

STARGATE ATLANTIS
"BEFORE I SLEEP"
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01:00:46:15 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Whoa, whoa, whoa, before you go, did you see anything better than our current quarters?

01:00:50:09 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): A few. Some of them are pretty nice, actually.

01:00:53:05 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Well, what kind of square footage are we talking about?

01:00:55:10 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): What am I, your realtor, Rodney? We're here to unlock the secrets of Atlantis.

01:00:59:28 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): Yeah, well, I'm looking for a one-bedroom with a den. Preferably with a balcony, but I'm not married to it.

01:01:05:06 FORD: Sir, check this out.

01:01:06:17 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): We might as well be comfortable, at least until the Wraith get here--

01:01:08:23 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): Shut up for a second.

01:01:23:18 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): What? What is it?

01:01:25:18 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Some sort of laboratory.

01:01:27:20 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): We've come across dozens of those. The city's full of them. Something unusual about it?

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01:01:47:02 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): I'd have to say...yes.

END OF TEASER

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01:03:19:18 MCKAY: Well, we could stand here looking at her all day. What we've got to do is get her out of this box.

01:03:24:04 BECKETT: Rodney, we can't take that chance. Look at her. She's at least 100 years old.

01:03:27:07 MCKAY: Which is why every second counts. I mean, she could drop dead while we stand here arguing.

01:03:31:05 SHEPPARD: How can she drop dead? You said she was frozen.

01:03:33:10 MCKAY: Technically, she's in a state of metabolic stasis. Aging slowed considerably, yes, but not entirely suspended.

01:03:38:02 TEYLA: You are saying this woman is still alive?

01:03:40:02 MCKAY: Yes. Life-sign systems indicate viability. According to the initial data I've been able to access, she's been in that chamber for 10,000 years.

01:03:46:11 FORD: 10,000 years?

01:03:49:26 SHEPPARD: Doesn't look a day over 9,000.

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01:03:52:05 MCKAY (O/S): She'll continue to age at a very slow rate until she dies, which, judging by the look of her, seems more likely to occur sooner rather than later...

01:03:57:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): bringing me back to my original point.

01:03:59:00 BECKETT: Look at her. She's so old, I'm afraid the process of reviving her might actually kill her.

01:04:03:15 MCKAY (O/S): We cannot let this chance to talk to a living, breathing Ancient slip through our fingers. Again.

01:04:08:21 BECKETT (O/S): And who knows what state of mind she'll be in? Not to mention the fact that she might carrying some horrifying contagion.

01:04:12:12 MCKAY: And who knows what she knows about our city? More importantly, does she know about any ZPMs lying around?

01:04:15:28 SHEPPARD: Ah, there's a thought.

01:04:22:02 WEIR: Revive her.

01:04:22:25 BECKETT: But, doctor—

01:04:23:17 WEIR: That's my call.

01:04:24:08 MCKAY: Thank you.

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01:04:30:27 SHEPPARD (O/S): And all the time we thought the city...

01:04:31:28 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): was abandoned.

01:04:33:11 TEYLA: Is it possible the Atlantians left her behind when they abandoned the city
for Earth?

01:04:37:14 SHEPPARD: Maybe she wanted to stay behind.

01:04:38:18 FORD: Maybe they forgot about her.

01:04:39:20 SHEPPARD: In which case, she's going to be really pissed when she wakes up.

01:04:42:28 WEIR: If she remembers anything at all.

01:04:57:18 BECKETT: Breathing shallow. Pulse rapid. I'll run an EEG to determine any brain
activity.

01:05:09:28 WEIR: What is it?

01:05:11:05 BECKETT: I don't know.

01:05:15:15 MCKAY (O/S): It's gate addresses, five of them.

01:05:17:15 MCKAY (CONT'D): M7G 677. We've been to this planet.

01:05:21:15 TEYLA: Dr. Weir...

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01:05:31:09 WEIR: Hello. Can you hear me?

01:05:36:19 MCKAY: Yeah, that's what I was afraid of. Freezer burn.

01:05:41:10 FORD: I thought she wasn't frozen.

01:05:42:12 BECKETT: 10,000 years, you expect her to dance a bloody jig?

01:05:44:20 MCKAY: Yeah, but it's the eyes, Carson. You got to look at the eyes. The lights
are on...

01:05:48:08 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): but nobody's home. Doesn't take a medical professional

01:05:50:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): to know that--

01:05:52:00 WEIR: Of course she can see us...

01:05:57:00 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): and hear us. Hello. How are you feeling?

01:06:08:01 OLD WOMAN: It worked.

01:06:09:08 MCKAY (O/S): What was that?

01:06:11:24 WEIR: She said, "It worked."

01:06:12:27 MCKAY: What does that mean?

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01:06:13:29 SHEPPARD: I assume something worked.

01:06:15:18 MCKAY: Yes, that's very sharp.

01:06:16:20 SHEPPARD: Thank you.

01:06:21:20 WEIR (O/S): Hello?

01:06:25:10 WEIR (CONT'D): She fell asleep. When she's a bit more stable, transfer her to the infirmary, and I want video on her at all times, recording everything. We might not get a second chance at anything she may say.

01:06:35:07 MCKAY: Let's hope we get a first, huh?

01:06:41:03 SHEPPARD (O/S): Too big, huh?

01:06:42:08 MCKAY (O/S): I'm not saying it's too big. I'm just pointing out its dimensions.

01:06:46:04 SHEPPARD: Well, it's not that big--

01:06:47:28 WEIR: Gentlemen?

01:06:49:06 SHEPPARD: We were just wondering whether there are any other frozen bodies out there in Atlantis that we haven't discovered.

01:06:53:15 MCKAY: And I was just saying there's no way of knowing in the short term. It'd be like searching every room in every building in Manhattan.

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01:06:58:02 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): It'll take a while.

01:07:00:19 MCKAY (CONT'D): God knows what other kinds of surprises are out there, not showing up on the sensors.

01:07:04:13 WEIR: Ah, that's what we're here to find out.

01:07:06:16 BECKETT (V/O OVER MONITOR): Dr. Weir?

01:07:07:24 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Yes?

01:07:09:05 BECKETT (V/O OVER MONITOR): You'd better come to the infirmary.

01:07:10:00 WEIR (O/S INTO RADIO): Is our patient awake?

01:07:11:20 BECKETT (INTO RADIO): Aye, and she's saying the most peculiar things.

01:07:14:18 WEIR (INTO RADIO): On our way.

01:07:26:00 BECKETT (O/S): She's drifting in and out, still very weak...

01:07:29:08 BECKETT (CONT'D): but there's something a wee bit odd about this woman. She called me Carson.

01:07:34:22 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): She knows my name.

01:07:37:17 MCKAY: Maybe she overheard you talking to someone.

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01:07:39:00 BECKETT (O/S): No.

01:07:40:09 BECKETT (CONT'D): I was alone in here when she woke up.

01:07:42:12 WEIR (O/S): What about subconsciously?

01:07:43:20 WEIR (CONT'D): I've heard stories of coma patients being able to hear--

01:07:46:10 BECKETT (O/S): No, no, it's more than that.

01:07:47:12 BECKETT (CONT'D): She knows things.

01:08:02:05 WEIR: How are you feeling?

01:08:04:06 OLD WOMAN: Look at you.

01:08:07:25 OLD WOMAN (CONT'D): I didn't think I'd see any of you again.

01:08:13:09 OLD WOMAN (CONT'D): Missed you all so terribly...

01:08:19:25 OLD WOMAN (CONT'D): even you, Rodney.

01:08:22:15 BECKETT: You see?

01:08:26:02 WEIR: I'm sorry? Do we know you?

01:08:28:26 OLD WOMAN: Oh, yes. I'm you, Elizabeth.

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01:08:43:00 FORD (V/O): Time travel?

01:08:44:10 WEIR (V/O): That's what she said.

01:08:45:16 WEIR (CONT'D): She...somehow found a way to travel back in time to when the
Ancients inhabited the city.

01:08:51:21 TEYLA: How did she...do this?

01:08:55:00 WEIR: That will be one of the first questions I ask her when she wakes up again.

01:08:58:07 SHEPPARD: If she ever wakes up again.

01:09:00:02 MCKAY (O/S): Let's not be too quick to exclude...

01:09:01:21 MCKAY (CONT'D): the possibility that the woman might be, um... What is the
clinical term? "Nuts?"

01:09:07:02 WEIR: She may be senile, yes, but that doesn't explain how she knows so much
about all of us.

01:09:13:01 FORD: Is time travel even possible?

01:09:15:26 MCKAY: Well, according to Einstein's general theory of relativity, there's nothing
in the laws of physics to prevent it.

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01:09:19:28 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Extremely difficult to achieve, mind you. You need the technology to manipulate...

01:09:23:24 MCKAY (CONT'D): black holes to create wormholes not only through points in space, but time.

01:09:27:26 SHEPPARD: Not to mention a really nice DeLorean.

01:09:29:27 MCKAY: Don't even get me started on that movie.

01:09:32:04 SHEPPARD: I like that movie.

01:09:36:09 BECKETT: Results of the DNA test. It's a match.

01:09:43:17 BECKETT (CONT'D): She is you.

01:09:56:01 MCKAY: I know what you're thinking. If she's been waiting in that stasis chamber all these millennia for us to arrive, why didn't the system automatically attempt to revive her the moment we got here? Answer--it did. I've been going over the data from our arrival. One of the first things we noticed was a sudden power surge in the section of the city where the stasis lab was. It was trying to revive her, only we didn't know that. All we saw was more power draining from an already nearly depleted ZPM, so we shut down all secondary systems. I almost killed her--you. How weird is that?

01:10:31:10 WEIR: Very. Very, very weird.

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01:10:37:18 WEIR (CONT'D): Looking at yourself...how you will be...

01:10:43:03 MCKAY (O/S): Actually, how...

01:10:44:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): you will be will be different than how she is right now.

01:10:47:19 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): See, the moment she went back in time...

01:10:49:21 MCKAY (CONT'D): she created a separate reality, a second you, living in a--in a parallel world...

01:10:55:13 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): according to one of many interpretations of quantum theory. I mean, simply put, this interpretation states that the universe is, in fact, split into an infinite number of copies of itself in which every...

01:11:06:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): possible outcome to every decision ever made all exists somewhere in this infinitely layered "multi-universe."

01:11:15:03 WEIR: Simply put.

01:11:16:03 MCKAY: Yeah, in a nutshell.

01:11:18:29 OLD WEIR: Elizabeth?

01:11:25:11 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): There's so much to tell you.

01:11:29:25 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): The note...I had a note.

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01:11:32:02 WEIR (O/S): Yes.

01:11:33:03 MCKAY: Yes, yes, yes, yes. We got your note, and forgive my bluntness, but we really need to know everything about your encounter with the Ancients...

01:11:39:16 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): beginning at the point where you went back in time. Specifically, how you went back in time,

01:11:42:28 MCKAY (CONT'D): because that would be very useful for us--

01:11:44:25 WEIR: Rodney... Let me talk.

01:11:52:03 OLD WEIR: There was an accident.

01:11:54:23 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): I remember...

01:11:57:03 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): we arrived through the Stargate...

01:12:01:28 OLD WEIR (CONT'D V/O): The lights came on by themselves...sensing our presence...

01:12:09:00 WEIR: Who's doing that?

01:12:12:08 OLD WEIR (V/O): The city slowly awoke...

01:12:18:26 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Dr. Weir, you have to see this.

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01:12:21:12 WEIR (INTO RADIO): There are a lot of things I have to see. Just be careful.

01:12:30:26 MCKAY: This must be the control room. This, this is obviously their version of a
DHD.

01:12:34:16 SHEPPARD: Oh, obviously.

01:12:35:20 MCKAY: This area is probably power control systems, some sort of a computer
interface of some kind.

01:12:39:10 WEIR: Why don't you find out?

01:12:40:15 MCKAY: Well, see, that's the hitch. We've got lights coming on all over the city, air
starting to circulate, but no power coming out of these consoles, so...

01:12:46:25 MCKAY (V/O): Wait a minute. Back up a second.

01:12:47:27 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): That isn't the way it happened.

01:12:49:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): Everything came online when we arrived. It was lights,
computers...

01:12:52:10 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): power control systems, everything.

01:12:54:07 MCKAY (CONT'D): I was able to access the database immediately.

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01:12:56:05

OLD WEIR: That's not what happened. Not the first time.

END OF ACT ONE

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01:13:30:01 WEIR: Isn't there something you can give her?

01:13:31:27 BECKETT: She's in an extremely fragile state. Her blood pressure is low, her heart is very weak. If I administer a stimulant, I'm afraid it may induce a dangerous arrhythmia or worse.

01:13:43:12 WEIR: I'm not talking about a strong stimulant, just enough to keep her alert for a few more minutes at a time.

01:13:48:19 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): We hardly get a couple of words out of her...

01:13:50:25 WEIR (CONT'D): before she dozes off.

01:13:52:14 BECKETT: Which, I might remind you, is not uncommon for a woman of 10,000.

01:14:01:17 WEIR: Carson, I understand your reticence, but trust me when I say I believe she can handle it...

01:14:10:00 WEIR (CONT'D): and I know she'd want it.

01:14:16:05 BECKETT: Okay.

01:14:29:04 OLD WEIR: It's okay, Carson. I'm just as freaked out about all this as you are.

01:14:40:02 WEIR: How's our patient doing?

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01:15:53:00 GRODIN: Nothing yet.

01:15:54:11 MCKAY: Well, let's see what we can do, then.

01:15:56:16 SUMNER: We've only been able to secure a fraction of the place. It's huge.

01:16:00:15 WEIR: So it might really be the lost city of Atlantis.

01:16:02:18 SUMNER: I'd say that's a good bet.

01:16:04:22 WEIR: Oh, my God.

01:16:11:05 WEIR (CONT'D): We're underwater.

01:16:13:00 SUMNER (O/S): I'd say we're under several hundred feet of ocean.

01:16:23:22 SUMNER (O/S CONT'D): This could be a problem.

01:16:28:20 MCKAY: Oh, no.

01:16:31:19 MCKAY (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): Dr. Weir, I need to see you in the control
room immediately.

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01:16:38:15 MCKAY: The city has a shield, some sort of an energy force field holding the water back. That is, it had a shield. The power systems are nearing maximum entropy. Our arrival hastened their depletion, big time. I mean, you can see, the shield is collapsing rapidly. Several sections of the city are already flooded.

01:16:53:26 WEIR: Can we use our own power generators?

01:16:55:11 MCKAY: I doubt our Naquadah generators can supply enough power to sustain the shield, and we probably don't have time to try. When I say rapidly collapsing, I mean rapidly.

01:17:03:26 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Colonel Sumner, I need you to order all your security teams to stop searching the city and fall back to the gateroom immediately.

01:17:12:04 WEIR (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Sumner, do you copy?

01:17:14:00 SUMNER (V/O OVER RADIO): Dr. Weir, this is Sumner--

01:17:15:10 (SHATTERING GLASS, RUSHING WATER)

01:17:24:10 WEIR: Colonel Sumner drowned?

01:17:31:13 OLD WEIR: And he wasn't the only one to perish.

01:17:35:25 SHEPPARD (O/S): We should start evacuating people

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01:18:07:05 WEIR: Some of our team discovered a bay full of what they're calling ships.

01:18:10:05 SHEPPARD: As in space ships? We should check them out.

01:18:12:08 WEIR: You think you could figure out--

01:18:13:00 SHEPPARD (O/S): I could fly...

01:18:13:23 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): just about anything.

01:18:15:09 WEIR: Good. Go.

01:18:34:06 SHEPPARD: I'll start with this one. You start with one of those.

01:18:35:20 FORD (O/S): What am I looking for?

01:18:36:28 SHEPPARD: See how many people they can fit. Maybe we can fly out of here.

01:18:42:02 GRODIN: Two piers of the city are almost entirely flooded, a third about to collapse as well.

01:18:46:19 SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): Dr. Weir, these ships look like a good fallback. They can hold several people each. Learning how to fly them's going to be another matter.

01:18:53:15 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): I'll see if I can pull up a schematic, find a way out.

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01:18:56:06 SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): This ship seems different than the others.

01:18:57:15 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Different how?

01:18:58:26 SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): It's a different control console. I've radioed Zelenka. He's on his way over to check it out.

01:19:02:22 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Good, I'm on my way, too.

01:19:03:24 MCKAY: Oh, no.

01:19:05:04 WEIR: What's wrong?

01:19:06:04 MCKAY: The city's going into a last-gasp self-protect mode.

01:19:08:04 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Airtight bulkheads are slamming shut all over the city.

01:19:10:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): We've got people trapped.

01:19:11:11 WEIR: Wouldn't that protect them?

01:19:12:17 MCKAY: It's too little, too late. Most of the rooms are already breached. We've got people trapped with water rising.

01:19:16:25 WEIR: Damn.

01:19:18:07 MCKAY (O/S): I'll try to override the system, open the doors...

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01:19:19:22 MCKAY (CONT'D): but that's seriously hampering efforts to rig power to the Stargate.

01:19:28:27 WEIR: If these ships turn out to be our only way out of here, I don't want you waiting too long to get up to the bay.

01:19:35:00 WEIR (CONT'D): Rodney...

01:19:36:16 MCKAY: Yes, yes, yes, I heard. Go.

01:19:45:01 WEIR: How are we doing?

01:19:46:07 ZELENKA: This ship is different than the others.

01:19:47:03 SHEPPARD: Yeah, we know that. Why? What's it do?

01:19:49:05 ZELENKA: I do not know. I will need more time.

01:19:51:07 WEIR: We don't have time. It's airtight, I assume.

01:19:54:06 SHEPPARD: It's a space ship. It'd better be.

01:19:55:22 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): Major Sheppard, I've located a roof hatch in the gate ship bay. I'll try to get it open.

01:20:00:25 WEIR (INTO RADIO): What was that?

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01:20:03:15 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Bulkhead doors leading out of the control room have all slammed shut. We're locked in.

01:20:06:24 WEIR (V/O OVER RADIO): Can you get it open?

01:20:07:26 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): I'm trying!

01:20:10:07 SHEPPARD (O/S): Let's get out of here!

01:20:23:10 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Forget it. The gate room's flooding.

01:20:25:15 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Get them open and get up here. We're waiting for you.

01:20:28:09 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Elizabeth, we're going to keep trying to retract the roof.
As soon as it opens, you go.

01:20:32:00 WEIR (INTO RADIO): Rodney--

01:20:33:10 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): Look, there's no time to argue! Catastrophic failure is imminent.

01:20:36:12 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Just lock yourself in and go.

01:20:41:01 OLD WEIR (V/O): Despite your efforts, there was nothing you could do, Rodney.

01:20:45:17 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): Within seconds, the control room was flooded.

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01:20:51:01 MCKAY: I died?

01:20:52:21 OLD WEIR: You never gave up trying, right until the end.

01:21:02:26 MCKAY: Well...a man wonders how he would choose to go out, given such dire
circumstances. Now I know.

01:21:12:28 OLD WEIR: Trying to save the lives of others.

01:21:15:17 SHEPPARD: But ultimately failing.

01:21:19:18 MCKAY: I'm sure if I had a few more seconds, I could--

01:21:21:24 WEIR: Wait a second. Why didn't the failsafe mechanism engage and raise the
city to the surface?

01:21:26:18 OLD WEIR: Because there was no failsafe the first time.

01:21:30:08 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): Atlantis remained on the ocean floor. The shield
completely collapsed. Water came...

01:21:37:17 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): crashing in, flooding every room in the city.

01:21:44:27 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): You both drowned...

01:21:46:26 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): while attempting to get our people into ships...

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01:21:51:08 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): and we...

01:21:52:29 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): along with Dr. Zelenka...

01:21:55:26 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): we found ourselves trapped.

01:21:58:01 SHEPPARD: We need to get out of here!

01:22:07:19 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Did McKay get the hatch open?

01:22:09:20 ZELENKA: I do not know.

01:22:11:08 FORD (V/O OVER RADIO): Major, there's six of us stuck in one of the ships!
What do we do?

01:22:15:19 ZELENKA: What did you do?

01:22:16:20 SHEPPARD: I don't know. I think I just turned it on.

01:22:18:23 SHEPPARD (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Stand by, Sergeant. I'm not much for
instruction manuals, but I could use one right about now.

01:22:31:09 WEIR: Oh, my God.

01:22:33:05 SHEPPARD: We're in space. What happened?

01:22:35:09 ZELENKA: Now what did you do?

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01:24:27:05 WEIR: Can you tell us? The ship that you escaped in, where is it now?

01:24:35:01 OLD WEIR: It's gone.

01:24:39:18 ZELENKA: Who is shooting at us?

01:24:41:03 SHEPPARD: Better question is, how do we shoot back?

01:24:43:02 (WEAPON PORTS WHINE OPEN)

01:24:50:10 SHEPPARD: Did I do that?

01:24:55:29 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Hang on!

01:24:59:25 OLD WEIR: The next thing I knew...I woke up here.

01:25:06:05 SHEPPARD: What, you mean now?

01:25:10:05 OLD WEIR: No. Then.

01:25:18:27 JANUS (O/S): You're awake.

01:25:20:12 OLD WEIR (V/O): His name was Janus. He healed my wounds and explained to me what had happened.

01:25:28:22 JANUS (O/S): Your ship was shot down. We retrieved it from the ocean floor.

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01:25:36:13 WEIR: Major Sheppard, Dr. Zelenka?

01:25:38:14 JANUS: No one survived.

01:25:43:10 MCKAY (V/O): Ha!

01:25:44:15 MCKAY (CONT'D): Ah, the bitter taste of ultimate failure, hmm?

01:25:47:26 SHEPPARD: Well, if you had just figured out how to fix the damn shield in the first
place...

01:25:51:00 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): none of us would've died.

01:25:52:17 MCKAY (O/S): I did everything I could, including...

01:25:54:02 MCKAY (CONT'D): valiantly attempting to save your sorry--

01:25:55:20 WEIR (O/S): Gentlemen...

01:25:56:22 WEIR (CONT'D): Focus.

01:26:01:02 WEIR (CONT'D): Please continue.

01:26:05:02 OLD WEIR: Needless to say, I was very confused. He explained to me that the
ship we had escaped in was...a time machine.

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01:26:17:13 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): He was the one who built it. After I was feeling better...

01:26:22:13 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): he brought me before the Atlantian Council.

01:26:25:13 MELIA: We welcome you to the city of Atlantis.

01:26:28:07 WEIR: Thank you.

01:26:29:20 MELIA (O/S): Unfortunately, your arrival has come at a time of great conflict.

01:26:33:17 MELIA (CONT'D): We've been under siege for many years and have submerged our city as a measure of protection.

01:26:38:21 WEIR: Yes, it's extraordinary. It's how we found the city when we came through the Stargate.

01:26:43:09 MOROS: From Earth?

01:26:44:21 WEIR: Yes.

01:26:46:06 JANUS: 10,000 years from now.

01:26:51:05 JANUS (CONT'D): It should be noted that our actions...

01:26:54:07 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): have succeeded in protecting the city...

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01:26:56:23 JANUS (CONT'D): for so many years.

01:26:58:14 MELIA: Let us hope Dr. Weir's arrival has not altered this eventuality. By directly encountering the Wraith...

01:27:04:15 MELIA (CONT'D O/S): she may have already set in motion a chain of events that could lead...

01:27:07:24 MELIA (CONT'D): to a future far different from the one she left.

01:27:10:20 WEIR: I'm sorry, what are the Wraith?

01:27:14:18 OLD WEIR: They told me of beings called "Wraiths..."

01:27:18:20 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): a vicious, formidable enemy whose power...

01:27:22:26 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): and technology rivaled their own.

01:27:24:24 MCKAY: Yes, actually...

01:27:25:26 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): we've already, um--

01:27:26:23 OLD WEIR (O/S): The Atlantians sent a delegation...

01:27:30:06 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): protected by their most powerful warships in the faint hope of negotiating a truce...

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01:27:37:06 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): One on one, Atlantian ships were more powerful, but the Wraith were so many.

01:27:43:18 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): After that great battle...it was only a matter of time.

01:27:50:18 MELIA: We're awaiting the last of our off-world transport ships before beginning our evacuation through the Stargate.

01:27:55:25 WEIR: Where will you go?

01:27:57:10 MELIA: We're returning to Earth. You are welcome to join us.

01:28:02:20 WEIR: Thank you. That's very kind, but...I'm sure you must understand...

01:28:07:16 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): my desire to return to the future...

01:28:10:00 WEIR (CONT'D): to my people. I was hoping I would be able to use the time machine again, and program it to arrive at the precise moment...

01:28:17:26 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): we came through the Stargate, and if it was possible, and you had a ZPM I could take...

01:28:23:16 WEIR (CONT'D): back with me, that would help us considerably. See, the power systems of the city were virtually depleted when we--

01:28:28:07 MOROS: No.

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01:28:31:12 MOROS (CONT'D O/S): Enough of this tampering with time.

01:28:33:07 MOROS (CONT'D): Causality is not to be treated so lightly.

01:28:37:07 JANUS: No one's treating it lightly.

01:28:38:25 MOROS: You are, with your insistence on continuing these experiments despite
the condemnation of this council.

01:28:45:06 MOROS (CONT'D O/S): We ordered you to cease these activities, and yet here
we sit...

01:28:49:23 MOROS (CONT'D): face to face with a visitor from the future who arrived here in
the very machine you agreed not to construct.

01:28:58:29 JANUS: We are about to evacuate this city...

01:29:02:08 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): in the hope that it will lie safe for many years, and then
one day, our kind will return...

01:29:08:12 JANUS (CONT'D): and they have.

01:29:12:04 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): It is because...

01:29:13:04 JANUS (CONT'D): of my experiments...

01:29:14:14 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): that we now have the opportunity--

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01:29:16:00 MOROS: Enough!

01:29:18:00 MOROS (CONT'D O/S): We have no time for this.

01:29:22:25 MOROS (CONT'D): I am hereby ordering the destruction of this time-travel
device...

01:29:27:02 MOROS (CONT'D O/S): and all the materials connected with its design.

01:29:32:25 MOROS (CONT'D): You are welcome to return to Earth with our people.

01:29:37:07 MOROS (CONT'D): You shall not be returning to yours.

END OF ACT THREE

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01:30:09:07 BECKETT (O/S): The last set of test results only confirm the obvious. Her skeletal, muscular...

01:30:13:12 BECKETT (CONT'D): circulatory, and neuroendocrine systems have all been decimated by age. I'm seeing renal failure, liver failure, and evidence of a stroke from her recent collapse.

01:30:22:27 SHEPPARD: How long does she have?

01:30:25:02 BECKETT: I doubt she'll live out the night.

01:30:26:25 OLD WEIR: Please...

01:30:30:00 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): I don't know how much time I have left to tell the story I've waited so long to tell.

01:30:38:08 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): Oh...the council...they were very upset...

01:30:45:03 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): Yes.

01:30:46:13 WEIR (CONT'D): You said they decided to destroy the time machine.

01:30:48:18 OLD WEIR (O/S): I tried to talk them out of it.

01:30:51:07 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): I couldn't give up hope. Thankfully, I had an ally.

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01:30:56:17 JANUS (V/O): You need to talk to Moros.

01:30:58:02 JANUS (CONT'D): Dr. Weir was brought here through no fault of her own. She shouldn't be punished for it.

01:31:03:02 MELIA (O/S): She's free to come with us back to Earth...

01:31:04:20 MELIA (CONT'D): and live among our--

01:31:06:09 JANUS: She needs to return to her time, not remain in ours.

01:31:09:08 MELIA (O/S): That's not possible.

01:31:12:00 MELIA (CONT'D): I'm sorry.

01:31:13:25 WEIR: Wait.

01:31:15:02 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): I don't think you understand how far we've come...

01:31:18:09 WEIR (CONT'D): or how much my people have sacrificed in the hopes of meeting
you.

01:31:23:18 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): We call you the Ancients.

01:31:25:21 WEIR (CONT'D): The gate builders. We've crossed galaxies in the hopes of
finding a great people. Please, is there no other way you can help?

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01:31:38:21 MELIA: We could block the Stargate permanently after the evacuation.

01:31:41:05 MELIA (CONT'D O/S): That way...

01:31:42:22 MELIA (CONT'D): in the future, your team will be unable to come here.

01:31:44:24 JANUS: If they can't come, the city may never be found.

01:31:47:19 MELIA: But the lives of her expedition would be saved.

01:31:49:25 WEIR (O/S): Thank you for your generous offer...

01:31:51:15 WEIR (CONT'D): but we are explorers, just like you.

01:31:57:28 JANUS (O/S): Which should come as no surprise...

01:31:59:17 JANUS (CONT'D): since they are the second evolution of our kind.

01:32:04:10 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): Don't you understand?

01:32:05:24 JANUS (CONT'D): This city will survive 10,000 years.

01:32:15:23 MELIA: The council's decision is final.

01:32:25:09 OLD WEIR: Of course, Janus refused to concede defeat.

01:32:29:03 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): The more someone told him not to do something...

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01:32:32:17 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): the more he had to do it.

01:32:34:29 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): So he came up with an alternate plan...

01:32:37:24 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): behind the council's back. It was all I could do to try to
keep pace with him.

01:32:55:16 WEIR: May I ask what it is you're doing?

01:32:58:06 JANUS: Calculating the necessary power needed.

01:33:00:11 WEIR: Needed for...

01:33:01:20 JANUS (O/S): You said the shield collapsed...

01:33:02:28 JANUS (CONT'D): shortly after your arrival. I have to find a way to extend the
supply of power.

01:33:13:19 JANUS (CONT'D): What is it you called them?

01:33:15:03 WEIR: ZPM. Zero point module.

01:33:17:21 JANUS: Yes... They're designed to operate in parallel, all three providing power to
the city simultaneously. However, used in sequence...

01:33:27:26 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): it may be possible...

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01:33:29:18 JANUS (CONT'D): to sustain the necessary power for the needed time.

01:33:35:29 OLD WEIR (V/O): I couldn't believe my eyes. Three ZPMs, right in front of me.

01:33:43:05 JANUS: There is one small problem, however.

01:33:46:23 JANUS (CONT'D): Someone will need to remain behind in the city to transfer the
power from one device to the other, to rotate them sequentially.

01:33:54:09 WEIR: Over thousands of years?

01:33:57:03 JANUS: It is possible.

01:34:02:12 MELIA (V/O OVER RADIO): Janus, please report to central control.

01:34:06:07 OLD WEIR: Their transport ship was inbound. It was taking heavy fire.

01:34:15:22 PILOT (V/O OVER RADIO): Cloaking shields damaged! We're returning fire, but
we cannot access!

01:34:19:06 MELIA: There's too many enemy ships.

01:34:21:01 TECHNICIAN: And there are more coming.

01:34:22:07 JANUS (INTO RADIO): Engage auxiliary power. Try to outrun them.

01:34:25:00 (SCREAMS AND EXPLOSIONS OVER RADIO)

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01:34:28:23 JANUS: There are over 300 people on that transport.

01:34:37:13 (SINGLE MASSIVE EXPLOSION, THEN SILENCE)

01:34:42:08 MOROS: Begin evacuation. We must leave, now.

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01:35:33:07 OLD WEIR: Damn, fell asleep again.

01:35:36:14 WEIR: Well, you're not the only one. Are you in any pain?

01:35:43:12 OLD WEIR (O/S): Would we admit it if we were?

01:35:49:07 WEIR: I wish there was more we could do for you.

01:35:50:25 OLD WEIR: Oh, look at you. Always worrying.

01:35:56:03 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): You put too much pressure on yourself. Remember...

01:36:02:00 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): that miserable Baltic negotiation?

01:36:04:29 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): What Simon told us afterwards?

01:36:09:05 WEIR: Breathe?

01:36:10:05 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): Among other things.

01:36:14:20 OLD WEIR (O/S): Enjoy the moment.

01:36:17:04 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): What's here right now, the sun, the breeze...

01:36:26:06 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): Our birthday.

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01:36:30:10 WEIR: Sheppard couldn't keep it to himself, huh?

01:36:34:18 OLD WEIR: I'm just saying stop being so damn hard on yourself.

01:36:40:29 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): Life is quick.

01:36:44:29 WEIR: Not for you.

01:36:46:12 OLD WEIR: It was my choice, Elizabeth.

01:36:49:16 OLD WEIR (CONT'D O/S): I didn't second-guess it then...

01:36:53:20 OLD WEIR (CONT'D): and I don't regret it now.

01:37:09:12 MELIA: Where is Dr. Weir?

01:37:10:25 JANUS: She's gone through the gate. She was among the first to evacuate.

01:37:15:21 MOROS: Good.

01:37:33:01 OLD WEIR (V/O): Janus prepared the stasis chamber for me. Said it would be like
a deep, dreamless sleep.

01:37:41:00 JANUS: I'm inputting commands for the system to revive you twice...

01:37:43:22 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): at intervals of approximately 3.3 thousand years

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01:37:46:11 JANUS (CONT'D): so that you can rotate the ZPMs. I'll give you instructions on how to reactivate the stasis process afterwards. I'm also entering the necessary commands to commence final revival the moment sensors indicate the presence of your expedition team.

01:38:00:09 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): Look...

01:38:01:09 JANUS (CONT'D): I feel that I must tell you that there is a possibility, remote as it is, that this might not succeed.

01:38:10:22 WEIR: I know.

01:38:11:19 JANUS (O/S): It's impossible to predict what'll happen...

01:38:12:28 JANUS (CONT'D): over such a long period of time. I'm convinced that you will survive.

01:38:18:28 JANUS (CONT'D): But in the highly unlikely eventuality that you don't, I've programmed a failsafe mechanism...

01:38:23:29 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): to protect the city.

01:38:25:12 WEIR: A failsafe?

01:38:26:13 JANUS (O/S): Yes.

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01:38:27:03 JANUS (CONT'D): If the power drains to a critical level, the mechanism holding the city on the ocean floor will release, and it will rise to the surface.

01:38:35:10 WEIR: Really?

01:38:39:18 OLD WEIR (V/O): And then they left, all of them, returning to Earth through the Stargate.

01:38:52:22 WEIR: What's all that?

01:38:54:19 JANUS: My research.

01:38:58:05 WEIR: You're going to build another time ship?

01:39:00:03 JANUS: I doubt I'll succeed, seeing that the council will be watching...

01:39:03:03 JANUS (CONT'D O/S): my every move.

01:39:04:10 WEIR: I'm sure you'll find a way.

01:39:09:10 JANUS: I've blocked all addresses to the gate except Earth. You will be safe.

01:39:16:01 WEIR: Thank you.

01:39:17:03 JANUS: Thank you...for giving me the hope that Atlantis will survive another 10,000 years after you discover it again.

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01:42:24:10 OLD WEIR: Outposts...each one with a Zero Point Module. Janus told me.

01:42:37:07 WEIR: The note she left...

01:42:38:17 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): it's coordinates of planets to have known ZPMs.

01:42:45:26 SHEPPARD (O/S): They could still be there.

01:42:47:20 MCKAY (O/S): M7G 677's on here. This is amazing. Elizabeth, we've got...

01:42:51:14 (HEART RATE MONITOR FLATLINING)

01:43:41:21 SHEPPARD: We're about to start our mission briefing, so...

01:43:46:04 WEIR: I'll be right there.

01:43:50:16 WEIR (CONT'D): Actually, John?

01:43:52:24 WEIR (CONT'D): Give me a minute, will you?

01:43:55:06 SHEPPARD: Sure.

END OF ACT FIVE

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