

STARGATE ATLANTIS
"THIRTY EIGHT MINUTES"
EPISODE #103
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TIMECODE DIALOGUE

START TIMECODE 01:00:00:00 AT FIRST FRAME OF PICTURE

TEASER

01:00:09:00 FORD: How we doing?

01:00:10:05 MARKHAM: Okay, Lieutenant, I think I got it lined up pretty close.

01:00:12:08 FORD: No such thing as close. You thread the needle, or we're dead.

01:00:14:08 MARKHAM: All right.

01:00:15:08 FORD: It's okay, you can do it. Nice and easy. Okay, I think we're close enough to
 dial the gate!

01:00:19:29 MCKAY (O/S): Yes, yes! Hurry up and get us back!

01:00:29:17 SHEPPARD: Get this damn thing off me.

01:00:31:03 TEYLA: We can't.

01:00:34:10 SHEPPARD: Cut it off.

01:00:34:28 MCKAY: As soon as we establish a connection, radio back...

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01:00:36:16 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): that we've got a medical emergency.

01:00:39:02 TEYLA: There must be something we can do for him.

01:00:41:08 MCKAY (O/S): There's an emergency first aid kit...

01:00:42:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): behind the pilot's seat. Get it.

01:00:46:21 MCKAY (CONT'D): Major, everything we can try to remove it just makes the pain worse. Now try...

01:00:49:13 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): and be still.

01:00:53:02 TEYLA: Is there no way to go faster?

01:00:54:12 STACKHOUSE: He's just trying to get us back in one piece.

01:01:04:17 FORD (INTO RADIO): Atlantis Base, this is Ford. Jumper One is inbound with a medical emergency. Please respond.

01:01:21:03 WEIR : What's going on?

01:01:22:01 TECHNICIAN: The reconnaissance team is reporting a medical emergency. I've alerted Dr. Beckett. He's on his way.

01:01:27:01 WEIR: Put on Major Sheppard.

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01:01:28:14 TECHNICIAN: He's the one who's injured.

01:01:35:17 MCKAY: What am I expecting to find in here that's going to get rid of that thing?

01:01:37:20 TEYLA: Something for the pain.

01:01:38:25 MCKAY: I don't think Tylenol's going to do it. He needs a doctor. How much
 longer?

01:01:41:00 FORD: Almost there!

01:01:43:00 FORD: (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Flight, Jumper One on final approach.

01:01:45:08 WEIR (INTO RADIO): This is Weir. What's the nature of Major Sheppard's injury?

01:01:48:10 FORD (INTO RADIO): Some sort of funky alien bug attached itself to his neck.

01:01:54:10 WEIR (INTO RADIO): What's it doing to him?

01:01:55:13 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): We don't know, but we can't get it off him, and we
 tried everything.

01:01:59:22 WEIR (INTO RADIO): You understand the risk of bringing something like that
 back to Atlantis?

01:02:01:20 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): Yes, ma'am...

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01:02:02:20 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): I do, but we really don't have a choice in the
matter.

01:02:05:00 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Understood, Lieutenant. Good luck.

01:02:10:07 WEIR (CONT'D): Quarantine the jumper bay.

01:02:22:10 FORD: It's all automatic from here.

01:02:24:28 FORD (CONT'D): Here we go!

END OF TEASER

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01:04:24:06 WEIR: Where are they?

01:04:25:06 TECHNICIAN: I don't know. The gate's still active. All indications read they should
be through by now.

01:04:55:10 MCKAY: Oh, no.

01:04:56:10 TEYLA: What happened?

01:04:58:08 MCKAY: The drive pod...the wing things that stick out...

01:05:01:05 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): when we're flying must've failed to retract. That's the only
thing it could be,

01:05:04:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): It's that, or the stargate shrank, which I highly doubt. This is a-
-a big problem.

01:05:09:10 TEYLA: What can we do?

01:05:11:05 MCKAY: I don't know if there's anything we can do. I mean, this is a very, very big
problem.

01:05:18:22 MCKAY (CONT'D): Give me a hand.

01:05:25:07 FORD: What the hell was that? That's strange.

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01:05:28:10 MCKAY: Yes, it is.

01:05:29:11 FORD: That is the--

01:05:31:02 MCKAY: Yes, it is.

01:05:34:29 FORD: That scraping sound... We're stuck.

01:05:37:10 MCKAY (O/S): Yes, we are. Apparently...

01:05:39:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): the engine pod's failed to retract in time. It's a square peg,
round hole.

01:05:42:21 FORD: Can we pull Markham...

01:05:44:14 FORD (CONT'D O/S): and Stackhouse out?

01:05:44:13 MCKAY: Our hands and arms would dematerialize as soon as we cross the event
horizon. It's uh... There's no way to reach for them.

01:05:54:16 FORD (O/S): The Major?

01:05:56:10 TEYLA: He must have been knocked unconscious by the impact.

01:05:58:22 WEIR (V/O OVER RADIO): Jumper One, this is Weir, what's your status?

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01:06:00:27 FORD (INTO RADIO): This is Ford. Good to hear your voice. The four of us are still here...

01:06:04:02 FORD (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): but Markham and Stackhouse are inside the event horizon.

01:06:09:08 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Say again?

01:06:10:10 FORD (INTO RADIO): Ma'am, Jumper One is lodged in the stargate. Teyla, Dr. McKay and myself are in...

01:06:16:28 FORD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): the rear compartment with the Major. He's in bad shape. Markham and Stackhouse...

01:06:22:18 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): are in the forward section.

01:06:23:27 WEIR (INTO RADIO): How did that happen?

01:06:25:08 MCKAY: Engine pods...

01:06:26:19 FORD (INTO RADIO): We think...

01:06:28:02 FORD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): it was one of the engine pods...

01:06:30:07 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): but there's no way to be sure.

01:06:31:19 MCKAY: It is the only viable possibility.

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01:06:33:07 WEIR (INTO RADIO): If I understand you correctly, you won't be able to access the flight controls.

01:06:37:00 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Yes, Elizabeth, it's an extremely intriguing conundrum, and one that I'd love to discuss with you in detail until the stargate shuts down...

01:06:42:19 MCKAY (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): and this ship is cut in two--

01:06:43:20 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Rodney, calm down--

01:06:44:22 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): At which point of course--

01:06:45:10 WEIR (V/O OVER RADIO OVERLAPPING): Rodney!

01:06:46:01 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): If I'm going to be any help to you at all at all, I need to catch up. Lieutenant Ford, back it up for me.

01:06:54:25 FORD (O/S INTO RADIO): We couldn't I.D...

01:06:55:21 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): the Wraith base of operations from space, like we did the last time we were there...

01:06:59:05 FORD (CONT'D V/O INTO RADIO): so we went to the same landing coordinates as before to get a closer look.

01:07:25:22 SHEPPARD: It's gone.

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01:07:26:09 MCKAY (O/S): What?

01:07:27:29 MCKAY (CONT'D): I thought you said it was in a mountainside.

01:07:29:07 TEYLA (O/S): It was.

01:07:30:20 TEYLA (CONT'D): We were inside it.

01:07:34:18 SHEPPARD: Let's move.

01:07:53:25 SHEPPARD: This was the spot.

01:07:57:22 MCKAY: Well, it's more of a hole than a mountain, really.

01:07:59:29 TEYLA: Could it have been destroyed?

01:08:01:06 FORD (O/S): This is definitely not...

01:08:02:24 FORD (CONT'D): a blast crater.

01:08:04:19 SHEPPARD: No, looks like it just picked up and left. So, ship?

01:08:08:20 FORD: I don't know, sir. That mountainside was covered in trees.

01:08:10:22 SHEPPARD: Yeah, but the Wraith hibernate for centuries, right? So a lot of trees
could have overgrown in that time.

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01:08:17:05 TEYLA: Then we were held prisoner inside one of the great ships I showed you in the drawings. They've left to begin culling worlds.

01:08:28:26 MCKAY: There's movement down there!

01:08:30:22 (LASER GUN BLASTS)

01:08:31:24 SHEPPARD: Go!

01:08:36:00 (LASER GUN BLASTS)

01:08:42:27 MCKAY: She hardly meant begin at the beginning.

01:08:44:25 FORD: This is Intel she needs to know.

01:08:46:25 MCKAY: And we have less than 38 minutes.

01:08:48:14 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Hold on. Why 38 minutes?

01:08:50:00 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): Because that's the maximum...

01:08:50:29 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): amount of time a stargate can remain open in non-relativistic conditions. It's one of the more immutable laws of wormhole physics...

01:08:56:26 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): and, oh, my, look at the time. It's now more like 35 minutes.

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01:08:59:26 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Are we all caught up?

01:09:00:22 WEIR (INTO RADIO): I get it. What do you need?

01:09:02:18 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Help.

01:09:03:18 WEIR (V/O OVER RADIO): All right.

01:09:04:08 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Let me put Kavanagh, Grodin, and Simpson in a room. See what they come up with.

01:09:07:28 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): That's good.

01:09:08:29 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): And the Czech, the Czech. The Czech whose name I can never remember.

01:09:11:03 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Dr. Zelenka?

01:09:12:00 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): That's him.

01:09:12:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): We'll work it at our end.

01:09:13:20 WEIR (V/O OVER RADIO): What else?

01:09:14:10 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): We'll call you. Thank you.

01:09:19:15 BECKETT: Where's my patient?

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01:09:20:10 WEIR: There's been a problem. Conference room. Oh, no. Keep a channel open
with them at all times.

01:09:39:25 SHEPPARD: Hi, Teyla.

01:09:45:29 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Are you all right?

01:09:47:06 TEYLA: I'm fine.

01:09:50:20 SHEPPARD: Something tells me we haven't made it to Atlantis yet.

01:09:53:11 TEYLA: No.

01:10:03:05 SHEPPARD: Ford?

01:10:08:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): What is that?

01:10:10:01 FORD: We're stuck, sir.

01:10:11:04 SHEPPARD: We're what?

01:10:12:06 FORD: In the gate.

01:10:14:15 SHEPPARD: You mean my day just got worse?

01:10:21:28 MCKAY (O/S): We're going with the assumption...

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01:10:23:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): it was one or both of the drive pods. I don't know whether it was mechanical failure or--

01:10:25:25 FORD: It was damaged as we tried to take off.

01:10:33:15 SHEPPARD: We're taking fire.

01:10:37:06 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Get some altitude!

01:10:38:14 MARKHAM: I'm trying, sir!

01:10:42:20 MCKAY (V/O): There's no way of knowing...

01:10:43:09 MCKAY (CONT'D): really, but, uh, if you know of some way of manually retracting the mechanism--

01:10:48:11 SHEPPARD: Cockpit, on the left.

01:10:49:08 MCKAY: The cockpit is regrettably demolecularized at the moment, but how about somewhere back here?

01:10:56:20 SHEPPARD: No.

01:10:57:07 MCKAY: No. I didn't think so. Well, if you'll excuse me, I'll be a foot and a half over there, taking some readings, so please talk amongst yourselves.

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01:11:16:15 WEIR: All right, you've all been briefed. We have less than half an hour. Where's Dr. Zelenka?

01:11:20:17 KAVANAGH: He's working up a simulation in Puddle Jumper Two. He went straight there.

01:11:22:27 WEIR: That's good.

01:11:23:24 KAVANAGH: If there was time, it would be.

01:11:24:28 WEIR: Let's not admit defeat just yet, Doctor. There're six people on that ship.

01:11:29:04 BECKETT (O/S): I'm just a medical doctor here, so forgive me...

01:11:31:10 BECKETT (CONT'D): if this is a stupid question. If they just stepped through the event horizon, wouldn't they come through with the front part of the ship when the gate shuts down?

01:11:37:10 KAVANAGH: The front half won't re-materialize on this side.

01:11:40:13 GRODIN (O/S): The stargate transmits matter in discrete units.

01:11:42:14 GRODIN (CONT'D): The front half of the ship cannot re-materialize until the whole ship has crossed into the event horizon. The stargate is essentially waiting for the contiguous components--meaning the jumper and everyone inside--to enter completely before it can transport them.

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01:11:54:26 WEIR (O/S): He says...

01:11:56:28 WEIR (CONT'D): the gate only sends things through in one piece.

01:11:58:15 BECKETT (O/S): Right.

01:11:59:09 BECKETT (CONT'D): Sorry.

01:12:00:07 GRODIN (O/S): Unfortunately...

01:12:01:07 GRODIN (CONT'D): the outgoing stargate won't transmit the matter stream until
the demolecularization is complete. When it shuts down, the entire
forward section, along with the men inside, will cease to exist.

01:12:11:00 WEIR: And what about the others?

01:12:12:25 GRODIN: The ship will be severed instantaneously along the event horizon.

01:12:15:16 GRODIN (CONT'D O/S): They'll be exposed to hard vacuum in 29 minutes.

01:12:23:12 SIMPSON (O/S): What if they closed the bulkhead door?

01:12:26:22 WEIR: The rear portion of the ship would remain pressurized, become a sort of
lifeboat.

01:12:29:06 GRODIN: It would leak atmosphere like a sieve.

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01:12:31:11 SIMPSON: It could buy enough time to send a second jumper.

01:12:33:08 KAVANAGH: And do what?

01:12:34:06 WEIR (O/S): Figure it out.

01:12:34:22 WEIR (CONT'D): Contact Jumper One and make the recommendation.

01:12:56:06 FORD (O/S): What are you doing?

01:12:57:23 MCKAY: Sorry. Here.

01:12:59:25 GRODIN (V/O OVER RADIO): Jumper One, this is Atlantis.

01:13:02:15 MCKAY: We're still here.

01:13:03:15 GRODIN (V/O OVER RADIO): We recommend closing the bulkhead door.

01:13:05:17 MCKAY: Oh, good thinking. What else?

01:13:08:05 GRODIN (V/O OVER RADIO): We're still working on the problem. We'll get back
 to you. Atlantis base out.

01:13:11:28 MCKAY: Thanks for calling!

01:13:16:20 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Anybody else...

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01:13:17:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): claustrophobic, or is it just me?

01:13:19:09 FORD: Why'd you close the door?

01:13:20:08 MCKAY: So that when the stargate shuts down and the forward section is severed, we're not directly exposed to space.

01:13:24:18 FORD (O/S): Will it hold?

01:13:25:18 MCKAY (O/S): Like a screen door on a submarine. I just prefer apoxia to explosive decompression.

01:13:29:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): It's a personal thing.

01:13:30:13 FORD: If the air is going to get thin in here, you really do have to calm down.

01:13:32:17 MCKAY (O/S): Wait till you see how thin it gets in 27 minutes.

01:13:33:17 SHEPPARD: McKay--

01:13:34:17 MCKAY: Vacuum. That's thin.

01:13:36:00 SHEPPARD: Knock it off.

01:13:37:00 MCKAY (O/S): Oh, I apologize...

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01:13:37:22 MCKAY (CONT'D): for being the only person who truly comprehends how screwed we are!

01:13:40:10 SHEPPARD: Don't talk to me about screwed.

01:13:50:13 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): And let's not give up on Markham and Stackhouse, either.

01:13:55:13 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): There's plenty of time to solve this thing, but you've got to stop using your mouth and start using your brain.

01:14:04:15 MCKAY: I'm sorry, Major. I'm...I react to certain doom a certain way...

01:14:09:02 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): it's a bad habit, and...

01:14:10:24 MCKAY (CONT'D): Maybe there's a way to manually retract the mechanism.

01:14:13:21 SHEPPARD: Yeah. Maybe there is.

01:14:21:20 TEYLA: Here.

01:14:26:19 TEYLA (CONT'D): You seem stronger.

01:14:27:20 SHEPPARD: No, it's just the pain's not so bad now.

01:14:30:00 FORD: That's good.

01:14:31:02 SHEPPARD: No, it isn't. I can't feel my legs.

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01:14:35:24 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): My hands and arms are numb.

01:14:37:16 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): I can barely move them, and the feeling's creeping up.
Lookit, Lieutenant...what I'm trying to say...is if you don't get this damn
thing off me, I have even less time than you do.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

01:15:21:10 ZELENIKA (V/O): (SPEAKING CZECH)

01:15:22:01 ZELENIKA (CONT'D): (SPEAKING CZECH)

01:15:25:15 WEIR: Dr. Zelenka?

01:15:27:10 ZELENIKA: Apologies for not attending your briefing, Dr. Weir. There was no time.

01:15:30:15 WEIR: I don't want to slow you down, but I need to know what you're working on
so I can communicate it to the team on Jumper One.

01:15:34:26 ZELENIKA: We are attempting to retract the um, uh...the...the drive pods back into
the fuselage, from inside the rear compartment.

01:15:42:24 WEIR: Anything yet?

01:15:43:26 ZELENIKA (O/S): Oh, there's much redundancy in ancient technology...

01:15:46:07 ZELENIKA (CONT'D): making it dangerous for them to experiment in this way.

01:15:49:18 WEIR: So they might accidentally open the rear hatch or shut life support off
entirely--

01:15:53:08 ZELENIKA (O/S): Yes. Yes, yes. Which is why we are attempting to isolate...

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01:16:41:26 FORD (CONT'D): The thing just heals itself.

01:16:44:25 TEYLA: It feeds on your strength. Like a Wraith.

01:16:46:26 SHEPPARD: You had to say that.

01:16:49:10 TEYLA: My father often told stories of creatures such as this. I always thought he
 was just trying to keep the children from straying far from our camp.

01:16:57:06 SHEPPARD: Great. Did he tell you how to kill it?

01:17:00:05 FORD (O/S): I don't know, sir.

01:17:01:08 FORD (CONT'D): I'm not sure we can.

01:17:02:10 SHEPPARD: Well, I could use a second opinion. Get Beckett on the radio.

01:17:08:17 TECHNICIAN (INTO RADIO): Affirmative.

01:17:09:19 TECHNICIAN (CONT'D): Over here, sir. This mic is open.

01:17:13:29 BECKETT: This is Dr. Beckett. How's our patient?

01:17:16:00 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): This is Ford. Major Sheppard's conscious, but the
 creature's still latched onto him.

01:17:19:11 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): How do you feel about house calls, Doc?

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01:18:30:00 SHEPPARD: Lieutenant, you know how they can make you see things that aren't there. The path in front of you is clear. Now move!

01:18:35:09 (GUNFIRE)

01:18:43:13 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Can you describe it to me?

01:18:44:16 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): Yes, sir. It's about...

01:18:45:17 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): two feet in length, including the tail.

01:18:47:07 FORD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): That's wrapped down under his armpit.

01:18:49:03 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): It's got two sharp, spiny things in his neck

01:18:51:22 FORD (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): near the Major's carotid artery.

01:18:53:11 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): I'll need more than that, son.

01:18:54:20 FORD (INTO RADIO): It's forelegs--I guess you'd call them that--they're wrapped around the Major's throat. Uh, I can't see any eyes... It's got a real hard shell, but there's a soft, leechy part underneath.

01:19:07:15 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Major, what are your physical symptoms?

01:19:10:25 SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): Well, at first, it felt like a knife in the eye.

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01:19:12:29 SHEPPARD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Since then, I've lost all the feelings in my extremities. I can't move.

01:19:17:27 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): So it incapacitates first with pain, then paralysis.

01:19:22:06 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): I need to be able to move around to help McKay with the mechanical problem.

01:19:25:14 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): Markham and Stackhouse are dead...

01:19:27:11 SHEPPARD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): if I don't.

01:19:28:25 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): What have you tried?

01:19:30:00 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): I tried to cut it off.

01:19:31:12 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): I tried burn it off. I even tried to shoot it off--.9mm, point-blank. Not much worse I can do without killing the Major along with it.

01:19:38:21 TEYLA (O/S INTO RADIO):I believe the creature...

01:19:39:21 TEYLA (CONT'D INTO RADIO): is related in some way to the Wraith.

01:19:41:12 MCKAY: Really?

01:19:42:20 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): How so?

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01:19:43:20 TEYLA (V/O OVER RADIO): It healed itself after each attempt...

01:19:45:00 TEYLA (CONT'D INTO RADIO): to remove it, by sapping life from Major
 Sheppard, just as a Wraith would.

01:19:51:02 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): I suppose the Wraith...

01:19:52:02 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): had to evolve from something. It's probably
 some sort of, uh, prehistoric cousin.

01:19:58:09 FORD (O/S INTO RADIO): Listen, Doc, the Major's getting worse.

01:19:59:11 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): We got to do something right now.

01:20:01:15 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): You said the creature had an underside of exposed
 soft tissue, like a leech?

01:20:07:01 FORD (INTO RADIO): Yeah, I tried to cut into it.

01:20:08:05 FORD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): The thing practically strangled him to death.

01:20:10:05 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Son, you don't cut leeches off. You pour salt on them.

01:20:14:15 SIMPSON (V/O): If you activate...

01:20:15:15 SIMPSON (CONT'D): the field, they'll die.

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01:20:16:23 KAVANAGH: Hey, we can always open it again if they fix the problem--

01:20:19:07 SIMPSON: But they may not have time!

01:20:20:11 KAVANAGH: If they don't, we could destroy this facility!

01:20:22:16 SIMPSON: Well, I don't--

01:20:22:26 WEIR (INTERUPTING): You're supposed to be working on solutions.

01:20:28:02 KAVANAGH (O/S): We think the jumper...

01:20:28:22 KAVANAGH (CONT'D): must be damaged for this to have happened in the first
place.

01:20:31:14 KAVANAGH (CONT'D O/S): Ancient systems are too advanced...

01:20:33:10 KAVANAGH (CONT'D): for this to have been pilot error.

01:20:35:04 WEIR: So?

01:20:36:04 KAVANAGH: So depending on the extent of the damage, we can't rule out a
catastrophic power feedback in the drive manifold.

01:20:40:16 WEIR: Without the technobabble, please.

01:20:42:10 SIMPSON (O/S): Dr. Kavanagh was pointing out...

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01:20:43:21 SIMPSON (CONT'D): that there's a very slim chance that with the cockpit controls interrupted and the pod damaged, the main drive could overload.

01:20:49:26 KAVANAGH: She means to say explode.

01:20:52:28 KAVANAGH (CONT'D O/S): Especially if McKay...

01:20:53:15 KAVANAGH (CONT'D): starts nosing around inside the control conduits to retract the drive pod manually, and he will. I know I would.

01:20:59:26 WEIR: And Zelenka is working on simulations.

01:21:01:18 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): I just came from there.

01:21:02:29 KAVANAGH: If there is a catastrophic overload, the full force of the explosion will break up the jumper, follow the burning fragments through the stargate like a bomb.

01:21:15:05 WEIR: You think the risk of this happening is minimal?

01:21:19:00 SIMPSON: In my opinion? Yes.

01:21:24:04 WEIR: You all agree?

01:21:27:25 WEIR (CONT'D): Then we take the chance.

01:21:32:11 KAVANAGH: I thought it was important to point out the risk.

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01:21:34:26 WEIR: Fine. You did. Now, please, worry a little bit more about their lives and less about your own ass.

01:21:45:20 WEIR (CONT'D): 23 minutes.

01:21:53:00 HALLING (O/S): Dr. Weir?

01:21:53:09 WEIR: I'm sorry. I don't have time right now.

01:21:54:29 HALLING: Neither do those people who are trapped aboard the ship of the Ancestors.

01:21:57:28 WEIR: News travels fast.

01:21:59:24 HALLING: I was speaking with one of your expedition members when she was called in to help.

01:22:03:00 WEIR: Well, then you are aware that we are very short on time.

01:22:05:28 HALLING; I am. Still...this is important.

01:22:12:00 WEIR: Okay.

01:22:13:28 HALLING: You do not know this, but among our people, there is a ritual prayer that is said when one knows that death is upon them.

01:22:20:23 WEIR: We don't know that it is.

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01:22:22:18 HALLING: I am told it is all but inevitable.

01:22:23:23 WEIR: By whom?

01:22:25:11 HALLING: That is not important. What is important is that Teyla be allowed to
prepare for death. Knowing the time and place of one's end is a...a very
rare thing among our people.

01:22:36:11 HALLING (CONT'D O/S): It is a simple rite that would not take...

01:22:38:14 HALLING (CONT'D): more than a few moments--

01:22:39:09 WEIR (O/S): Halling.

01:22:40:18 WEIR (CONT'D): We need to concentrate all of our efforts on saving them.

01:22:44:07 HALLING: At the risk of forsaking Teyla's own beliefs?

01:22:46:29 WEIR: It's important that we use what little time we have to try everything--

01:22:50:08 HALLING (O/S): I would ask you not tell me what is important...

01:22:51:11 HALLING (CONT'D): and what is not in this case.

01:22:53:25 WEIR: I'm sorry, I can't have this conversation right now.

01:22:55:14 HALLING: Why not?

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01:22:56:14 WEIR: Because we are wasting time.

01:22:58:09 HALLING: This is time that Teyla could use to prepare.

01:23:00:02 WEIR: All right. You perceive death a certain way, and I accept that. In fact, I
respect that. But we do not prepare for death. We do everything we can
to stave it off. That is who we are.

01:23:11:10 HALLING (O/S): I'm not asking you...

01:23:12:01 HALLING (CONT'D): to suspend your efforts--

01:23:13:20 WEIR (O/S): No...

01:23:14:05 WEIR (CONT'D): you want me to tell everyone on that ship that they should
expect to die. I will not send them that message.

01:23:21:07 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): And if you feel that that violates Teyla's personal rights, I
apologize, I truly do...

01:23:27:05 WEIR (CONT'D): but there's nothing I can do about that right now. I have to go.

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01:23:58:10 BECKETT (V/O): All right...

01:23:59:07 BECKETT (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): we've got everything from the jumper
manifest already laid out here. What's your personal inventory?

01:24:04:15 FORD (INTO RADIO): Okay, from the vests, we've got a Swiss Army knife...

01:24:08:03 FORD (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): some chocolate, some water, matches...
emergency kit, we have alcohol, iodine, painkillers...

01:24:18:20 TEYLA: What's this?

01:24:19:16 FORD (O/S INTO RADIO): Teyla found...

01:24:21:07 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): a portable defibrillator in the ship stores.

01:24:23:09 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Already thought of that. Major Sheppard would receive
the same electric shock, it would likely kill him.

01:24:27:00 FORD (INTO RADIO): Right.

01:24:28:02 BECKETT (V/O OVER RADIO): Try everything, one item at a time.

01:24:37:10 KAVANAGH: Dr. Weir.

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01:24:37:28 WEIR: Kavanagh. I hope you've got something to tell me.

01:24:40:03 KAVANAGH: Yes, I do. What the hell was that?

01:24:44:19 WEIR: Excuse me?

01:24:45:17 KAVANAGH: I happily left the SGC because I'd had it up to here with the military running things, and you just busted me like a private.

01:24:51:24 WEIR: Don't be so dramatic. Besides, the Air Force doesn't have privates--

01:24:55:03 KAVANAGH: Neither do I. You just cut them off, right in front of my research team.

01:25:00:17 WEIR: That's what this is about? You're embarrassed?

01:25:02:14 KAVANAGH: Well, humiliated would be a little more accurate.

01:25:04:11 WEIR: I haven't worked up to humiliation yet.

01:25:07:06 KAVANAGH: I just assumed that with a civilian in charge of the expedition, there would be a little bit more--

01:25:11:24 WEIR: A civilian is in charge, and we are cut off from Earth, which makes Atlantis almost like a colony, doesn't it?

01:25:17:16 KAVANAGH: I suppose.

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01:25:19:16 WEIR: Well, I'm Governor of that colony.

01:25:20:29 KAVANAGH: You know, that's all very well and good--

01:25:22:21 WEIR: Do you have a problem with that?

01:25:25:12 KAVANAGH: You're missing my point.

01:25:26:06 WEIR: No, you're missing mine.

01:25:27:20 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): If you waste...

01:25:29:14 WEIR (CONT'D): one more minute which could be used to help the people
trapped on that ship because of your ego...I promise you, I will dial the
coordinates of a very lonely planet where you can be as self-important as
you want to be.

01:25:44:06 WEIR (CONT'D): You think I'm kidding?

01:25:47:00 KAVANAGH: You wouldn't do that.

01:25:48:04 WEIR: Kavanagh, get back in there!

01:25:53:22 KAVANAGH: We'll talk about this later.

01:25:55:02 WEIR: Never again! Go.

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01:26:00:07 WEIR (CONT'D): Go!

01:26:14:03 ZELENKA: Ow.

01:26:19:00 ZELENKA (CONT'D): (SPEAKING CZECH)

01:26:23:18 ZELENKA (CONT'D): Dr. Zelenka to control room... I think I have something.

01:26:31:28 GRODIN: We're receiving.

01:26:33:29 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Jumper One, this is Weir.

01:26:35:08 WEIR (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): Dr. Zelenka's come up with something.

01:26:37:11 MCKAY: Zelenka. Why can I never remember that name?

01:26:39:11 GRODIN (V/O OVER RADIO): He's positively identified the control systems in the port side of the jumper that retract the drive pod.

01:26:43:16 GRODIN (CONT'D INTO RADIO): I'm relaying the schematics to your datapad.

01:26:45:14 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Thank you. Now we're getting somewhere.

01:26:47:14 GRODIN: What?

01:26:48:14 MCKAY (O/S): Zelenka's identified...

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01:26:49:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): the control pathways to the engine pod, which means that's increasing my chances of fixing this from one in a million to one in a thousand...

01:26:55:04 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): but, uh...

01:26:58:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): it's something.

01:26:59:17 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Elizabeth?

01:27:00:09 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Yes?

01:27:01:07 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): I'll only have seven to nine seconds to warn you if I accidentally trigger a catastrophic overload, so...

01:27:05:20 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): if I tell you to raise the shield...don't hesitate.

01:27:09:23 WEIR (INTO RADIO): We're aware of the risk, Rodney. Do your best.

01:27:23:16 FORD (O/S INTO RADIO): We're starting with iodine.

01:27:42:19 FORD (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): Scratch iodine.

01:27:43:19 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): What else have you got there?

01:27:44:29 MCKAY: Yes, what have you got there, any food?

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01:27:47:22 FORD: You're kidding.

01:27:49:15 MCKAY: I have less than 20 minutes to save our lives, and I am teetering on the
brink of a hypoglycemic reaction, so...

01:27:56:15 MCKAY (CONT'D): Thank you.

01:28:04:10 TEYLA: Here.

01:28:08:21 FORD (INTO RADIO): We're going to try alcohol now.

01:28:10:02 BECKETT (V/O OVER RADIO): >Place a few drops on the soft tissue to see how
it reacts.

01:28:13:12 SHEPPARD: Save some for me.

01:28:15:05 FORD: Wrong type of alcohol, sir.

01:28:16:17 SHEPPARD: What's the good of that?

01:28:23:27 FORD: Not much, sir.

01:28:27:18 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): No reaction to alcohol.

01:28:30:03 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Right. What next?

01:28:33:06 TEYLA: Did the doctor not say to pour salt on the creature?

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01:28:36:01 MCKAY: I think that was a metaphor.

01:28:38:22 MCKAY (CONT'D): But it doesn't matter. Just try everything.

01:29:05:02 FORD (O/S): Water.

01:29:06:02 FORD (CONT'D): Give me water.

01:29:23:19 FORD (O/S): Sir.

01:29:25:17 FORD (CONT'D): Sir, are you all right?

01:29:27:12 FORD (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): Sir? Major?

01:29:29:23 (SHEPPARD SCREAMING O/S)

01:29:31:04 (SHEPPARD SCREAMING V/O OVER RADIO)

01:29:32:25 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): Sir, are you all right? Sir! Major? Major?

01:29:36:13 FORD (CONT'D): What's happening?

01:29:46:04 WEIR (INTO RADIO): What's happening?

01:29:59:17 FORD (O/S INTO RADIO): It reacted to either the salt or the water.

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01:30:33:17 FORD (O/S): What?

01:30:36:17 MCKAY (O/S): When the stargate...

01:30:37:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): closes now, every molecule of air in this compartment is going
to rush out through there.

01:30:44:27 TEYLA: We've slid in further.

01:30:53:09 MCKAY: 15 minutes.

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01:31:17:25 WEIR (V/O INTO RADIO): Ford...

01:31:18:25 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): what can you tell me?

01:31:20:00 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): The puddle jumper has shifted slightly.

01:31:21:20 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): The rear compartment has now breached the
event horizon. Dr. McKay...Dr. McKay...

01:31:30:21 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): is still hopeful he can retract the drive pod in time.

01:31:42:22 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Understood.

01:31:45:20 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): We haven't come up with anything yet, but there's
still time.

01:31:48:20 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): Yes, ma'am.

01:31:51:05 WEIR (INTO RADIO): How is Major Sheppard?

01:31:52:20 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): I'm still here.

01:31:54:28 WEIR (V/O OVER RADIO): Hang in there, Major.

01:31:57:02 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): We're working on the problem.

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01:31:58:25 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): I know you are.

01:32:02:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Listen, uh...I'd like to say something while I
still can.

01:32:07:14 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Don't! You're going to get through this.

01:32:14:18 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): If I was...he wouldn't have let me go.

01:32:20:16 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Who wouldn't have let you go?

01:32:25:05 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): The Wraith.

01:32:49:05 WRAITH: (LAUGHING)

01:32:51:10 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): I guess he just saw me as good as dead, 'cause he
just walked away, so...what I wanted to say was--

01:32:58:14 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Save your strength, John, and tell me in person.

01:33:01:11 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): This is important.

01:33:05:29 WEIR (INTO RADIO): I'm listening.

01:33:09:28 FORD (INTO RADIO): We should send him through the event horizon.

01:33:11:19 FORD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): If Dr. McKay figures it out in time...

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01:33:52:26 FORD (INTO RADIO): You said that might kill him.

01:33:54:28 SHEPPARD: That's the idea.

01:33:57:05 TEYLA: I don't understand.

01:33:58:05 BECKETT (V/O OVER RADIO): Teyla...

01:33:59:19 BECKETT (CONT'D INTO RADIO): you said this creature is like a Wraith.

01:34:01:26 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Yes.

01:34:02:22 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Then how do you think it would respond if, God forbid,
Major Sheppard were to die right now, then?

01:34:10:00 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): It would stop feeding.

01:34:12:14 BECKETT (V/O OVER RADIO): Exactly, just as a Wraith would.

01:34:14:01 WEIR (INTO RADIO): How is that an idea?

01:34:15:14 BECKETT (V/O OVER RADIO): We're suggesting...

01:34:16:15 BECKETT (CONT'D INTO RADIO): that we fool the creature into thinking its prey
is dead by stopping the Major's heart. If I'm right, it should let him go.

01:34:22:22 FORD (INTO RADIO): So when the thing lets go, we give him another jolt?

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01:34:25:17 BECKETT (V/O OVER RADIO): You can give that a try. If it doesn't work, send him through the event horizon. He'll keep there...

01:34:29:01 BECKETT (CONT'D INTO RADIO): as good as a deep freeze.

01:34:37:24 WEIR (INTO RADIO): John, are you sure you want to do this?

01:34:39:23 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): I want this damn thing off me.

01:34:44:05 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Be prepared for a code blue in the jumper bay.
Lieutenant Ford, do you know how to do this?

01:34:47:28 FORD (INTO RADIO): Yes, sir.

01:34:49:25 FORD (CONT'D): Cut his shirt off.

01:34:50:23 TEYLA: What?

01:34:51:18 FORD: Cut his shirt off!

01:35:00:18 FORD (CONT'D O/S): Charging to 200.

01:35:02:22 FORD (CONT'D): Move his tags.

01:35:03:27 TEYLA: What?

01:35:04:27 FORD (O/S OVERLAPPING): Remove his chains to the side.

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01:35:06:27 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Place the lubrication right on the paddles.

01:35:12:14 FORD (INTO RADIO): Ready to go.

01:35:14:08 FORD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Once the bug falls off, I'm going to have to kill it.

01:35:15:20 FORD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): I'll wait for it to charge up again and I'll give
him another jolt.

01:35:18:24 FORD (CONT'D): McKay...

01:35:19:13 FORD (CONT'D O/S): if we can't restart his heart on the first try...

01:35:21:22 FORD (CONT'D): I'm going to need the bulkhead door open again.

01:35:24:05 MCKAY: Done.

01:35:27:10 FORD (O/S): One of us is going to have to get him through.

01:35:28:27 TEYLA: I will.

01:35:39:29 SHEPPARD: Do it!

01:35:47:05 FORD (O/S INTO RADIO): No pulse!

01:35:54:23 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): It won't come off.

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01:37:18:11 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): you have seven minutes.

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01:37:58:08 MCKAY: I'm only halfway through all the possible circuit pathways...

01:38:00:15 MCKAY (CONT'D): and time's almost up. We're never going to make it.

01:38:02:17 FORD: Just keep at it. There's still time.

01:38:03:19 MCKAY: You should consider stepping into the event horizon. I'm serious. I'll keep trying till the end, but given your choices, that's a far better way to go.

01:38:09:00 FORD: And leave you here alone with that thing wrapped up in my jacket?

01:38:11:26 MCKAY: You did check to make sure it was dead, right?

01:38:13:16 FORD: Yes.

01:38:14:07 MCKAY: Good, because explosive decompression and death by suffocation with that thing on my face--

01:38:16:23 FORD (INTERUPTING): Work!

01:38:17:23 MCKAY: Sorry.

01:38:23:03 WEIR: Time?

01:38:24:04 GRODIN: Two minutes, 20 seconds.

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01:38:25:25 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Rodney, we're down to two minutes.

01:38:27:28 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): I know the time. I've still got over two dozen circuits I haven't tried.

01:38:30:23 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Don't be so methodical. Just pick one at random.

01:38:33:11 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): If I do that, I'll run the risk of attempting to activate the same circuit twice.

01:38:35:25 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Just try!

01:38:36:21 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): I'm telling you...

01:38:37:01 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): there's no way I can—

01:38:38:05 (ENGINE STARTS)

01:38:40:25 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Wait!

01:38:44:05 (ENGINE SOUNDS CONTINUE)

01:38:52:09 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): I think I did it.

01:38:58:03 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Elizabeth, I think the engine pod's

01:39:00:13 MCKAY (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): retracting.

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01:39:12:23 WEIR (INTO RADIO) Then why haven't you shown up?

01:39:20:03 FORD: She's right. Why aren't we moving?

01:39:22:29 MCKAY: It's inertia. The drive shut down before we went through the stargate.
We've shed all our forward momentum.

01:39:30:18 MCKAY (CONT'D): You're wasting your time. For every action, there's an equal
and opposite reaction.

01:39:36:15 FORD: Then what are we going to do?

01:39:45:18 GRODIN: One minute.

01:39:48:18 KAVANAGH (V/O OVER RADIO): Wait!

01:39:49:07 KAVANAGH (CONT'D INTO RADIO): The rear hatch. Blow the rear hatch! It
should give you enough thrust to make it through.

01:39:55:07 MCKAY (O/S INTO RADIO): That could do it, but the only mechanism...

01:39:57:07 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): to blow the hatch is back here.

01:40:04:15 FORD: You go through. I'll do it.

01:40:05:18 MCKAY: No, no, you'll get blown out into space.

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01:40:06:22 FORD: No, no, there's no time to argue, just go!

01:40:08:04 MCKAY: Make sure you hold on to someth--

01:40:09:04 FORD: Just go!

01:40:10:19 GRODIN: 30 seconds.

01:41:04:29 WEIR: I'll be in the jumper bay.

01:41:15:12 BECKETT: Again!

01:41:25:00 MCKAY: He's going to be fine.

01:41:46:27 WEIR: Well done, Rodney.

01:41:48:08 MCKAY: We'll see.

01:41:52:15 BECKETT (O/S): We've got pulse.

01:42:00:26 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): Getting stronger.

01:42:08:24 BECKETT (O/S CONT'D): He's going to be okay.

01:42:38:02 MCKAY (V/O): Well, I, for one...

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01:42:39:07 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): am back in fighting form thanks to the lovely Athosian meal.

01:42:41:29 TEYLA (O/S): My people were happy to oblige.

01:42:44:11 MCKAY (O/S): It tasted like chicken.

01:42:49:26 WEIR: How are you feeling?

01:42:50:20 SHEPPARD: Starving.

01:42:51:23 MCKAY: He's got quite the hickey, but Dr. Beckett says he'll be fine in a few days.

01:42:57:02 TEYLA: We should let you to rest.

01:42:58:02 SHEPPARD: No, you should get me food.

01:42:59:15 WEIR: I think we can arrange that.

01:43:01:02 FORD: Welcome back, sir.

01:43:02:12 SHEPPARD: I have to admit, it is a pleasant surprise.

01:43:04:28 WEIR: By the way, what were you going to say?

01:43:08:05 SHEPPARD: When?

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01:43:09:16 WEIR: Before, when you thought, you know...

01:43:14:25 SHEPPARD: Oh, that...

01:43:16:01 WEIR: I didn't want you to say it at the time, but now I'm curious.

01:43:20:02 SHEPPARD: I was going to say, um...

01:43:29:04 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Take care of each other.

01:43:32:27 WEIR: That's nice.

01:43:34:03 SHEPPARD: Yep.

01:43:35:07 MCKAY (O/S): And, uh...

01:43:36:26 MCKAY (CONT'D): indeed, we did.

01:43:37:26 SHEPPARD (O/S): Yes, you did.

01:43:39:04 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Thank you. Again.

01:43:41:16 MCKAY: You're welcome.

01:43:42:10 TEYLA: Good night.

01:43:50:14 WEIR: You weren't really going to say that, were you?

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01:43:53:24 SHEPPARD: I have no idea what you're talking about.

01:43:57:20 WEIR: I didn't think so.

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