

STARGATE ATLANTIS
"TAO OF RODNEY"
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TIMECODE DIALOGUE

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

TEASER

01:00:04:20 MCKAY (V/O): She used to leave the lights on.

01:00:06:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): All over the house. Every room. It drove my father nuts.

01:00:13:04 ZELENKA: For me, it was my brother, only we had no lights. He used to leave
 candles burning everywhere.

01:00:19:00 MCKAY: Yeah, well, you know what? No one want to hear any more stories about
 how poor you were as a child, all right? We already feel as sorry for you
 as is humanly possible.

01:00:26:12 ZELENKA: Yeah... he burned the house down, you know.

01:00:28:13 MCKAY (O/S): My sister was afraid of the dark.

01:00:29:25 MCKAY (CONT'D): Used to blame me for leaving the lights on. Of course, my
 father believed her. He never sided with me.

01:00:36:02 ZELENKA: We had to live in a tent in the dead of winter, for three months.

01:00:39:06 MCKAY: You know, at least my stories relate to what we're doing.

01:00:41:18 ZELENKA: Well, so do mine.

01:00:42:27 MCKAY: We're trekking all over the city, shutting down everything the Ancients
 activated while they were oh-so-briefly in control, so that we can stop the
 power from draining from our one precious ZPM. How does that relate to
 your idiot brother burning the house down?

01:00:54:15 ZELENKA: Well, if we don't succeed--

01:00:55:24 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING): We're not going to have to live in a tent in the dead of
 winter.

01:00:58:00 ZELENKA (O/S): It's a metaphor.

01:00:59:03 ESPOSITO: Dr. McKay...

01:01:01:01 MCKAY: Mm, thank God.

01:01:03:23 ESPOSITO (O/S): The control panel. It's completely shot.

01:01:06:03 MCKAY: Really? You think so? You know, I don't get these Ancients. They're
 supposed to be so smart, but why activate something that you don't need
 and you're not using, huh?

01:01:14:05 ZELENKA: Well, maybe they didn't have time to get to it. You know, before the
 human-form Replicators that you reprogrammed attacked.

01:01:18:20 MCKAY: Yes, yes, we all know what happened.

01:01:22:17 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Ah. Voila.

01:01:25:20 ZELENKA: You're just angry that you couldn't figure out how to override the
Ancient protocols that kept us from shutting this place down remotely
from the control room.

01:01:32:10 MCKAY (O/S): Hey, neither could you.

01:01:33:16 ZELENKA: Yes, but I didn't bet everyone a month's pay that I could do it.

01:01:36:08 MCKAY: You... Okay, you know what? Look around, see if you can figure out how
to turn this place off, whatever it is.

01:01:41:15 ZELENKA: Hey, are you sure you should be going up there?

01:01:43:25 MCKAY: How else am I going to find out what this room does, huh? God forbid
there should be anything in the Ancient database.

01:01:49:00 ZELENKA: Oh, there probably is, we just don't have the...

01:01:51:05 ZELENKA (CONT'D O/S): time to--

01:01:51:10 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): Oh, here we go. Ah...

01:01:54:25 ZELENKA: Okay, there should be a main power switch--

01:01:55:25 MCKAY: Yes, I know that. What do you think I'm doing?

01:01:58:01 ZELENKA: All right. All right, double or nothing.

01:02:01:29 MCKAY: Oh, you're on.

01:02:03:01 ZELENKA: All right.

01:02:03:20 MCKAY: All right. It's going to be around here somewhere.

01:02:05:25 (POWER SURGING, ENERGY PULSING)

01:02:21:11 ZELENKA: Rodney, what happened?

01:02:25:21 MCKAY: I'm not sure, but I think I just lost... big time.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

01:03:51:20 BECKETT (O/S): As far as I can tell, he's fine.

01:03:53:04 MCKAY: I was hit by a mysterious energy pulse. How can that possibly be "fine"?

01:03:56:22 BECKETT: I've run every test I can. Blood work, MRIs, x-rays...

01:04:00:06 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): the lot. I've found no anomalies in any of the results.

01:04:02:28 MCKAY: Okay, one more time, mysterious energy pulse. From a device created
by the Ancients? Who knows what kind of long-term effects I could be in
for.

01:04:08:27 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I mean, there's gross mutation, giantism, invisibility?

01:04:12:00 SHEPPARD: That would be cool. I turned into a bug.

01:04:14:09 BECKETT (O/S): All right, like I said, as far as I can tell...

01:04:16:16 BECKETT (CONT'D): he's as healthy as a horse. I'm clearing you for active...

01:04:18:27 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): duty.

01:04:19:10 MCKAY: Are you insane? Look, I need to be put under guard.

01:04:21:28 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Who knows what I could become.

01:04:22:29 WEIR: What are the chances it could make him more pleasant?

01:04:25:03 MCKAY: Oh, thank you.

01:04:26:05 SHEPPARD (O/S): I'll keep an eye on him.

01:04:27:06 WEIR: Thank you.

01:04:29:26 MCKAY: Can you still see me?

01:04:34:24 MCKAY (CONT'D): What are you saying?

01:04:35:19 ZELENKA: Well, that you were showing off. Normally, if Dr. Esposito weren't
around, I doubt you would have been as reckless as you were.

01:04:43:02 MCKAY (O/S): Are you insane?

01:04:44:09 SHEPPARD (O/S): Which one's Esposito?

01:04:46:07 ZELENKA: Oh, the-the long, dark hair?

01:04:47:28 SHEPPARD (O/S): Oh, right, the one with the perfect little, uh--

01:04:49:25 MCKAY: Do you mind? We're trying to work here.

01:04:51:20 SHEPPARD: For the record, I was going to say, "smile."

01:04:53:12 MCKAY: Yeah, sure you were. What have you got?

01:04:55:11 ZELENKA: Nothing. Whatever you did fried all...

01:04:57:00 ZELENKA (CONT'D O/S): the power conduits leading into the room.

01:05:00:02 MCKAY: Whatever I did?

01:05:01:05 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Look, up until very recently, this lab was entirely
underwater...

01:05:04:23 MCKAY (CONT'D): quite possibly for over 10,000 years. How is that my fault?

01:05:07:15 ZELENKA: Well, that part of it isn't.

01:05:09:04 MCKAY: Okay, that's it. I'm going for lunch.

01:05:12:00 TEYLA (O/S): How's he doing?

01:05:14:10 SHEPPARD (O/S): Same old Rodney.

01:05:15:20 RONON (O/S): You're sure? He looks a couple pounds heavier to me.

01:05:19:15 TEYLA (O/S): Ronon...

01:05:20:05 RONON (O/S): What? He eats all the time. It's not like he exercises.

01:05:24:25 SHEPPARD (O/S): He's feeding his unhappiness.

01:05:27:01 MCKAY: Hello! I'm right here! I can... I can hear you. Huh. For your information, I
am exactly the same weight I've been since I got here. I need to eat
regularly...

01:05:45:19 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): otherwise, I become hypoglycemic, and I am generally...

01:05:48:25 MCKAY (CONT'D): a very happy person.

01:05:49:25 VOICE (V/O OVER PA): Colonel Sheppard, please have your team report to the
control room immediately. Colonel Sheppard.

01:06:00:21 WEIR (O/S): We received this transmission six minutes ago from Major Lorne's
team.

01:06:05:07 LORNE (V/O OVER RADIO): Atlantis base, repeat, we are under attack and cut
off from the gate! I counted at least 20, maybe more! Request backup
immediately!

01:06:14:00 SHEPPARD: Where are they?

01:06:15:12 WEIR: M72-656.

01:06:17:10 SHEPPARD: Have a team of Marines meet us in the Jumper bay.

01:06:37:02 ZELENKA (V/O): Dr. Weir...

01:06:38:10 ZELENKA (CONT'D O/S): Any word?

01:06:39:22 WEIR: Not yet. It has only been an hour. You wanted to see me?

01:06:43:10 ZELENKA: Yes. I could use your help. I managed to get power to part of the
console to access the lab's research...

01:06:48:20 ZELENKA (CONT'D O/S): logs.

01:06:49:05 WEIR: Well, that's good news.

01:06:50:01 ZELENKA (O/S): Well, I'm not so sure.

01:06:51:02 ZELENKA (CONT'D): I could use a second opinion.

01:06:58:25 WEIR (O/S): It seems much of this refers to different elements of human
physiology. It mentions...

01:07:08:15 WEIR (CONT'D): the mutation of base genetic coding?

01:07:11:05 ZELENKA: I realize Dr. Beckett said that there were no evident effects from
Rodney's exposure to the device, but... it seems--

01:07:18:09 WEIR: It's meant to manipulate human DNA.

01:07:22:01 CHUCK (V/O OVER RADIO): Dr. Weir to the Jumper Bay. The rescue team has returned.

01:07:25:21 WEIR: Let's go.

01:07:28:20 (DOOR LOWERING)

01:07:28:13 MCKAY (O/S): What else could it be?

01:07:30:23 SHEPPARD: Aw... you're losing your mind.

01:07:32:10 MCKAY (O/S): I'm telling you, it's a bit of a coincidence.

01:07:34:22 SHEPPARD: Well, then prove it.

01:07:36:10 WEIR: Colonel?

01:07:37:05 SHEPPARD: Everyone is present and accounted for.

01:07:39:15 BECKETT: How bad is it and who's been hit?

01:07:40:20 LORNE (O/S): No one, Doc. We're...

01:07:41:27 LORNE (CONT'D): all fine. Thanks to... McKay.

01:07:44:18 SHEPPARD: So he says.

01:07:45:20 WEIR: Rodney?

01:07:49:12 MCKAY: Well, to be honest, I'm not entirely sure. I wasn't even sure it was me at first, but, uh, the correlation's impossible to ignore. I saw Lorne's team pinned down, the bad guys closing in. I just thought, uh, you know, "Wouldn't it be great if all of their weapons jammed... at the same time?"

01:08:05:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): Look, the next thing I know, they're all running away, so...

01:08:08:04 WEIR (O/S): So you think because you wanted it...

01:08:09:24 WEIR (CONT'D): to happen, it just did?

01:08:11:16 MCKAY: It was a little more than that.

01:08:15:07 MCKAY (CONT'D): Okay, you know what? Watch this. I'll, uh...

01:08:19:04 (BECKETT GASPING)

01:08:20:15 BECKETT: Rodney!

01:08:24:06 WEIR: Rodney...

01:08:25:00 MCKAY (O/S): Believe me, I find...

01:08:25:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): this as disturbing as you do.

01:08:27:09 BECKETT (O/S): Like...

01:08:27:15 BECKETT (CONT'D): bloody hell you do.

01:08:30:15 WEIR: Put him down.

01:08:35:02 BECKETT: Oh, God...

01:08:38:10 WEIR (O/S): Have there been any...

01:08:39:02 WEIR (CONT'D): other instances of this power manifesting itself?

01:08:42:02 MCKAY (O/S): "Powers." Plural.

01:08:44:00 WEIR: What else can you do besides...

01:08:45:09 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): telekinesis?

01:08:46:21 MCKAY: Well, super-hearing for one, and I'm not sure, but I think I may actually
be getting smarter.

01:08:49:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): It's hard to say for sure, because I was-I was pretty
smart...

01:08:51:19 MCKAY (CONT'D): to start with, but, um, recently, I've been having some ideas
that I don't think even I would have thought of before.

01:08:55:21 SHEPPARD: Does super-ego count as a power?

01:08:58:04 MCKAY: Oh, finally. Look, keep it coming.

01:09:01:00 SHEPPARD: We could also be dealing with a super-appetite, although it's hard to tell, because he ate so much before.

01:09:05:18 MCKAY: That's very funny.

01:09:06:21 BECKETT: My God, he's eating again?

01:09:08:08 MCKAY: I have a very active metabolism.

01:09:09:19 BECKETT (O/S): Aye, among other things. The scans show a dramatic increase...

01:09:12:13 BECKETT (CONT'D): in synaptic interaction throughout all the sections of Rodney's brain.

01:09:16:10 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): Much higher than normal human levels.

01:09:19:12 WEIR (O/S): There was an incident at SGC...

01:09:20:27 WEIR (CONT'D): just over a year ago.

01:09:22:16 BECKETT (O/S): I recall that file.

01:09:23:18 BECKETT (CONT'D): I studied the data. Fascinating.

01:09:26:11 WEIR (O/S): SG-1 discovered a highly evolved human being in stasis.

01:09:28:18 WEIR (CONT'D): Turned out he was the result of experimentation by a Goa'uld...

01:09:31:21 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): named Anubis. He was trying...

01:09:34:14 WEIR (CONT'D): to create a means of artificially accelerating the human
physiology to the point of Ascension.

01:09:39:26 MCKAY: Well, that device I found must have been some kind of an accelerator.
We know that the Ancients developed all kinds of powers as they
evolved.

01:09:45:06 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): So, it's just a matter of bad luck that we didn't run into that
lab earlier.

01:09:48:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): Seriously. Me, a superhero. Who would have thought it?

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

01:10:15:20 SHEPPARD (V/O): Look, we all agree the Ancients were pretty screwed...

01:10:17:00 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): up.

01:10:18:10 WEIR: We do?

01:10:19:20 SHEPPARD: Well, the ones I met were arrogant and condescending and not for good reason. They made giant mistakes and never fixed them.

01:10:26:15 WEIR: They were still human.

01:10:28:02 SHEPPARD: Then there were all those crazy rules.

01:10:29:23 WEIR: Those only came after they Ascended.

01:10:31:25 SHEPPARD: Whatever. Maybe this thing doesn't work on everyone-- who knows-- but we do know it works on McKay.

01:10:37:29 WEIR: It has only been a day.

01:10:40:08 SHEPPARD: Assuming it's safe... Well, to be honest, even if it's not. If we can get a significant advantage over the Wraith and the Replicators--

01:10:45:20 WEIR (INTERRUPTING): John, I agree, this device may have great potential.

01:10:47:20 SHEPPARD: And with great potential comes great responsibility. I know.

01:10:50:28 WEIR: Like a lot of other things we have found in this city, it is a very advanced
piece of technology. For all we know, it could also be...

01:10:56:20 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): very dangerous.

01:10:57:06 SHEPPARD: I'm just saying--

01:10:58:09 WEIR: Yes, you can be next.

01:11:01:02 SHEPPARD: Thank you.

01:11:01:10 WEIR: Mm.

01:11:04:05 ZELENKA: You know, if you're compiling a list, I'd-I'd--

01:11:07:21 WEIR: Could we stay focused, please?

01:11:09:20 ZELENKA: Aye.

01:11:14:10 MCKAY: Come on, you can't keep me cooped up in here forever.

01:11:17:16 BECKETT: You might not be sick, Rodney, but I think we can both agree what's
happening here...

01:11:19:26 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): is far from normal.

01:11:20:26 MCKAY (O/S): Exactly. So let me go out and start using my powers...

01:11:23:05 MCKAY (CONT'D): to do some good. Ooh, are you going to, uh, finish that?

01:11:27:28 BECKETT: I'm serious!

01:11:29:20 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): We have no idea of the...

01:11:31:00 BECKETT (CONT'D): extent of your genetic mutation.

01:11:32:20 MCKAY (O/S): Please, "mutation" has...

01:11:33:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): such negative connotations. "Advancement" is more like it.

01:11:35:29 BECKETT: Until we know exactly what's going on here--

01:11:38:10 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): Carson, I'm still me. Anyway, it's not like you or,
uh, these guys could stop me from leaving anyways.

01:11:43:13 RONON (O/S): No, but I could.

01:11:46:05 MCKAY: Oh, you care to put that to a test?

01:11:49:29 RONON: Do you?

01:11:51:05 MCKAY: Well, no, not really.

01:11:53:10 BECKETT: Anyway, as I was saying, I think you're fine to go about your daily duties as long as you have someone with you, and you--

01:11:58:20 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING): Check in every couple of hours. Yes, yes. Bye-bye!

01:12:04:06 BECKETT: Uh--

01:12:05:09 MCKAY: You know, we could be a team. You could be my sidekick.

01:12:07:23 RONON: Sidekick?

01:12:08:27 MCKAY: Yeah, it'd be, like, Batman and Ronon. Has a nice ring to it.

01:12:11:09 RONON: Yeah, you keep eating like that, and it's going be more like "Fatman."

01:12:13:18 MCKAY: I'm warning you. You will probably be bored out of your mind, unless you find incredibly advanced physics to be... Really?

01:12:20:27 DR. ESPOSITO: What?

01:12:21:10 MCKAY: What, you think so? Huh! Hey, she thinks I'm hot.

01:12:26:06 DR. ESPOSITO: I didn't say anything.

01:12:27:12 MCKAY (O/S): No, no, no, I was sure that you, uh...

01:12:28:27 MCKAY (CONT'D): Oh, of course. No, I should have known. She meant you.

01:12:32:26 DR. ESPOSITO: I don't know what you're talking about.

01:12:37:08 RONON: McKay, she didn't say a word.

01:12:40:16 MCKAY: Oh, my God, I can read minds. Oh... This is cool.

01:12:47:10 RONON: No, it isn't.

01:12:53:12 MCKAY: Oh, I'm fine. No, yes, and it doesn't.

01:12:55:15 WEIR: What?

01:12:56:25 MCKAY (O/S): I can read your mind. Everyone's, actually. I thought it was very cool for the first, like...

01:12:58:28 MCKAY (CONT'D): 10 seconds there, but now I'm finding it a little disturbing, so I'm trying to tune it out as much as I possibly can. Well, sort of. Anyway, look, I wanted to get your permission to, uh, access the control chair.

01:13:07:20 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I've got, uh, some pretty interesting ideas for maximizing...

01:13:09:29 MCKAY (CONT'D): our ZPM by reconfiguring the city's power systems.

01:13:12:15 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Uh, it's too complicated to explain...

01:13:14:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): but, uh, trust me when I say that you are going to be incredibly happy with the results.

01:13:17:05 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Look, Elizabeth, I-I...

01:13:19:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): know. You have every right not to trust me, but, uh, I promise you. I'm going to make things much, much better.

01:13:22:20 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Okay? Good. She wants you to shoot me if, uh, you think for even one second that I might be trying to take over the city for my own evil purposes.

01:13:29:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): I'm kidding. That was a joke... That's, uh... Is your weapon set to "stun"? Wait, never mind.

01:13:34:15 (GUN BEEPING)

01:13:34:25 MCKAY (CONT'D): There. Did it myself. Okay, to the chair room. Ronon...

01:13:40:08 RONON: Can I shoot him now?

01:13:41:12 MCKAY: I can hear you! Look, she just wants you to keep a close eye on me. Come on, let's go. Chop, chop. Much to do.

01:13:47:13 WEIR (O/S): I will send a...

01:13:48:13 WEIR (CONT'D): science team down to supervise.

01:13:56:10 (POWER SHUTTING DOWN)

01:13:59:10 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH)

01:14:03:05 (ENERGY BUZZING)

01:14:08:24 ZELENKA: What the hell is he doing?

01:14:11:00 RONON: Don't ask me.

01:14:13:01 ZELENKA: Actually, I wasn't.

01:14:15:12 COLEMAN: I have no idea.

01:14:17:27 ZELENKA: Rodney, you are affecting power all over the city.

01:14:20:17 MCKAY: I know. Awesome, isn't it?

01:14:23:10 ZELENKA: No. I can't work.

01:14:25:05 MCKAY: It's just temporary.

01:14:26:25 ZELENKA (O/S): Rodney, I'm trying to determine if...

01:15:19:09 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): I know McKay is some super-genius now, but I find the flickering lights incredibly unnerving.

01:15:26:03 WEIR: Dr. Coleman has, however reluctantly, admitted it does seem as if Rodney's significantly improving the city's power system.

01:15:33:15 SHEPPARD: Whatever. Anyway, you were saying...

01:15:38:24 WEIR: Well, we know the Ancients evolved physiologically to a certain point, where they could transform into a state of pure energy.

01:15:45:28 SHEPPARD: Ancient history 101.

01:15:47:17 WEIR (O/S): Yes, we also know...

01:15:48:23 WEIR (CONT'D): that not all of them managed to get there.

01:15:52:04 SHEPPARD: Are you saying some of them needed a kick in the pants?

01:15:54:09 WEIR: So to speak. I think this machine was not meant to help them fight the war against the Wraith, but rather to help them escape it.

01:16:04:05 SHEPPARD: An Ascension machine?

01:16:06:10 WEIR (O/S): Like...

01:16:06:19 WEIR (CONT'D): the one the Goa'uld tried to create in the Milky Way.

01:16:11:02 SHEPPARD: Are you saying McKay's going to Ascend?

01:16:13:10 WEIR: Well, unfortunately, there's a whole lot more to Ascension than just being physically evolved.

01:16:18:08 SHEPPARD: Believe me, after spending six months with a bunch of pansy wannabes, I know. What does this mean for McKay?

01:16:24:25 WEIR: Like I said, just getting to the good bit.

01:16:28:28 SHEPPARD: Then I'll leave you to it.

01:16:32:20 WEIR: John, wait.

01:16:35:05 WEIR (CONT'D): We need to talk to Rodney right away.

01:16:42:00 (ENERGY BUZZING)

01:16:43:23 MCKAY: You can all relax. I'll have us back online in two minutes.

01:16:47:26 WEIR (O/S): We need to talk to you.

01:16:50:01 MCKAY: What do you mean I'm going to die?

01:16:52:18 MCKAY (CONT'D): I'm not even sick. I feel great. Never better.

01:16:54:24 SHEPPARD: That Ancient device--

01:16:56:19 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): Has accelerated my...

01:16:57:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): evolution. Eventually, I'll reach a point...

01:17:00:10 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): where I'm physically capable of Ascension, but
Ascension...

01:17:02:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): takes more than that. There's a – there's a mental component.

01:17:05:01 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I need to know how to make it happen... which...

01:17:07:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): I don't... yet.

01:17:10:25 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I'm getting smarter by the minute.

01:17:11:27 MCKAY (CONT'D): It's a pretty good assumption I'll be able to figure it out on the
way.

01:17:14:20 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Okay, so it's not as easy at that. Well, even if I don't...

01:17:16:21 MCKAY (CONT'D): so I stay a-a highly evolved human. I mean, I don't have to
Ascend. It's a... It's a choice, right?

01:17:21:08 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): No? What do you mean, no?

01:17:23:11 MCKAY (CONT'D): Oh, that stupid Ancient device doesn't work properly, does it?

01:17:27:05 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): It's set in motion a series of genetic mutations...

01:17:29:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): that will result in my death if I don't Ascend?

01:17:32:01 SHEPPARD: There is something easier about this.

01:17:34:06 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): That's why the Ancients didn't put it into common use.

01:17:36:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): It's just one more in long line of abysmal over-ambitious
failures! Oh, God... I'm a dead man.

01:17:44:03 COLEMAN: Dr. Mckay--

01:17:45:00 MCKAY (O/S): Yes...

01:17:45:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): yes, I just... It's because I stopped in the middle! Just... I will
fix it. Just give me a second here.

01:17:51:10 (POWER SHUTTING DOWN)

01:17:55:19 ZELENKA: That's it.

01:17:56:15 (MUTTERING ANGRILY IN CZECH)

01:17:59:07 MCKAY: Look, there's still time left, right? So maybe there's a way to reverse the process. Zelenka! Where's Zelenka? What the hell has he been doing?

01:18:04:09 COLEMAN (O/S): We have massive power...

01:18:05:02 COLEMAN (CONT'D): surges throughout the grid. Shutdown protocols are not responding.

01:18:07:13 MCKAY: Damn it.

01:18:15:07 (POWER EXPLODING)

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

01:18:40:09 BECKETT (O/S): Come on, Radek. Come on. He's not breathing. We need to incubate. Start an I.V., wide open. Get that monitor set up. Right, on my count. One, two, three.

01:18:54:15 MCKAY: Radek!

01:18:55:03 BECKETT (O/S): Get the leads hooked up, please. He's in V-tach.

01:18:58:18 BECKETT (CONT'D): Prepare to defib. Clear.

01:19:01:22 MCKAY: Move!

01:19:02:23 BECKETT (O/S): Rodney, the man is dying--

01:19:04:03 MCKAY: No! Just give me a second. I know.

01:19:09:15 (ENERGY SURGING)

01:19:31:00 BECKETT (O/S): Heart rate's good. Breathing's steady.

01:19:36:19 BECKETT (CONT'D): Pulse is good.

01:19:43:11 WEIR: Radek... are you okay?

01:19:47:29 ZELENKA: What happened?

01:20:06:03 WEIR (O/S): Rodney...

01:20:07:04 MCKAY: Hold on.

01:20:10:13 WEIR: I see you've been busy.

01:20:13:10 MCKAY: I invented a new math.

01:20:14:20 WEIR: Really?

01:20:16:14 MCKAY: It's going to change the human understanding of the universe as we
know it. How is, uh, Zelenka?

01:20:22:01 WEIR: Uh... You need to ask?

01:20:24:11 MCKAY: Um, I'm blocking out people's thoughts. It was, uh, becoming too
overwhelming. I, uh, was... I wasn't able to think.

01:20:30:14 WEIR: Rodney...

01:20:31:18 MCKAY (O/S): I know what you're going to say. Oh, no. Just intuition, I swear.

01:20:35:12 MCKAY (CONT'D): I just... I tried to fix the Ancient device, but it wasn't meant to
reverse the process. Once the mutation has started, it cannot be
stopped.

01:20:44:11 WEIR: Actually... I was going to say, if you want any help in understanding
Ascension...

01:20:55:16 MCKAY: Oh. Uh... Well, I've already re-read everything I could in the database.

01:21:00:17 WEIR: Yeah, it's not exactly a clear-cut set of instructions, is it?

01:21:03:10 MCKAY (O/S): No, and to be honest, you know, I've never been all that big on the
whole idea of Ascending in the first place.

01:21:07:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): There's too many rules. I know I... I mean, to me, life is-is-is
about working towards achievement.

01:21:13:17 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): You know, discovering things...

01:21:14:25 WEIR: Getting credit for it--

01:21:15:26 MCKAY: Exactly. I mean, once you know it all, what do you do then?

01:21:18:05 WEIR (O/S): I don't know.

01:21:19:02 WEIR (CONT'D): I don't think that Ascension necessarily means the end.

01:21:22:11 MCKAY: Yeah, see, never been big on leaps of faith...

01:21:24:09 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): either. I mean, sure, there was a part of me that from the
beginning knew...

01:21:27:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): that this was too good to be true. Nothing this great could ever happen to me without really, really bad consequences.

01:21:34:01 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Anyway, now I have come to terms with that...

01:21:36:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): and-and I just want to get as much done in the time I have left, and not waste my time on a bunch of mumbo-jumbo I'm not going to understand anyway. Oh...

01:21:43:06 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I've, uh, come up with a way for increasing the Daedalus' shield power. Tell Hermiod to, uh, give me a call if he needs any help understanding the base code.

01:21:51:28 WEIR: I'm sure Colonel Caldwell will be thrilled. Look, Rodney, I'm not going to try to convince you that Ascension is right for you, or even possible, for that matter. I don't know, but... I wonder if you have considered the fact that if you did somehow manage to Ascend, you can always theoretically retake human form.

01:22:18:09 MCKAY: Why didn't I think of that?

01:22:20:09 BECKETT (O/S): I don't think it's going to work.

01:22:21:21 MCKAY: Had this shipped from the SGC.

01:22:23:02 BECKETT (O/S): Aye, I know, the Ancient device used to measure a person's synaptic activity.

01:22:26:00 MCKAY: Ah, more than that, the brain's evolutionary level. Look, it's basically, an Ascendometer.

01:22:30:25 BECKETT (O/S): I really don't think we're going about this the right way.

01:22:32:29 MCKAY: If you're a highly evolved super-genius, put up your hand. Oh.

01:22:37:11 BECKETT: From everything I read about the subject area--

01:22:39:20 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): Look...

01:22:40:11 MCKAY (CONT'D): when you get down to it, even mental states are actually only physical states, are they not? I mean, the brain is just a-a chemical supercomputer.

01:22:47:23 BECKETT: Well, I suppose an incredibly--

01:22:49:04 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): complex—

01:22:49:20 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING): "Yes" is all you need to say, my friend. Look, the universe may seem mystical to those without...

01:22:54:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): understanding, when, in truth...

01:22:56:18 MCKAY (CONT'D): anything and everything can be quantified. Look, all that hocus-pocus stuff is just a way of getting the brain into the, uh, proper electro-chemical state to allow the final physical evolution...

01:23:07:11 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): at which point, the matter that makes up this body will turn into pure energy.

01:23:12:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): What, uh... mere mortals...

01:23:14:10 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): would refer to as "the Mystery of Ascension"...

01:23:17:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): is actually just a scientific process. Just...

01:23:19:28 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): protons and electrons. Protons and electrons.

01:23:21:23 BECKETT (O/S): If you say so.

01:23:22:24 MCKAY: Now, if you don't mind, can we... uh... Now, based on what I've extrapolated from the, uh, Ancient research, I've been able to set measurable parameters for achieving the, uh, proper mental state. Once I reach 96%, uh, synaptic connection, as, uh, measured by this device, all I need to do is maintain an E.E.G. frequency of 0.1 to 0.9 hertz, and presto... I rise to a higher plane of existence.

01:23:50:27 BECKETT (O/S): Okay, let's assume for one completely...

01:23:53:18 BECKETT (CONT'D): insane moment that you are right.

01:23:55:25 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): Those frequencies are associated...

01:23:57:15 BECKETT (CONT'D): with near-comatose patients.

01:23:59:08 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): No one who's actually awake can just will
themselves...

01:24:02:12 BECKETT (CONT'D): anywhere close to that, no matter how bloody...

01:24:04:03 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): relaxed they are.

01:24:05:07 MCKAY: No unevolved person.

01:24:07:00 BECKETT: Give it a rest, Rodney.

01:24:08:22 MCKAY: Just turn it on.

01:24:14:09 BECKETT (O/S): Your synaptic activity is abnormally high. Over 60%.

01:24:16:20 MCKAY (O/S): Yes.

01:24:17:09 MCKAY (CONT'D): I don't have much time left. As I said, by my calculations,
when I reach 96%, I either Ascend or die. Now, what's my E.E.G.?

01:24:23:13 BECKETT: 29 hertz, which is about average for someone in an extremely
heightened wakeful state.

01:24:27:24 MCKAY: Okay, so I just need to, uh, clear my mind and, uh, relax.

01:24:34:00 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): What's it at now?

01:24:35:15 BECKETT (O/S): 30.

01:24:35:23 MCKAY: What? Oh, come on, that's impossible! You must have me hooked me
up wrong.

01:24:38:09 BECKETT: No, I didn't, thank you very much. We're getting a clear reading.

01:24:41:00 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): Rodney...

01:24:43:00 BECKETT (CONT'D): The Ancients that eventually learned to Ascend dedicated
their entire lives preparing for this moment.

01:24:48:10 MCKAY (O/S): Trust me, this will work.

01:24:49:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): I just need some more time. Now, stop talking so much.
You're.... You're rippling my pond.

01:24:56:00 (MCKAY HUMMING CONTENTEDLY)

01:25:00:16 WEIR (O/S): I think he's having a hard time accepting this can't be solved with
science...

01:25:04:05 WEIR (CONT'D): no matter how brilliant he is.

01:25:07:02 SHEPPARD (O/S): Know what he needs?

01:25:08:19 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): He needs to release his burden.

01:25:12:05 WEIR: Yeah, well, you know McKay.

01:25:15:14 SHEPPARD: Maybe Dr. Heightmeyer can help.

01:25:17:16 WEIR: Actually, I was thinking more along the lines of you.

01:25:20:12 SHEPPARD: Me?

01:25:21:12 WEIR (O/S): Mm-hmm. You lived with the Ancients for six months...

01:25:24:19 WEIR (CONT'D): on the brink of Ascension. You helped them face their fears and
finally Ascend.

01:25:29:19 SHEPPARD: I fought a scary monster. That's what I do best.

01:25:32:10 WEIR: And for Rodney, I'm sure this seems like a pretty scary monster.

01:25:40:24 SHEPPARD: I don't think this is going to work with you hooked up to the machine.

01:25:44:00 MCKAY: How else am I going to know if it's working at all? Look, you're teaching
me how to meditate. Not exactly good odds there to start with.

01:25:49:29 SHEPPARD: I realize that. Truth is, I was never really very good at this myself.

01:25:56:05 MCKAY: So why am I here?

01:25:58:01 SHEPPARD: Elizabeth made me.

01:25:59:13 MCKAY: Oh, yeah? Me too.

01:26:01:15 SHEPPARD: I was with those Ancients for six months. Maybe I picked up something that might be able to help you. First thing I think you need to come to terms with is, uh... this is not a means to an end.

01:26:14:20 MCKAY: What? Well, of course it is.

01:26:16:29 SHEPPARD: No, no, you can't do that. You can't think that you're just going to Ascend, and then retake human form...

01:26:21:08 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): and be done with it all.

01:26:22:13 MCKAY: That is exactly what I'm trying...

01:26:23:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): to do. Look, from what I...

01:26:25:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): understand, dishonesty is not going to help the process.

01:26:29:11 SHEPPARD: Good point.

01:26:29:26 MCKAY: You know, while we're on it, my knees are killing me. How does anyone relax like this?

01:26:33:13 SHEPPARD: Find a position that works.

01:26:35:09 MCKAY: All right. Okay.

01:26:38:26 SHEPPARD (O/S): Fine. Now... I want you to become aware of your breaths going in and out of your body...

01:26:48:03 MCKAY: In... and out.

01:26:51:23 SHEPPARD: Do it without talking.

01:26:55:08 MCKAY: Oh, right.

01:26:56:23 SHEPPARD: Now... I want you to think about the things that you worry about the most.

01:27:02:24 MCKAY: You mean like death?

01:27:04:05 SHEPPARD: There's no talking.

01:27:07:05 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Think of anything...

01:27:07:21 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): that makes you anxious.

01:27:09:15 MCKAY: Oh, God, there's so many things. Not talking happens to be one of them,
by the way--

01:27:13:21 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): Deal with it.

01:27:16:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Now... imagine yourself...

01:27:20:11 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): sitting on a Ferris wheel.

01:27:21:21 MCKAY: What?

01:27:22:21 SHEPPARD: Look, I-I told you, I didn't pay much attention to what the Ancients
were teaching me.

01:27:27:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): I liked Ferris wheels, so that's what I thought about...

01:27:29:26 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): and the fact that the woman teaching me how to meditate
was... very attractive.

01:27:35:10 MCKAY: Why am I not surprised you didn't Ascend, huh? Okay, look, I'm a busy
man, you're a busy man, we're both busy men--

01:27:41:09 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): Just relax, all right? I'm going to try to remember
what the woman taught me.

01:27:46:20 MCKAY: All right.

01:27:49:29 SHEPPARD (O/S): Now...

01:27:51:01 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): There's a dark storm...

01:27:53:03 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): swirling around your head.

01:27:55:10 MCKAY: How is that comforting?

01:27:56:11 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): I'm getting there.

01:27:58:03 MCKAY: I just thought of a brilliant adjunct to the chaos theory. Look, I should
write...

01:28:01:27 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): this down--

01:28:02:05 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): McKay!

01:28:04:21 MCKAY: Letting it go, letting it go.

01:28:06:25 SHEPPARD (O/S): Now... the sky is clearing.

01:28:08:27 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): All your troubles are fading away.

01:28:11:12 MCKAY: Bright blue sky. I am there.

01:28:19:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): How am I doing?

01:28:20:08 SHEPPARD: Don't think that way.

01:28:21:21 MCKAY: Oh, forget it. Look, this is never going to work.

01:28:24:02 SHEPPARD: What's wrong now?

01:28:25:11 MCKAY: I just realized why light behaves as both particles and waves.

01:28:28:08 SHEPPARD: Rodney, if you don't try to do this--

01:28:29:16 MCKAY: I know. I don't have much time left.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

01:28:57:05 WEIR: Hey...

01:28:58:05 MCKAY: Just a second.

01:29:03:10 (KEYBOARDS CLATTERING)

01:29:10:14 WEIR: What are you doing?

01:29:11:17 MCKAY: There are, like, 50 simulations I'd like to be running right now, but the
computers can't keep up...

01:29:14:28 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): with me. The irony being that I've actually figured out how
to make them run 10 times...

01:29:17:23 MCKAY (CONT'D): faster, but I haven't had time to actually stop and do it. Oh,
I've, uh, uploaded the virtual prototype for a hyperspace generator for the
puddle jumpers into the, uh, database.

01:29:27:08 WEIR: Well, that sounds great.

01:29:30:04 WEIR (CONT'D): Are you sure that this is how you want to--

01:29:34:05 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING): Spend my last couple of days alive? Don't have much
choice, do I?

01:29:38:02 WEIR: Rodney, I think it's very decent and noble of you to want to leave a scientific contribution behind, but I still believe there's a chance you can Ascend if you put your mind to it.

01:29:48:00 MCKAY (O/S): We both know...

01:29:49:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): that that is a waste of time. Maybe you could do it, but--

01:29:51:10 WEIR (INTERRUPTING O/S): I don't know if I could, but you are certainly...

01:29:53:00 WEIR (CONT'D): selling yourself short by not even trying.

01:29:56:24 MCKAY: To be honest, I don't have the first clue where to start.

01:29:59:25 WEIR: Stop thinking.

01:30:00:19 MCKAY: See, I don't understand that.

01:30:02:00 WEIR (O/S): One of the biggest things...

01:30:03:02 WEIR (CONT'D): that holds people back is that somewhere, deep down, they believe they're not deserving.

01:30:11:05 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): You have to...

01:30:12:22 WEIR (CONT'D): release your burden.

01:30:14:27 MCKAY: Oh, please.

01:30:16:02 WEIR (O/S): I know, spirituality to you is a load of mumbo-jumbo...

01:30:18:15 WEIR (CONT'D): but it does help people find peace with themselves.

01:30:20:25 MCKAY: But you have to believe.

01:30:21:26 WEIR (O/S): I'm not talking about religion.

01:30:23:09 WEIR (CONT'D): I'm talking about shedding yourself of guilt, of anger, of ill-
feeling, of-of anything that makes you feel shame...

01:30:30:20 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): and then you can focus...

01:30:31:23 WEIR (CONT'D): all of your energy on Ascending.

01:30:35:09 MCKAY: So, what you're telling me is that I don't think I'm worthy?

01:30:37:29 WEIR: Rodney, I don't know what you truly believe about yourself.

01:30:42:25 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): For all I know, you use your intelligence to compensate, to
make yourself feel...

01:30:47:05 WEIR (CONT'D): better for other things you think you may lack.

01:30:49:22 MCKAY: Like what?

01:30:50:29 WEIR (O/S): That, I can't tell you...

01:30:52:25 WEIR (CONT'D): but maybe you could start reading your own mind?

01:31:13:13 ZELENKA: Rodney, I don't care what you're going to say. I'm going to keep
working on this, okay?

01:31:16:13 MCKAY: Oh, well, I appreciate that.

01:31:18:01 ZELENKA: I mean, you saved my life, so...

01:31:21:02 ZELENKA (CONT'D O/S): the least I can do is try to save yours, you know?

01:31:23:27 MCKAY: Radek... I think it's safe to say that... I am, at times, a petty, vindictive,
even, uh, jealous man.

01:31:33:20 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I sublimate my own anxieties or feelings of inadequacy by
creating a...

01:31:38:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): bubble of hostility around myself. I know that you, probably
more than anyone else, have had to bear the brunt...

01:31:45:15 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): of that hostility.

01:31:46:18 ZELENKA: Rodney, you-you don't have to--

01:31:47:20 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): Actually...

01:31:48:01 MCKAY (CONT'D): I do. Here's the thing. You're a brilliant scientist and a – and a decent human being. I mean, you should not have had to endure the kind of... abuse that you've taken from me in the past few years. I hope you can find a way to forgive me for all the things I've said and done to you.

01:32:06:15 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): You deserve much better than that.

01:32:09:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): And, uh... s-so I wanted you to know that.

01:32:15:05 MCKAY (CONT'D): Yes.

01:32:31:21 TEYLA (O/S): Rodney...

01:32:32:21 MCKAY: Mind if I come in?

01:32:33:20 TEYLA: Shouldn't you be--

01:32:33:25 MCKAY (OVERLAPPING): Hope you don't mind. I was talking with Halling, and he happened to mention that it was the anniversary of the death of your father next week.

01:32:45:16 TEYLA: He did?

01:32:47:11 MCKAY (O/S): Okay, I might have asked a few pointed questions, but, um, I just thought it would be nice if, uh... What I mean is...

01:32:55:07 MCKAY (CONT'D): I would be honored if you let me share the memorial tea ceremony with you.

01:33:01:10 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I don't know if it's wrong to do it early or anything, but, um, I may not be around next week. Anyway...

01:33:05:24 MCKAY (CONT'D): I understand it's something you're not supposed to do alone.

01:33:11:08 TEYLA: Thank you, Rodney.

01:33:13:21 MCKAY: No, no, no, no. I know exactly what to do. You are the one who has lost a loved one. I will serve you.

01:33:23:19 MCKAY (CONT'D): Hey, buddy! Pal! I've been looking all over for you. Checked the, uh, gym, the mess...

01:33:29:22 RONON: I wasn't there.

01:33:30:24 MCKAY: No, you weren't. Usually one of those is a good bet. So, where are you off to? Shooting range, a little target practice?

01:33:37:20 RONON (O/S): I don't need practice.

01:33:38:22 MCKAY: Oh, no, no, of course you don't. Look... I don't know how much time I have left, so I'm just going to cut to the chase here, ask you a rather, uh, personal question.

01:33:47:13 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Hopefully, you won't just hit me in the face.

01:33:50:24 MCKAY (CONT'D): Asking away. Those...scars on your back from...

01:33:57:13 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): your encounters with the Wraith? You know, with the, uh, tracking device?

01:34:01:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): Are those like a... a badge of honor for you, or are they just a- a constant reminder of something you'd rather forget?

01:34:09:19 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I mean, I know it's none of my business. I just, I...

01:34:13:24 RONON: I try not to let things I can't change bother me.

01:34:19:07 MCKAY: That's very healthy.

01:34:38:19 MCKAY (CONT'D): I hope you don't mind. I just healed them.

01:34:57:05 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): You're not still trying to find a way out of this for me, are you?

01:34:59:20 WEIR: You think I'm going to give up?

01:35:01:10 MCKAY: Look, all the Ancients that experimented with that device, they either
Ascended or died. Most of them the latter, which is...

01:35:07:23 MCKAY (O/S): why it did not get put into common use--

01:35:09:26 WEIR: Like you said, there were exceptions.

01:35:11:04 MCKAY: Huh, yes, well, this will all be over soon, and you can get back to some
real work.

01:35:15:03 WEIR: Rodney... Don't.

01:35:17:03 MCKAY (O/S): No, no, no. I'm not -- I'm not...

01:35:18:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): fishing for sympathy. I just, uh... Hey, I just wanted to give you
that.

01:35:22:27 WEIR: What have you invented now?

01:35:25:00 MCKAY (O/S): Oh, nothing. That's a...

01:35:26:02 MCKAY (CONT'D): that's a-a book.

01:35:27:25 WEIR: About what?

01:35:30:20 MCKAY (O/S): You.

01:35:30:27 MCKAY (CONT'D): Well, you've taken a lot of crap as the, uh, leader of this expedition, and I just thought someone should leave a record of all the good things you've done. Everything you've done right

01:35:40:10 WEIR: Everything I do is on record for review.

01:35:43:04 MCKAY: Oh, yes, I know, I know. I just, I just thought that, um, I would have a... somewhat of a unique perspective that other people...

01:35:47:22 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): might benefit from. You know, I, uh, actually...

01:35:50:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): took the liberty of, uh, doing some research into your past...

01:35:52:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): and I included that as well. Um, I'm sorry if I'm not a very good writer.

01:35:56:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): It, uh, might be a bit overly maudlin in places.

01:36:02:26 WEIR: Rodney, this is 500 pages long. When did you--

01:36:05:25 MCKAY (O/S): Anyway...

01:36:06:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): that's all. Right, okay...

01:36:16:26 MCKAY (CONT'D): What's it down to?

01:36:18:04 SHEPPARD: That's not important.

01:36:19:22 MCKAY: What? Of course it is. It's got to... What, 17 hertz? It's not even close.

01:36:26:25 SHEPPARD: Well, it's closer than you've ever been.

01:36:27:29 MCKAY: Oh, forget it.

01:36:30:16 SHEPPARD: Look, if you have to keep asking, you're obviously not getting it. This
is about letting go.

01:36:35:27 MCKAY: I don't know how to do that, okay? I'm me. I don't know how not to be
me. Look, thank you for all of your help. I think in the – in the grand
scheme of things, we're... we're good, aren't we?

01:36:49:10 SHEPPARD: Of course.

01:36:50:12 MCKAY (CONT'D): All right... Well, then if it's not too much trouble, I-I'd like you to
read my eulogy.

01:36:54:26 SHEPPARD (O/S): I...

01:36:55:02 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): refuse to discuss that.

01:36:56:25 MCKAY: Just... Just keep it simple. Um, make up a few nice things. Uh, I'd like my
little sister to be there, and, um... Oh, you should know that I told Beckett
that he should most definitely do a full autopsy.

01:37:07:16 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): He can use my body for any kind of, uh, experimentation
that might prove...

01:37:11:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): helpful, and, uh... Oh, then I'd like to be cremated. I'd like my
ashes to be, uh, thrown out into space from the Jumper, so, uh--

01:37:18:15 SHEPPARD: Rodney... Rodney!

01:37:22:11 (MCKAY GASPING)

01:37:27:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S INTO RADIO): Medical team to my quarters.

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ACT FIVE

01:37:46:12 BECKETT: The synaptic activity in your brain has reached over 90%. I don't know why, but it seems the more pervasive, evolved state of the cortex is causing lapses in the lower brain function.

01:37:57:09 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): It's almost as if your body is losing its natural ability to keep itself alive.

01:38:02:04 WEIR (O/S): When Ascension occurs naturally...

01:38:03:23 WEIR (CONT'D): the physical body is no longer necessary in the final stages.

01:38:06:26 BECKETT: Rodney, I don't know how much more you can take.

01:38:10:15 MCKAY: It's about six percent.

01:38:11:29 SHEPPARD: There must be something we can do.

01:38:14:08 MCKAY (O/S): It's okay.

01:38:16:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): You know... I'm actually feeling a sense of peace.
Interspersed with moments of sheer terror, of course.

01:38:24:23 SHEPPARD (O/S): Rodney, as far as...

01:38:27:01 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): this Ascension thing, I know you didn't have much success, but at this point, what have you got to lose?

01:38:35:03 MCKAY: May as well go out fighting, huh?

01:38:37:15 SHEPPARD: Absolutely.

01:38:41:05 MCKAY: Hook me up.

01:38:46:06 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Carson...

01:38:49:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): Thank you. Thank you for everything.

01:38:54:29 BECKETT: I only wish I could have done more, my friend.

01:39:09:21 MCKAY: Clear blue skies.

01:39:11:01 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): All my troubles just... just drifting away.

01:39:16:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): Okay... Stop talking now.

01:39:23:15 WEIR: Rodney, you're a good person. Know that we love you.

01:39:30:14 MCKAY: You love me? Really?

01:39:34:15 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): All of you?

01:39:36:02 SHEPPARD (O/S): In the way a friend...

01:39:37:06 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): feels about another friend...

01:39:39:05 MCKAY: You're just saying that because I'm going to die. Oh, God.

01:39:43:18 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I can't believe I'm going to die.

01:39:45:18 SHEPPARD: All right, just back to the blue skies. Let your thoughts go.

01:39:48:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Concentrate on your breathing.

01:39:55:12 (SLOW, RHYTHMIC BEEPING)

01:39:59:20 BECKETT: Oh, my God.

01:40:09:05 (STEADY TONE)

01:40:10:03 BECKETT (O/S) He's not...

01:40:11:08 BECKETT (CONT'D): breathing. Quick, bag him and get him on a...

01:40:12:20 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): ventilator.

01:40:13:15 WEIR (O/S): Carson...

01:40:13:26 WEIR (CONT'D): he gave us strict orders--

01:40:14:15 BECKETT (INTERRUPTING O/S): You don't understand.

01:40:15:20 BECKETT (CONT'D): He just told me how to save him. We're en route. His pulse
is very weak. Are you ready?

01:40:21:27 WEIR: We will be.

01:40:26:00 ZELENKA: Almost.

01:40:34:05 BECKETT (O/S): Right... Hurry, he can't breathe on his own.

01:40:44:07 ZELENKA: Okay, stand back.

01:40:48:20 (ENERGY SURGING)

01:40:58:22 BECKETT: Rodney?

01:41:00:16 MCKAY: It worked.

01:41:01:17 BECKETT: Did it?

01:41:02:20 MCKAY: Well, I'm alive, aren't I?

01:41:03:22 SHEPPARD (O/S): Sounds like him.

01:41:05:20 MCKAY (O/S): Yes...

01:41:06:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): yes... I can't hear one of your thoughts. Telekinesis is gone.
I'm still smart, I think. Yes! Yes, I'm me! I'm my old self!

01:41:19:18 BECKETT: Are you certain?

01:41:20:10 MCKAY (O/S): Yeah, I'm alive!

01:41:21:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): I feel great. I feel, uh... um... hungry?

01:41:24:28 SHEPPARD: Oh, he's fine.

01:41:26:17 WEIR: And you said it was impossible.

01:41:28:14 MCKAY (O/S): The answer just -- just came to me. I was—I...

01:41:30:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): was-- I was floating in this-this big black emptiness, and-and
the answer came out of nowhere. Look, the device was designed to
manipulate your DNA.

01:41:37:02 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): It couldn't reverse the evolutionary advancement process
because everyone's DNA was different. It makes certain changes...

01:41:41:18 MCKAY (CONT'D): that causes the DNA to evolve in-in ways specific to your own
unique physiology.

01:41:45:20 ZELENKA (O/S): Yeah...

01:42:15:09 WEIR: Should I get Carson?

01:42:16:18 MCKAY: No, no, no, physically I am fine. But-but this just doesn't make any sense. I can't figure out any of these-- of these-- of these equations. I mean, the algorithms are complete gibberish. I mean, this is torture.

01:42:25:19 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I can clearly remember exactly how important this all is, but I cannot figure out why or-or-or how.

01:42:31:28 WEIR (O/S): Well, I just dropped by to show you this.

01:42:35:16 WEIR (CONT'D): Your E.E.G. readings from your last meditation.

01:42:42:27 MCKAY: Oh, my God. It's .03 hertz.

01:42:45:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I mean, I did it! I mean, I was in the zone. I could have actually Ascended.

01:42:50:29 WEIR: You said you were floating in a big empty space when the idea of how to save yourself...

01:42:56:00 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): came to you.

01:42:56:15 MCKAY: I may have momentarily thought about how hard it is to rid oneself of ego... I mean, and that...

01:42:59:29 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): existence without the individuality of consciousness
would be pointless, but, uh...

01:43:04:01 MCKAY (CONT'D): Ooh, now I say that, that's probably what gave me the idea to
reprogram the device with my old DNA.

01:43:09:13 WEIR: Yeah, I thought so.

01:43:11:00 MCKAY: Yeah, well, you know what? I don't care if you don't think I was capable
of Ascension. I never wanted to do it anyways. In fact, you know what? I
am very happy with who I am... and you love me.

01:43:21:04 WEIR: What? I never--

01:43:22:16 MCKAY: You so did.

01:43:23:24 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Yeah, I may not be able to understand this new math...

01:43:25:19 MCKAY (CONT'D): I created, but I distinctly remember that you said you love me.

01:43:28:07 WEIR: Actually, I said, "We love you," and--

01:43:29:29 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): And what? What, you were just saying that
because you thought I was dying?

01:43:33:01 WEIR: No, I said it because--

01:43:34:10 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING O/S): See? You love me. It's...

01:43:35:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): true. You've said it. Now I know. I always suspected it. In fact,
you know what? I've always noticed that there's been a... an...

01:43:41:18 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): indefinable and yet magical chemistry between us that I
think I covered in Chapter 10.

01:43:45:04 WEIR: Hmm. Rodney...

01:43:46:05 MCKAY (O/S): Have you had lunch yet?

01:43:47:08 WEIR: Yes.

01:43:48:20 MCKAY: Mid-afternoon snack, then?

01:43:51:10 WEIR: I will keep you company.

01:43:52:13 MCKAY: Uh, now, is Sheppard still, uh, bugging you to let him use the Ascension
device to turn himself into some kind of a superhero?

01:43:56:25 WEIR: Oh, yes.

01:43:57:29 MCKAY: Despite the fact that the Ancient database states that its effects on
people are wildly unpredictable and that I'm just lucky I wasn't, uh,
instantly melted down into a pool of protoplasm.

01:44:06:29 WEIR: Yes.

01:44:07:29 MCKAY: Uh, well, maybe you should let him.

01:44:08:20 WEIR: I think not.

END OF ACT FIVE

FADE TO BLACK

END OF EPISODE