONE]
Well, with events also taking place down your
way. The Drug pipeline interdiction, the fugitive
from Albania being discovered, the unfortunate
incident with the foreign delegation and Senator

Buxton; well, it's more or less has highlighted that the United States' needs a more. . . meaningful and formal presence on the continent. In addition to nominating several replacement US Marshals I had removed from the DOJ; I've decided the works being conducted in Antarctica warrant a full time US Marshal to be assigned. I've already notified U.S. Director Davis and your own Marshal Murphy to inform them.

BASS

Pardon me Mister President; but are you saying. . .

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL

[ON PHONE]

I'm saying I sent my nomination for you, to fill that slot as the first United States Marshal to be assigned to Antarctica.

BASS

[SHOCKED]

Mister President, I'm honored to say the least, but. . . and forgive me for asking but does the Antarctica peace treaty even. . .

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL

[ON PHONE]

You let me worry about all that son! Now, my people will be getting in touch with you to run you through the Senate confirmation process. It's a pain in the ass, especially given all the politics you should suspect some hardliners to really give you the old one-two punch; but with my team, I'm sure this will be a nomination to remember!

CARLIE BROWN TEACHER TALKING IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE PRESIDENT'S SIDE

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL

[ON PHONE]

Sorry, this has to be cut short son. They're telling me I needed in the West wing for some meeting. You keep on doing a bang-up job, and sally on my chief of staff's team will be in

contact in the next 72 hours. Congratulations,
Marshal Marlow.

BASS
[STILL IN SHOCK]
Thank you, Mister President.

LINE GOES DEAD WITH HANGUP. PUSH HITS THE OFF BUTTON.

BASS
It's about to get a whole lot worse!

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