# The Big Bang Theory

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## 1 The Big Bang Theory Season 01

### 1.1 Episode 01: The Pilot

- 1 Scene: A corridor at a sperm bank.
- 2 Sheldon: So if a photon is directed through a plane with two slits in it and either slit is observed it will not go through both slits. If it's unobserved it will, however, if it's observed after it's left the plane but before it hits its target, it will not have gone through both slits.
- 3 Leonard: Agreed, what's your point?
- 4 Sheldon: There's no point, I just think it's a good idea for a tee-shirt.
- 5 Leonard (to receptionist): Excuse me?
- 6 Receptionist (pondering a crossword): Hang on.
- 7 (Long pause)
- 8 Leonard: One across is Aegean, eight down is Nabakov, twenty-six across is MCM, fourteen down is... move your finger... phylum, which makes fourteen across Port-au-Prince. See, Papa Doc's capital idea, that's Port-au-Prince. Haiti.
- 9 Receptionist: Can I help you?
- 10 Leonard: Yes. Um, is this the... High IQ sperm bank?
- 11 Receptionist: If you have to ask, maybe you shouldn't be here.
- 12 Sheldon: I think this is the place.
- 13 Receptionist: Fill these out.
- 14 Leonard: Thank-you. We'll be right back.
- 15 Receptionist: Oh, take your time. I'll just finish my crossword puzzle. Oh wait.
- 16 (They sit and begin to fill in forms).
- 17 Sheldon: Leonard, I don't think I can do this.

- 18 Leonard: What, are you kidding? You're a semi-pro.
- 19 Sheldon: No. We are committing genetic fraud. There's no guarantee that our sperm is going to generate high IQ offspring, think about that. I have a sister with the same basic DNA mix who hostesses at Fuddruckers.
- 20 Leonard: Sheldon, this was your idea. A little extra money to get fractional T1 bandwidth in the apartment.
- 21 Sheldon: I know, and I do yearn for faster downloads, but there's some poor woman is going to pin her hopes on my sperm, what if she winds up with a toddler who doesn't know if he should use an integral or a differential to solve the area under a curve.
- 22 Leonard: I'm sure she'll still love him.
- 23 Sheldon: I wouldn't.
- 24 Leonard: Well, what do you want to do?
- 25 Sheldon: I want to leave.
- 26 Leonard: Okay.
- 27 Sheldon: What's the protocol for leaving?
- 28 Leonard: I don't know, I've never reneged on a proffer of sperm before.
- 29 Sheldon: Let's try just walking out.
- 30 Leonard: Okay.
- 31 (They slowly put down their forms, get up, and head towards the door.)
- 32 Receptionist (not looking up): Bye.
- 33 Together: Bye-bye/see you.
- 34 Scene: The stairs of the apartment building.
- 35 Sheldon: Are you still mad about the sperm bank?
- 36 Leonard: No.
- 37 Sheldon: You want to hear an interesting thing about stairs?
- 38 Leonard: Not really.
- 39 Sheldon: If the height of a single step is off by as little as two millimetres, people will trip.
- 40 Leonard: I don't care. Two millimetres? That doesn't seem right.
- 41 Sheldon: No, it's true, I did a series of experiments when I was twelve, my father broke his clavicle.
- 42 Leonard: Is that why they sent you to boarding school?
- 43 Sheldon: No, that was the result of my work with lasers.
- 44 (Leonard spots Penny in the doorway of the apartment opposite. He is immediately interested.)
- 45 Leonard: New neighbour?
- 46 Sheldon: Evidently.
- 47 Leonard: Significant improvement over the old neighbour.
- 48 Sheldon: Two hundred pound transvestite with a skin condition, yes she is.
- 49 Penny (noticing them for the first time): Oh, hi!
- 50 Leonard: Hi.
- 51 Sheldon: Hi.
- 52 Leonard: Hi.
- 53 Sheldon: Hi.
- 54 Penny: Hi?

- 55 Leonard: We don't mean to interrupt, we live across the hall.
- 56 Penny: Oh, that's nice.
- 57 Leonard: Oh... uh... no... we don't live together... um... we live together but in separate, heterosexual bedrooms.
- 58 Penny: Oh, okay, well, guess I'm your new neighbour, Penny.
- 59 Leonard: Leonard, (pointing) Sheldon.
- 60 Penny: Hi.
- 61 Leonard: Hi.
- 62 Sheldon: Hi.
- 63 Penny: Hi.
- 64 Leonard: Hi. Well... uh... oh, welcome to the building.
- 65 Penny: Thankyou, maybe we can have coffee sometime.
- 66 Leonard: Oh, great.
- 67 Penny: Great.
- 68 Sheldon: Great.
- 69 Leonard: Great. Well, bye.
- 70 Penny: Bye.
- 71 Sheldon: Bye.
- 72 Leonard: Bye.
- 73 (Penny closes door.)
- 74 Leonard: Should we have invited her for lunch?
- 75 Sheldon: No. We're going to start Season Two of Battlestar Galactica.
- 76 Leonard: We already watched the Season Two DVDs.
- 77 Sheldon: Not with commentary.
- 78 Leonard: I think we should be good neighbours, invite her over, make her feel welcome.
- 79 Sheldon: We never invited Louis-slash-Louise over.
- 80 Leonard: Well, then that was wrong of us. We need to widen our circle.
- 81 Sheldon: I have a very wide circle. I have 212 friends on myspace.
- 82 Leonard: Yes, and you've never met one of them.
- 83 Sheldon: That's the beauty of it.
- 84 Leonard: I'm going to invite her over. We'll have a nice meal and chat.
- 85 Sheldon: Chat? We don't chat. At least not offline.
- 86 Leonard: Well it's not difficult, you just listen to what she says and then you say something appropriate in response.
- 87 (He knocks on Penny's door).
- 88 Sheldon: To what end?
- 89 (Penny opens door).
- 90 Leonard: Hi. Again.
- 91 Penny: Hi.
- 92 Sheldon: Hi.
- 93 Leonard: Hi.
- 94 Penny: Hi.
- 95 Leonard: Anyway, um. We brought home Indian food. And, um. I know that moving can be stressful, and I find that when I'm undergoing stress, that good food and company can have a comforting effect. Also, curry is a natural

laxative, and I don't have to that, uh, a clean colon is just... one less thing to worry about.

- 96 Sheldon: Leonard, I'm not expert here but I believe in the context of a luncheon invitation, you might want to skip the reference to bowel movements.
- 97 Penny: Oh, you're inviting me over to eat?
- 98 Leonard: Uh, yes.
- 99 Penny: Oh, that's so nice, I'd love to.
- 100 Leonard: Great.
- 101 Penny: So, what do you guys do for fun around here?
- 102 Sheldon: Well, today we tried m\*st\*rb\*t\*ng for money.
- 103 Credits sequence.
- 104 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's apartment.
- 105 Leonard: Okay, well, make yourself at home.
- 106 Penny: Okay, thankyou.
- 107 Leonard: You're very welcome.
- 108 (Sheldon pulls a face).
- 109 Penny (looking at whiteboard): This looks like some serious stuff, Leonard, did you do this?
- 110 Sheldon: Actually that's my work.
- 111 Penny: Wow.
- 112 Sheldon: Yeah, well, it's just some quantum mechanics, a little string theory doodling around the edges. That part there, that's just a joke, it's a spoof of the Bourne-Oppenheimer approximation.
- 113 Penny: So you're like, one of those, beautiful mind genius guys.
- 114 Sheldon: Yeah.
- 115 Penny: This is really impressive.
- 116 Leonard: I have a board. If you like boards, this is my board.
- 117 Penny: Holy smokes.
- 118 Sheldon: If by holy smokes you mean a derivative restatement of the kind of stuff you can find scribbled on the wall of any men's room at MIT, sure.
- 119 Leonard: What?
- 120 Sheldon: Oh, come on. Who hasn't seen this differential below "here I sit broken hearted?"
- 121 Leonard: At least I didn't have to invent twenty-six dimensions just to make the math come out.
- 122 Sheldon: I didn't invent, they're there.
- 123 Leonard: In what universe?
- 124 Sheldon: In all of them, that is the point.
- 125 Penny: Uh, do you guys mind if I start?
- 126 Sheldon: Um, Penny, that's where I sit.
- 127 Penny: So, sit next to me.
- 128 Sheldon: No, I sit there.
- 129 Penny: What's the difference?
- 130 Sheldon: What's the difference?
- 131 Leonard: Here we go.
- 132 Sheldon: In the winter that seat is close enough to the radiator to remain

warm, and yet not so close as to cause perspiration. In the summer it's directly in the path of a cross breeze created by open windows there, and there. It faces the television at an angle that is neither direct, thus discouraging conversation, nor so far wide to create a parallax distortion, I could go on, but I think I've made my point.

- 133 Penny: Do you want me to move?
- 134 Sheldon: Well....
- 135 Leonard (to Sheldon): Just sit somewhere else.
- 136 Sheldon (after hesitation): Fine. (Wanders in circles, looking lost.)
- 137 Leonard: Sheldon, sit! (he does).
- 138 Sheldon (fake voice): Aaah!
- 139 Leonard: Well this is nice. We don't have a lot of company over.
- 140 Sheldon: That's not true. Koothrapali and Wolowitz come over all the time.
- 141 Leonard: Yes I now, but...
- 142 Sheldon: Tuesday night we played Klingon boggle until one in the morning.
- 143 Leonard: Yes, I remember.
- 144 Sheldon: I resent you saying we don't have company.
- 145 Leonard: I'm sorry.
- 146 Sheldon: That is an antisocial implication.
- 147 Leonard: I said I'm sorry.
- 148 Penny: So... Klingon boggle?
- 149 Leonard: Yeah, it's like regular boggle but, in Klingon. That's probably enough about us, tell us about you.
- 150 Penny: Um, me, okay, I'm Sagittarius, which probably tells you way more than you need to know.
- 151 Sheldon: Yes, it tells us that you participate in the mass cultural delusion that the Sun's apparent position relative to arbitrarily defined constellations and the time of your birth somehow effects your personality.
- 152 Penny: Participate in the what?
- 153 Leonard: I think what Sheldon's trying to say, is that Sagittarius wouldn't have been our first guess.
- 154 Penny: Oh, yeah, a lot of people think I'm a water sign. Okay, let's see, what else, oh, I'm a vegetarian, oh, except for fish, and the occasional steak, I love steak.
- 155 Sheldon: That's interesting. Leonard can't process corn.
- 156 Leonard: Wu-uh, do you have some sort of a job?
- 157 Penny: Oh, yeah, I'm a waitress at the Cheesecake Factory.
- 158 Leonard: Oh, okay. I love cheesecake.
- 159 Sheldon: You're lactose intolerant.
- 160 Leonard: I don't eat it, I just think it's a good idea.
- 161 Penny: Oh, anyways, I'm also writing a screenplay. It's about this sensitive girl who comes to L.A. from Lincoln Nebraska to be an actress, and winds up a waitress at the Cheesecake Factory.
- 162 Leonard: So it's based on your life?

- 163 Penny: No, I'm from Omaha.
- 164 Leonard: Well, if that was a movie I would go see it.
- 165 Penny: I know, right? Okay, let's see, what else? Um, that's about it. That's the story of Penny.
- 166 Leonard: Well it sounds wonderful.
- 167 Penny: It was. Until I fell in love with a jerk. (Bursts into tears).
- 168 Sheldon (mouths): What's happening.
- 169 Leonard (mouths back): I don't know.
- 170 Penny: Oh God, you know, four years I lived with him, four years, that's like as long as High School.
- 171 Sheldon: It took you four years to get through High School?
- 172 Leonard: Don't.
- 173 Penny: I just, I can't believe I trusted him (Jumps up and runs to kitchen. Sheldon immediately jumps into her seat.)
- 174 Leonard: Should I say something? I feel like I should say something.
- 175 Sheldon: You? No, you'll only make it worse.
- 176 Penny: You want to know the most pathetic part? Even though I hate his lying, cheating guts, I still love him. Is that crazy?
- 177 Sheldon: Yes.
- 178 Leonard: No, it's not crazy it's, uh, it's a paradox. And paradoxes are part of nature, think about light. Now if you look at Huygens, light is a wave, as confirmed by the double slit experiments, but then, along comes Albert Einstein and discovers that light behaves like particles too. (Penny just looks at him. To Sheldon) Well, I didn't make it worse.
- 179 Penny: Oh, I'm so sorry, I'm such a mess, and on top of everything else I'm all gross from moving and my stupid shower doesn't even work.
- 180 Leonard: Our shower works.
- 181 Penny: Really? Would it be totally weird if I used it?
- 182 Sheldon: Yes.
- 183 Leonard: No.
- 184 Sheldon: No?
- 185 Leonard: No.
- 186 Sheldon: No.
- 187 Leonard: It's right down the hall.
- 188 Penny: Thanks. You guys are really sweet. (She leaves in direction of bathroom.)
- 189 Sheldon: Well this is an interesting development.
- 190 Leonard: How so?
- 191 Sheldon: It has been some time since we've had a woman take her clothes off in our apartment.
- 192 Leonard: That's not true, remember at Thanksgiving my grandmother with Alzheimer's had that episode.
- 193 Sheldon: Point taken. It has been some time since we've had a woman take her clothes off after which we didn't want to rip our eyes out.
- 194 Leonard: The worst part was watching her carve that turkey.
- 195 Sheldon: So, what exactly are you trying to accomplish here?

- 196 Leonard: Excuse me?
- 197 Sheldon: That woman in there's not going to have s\*x with you.
- 198 Leonard: Well I'm not trying to have s\*x with her.
- 199 Sheldon: Oh, good. Then you won't be disappointed.
- 200 Leonard: What makes you think she wouldn't have s\*x with me, I'm a male and she's a female?
- 201 Sheldon: Yes, but not of the same species.
- 202 Leonard: I'm not going to engage in hypotheticals here, I'm just trying to be a good neighbour.
- 203 Sheldon: Oh, of course.
- 204 Leonard: That's not to say that if a carnal relationship were to develop that I wouldn't participate. However briefly.
- 205 Sheldon: Do you think this possibility will be helped or hindered when she discovers your Luke Skywalker no-more-tears shampoo?
- 206 Leonard: It's Darth Vader shampoo. (There is a knock on the door.) Luke Skywalker's the conditioner. (Opens door. Enter Howard and Raj.)
- 207 Howard: Wait till you see this.
- 208 Raj: It's fantastic. Unbelievable.
- 209 Leonard: See what?
- 210 Howard (putting a DVD in the machine): It's a Stephen Hawking lecture from MIT in 1974.
- 211 Leonard: This is not a good time.
- 212 Howard (putting on a Stephen Hawking voice): It's before he became a creepy computer voice:.
- 213 Leonard: That's great, you guys have to go.
- 214 Raj: Why?
- 215 Leonard: It's just not a good time.
- 216 Sheldon: Leonard has a lady over.
- 217 Howard: Yeah, right, your grandmother back in town?
- 218 Leonard: No. And she's not a lady, she's just a new neighbour.
- 219 Howard: Hang on, there really is a lady here?
- 220 Leonard: Uh-huh.
- 221 Howard: And you want us out because you're anticipating coitus?
- 222 Leonard: I'm not anticipating coitus.
- 223 Howard: So she's available for coitus?
- 224 Leonard: Can we please stop saying coitus?
- 225 Sheldon: Technically that would be coitus interruptus.
- 226 Penny (entering wrapped in a towel): Hey, is there a trick to getting it to switch from tub to shower. Oh. Hi, sorry. Hello!
- 227 Howard: Enchante Madamoiselle. Howard Wolowitz, Cal-Tech department of Applied Physics. You may be familiar with some of my work, it's currently orbiting Jupiter's largest moon taking high-resolution digital photographs.
- 228 Penny: Penny. I work at the Cheesecake Factory.
- 229 Leonard: Come on, I'll show you the trick with the shower.
- 230 Howard: Bon douche.
- 231 Penny: I'm sorry?

- 232 Howard: It's French for good shower. It's a sentiment I can express in six languages.
- 233 Leonard: Save it for your blog, Howard.
- 234 Howard: See-ka-tong-guay-jow.
- 235 Scene: In the bathroom.
- 236 Leonard (fiddling with the water outlet): Uh, there it goes, it sticks, I'm sorry.
- 237 Penny (stepping into shower): Okay. Thanks.
- 238 Leonard: You're welcome, oh, you're going to step right, okay, I'll....
- 239 Penny: Hey, Leonard?
- 240 Leonard: The hair products are Sheldon's.
- 241 Penny: Um, okay. Can I ask you a favour.
- 242 Leonard: A favour? Sure, you can ask me a favour, I would do you a favour for you.
- 243 Penny: It's okay if you say no.
- 244 Leonard: Oh, I'll probably say yes.
- 245 Penny: It's just not the kind of thing you ask a guy you've just met.
- 246 Leonard: Wow.
- 247 Scene: Leonard and Sheldon, Inside Leonard's car
- 248 Sheldon: I really think we should examine the chain of causality here.
- 249 Leonard: Must we?
- 250 Sheldon: Event A. A beautiful woman stands naked in our shower. Event B. We drive half way across town to retrieve a television set from the aforementioned woman's ex-boyfriend. Query, on what plane of existence is there even a semi-rational link between these events?
- 251 Leonard: She asked me to do her a favour, Sheldon.
- 252 Sheldon: Ah, yes, well that may be the proximal cause of our journey, but we both know it only exists in contradistinction to the higher level distal cause.
- 253 Leonard: Which is?
- 254 Sheldon: You think with your pen1s.
- 255 Leonard: That's a biological impossibility and you didn't have to come.
- 256 Sheldon: Oh, right, yes, I could have stayed behind and watched Wolowitz try to hit on Penny in Russian, Arabic and Farsi. Why can't she get her own TV.
- 257 Leonard: Come on, you know how it is with break-ups.
- 258 Sheldon: No I don't. And neither do you.
- 259 Leonard: Wuh... I... I broke up with Joyce Kim.
- 260 Sheldon: You did not break up with Joyce Kim, she defected to North Korea.
- 261 Leonard: To mend her broken heart. This situation is much less complicated. There's some kind of dispute between Penny and her ex-boyfriend as to who gets custody of the TV. She just wanted to avoid having a scene with him.
- 262 Sheldon: So we get to have a scene with him?
- 263 Leonard: No, Sheldon, there's not going to be a scene. There's two of us and one of him.
- 264 Sheldon: Leonard, the two of us can't even carry a TV.

- 265 Scene: Back at the apartment.
- 266 Penny (to Raj): So, you guys work with Leonard and Sheldon at the University?
- 267 (Raj looks at her, looks back at his food, takes a mouthful).
- 268 Penny: Uh, I'm sorry, do you speak English?
- 269 Howard: Oh, he speaks English, he just can't speak to women.
- 270 Penny: Really, why?
- 271 Howard: He's kind of a nerd. Juice box?
- 272 Scene: Outside Penny's old apartment building.
- 273 Leonard (pushes buzzer): I'll do the talking.
- 274 Voice from buzzer: Yeah.
- 275 Leonard: Hi, I'm Leonard, this is Sheldon.
- 276 Sheldon: Hello.
- 277 Leonard: What did I just.... Uh, we're here to pick up Penny's TV.
- 278 Voice: Get lost.
- 279 Sheldon: Okay, thanks for your time.
- 280 Leonard: We're not going to give up just like that.
- 281 Sheldon: Leonard, the TV is in the building, we've been denied access to the building, ergo we are done.
- 282 Leonard: Excuse me, if I were to give up at the first little hitch I never would have been able to identify the fingerprints of string theory in the aftermath of the big bang.
- 283 Sheldon: My apologies. What's your plan.
- 284 (Leonard starts rattling the doors violently.)
- 285 Sheldon: It's just a privilege to watch your mind at work.
- 286 Leonard: Come on, we have a combined IQ of 360, we should be able to figure out how to get into a stupid building.
- 287 (Two girl scouts arrive carrying bags of cookies. One runs her hand down the intercom, pushing all the buttons. The door is buzzed open.)
- 288 Sheldon: What do you think their combined IQ is?
- 289 Leonard: Just grab the door.
- 290 Scene: Outside Penny's ex-boyfriend's apartment.
- 291 Leonard: This is it. (Knocks.) I'll do the talking.
- 292 Sheldon: Good thinking, I'll just be the muscle.
- 293 (Door opens. Enormous man is stood there.)
- 294 Enormous man: Yeah?
- 295 Leonard: I'm Leonard, this is Sheldon.
- 296 Sheldon: From the intercom.
- 297 Man: How the hell did you get in the building?
- 298 Leonard: Oh. We're scientists.
- 299 Sheldon: Tell him about our IQ.
- 300 Scene: Outside the apartment building. Leonard and Sheldon exit. They are not wearing trousers.
- 301 Sheldon: Leonard.
- 302 Leonard: What?
- 303 Sheldon: My mom bought me those pants.

- 304 Leonard: I'm sorry.
- 305 Sheldon: You're going to have to call her.
- 306 Scene: On the stairs of Sheldon and Leonard's building.
- 307 Leonard: Sheldon, I'm so sorry I dragged you through this.
- 308 Sheldon: It's okay. It wasn't my first pantsing, and it won't be my last.
- 309 Leonard: And you were right about my motives, I was hoping to establish a relationship with Penny that might have some day led to s\*x.
- 310 Sheldon: Well you got me out of my pants.
- 311 Leonard: Anyway, I've learned my lesson. She's out of my league, I'm done with her, I've got my work, one day I'll win the Nobel Prize and then I'll die alone.
- 312 Sheldon: Don't think like that, you're not going to die alone.
- 313 Leonard: Thank you Sheldon, you're a good friend.
- 314 Sheldon: And you're certainly not going to win a Nobel Prize.
- 315 Scene: Inside Sheldon and Leonard's apartment.
- 316 Howard (on laptop): This is one of my favourite places to kick back after a quest, they have a great house ale.
- 317 Penny: Wow, cool tiger.
- 318 Howard: Yeah, I've had him since level ten. His name is Buttons. Anyway, if you had your own game character we could hang out, maybe go on a quest.
- 319 Penny: Uh, sounds interesting.
- 320 Howard: So you'll think about it?
- 321 Penny: Oh, I don't think I'll be able to stop thinking about it.
- 322 Raj: Smooth.
- 323 Leonard (entering with Sheldon): We're home.
- 324 Penny: Oh, my God, what happened?
- 325 Leonard: Well, your ex-boyfriend sends his regards and I think the rest is fairly self-explanatory.
- 326 Penny: I'm so sorry, I really thought if you guys went instead of me he wouldn't be such an ass.
- 327 Leonard: No, it was a valid hypothesis.
- 328 Sheldon: That was a valid hypothesis? What is happening to you?
- 329 Penny (hugging them both): Really, thank you so much for going and trying you're, uh, you're so terrific. Why don't you put some clothes on, I'll get my purse and dinner is on me, okay?
- 330 Leonard: Really? Great.
- 331 Sheldon: Thank you. (Penny leaves.) You're not done with her, are you?
- 332 Leonard: Our babies will be smart and beautiful.
- 333 Sheldon: Not to mention imaginary.
- 334 Scene: All five in Leonard's car.
- 335 Leonard: Is Thai food okay with you Penny?
- 336 Penny: Sure.
- 337 Sheldon: We can't have Thai food, we had Indian for lunch.
- 338 Penny: So?
- 339 Sheldon: They're both curry based cuisines.
- 340 Penny: So?

- 341 Sheldon: They would be gastronomically redundant. I can see we're going to have to spell out everything for this girl.
- 342 Penny: Any ideas Raj? (He just looks at her with a worried expression.)
- 343 Howard: Turn left on Lake Street and head up to Colorado. I know a wonderful little sushi bar that has karaoke.
- 344 Penny: That sounds like fun.
- 345 Howard (sings): Baby, baby don't get hooked on me. Uh, baby, baby don't get hooked on me.
- 346 Sheldon (to Leonard): I don't know what your odds are in the world as a whole, but as far as the population of this car goes, you're a veritable Mack Daddy.
- 347 (Leonard grins. Fade out as Howard continues to sing.)

### 1.2 Episode 02: The Big Bran Hypothesis

- 1 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's apartment. Sheldon, Leonard, Howard and Raj are present.
- 2 Leonard: There you go, Pad Thai, no peanuts.
- 3 Howard: But does it have peanut oil?
- 4 Leonard: Uh, I'm not sure, everyone keep an eye on Howard in case he starts to swell up.
- 5 Sheldon: Since it's not bee season, you can have my epinephrine.
- 6 Raj: Are there any chopsticks?
- 7 Sheldon: You don't need chopsticks, this is Thai food.
- 8 Leonard: Here we go.
- 9 Sheldon: Thailand has had the fork since the latter half of the nineteenth century. Interestingly they don't actually put the fork in their mouth, they use it to put the food on a spoon which then goes into their mouth.
- 10 Leonard: Ask him for a napkin, I dare you. (There is a knock on the door.) I'll get it.
- 11 Howard: Do I look puffy? I feel puffy.
- 12 (Leonard opens door to Penny, steps into hallway)
- 13 Penny: Hey Leonard.
- 14 Leonard: Oh, hi Penny.
- 15 Penny: Am I interrupting.
- 16 Leonard: No.
- 17 Sheldon (off): You're not swelling, Howard.
- 18 Howard (off): No, no, look at my fingers, they're like Vienna sausages.
- 19 Penny: Sounds like you have company.
- 20 Leonard: They're not going anywhere. (Closes door, staying in hallway.) So, you're coming home from work. That's great. How was work.
- 21 Penny: Well, you know, it's the Cheesecake Factory. People order cheesecake, and I bring it to them.
- 22 Leonard: So, you sort of act as a carbohydrate delivery system.
- 23 Penny: Yeah, call it whatever you want, I get minimum wage. Yeah, anyways, I was wondering if you could help me out with something, I was....

- 24 Leonard: Yes.
- 25 Penny: Oh. Okay, great, I'm having some furniture delivered tomorrow, and I may not be here, so.... (apartment door opens, Sheldon, Raj and Howard appear) Oh! Hel...hello!
- 26 Howard: (speaks a phrase in Russian).
- 27 Penny: I'm sorry?
- 28 Howard: Haven't you ever been told how beautiful you are in flawless Russian?
- 29 Penny: No, I haven't.
- 30 Howard: Get used to it.
- 31 Penny: Yeah, I probably won't, but... Hey Sheldon.
- 32 Sheldon: Hi.
- 33 Penny: Hey Raj! (Raj looks uncomfortable) Still not talking to me, huh?
- 34 Sheldon: Don't take it personally, it's his pathology, he can't talk to women.
- 35 Howard: He can't talk to attractive women, or in your case a cheese-cake-scented Goddess!
- 36 Leonard: So, there's gonna be some furniture delivered?
- 37 Penny: Yeah, yeah, if it gets here and I'm not here tomorrow could you just sign for it and have them put it in my apartment.
- 38 Leonard: Yeah, no problem.
- 39 Penny: Great, here's my spare key. Thank you.
- 40 Leonard: Penny, wait.
- 41 Penny: Yeah?
- 42 Leonard: Um, if you don't have any other plans, do you want to join us for Thai food and a Superman movie marathon?
- 43 Penny: A marathon? Wow, how many Superman movies are there?
- 44 Sheldon: You're kidding, right?
- 45 Penny: Yeah, I do like the one where Lois Lane falls from the helicopter and Superman swooshes down and catches her, which one was that?
- 46 Leonard, Sheldon and Howard together: One. (Raj raises one finger).
- 47 Sheldon: You realise that scene was rife with scientific inaccuracy.
- 48 Penny: Yes, I know, men can't fly.
- 49 Sheldon: Oh no, let's assume that they can. Lois Lane is falling, accelerating at an initial rate of 32 feet per second per second. Superman swoops down to save her by reaching out two arms of steel. Miss Lane, who is now travelling at approximately 120 miles per hour, hits them, and is immediately sliced into three equal pieces.
- 50 Leonard: Unless, Superman matches her speed and decelerates.
- 51 Sheldon: In what space, sir, in what space? She's two feet above the ground. Frankly, if he really loved her, he'd let her hit the pavement. It would be a more merciful death.
- 52 Leonard: Excuse me, your entire argument is predicated on the assumption that Superman's flight is a feat of strength.
- 53 Sheldon: Are you listening to yourself, it is well established that Superman's flight is a feat of strength, it is an extension of his ability to leap tall buildings, an ability he derives from Earth's yellow Sun.

- 54 Howard: Yeah, and you don't have a problem with that, how does he fly at night.
- 55 Sheldon: Uh, a combination of the moon's solar reflection and the energy storage capacity of Kryptonian skin cells.
- 56 Penny: I'm just going to go wash up.
- 57 Leonard: I have 26 hundred comic books in there, I challenge you to find a single reference to Kryptonian skin cells.
- 58 Sheldon: Challenge accepted. (Tries door.) We're locked out.
- 59 Raj: Also, the pretty girl left.
- 60 Credit sequence.
- 61 Scene: Ground floor hallway of the apartment building. Leonard is signing for the delivery.
- 62 Leonard: Okay, her apartment's on the fourth floor but the elevator's broken so you're going to have to (delivery man leaves) oh, you're just going to be done, okay, cool, thanks. I guess we'll just bring it up ourselves.
- 63 Sheldon: I hardly think so.
- 64 Leonard: Why not?
- 65 Sheldon: Well, we don't have a dolly, or lifting belts, or any measurable upper body strength.
- 66 Leonard: We don't need strength, we're physicists. We are the intellectual descendents of Archimedes. Give me a fulcrum and a lever and I can move the Earth, it's just a matter... (starts to move package) I don't have this... I don't have this I don't have this.
- 67 Sheldon: Archimedes would be so proud.
- 68 Leonard: Do you have any ideas?
- 69 Sheldon: Yes, but they all involve a green lantern and a power ring.
- 70 Time shift, Leonard and Sheldon are now lowering the package onto the bottom of the stairs.
- 71 Leonard: Easy, easy (package falls) Okay! Now we've got an inclined plane. The force required to lift is reduced by the sine of the angle of the stairs, call it thirty degrees, so about half.
- 72 Sheldon: Exactly half.
- 73 Leonard (snarkily): Exactly half. Let's push. Okay, see, it's moving, this is easy, all in the math.
- 74 Sheldon: What's your formula for the corner.
- 75 Leonard: What? Oh, okay, uh, okay, yeah, no problem, just come up here and help me pull and turn.
- 76 (Sheldon heads up the stairs. The package slides back down to the bottom.)
- 77 Sheldon: Ah, gravity, thou art a heartless bitch.
- 78 Time shift, they now have the package on an upstairs hallway, not their own.
- 79 Sheldon: You do understand that our efforts here will in no way increase the odds of you having sexual congress with this woman?
- 80 Leonard: Men do things for women without expecting s\*x.
- 81 Sheldon: Yeah, those are men who just had s\*x.
- 82 Leonard: I'm doing this to be a good neighbour. In any case, there's no

- way it could lower the odds.
- 83 Quick cut to the hallway of their floor, they are nearing the top of the staircase.
- 84 Leonard: Almost there, almost there, almost there. (Lets go of package, it starts to slip down)
- 85 Sheldon: No we're not, no we're not, no we're not.
- 86 Scene: Inside Penny's apartment. They are laying the package down on the floor.
- 87 Sheldon: Watch your fingers. Watch your fingers. Oh God, my fingers!
- 88 Leonard: You okay?
- 89 Sheldon: No, it hurt... (looking around) Great Caesar's Ghost, look at this place?
- 90 Leonard: So Penny's a little messy.
- 91 Sheldon: A little messy? The Mandelbrot set of complex numbers is a little messy, this is chaos. Excuse me, explain to me an organisational system where a tray of flatware on a couch is valid. I'm just inferring that this is a couch, because the evidence suggests the coffee table's having a tiny garage sale.
- 92 Leonard: Did it ever occur to you that not everyone has the compulsive need to sort, organise and label the entire world around them?
- 93 Sheldon: No.
- 94 Leonard: Well they don't. Hard as it may be for you to believe, most people don't sort their breakfast cereal numerically by fibre content.
- 95 Sheldon: Excuse me, but I think we've both found that helpful at times.
- 96 Leonard: Come on, we should go.
- 97 Sheldon: Hang on.
- 98 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 99 Sheldon: Straightening up.
- 100 Leonard: Sheldon, this is not your home.
- 101 Sheldon: This is not anyone's home, this is a swirling vortex of entropy.
- 102 Leonard: When the transvestite lived here, you didn't care how he kept the place.
- 103 Sheldon: Because it was immaculate, I mean, you open that man's closet, it was left to right, evening gowns, cocktail dresses, then his police uniforms.
- 104 Leonard: What were you doing in his closet?
- 105 Sheldon: I helped run some cable for a webcam.
- 106 Penny (entering): Hey guys.
- 107 Leonard: Oh, hey Penny, this just arrived, we just brought this up, just now.
- 108 Penny: Great. Was it hard getting it up the stairs?
- 109 Sheldon: (sucks in breath)
- 110 Leonard: No.
- 111 Sheldon: No?
- 112 Leonard: No.
- 113 Sheldon: No.
- 114 Leonard: Well, we'll get out of your hair.
- 115 Penny: Oh, great, thank you again (she throws her jacket over the back

- of the sofa).
- 116 Sheldon: Penny, I just want you to know that, you don't have to live like this. I'm here for you.
- 117 Penny: What's he talking about?
- 118 Leonard: It's a joke.
- 119 Penny: I don't get it.
- 120 Leonard: Yeah, he didn't tell it right.
- 121 Scene: Leonard's bedroom, he is asleep. Sound of door opening and closing somewhere else is heard. Leonard wakes, puts on his glasses and looks at the clock. It is 2:16.
- 122 Leonard: Sheldon?
- 123 Scene: The living room. Leonard enters carrying a light sabre.
- 124 Leonard: Sheldon? Hello?
- 125 (Notices front door is open, turns off light sabre.)
- 126 Scene: Penny's apartment, penny is sleeping, Sheldon is cleaning. Leonard enters.
- 127 Leonard: Sheldon!
- 128 Sheldon: Sssshhhh! Penny's sleeping.
- 129 Leonard: Are you insane, you can't just break into a woman's apartment in the middle of the night and clean.
- 130 Sheldon: I had no choice. I couldn't sleep knowing that just outside my bedroom was our living room, and just outside our living room was that hallway, and immediately adjacent to that hallway was... this.
- 131 Leonard: Do you realise that if Penny wakes up, there is no reasonable explanation as to why we're here?
- 132 Sheldon: I just gave you a reasonable explanation.
- 133 Leonard: No, no. You gave me an explanation, it's reasonableness will be determined by a jury of your peers.
- 134 Sheldon: Don't be ridiculous. I have no peers.
- 135 Leonard: Sheldon, we have to get out of here.
- 136 (Penny snores)
- 137 Sheldon: You might want to speak in a lower register.
- 138 Leonard: What?
- 139 Sheldon: Evolution has made women sensitive to high pitched noises while they sleep, so that they'll be roused by a crying baby. If you want to avoid waking her, speak in a lower register.
- 140 Leonard: That's ridiculous. (Penny snores again.)
- 141 Sheldon: No, (lowering his voice dramatically,) that's ridiculous.
- 142 Leonard (doing likewise): Fine. I accept your premise, now please let's go.
- 143 Sheldon: I am not leaving until I'm done.
- 144 Leonard: O-o-o-oh! (Collapses against wall).
- 145 Sheldon: If you have time to lean, you have time to clean.
- 146 Leonard: Oh, what the hell.
- 147 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's living room, morning. Sheldon enters, singing to himself.

- 148 Sheldon: Morning.
- 149 Leonard: Morning.
- 150 Sheldon: I have to say, I slept splendidly. Granted, not long, but just deeply and well.
- 151 Leonard: I'm not surprised. A well known folk cure for insomnia is to break into your neighbour's apartment and clean.
- 152 Sheldon: Sarcasm?
- 153 Leonard: You think?
- 154 Sheldon: Granted, my methods may have been somewhat unorthodox,
- but I think the end result will be a measurable enhancement of Penny's quality of life.
- 155 Leonard: You know what, you've convinced me, maybe tonight we should sneak in and shampoo her carpet.
- 156 Sheldon: You don't think that crosses a line?
- 157 Leonard: Yes! For God's sake, Sheldon, do I have to hold up a sarcasm sign every time I open my mouth.
- 158 Sheldon: You have a sarcasm sign?
- 159 Leonard: No, I do not have a sarcasm sign.
- 160 Sheldon: Do you want some cereal. I'm feeling so good today I'm going to choose from the low fibre end of the shelf. Hello, Honey Puffs.
- 161 Penny (voice off): Son of a Bitch!
- 162 Leonard: Penny's up.
- 163 Penny (voice off): You sick, geeky bastards!
- 164 Leonard: How did she know it was us?
- 165 Sheldon: I may have left a suggested organisational schematic for her bedroom closet.
- 166 Penny (voice off): Leonard!
- 167 Leonard: God, this is going to be bad.
- 168 Sheldon: Goodbye, Honey Puffs, hello Big Bran.
- 169 Penny (entering): You came into my apartment last night when I was sleeping?
- 170 Leonard: Yes, but, only to clean.
- 171 Sheldon: Really more to organise, you're not actually dirty, per se.
- 172 Penny: Give me back my key.
- 173 Leonard: I'm very, very sorry.
- 174 Penny: Do you understand how creepy this is.
- 175 Leonard: Oh, yes, we discussed it at length last night.
- 176 Penny: In my apartment, while I was sleeping.
- 177 Sheldon: And snoring. And that's probably just a sinus infection, but it could be sleep apnoea, you might want to see an otolaryngologist. It's a throat doctor.
- 178 Penny: And what kind of doctor removes shoes from asses?
- 179 Sheldon: Depending on the depth, that's either a proctologist or a general surgeon. (Leonard holds up a sign reading "Sarcasm") Oh!
- 180 Penny: God!
- 181 Leonard: Okay, look, no Penny, I think what you're feeling is perfectly

valid, and maybe a little bit later today when you're feeling a little bit less, for lack of a better word, violated, maybe we could talk about this some more.

- 182 Penny: Stay away from me.
- 183 Leonard: Sure, that's another way to go.
- 184 Sheldon: Penny, Penny, just to clarify because there will be a discussion when you leave, is your objection solely to our presence in the apartment while you were sleeping, or do you also object to the imposition of a new organisational paradigm. (Penny stares in disbelief, then leaves.) Well that was a little non-responsive.
- 185 Leonard: You are going to march yourself over there right now and apologise. (Sheldon laughs.) What's funny?
- 186 Sheldon: That wasn't sarcasm?
- 187 Leonard: No.
- 188 Sheldon: Wooh, boy, you are all over the place this morning. (Knocks on Penny's door.) I have a masters and two PhD's, I should not have to do this.
- 189 Penny (opening door): What?
- 190 Sheldon: I am truly sorry for what happened last night, I take full responsibility. And I hope that it won't colour your opinion of Leonard, who is not only a wonderful guy, but also, I hear, a gentle and thorough lover. (Penny closes door in his face.) I did what I could.
- 191 Scene: The stairwell. Raj is coming up the stairs, he meets Penny who is going down.
- 192 Penny: Hey Raj. (Raj stands looking uncomfortable.) Hey, listen, I don't know if you heard about what happened last night with Leonard and Sheldon, but I'm really upset about it, I mean they just, they let themselves into my place, and then they cleaned it, I mean can you even believe that? How weird is that?
- 193 Raj (internally, while Penny continues to talk): Ooh, she's standing very close to me. Oh my, she does smell good. What is that, vanilla?
- 194 Penny: You know, where I come from, someone comes into your house at night, you shoot, okay? And you don't shoot to wound. I mean, alright, my sister shot her husband, but it was an accident, they were drunk. What was I saying?
- 195 Raj (internally): She's so chatty. Maybe my parents are right. Maybe I'd be better off with an Indian girl. We'd have the same cultural background, and my wife would sing to my children the same lullabies my mother sang to me.
- 196 Penny: It's obvious that they meant well, but I'm just, I'm having a really rough time, like I said, I broke up with my boyfriend, and it's just freaking me out.
- 197 Raj (internally sings an Indian lullaby.)
- 198 Penny: I mean, just because most of the men I've known in my life happen to be jerks, doesn't mean I should just assume Leonard and Sheldon are. Right?
- 199 Raj (internally): She asked me a question. I should probably nod. (Does.)
- 200 Penny: That's exactly what I thought. Thank you for listening. You're a doll. (She hugs him.)
- 201 Raj (internally): Oh-oh. Turn your pelvis. (Does.)

- 202 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's living room. Howard is there, playing on a dance video game.
- 203 Howard (jumping off game mat): Grab a napkin, homie. You just got served.
- 204 Leonard: It's fine. You win.
- 205 Howard: What's his problem?
- 206 Sheldon: His imaginary girlfriend broke up with him.
- 207 Howard: Been there.
- 208 Raj (entering): Hello. Sorry I'm late. But I was in the hallway, chatting up Penny.
- 209 Howard: Really? You? Rajesh Koothrapali, spoke to Penny?
- 210 Raj: Actually, I was less the chatter than the chattee.
- 211 Leonard: What did she say? Is she still mad at me?
- 212 Raj: Well, she was upset at first, but, probably because her sister shot somebody. Then there was something about you and... then she hugged me.
- 213 Howard: She hugged you? How did she hug you? (Raj hugs Howard.) Is that her perfume I smell?
- 214 Raj: intoxicating, isn't it?
- 215 Scene: The hallway, Leonard puts a note under Penny's door. It opens.
- 216 Penny: Hi.
- 217 Leonard: Oh.
- 218 Penny: What's going on?
- 219 Leonard: Um, here's the thing. (Reads from note.) Penny. Just as Oppenheimer came to regret his contributions to the first atomic bomb, so too I regret my participation in what was, at the very least, an error in judgement. The hallmark of the great human experiment is the willingness to recognise one's mistakes. Some mistakes, such as Madame Curie's discovery of Radium turned out to have great scientific potential even though she would later die a slow, painful death from radiation poisoning. Another example, from the field of ebola research....
- 220 Penny: Leonard.
- 221 Leonard: Yeah.
- 222 Penny (hugs him): We're okay. (Kisses him on cheek. Closes door. Leonard looks happy, walks back across hallway and straight into the apartment door.)
- 223 Scene: Penny's a partment. Sheldon and Leonard are trying to construct furniture.
- 224 Leonard: Six two inch dowels.
- 225 Sheldon: Check.
- 226 Leonard: One package, Phillips head screws.
- 227 Sheldon: Check.
- 228 Penny: Guys, seriously, I grew up on a farm, okay, I rebuilt a tractor engine when I was like twelve, I think I can put together a cheap Swedish media centre.
- 229 Leonard: No, please, we insist, it's the least we can do considering.
- 230 Sheldon: Considering what? How great this place looks?

- 231 Howard (across room with Raj): Oh boy, I was afraid of this.
- 232 Leonard: What?
- 233 Howard: These instructions are a pictographic representation of the least imaginative way to assemble these components. This right here is why Sweden has no space program.
- 234 Penny: Well, uh, it looked pretty good in the store.
- 235 Leonard: It is an inefficient design, for example Penny has a flat screen
- TV, which means all the space behind it is wasted.
- 236 Sheldon: We could put her stereo back there.
- 237 Leonard: And control it how?
- 238 Sheldon: Run an infra-red repeater, photocell here, emitter here, easy peasy.
- 239 Howard (after Raj whispers in his ear): Good point, how you gonna cool it?
- 240 Penny: Hey guys, I got this.
- 241 Sheldon: Hang on Penny. How about fans, here and here?
- 242 Leonard: Also inefficient, and might be loud.
- 243 Howard: How about liquid coolant? Maybe a little aquarium pump here, run some quarter inch PVC...
- 244 Penny: Guys, this is actually really simple.
- 245 Howard: Hold on, honey, men at work. The PVC comes down here, maybe a little corrugated sheet metal as a radiator here.
- 246 Leonard: Oh, really, show me where we put a drip tray, a sluice and an overflow reservoir?
- 247 Sheldon: And if water is involved we're going to have to ground the crap out of the thing.
- 248 Penny: Guys, it's hot in here, I think I'll just take off all my clothes.
- 249 Leonard: Oh, I've got it. How about if we replace panels A, B and F and crossbar H with aircraft grade aluminium.
- 250 Sheldon: Right, then the entire thing's one big heat sink.
- 251 Howard: Perfect, Leonard, why don't you and Sheldon go down to the junk yard and pick up about six square metres of scrap aluminium, Raj and I will run down to my lab and get the oxy-acetaline torch.
- 252 Leonard: Meet back here in an hour?
- 253 Howard: Done.
- 254 Leonard: Got it. (They all leave).
- 255 Penny: Okay, this place does look pretty good.

## 1.3 Episode 03: The Fuzzy Boots Corollary

- 1 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's apartment. Sheldon, Leonard, Howard and Raj are using laptops. All are wearing microphone headsets.
- 2 Howard: Alright, just a few more feet, and.... here we are gentlemen, the Gates of Elzebub.
- 3 Sheldon: Good lord!
- 4 Raj: Oooh.

- 5 Leonard: Don't panic, this is what the last 97 hours have been about.
- 6 Howard: Stay frosty, there's a horde of armed goblins on the other side of that gate guarding the Sword of Azeroth.
- 7 Leonard: Warriors, unsheathe your weapons, magic wielders raise your wands.
- 8 Sheldon: Lock and load.
- 9 Howard: Raj, blow up the gates.
- 10 Raj: Blowing the gates. Control, shift, B! Oh, my God, so many goblins!
- 11 Howard: Don't just stand there, slash and move, slash and move.
- 12 Leonard: Stay in formation.
- 13 Howard: Leonard, you've got one on your tail.
- 14 Leonard: That's alright, my tail's prehensile, I'll swat him off.
- 15 Raj: I've got him Leonard. Tonight I spice my meat with goblin blood!
- 16 Leonard: Raj, no, it's a trap, they're flanking us!
- 17 Raj: Oooh, he's got me.
- 18 Howard: Sheldon, he's got Raj, use your sleath spell. Sheldon! Sheldon!
- 19 Sheldon: I've got the Sword of Azeroth!
- 20 Leonard: Forget the sword, Sheldon, help Raj.
- 21 Sheldon: There is no more Sheldon, I am the Swordmaster!
- 22 Howard: Leonard look out!
- 23 Leonard: Dammit man, we're dying here.
- 24 Sheldon: Goodbye, peasants.
- 25 Leonard: The b\*st\*rd teleported.
- 26 Raj: He's selling the Sword of Azeroth on ebay.
- 27 Leonard: You be trayed us for money, who are you?
- 28 Sheldon: I'm a rogue knight elf, don't you people read character descriptions? Wait, wait, somebody just clicked "buy it now."
- 29 Howard: I am the Swordmaster!
- 30 Credits sequence
- 31 Scene: The same.
- 32 Sheldon: Wooh, I'm all sweaty, anybody want to log on to second life and go swimming, I just built a virtual pool.
- 33 Leonard: No, I can't look at you or your avatar right now.
- 34 (Sound of female laughter from out in the hall).
- 35 Howard: Sounds like your neighbour's home.
- 36 Leonard: Excuse me.
- 37 Sheldon: Don't forget the mail you took accidentally on purpose so you'd have an excuse to talk to her.
- 38 Leonard: Oh, right, right right right.
- 39 Howard: Stealing snail mail, very old school, I like it.
- 40 Leonard (exiting to hallway): Penny, the mailman did it again, he... (looks up to see Penny kissing a hunky man) Oh! Sorry.
- 41 Penny: Um, no, hi Leonard, this is Doug, Doug, this is my neighbour Leonard.
- 42 Doug: What's up bro.
- 43 Leonard: Not much. Bro.

- 44 Penny: Is, is everything okay.
- 45 Leonard: Uh, yeah, uh, I just, I got your mail again, here.
- 46 Penny: Thank you, I've got to talk to that mailman.
- 47 Leonard: Oh no, that's probably not such a good idea. Civil servants have a documented propensity to, you know, snap.
- 48 Penny: Okay, well, thank you, again.
- 49 Leonard: No problem. Bye. Oh, and, bye, bro! (Returns to apartment).
- 50 Sheldon: Penny for your thoughts.
- 51 Raj: What's the matter.
- 52 Leonard: No, I'm fine. Penny's fine, the guy she's kissing is really fine and...
- 53 Howard: Kissing, what kind of kissing? Cheeks? Lips? Chaste? French?
- 54 Leonard: What is wrong with you?
- 55 Howard: I'm a romantic.
- 56 Sheldon: Please don't tell me that your hopeless infatuation is devolving into pointless jealousy.
- 57 Leonard: No, I'm not jealous, I'm just a little concerned for her. I didn't like the look of the guy that she was with.
- 58 Howard: Because he looked better than you?
- 59 Leonard: Yeah. He was kinda dreamy.
- 60 Sheldon: Well, at least now you can retrieve the black box from the twisted smouldering wreckage that was once your fantasy of dating her, and analyse the data so that you don't crash into geek mountain again.
- 61 Howard: I disagree, love is not a sprint, it's a marathon. A relentless pursuit that only ends when she falls into your arms. Or hits you with the pepper spray.
- 62 Leonard: Well, I'm done with Penny. I'm going to be more realistic and go after someone my own speed.
- 63 Raj: Like who?
- 64 Leonard: I don't know. Olivia Geiger?
- 65 Sheldon: The dietician at the cafeteria with the limp and the lazy eye?
- 66 Leonard: Yeah.
- 67 Sheldon: Well, I don't think you have a shot there. I have noticed that Lesley Winkle recently started shaving her legs. Now, given that winter is coming one can only assume that she is signalling sexual availability.
- 68 Howard: I don't know, you guys work in the same lab.
- 69 Leonard: So?
- 70 Howard: There are pitfalls, trust me, I know. When it comes to sexual harassment law I'm... a bit of a self-taught expert.
- 71 Leonard: Look, Howard, if I were to ask Lesley Winkle out it would just be for dinner, I'm not going to walk into the lab, ask her to strip naked and dance for me.
- 72 Howard: Oh, then you're probably okay.
- 73 Scene: Howard and Lesley's lab.
- 74 Leonard: Hello Lesley.
- 75 Lesley: Hi Leonard.

- 76 Leonard: Lesley I would like to propose an experiment.
- 77 Lesley: Goggles, Leonard.
- 78 Leonard: Right. Lesley, I would like to propose an experiment.
- 79 Lesley: Hang on. I'm trying to see how long it takes a five hundred kilowatt oxygen iodine laser to heat up my cup o' noodles.
- 80 Leonard: Pfff, I've done it, about two seconds, 2.6 for minestrone. Anyway, I was thinking more of a bio-social exploration with a neuro-chemical overlay.
- 81 Lesley: Wait, are you asking me out?
- 82 Leonard: I was going to characterise it as the modification of our colleague/friendship paradigm, with the addition of a date-like component. But we don't need to quibble over terminology.
- 83 Lesley: What sort of experiment would you propose?
- 84 Leonard: There is a generally accepted pattern in this area, I would pick you up, take you to a restaurant, then we would see a movie, probably a romantic comedy featuring the talents of Hugh Grant or Sandra Bullock.
- 85 Lesley: Interesting. And would you agree that the primary way we would evaluate either the success or failure of the date would be based on the biochemical reaction during the goodnight kiss.
- 86 Leonard: Heartrate, pheromones, etc, yes.
- 87 Lesley: Well, why don't we just stipulate that the date goes well and move to the key variable.
- 88 Leonard: You mean, kiss you now?
- 89 Lesley: Yes.
- 90 Leonard: Can you define the parameters of the kiss?
- 91 Lesley: Closed mouth but romantic. Mint?
- 92 Leonard: Thank you. (Takes mint). Shall I count down from three?
- 93 Lesley: No, I think it needs to be spontaneous.
- 94 (They kiss.)
- 95 Lesley: What do you think.
- 96 Leonard: You proposed the experiment, I think you should present your findings first.
- 97 Lesley: Fair enough. On the plus side, it was a good kiss, reasonable technique, no extraneous spittle. On the other hand, no arousal.
- 98 Leonard: None?
- 99 Lesley: None.
- 100 Leonard: Ah. Well, thank you for your time.
- 101 Lesley: Thank you.
- 102 (They shake hands. Leonard leaves. Then returns.)
- 103 Leonard: None at all?
- 104 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's flat. Sheldon, Raj and Howard are playing Jenga.
- 105 Howard: Sheldon, if you were a robot, and I knew and you didn't, would you want me to tell you?
- 106 Sheldon: That depends. When I learn that I'm a robot, will I be able to handle it?
- 107 Howard: Maybe, although the history of science-fiction is not on your side.

- 108 Sheldon: Uh, let me ask you this. When I learn that I'm a robot, would I be bound by Asimov's three laws of robotics?
- 109 Raj: You might be bound by them right now.
- 110 Howard: That's true. Have you ever harmed a human being, or through inaction allowed a human being to come to harm?
- 111 Sheldon: Of course not.
- 112 Howard: Have you ever harmed yourself, or allowed yourself to be harmed except in cases where a human being would have been endangered?
- 113 Sheldon: Well, no.
- 114 Howard: I smell robot.
- 115 Leonard (entering): Hey, what's going on.
- 116 Sheldon: The internet's been down for half an hour.
- 117 Raj: Also, Sheldon may be a robot.
- 118 Howard: So, how did it go with Lesley?
- 119 Leonard: Oh, we tried kissing, but the earth didn't move. I mean any more than the 383 miles that it was going to move anyway.
- 120 Sheldon: Oh, I've seen that look before. This is just going to be two weeks of moping and tedious emo songs, and calling me to come down to pet stores to look at cats. I don't know if I can take it.
- 121 Raj: You could power down.
- 122 Howard: Well, as usual, Wolowitz has the solution. I happen to know a place where there are plenty of eligible women, and Leonard could have his pick.
- 123 Scene: A salsa class. The four guys and a random fat bloke salsa opposite five middle-aged women.
- 124 Class instructor: Remember the Latin hips. Shoulders stay still, and we sway. One two three. Five six seven.
- 125 Howard (to Leonard): I think Mrs Tishman's got her eye on you. I've been there, you're in for a treat.
- 126 Scene: The flat, Leonard is entering, singing to himself a depressing emo song.
- 127 Sheldon: Oh, good lord.
- 128 Leonard (singing): You don't know me, you don't wear my chains... God, that's a good song.
- 129 Sheldon: If you're compiling a mix CD for a double suicide. (Leonard is taking supplies out of a bag) Oh, I hope that scratching post is for you.
- 130 Leonard: I know what you're thinking, I've taken your asthma into account. There's a feline geneticist in San Diego who has developed the cutest little hypo-allergenic calicos.
- 131 Sheldon: Leonard, listen to me...
- 132 Leonard: I've been thinking about names, I'm kind of torn between Einstein, Newton and Sergeant Fuzzyboots.
- 133 Sheldon: Leonard, do you really think you can satisfy your need for a relationship with a genetically altered cat?
- 134 Leonard: Maybe, if it's a cute little cuddly cat.
- 135 Sheldon: Oh, come on, Leonard! This is obviously about Penny.
- 136 Leonard: It doesn't matter. The woman's not interested in me, the woman

rejected me.

137 - Sheldon: Okay, look, I think that you have as much of a chance of having a sexual relationship with Penny as the Hubble Telescope does of discovering at the centre of every black hole is a little man with a flashlight searching for a circuit breaker. Nevertheless, I do feel obligated to point out to you that she did no reject you. You did not ask her out.

- 138 Leonard: You're right. I didn't ask her out, I should ask her out.
- 139 Sheldon: No. No, now that was not my point. My point was, don't buy a cat.
- 140 Leonard: No, but you're right. I should march over there and ask her out.
- 141 Sheldon: Oh, goody, we're getting a cat.
- 142 Scene: The hallway. Leonard knocks on Penny's door.
- 143 Penny (opening door): Ah, hey Leonard.
- 144 Leonard: Good afternoon Penny, so hi, hey. Uh... I was wondering if you had plans for dinner.
- 145 Penny: Uh, do you mean dinner tonight?
- 146 Leonard: There is an inherent ambiguity in the word dinner. Technically it refers to the largest meal of the day whenever it is consumed, so, to clarify here, by dinner I mean supper.
- 147 Penny: Supper?
- 148 Leonard: Or dinner. I was thinking six thirty, if you can go, or a different time.
- 149 Penny: Uh, six thirty's great.
- 150 Leonard: Really? Great!
- 151 Penny: Yeah, I like hanging out with you guys.
- 152 Leonard: Us guys?
- 153 Penny: You know, Sheldon, Howard, Raj, who all's coming?
- 154 Leonard: They... might all be there. Or a subset of them might be there, uh, algebraically speaking there are too many unknowns, for example Sheldon had Quizznos for lunch, sometimes he finds that filling, other times he doesn't, it's no fault of Quizznos, they have a varied menu.
- 155 Penny: Okay, whatever, it sounds like fun.
- 156 Leonard: Great. Did we say a time?
- 157 Penny: Six thirty.
- 158 Leonard: And that's still good for you.
- 159 Penny: It's fine.
- 160 Leonard: Cos it's not carved in stone.
- 161 Penny: No, six thirty's great.
- 162 Leonard: I'll get my chisel.
- 163 Penny: Why?
- 164 Leonard: To... carve the... okay, I'll see you six thirty.
- 165 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's apartment. Leonard enters from bedrooms, dressed in a smart shirt and trousers. They are covered in sweat stains.
- 166 Leonard: How do I look?
- 167 Sheldon: Could you be more specific?
- 168 Leonard: Can you tell I'm perspiring a little?

169 - Sheldon: No. The dark crescent-shaped patterns under your arms conceal it nicely. What time is your date?

170 - Leonard: Six thirty.

171 - Sheldon: Perfect, that gives you two hours and fifteen minutes for that dense molecular cloud of Aramis to dissipate.

172 - Leonard: Is it too much?

173 - Sheldon: Not if you're a rugby team.

174 - Leonard: By the way, if it should ever come up, you didn't join us because you stuffed yourself with a chicken carbonara sub at Quizznos.

175 - Sheldon: Why would I join you?

176 - Leonard: No reason. Oh, you know what, maybe this isn't such a good idea.

177 - Sheldon: Oh, no, no, no, well now, there's always the possibility that alcohol and poor judgement on her part might lead to a nice romantic evening.

178 - Leonard: You're right, alcohol, poor judgement, it could go well.

179 - Sheldon: Of course, there's the other possibility that this date kicks off a rather unpleasant six months of the two of you passing awkwardly in the hall until one of you breaks down and moves to another zip code.

180 - Leonard: You could have stopped at "it could go well."

181 - Sheldon: If I could of, I would of.

182 - Leonard: I mean, I'm a perfectly nice guy. There's no reason we couldn't go to the restaurant and have a lovely dinner. Maybe take a walk afterwards, talk about things we have in common, "you love pottery? I love pottery!" You know, there's a pause, we both know what's happening, I lean in, we kiss, it's a little tentative at first but then I realise, she's kissing me back, and she's biting my lower lip, you know, she wants me, this thing is going the distance, we're going to have s\*x! Oh God! Oh, my God!

183 - Sheldon: Is the s\*x starting now?

184 - Leonard: I'm having a panic attack.

185 - Sheldon: Oh, okay, well then, calm down.

186 - Leonard: If I could calm down I wouldn't be having a panic attack, that's why they call it a panic attack.

187 - Sheldon: Alright, alright, well, just, sit down, yes, sit down, now close your eyes.

188 - Leonard: Why?

189 - Sheldon: Just do it.

190 - Leonard: Okay.

191 - Sheldon: Now try to increase your alpha-wave activity.

192 - Leonard: What?

193 - Sheldon: It's a bio-feedback technique, it's relaxation through brain-wave manipulation, I read a paper about it in the Journal of American Neuroscience, it was a little sparsely sourced but I think the basic science is valid, I probably have it here somewhere.

194 - Leonard: Oh, who am I kidding, I can't go through with this, you need to call her and cancel.

195 - Sheldon: Me?

- 196 Leonard: Yes.
- 197 Sheldon: What should I tell her.
- 198 Leonard: I don't know. Tell her I'm sick.
- 199 Sheldon: Okay.
- 200 Leonard: Not the kind of illness that will make her want to come over and take care of me, but nothing so critical that she'll feel uncomfortable going out with me in the future if I want to try this again.
- 201 Sheldon: Got it. So I'm assuming nothing venereal. I'll just tell her that you had a routine colonoscopy and haven't quite bounced back.
- 202 Leonard: Give me the phone.
- 203 Sheldon: But I thought you wanted to cancel?
- 204 Leonard: I can't because if I don't show up she'll still be expecting you.
- 205 Sheldon: Why would she be expecting me?
- 206 Leonard: Stop asking me all these questions, I need to take another shower.
- 207 Scene: A restaurant.
- 208 Penny: So are the rest of the guys meeting us here?
- 209 Leonard: Oh, yeah, no. Turns out that Raj and Howard had to work, and Sheldon had a colonoscopy and he hasn't quite bounced back yet.
- 210 Penny: Ooh, my uncle just had a colonoscopy.
- 211 Leonard: You're kidding, well, then, that's something we have in common.
- 212 Penny: How?
- 213 Leonard: We both have people in our lives who... want to nip intestinal polyps in the bud.
- 214 Penny: So, what's new in the world of physics?
- 215 Leonard: Nothing.
- 216 Penny: Really, nothing?
- 217 Leonard: Well, with the exception of string theory, not much has happened since the 1930's, and you can't prove string theory, at best you can say "hey, look, my idea has an internal logical consistency."
- 218 Penny: Ah. Well I'm sure things will pick up.
- 219 Leonard: What's new at the Cheesecake Factory?
- 220 Penny: Oh, uh, not much. We do have a chocolate key lime that's moving pretty well.
- 221 Leonard: Good. Good. And what about your, uh, hallway friend.
- 222 Penny: Doug? Oh, yeah, I dunno, I mean, he's nice and funny, but...
- 223 Waitress: Can I get you started with some drinks?
- 224 Leonard: No, (waves her away) You were saying, but...
- 225 Penny: I'd like a drink.
- 226 Leonard: Just say the but thing about Doug and then I'll get her back.
- 227 Penny: Okay, well, you know, it's just me. I'm still getting over this break-up with Kurt, and this thing with Doug would be just rebound s\*x.
- 228 Leonard: Ugh, don't get me started on rebound s\*x.
- 229 Penny: It's just, it's my pattern. I break up, then I find some cute guy, and then it's just thirty six meaningless of... well, you know.
- 230 Leonard: I'm not sure that I do. Um, is that one thirty-six hour experience, or is it thirty six hours spread out over say, one... glorious summer.

- 231 Penny: No, it's usually over a weekend, and trust me, you do not feel good after it.
- 232 Leonard: Well, chafing, right?
- 233 Penny: Emotionally.
- 234 Leonard: Of course, yeah, emotional chafing. Hey, do you want to see something cool? (Penny nods.) I can make this olive go into this glass without touching it.
- 235 Penny: How?
- 236 Leonard: Physics. (He places the glass over the olive and spins it until the olive gets caught up on the side).
- 237 Penny: Wow, centrifugal force!
- 238 Leonard: Actually, it's centripetal force, which is an inward force generated by the glass acting on the olive. (The olive drops.) Excuse me. (Leonard disappears under table.) Now, if you were riding on the olive, you'd be in a non-inertial reference frame, and would (he bangs his head on the underside of the table.)
- 239 Penny: Are you okay?
- 240 Leonard: Yeah, I'm okay. Did you spill ketchup?
- 241 Penny: No.
- 242 Leonard: I'm not okay.
- 243 Scene: The stairwell of the apartment building.
- 244 Penny: Are you sure you don't want to go to the emergency room?
- 245 Leonard: No, no, I'm okay, it's stopped bleeding.
- 246 Penny: I know, but you did throw up. Isn't that a sign of a concussion?
- 247 Leonard: Yes, but I get car sick too, so...
- 248 Penny: Okay.
- 249 Leonard: Sorry about your car, by the way.
- 250 Penny: Oh, no, it's fine, you got most of it out the window.
- 251 Leonard: The poor guy on the bike. I had a nice time.
- 252 Penny: Yeah, me too. Um, good night. (Leonard turns across hallway.) Leonard?
- 253 Leonard: Yeah.
- 254 Penny: Was this supposed to be a date?
- 255 Leonard: This? No. No, of course not, this was just you and me hanging out with a bunch of guys who didn't show up, because of work and a colonoscopy.
- 256 Penny: Okay, I was just checking.
- 257 Leonard: When I take a girl out on a date, and I do, she knows she's been dated. Capital D. Bold face, underline, like Day-ted. I think I might have a little concussion, I'm going to go lay down for a while, good night.
- 258 Scene: The apartment, Leonard enters.
- 259 Sheldon: So, how was your date?
- 260 Leonard: Awesome!
- 261 Sheldon: Score one for liquor and poor judgement.

### 1.4 Episode 04: The Luminous Fish Effect

- 1 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: I've been thinking about time travel again.
- 3 Leonard: Why, did you hit a roadblock with invisibility?
- 4 Sheldon: Put it on the back burner. Anyway, it occurs to me, if I ever did perfect a time machine, I'd just go into the past and give it to myself, thus eliminating the need for me to invent it in the first place.
- 5 Leonard: Interesting.
- 6 Sheldon: Yeah, it really takes the pressure off.
- 7 Leonard: Sounds like a breakthrough, should I call the science magazines and tell them to hold the front cover? (Exiting the apartment.)
- 8 Sheldon: It's time travel, Leonard, I will have already done that.
- 9 Leonard: Then I guess congratulations are in order.
- 10 Sheldon: No, congratulations will have been in order. You know, I'm not going to enjoy this party.
- 11 Leonard: I know, I'm familiar with you.
- 12 Sheldon: At the last department party, Dr Finkleday cornered me and talked about spelunking for 45 minutes.
- 13 Leonard: Yes, I was there.
- 14 Sheldon: You know what's interesting about caves, Leonard?
- 15 Leonard: What?
- 16 Sheldon: Nothing.
- 17 Leonard: Well then we'll avoid Finkleday, we'll meet the new department head, congratulate him, shake his hand and go.
- 18 Sheldon: How's this? Pleased to meet you, Dr Gablehouser. How fortunate for you that the University has chosen to hire you, despite the fact that you've done no original research in 25 years, and instead have written a series of popular books that reduce the great concepts of science to a series of anecdotes, each one dumbed down to accommodate the duration of an average bowel movement. Mahalo.
- 19 Leonard: Mahalo's a nice touch.
- 20 Sheldon: Do you know there are only eight consonants in the Hawaiian language.
- 21 Leonard: Interesting, you should lead with that.
- 22 Scene: The department party. Sheldon, Raj and Leonard are at the buffet table.
- 23 Raj: Oh, God, Look at this buffet. I love America.
- 24 Leonard: You don't have buffets in India?
- 25 Raj: Of course, but it's all Indian food. You can't find a bagel in Mumbai to save your life. Schmear me.
- 26 Sheldon: Well here's an interesting turn of events.
- 27 Leonard: What. (Sees Howard entering with a statue sque blonde) Howard brought a date?
- 28 Sheldon: A more plausible explanation is that his work in robotics has made an amazing leap forward.

- 29 Howard: Hey, what up, science bitches? May I introduce my special lady friend, Summer. (Puts arm around her.)
- 30 Summer: I already told you, touching's extra.
- 31 Howard: Right. Sorry.
- 32 Leonard (to Sheldon): Here comes our new boss, be polite.
- 33 Gablehouser: Hi fellas, Eric Gablehouser.
- 34 Howard: Howard Wolowitz.
- 35 Gablehouser: Howard, nice to meet you, and you are?
- 36 Sheldon: An actual real scientist. (To Leonard) How was that?
- 37 Scene: The stairwell of the apartment building. Sheldon is carrying a box of his things.
- 38 Sheldon: I can't believe he fired me.
- 39 Leonard: Well, you did call him a glorified high-school science teacher whose last successful experiment was lighting his own farts.
- 40 Sheldon: In my defence, I prefaced that by saying "with all due respect."
- 41 Credit sequence.
- 42 Scene: The apartment, Sheldon is in the kitchen cooking, Leonard enters.
- 43 Leonard: Morning
- 44 Sheldon: Morning.
- 45 Leonard: You're making eggs for breakfast?
- 46 Sheldon: This isn't breakfast, it's an experiment.
- 47 Leonard: Huh? Cos it looks a lot like breakfast.
- 48 Sheldon: I finally have the time to test my hypothesis, about the separation of the water molecules from the egg proteins, and its impact vis-a-vis taste.
- 49 Leonard: Sounds yummy. I look forward to your work with bacon.
- 50 Sheldon: As do I.
- 51 Leonard: You know, I'm sure if you just apologised to Gablehauser he would give you your job back.
- 52 Sheldon: I don't want my job back. I've spent the last three and a half years staring at greaseboards full of equations. Before that I spent four years working on my thesis. Before that I was in college, and before that, I was in the fifth grade. This is my first day off in decades, and I'm going to savour it.
- 53 Leonard: Okay. I'll let you get back to fixing your eggs.
- 54 Sheldon: I'm not just fixing my eggs, I'm fixing everyone's eggs.
- 55 Leonard: And we all thank you.
- 56 (Sheldon takes his eggs and sits down. Takes a photograph of them. Writes in his notebook, then takes a forkful. Writes in notebook again.)
- 57 Sheldon: Use new eggs. (There is a knock on the door).
- 58 Penny (popping her head round): Hi, hey. I'm running out to the market, do you guys need anything?
- 59 Sheldon: Oh, well this would be one of those circumstances that people unfamiliar with the law of large numbers would call a coincidence.
- 60 Penny: I'm sorry?
- 61 Sheldon: I need eggs. Four dozen should suffice.
- 62 Penny: Four dozen?
- 63 Sheldon: Yes, and evenly distributed amongst brown, white, free range,

large, extra-large and jumbo.

- 64 Penny: Okay, one more time?
- 65 Sheldon: Never mind, you won't get it right, I'd better come with you.
- 66 Penny: Oh, yay!
- 67 Scene: Penny's car
- 68 Penny: How come you didn't go into work today.
- 69 Sheldon: I'm taking a sabbatical, because I won't kow-tow to mediocre minds.
- 70 Penny: So you got canned, huh?
- 71 Sheldon: Theoretical physicists do not get canned. But yeah.
- 72 Penny: Well, maybe it's all for the best, you know I always say, when one door closes, another one opens.
- 73 Sheldon: No it doesn't. Not unless the two doors are connected by relays, or there are motion sensors involved.
- 74 Penny: No, no, I meant...
- 75 Sheldon: Or the first door closing causes a change of air pressure that acts upon the second door.
- 76 Penny: Never mind.
- 77 Sheldon: Slow down, please slow down.
- 78 Penny: We're fine.
- 79 Sheldon: Look, you're not leaving yourself enough space between cars.
- 80 Penny: Oh, sure I am.
- 81 Sheldon: No, no. Let me do the math for you, this car weighs let's say 4,000lb, now add say 140 for me, 120 for you.
- 82 Penny: 120?
- 83 Sheldon: Oh, I'm sorry, did I insult you? Is your body mass somehow tied into your self worth?
- 84 Penny: Well, yeah.
- 85 Sheldon: Interesting. Anyway, that gives us a total weight of, let's say,  $4{,}400\mathrm{lb}.$
- 86 Penny: Let's say 4,390.
- 87 Sheldon: Fine. We're travelling forward at, good Lord, 51 miles an hour. Now let's assume that your brakes are new and the callipers are aligned, still, by the time we come to a stop, we'll be occupying the same space as that Buick in front of us, an impossibility that nature will quickly resolve into death, mutilation and... oh look, they built a new put-put course.
- 88 Scene: The supermarket.
- 89 Sheldon: This is great. Look at me, out in the real world of ordinary people, just living their ordinary, colourless, workaday lives.
- 90 Penny: Thank you.
- 91 Sheldon: No, thank you. And thank you, ordinary person. Hey, you want to hear an interesting thing about tomatoes.
- 92 Penny: Uh, no, no not really. Listen, didn't you say you needed some eggs.
- 93 Sheldon: Uh, yes, but anyone who knows anything about the dynamics of bacterial growth knows to pick up their refrigerated foods on the way out of the supermarket.

- 94 Penny: Oh, okay, well maybe you should start heading on out then.
- 95 Sheldon: No, this is fun. Oh, the thing about tomatoes, and I think you'll really enjoy this, is, they're shelved with the vegetables, but they're technically a fruit.
- 96 Penny: Interesting.
- 97 Sheldon: Isn't it?
- 98 Penny: No, I mean what you find enjoyable.
- 99 Sheldon (as Penny selects vitamin supplements): Oh boy.
- 100 Penny: What now?
- 101 Sheldon: Well, there's some value to taking a multivitamin, but the human body can only absorb so much, what you're buying here are the ingredients for very expensive urine.
- 102 Penny: Well, maybe that's what I was going for.
- 103 Sheldon: Well then you'll want some manganese.
- 104 Scene: On the stairwell of the apartment building.
- 105 Sheldon: That was fun. Maybe tomorrow we can go to one of those big warehouse stores.
- 106 Penny: Oh, I don't know Sheldon, it's going to take me a while to recover from all the fun I had today.
- 107 Sheldon: Are you sure. There are a lot of advantages to buying in bulk. For example, I noticed that you purchase your tampons one month's supply at a time.
- 108 Penny: What?
- 109 Sheldon: Well think about it, it's a product that doesn't spoil, and you're going to be needing them for at least the next thirty years.
- 110 Penny: You want me to buy thirty years worth of tampons?
- 111 Sheldon: Well, thirty, thirty five, hey, when did your mother go into menopause?
- 112 Penny: Okay, I'm not talking about this with you.
- 113 Sheldon: Oh, Penny, this is a natural human process, and we're talking about statistically significant savings. Now, if you assume 15 tampons per cycle and a 28 day cycle, are you fairly regular? (Penny shuts door in his face.) Okay, no warehouse store, but we're still on for put-put golf, right?
- 114 Scene: The apartment, Sheldon has several bowls containing goldfish.
- 115 Leonard (entering): Hey, I just ran into Penny, she seemed upset about something.
- 116 Sheldon: I think it's her time of the month. I marked the calendar for future reference.
- 117 Leonard: What's with the fish?
- 118 Sheldon: It's an experiment.
- 119 Leonard: What happened to your scrambled egg research?
- 120 Sheldon: Oh, that was a dead end. Scrambled eggs are as good as they're ever going to be.
- 121 Leonard: So... fish.
- 122 Sheldon: I read an article about Japanese scientists, who inserted DNA from luminous jellyfish into other animals, and I thought hey, fish nightlights.

- 123 Leonard: Fish nightlights.
- 124 Sheldon: It's a billion dollar idea. Shhhhh!
- 125 Leonard: Mum's the word. Sheldon, are you sure you don't want to just apologise to Gablehauser and get your job back.
- 126 Sheldon: Oh, no, no, no. No, I've too much to do.
- 127 Leonard: Like luminous fish.
- 128 Sheldon: Shhhhh!
- 129 Leonard: Right... I didn't....
- 130 Sheldon: That's just the beginning. I also have an idea for a bulk mail-order feminine hygiene company. Oh, glow in the dark tampons! Leonard, we're going to be rich.
- 131 Scene: The stairwell of the apartment building.
- 132 Leonard: Thank you for coming on such short notice.
- 133 Mrs Cooper: You did the right thing calling.
- 134 Leonard: I didn't know what else to do, he's lost all focus, every day he's got a new obsession. (They enter the apartment. Sheldon is weaving on a loom.
- He is wrapped in a poncho.) This is a particularly disturbing one.
- 135 Sheldon (looking round): Mommy.
- 136 Mrs Cooper: Hi baby.
- 137 Sheldon (mouths): You called my mother?
- 138 Mrs Cooper: Oh, you got yourself a loom, how nice.
- 139 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 140 Mrs Cooper: Honey, why did you get a loom?
- 141 Sheldon: I was working with luminous fish, and I thought, hey, loom! Mom, what are you doing here?
- 142 Mrs Cooper: Leonard called me.
- 143 Sheldon: I know, but why?
- 144 Leonard: Because one of the great minds of the twenty-first century is raising glow-in-the-dark fish and weaving sarapes.
- 145 Sheldon: This is not a sarape. This is a poncho. A sarape is open at the sides, a poncho is closed, this is a poncho, and neither is a reason to call someone's mother.
- 146 Leonard: Really, when was the last time you left the house.
- 147 Sheldon: I went to the market with Penny.
- 148 Leonard: That was three weeks ago.
- 149 Sheldon: Well then buckle up, in the next four to eight days she's going to get very crabby.
- 150 Mrs Cooper: Sweetheart, your little friend is concerned about you.
- 151 Sheldon: Yes, well I'm not a child, I'm a grown man capable of living my
- life as I see fit. And I certainly don't need someone telling on me to my mother.
- 152 Leonard: Where are you going?
- 153 Sheldon: To my room, and no-one's allowed in.
- 154 Mrs Cooper: He gets his temper from his daddy.
- 155 Leonard: Oh.
- 156 Mrs Cooper: He's got my eyes.
- 157 Leonard: I see.

- 158 Mrs Cooper: All that science stuff, that comes from Jesus.
- 159 Scene: Everyone but Sheldon is in the kitchen of the apartment.
- 160 Leonard: Sheldon? Your mum made dinner.
- 161 Sheldon (off): I'm not hungry.
- 162 Mrs Cooper: Oh, Leonard, don't trouble yourself, he's stubborn. He may stay in there 'til the Rapture.
- 163 Penny: Are we so sure that's a bad thing?
- 164 Mrs Cooper: I'll tell ya, I love the boy to death, but he has been difficult since he fell out of me at the K-Mart.
- 165 Howard: Excuse me for being so bold, but I now see where Sheldon gets his smouldering good looks.
- 166 Mrs Cooper: Oh, honey that ain't going to work, but you keep trying. (To Raj) I made chicken, I hope that isn't one of the animals that you people think is magic? You know, we have an Indian gentleman at our church, a Dr Patel, it's a beautiful story, the lord spoke to him, and moved him to give us all 20167 Leonard: That is a lovely story, um, are we going to do anything about Sheldon?
- 168 Mrs Cooper: Oh, we will, you have to take your time with Sheldon. His father, God rest his soul, used to say to me, Mary, you have to take your time with Sheldon.
- 169 Leonard: Sounds like a wise man.
- 170 Mrs Cooper: Oh, not so wise, he was trying to fight a bobcat for some licquorish. So, everybody grab a plate, and a pretty place mat that Shelly wove. 171 Penny: Has Shelly ever freaked out like this before.
- 172 Mrs Cooper: Oh, all the time, I remember one summer when he was thirteen, he built a small nuclear reactor in the shed and told everybody he was going to provide free electricity for the whole town, well the only problem was he had no, whatchacall, fissionable materials. Anyway, when he went on the internets to get some, a man from the government came by and sat him down real gentle and told him it's against the law to have yellow cake uranium in a shed.
- 173 Penny: What happened?
- 174 Mrs Cooper: Well, the poor boy had a fit, locked himself in his room and built a sonic death ray.
- 175 Leonard: A death ray?
- 176 Mrs Cooper: Well, that's what he called it, didn't even slow down the neighbour kids. It pissed our dog off to no end. You know, you two make a cute couple.
- 177 Both Leonard and Penny laugh, a little too forced.
- 178 Leonard: No, we're not, we're not, not a couple, two singles, like those individually wrapped slices of cheese that.... are friends.
- 179 Mrs Cooper: Did I pluck a nerve there?
- 180 Howard: Oh yeah.
- 181 Mrs Cooper: Okay. Alright everybody, it's time to eat. (Everybody begins to do so) Oh Lord, we thank you for this meal, all your bounty, and we pray that you help Sheldon get back on his rocker. (To Raj and Howard) Now after

a moment of silent meditation I'm going to end with "In Jesus' Name" but you two don't feel any obligation to join in. Unless, of course, the holy spirit moves you.

- 182 Time shift
- 183 Penny: Oh my God, this is the best cobbler I've ever had.
- 184 Mrs Cooper: It was always Sheldon's favourite. You know what the secret ingredient is?
- 185 Penny: Love?
- 186 Mrs Cooper: Lard.
- 187 Sheldon emerges from the bedroom area.
- 188 Howard: Hey, look who's come out....
- 189 Mrs Cooper: Shhh! You'll spook him. He's like a baby deer, you gotta let him come to you.
- 190 Sheldon crosses to the cobbler, takes some and puts it on a plate. Looks round at the group in the matter of a frightened animal. Everyone but Leonard looks down at their meal.
- 191 Leonard: This is ridiculous. Dammit, Sheldon, snap out of it. You're a physicist, you belong at the University doing research, not hiding in your room. (Sheldon scuttles away)
- 192 Mrs Cooper: You don't hunt, do you?
- 193 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. He is building a model of some kind of double helix. There is a knock on the door.
- 194 Mrs Cooper (entering): Good morning, snicker-doodle.
- 195 Sheldon: Morning.
- 196 Mrs Cooper: Oh, well that looks awful fancy, what is that?
- 197 Sheldon: It's my idea of what DNA would look like in a silicon based life form.
- 198 Mrs Cooper: But intelligently designed by a creator, right?
- 199 Sheldon: What do you want, mom?
- 200 Mrs Cooper: You know how your daddy used to say that you can only fish for so long before you got to throw a stick of dynamite in the water?
- 201 Sheldon: Yeah.
- 202 Mrs Cooper: Well, I'm done fishing. (Throwing a pair of trousers on the bed) You put those on.
- 203 Sheldon: What for?
- 204 Mrs Cooper: Because you're going to go down to your office, you're going to apologise to your boss, and get your job back.
- 205 Sheldon: No.
- 206 Mrs Cooper: I'm sorry, did I start that sentence with the words "if it please your highness?"
- 207 Sheldon: I'm not going to a pologise, I didn't say anything that wasn't true.
- 208 Mrs Cooper: Now you listen here, I have been telling you since you were four years old, it's okay to be smarter than everybody but you can't go around pointing it out.
- 209 Sheldon: Why not?

- 210 Mrs Cooper: Because people don't like it. Remember all the ass-kickings you got from the neighbour kids? Now let's get cracking. Shower, shirt, shoes, and let's shove off. (Exits)
- 211 Sheldon: Wouldn't have been any ass-kickings if that stupid death ray had worked.
- 212 Scene: The kitchen
- 213 Mrs Cooper: Problem solved.
- 214 Leonard: Really? That's impressive.
- 215 Mrs Cooper: Leonard, the Lord never gives us more than we can handle. Thankfully he blessed me with two other children who are dumb as soup.
- 216 Scene: Dr Gablehouser's office
- 217 Mrs Cooper: Excuse me, Dr Gablehouser, are you busy?
- 218 Gablehouser: Well, actually....
- 219 Mrs Cooper: Sheldon, he's just doodling, get in here.
- 220 Sheldon: Dr Gablehouser.
- 221 Gablehouser: Dr Cooper.
- 222 Mrs Cooper: Let's go, baby, we're losing daylight.
- 223 Sheldon: Um, as you know, several weeks ago in our first encounter we may have gotten off on the wrong foot, when I called you an idiot. And I just wanted to say that I was wrong. To point it out.
- 224 Gablehouser (to Mrs Cooper): I'm sorry, we haven't been introduced. Dr Eric Gablehouser.
- 225 Mrs Cooper: Mary Cooper, Sheldon's mom.
- 226 Gablehouser: Now that's impossible, you must have had him when you were a teenager.
- 227 Mrs Cooper: Oh, aren't you sweet, his father's dead.
- 228 Gablehouser: Recently?
- 229 Mrs Cooper: Long enough.
- 230 Gablehouser (indicating chair): Please. Sheldon, shouldn't you be working?
- 231 Sheldon (leaving): Okay.
- 232 Leonard: Hey, how did it go?
- 233 Sheldon: I got my job back.
- 234 Leonard: Really? What happened?
- 235 Sheldon: I'm not quite sure. It involves a part of the human experience that has always eluded me.
- 236 Leonard: That narrows it down.
- 237 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. Mrs Cooper is tucking him in.
- 238 Mrs Cooper: I'm very proud of you honey, you showed a lot of courage today.
- 239 Sheldon: Thanks, mom. Mom?
- 240 Mrs Cooper: Mmm-hmm?
- 241 Sheldon: Is Dr Gablehouser going to be my new daddy?
- 242 Mrs Cooper: We'll see. Sleep tight.
- 243 Sheldon turns over to sleep in the glow of a luminous goldfish.

## 1.5 Episode 05: The Hamburger Postulate

- 1 cene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 2 Sheldon: Alright, I'm moving my infantry division, augmented by a battalion of Orcs from Lord of the Rings, we flank the Tennessee Volunteers, and the North once again wins the Battle of Gettysburg.
- 3 Howard: Not so fast, remember the South still has two infantry divisions, plus Superman and Godzilla.
- 4 Leonard: No, no, no, no, Orcs are magic, Superman is vulnerable to magic, not to mention, you already lost Godzilla to the Illinois Cavalry and Hulk.
- 5 Raj: Why don't you just have Robert E. Lee charge the line with Shiva and Ganesh.
- 6 Penny: Hi, you guys ready to order?
- 7 Howard: Hang on, honey. Shiva and Ganesh? The Hindu Gods against the entire Union army?
- 8 Leonard: And Orcs!
- 9 Penny: I'll be back.
- 10 Raj: Excuse me, Ganesh is the remover of obstacles, and Shiva is the destroyer. When the smoke clears, Abraham Lincoln will be speaking Hindi and drinking mint juleps.
- 11 Penny: Alright, my boss says you either have to order, or leave and never come back.
- 12 Howard: What do you recommend for someone who worked up a man-sized appetite from a morning of weight training and cardio-funk?
- 13 Penny: A shower.
- 14 Howard: I'll take the heart smart platter.
- 15 Penny: Alright, thank you, and Sheldon.
- 16 Sheldon: We don't eat here, I don't know what's good.
- 17 Penny: Well, it's all good.
- 18 Sheldon: Statistically unlikely.
- 19 Leonard: Just get a hamburger, you like hamburgers.
- 20 Sheldon: I like the hamburgers where we usually have hamburgers, you can't make the assumption that I'll like the hamburgers here.
- 21 Leonard: I'm sorry. Give him a hamburger.
- 22 Penny: Uh, which one, the Classic Burger, the Ranch House Burger, the Barbecue Burger or the Kobe burger?
- 23 Sheldon: Can't we just go to Big Boy? They only have one burger. The Big Boy.
- 24 Penny: The Barbecue Burger is like the Big Boy.
- 25 Sheldon: Excuse me, in a world that already includes the Big Boy, why would I settle for something like a Big Boy?
- 26 Penny: Because you are not at Big Boy!
- 27 Sheldon: Fine, I'll have the Barbecue Burger.
- 28 Leonard: Make it two.
- 29 Sheldon: Waitresses don't vell at vou at Big Boy.
- 30 Lesley (entering): Hey Leonard, hi guys.

- 31 Leonard: Hey Lesley.
- 32 Lesley: I didn't know you ate here.
- 33 Sheldon: We don't. This is a disturbing aberration.
- 34 Leonard: Lesley, this is Penny, she lives across the hall from Sheldon and me.
- 35 Howard: And walks in quiet beauty like the night.
- 36 Penny: Howard, I've asked you not to do that.
- 37 Leonard: Lesley and I do research together at the University.
- 38 Penny: Oh, wow, a girl scientist.
- 39 Lesley: Yep, come for the breasts, stay for the brains. So, I'm glad I ran into you, the physics department string quartet needs a new cellist.
- 40 Leonard: What happened to Elliot Wong?
- 41 Lesley: He switched over to high energy radiation research, had a little mishap, and now the other guys are uncomfortable sitting next to him. So, are you in?
- 42 Leonard: Yeah, sure, why not.
- 43 Lesley: Great, we rehearse on Tuesdays at your place.
- 44 Leonard: Why at my place?
- 45 Lesley: Yeah, the department of energy said our regular space is kind of a hot zone. Nice meeting you.
- 46 Penny: Yeah, you too. Leonard, I didn't know you played the cello?
- 47 Leonard: Yeah, my parents felt that naming me Leonard and putting me in advanced placement classes wasn't getting me beaten up enough.
- 48 Howard: If you're into music, I happen to be a human beatbox.
- 49 Penny: Really? (Howard performs some of the worst beatboxing imaginable.) I'm actually not that into music. So hey, your friend's really cute, anything going on with you two.
- 50 Leonard: Lesley? No, no-oh, what are you kidding?
- 51 Sheldon: He asked her out once, it was an embarrassing failure.
- 52 Leonard: Thank you Sheldon.
- 53 Sheldon: Oh, I'm sorry, was that supposed to be a secret?
- 54 Penny: Oh, that's too bad, you guys would make a cute couple.
- 55 Raj: Oh dear.
- 56 Howard: What's the matter?
- 57 Raj: She didn't take my order.
- 58 Howard: How can she take your order when you're too neurotic to talk to her
- 59 Raj: Nevertheless, this will be reflected in her tip.
- 60 Scene: The stairwell of the apartment building.
- 61 Leonard: What did Penny mean, you'd make a cute couple?
- 62 Sheldon: Well I assume she meant that the two of you together would constitute a couple that others might consider cute. An alternate, and somewhat less likely interpretation, is that you could manufacture one. As in, oh look, Leonard and Lesley made Mr and Mrs Goldfarb, aren't they adorable.
- 63 Leonard: If Penny didn't know that Lesley had already turned me down then that would unambiguously mean that she, Penny, thought that I should

her, Lesley, out, indicating that she, Penny, had no interest in me asking her, Penny, out. But because she did know that I had asked Lesley out and that she, Lesley, had turned me down then she, Penny, could be offering consolation. That's too bad, you would have made a cute couple. But while thinking, good, Leonard remains available.

- 64 Sheldon: You're a lucky man, Leonard.
- 65 Leonard: How so?
- 66 Sheldon: You're talking to one of the three men in the Western hemisphere capable of following that train of thought.
- 67 Leonard: Well, what do you think.
- 68 Sheldon: I said I could follow it, I didn't say I cared.
- 69 Credit sequence.
- 70 Scene: The apartment living room. The string quartet are practising.
- 71 Lesley: I admire your fingering.
- 72 Leonard: Thank you.
- 73 Lesley: Maybe some time you can try that on my instrument.
- 74 Time jump
- 75 Lesley: Goodnight guys, good job.
- 76 Male string quartettist: Thanks.
- 77 Female string quartettist: See you next week.
- 78 Leonard: That was fun, Lesley, thanks for including me.
- 79 Lesley: You're welcome. If you're up for it we could practise that middle section again.
- 80 Leonard: Uh, sure, why not.
- 81 Lesley: Just so we're clear, you understand that me hanging back to practise with you is a pretext for letting you know that I'm sexually available.
- 82 Leonard: Really?
- 83 Lesley: Yeah, I'm good to go.
- 84 Leonard: I thought you weren't interested in me.
- 85 Lesley: That was before I saw you handling that beautiful piece of wood between your legs.
- 86 Leonard: You mean my cello?
- 87 Lesley: No, I mean the obvious crude double entendre. I'm seducing you.
- 88 Leonard: No kidding?
- 89 Lesley: What can I say, I'm a passionate and impulsive woman. So how about it?
- 90 Leonard: Gee, uh...
- 91 Lesley: Is it the waitress?
- 92 Leonard: Penny? What about her?
- 93 Lesley: Well, I thought I saw your pupils dilate when you looked at her, which, unless you're a heroin addict, points to sexual attraction.
- 94 Leonard: Well, I did have a poppy seed bagel for breakfast, which could give a positive urine test for opiates but certainly not dilate my pupils, so I guess there's no point in bringing it up.
- 95 Lesley: You and the waitress then?
- 96 Leonard: No. No, there's nothing going on between Penny and me.

- 97 Lesley: So, you're open to a sexual relationship?
- 98 Leonard: Yeah, I guess I am.
- 99 Lesley: Good.
- 100 Leonard: Yeah, yeah it is good. Did you want to start now?
- 101 Lesley: Why don't we finish the section first.
- 102 Leonard: Oh. Okay. A little musical foreplay. Terrific.
- 103 (They play, gradually going faster and faster.)
- 104 Leonard: I'm good, I'm good to go.
- 105 Lesley: Me too. (Exit in direction of bedrooms.)
- 106 Scene: The hallway, Sheldon scuttles out of apartment door and crosses to Penny's. Knocks on it urgently.
- 107 Penny (opening door): Oh, hey Sheldon, what's going on?
- 108 Sheldon: I need your opinion on a matter of semiotics.
- 109 Penny: I'm sorry?
- 110 Sheldon: Semiotics. The study of signs and symbols, it's a branch of philosophy related to linguistics.
- 111 Penny: Okay, sweetie, I know you think you're explaining yourself, but you're really not.
- 112 Sheldon: Just come with me.
- 113 Jump to the pair of them standing outside Leonard's bedroom door. Bryan Adams "Have You Ever Loved A Woman" is emerging. There is a tie on the bedroom door.
- 114 Sheldon: Well?
- 115 Penny: Well what?
- 116 Sheldon: What does it mean?
- 117 Penny: Oh, come on, you went to college.
- 118 Sheldon: Yes, but I was eleven.
- 119 Penny: Alright, look, a tie on the doorknob usually means someone doesn't want to be disturbed because they're, you know, getting busy.
- 120 Sheldon: So you're saying Leonard has a girl in there.
- 121 Penny: Well, either that or he's lost his tie rack and gotten really into Bryan Adams.
- 122 Lesley (voice off): Oh Leonard, you magnificent beast.
- 123 Penny: We really shouldn't be standing here.
- 124 Sheldon (entering living room): This is very awkward.
- 125 Penny: Oh, come on, you know, Leonard's had girls over before, right?
- 126 Sheldon: Oh, yes, but there's usually planning, courtship and advance notice. Last time I was able to book a cruise to the Arctic to see a solar eclipse.
- 127 Penny: Wait, you had to leave the state because your roommate was having s\*x?
- 128 Sheldon: I didn't have to, the dates just happened to coincide.
- 129 Penny: So, do you know who's in there?
- 130 Sheldon: Well, there's Leonard. (Picking up violin case) And he's either with Lesley Winkle or a 1930's gangster.
- 131 Penny: Hmmm. Good for him. Good for Leonard. Okay, night.
- 132 Sheldon: No, no, wait, hold on.

- 133 Penny: What's the matter?
- 134 Sheldon: I don't know what the protocol is here. Do I stay, do I leave? Do I wait to greet them with a refreshing beverage?
- 135 Penny: Gee, Sheldon, you're asking the wrong girl. I'm usually on the other side of the tie.
- 136 (Sheldon looks lost for a moment. The pulls out his mobile phone and dials.)
- 137 Sheldon: Hi, Leonard. It's me, Sheldon. In the living room. I just, I wanted you to know I saw the tie. Message received. You're welcome. You carry on. Give my best to Lesley.
- 138 Scene: In Leonard's Bedroom. Leonard wakes up next to Lesley, puts on glasses and grins.
- 139 Scene: Living room, Sheldon is sleeping on the sofa, with his head on Leslev's Violin case.
- 140 Sheldon: Big boy! (Wakes up, looks at watch, wraps self in blanket, walks towards kitchen) Someone touched my board. Oh God, my board. Leonard! Leonard!
- 141 Leonard (entering): Hey, what's the matter?
- 142 Sheldon: My equations, someone's tampered with my equations.
- 143 Leonard: Are you sure?
- 144 Sheldon: Of course I'm sure. Look at the beta-function of quantum chrono-dynamics, the sign's been changed.
- 145 Leonard: Oh yeah. But doesn't that fix the problem you've been having?
- 146 Sheldon: Are you insane? Are you out of your mind? Are you.... hey look, that fixes the problem I've been having.
- 147 Lesley (entering): You're welcome.
- 148 Sheldon: You did this?
- 149 Lesley: Yeah, I noticed it when I got up to get a glass of water, so I fixed it, now you can show that quarks are asymptotically free at high energies. Pretty cool, huh?
- 150 Sheldon: Cool?
- 151 Lesley: Listen, I got to hit the lab. Thanks for a great night.
- 152 Leonard: Thank you, I'll see you at work.
- 153 Sheldon: Uh-duh, hold on, hold on!
- 154 Lesley: What?
- 155 Sheldon: Who told you you could touch my board?
- 156 Lesley: No-one.
- 157 Sheldon: I don't come into your house and touch your board.
- 158 Lesley: There are no incorrect equations on my board.
- 159 Sheldon: Oh, that is so... so...
- 160 Lesley: I'm sorry, I've got to run, if you come up with an adjective, text me. (Leaves).
- 161 Sheldon: Inconsiderate, that is the adjective, inconsiderate.
- 162 Scene: The hallway.
- 163 Leonard (exiting the apartment): You can stare at your board all day Sheldon, she's still going to be right.

- 164 Sheldon (inside): I'm not staring, I'm mulling.
- 165 Penny: Oh, hey Leonard.
- 166 Leonard: Oh, hi.
- 167 Penny: So, how's it going?
- 168 Leonard: Pretty good.
- 169 Penny: Just pretty good, I'd think you were doing very good.
- 170 Leonard: Pretty, very, there's really no objective scale for delineating variations of good, why do you ask?
- 171 Penny: Well, a little bird told me that you and Lesley hooked up last night.
- 172 Leonard: Sheldon!
- 173 Sheldon: I'm coming.
- 174 Penny: So, is it serious, do you like her?
- 175 Leonard: Wuh, I don't.... th-th-th-that's really two different questions, uh, I'm not.... Sheldon, we have to go!
- 176 Sheldon: Boy, you're wound awfully tight for a man who just had sexual intercourse.
- 177 Penny: Alright, well, I'll talk to you later, but, I am so happy for you Leonard.
- 178 Leonard: Thank you. What did she mean, she's happy for me? Is she happy because I'm seeing someone, or is she happy because she thinks that I'm happy, because anyone who cared for someone would want them to be happy, even if the reason for their happiness made the first person unhappy. You know, because the second person, though happy, is now romantically unavailable to the first person.
- 179 Sheldon: Do you realise I may have to share a Nobel Prize with your booty call?
- 180 Leonard: You know what, I'm being ridiculous. But who cares what Penny thinks, Lesley is a terrific girl, she's attractive, we like each other, she's extremely intelligent.
- 181 Sheldon: She's not that intelligent.
- 182 Leonard: She fixed your equation.
- 183 Sheldon: She got lucky.
- 184 Leonard: You don't believe in luck.
- 185 Sheldon: I don't have to believe in it for her to be lucky.
- 186 Leonard: Regardless, I have a chance at a real relationship with Lesley, I'm not going to pass that up for some hypothetical future happiness with a woman who may or may not want me to be happy with a woman who is currently making me happy.
- 187 Sheldon: Leonard?
- 188 Leonard: Yeah.
- 189 Sheldon: I still don't care.
- 190 Scene: Leonard and Lesley's lab.
- 191 Leonard: Hey, Lesley.
- 192 Lesley: Careful Leonard, liquid nitrogen, 320 degrees below zero.
- 193 Leonard: Brrrr. Why are you smashing a flash frozen banana.

- 194 Lesley: Because I've got a bowl of Cheerios and I couldn't find a knife.
- 195 Leonard: So anyway (puts arms around her) Hello.
- 196 Lesley: Uh, what are you doing?
- 197 Leonard: Just extending the intimacy. Do you want to slip over to the radiation lab and share a decontamination shower?
- 198 Lesley: Okay, uh, what exactly do you think's going on between us?
- 199 Leonard: I'm not sure, but I think I'm about to discover how the banana felt.
- 200 Lesley: Listen, Leonard, neither of us are neuroscientists but we both understand the biochemistry of s\*x, I mean, dopamine in our brains is released across synapses causing pleasure. You stick electrodes in a rat's brain, give him an orgasm button, he'll push that thing until he starves to death.
- 201 Leonard: Who wouldn't?
- 202 Lesley: Well, the only difference between us and a rat is that you can't stick an electrode in our hypothalamus. That's where you come in.
- 203 Leonard: Yeah, well, I'm just glad to be a part of it. So what happens now?
- 204 Lesley: Well, I don't know about your s\*x drive, but I'm probably good till New Years.
- 205 Leonard: Oh. Okay. Thank you.
- 206 Lesley: Thank you!
- 207 Leonard: You want to make plans for New Years.
- 208 Lesley: Woah, Leonard, please, you're smothering me.
- 209 Leonard (leaving): Sorry.
- 210 Howard: Hey, look, it's Doctor Stud!
- 211 Leonard: Doctor what?
- 212 Howard: The blogosphere is a-buzzing with news of you and Lesley Winkle making eine kleine bang-bang music.
- 213 Leonard: Wha... how did it get on the internet?
- 214 Howard: I put it there.
- 215 Leonard: Well, how did you know about it?
- 216 Raj: A little bird told us. Apparently you are a magnificent beast.
- 217 Leonard: Well, that part's true!
- 218 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 219 Sheldon: You know, I think I may have misjudged this restaurant.
- 220 Leonard: No kidding.
- 221 Sheldon: I won't go out on a limb, but I think we may be looking at my new Tuesday hamburger.
- 222 Leonard: Your old Tuesday hamburger will be so broken hearted.
- 223 Sheldon: Way ahead of you. I was thinking of moving Big Boy to Thursdays, and just dropping Soup Plantation.
- 224 Leonard: Really?
- 225 Sheldon: Yeah, the name always confused me anyway, Soup Plantation. You can't grow soup.
- 226 Penny: So, how's everything.
- 227 Sheldon: Terrific, you'll be happy to know that I plan to come here every

Tuesday night for the foreseeable future.

- 228 Penny: Really, oh yay!
- 229 Sheldon: Who do I speak to about permanently reserving this table?
- 230 Penny: Um, I don't know, a psychiatrist? So hey, how are things with you and Lesley?
- 231 Leonard: Oh, to be honest, I don't think it's going to work out.
- 232 Penny: Oh, oh that's too bad. Well hey, don't worry, I'm sure there is someone out there who is just right for you. (Walks away smiling).
- 233 Leonard: Well what did she mean by that? Was that just a generic platitude or was that a subtle bid for attention?
- 234 Sheldon: You know why this hamburger surpasses the Big Boy? This is a single decker hamburger whereas the Big Boy is a double decker. This has a much more satisfying meat to bun to condiment ratio.
- 235 Leonard: Are you even listening to me?
- 236 Sheldon: Of course I'm listening. Blah blah, hopeless Penny delusion, blah blah.
- 237 Leonard: Okay then. You know, you can grow the ingredients for soup. (Sheldon nods).

#### 1.6 Episode 06: The Middle Earth Paradigm

- 1 Scene: Lobby of the apartment building, Howard, Raj, Sheldon and Leonard enter in combat gear, covered in blue paint.
- 2 Raj: Okay, if no-one else will say it, I will. We really suck at paintball.
- 3 Howard: That was absolutely humiliating.
- 4 Leonard: Oh, come on, some battles you win, some battles you lose.
- 5 Howard: Yes, but you don't have to lose to Kyle Bernstein's Bar-Mitzvah party.
- 6 Leonard: I think we have to acknowledge, those were some fairly savage pre-adolescent Jews.
- 7 Sheldon: You know, we were annihilated by our own incompetence and the inability of some people to follow the chain of command.
- 8 Leonard: Sheldon, let it go.
- 9 Sheldon: No, I want to talk about the fact that Wolowitz shot me in the back.
- 10 Howard: I shot you for good reason, you were leading us into disaster.
- 11 Sheldon: I was giving clear, concise orders.
- 12 Leonard: You hid behind a tree yelling "get the kid in the yarmulkah, get the kid in the yarmulkah."
- 13 Penny (arriving): Oh, hey guys.
- 14 Leonard: Hello Penny.
- 15 Howard: Morning ma'am.
- 16 Penny: So, how was paintball, did you have fun?
- 17 Sheldon: Sure, if you consider being fragged by your own troops fun. (To Howard) You clear space on your calendar, there will be an enquiry.
- 18 Penny: Okay, um, oh hey, I'm having a party on Saturday so if you guys

- are around you should come by.
- 19 Leonard: A party?
- 20 Penny: Yeah.
- 21 Howard: A boy-girl party?
- 22 Penny: Well, there will be boys, and there will be girls, and it is a party. So,
- it'll just be a bunch of my friends, we'll have some beer, do a little dancing...
- 23 Sheldon: Dancing?
- 24 Leonard: Yeah, I don't know, Penny...
- 25 Sheldon: The thing is, we're not....
- 26 Leonard: We're really more....
- 27 Sheldon: No.
- 28 Leonard: But thanks, thanks for thinking of us.
- 29 Penny: Are you sure? Come on, it's Halloween.
- 30 Sheldon: A Halloween party?
- 31 Howard: As in, costumes?
- 32 Penny: Well, yeah.
- 33 Leonard: Is there a theme?
- 34 Penny: Um, yeah, Halloween.
- 35 Sheldon: Yes, but are the costumes random, or genre specific?
- 36 Penny: As usual, I'm not following.
- 37 Leonard: He's asking if we can come as anyone from science-fiction, fantasy. . .
- 38 Penny: Sure.
- 39 Sheldon: What about comic-books?
- 40 Penny: Fine.
- 41 Sheldon: Anime?
- 42 Penny: Of course.
- 43 Sheldon: TV, film, DD, Manga, Greek Gods, Roman Gods, Norse Gods...
- 44 Penny: Anything you want, okay? Any costume you want. Bye.
- 45 Howard: Gentlemen, to the sewing machines.
- 46 Credits Sequence
- 47 Scene: The apartment living room. There is a knock on the door.
- 48 Leonard (off): I'll get it. (He enters, wearing a Flash costume. Opens door.)
- 49 Howard (Entering at speed, also wearing a Flash costume): Bjow (They stare at each other in shock.)
- 50 Leonard: Oh, no.
- 51 Sheldon: Oh no! (He is also wearing a Flash costume.)
- 52 Raj: Make way for the fastest man alive. (Enters, also in a Flash costume.) Oh no!
- 53 Sheldon: See, this is why I wanted to have a costume meeting.
- 54 Leonard: We all have other costumes, we can change.
- 55 Raj: Or, we could walk right behind each other all night and look like one person going really fast.
- 56 Howard: No, no, no, it's a boy-girl party, this Flash runs solo.
- 57 Leonard: Okay, how about this, nobody gets to be The Flash, we all change,

agreed?

- 58 All: Agreed.
- 59 Leonard: I call Frodo!
- 60 All: Damn!
- 61 Scene: The same, later. Leonard is dressed as Frodo. Howard appears to be Peter Pan. There is a knock on the door.
- 62 Raj (Entering dressed as Thor): Hey. Sorry I'm late, but my hammer got stuck in the door on the bus.
- 63 Leonard: You went with Thor?
- 64 Raj: What? Just because I'm Indian I can't be a Norse God? No, no, no, Raj has to be an Indian God. That's racism. I mean, look at Wolowitz, he's not English, but he's dressed like Peter Pan. Sheldon(entering in a body suit featuring black and white vertical lines) is neither sound nor light, but he's obviously the Doppler Effect.
- 65 Howard: I'm not Peter Pan, I'm Robin Hood.
- 66 Raj: Really, because I saw Peter Pan, and you're dressed exactly like Cathy Rigby. She was a little bigger than you, but it's basically the same look, man.
- 67 Leonard: Hey, Sheldon, there's something I want to talk to you about before we go to the party.
- 68 Sheldon: I don't care if anybody gets it, I'm going as the Doppler Effect.
- 69 Leonard: No, it's not...
- 70 Sheldon: If I have to, I can demonstrate. Neeeeoooowwww!
- 71 Leonard: Terrific. Um, this party is my first chance for Penny to see me in the context of her social group, and I need you not to embarrass me tonight.
- 72 Sheldon: Well, what exactly do you mean by embarrass you?
- 73 Leonard: For example, to night no-one needs to know that my middle name is Leakey.
- 74 Sheldon: Well, there's nothing embarrassing about that, your father worked with Lewis Leakey, a great anthropologist. It had nothing to do with your bedwetting.
- 75 Leonard: All I'm saying is that this party is the perfect opportunity for Penny to see me as a member of her peer group. A potential close friend and... perhaps more. I don't want to look like a dork.
- 76 Scene: The hallway. Howard knocks on Penny's door with his bow.
- 77 Howard: Just a heads up fellas, if anyone gets lucky I've got a dozen condoms in my quiver.
- 78 Penny (opening door, not in costume): Oh, hey guys.
- 79 Leonard: Hey, sorry we're late.
- 80 Penny: Late? It's 7:05.
- 81 Sheldon: And you said the party starts at seven.
- 82 Penny: Well, yeah, when you start a party at seven, no-one shows up at, you know, seven.
- 83 Sheldon: It's 7:05.
- 84 Penny: Yes. Yes it is. Okay, well, um, come on in.
- 85 Howard: What, are all the girls in the bathroom?
- 86 Penny: Probably, but in their own homes.

- 87 Sheldon: So what time does the costume parade start?
- 88 Penny: The parade?
- 89 Sheldon: Yeah, so the judges can give out the prizes for best costume, you know, most frightening, most authentic, most accurate visual representation of a scientific principle.
- 90 Penny: Oh, Sheldon, I'm sorry but there aren't going to be any parades or judges or prizes.
- 91 Sheldon: This party is just going to suck.
- 92 Penny: No, come on, it's going to be fun, and you all look great, I mean, look at you, Thor, and, oh, Peter Pan, that's so cute.
- 93 Leonard: Actually, Penny, he's Rob...
- 94 Howard: I'm Peter Pan! And I've got a handful of pixie dust with your name on it.
- 95 Penny: No you don't. Oh, hey, what's Sheldon supposed to be.
- 96 Leonard: Oh, he's the Doppler Effect.
- 97 Sheldon: Yes. It's the apparent change in the frequency of a wave caused by relative motion between the source of the wave and the observer.
- 98 Penny: Oh, sure, I see it now, the Doppler Effect. Alright, I've got to shower, you guys um, make yourselves comfortable.
- 99 Leonard: Okay.
- 100 Sheldon: See, people get it.
- 101 Time shift, the party is in full swing, the four guys are sitting together around the coffee table.
- 102 Raj: Mmmm, by Odin's beard, this is good Chex Mix.
- 103 Howard: No thanks, peanuts, I can't afford to swell up in these tights.
- 104 Sheldon: I'm confused. If there's no costume parade, what are we doing here?
- 105 Leonard: We're socialising. Meeting new people.
- 106 Sheldon: Telepathically?
- 107 Penny (crossing the room in a cat costume, speaking to someone off-screen): Oh hey, when did you get here, Hi!
- 108 Raj: Penny is wearing the worst Catwoman costume I have ever seen, and that includes Halle Berry's.
- 109 Leonard: She's not Catwoman, she's just a generic cat.
- 110 Sheldon: And that's the kind of sloppy costuming which results from a lack of rules and competition.
- 111 Howard: Hey guys, check out the sexy nurse. I believe it's time for me to turn my head and cough.
- 112 Raj: What is your move?
- 113 Howard: I'm going to use the mirror technique. She brushes her hair back, I brush my hair back, she shrugs, I shrug, subconsciously she's thinking we're in sync, we belong together.
- 114 Leonard: Where do you get this stuff?
- 115 Howard: You know, psychology journals, internet research, and there's this great show on VH1 about how to pick up girls.
- 116 Raj: Oh, if only I had his confidence. I have such difficulty speaking to

- women. Or around women. Or at times, even effeminate men.
- 117 Howard: If that's a working stethoscope, maybe you'd like to hear my heart skip a beat.
- 118 Nurse Costume Girl: No thanks.
- 119 Howard: No, seriously, you can, I have transient idiopathic arrhythmia.
- 120 Leonard: I want to get to know Penny's friends, I just, I don't know how to talk to these people.
- 121 Sheldon: Well, I actually might be able to help.
- 122 Leonard: How so?
- 123 Sheldon: Like Jane Goodall observing the apes, I initially saw their interactions as confusing and unstructured, but patterns emerge, they have their own language if you will.
- 124 Leonard: Go on.
- 125 Sheldon: Well, it seems that the newcomer approaches the existing group with the greeting "How wasted am I?" which is met with an approving chorus of "Dude."
- 126 Leonard: Then what happens?
- 127 Sheldon: That's as far as I've gotten.
- 128 Leonard: This is ridiculous, I'm jumping in.
- 129 Sheldon: Good luck.
- 130 Leonard: No, you're coming with me.
- 131 Sheldon: Oh, I hardly think so.
- 132 Leonard: Come on.
- 133 Sheldon: Aren't you afraid I'll embarrass you?
- 134 Leonard: Yes. But I need a wing-man.
- 135 Sheldon: Alright, but if we're going to use flight metaphors I'm much more suited to being the guy from the FAA, analysing wreckage.
- 136 Girl in Hippie Costume: Oh, Hi!
- 137 Leonard: Hi.
- 138 Sheldon: Hello.
- 139 Girl: So, what are you supposed to be?
- 140 Sheldon: Me? I'll give you a hint. Neeeeooooowwww!
- 141 Girl: Uh, a choo-choo train?
- 142 Sheldon: Close! Neeeeeoooooowwwww!
- 143 Girl: A brain damaged choo-choo train?
- 144 Girl in Butterfly Costume (dropping onto sofa next to Raj): How wasted am I? (Raj shrugs.)
- 145 Time shift. Sheldon and Leonard are now talking to a girl in a princess costume.
- 146 Sheldon: Neeeeeooooowwwwww!
- 147 Girl: I still don't get it.
- 148 Sheldon: I'm the Doppler Effect.
- 149 Girl: Okay, if that is some sort of learning disability, I think it's very insensitive.
- 150 Leonard: Why don't you just tell people you're a zebra?
- 151 Sheldon: Well, why don't you just tell people you're one of the seven

#### dwarves.

- 152 Leonard: Because I'm Frodo.
- 153 Sheldon: Yes, well, I'm the Doppler Effect.
- 154 Leonard: Oh no.
- 155 Sheldon: What?
- 156 Leonard: That's Penny's ex-boyfriend.
- 157 Sheldon: What do you suppose he's doing here? Besides disrupting the local gravity field.
- 158 Leonard: If he were any bigger, he'd have moons orbiting him.
- 159 Sheldon: Oh, snap. So I guess we'll be leaving now.
- 160 Leonard: Why should we leave? For all we know, he crashed the party and Penny doesn't even want him here. (Penny and Kurt hug).
- 161 Sheldon: You have a back-up hypothesis.
- 162 Leonard: Maybe they just want to be friends.
- 163 Sheldon: Or maybe she wants to be friends, and he wants something more.
- 164 Leonard: Then he and I are on equal ground.
- 165 Sheldon: Yes, but you're much closer to it than he is.
- 166 Leonard: Look, if this was 15,000 years ago, by virtue of his size and strength, Kurt would be entitled to his choice of female partners.
- 167 Sheldon: And male partners. Animal partners. Large primordial eggplants, pretty much whatever tickled his fancy.
- 168 Leonard: Yes, but our society has undergone a paradigm shift, in the information age, Sheldon, you and I are the alpha males. We shouldn't have to back down.
- 169 Sheldon: True. Why don't you text him that and see if he backs down?
- 170 Leonard: No. I'm going to assert my dominance face to face.
- 171 Sheldon: Face to face? Are you going to wait for him to sit down, or are you going to stand on a coffee table?
- 172 Leonard: Hello Penny. Hello Kurt.
- 173 Penny: Oh, hey guys. You having a good time?
- 174 Sheldon: Given the reaction to my costume, this party is a scathing indictment of the American education system.
- 175 Kurt: What, you're a zebra, right?
- 176 Sheldon: Yet another child left behind.
- 177 Kurt: And what are you supposed to be, an Elf?
- 178 Leonard: No, I'm a Hobbit.
- 179 Kurt: What's the difference?
- 180 Leonard: Uh, a Hobbit is a mortal Halfling inhabitant of Middle Earth, whereas an Elf is an immortal tall warrior.
- 181 Kurt: So why the hell would you want to be a Hobbit?
- 182 Sheldon: Because he is neither tall nor immortal, and none of us could be The Flash.
- 183 Kurt: Well, whatever, why don't you go hop off on a quest, I'm talking to Penny here.
- 184 Leonard: I think we're all talking to Penny here.
- 185 Sheldon: I'm not. No offence.

- 186 Kurt: Okay, maybe you didn't hear me, go away.
- 187 Penny: Alright Kurt, be nice.
- 188 Kurt: Aw, I am being nice. Right little buddy.
- 189 Penny: Kurt!
- 190 Leonard: Okay, I understand your impulse to try to physically intimidate me. I mean, you can't compete with me on an intellectual level and so you're driven to animalistic puffery.
- 191 Kurt: Are you calling me a puffy animal?
- 192 Penny: Of course not, no, he's not, you're not, right Leonard?
- 193 Leonard: No, I said animalistic. Of course we're all animals, but some of us have climbed a little higher on the evolutionary tree.
- 194 Sheldon: If he understands that, you're in trouble.
- 195 Kurt: So what, I'm unevolved?
- 196 Sheldon: You're in trouble.
- 197 Kurt: You know, you use a lot of big words for such a little dwarf.
- 198 Penny: Okay, Kurt, please.
- 199 Leonard: No, Penny, it's okay, I can handle this. I'm not a dwarf, I'm a Hobbit. A Hobbit. Are misfiring neurons in your hippocampus preventing the conversion from short-term to long-term memory?
- 200 Kurt: Okay, now you're starting to make me mad.
- 201 Leonard: A homo-habilus discovering his opposable thumbs says what?
- 202 Kurt: What?
- 203 Leonard: I think I've made my point.
- 204 Kurt: Yeah, how about I make a point out of your pointy little head.
- 205 Sheldon: Let me remind you, while my moral support is absolute, in a physical confrontation I will be less than useless.
- 206 Leonard: There's not going to be a confrontation, in fact I doubt if he can even spell confrontation.
- 207 Kurt (physically lifting Leonard from the ground): C-O-N... frontation!
- 208 Penny: Kurt, put him down this instant.
- 209 Kurt: He started it.
- 210 Penny: I don't care, I'm finishing it, put him down.
- 211 Kurt: Fine. You're one lucky little leprechaun.
- 212 Sheldon: He's a Hobbit! I've got your back.
- 213 Penny: Leonard, are you okay.
- 214 Leonard: Yeah, no, I'm fine. It's good, it's a good party, thanks for having us, it's just getting a little late so....
- 215 Penny: Oh, okay, alright, well thank you for coming.
- 216 Sheldon: Happy Halloween. (They leave) If it's any consolation, I thought that homo-habilus line really put him in his place.
- 217 Scene: The living room. Sheldon brings Leonard a cup of tea.
- 218 Leonard: What's that?
- 219 Sheldon: Tea. When people are upset the cultural convention is to bring them hot beverages. There there. You want to talk about it?
- 220 Leonard: No.

- 221 Sheldon: Good. There there was really all I had.
- 222 Leonard: Good night Sheldon.
- 223 Sheldon: Good night Leonard.
- 224 Penny (knocking on door and entering): Hey Leonard.
- 225 Leonard: Hi Penny.
- 226 Penny: Hey, I just wanted to make sure you're okay.
- 227 Leonard: I'm fine.
- 228 Penny: I'm so sorry about what happened.
- 229 Leonard: It's not your fault.
- 230 Penny: Yes it is. That's why I broke up with him, he always does stuff like that.
- 231 Leonard: So why was he at your party?
- 232 Penny: Well, I ran into him last week and, he was... just, all apologetic, about how he's changed, he was just going on and on and I believed him, and I'm an idiot because I always believe guys like that and... I can't go back to my party because he's there, and I know you don't want to hear this and I'm upset and I'm really drunk and I just want to... (bursts into tears and rests head on Leonard's shoulder.)
- 233 Leonard: There there.
- 234 Penny: God, what is wrong with me.
- 235 Leonard: Nothing, you're perfect.
- 236 Penny: Gah, I'm not perfect.
- 237 Leonard: Yes you are.
- 238 Penny: You really think so, don't you? (She kisses hm.)
- 239 Leonard: Penny?
- 240 Penny: Yeah.
- 241 Leonard: How much have you had to drink tonight?
- 242 Penny: Just.... a lot.
- 243 Leonard: Are you sure that your being drunk, and your being angry with
- Kurt doesn't have something to do with what's going on here?
- 244 Penny: It might. Boy, you're really smart.
- 245 Leonard: Yeah, I'm a frickin' genius.
- 246 Penny: Leonard, you are so great. Why can't all guys be like you?
- 247 Leonard: Because if all guys were like me, the human race couldn't survive.
- 248 Penny: I should probably go.
- 249 Leonard: Probably.
- 250 Penny (in doorway): Thank you. (She kisses him again. Kurt is watching.)
- 251 Leonard: That's right, you saw what you saw. That's how we roll in The Shire. (Closes door quickly, locks and chains it.)
- 252 Scene: The apartment, there is a knock on the door.
- 253 Sheldon: Coming. (Opens door to Howard.)
- 254 Howard: Hey, have you seen Koothrapali?
- 255 Sheldon: He's not here. Maybe the Avenger summoned him.
- 256 Howard: He's not the Marvel comic story, he's the original Norse God.

- 257 Sheldon: Thank you for the clarification.
- 258 Howard: I'm supposed to give him a ride home.
- 259 Sheldon: Well I'm sure he'll be fine. He has his hammer.
- 260 Scene: A random bedroom. Butterfly costume girl is climbing off of Raj.
- 261 Butterfly Girl: Wow, I have to say, you are an amazing man. You're gentle and passionate, and my God, you are such a good listener!
- 262 (Raj puts hands behind head with a smug expression on his face.)

### 1.7 Episode 07: The Dumpling Paradox

- 1 Scene: The apartment, the living room.
- 2 Howard: Watch this, it's really cool. Call Leonard Hofstadter.
- 3 Howard's phone: Did you say, call Helen Boxleitner?
- 4 Howard: No. Call Leonard Hofstadter.
- 5 Howard's phone: Did you say, call Temple Beth Sader.
- 6 Howard: No.
- 7 Leonard: Here, let me try. Call McFlono McFloonyloo. Heh-heh.
- 8 Howard's phone: Calling Rajesh Koothrappali. (Raj's phone rings).
- 9 Raj: Oh, that's very impressive. And a little racist.
- 10 Sheldon: If we're all through playing mock the flawed technology, can we get on with Halo night, we were supposed to start at eight, it is now 8:06.
- 11 Leonard: So? We'll start now.
- 12 Sheldon: Yes, first we have to decide if those lost six minutes will be coming out of game time, bathroom time or the pizza break.
- 13 Raj: We can split it two, two and two.
- 14 Howard: If we're having anchovies on the pizza we can't take it out of bathroom time. (There is a knock on the door.)
- 15 Sheldon: Oh, what fresh hell is this?
- 16 Leonard (opening door): Hey Penny, come on in.
- 17 Penny: Hey guys.
- 18 Howard: See a Penny, pick her up, and all the day you'll have good luck.
- 19 Penny: No you won't. Uh, can I hide out here for a while.
- 20 Leonard: Sure. What's going on.
- 21 Penny: Well, there's this girl I know from back in Nebraska, Christie, well anyway she called me up and she's like "Hey, how's California," and I'm like "Awesome" 'cos, you know, it's not Nebraska, and the next thing I know she's invited herself out here to stay with me.
- 22 Sheldon: 8:08.
- 23 Penny: Anyway, she got here today, and she's just been in my apartment, yakkety-yakking about every guy she's slept with in Omaha, which is basically every guy in Omaha, and washing the sluttiest collection of underwear you have ever seen in my bathroom sink.
- 24 Howard: Well, is she doing it one thong at a time, or does she just throw it all in, like some sort of erotic bouillabaisse.
- 25 Penny: He really needs to dial it down.
- 26 Leonard: So, if you don't like this Christie, why are you letting her stay?

- 27 Penny: Well, she was engaged to my cousin while she was sleeping with my brother, so she's kind of family.
- 28 Sheldon: You know, I apologise for my earlier outburst, who needs Halo when we can be regaled with the delightfully folksy tale of the whore of Omaha? 29 Leonard: Oh, I don't think she's a whore.
- 30 Penny: No, yeah she's definitely a whore. I mean, she has absolutely no standards, this one time, she was at... where's Howard?
- 31 Howard (voice off): Bonjour mademoiselle, I understand you're new in town
- 32 Sheldon: Oh good grief.
- 33 Credit Sequence
- 34 Scene: Penny, Sheldon, Raj and Leonard stand in the apartment doorway. Romantic music plays from Penny's apartment door.
- 35 Penny: Ugh, I cannot believe Christie let Howard into my apartment.
- 36 Sheldon: And I cannot believe people pay for horoscopes, but on a more serious note it's 8:13 and we're still not playing Halo.
- 37 Leonard: Okay, fine, we'll just play one on one until he gets back.
- 38 Sheldon: One on one? We don't play one on one, we play teams, not one on one. One on one!
- 39 Leonard: Well the only way we can play teams at this point is if we cut Raj in half.
- 40 Raj: Oh, sure, cut the foreigner in half, there's a billion more where he came from.
- 41 Penny: Hey, if you guys need a fourth, I'll play.
- 42 Leonard: Great idea.
- 43 Sheldon: Uh, no. The wheel was a great idea. Relativity was a great idea. This is a notion, and a rather sucky one at that.
- 44 Penny: Why?
- 45 Sheldon: Why? Oh, Penny, Penny, Penny.
- 46 Penny: Oh, what, what, what?
- 47 Sheldon: This is a complex battle simulation with a steep learning curve, there are myriad weapons, vehicles and strategies to master, not to mention an extremely intricate back-story.
- 48 Penny (picking up a controller, there is the sound of an explosion from the television): Oh cool, whose head did I just blow off?
- 49 Sheldon: Mine.
- 50 Penny: Okay, I got this, lock and load boys.
- 51 Leonard: It's the only way we can play teams.
- 52 Sheldon: Yes, but whoever's her partner will be hamstrung by her lack of experience and not to mention that fact that sh.... (another explosion)
- 53 Penny: Ha-ha, there goes your head again.
- 54 Sheldon: Okay, this isn't at all good sportsmanship to shoot somebody who's just respawned, you need to give them a chance to (explosion) now come on!
- 55 Time shift
- 56 Sheldon: Raj, Raj, she's got me cornered, cover me.

- 57 Penny: Cover this, suckers. Ha-ha-ha!
- 58 Leonard: Penny, you are on fire.
- 59 Penny: Yeah, so is Sheldon.
- 60 Sheldon: Okay, that's it, I don't know how, but she is cheating. No-one can be that attractive and be this skilled at a video game.
- 61 Penny: Wait, wait, Sheldon, come back, you forgot something.
- 62 Sheldon: What?
- 63 Penny: This plasma grenade. (Explosion.) Ha! Look, it's raining you!
- 64 Sheldon: You laugh now, you just wait until you need tech support.
- 65 Penny: Gosh, he's kind of a sore loser, isn't he?
- 66 Leonard: Well, to be fair, he is also a rather unpleasant winner.
- 67 Penny: Well, it's been fun.
- 68 Leonard: You know, Penny, we make such a good team, maybe we could enter a couple of Halo tournaments sometime.
- 69 Penny: Or we could just have a life.
- 70 Leonard: I guess for you that's an option.
- 71 Penny: Good night, Leonard.
- 72 Leonard: Good night.
- 73 Penny: As usual, nice talking to you Raj (leaves.)
- 74 Raj: What do you suppose she meant by that?
- 75 Leonard: She's an enigma, Raj.
- 76 Sheldon: And another thing, there's a certain ethic to the game, Penny, a well estab...
- 77 Leonard: She's gone, Sheldon.
- 78 Sheldon: Well she could have said goodbye.
- 79 Penny (entering again): Okay, I have a problem.
- 80 Sheldon: It's called carpal tunnel syndrome, and quite frankly you deserve it
- 81 Leonard: What's wrong?
- 82 Penny: Um, well, Howard and Christie are... kind of... hooking up in my bedroom.
- 83 Leonard: Are you sure?
- 84 Penny: Look, I grew up on a farm, okay, from what I heard they're either having s\*x or Howard's caught in a milking machine. Do you mind if I stay here tonight?
- 85 Leonard: No, take the couch, or my bed, I just got new pillows, hypoallergenics.
- 86 Penny: Uh, the couch is good.
- 87 Sheldon: Hold that thought, Leonard, a moment.
- 88 Leonard: Let me guess, you have a problem with this.
- 89 Sheldon: Where do I begin?
- 90 Leonard: It's up to you, crazy person's choice.
- 91 Sheldon: Well first, we don't have house guests, frankly if I could afford the rent I'd ask you to leave.
- 92 Leonard: Your friendship means a lot to me as well, what else?
- 93 Sheldon: Well, our earthquake supplies, we have a two day, two man kit.

- 94 Leonard: So?
- 95 Sheldon: So, if there is an earthquake and the three of us are trapped here, we could be out of food by tomorrow afternoon.
- 96 Leonard: I'm sorry, are you suggesting that if we let Penny stay we might succumb to cannibalism?
- 97 Sheldon: No-one ever thinks it will happen until it does.
- 98 Leonard: Penny, if you promise not to chew the flesh off our bones while we sleep, you can stay.
- 99 Penny: Hu.. what?
- 100 Sheldon: He's engaging in reductio-ad-absurdum. It's the logical fallacy of extending someone's argument to ridiculous proportions and then criticising the result, and I do not appreciate it.
- 101 Leonard: I'll get you a blanket and a pillow.
- 102 Sheldon: Okay, well since I'm obviously being ignored here, let's go over the morning schedule, I use the bathroom from 7 to 7:20, plan your ablutions and bodily functions accordingly.
- 103 Penny: How am I supposed to plan my bodily functions?
- 104 Sheldon: I suggest no liquids after 11pm.
- 105 Leonard: Here you go.
- 106 Penny: Thanks Leonard. (Arranges pillows on left of couch.)
- 107 Sheldon: Hmmph, wrong.
- 108 Penny: I'm listening.
- 109 Sheldon: Your head goes on the other end.
- 110 Penny: Why?
- 111 Sheldon: It's culturally universal, a bed, even a temporary bed, is always oriented with the headboard away from the door. It serves the ancient imperative of protecting oneself against marauders.
- 112 Penny: I'll risk it.
- 113 Sheldon: Hm!
- 114 Penny: Anything else I should know.
- 115 Sheldon: Yes. If you use my toothbrush I'll jump out that window. Please don't come to my funeral. Have a good night.
- 116 Leonard: Sorry about that.
- 117 Penny: That's okay.
- 118 Leonard: FYI, his toothbrush is the red one in the plexiglass case under the UV light.
- 119 Penny: Got it.
- 120 Leonard: Well, sleep tight.
- 121 Penny: Thanks.
- 122 Leonard: Funny expression, sleep tight. It refers to the early construction of beds which featured a mattress suspended on interlocking ropes which would occasionally... sleep tight.
- 123 (Penny turns off light and lies down on couch. Across the room, Raj is still in the kitchen, eating a sandwich. Realising everyone has forgotten about him, he quietly lets himself out. Penny hears the door close, looks worried, then moves her head to the other end of the couch.)

- 124 Scene: The following morning. Sheldon is in the kitchen making breakfast. He crosses to the couch, sees Penny sleeping there, looks lost. He is about to sit down on Penny when Leonard enters.
- 125 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 126 Sheldon: Every Saturday since we have lived in this apartment, I have awakened at 6:15, poured myself a bowl of cereal, added a quarter cup of 2127 Leonard: Penny's still sleeping.
- 128 Sheldon: Every Saturday since we have lived in this apartment, I have awakened at 6:15, poured myself a bowl of cereal....
- 129 Leonard: I know, I know, look, you have a TV in your room, why don't you just have breakfast in bed?
- 130 Sheldon: Because I am neither an invalid nor a woman celebrating Mother's Day.
- 131 Penny: Uh, what time is it?
- 132 Leonard: Almost 6:30.
- 133 Penny: I slept all day?
- 134 Leonard: Oh, no, it's 6:30 in the morning.
- 135 Penny: What the hell is your problem?
- 136 Sheldon: Okay, this cereal has lost all its molecular integrity, I now have a bowl of shredded wheat paste.
- 137 Howard (entering): Ola, nerd-migos.
- 138 Penny: Why do you people hate sleep? Are you wearing my robe?
- 139 Howard: Oh, yeah, sorry, I'll have it cleaned.
- 140 Penny: That's okay, keep it. Where's Christie.
- 141 Howard: In the shower. Oh, by the way, where did you get that loofah mitt, yours reaches places that mine just won't.
- 142 Penny: Y-you used my loofah?
- 143 Howard: More precisely we used your loofah. I exfoliated her brains out!
- 144 Penny: You can keep that too.
- 145 Howard: Ah, well then we'll probably need to talk about your stuffed bear collection.
- 146 Christie (voice off): Howard?
- 147 Howard: In here my lady.
- 148 Christie (entering): Mmmm, there's my little engine that could.
- 149 Howard: chka-chka-chka-chka-chka-chka (they kiss).
- 150 Sheldon: Well there's one beloved children's book I'll never read again.
- 151 Christie: Hi, Christie.
- 152 Leonard: Leonard.
- 153 Sheldon: I'm Sheldon.
- 154 Christie: Right, you're Howard's entourage.
- 155 Penny: Uh, so Christie, what are your plans?
- 156 Christie: Oh, well, Howard said he'd take me shopping in Beverley Hills.
- 157 Penny: Yeah, no, I meant plans to find some place to live. Other than with me, not that I don't love having you, but it's... a little crowded.
- 158 Leonard: Penny, you're always welcome to stay with us.
- 159 Sheldon: Oh, terrific, now we're running a cute little BB.

- 160 Howard: Let me offer a little outside the box thinking here, why doesn't Christie stay with me.
- 161 Leonard: For one thing you live with your mother.
- 162 Howard: I do not, my mother lives with me.
- 163 Sheldon: Well then, it's all settled, Christie will stay with Howard, Penny can go back to her apartment, and I'll watch the last 24 minutes of Doctor Who, although at this point it's more like Doctor Why Bother.
- 164 Leonard: Sheldon you just can't dictate...
- 165 Sheldon: No more talking, everybody go.
- 166 Howard: So, what do you say, you wanna repair to Castle Wolowitz?
- 167 Christie: What is that, like a Mexican deli?
- 168 Howard: I'm sorry, I should have mentioned this earlier, my last name is Wolowitz.
- 169 Christie: Oh, that's so cool. My first Jew!
- 170 Sheldon: I imagine there aren't many kosher corn-huskers.
- 171 Christie: But you're still taking me shopping, right?
- 172 Howard: Anything you want.
- 173 Christie: Okay, I'll go pack my stuff.
- 174 Howard: When they perfect human cloning I'm going to order twelve of those.
- 175 Leonard: Howard, can't you see she's using you?
- 176 Howard: Who cares, last night she pulled off her blouse and I wept!
- 177 Penny: Look, Howard, I know her, okay, she'll have s\*x with anyone as long as they keep buying her things.
- 178 Howard: Really?
- 179 Penny: Yeah.
- 180 Howard: Yay! If you'll excuse me, I have some Bar-Mizvah bonds to cash.
- 181 Scene: A Chinese restaurant.
- 182 Sheldon: I'm sorry, we cannot do this without Wolowitz.
- 183 Leonard: We can't order Chinese food without Wolowitz?
- 184 Sheldon: Let me walk you through it, our standard is, the steamed dumpling appetizer, General So's chicken, beef with broccoli, shrimp with lobster sauce and vegetable lo-main. Do you see the problem?
- 185 Leonard: I see a problem.
- 186 Sheldon: Our entire order is predicated on four dumplings and four entrees divided among four people.
- 187 Leonard: So, we'll just order three entrees.
- 188 Sheldon: Fine, what do you want to eliminate, and who gets the extra dumpling.
- 189 Raj: We could cut it into thirds.
- 190 Sheldon: Then it is no longer a dumpling, once you cut it open it is at best a very small open faced sandwich.
- 191 Waiter: Hi fellas. Oh, where's your annoying little friend who thinks he speaks Mandarin?
- 192 Sheldon: He's putting his needs ahead of the collective good. (Pointing at waiter) Where he comes from, that's punishable by death.

- 193 Waiter: I come from Sacramento.
- 194 Leonard: Can we get an order of dumplings, but with three instead of four.
- 195 Waiter: No substitutions.
- 196 Leonard: This isn't a substitution, it's a reduction.
- 197 Waiter: Okay, no reductions.
- 198 Leonard: Fine, bring us three orders of dumplings, that's twelve, we'll each have four.
- 199 Raj: That works.
- 200 Sheldon: No, if we fill up on dumplings we'll need to eliminate another entree.
- 201 Waiter: No eliminations.
- 202 Leonard: If we have extra, we'll just take the leftovers home.
- 203 Sheldon: And divide it how, I'm telling you we cannot do this without Wolowitz.
- 204 Leonard: Wolowitz is with his new girlfriend, if you had let me invite Penny then you would have had your fourth.
- 205 Sheldon: Have you seen Penny eat Chinese food, she uses a fork, and she double dips her egg rolls.
- 206 Leonard: We don't order egg rolls.
- 207 Sheldon: Exactly, but we'd have to if she was here.
- 208 Raj: Can we please make a decision, not only are there children starving in India, there's an Indian starving right here.
- 209 Leonard: Here's an idea, why don't we just go out for Indian food.
- 210 Sheldon: No.
- 211 Raj: Uurgh.
- 212 Waiter: You are nice boys. Tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to bring you the four dumplings. When I'm walking over to the table, maybe I get bumped, one of the dumplings falls to the floor, no-one has to know.
- 213 Sheldon: I'll know.
- 214 Waiter: (wanders away cursing in Mandarin.)
- 215 Raj: How about soup?
- 216 Leonard: Yeah, we can always divide soup.
- 217 Sheldon: What about the won-tons?
- 218 Scene: Outside Penny's door. Leonard knocks.
- 219 Penny (answering): Oh, hey guys, what's up?
- 220 Sheldon: It's Halo night.
- 221 Penny: Yeah. Okay. So?
- 222 Leonard: Well, with Wolowitz spending all of his time with your friend Christie.
- 223 Penny: She's not my friend. Friends do not get their friends care bears all sweaty.
- 224 Leonard: Right, anyway, uh, with Wolowitz occupied elsewhere, we had something we wanted to ask you. Sheldon?
- 225 Sheldon: Yes. Penny, we would very much appreciate it if you would be the fourth member of our Halo team. I don't think I need to tell you what an

honour this is.

- 226 Penny: Oh, that's so sweet. But I'm going out dancing with a girlfriend.
- 227 Sheldon: You can't go out, it's Halo night.
- 228 Penny: Well, for Penny it's dancing night.
- 229 Sheldon: You go dancing every Wednesday.
- 230 Penny: No.
- 231 Sheldon: Then it's not dancing night.
- 232 Penny: Look, why don't I play with you guys tomorrow?
- 233 Sheldon: Tonight is Halo night, it's like talking to a wall.
- 234 Penny: Alright, now Sheldon, you and I are about to have a problem.
- 235 Leonard: Sheldon, remember, we role-played this.
- 236 Sheldon: Yes, but you didn't portray her as completely irrational.
- 237 Penny: Alright fellas, I gotta go. Good luck.
- 238 Leonard: Maybe we should have asked if we could go dancing with her and her girlfriend.
- 239 Sheldon: Okay, assuming we could dance, which we can't, there are three of us and two of them.
- 240 Leonard: So?
- 241 Sheldon: It's the Chinese restaurant all over again. I assure you that cutting a dumpling in thirds is child's play compared with three men, each attempting to dance with 67242 Leonard: Aaah, for God's sake, Sheldon, you are driving me crazy.
- 243 Sheldon: Your anger's not with me, sir, but with basic mathematics.
- 244 Leonard: No, I'm pretty sure my anger's with you.
- 245 Raj: What's happening to us? We're falling apart.
- 246 Leonard: Who are you calling?
- 247 Sheldon: The only man who can restore any semblance of balance to our universe.
- 248 Howard (voice): Hi this is Howard Wolowitz.
- 249 Christie (voice): And this is Christie Van Der Bell.
- 250 Howard (voice): We can't get to the phone right now because we're having  $s^*x$ .
- 251 Christie (voice): You're not going to put that on your message are you?
- 252 Howard (voice): No, I'm just kidding, I'll re-record it. (beep)
- 253 Scene: Outside Howard's house.
- 254 Leonard: Sheldon, think this through, you're going to ask Howard to choose between  $\mathbf{s}^*\mathbf{x}$  and Halo.
- 255 Sheldon: No, I'm going to ask him to choose between s\*x and Halo 3. As far as I know, s\*x has not been upgraded to include high-def graphics and enhanced weapon systems.
- 256 Leonard: You're right, all s\*x has is nudity, orgasms and human contact.
- 257 Sheldon: My point.
- 258 Christie (voice from within): I'm just saying, you can take the damned plastic off the couch once in a while.
- 259 Howard's Mother (voice): Why, so you and Howard can hump on it?
- 260 Howard (voice): Ladies, ladies, I'm sure there's a middle ground.

- 261 Christie and Howard's Mother together: Shut up Howard.
- 262 Howard (voice): You girl's talk, I'm going to take my scooter out for a little spin.
- 263 Christie (voice as Howard emerges through door): Are you happy, you drove your own son out of the house.
- 264 Howard's Mother (voice): Why don't you stop butting in where you don't belong.
- 265 Howard: What are you guys doing here?
- 266 Sheldon: It's Halo night.
- 267 Howard's Mother (voice): He's not a man, he's a putz, and don't you take that tone with me, you gold digger.
- 268 Christie (voice): What did you call me?
- 269 Howard's Mother (voice): You heard me, and I'll tell you something else, you're barking up the wrong tree, cos as long as you're around, Howard is out of the will.
- 270 Christie: (voice): You know what, I got better offers, I'm out of here.
- 271 Howard's Mother (voice): That's right, go back to Babylon, you whore.
- 272 Howard: So, Halo night, huh?
- 273 Raj: I thought she was the whore of Omaha?
- 274 Sheldon: Shhh!
- 275 Scene: The apartment, Halo night.
- 276 Howard: Sheldon, you got him in your sights, fire, he's charging his plasma rifle.
- 277 Sheldon: I can't shoot now, I'm cloaking.
- 278 Leonard: Now, Raj, kill Sheldon.
- 279 Raj: I can't see him.
- 280 Sheldon: That's why the call it cloaking, dead man.
- 281 Leonard: Well then start throwing grenades.
- 282 Raj: I'm all out.
- 283 Penny (entering with three other sexy women): Hi guys, my friends and I got tired of dancing, so we came over to have s\*x with you.
- 284 Leonard: That will do, Raj, straight for the tank.
- 285 Sheldon: We said no tanks.
- 286 Raj: There are no rules in hell!
- 287 Howard: Son of a bitch, medpack, I need a medpack!
- 288 Penny: Told yah! (They leave).
- 289 Leonard: There's a sniper, use your rocket launcher.
- 290 Raj: All I've got is a needler, and I'm all out of ammo.
- 291 Sheldon: And now you're out of life. Why did you hit pause?
- 292 Leonard: I thought I heard something.
- 293 Raj: What?
- 294 Leonard: No, never mind, alright, go.

### 1.8 Episode 08: The Grasshopper Experiment

- 1 Scene: The Apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: Damn you, walletnook.com.
- 3 Leonard: Problem?
- 4 Sheldon: The online description was completely misleading, they said eight slots plus removable ID, to any rational person that would mean room for nine cards, but they don't tell you the removable ID takes up one slot, it's a night-mare.
- 5 Leonard: Okay, now, do you really need the honorary Justice League of America membership card?
- 6 Sheldon: It's been in every wallet I've owned since I was five.
- 7 Leonard: Why?
- 8 Sheldon: It says keep this on your person at all times. (Knock on door) It's right here under Batman's signature.
- 9 Leonard opens door. Raj and Howard are outside. Raj is holding a laptop which is open. His parents are on the screen.
- 10 Raj: And this is Leonard and Sheldon's apartment.
- 11 Howard: Guess whose parents just got broadband.
- 12 Raj: May I present, live from New Delhi, Dr and Mrs V. M. Koothrappali.
- 13 Leonard: Hi.
- 14 Dr Koothrappali: Lift up the camera. I'm looking at his crotch.
- 15 Raj: Sorry papa.
- 16 Dr Koothrappali: Oh, there's much better. Hi.
- 17 Leonard: Hi!
- 18 Raj: And over here is Sheldon.
- 19 Sheldon: Hi.
- 20 Raj: He lives with Leonard.
- 21 Mrs Koothrappali: Oh, that's nice. Like Haroun and Tanweer.
- 22 Raj: No, no, not like Haroun and Tanweer.
- 23 Mrs Koothrappali: Such sweet young men, they just adopted the cutest little Punjabi baby.
- 24 Leonard: Yeah, we're not like Haroun and Tanweer!
- 25 Dr Koothrappali: So are you boys academics like our son?
- 26 Together: Yes.
- 27 Dr Koothrappali: And your parents are comfortable with your limited earning potential?
- 28 Together: Not at all.
- 29 Raj: Papa, please don't start.
- 30 Dr Koothrappali: God, it's just a question, he's so sensitive.
- 31 Raj: Okay, that's my life, that's my friends, good to see you, say goodbye.
- 32 Together: Bye!
- 33 Dr Koothrappali: Wait, wait. Before you go we have good news. Put the computer down and gather your friends.
- 34 Raj: What is it papa.
- 35 Dr Koothrappali: Friends.

- 36 Howard (as they gather): Is it just me, or does webchatting with your clothes on seem a little pointless.
- 37 Mrs Koothrappali: Rajesh, do you remember Lalita Gupta?
- 38 Raj: The little fat girl that used to kick me in the samosas and call me untouchable.
- 39 Mrs Koothrappali: Yes. Well, now she's a dental student at USC, so we gave her your contact information.
- 40 Raj: Why did you do that?
- 41 Dr Koothrappali: You're 26 years old Rajesh. We want grandchildren.
- 42 Raj: But Papa, I'm not supposed...
- 43 Mrs Koothrappali: Lalita's parents approve the match.
- 44 Dr Koothrappali: If you decide on a spring wedding, we can avoid monsoon season.
- 45 Raj: Spring wedding?
- 46 Mrs Koothrappali: It's up to you dear, we don't want to meddle.
- 47 Raj: If you don't want to meddle, then why are you meddling.
- 48 Sheldon: If I may, your parents probably don't consider this meddling, while arranged marriages are no longer the norm, Indian parents continue to have a greater than average involvement in their children's lives.
- 49 Raj: Why are you telling me about my own culture?
- 50 Sheldon: You seemed confused.
- 51 Raj: Sorry, Mommy, Papa, but with all due respect I really can't go through...
- 52 Mrs Koothrappali: Sorry darling, we have to go. Doogie Howser is on. Grandma, it's Doogie time! Bye bye.
- 53 Dr Koothrappali: Bye bye.
- 54 Raj: I don't believe it.
- 55 Howard: Neither do I. Doogie Howser's been off the air for like, twenty years.
- 56 Leonard: Actually, I read somewhere that it's one of the most popular programmes in India.
- 57 Sheldon: It might speak to a cultural aspiration to have one's children enter the medical profession.
- 58 Leonard: I bet you're right.
- 59 Howard: I bet they love Scrubs.
- 60 Sheldon: What's not to love?
- 61 Raj: Excuse me, hello? My parents are trying to marry me off to a total stranger, what am I going to do?
- 62 Sheldon: I suggest you go through with it.
- 63 Raj: What?
- 64 Sheldon: Romantic love as the basis for marriage has only existed since the nineteenth century. Up until then, arranged marriages were the norm, and it served society quite well.
- 65 Howard: It's the entire premise of Fiddler on the Roof.
- 66 Leonard: I'm not a big fan of musicals, but I love that show.
- 67 Howard: Me too. Of course, it speaks to me culturally.

- 68 Sheldon: Understandable, but there's a universality to that story which transcends ethnicity.
- 69 Howard: Let's not forget it's got some really catchy tunes.
- 70 All: (various noises of agreement)
- 71 Raj: Okay, I know what I'm going to do.
- 72 Leonard: What?
- 73 Raj: Find new friends.
- 74 Howard: So who wants to rent Fiddler?
- 75 Sheldon: No need, we have the special edition.
- 76 Leonard: Well, maybe we are like Haroun and Tanweer.
- 77 Credits sequence
- 78 Scene: The apartment.
- 79 Sheldon (on phone): This is Dr Sheldon Cooper. Yeah, I need to cancel my membership to the Planetarium. Yeah, well I'm sorry too, but there's just no room for you in my wallet. Yeah, I understand, but it was between you and the Museum of Natural History and, frankly, you don't have dinosaurs. Well I'll miss you too, bye bye. Okay, I know you're texting about me, and I'd really like you to stop.
- 80 Raj (entering): Oh dear, I am rightly and truly screwed.
- 81 Leonard: Hey, I thought you were finding new friends.
- 82 Raj: I've got some feelers out. In the meantime, listen to this.
- 83 Lalita (voice from Raj's phone): Hi Rajesh, this is Lalita Gupta. Your mother gave my mother your phone number to give to me. So I'm calling you, and, ah... call me back. Bye.
- 84 Raj: Can you believe how pushy she is?
- 85 Leonard: So don't call her.
- 86 Raj: If I don't call her, I won't hear the end of it from my parents.
- 87 Leonard: So call her.
- 88 Raj: How can I call her, you know I can't talk to women.
- 89 Leonard: I'm done, anybody else?
- 90 Howard: Give me the phone.
- 91 Raj: Why?
- 92 Howard: Just give it to me. (Dials)
- 93 Raj: What are you doing?
- 94 Howard: Don't worry, you'll thank me. (In a fake Indian accent) Hello Lalita, Raj Koothrappali. (Raj starts to chase Howard across the room.) Yes it is good to talk to you too. So, what are you wearing. Oh, not important, so, anyhow, when would you like to meet. Friday works for me. And I call you with the time and place, but in the meantime, keep it real babe. (In own voice) You may now thank me.
- 95 Raj: For what, making me sound like a Simpsons character?
- 96 Howard: Fine, next time make your own date.
- 97 Raj: I didn't want to make this one.
- 98 Leonard: Look on the bright side, she might turn out to be a nice, beautiful girl.
- 99 Raj: Great, then we'll get married, I won't be able to talk to her, and we'll

- spend the rest of our lives in total silence.
- 100 Howard: Worked for my parents.
- 101 Penny (knocking and entering): Hi guys.
- 102 Leonard: Oh, hey.
- 103 Penny: I need some guinea pigs.
- 104 Sheldon: Okay, there's a lab animal supply company in Reseda you could try, but if your research is going to have human applications may I suggest white mice instead, their brain chemistry is far closer to ours.
- 105 Penny: I swear to God, Sheldon, one day I'm going to get the hang of talking to you.
- 106 Leonard: His mom's been saying that for years. What's up?
- 107 Penny: Well, I finally convinced the restaurant to give me a bar tending shift, so I need to practice making drinks.
- 108 Leonard: Oh, great, well the key to acquiring proficiency in any task is repetition.
- 109 Sheldon: With certain obvious exceptions. Suicide, for example.
- 110 Penny: So Leonard, how about it?
- 111 Leonard: Look, Penny, we'd love to help you, but Raj is going through some stuff right now. And besides, he doesn't drink, so... (Raj whispers in his ear) Really? Um, Raj is going through some stuff right now and he'd like to take up drinking.
- 112 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 113 Penny: Okay, here you go, Leonard, one tequila sunrise.
- 114 Leonard: Thank you. This drink is a wonderful example of how liquids with different specific gravities interact in a cylindrical container. Thank you.
- 115 Penny: Okay, Raj, what'll it be? (Raj whispers in Leonard's ear.)
- 116 Leonard: Whatever you recommend.
- 117 Penny: Uh, how about a grasshopper. I make a mean grasshopper. Okay? Good. Coming up. Sheldon, what are you going to have?
- 118 Sheldon: I'll have a diet coke.
- 119 Penny: Okay, can you please order a cocktail, I need to practice mixing drinks.
- 120 Sheldon: Fine. I'll have a virgin cuba libre.
- 121 Penny: That's, um, rum and coke without the rum.
- 122 Sheldon: Yes,
- 123 Penny: So coke.
- 124 Sheldon: Yes. And would you make it diet?
- 125 Penny: There's a can in the fridge.
- 126 Sheldon: A cuba libre traditionally comes in a tall glass with a lime wedge.
- 127 Penny: Then swim to Cuba.
- 128 Sheldon: Bartenders are supposed to have people skills.
- 129 Penny: Okay, Raj, here you go. Alright, who's next?
- 130 Howard: I'd like to try a slippery nipple.
- 131 Penny: Okay, you're cut off. Anybody need a refill?
- 132 Raj: Where did my life go, Penny? One day I'm a carefree batchelor, and the next I'm married and driving a minivan to peewee cricket matches in

- suburban New Delhi.
- 133 Penny: A... are you talking to me?
- 134 Raj: Is there another Penny here? I had such plans. I had dreams. I was going to be the Indira Gandhi of particle astro-physics. But with a pen1s, of course.
- 135 Leonard: It's amazing.
- 136 Raj: Ever since I was a little boy my father wanted me to be a gynae-cologist like him. How can I be a gynaecologist, I can barely look a woman in the eye. You know what, I'm not going to let my parents control my future any longer, it's time for a showdown. Somebody give me a computer with a webcam.
- 137 Penny: Okay, sweetie, I think that's the grasshopper talking.
- 138 Raj: And it's about to tell my parents that I'm not riding an elephant down the aisle with Lalita Gupta.
- 139 Penny: Okay, calm down, no-one can make you get married. Why don't you just meet this girl and, see what happens.
- 140 Raj: Haven't you been listening to me, I cannot talk to women.
- 141 Leonard: Um... Raj.
- 142 Howard: No, no, let's see how long it takes him.
- 143 Penny: Um, Raj, honey, you say you can't talk to women but... you've been talking to me.
- 144 Sheldon: And now we'll never know.
- 145 Raj: You're right. I... I am talking to you. Hello Penny, how are you?
- 146 Penny: I'm fine.
- 147 Raj: Okay, now I just need to make sure I have a Lalita before I meet the grasshopper. It's a sweet green miracle.
- 148 Penny: Okay, if you're going to drink on this date just promise me you won't overdo it.
- 149 Raj: Overdo what? Happiness? Freedom? This warm glow inside of me that promises everything is going to be all hunky donkey?
- 150 Penny: Yeah, that. Uh, why don't you bring her to my restaurant when I'm tending the bar so I can keep an eye on you?
- 151 Raj: Okay.
- 152 Leonard: Wait a minute, what's the plan here? Let's say he meets her and he likes her and they get married, what's he going to do, stay drunk for the rest of his life?
- 153 Howard: Worked for my parents.
- 154 Scene: The restaurant.
- 155 Raj: I can't believe I'm sitting here next to little Lalita Gupta.
- 156 Lalita: Well, you are.
- 157 Raj: Little Lalita. That's kind of fun to say. Little Lalita, Little Lalita, Little Lalita, you should try it.
- 158 Lalita: No, it's okay.
- 159 Raj: You have lost so much weight! That must have been difficult for you because you were so, so fat! Do you remember?
- 160 Lalita: Yes, I do.

- 161 Raj: Of course you do. Who could forget being that fat?
- 162 Lalita: Well, I've been trying.
- 163 Raj: So you're a dental student? Hmm, are you aware that dentists have an extremely high suicide rate? Not as high as, say, air traffic controllers, but then there are far more dentists than air traffic controllers, so in pure numbers you're still winning.
- 164 Lalita: Yay me!
- 165 Leonard (to Penny): You have a drink that'll make him less obnoxious?
- 166 Penny: Drinks do not work that way.
- 167 Howard: I'd say he was doing fine, look at her, last girl my mom set me up with had a moustache and a vestigial tail.
- 168 Sheldon: Sorry I'm late.
- 169 Leonard: What happened?
- 170 Sheldon: Nothing, I just really didn't want to come. Virgin diet cuba libre please.
- 171 Penny: Okay.
- 172 Sheldon: In a tall glass, with a lime wedge.
- 173 Penny: Oh, I'll wedge it right in there.
- 174 Sheldon: So, how's Koothrappali $\operatorname{d....}$ oh my Lord.
- 175 Leonard: What?
- 176 Sheldon: That's Princess Punchali.
- 177 Leonard: I'm pretty sure her name's Lalita.
- 178 Sheldon: No, no, Princess Punchali from The Monkey and the Princess.
- 179 Howard: Oh, yeah, I tried to watch that online, but they wanted a credit card.
- 180 Sheldon: It's a children's story.
- 181 Howard: Oh, no it isn't.
- 182 Sheldon: When I was a little boy and got sick, which was most of the time, my mother would read it to me. It's about an Indian princess who befriends a monkey, who was mocked by all the other monkeys because he was different. For some reason I related to it quite strongly.
- 183 Penny: I know the reason.
- 184 Leonard: We all know the reason. Sheldon, what are you getting at?
- 185 Sheldon: That woman looks exactly like the pictures of Princess Punchali in the book. How often does one see a beloved fictional character come to life?
- 186 Howard: Every year at Comic Con. Every day at Disneyland you can hire Snow White to come to your house. Course they prefer it if you have a kid, but...
- 187 Raj: Hey guys. This is Lalita Gupta, Lalita this is Leonard and Sheldon and Howard and Penny. Isn't it great, she isn't fat any more!
- 188 Sheldon: Forgive me your highness, for I am but a monkey, and it is in my nature to climb. I did not mean to gaze upon you as you comb your hair.
- 189 Lalita: I'm sorry?
- 190 Sheldon: You are the living embodiment of the beautiful Princess Punchali
- 191 Lalita: Oh, no kidding? Oh, who is that?

- 192 Sheldon: A beloved character from an Indian folk tale.
- 193 Lalita: Oh. Us Indian, or "come to our casino" Indian?
- 194 Sheldon: You Indian.
- 195 Lalita: Oh.
- 196 Sheldon: The resemblance is remarkable. I can practically smell the lotus blossoms woven into your ebony hair.
- 197 Lalita: Thanks. I imagine you smell very nice too.
- 198 Sheldon: I shower twice a day and wash my hands as often as I can.
- 199 Lalita: Really, so do I.
- 200 Raj: But you're a dentist, he's nuts.
- 201 Lalita: Don't be insulting Rajesh. So, Sheldon, tell me more about this princess you say I look like.
- 202 Sheldon: It was said that the Gods fashioned her eyes out of the stars, and that roses were ashamed to bloom in the presence of her ruby lips.
- 203 Lalita: Oh my.
- 204 Raj: Back off Sheldon.
- 205 Sheldon: What?
- 206 Raj: If you do not stop hitting on my lady you will feel the full extent of my wrath.
- 207 Sheldon: I'm not hitting on her.
- 208 Lalita: And I am not your lady.
- 209 Howard: And you have no wrath.
- 210 Raj: You are my lady. Our parents said so. We are for all intents and purposes one hundred percent hooked up.
- 211 Lalita: Okay, let's get something straight here. The only reason I came tonight was to get my parents off my case, I certainly don't need to be getting this old world crap from you.
- 212 Sheldon: Exactly the kind of spirit with which Princess Punchali led the monkeys to freedom.
- 213 Raj: Oh, screw Princess Punchali.
- 214 Lalita: Hey, you can't talk to me like that.
- 215 Raj: But you're not Princess Punchali.
- 216 Sheldon: Luckily for you, she could have you beheaded.
- 217 Lalita: Sheldon, are you hungry?
- 218 Sheldon: I could eat.
- 219 Lalita: Let's go.
- 220 Raj: What just happened?
- 221 Leonard: Beats the hell out of me.
- 222 Howard: I'll tell you what just happened, I just learned how to pick up Indian chicks.
- 223 Scene: The apartment. Raj is talking to his parents on the webcam.
- 224 Mrs Koothrappali: What are we supposed to say to Lalita's parents?
- 225 Dr Koothrappali: I play golf with her father, I won't be able to look at him.
- 226 Raj: Maybe you should keep your eye on the ball, Papa.
- 227 Dr Koothrappali: Oh, now you're a funny man? This is not funny, Mr

- Funny Man.
- 228 Leonard: Doctor and Mrs Koothrappali, in all fairness, it wasn't entirely Raj's fault.
- 229 Dr Koothrappali: This is a family matter Sheldon.
- 230 Leonard: No, I'm Leonard.
- 231 Dr Koothrappali: Oh, sorry, you all look alike to us.
- 232 Raj: But he's right, Papa, listen to him. (Sheldon enters) You! You are the one who ruined everything!
- 233 Mrs Koothrappali: Who is it? We can't see.
- 234 Dr Koothrappali: Turn us, turn us.
- 235 Raj: Go ahead, tell my parents why they won't have any grandchildren.
- 236 Sheldon: How would I know, do you have a low sperm count?
- 237 Raj: This has nothing to do with my sperm count.
- 238 Mrs Koothrappali: You are wearing the boxers that we sent you, aren't you Rajesh.
- 239 Raj: Yes Mommy.
- 240 Mrs Koothrappali: Because you know what happens to the samosas when you wear the tidy whities.
- 241 Raj: Can we please stop talking about my testicles? Sheldon, tell them what you did.
- 242 Sheldon: What did I do?
- 243 Leonard: You left with his date. Friends don't do that to each other.
- 244 Sheldon: Oh. Alright, noted. Sorry.
- 245 Raj: Sorry? That's all you can say is sorry?
- 246 Leonard: Take it, Raj. It's more than I've ever gotten.
- 247 Sheldon: And may I point out she wouldn't have asked me to go with her if you hadn't been drunk and boring.
- 248 Dr Koothrappali: Drunk?
- 249 Sheldon: And boring, her words.
- 250 Dr Koothrappali: I knew it, he moves to America and becomes an alcoholic.
- 251 Raj: I'm not an alcoholic.
- 252 Dr Koothrappali: Then why were you drunk?
- 253 Raj: It was just this one time, Papa, I swear.
- 254 Dr Koothrappali: Are you in denial? Do we have to come over and do an intervention?
- 255 Mrs Koothrappali: Don't embarrass him in front of his friends.
- 256 Dr Koothrappali: Alright. Carry us outside, we want to talk to you in private.
- 257 Raj: But Papa, please....
- 258 Dr Koothrappali: Now, Rajesh.
- 259 Raj (to Leonard and Sheldon): I have to go.
- 260 Dr Koothrappali: Now listen to me....
- 261 Raj: Please wait until I get into the hall.
- 262 Sheldon: Okay, well, good night.
- 263 Leonard: Hold on. What happened with you and Lalita?

- 264 Sheldon: We ate. She lectured me on the link between gum disease and heart attacks, nothing I didn't already know, and I came home.
- 265 Leonard: So you're not going to see her again?
- 266 Sheldon: Why would I see her again? I already have a dentist. (Exits)
- 267 Leonard: I wonder who's going to tell his parents they're not having grandchildren.
- 268 Scene: Penny's restaurant. Sheldon is on the piano, singing "To Life" from Fiddler on the Roof enthusiastically.
- 269 Leonard: I don't believe it, what's gotten into him?
- 270 Penny: Oh, maybe a couple of virgin cuba libres that turned out to be kind of sluttv.
- 271 Leonard: You didn't?
- 272 Penny: Hey, you do your experiments, I do mine.

# 1.9 Episode 09: The Cooper-Hofstadter Polarization

- 1 Scene: The apartment, Leonard is attaching something to a lamp.
- 2 Leonard: Okay, the X10s are online.
- 3 Howard: Gentlemen, I am now about to send a signal from this laptop through our local ISP, racing down fibre-optic cable at the speed of light to San Francisco, bouncing off a satellite in geosynchronous orbit to Lisbon, Portugal, where the data packets will be handed off to submerged transatlantic cables terminating in Halifax, Nova-Scotia, and transferred across the continent via microwave relays back to our ISP and the X10 receiver attached to this (clicks mouse, lamp switches on) lamp. (The others cheer and clap).
- 4 Sheldon: Look at me, look at me, I've got goosebumps.
- 5 Howard: Are we ready on the stereo?
- 6 Raj: Go for stereo.
- 7 (Howard clicks mouse again. Also Sprach Zarathustra begins to play. At the climactic notes, the four jump in the air and begin pretend conducting or jumping about in time to the music.)
- 8 Penny (entering): Hey guys.
- 9 All (calming down, embarrassed): Hello.
- 10 Penny: It's a little loud.
- 11 Howard: No problem, turning it down. (Using mouse again) San Francisco, Lisbon, Halifax (the music gets quieter) et voila.
- 12 Penny: Okay, thanks.
- 13 Leonard: Hang on, hang on, do you not realise what we just did.
- 14 Penny: Yeah, you turned your stereo down with your laptop.
- 15 Sheldon: No, we turned our stereo down by sending a signal around the world via the internet.
- 16 Penny: Oh. You know you can just get one of those universal remotes at Radio Shack, they're really cheap.
- 17 Leonard: No, no, no, you don't get it, um, Howard, enable public access.
- 18 Howard: Public access enabled. (They all stare around for a moment in silence.)

- 19 Penny: Boy, that's brilliant, but I'll see you.
- 20 Leonard: No, hang on, hang on. (The lamp goes off and on again.) See!
- 21 Penny: No.
- 22 Sheldon: Someone in Sezchuan province, China is using his computer to turn our lights on and off.
- 23 Penny: Huh, well that's handy. Um, here's a question, why?
- 24 All together: Because we can. (There is a loud noise)
- 25 Sheldon: They found the remote controlled cars.
- 26 Penny: Well, wait, wait, what's on top of them.
- 27 Leonard: Wireless webcams, wave hello.
- 28 Howard: The monster truck is out of Austin, Texas, and the blue Viper is being operated from suburban Tel Aviv.
- 29 Sheldon: You may want to put on slacks.
- 30 Penny: What? (Seeing red car is trying to get between her legs) Ew, stop it, no, leave me alone.
- 31 Leonard: Who's running the red Corvette?
- 32 Howard: That would be me.
- 33 Credits sequence
- 34 Scene: The same, clearing up.
- 35 Sheldon: You know, in the future, when we're disembodied brains in jars, we're going to look back on this as eight hours well wasted.
- 36 Raj: I don't want to be in a jar. I want my brain in an android body. Eight feet tall and ripped.
- 37 Howard: I'm with you. I just have to make sure if I'm a synthetic human I'd still be Jewish. I promised my mother.
- 38 Raj: I suppose you could have your android pen1s circumcised. But that's something your Rabbi would have to discuss with the manufacturers.
- 39 Sheldon: Not to mention you'd have to power down on Saturdays.
- 40 Leonard: Sheldon, why is this letter in the trash?
- 41 Sheldon: Well, there's always the possibility that a trash can spontaneously formed around the letter, but Occam's Razor would suggest that someone threw it out.
- 42 Leonard: It's from the Institute for Experimental Physics. They want us to present our paper on the properties of super solids at the topical conference on Bowes-Einstein condensates.
- 43 Sheldon: I know. I read it before I threw it out.
- 44 Leonard: Okay... if I may drill down to the bedrock of my question, why did you throw it out.
- 45 Sheldon: Because I have no interest in standing in the Rose Room of the Pasadena Marriott in front of a group of judgemental strangers, who wouldn't recognise true genius if it were standing in front of them giving a speech. Which, if I were there, it would be.
- 46 Howard: I don't know, Sheldon, those topical conferences on Bowes-Einstein condensates parties are legendary.
- 47 Leonard: Forget the parties.
- 48 Howard: Forget the parties? What a nerd.

- 49 Leonard: Are there any other honours I've gotten that I don't know about? Did UPS drop off a Nobel Prize with my name on it?
- 50 Sheldon: Leonard, please don't take this the wrong way, but the day you win a Nobel Prize, is the day I begin my research on the drag co-efficient of tassles on flying carpets.
- 51 Raj: Hoo-hoo-hoo. The only thing missing from that insult was "yo mamma."
- 52 Howard: I've got one, hey Leonard, your mamma's research methodology is so flawed....
- 53 Leonard: Shut up, Howard. Sheldon, we have to do this.
- 54 Sheldon: No we don't. We have to take in nourishment, expel waste, and inhale enough oxygen to keep ourselves from dying, everything else is optional.
- 55 Leonard: Okay, let me put it this way, I'm doing it.
- 56 Sheldon: You can't. I'm the lead author.
- 57 Leonard: Oh, come on. The only reason you're the lead author is because we went alphabetically.
- 58 Sheldon: I let you think we went alphabetically to spare you the humiliation of dealing with the fact that it was my idea. Not to put too fine a point on it, but I was throwing you a bone. You're welcome.
- 59 Leonard: Excuse me, I designed the experiment that proved the hypothesis.
- 60 Sheldon: It doesn't need proving.
- 61 Leonard: So the entire scientific community is just supposed to take your word?
- 62 Sheldon: They're not supposed to, but they should.
- 63 Leonard: Alright, I don't care what you say, I'm going to the conference and I'm presenting our findings.
- 64 Sheldon: And I forbid it.
- 65 Leonard: You forbid it?
- 66 Sheldon: If I'm not taking credit for our work then nobody is.
- 67 Leonard: Oh, you admit that it's our work.
- 68 Sheldon: No, once again, I'm throwing you a bone. And once again, you are welcome.
- 69 Leonard: Ah!
- 70 Howard: Oh no he dit'nt!
- 71 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Penny is looking through his closet.
- 72 Penny: So, how's it going with Sheldon, are you guys still not talking to each other?
- 73 Leonard: Not only is he still not talking to me, but there's this thing he does where he stares at you and tries to get your brain to explode. You know, like in the classic sci-fi movie Scanners? (Put's fingers to head) You know, bzzz-pchew! Never mind. How about this one. It says, "I know my physics, but I'm still a fun guy!"
- 74 Penny: Oh, hey, I didn't know they still made corduroy suits!
- 75 Leonard: They don't, that's why I saved this one.
- 76 Penny: Okay, well, let's just see what else you have. Okay, here, take this, and this, and this, and these.

- 77 Leonard: Is this all stuff you want me to try on?
- 78 Penny: No, this is stuff I want you to throw out.
- 79 Leonard: Oh.
- 80 Penny: Seriously, don't even give it to charity, you won't be helping anyone. What's this.
- 81 Leonard: Oh, that's the bottled city of Kandor.
- 82 Penny: Uh-huh.
- 83 Leonard: You see, Kandor was the capital city of the planet Krypton, it was miniaturised by Brainiac before Krypton exploded and then rescued by Superman.
- 84 Penny: Oh, nice.
- 85 Leonard: It's a lot cooler when girls aren't looking at it.
- 86 Penny: Here, why don't you put these on while I find a shirt and sport-coat to match.
- 87 Leonard: Great, be right back.
- 88 Penny: Well, where you going, just put them on.
- 89 Leonard: Here?
- 90 Penny: Oh, are you shy?
- 91 Leonard: No, I'm not shy.
- 92 Penny: Don't worry, I won't look.
- 93 Leonard: I know you won't look, why would you look, there's nothing to see, well, not nothing....
- 94 Penny: Sweetie, put the pants on.
- 95 Leonard: Putting them on.
- 96 Penny: So, you know, isn't there may be some way you and Sheldon could compromise on this whole presentation thing.
- 97 Leonard: No. No. Scientists do not compromise. Our minds are trained to synthesise facts and come to inarguable conclusions. Not to mention, Sheldon is batcrap crazy.
- 98 Penny: What is this?
- 99 Leonard: Oh, careful. That's my original series Battlestar Galactica flight suit.
- 100 Penny: Oh, why didn't you wear it at Halloween?
- 101 Leonard: Because it's not a costume, it's a flight suit.
- 102 Penny: Okay, alright, moving on, oh, wow, a paisley shirt.
- 103 Leonard: Uh-huh, it goes with my corduroy suit.
- 104 Penny: If you mean it should end up in the same place then, I agree. Is this your... your only tie?
- 105 Leonard: Ah. Technically yes, but, if you'll notice, it's reversible. So it works as two.
- 106 Penny: Oh, sweetie, I don't think it even works as one. Is this all your clothes?
- 107 Leonard: Yeah. Everything since the eighth grade.
- 108 Penny: The... the eighth grade?
- 109 Leonard: My last growth spurt.
- 110 Penny: Okay, well, I guess we're back to the corduroy suit.

- 111 Leonard: Great.
- 112 Penny: Yup. (Leonard picks up paisley shirt) I said no, put it down.
- 113 Scene: The ground floor hallway.
- 114 Penny: Hey Sheldon!
- 115 Sheldon (unlocking his mailbox): Hello Penny.
- 116 Penny: Get anything good?
- 117 Sheldon: Uh, just the latest copy of Applied Particle Physics Quarterly.
- 118 Penny: Oh, you know, that is so weird that yours came and mine didn't. (Sheldon looks confused). It was a joke. (Sheldon gives a fake laugh.) Yup, tip your waitresses, I'm here all week.
- 119 Sheldon: Penny, just to save you from further awkwardness know that I'm perfectly comfortable with the two of us climbing the stairs in silence.
- 120 Penny: Oh yeah, me too. Zip it, lock it. (The begin to climb) Put it in your pocket. So you and Leonard...
- 121 Sheldon: Oh dear God!
- 122 Penny: Little misunderstanding, huh.
- 123 Sheldon: A little misunder.... Galileo and the Pope had a little misunderstanding.
- 124 Penny: Anyway, I was talking to Leonard this morning and I think he feels really bad about it.
- 125 Sheldon: Huh.
- 126 Penny: Well how do you feel?
- 127 Sheldon: I don't understand the question.
- 128 Penny: Well I'm just asking if it's difficult to be fighting with your best friend.
- 129 Sheldon: Oh. I hadn't thought about it like that. I wonder if I've been experiencing physiological manifestations of some sort of unconscious emotional turmoil.
- 130 Penny: Wait... what?
- 131 Sheldon: I couldn't poop this morning.
- 132 Penny: You should just talk to him, I'm sure you guys can work this out.
- 133 Sheldon: It's certainly preferable to my plan.
- 134 Penny: Which was?
- 135 Sheldon: A powerful laxative.
- 136 Penny: Okay, so you absolutely should talk to him, look, I know Leonard values you as a friend, and he told me himself that without your little idea there's no way he could have come up with this whole experiment thing.
- 137 Sheldon: Excuse me, little idea?
- 138 Penny: Yeah, I mean he tried to explain it to me, I didn't really understand it but. . .
- 139 Sheldon: Of course you didn't, he said little idea?
- 140 Penny: Uh, well no, no, not in... not in those words.
- 141 Sheldon: In what words then, exactly
- 142 Penny: Um, gee, the exact words aren't written... it's more the spirit in which it's
- 143 Sheldon: What did he say?

- 144 Penny: You had a lucky hunch.
- 145 Leonard (coming out of apartment): Hey, Sheldon, I've been thinking, instead of arguing about this why don't....
- 146 Sheldon: Don't you ever speak to me again.
- 147 Leonard: What... (Sheldon goes into apartment and slams the door).
- 148 Penny: Uh, he... (makes "he's screwy" hand movements, turns to go).
- 149 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is dressed in the corduroy suit.
- 150 Leonard: Okay, I'm leaving for the conference.
- 151 Sheldon: Have fun presenting my lucky hunch.
- 152 Leonard: Sheldon I didn't mean it like that.
- 153 Sheldon: Then why did you say it.
- 154 Leonard: I don't know, I wasn't choosing my...
- 155 Sheldon: Were you trying to impress Penny?
- 156 Leonard: No, no not at all. A little bit.
- 157 Sheldon: How'd that work out for you?
- 158 Penny (entering): Leonard, ready to go?
- 159 Sheldon: Libido 1, truth zero.
- 160 Leonard: Okay, I'm going to ask you one more time, we did the work together, lets present the paper together.
- 161 Sheldon: And I'm telling you for the last time it's pandering, it's undignified and bite me.
- 162 Leonard: Let's go.
- 163 Penny: Bye Sheldon.
- 164 Sheldon: Goodbye Penny. (Places fingers to head to try to make Leonard's brain explode. Leonard leaves.) Oooh, one of these days, Pkshhhh!
- 165 Scene: A corridor at the conference. Penny is attaching Leonard's name tag.
- 166 Penny: There you go.
- 167 Leonard: You're right, this side does look better.
- 168 Penny: No, no, I didn't say better, I said less stained.
- 169 Howard: I just checked the house, there's probably twenty, twenty-five people in there.
- 170 Leonard: You're kidding.
- 171 Penny: Is that all?
- 172 Leonard: All? In particle physics, twenty five is Woodstock.
- 173 Penny: Oh, well, then good!
- 174 Leonard: I wasn't expecting such a crowd, I'm a little nervous.
- 175 Howard: It's okay, just open with a joke, you'll be fine.
- 176 Leonard: A joke. Okay. How about this, um, okay, uh there's this farmer, and he has these chickens, but they won't lay any eggs. So, he calls a physicist to help. The physicist then does some calculations, and he says, um, I have a solution, but it only works with spherical chickens in a vacuum. (Raj and Howard laugh.) Right?
- 177 Penny: Oh, sorry, I've just, I've heard it before.
- 178 Howard: Let's roll. Hey, nice suit.
- 179 Leonard: It's a classic, right?

- 180 Penny: I really should have brought my own car.
- 181 Scene: Leonard is presenting.
- 182 Leonard: So, in conclusion, the data show that at temperatures approaching absolute zero, the moment of inertia changes, and the solid becomes a supersolid, which clearly appears to be a previously unknown state of matter. (Applause) Thank you. (Penny is asleep on Howard's shoulder. Howard is taking a photograph with his camera phone.) Are there any questions?
- 183 Voice: Yeah. What the hell was that?
- 184 Leonard: Any other questions?
- 185 Sheldon (who previously spoke, now removing his hood and dark glasses): Doctor Sheldon Cooper here, I am the lead author of this particular paper. (No reaction.) Thank you. And you, sir, you have completely skipped over the part where I was walking through the park, and I saw these children on a merrygo-round, which started me thinking about the moment of inertia in gasses like helium at temperatures approaching absolute zero.
- 186 Leonard: I didn't skip it, it's just an anecdote. It's not science.
- 187 Sheldon: Oh, I see, was the apple falling on Newton's head, was that just an anecdote?
- 188 Leonard: You are not Isaac Newton.
- 189 Sheldon: No, no that's true, gravity would have been apparent to me without the apple.
- 190 Leonard: You cannot possibly be that arrogant.
- 191 Sheldon: You continue to underestimate me, my good man.
- 192 Leonard: Look, if you weren't happy with my presentation then maybe you should have given it with me.
- 193 Sheldon: As I have explained repeatedly, unlike you, I don't need validation from lesser minds. No offence.
- 194 Leonard: Really, so why did you come?
- 195 Sheldon: Because I knew you'd screw this up.
- 196 Leonard: I didn't screw it up.
- 197 Sheldon: Oh, please. I admit, that spherical chicken joke, that was hilarious. But it was straight downhill from there.
- 198 Leonard: I've had enough of your condescension. Maybe I didn't go to college when I was eleven like you, maybe I got my doctorate at 24 instead of 16, but you are not the only person who is smarter than everyone else in this room. No offense. And I am clearly not the only person who is tormented by insecurity and has an ego in need of constant validation.
- 199 Sheldon: So you admit that you're an egotist?
- 200 Leonard: Yes. (To audience) My name is Dr Leonard Hofstadter, and I could never please my parents so I need to get all my self-esteem from strangers like you. But he's worse.
- 201 Sheldon: Okay, that is it. (Tries to explode brain again.)
- 202 Leonard: You cannot blow up my head with your mind.
- 203 Sheldon: Then I'll settle for an aneurysm.
- 204 Leonard (knocking his hands down): Stop it.
- 205 Sheldon: You hit me. You saw him, he hit me.

- 206 Leonard: You were trying to blow up my head.
- 207 Sheldon: So it was working.
- 208 Leonard: It wasn't, it was not, you are a nutcase.
- 209 Sheldon: Oh we'll see about that (tries again), heads up you people in the front row, this is a splash zone.
- 210 Leonard: Stop, stop it, quit it. (The start to fight.)
- 211 Penny: Is this usually how these physics things go?
- 212 Howard: More often than you'd think.
- 213 Leonard (getting Sheldon on floor): Vulcan nerve pinch!
- 214 Scene: The apartment.
- 215 Sheldon: You could have offered me a ride home.
- 216 Leonard: You're lucky I didn't run you over.
- 217 Sheldon: I really don't understand what you're so unhappy about, you begged me to come, I came, there's just no pleasing you.
- 218 Leonard: You're right, I'm the problem, I'm the one that needs help.
- 219 Sheldon: Well that's not much of an apology, but I'll take it.
- 220 Leonard: Excuse me. Is there anything you'd like to apologise for?
- 221 Sheldon: Yes. I'm sorry I tried to blow up your head. It was uncalled for.
- 222 Howard (entering with Raj): You won't believe this.
- 223 Raj: Somebody got the whole thing on a cell phone and put it on youtube.
- 224 Leonard: What?
- 225 Sheldon: Now, who would do that?
- 226 Howard: That would be me. Hey, check it out, it's a featured video. (The watch).
- 227 Leonard: Oh jeez. Is this suit really look that bad?
- 228 Sheldon: Forget your suit, look at my arms waving, I'm like a flamingo on Ritalin.
- 229 Penny (entering): Howard, would you like to explain to me why your facebook page has a picture of me sleeping on your shoulder captioned "Me and my Girlfriend?"
- 230 Howard: Uh-oh, here comes "the talk."
- 231 Penny tries to make Howard's brain explode.
- 232 Scene: Captioned "Somewhere in China", two Chinese students watch the video on their computer.
- 233 Student one (in captions): What losers.
- 234 Student two: Yeah. Gigantic American geeks. (The lights flicker)
- 235 Student one: Who's doing that?
- 236 Student two: Someone from Pasadena, California named... "Wolowizard."
- 237 Together: Awesome!

## 1.10 Episode 10: The Loobenfeld Decay

- 1 Scene: The downstairs lobby.
- 2 Leonard: See, the liquid metal Terminators were created in the future by Skynet, and Skynet was developed by Miles Dyson, but that future no longer

exists, due to Dyson's death in Terminator 2.

- 3 Sheldon: Okay, then riddle me this. Assuming all the good Terminators were originally evil Terminators created by Skynet but then reprogrammed by the future John Connor, why would Skynet, an artificial computer intelligence, bother to create a petite hot 17 year-old killer robot?
- 4 Leonard: Skynet is kinky? I don't know.
- 5 Sheldon: Artificial intelligences do not have teen fetishes.
- 6 Leonard: Alright, oh wait, they use it to in...
- 7 Sheldon: (Buzzing noise), too late, I win.
- 8 Penny (voice off, singing, quite tunelessly): Let's go-oh-oh Ou-oooo-ut tonight. I have to go-oh-oh-oh ou-ooooo-ut tonight.
- 9 Leonard: What the hell is that?
- 10 Sheldon: I don't know, but if cats could sing, they'd hate it too. (The continue up the stairs and disappear from view).
- 11 Penny (still singing off): You wanna prowl, be my night owl, (Leonard and Sheldon reappear, running down the stairs) we'll take my... (appearing) Hey guys, hi! Where you going?
- 12 Leonard: What? Oh we just had to... mail some letters and (seeing Sheldon has large bag in hand and bin is nearby) throw away some chicken. (Sheldon very reluctantly does.)
- 13 Penny: You'll never guess what just happened.
- 14 Leonard: Oh, I give up.
- 15 Sheldon: I don't guess. As a scientist I reach conclusions based on observation and experimentation, although as I'm saying this it occurs to me you may have been employing a rhetorical device rendering my response moot.
- 16 Penny: What was that?
- 17 Leonard: Believe it or not, personal growth. What happened?
- 18 Penny: Alright, remember when I auditioned for that workshop production of Rent, but I didn't get it and I couldn't figure out why?
- 19 Sheldon: I have a conclusion based on an observation.
- 20 Leonard: No you don't. No he doesn't.
- 21 Penny: Well, the girl they picked to play Mimi, she dropped out and they asked me to replace her.
- 22 Leonard: Oh, congratulations, what a lucky break.
- 23 Penny: It's not a big deal, just a one night showcase, but they invite a lot of casting people and agents so, you never know.
- 24 Sheldon: I think I know.
- 25 Leonard: No you don't. He doesn't.
- 26 Penny: It's this Friday at eight, you guys want to come?
- 27 Together: No.
- 28 Leonard: Because.... uh, Friday, we are attending a symposium on molecular positronium.
- 29 Sheldon: I think that's a week from Tuesday at six.
- 30 Leonard: No, it's this Friday, at eight.
- 31 Penny: Oh, too bad, well, I got to get to rehearsal, see you guys.
- 32 Leonard: See you. (Penny exits singing)

- 33 Sheldon: You just lied to Penny.
- 34 Leonard: Yes, I did.
- 35 Sheldon: And you did it so casually, no rapid breathing, no increase in perspiration.
- 36 Leonard: So?
- 37 Sheldon: So, lack of a physiological response while lying is characteristic of a violent sociopath.
- 38 Leonard: Sheldon, are you worried about your safety.
- 39 Sheldon: No, I imagine if you were going to kill me you'd have done it a long time ago.
- 40 Leonard: That's very true.
- 41 Leonard exits. Sheldon looks worried for a moment, then retrieves the chicken from the bin and follows.
- 42 Credits sequence
- 43 Scene: Outside Leonard's bedroom.
- 44 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard...
- 45 Leonard: What?
- 46 Sheldon: I need to speak to you.
- 47 Leonard: It's two o'clock in the morning
- 48 Sheldon: It's important.
- 49 Leonard: I highly doubt that. Go away. (Long pause). Are you still out there?
- 50 Sheldon: Yes.
- 51 Leonard (opening door): What?
- 52 Sheldon: You're right, it can wait until morning.
- 53 Leonard (following Sheldon into living room): What, what, what, what?
- 54 Sheldon: Never mind. I clearly woke you up in the middle of a REM cycle, you're in no state to talk.
- 55 Leonard: Sheldon, what is it?
- 56 Sheldon: I'm uncomfortable having been included in your lie to Penny.
- 57 Leonard: What was I supposed to say.
- 58 Sheldon: You could have told her the truth.
- 59 Leonard: That would have hurt her feelings.
- 60 Sheldon: Is that a relevant factor?
- 61 Leonard: Yes.
- 62 Sheldon: Then I suppose you could have agreed to go.
- 63 Leonard: And what would I have said afterwards?
- 64 Sheldon: I would suggest something to the effect of, singing is neither an appropriate vocation nor avocation for you, and if you disagree, I'd recommend you have a CAT scan, to look for a tumour pressing on the cognitive processing centre of your brain.
- 65 Leonard: I couldn't say that, I would have to say, you were terrific and I can't wait to hear you sing again.
- 66 Sheldon: Why?

- 67 Leonard: It's the social protocol, it's what you do when you have a friend who's proud of something they really suck at.
- 68 Sheldon: I was not aware of that.
- 69 Leonard: Well now you are.
- 70 Sheldon: Oh, alright. Leonard.
- 71 Leonard: Yes.
- 72 Sheldon: When we played chess earlier, you were terrific and I can't wait to play you again. Goodnight.
- 73 Scene: Leonard's bedroom.
- 74 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock)....
- 75 Leonard: Oooaw. This would be so much easier if I were a violent sociopath. (Opening door) What?
- 76 Sheldon: I was analysing our lie, and I believe we're in danger of Penny seeing through the ruse.
- 77 Leonard: How?
- 78 Sheldon: Simple. If she were to log on to www.socalphysicsgroup.org/activities/other, click on upcoming events, scroll down to seminars, download the pdf schedule, and look for the seminar on molecular positronium, well then, bippidy-boppidy-boo, our pants are metaphorically on fire.
- 79 Leonard closes door.
- 80 Sheldon: Well, sir, my trousers will not be igniting today.
- 81 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 82 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, k
- 83 Penny: Do you have any idea what time it is?
- 84 Sheldon: Of course I do. My watch is linked to the atomic clock in Boulder, Colorado. It's accurate to one tenth of a second. But as I'm saying this it occurs to me that once again your question may have been rhetorical.
- 85 Penny: What do you want?
- 86 Sheldon: Remember how Leonard told you we couldn't come to your performance because we were attending a symposium on molecular positronium?
- 87 Penny: I remember symposium.
- 88 Sheldon: Yes, well, he lied.
- 89 Penny: Wait, what?
- 90 Sheldon: He lied, and I'm feeling very uncomfortable about it.
- 91 Penny: Well imagine how I'm feeling.
- 92 Sheldon: Hungry? Tired? I'm sorry this really isn't my strong suit.
- 93 Scene: The living room.
- 94 Leonard: You told her I lied, why would you tell her I lied?
- 95 Sheldon: To help you.
- 96 Leonard: I'm sorry, I'm not seeing the help.
- 97 Sheldon: She was going to see through your lie eventually, so I told her that you were lying to protect me.

- 98 Leonard: Oh, I'm getting a bad feeling.
- 99 Sheldon: Hunger? Indigestion, I'm sorry I'm really not very good at this. Anyway, Penny now believes that on Friday night, we're going to participate in my cousin Leopold's drug intervention.
- 100 Leonard: Your cousin Leopold?
- 101 Sheldon: Yea, who most people call Leo, but he also answers to Lee, remember that, it's important.
- 102 Leonard: What's important?
- 103 Sheldon: Details, Leonard, the success or failure of our deceitful enterprise turns on details.
- 104 Leonard: Do you have a cousin Leopold.
- 105 Sheldon: No, I made him up. I think you'd call him Lee.
- 106 Leonard: I don't get it, I already told her a lie, why replace it with a different lie?
- 107 Sheldon: Well, first of all, your lie was laughably transparent, where mine is exquisitely convoluted. While you were sleeping I was weaving an ununravelable web.
- 108 Leonard: Un-unravelable?
- 109 Sheldon: Yes, if she googles Leopold Houston she'll find a facebook page, an online blog depicting his descent into drug use, and a desperate yet hopeful listing on e-harmony.com.
- 110 Leonard: Okay, why would I go to a drug intervention for your cousing.
- 111 Sheldon: Ah, because it's in Long Beach, and I don't drive.
- 112 Leonard: We're going to Long Beach?
- 113 Sheldon: No, of course not, there's no cousin Leo, there's no intervention, focus Leonard.
- 114 Leonard: Oh, come on!
- 115 Sheldon: We just leave the house on Friday night, and we return in the wee hours emotionally wrung out from the work of convincing Leo to go back into rehab.
- 116 Leonard: So he goes back into rehab?
- 117 Sheldon: Yes, but, he can relapse if Penny ever invites us to go hear her sing again.
- 118 Leonard: You still told her I lied.
- 119 Sheldon: For a noble purpose, to spare me the social embarrassment of having a drug-addled first cousin, which I'm assuming is embarrassing, yes?
- 120 Leonard: I don't know. How am I supposed to remember all of this.
- 121 Sheldon: That's the best part, you don't have to, see I told Penny that you would be embarrassed, if you knew that she found out that you had lied, so she's agreed to operate as if the original lie was still in force.
- 122 Leonard: So she's expecting me to lie about going to a symposium in Pasadena, when in actuality we're pretending to go to a drug intervention in Long Beach?
- 123 Sheldon: Un-unravelable.
- 124 Scene: The apartment.
- 125 Leonard (opening door): Oh hey Penny, wow, look at you, all ready for

your showcase, you look great.

- 126 Penny: Thanks. I just wanted to come by and wish you guys luck with your symposium.
- 127 Leonard: Oh, well, thankyou.
- 128 Penny: You know, I got to tell you, a lot of friends would let their friend go alone, but that's not who you are, you are the kind of guy who stands by a friend when... when he has a symposium to go to.
- 129 Leonard: I don't know what to say.
- 130 Penny: It's okay, Leonard (hugs him.)
- 131 Leonard: Oh, okay, alright, good.
- 132 Howard (arriving): Oh boy, group hug.
- 133 Penny: Uh-huh!
- 134 Howard: Uh-huh?
- 135 Penny: Uh-huh!
- 136 Howard: Okay. So what's up?
- 137 Sheldon: Well, uh, Penny is on her way to perform in a one night showcase production of Rent, which we are unable to attend because we are going to a symposium on molecular positronium, given by Dr Emile Farminfarmian.
- 138 Howard: Wait a minute, Farminfarmian is speaking and you're Bogarding the symposium.
- 139 Leonard: Howard, I'm sorry... we're... we're
- 140 Howard: No, no, you're quark-blocking us.
- 141 Leonard: I don't know what to say.
- 142 Howard: Wow.
- 143 Leonard: Howard, listen...
- 144 Howard: No, it's okay, it's your Millenium Falcon, you and Chewbacca do whatever you want to do. Me and Princess Leia here will find some other way to spend the evening.
- 145 Penny: Howard, wait. Sheldon, I think we should tell them.
- 146 Sheldon: Okay, sure. I don't see a problem with that.
- 147 Penny: There's no symposium, Leonard lied to me, isn't that right Leonard.
- 148 Leonard: Well... I don't know what to say.
- 149 Penny: It's okay, I do, look, Leonard is helping Sheldon through a family crisis, he made up the whole story about the symposium with Dr Farmin..farm...ian 150 Sheldon: Good for you.
- 151 Penny: Hah, yeah! Because he didn't want Sheldon to be embarrassed, and there is nothing to be embarrassed okay, every family in America has a relative holed up in a garage somewhere huffing paint thinner.
- 152 Howard (after Raj whispers in his ear): No, I'm lost too, I think she skipped a step.
- 153 Penny: No, look, Sheldon's cousin Leo escaped rehab, and he's in a Motel 8 at Long Beach, the whole family's going out for an intervention. Leonard is driving Sheldon down there to help him through this because he's such a good man.
- 154 Leonard: Oh, another hug, thank you.

- 155 Penny: Alright you guys, good luck.
- 156 Leonard: Thanks Penny.
- 157 Howard: Yeah, uh, break a leg.
- 158 Sheldon: Break a leg. (She leaves)
- 159 Howard: So, road trip to Long Beach.
- 160 Leonard: No, we're not going to Long Beach.
- 161 Raj: Why not?
- 162 Leonard: Because Sheldon doesn't have a drug addicted cousin Leopold.
- 163 Raj: Oh, too bad. I've always wanted to go to Long Beach.
- 164 Sheldon: It's a very nice community. The Queen Mary is docked there, once the largest ocean liner in the world, it's now a hotel and restaurant where they host a surprisingly gripping murder mystery dinner.
- 165 Raj: Sounds fun.
- 166 Howard: I'm game.
- 167 Raj: Shotgun.
- 168 Sheldon: No, no, no, Leonard gets nauseous unless he sits in front, and even then it's iffy.
- 169 Leonard: Wait, are we really going to Long Beach?
- 170 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. The bedside table is piled with Queen Mary memorabilia.
- 171 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard, (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard...
- 172 Leonard: Let it go, Sheldon, the murderer was the first mate whether it makes sense to you or not.
- 173 Sheldon: No, that's the least of our worries. I've been doing some research on addiction, both the biochemical and behavioural aspects, and I think there's a problem with the current version of our lie.
- 174 Leonard: What are you talking about, it's fine, she bought it, it's over.
- 175 Sheldon: Sadly, it's not. Substance abuse is a lifelong struggle, but beyond that I have realised that the Leo I described would not have agreed to go to rehab.
- 176 Leonard: Why not?
- 177 Sheldon: Because Leo is a middle child.
- 178 Leonard: There is no Leo, how can you say that?
- 179 Sheldon: You didn't read the bio, did you? He's not just a middle child, he's the quintessential middle child, from a broken home to boot. Psychologically speaking, the attention he gets by rebelling even to the point of self-destruction is more emotionally valuable than the help he would get at rehab.
- 180 Leonard: I've got a solution.
- 181 Sheldon: Great, what is it?
- 182 Leonard: Get out.
- 183 Sheldon: Fine. (He leaves. A moment later he comes back.) I've hesitated to point this out, but I must now remind you that we are in our current predicament because of your initial and totally inadequate deceit. I'm just trying to clean up after your mess. (Leonard throws a glass ornament at him. He just manages to shut the door in time.) We'll talk in the morning.

- 184 Scene: The living room. Leonard enters in his dressing gown. There is a strange man eating cereal at the kitchen table.
- 185 Strange man: Morning.
- 186 Leonard: Who are you?
- 187 Man: I am Sheldon's cousin Leo.
- 188 Leonard: Oh, God! Sheldon does not have a cousin Leo.
- 189 Man: Au contraire. I'm 26 years old, I'm originally from (reads off crib notes) Denton, Texas, but I was a Navy brat so I was brought up on a variety of military bases around the world, as a result I've often felt like an outsider, never really fitting in, which is probably the reason for my substance abuse problem.
- 190 Sheldon: Excuse me, we just went over this. As the quintessential middle child, your addiction is rooted in your unmet need for attention.
- 191 Man: Oh, Sheldon, are we really going to go with pop psychology.
- 192 Sheldon: For your information, this is all based on solid research, stick with the character profile I wrote for you.
- 193 Leonard: Sheldon?
- 194 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Leonard, this is Toby Loobenfeld, he's a research assistant in the particle physics lab, but he also minored in theatre at MIT.
- 195 Toby: It was more of a double major actually. Theatre and physics. You can guess which one my bourgeois parents pushed me towards.
- 196 Leonard: Yeah, I got it, Sheldon, why?
- 197 Sheldon: Well, you see, while Leo would not have gone into rehab, it is completely plausible that we would have talked him into leaving the motel, and coming home with us.
- 198 Leonard: Oh...!
- 199 Toby: Sheldon, how about this as my motivation. When I was fourteen years old I was abused in the Philippines by a club footed Navy chaplain.
- 200 Sheldon: No. We're going with middle child, and a generic predisposition to inadequate serotonin production.
- 201 Toby: Swell, how do I play genetic predisposition?
- 202 Sheldon: Subtextually, of course. (There is a knock on the door.) Just have fun with it. (Opening door.) Morning Penny.
- 203 Penny: Hi. How did the intervention go.
- 204 Sheldon: Unfortunately, we weren't able to convince him to go to rehab.
- 205 Penny: Well, based on what you told me, I'm not surprised.
- 206 Sheldon: But we did convince him to leave the motel. Come say hello.
- Leo, this is Penny, our friend and neighbour.
- 207 Penny: Hi Leo, how are you feeling?
- 208 Toby: Let me ask you something, Penny. Have you ever woken up in a fleabag motel, covered in your own vomit, next to a transsexual prostitute?
- 209 Penny: No.
- 210 Toby: Then don't ask me how I'm feeling.
- 211 Leonard: Well, that's Leo. Hey, um, why don't you tell me about your showcase last night?
- 212 Penny: Oh, it was okay I guess, wasn't a big turn out but they both really seemed to like it.

- 213 Leonard: There were only two people there?
- 214 Penny: By the end. Yeah.
- 215 Toby: Damn you, Chaplain Horrigan!
- 216 Penny: I'm... I'm sorry.
- 217 Toby: The Philippines. 1992. The Subic Bay Naval Station. A young boy on the cusp of manhood. His only companions mongrel dogs and malarial mosquitos. Desperate and alone he reached out to a man who promised to introduce him to a merciful, loving God, but who instead introduced him to a gin pickled tongue shoved down his adolescent throat. What choice did he have but to drink, shoot and snort his pain away.
- 218 Sheldon: Don't forget his genetic predisposition towards addiction.
- 219 Toby: That's never been proven.
- 220 Sheldon: There have been studies.
- 221 Toby: Not double blind studies.
- 222 Sheldon: How could there be a double blind study, who would be the control group.
- 223 Leonard: As you can see, detoxing can get pretty ugly, let's give them some privacy.
- 224 Penny: Yeah. Hey, do you want to come over to my place, have coffee?
- 225 Leonard: Sounds good.
- 226 Penny: I have a video of me singing last night, do you want to see it?
- 227 Leonard: Gee, why wouldn't I?
- 228 Penny: This is even better than you coming to the showcase, because now I get to watch you watch me.
- 229 Leonard: Yeah! Funny how things work out.
- 230 Toby: And that he loved the companionship and the wisdom that his own father failed to provide.
- 231 Sheldon: Your parents made the right decision.
- 232 Toby: I cannot work like this!
- 233 Scene: The apartment. Penny is on the sofa with Toby. They are watching  ${\rm TV}.$
- 234 Toby: This is amazing. Just sitting on a couch, watching TV with a woman. Not being drunk, or high, or... or... wondering if you're a dude down there.
- 235 Penny: Leo, you are a very sweet, really funny guy. You're gonna do okay.
- 236 Toby: One day at a time, Penny, one day at a time.
- 237 Leonard: How long is he going to stay here.
- 238 Sheldon: He's a homeless drug addict, Leonard, where is he going to go? Boy, you have a lot to learn about lying.

## 1.11 Episode 11: The Pancake Batter Anomaly

1 - Scene: The living room of the apartment. Leonard and Sheldon are playing the three dimensional chess game from the original Star Trek series. It is Leonard's move. He takes his time, moving round the board and checking things from various angles. Finally he tentatively makes a move. Sheldon moves al-

most immediately.

- 2 Sheldon: Checkmate.
- 3 Leonard: O-o-o-o-h! Again?
- 4 Sheldon: Obviously you're not well suited for three-dimensional chess, perhaps three dimensional candyland would be more your speed.
- 5 Leonard: Just reset the board.
- 6 Sheldon: It must be humbling to suck on so many different levels.
- 7 Penny (knocking and entering): Hi guys.
- 8 Leonard: Hey!
- 9 Penny: Did you get my mail.
- 10 Leonard: Yeah, right here. How was Nebraska?
- 11 Penny: Oh, better than North Dakota! (Pause) I guess that joke's only funny in Nebraska.
- 12 Sheldon: From the data at hand you really can't draw that conclusion. All you can say with absolute certainty is that that joke is not funny here.
- 13 Penny: Boy, it's good to be back.
- 14 Leonard: How was your family?
- 15 Penny: Ugh, it was the worst trip, everyone got sick over the weekend.
- 16 Sheldon: Sick?
- 17 Leonard: Here we go.
- 18 Sheldon (running to opposite side of the room): What kind of sick?
- 19 Penny: Oh, the flu I guess.
- 20 Sheldon: I don't need you to guess, I need you to know, now when did the symptoms first appear?
- 21 Penny: Maybe Friday.
- 22 Sheldon: Friday, was that morning or afternoon?
- 23 Penny: I... I don't...
- 24 Sheldon: Think woman, who blew their nose and when?
- 25 Leonard: Sheldon, relax, she doesn't have any symptoms, I'm sure she's not contagious.
- 26 Sheldon: Oh please, if influenza was only contagious after symptoms appear it would have died out thousands of years ago. Somewhere between tool using and cave painting, homo habilus would have figured out to kill the guy with the runny nose.
- 27 Leonard: Penny, you'll have to excuse Sheldon, he's a bit of a germophobe.
- 28 Penny: Oh, it's okay, I understand.
- 29 Sheldon: Thanks for your consideration, now please leave.
- 30 Leonard: You'd better go before he starts spraying you with Lysol.
- 31 Penny: Okay, well, thank you for getting my mail.
- 32 Leonard: No problem. Welcome home. (Sees Penny out. Turns to find Sheldon spraying the air with Lysol.)
- 33 Sheldon: What?
- 34 Credits sequence
- 35 Scene: The kitchen
- 36 Leonard: What the hell are you doing?
- 37 Sheldon: I'm making petrie dishes to grow throat cultures.

- 38 Leonard: With lime jello?
- 39 Sheldon: I need a growth medium, and someone polished off the apricot yoghurt. Here, swab my throat.
- 40 Leonard: I don't think so.
- 41 Sheldon: Leonard! If I'm going to get ahead of this thing I need to find out what's growing in my throat.
- 42 Leonard: Sheldon, you are not sick. This is, but you are not.
- 43 Sheldon: We have no idea what pathogen Typhoid Penny has introduced into our environment. And having never been to Nebraska I'm fairly certain that I have no cornhusking antibodies.
- 44 Leonard: Sheldon, don't you think you're overreacting?
- 45 Sheldon: When I'm lying comatose in a hospital relying on inferior minds to cure me, these jello cultures and my accompanying notes will give them a fighting chance.
- 46 Leonard: I'm going back to bed.
- 47 Sheldon: Wait. (Handing him a measuring jug) Put this in the bathroom.
- 48 Leonard: What for?
- 49 Sheldon: I need to measure my fluid intake and output to make sure my kidneys aren't shutting down.
- 50 Leonard: I mix pancake batter in this!
- 51 Sheldon: No, that measuring cup has always been for urine.
- 52 Leonard: You had time to make a label for everything in this apartment, including the label maker, but you didn't have ten seconds to make one that said urine cup?
- 53 Sheldon: It's right here on the bottom.
- 54 Leonard: Huh. I guess I owe the Betty Crocker company a letter of apology.
- 55 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. Sheldon wakes up and coughs. Picks up an electronic thermometer and takes his temperature.
- 56 Sheldon: Oh, dear God. (Shouting) Leonard! Leonard, I'm sick!
- 57 Cut to Leonard entering living room in panic, stumbling and trying to put on a pair of trousers.
- 58 Sheldon (voice off): Leonard! Leonard I'm sick!
- 59 Leonard grabs jacket and leaves through front door.
- 60 Sheldon (entering, wrapped in duvet): Leonard! Leonard! Leonard. Leonard, my comforter fell down, and my sinuses hurt when I bend over. Leonard? (Bends to get phone) Ow!
- 61 Leonard (voice on phone): Hey.
- 62 Sheldon: Leonard, where are you?
- 63 Leonard (running down stairs): I'm at work.
- 64 Sheldon: At six-thirty in the morning?
- 65 Leonard: Yes.
- 66 Sheldon: On Sunday?
- 67 Leonard: Yes.
- 68 Sheldon: Why?
- 69 Leonard: They asked me to come in.

- 70 Sheldon: Well, I didn't hear the phone ring.
- 71 Leonard: They texted me.
- 72 Sheldon: Well, as I predicted, I am sick. My fever has been tracking up exponentially since 2am, and I am producing sputum at an alarming rate.
- 73 Leonard: No kidding?
- 74 Sheldon: No. Not only that, it has shifted from clear to milky green.
- 75 Leonard: Alright, well, get some rest and drink plenty of fluids.
- 76 Sheldon: What else would I drink? Gasses? Solids? Ionised plasma?
- 77 Leonard: Drink whatever you want.
- 78 Sheldon: I want soup.
- 79 Leonard: Then make soup.
- 80 Sheldon: We don't have soup.
- 81 Leonard: I'm at work, Sheldon. (A woman enters the apartment building with a barking dog.)
- 82 Sheldon: Is that a dog?
- 83 Leonard: Yes,
- 84 Sheldon: In the lab?
- 85 Leonard: Yes, they're training dogs to operate the centrifuge for when they need dogs to operate the centrifuge for blind scientists, I have to go.
- 86 Scene: Howard's bedroom. The phone is ringing.
- 87 Howard's Mother (voice): Howard, it's the phone.
- 88 Howard: I know it's the phone, Ma, I hear the phone.
- 89 Howard's Mother: Well who's calling at this ungodly hour?
- 90 Howard: I don't know.
- 91 Howard's Mother: Well ask them why they're calling at this ungodly hour.
- 92 Howard: How can I ask them when I'm talking to you! (Into phone) Hello.
- 93 Leonard: Howard, it's Leonard, code Milky Green.
- 94 Howard: Dear Lord, not Milky Green!
- 95 Leonard: Affirmative, with fever.
- 96 Howard's Mother: Who's on the phone.
- 97 Howard: It's Leonard.
- 98 Howard's Mother: Why is he calling.
- 99 Howard: Sheldon's sick.
- 100 Howard's Mother: Were you playing with him?
- 101 Howard: For God's sake, Ma, I'm twenty six years old.
- 102- Howard's Mother: Excuse me Mr Grown-up. Whadda-ya want for breakfast
- 103 Howard: Chocolate milk and eggoes please!
- 104 Leonard: Howard, listen to me.
- 105 Howard: Hang on, call waiting.
- 106 Leonard (voice): No, don't, don't....
- 107 Howard: Hello.
- 108 Sheldon: Howard, I'm sick.
- 109 Howard (imitating his mother's voice): Howard's sleeping, this is his mother. Why are you calling at this ungodly hour?
- 110 Sheldon: I need soup.

- 111 Howard: Then call your own mother. (To Leonard) It was Sheldon.
- 112 Leonard: I tried to stop you.
- 113 Howard: It's my own fault, I forgot the protocol we put in place after the great ear infection of '06.
- 114 Leonard: You call Koothrappali, we need to find a place to lay low for the next eighteen to twenty four hours.
- 115 Howard: Stand by. Ma, can my friends come over?
- 116 Howard's Mother: I just had the carpets steamed.
- 117 Howard: That's a negatory. But there's a Planet of the Apes marathon at the New Art today.
- 118 Leonard: Five movies, two hours apiece. It's a start.
- 119 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 120 Waitress: Homeless crazy guy at table eighteen.
- 121 Penny: No, just crazy. Sheldon, what are you doing here?
- 122 Sheldon: I'm sick, thank you very much.
- 123 Penny: How could you have gotten it from me, I'm not sick.
- 124 Sheldon: You're a carrier. All these people here are doomed. You're doomed!
- 125 Penny: Shhh! Sheldon, what do you want.
- 126 Sheldon: I want soup.
- 127 Penny (over Sheldon's strange throat clearance): Why didn't you just.... (louder throat clearance) Why didn't you just have soup at home.
- 128 Sheldon: Penny, I have an IQ of 187, don't you imagine that if there were a way for me to have had soup at home I would have thought of it?
- 129 Penny: You can have soup delivered.
- 130 Sheldon: I did not think of that. Clearly febrile delirium is setting in, please bring me some soup while I still understand what a spoon is for.
- 131 Penny: Okay, what kind of soup do you want.
- 132 Sheldon: Well, my mother used to make me this split pea with little frankfurter slices and these home made croutons.
- 133 Penny: We have Chicken Tortilla and Potato Leek.
- 134 Sheldon: Can I get any of those with little frankfurter slices and home made croutons?
- 135 Penny: No.
- 136 Sheldon: Then surprise me. (Blows nose into handkerchief. Shows it to next table) Would you call that moss green or forest green?
- 137 Scene: The cinema. Everyone is wearing ape masks.
- 138 Howard: Look at this, everyone went chimp.
- 139 Raj: Well I'd like to point out, I voted for orang-utan, but you shouted me down. (Phone rings).
- 140 Leonard: Oh, hi Penny!
- 141 Penny: Hey, where are you?
- 142 Leonard: I'm... uh... at work.
- 143 Penny: You sound funny.
- 144 Leonard: I'm... uh... in a... I'm in a radiation suit. What's up?
- 145 Penny: Yeah, well I'm at work too, and you'll never guess who's here

infecting my entire station.

- 146 Leonard (To Howard and Raj): Sheldon's at the Cheesecake Factory. (Into phone) Just tell him to go home.
- 147 Penny: He won't leave, he says he's afraid he'll pass out on the bus and someone will harvest his organs.
- 148 Leonard (To Howard and Raj): He's paranoid, and he's established a nest.
- 149 Penny: Can you please come get him?
- 150 Leonard: Uh, yeah, I'd be... I'd be happy to Penny. (Holds phone up, Howard makes warning siren noises) Oh my God there's a breech in the radiation unit (Raj joins in) The whole city is in jeopardy, oh my God, Professor Googenfeil is melting, gotta go, bye! (To Howard and Raj) I feel really guilty.
- 151 Raj: You did what you had to do. (Steals some of Howard's popcorn)
- 152 Howard: Take your stinking paws off my popcorn you damn dirty ape.
- 153 Scene: The stairwell.
- 154 Sheldon: Thanks for bringing me home.
- 155 Penny: Oh, it's okay, I didn't really need to work today, it's not like I have rent or car payments or anything.
- 156 Sheldon: Good. Good.
- 157 Penny: Okay, well, you feel better.
- 158 Sheldon: Wait, where are you going?
- 159 Penny: Um, home, to write some bad cheques.
- 160 Sheldon: You're going to leave me?
- 161 Penny: Sheldon, you are a grown man, haven't you ever been sick before?
- 162 Sheldon: Well, of course, but, not by myself.
- 163 Penny: Really, never?
- 164 Sheldon: Well, once. When I was fifteen, and spending the summer at the Heidelberg Institute in Germany.
- 165 Penny: Studying abroad?
- 166 Sheldon: No, visiting professor. Anyway, the local cuisine was a little more sausage-based than I'm used to, and the result was an internal blitzkrieg with my lower intestine playing the part of Czechoslovakia.
- 167 Penny: And there was no-one there to take care of you?
- 168 Sheldon: No. No, my mum had to fly back to Texas to help my dad because the house had slipped off the cinderblocks again.
- 169 Penny: Again?
- 170 Sheldon: It was tornado season. And it was an aluminium house. Anyway, the housekeeper in the faculty residence didn't speak any English, when I finally managed to convince her I was sick, she said "mag das du ein anspeilung?"
- 171 Penny: What does that mean?
- 172 Sheldon: Based on what happened next, I assume it means "would you like an enema?"
- 173 Penny: Okay, sweetie, I'll take care of you, what do you need?
- 174 Sheldon: Well, my mom used to give me sponge baths.
- 175 Penny: Okay, ground rules, no sponge baths, and definitely no enemas.
- 176 Sheldon: Agreed.
- 177 Scene: The cinema.

- 178 Raj: Here we go, ten and a half hours of apey goodness.
- 179 Leonard: Oh dammit, my glasses. Okay, I'm blind here guys, can you help me find them?
- 180 Howard: Sorry. (Crunching sound) Found 'em.
- 181 Leonard: Oh great.
- 182 Howard: Sorry, don't you have a spare.
- 183 Leonard: Yeah, at home.
- 184 Raj: Well if you leave now, you can be back before the gorillas rip the crap out of Charlton Heston.
- 185 Howard: Unless Sheldon's there, in which case you'll be trapped forever in his whiny hyper neurotic snot-web.
- 186 Leonard (Dials phone): Hi, Penny. I was wondering, is Sheldon still at the restaurant? Okay, that was very nice of you. Okay, gotta go, got kind of a full blown Chernobyl thing here, gotta go, bye. (To Howard) He's home, I'm screwed. Ten and a half hours of apey blurriness.
- 187 Raj: How about Lasic?
- 188 Leonard: You want me to get eye surgery?
- 189 Raj: Would you rather go back to the apartment and deal with Sheldon, or have a stranger carve out your corneas with a laser beam?
- 190 Howard: Well?
- 191 Leonard: I'm thinking!
- 192 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 193 Penny: Okay, nice and cosy, okay, I'll see you later.
- 194 Sheldon: Wait. Will you please rub this on my chest.
- 195 Penny: Oh, Sheldon, can't you do that yourself?
- 196 Sheldon: Vaporub makes my hands smell funny.
- 197 Penny: But Sheldon....
- 198 Sheldon: Please, please, please, please, please, please, please.
- 199 Penny: I can't believe I'm doing this.
- 200 Sheldon: No, no, counter-clockwise or my chest hair mats.
- 201 Penny: Sorry.
- 202 Sheldon: Can you sing "Soft Kitty".
- 203 Penny: What?
- 204 Sheldon: My mom used to sing it to me when I was sick.
- 205 Penny: I'm sorry, honey, I don't know it.
- 206 Sheldon: I'll teach you. "Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur, happy
- kitty, sleepy kitty, purr purr purr." Now you.
- 207 Penny (after a loud sigh): Soft kitty, warm kitty...
- 208 Sheldon: Little ball of fur. Keep rubbing.
- 209 Penny (through gritted teeth): Little ball of fur.
- 210 Scene: The living room door, a fibre-optic camera emerges from underneath. We see the scene from its point of view. Cut to outside. Raj is holding a laptop, Howard is feeding the camera under the door.
- 211 Leonard: What do you see, what do you see.
- 212 Raj: The living room appears to be empty.
- 213 Leonard: Okay, he must be in his bedroom. My spare glasses are in my

bedroom, on my dresser, next to my Bat-signal.

- 214 Howard: I'm not going in there.
- 215 Leonard: Raj?
- 216 Raj: No way, Jose.
- 217 Leonard: Well I can't do it, I can't see anything.
- 218 Howard: It's all right, wireless mini-cam and Bluetooth headset. We'll be your eyes.
- 219 Leonard: Fine.
- 220 Howard: One more thing. This is a subsonic impact sensor. If Sheldon gets out of bed and starts to walk, this device will register it and send a signal to the laptop. At that point, based on the geography of the apartment and the ambulatory speed of a sick Sheldon, you'll have seven seconds to get out, glasses or no glasses.
- 221 Leonard: Won't my footsteps set it off?
- 222 Howard: No, you'll be on your hands and knees. Now you'll need to get the sensor as close as you can to Sheldon's room.
- 223 Leonard: Well, how do I carry it if I'm on my hands and knees?
- 224 Cut to Leonard entering apartment on hands and knees, carrying the sensor in his teeth.
- 225 Howard: Stay low. Bear left. Now keep true.
- 226 Leonard: What?
- 227 Howard: It means go straight.
- 228 Leonard: Then just say go straight.
- 229 Howard: You don't stay go straight when you're giving bearings, you say keep true.
- 230 Leonard: Alright (Bangs head on a trunk.) I just hit my head.
- 231 Howard: Because you didn't keep true. (Time shift, Leonard is now outside bedrooms) Okay, turn right.
- 232 Raj: The... the picture's breaking up.
- 233 Howard: Angle your head to the right. A little more. A little more. (Leonard now has his head at right angles to his body) That's it, now just keep true. Alright, you're close enough to Sheldon's room, deploy the sensor. Now turn it on.
- 234 Leonard: It wasn't on?
- 235 Howard: No.
- 236 Leonard: Then why did I have to crawl?
- 237 Howard: Oh, I guess you didn't.
- 238 Leonard: Okay, it's on.
- 239 Howard: Good. From this point forward you will have to crawl.
- 240 Leonard: I know.
- 241 Howard: Hang on, the sensor's picking up something, turn your head back. (Camera angle shows a pair of female legs.)
- 242 Penny: You rat b\*st\*rd.
- 243 Howard (running down stairs with Raj): Told you the sensor would work.
- 244 Leonard: Hi!
- 245 Penny: You deliberately stuck me with Sheldon.

- 246 Leonard: Well, I had to, you see what he's like.
- 247 Sheldon (off): Penny! Penny, I'm hungry.
- 248 Penny: Uh, it's okay, sweetie, good news, Leonard's home!
- 249 Leonard: No!
- 250 Penny (handing him vaporub): Here you go, good luck, bye.
- 251 Leonard: W-wait!
- 252 Sheldon: Leonard, I'm hungry!
- 253 Leonard: Wait! Penny! Take me with you! (Runs after her and bumps into pillar. Falls semi-conscious to the floor. Sheldon appears in his comforter.)
- 254 Sheldon: I want grilled cheese.
- 255 Time shift. Sheldon and Leonard are on the sofa. Sheldon is wrapped in his comforter, Leonard is holding an ice-pack to his head.
- 256 Sheldon: Do you think Penny will come here and take care of us?
- 257 Leonard: I don't think Penny's ever coming here again.
- 258 Sheldon: I'm very congested.
- 259 Leonard: Yeah, so?
- 260 Sheldon: Can you go to the kitchen, and get me the turkey baster labelled mucus.
- 261 Leonard: If I stand, I'll vomit.
- 262 Sheldon: Under the sink, yellow Tupperware bowl.

## 1.12 Episode 12: The Jerusalem Duality

- 1 Scene: The University cafeteria.
- 2 Sheldon: Here's the problem with teleportation.
- 3 Leonard: Lay it on me.
- 4 Sheldon: Assuming the device could be invented which would identify the quantum state of matter of an individual in one location, and transmit that pattern to a distant location for reassembly, you would not have actually transported the individual. You would have destroyed him in one location, and recreated him in another.
- 5 Leonard: How about that.
- 6 Sheldon: Personally, I would never use a transporter. Because the original Sheldon would have to be disintegrated in order to create a new Sheldon.
- 7 Leonard: Would the new Sheldon be in any way an improvement on the old Sheldon?
- 8 Sheldon: No, he would be exactly the same.
- 9 Leonard: That is a problem.
- 10 Sheldon: So, you see it too.
- 11 Dr Gablehouser (arriving): Dr Hofstadter, Dr Cooper.
- 12 Together: Dr Gablehouser.
- 13 Gablehouser: Gentlemen, I'd like you to meet Dennis Kim. Dennis is a highly sought after Doctorial candidate and we're hoping to have him do his graduate work here.
- 14 Leonard: Graduate work, very impressive.
- 15 Gablehouser: And he's only fifteen years old.

- 16 Sheldon: Not bad, I myself started graduate school at fourteen.
- 17 Dennis: Well, I lost a year while my family was tunnelling out of North Korea.
- 18 Leonard: Advantage Kim.
- 19 Gablehouser: I thought maybe you boys could show Dennis around, let him see why we're the best physics research facility in the country.
- 20 Dennis: I already know you're not. You don't have an open science grid computer, or a free electron laser, and the string theory research being done here is nothing but a dead end.
- 21 Sheldon: Excuse me, that is my research, and it is by no means a dead end.
- 22 Dennis: Well, obviously you don't see it yet, but trust me, you will.
- 23 Gablehouser: Dennis, we discussed this, we're in the process of updating our equipment, and we welcome your input on our research goals, and we've agreed to look the other way if you want to use up to 2024 Leonard: Yes sir.
- 25 Sheldon: You can count on us, we're on it. What the hell do you mean, dead end.
- 26 Dennis: I mean, the whole landscape of false vacuums in string theory could be as large as ten to the five-hundredth power. In addition... ooh, look, chocolate milk.
- 27 Sheldon: I sense a disturbance in the force.
- 28 Leonard (in a Yoda voice): A bad feeling I have about this, mmm-hmmm.
- 29 Credits sequence
- 30 Scene: A corridor.
- 31 Leonard: So, Dennis, how long have you been in America.
- 32 Dennis: A year and a half.
- 33 Leonard: No kidding, you speak English really well.
- 34 Dennis: So do you. Except for your tendency to end sentences with prepositions.
- 35 Leonard: What are you talking about?
- 36 Dennis: That.
- 37 Sheldon: He's not wrong. Alright, and this is my office.
- 38 Dennis: Is this part of the tour?
- 39 Sheldon: Nope. Goodbye.
- 40 Leonard: Come on, Sheldon, we've hardly shown him anything.
- 41 Sheldon: Oh, alright, this is my desk, these are my books, this is my door, please close it behind you. Goodbye.
- 42 Dennis: Looks like you're doing work in quantum loop corrections.
- 43 Sheldon: Keen observation, goodbye.
- 44 Dennis: You see where you went wrong, don't you?
- 45 Sheldon: Leonard.
- 46 Leonard: Huh, yeah?
- 47 Sheldon: Get him out.
- 48 Leonard: Come on, Dennis, I'll show you the rec centre, they've got nautilus equipment.
- 49 Dennis: Do I look like I lift weights.
- 50 Leonard: Not heavy ones.

- 51 Dennis: It's startling to me you haven't considered a Lorentz invariant field theory approach.
- 52 Sheldon: You think I haven't considered it? You really think I haven't considered it?
- 53 Dennis: Have you considered it?
- 54 Sheldon: Get him out Leonard.
- 55 Leonard: Come on, Dennis, I'll show you the radiation lab.
- 56 Dennis: Wow, you won the Stephenson award.
- 57 Sheldon: Yes, in fact I am the youngest person ever to win it.
- 58 Dennis: Really, how old?
- 59 Sheldon: Fourteen and a half.
- 60 Dennis: You were the youngest person ever to win it.
- 61 Leonard: It's like looking into an obnoxious little mirror, isn't it?
- 62 Scene: The living room of the apartment.
- 63 Penny (to Raj): Mmm, this is really delicious, isn't it? (Raj looks uncomfortable, then nods.) Still can't talk to me unless you're drunk, huh? (Shakes head) Oh, sweetie, you are so damaged.
- 64 Howard: Hey, I'm damaged too. How about a hug for Howie?
- 65 Penny: Sure. Raj, hug Howard.
- 66 Sheldon (dramatically): Uh-uh-uh.
- 67 Leonard: Something you'd like to share? A tale of woe perhaps.
- 68 Sheldon: Fifteen years old. Dennis Kim is fifteen years old, and he's already correcting my work. Today I went from being Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart to... you know, that other guy.
- 69 Howard: Antonio Salieri?
- 70 Sheldon: Oh, God, now even you're smarter than me.
- 71 Howard: You know, Sheldon, you don't have so many friends that you can afford to start insulting them.
- 72 Leonard: Just eat, Sheldon, you'll feel better.
- 73 Sheldon: Why waste food. In Texas when a cow goes dry they don't keep feeding it, they just take her out and shoot her between the eyes.
- 74 Penny: I'm confused, did Sheldon stop giving milk?
- 75 Leonard: You can't let this kid get to you. You always knew that someday someone would come along who was younger and smarter.
- 76 Sheldon: Yes, but I assumed I would have been dead hundreds of years, and that there would be an asterisk by his name because he would be a cyborg.
- 77 Penny: So, you've got a bit of competition, I really don't see what the big deal is.
- 78 Sheldon: Well of course you don't, you've never excelled at anything.
- 79 Penny: I don't understand, exactly how did he get any friends in the first place?
- 80 Howard: We liked Leonard.
- 81 Leonard: Well, what are you going to do, Sheldon, give up?
- 82 Sheldon: Yes. That's what a rational person does when his entire life's work is invalidated by a post-pubescent Asian wunderkind. He ceases his fruitless efforts, he donates his body to scientific research, and he waits to die.

- 83 Penny: You know, I'm confused again, is he waiting, or do we get to shoot him between the eyes?
- 84 Scene: The same, later that night
- 85 Sheldon: Hey.
- 86 Leonard: Hey.
- 87 Sheldon: I've decided you're right. My career is not over.
- 88 Leonard: Great.
- 89 Sheldon: But, since the arrival of Dennis Kim has rendered my research pointless, I just have to find something else to focus on.
- 90 Leonard: Great.
- 91 Sheldon: So I've decided, I'm going to collaborate with you.
- 92 Leonard: Great.
- 93 Sheldon: What exactly is it you do? I know you chatter on about it all the time, but I've never really paid attention.
- 94 Leonard: Okay, well, right now I'm designing an experiment to study the soft component of cosmic radiation at sea-level, but I really don't need any help.
- 95 Sheldon: Oh, sure you do. Now, see, what's this here in the schematic, is that a laser array?
- 96 Leonard: Yes.
- 97 Sheldon: No. Hmmm. What happens if you use argon lasers instead of helium neon?
- 98 Leonard: It would blow up.
- 99 Sheldon: Are you sure?
- 100 Leonard: Pretty sure.
- 101 Sheldon: Pretty sure's not very scientific, is this how you normally work, just hunches and guesses and stuff?
- 102 Leonard: Okay, Sheldon, I understand that you're going through a bit of a career crisis, you're searching for some other area where you can feel valuable and productive but I need to tell you something and I want you to listen carefully.
- 103 Sheldon: Alright.
- 104 Leonard: Go away.
- 105 Sheldon: If you're concerned about sharing credit with me, you're name can go first... I'm going.
- 106 Scene: Howard's lab.
- 107 Howard (into phone): It's a small brown paper bag, Ma, I'm looking at it right now. (Pause.) Why would I make that up, there's no ding-dong in it. (Pause.) How are two ding-dongs tomorrow going to help me today?
- 108 Sheldon (entering): So, this is engineering, huh?
- 109 Howard (into phone): I'll talk to you later.
- 110 Sheldon: Engineering. Where the noble semi-skilled labourers execute the vision of those who think and dream. Hello, oompah-loompahs of science.
- 111 Howard: Sheldon, what are you doing here?
- 112 Sheldon: I just came by to say hello.
- 113 Howard: I've been at this lab for three years, you've never came by to say hello.

- 114 Sheldon: Well, up until now I've had better things to do. So, what are we making today?
- 115 Howard: A small payload support structure for a European science experimental package that's going up on the next space shuttle.
- 116 Sheldon: Really, how does it work?
- 117 Howard: When this is done, it will be attached to the payload bay, and the sensor apparatus will rest on it.
- 118 Sheldon: Uh, huh. So it's a shelf?
- 119 Howard: No, you don't understand, during acceleration it needs to stay perfectly level and provide... yeah, okay, it's a shelf.
- 120 Sheldon: Now, I notice you're using titanium, did you give any consideration to carbon nanotubes, they're lighter, cheaper and half twice the tensile strength.
- 121 Howard: Sheldon, there's a diploma in my office that says I have a masters in engineering.
- 122 Sheldon: And you also have a note from your mother that says I love you, bubbula. But neither of those is a cogent argument for titanium over nanotubes.
- 123 Howard: Sheldon.
- 124 Sheldon: Yes.
- 125 Howard: Go away.
- 126 Sheldon: Did Leonard tell you to say that?
- 127 Howard: No, I thought of it all by myself.
- 128 Sheldon: Huh. It can't be a coincidence. There must be some causal link I'm missing.
- 129 Scene: Raj is exiting his office.
- 130 Raj: Go away. (Sheldon exits)
- 131 Sheldon: Curiouser and curiouser.
- 132 Scene: The apartment.
- 133 Howard (entering): Is he here?
- 134 Leonard: If he were, I wouldn't be.
- 135 Raj: Do you know what he did. He watched me work for ten minutes, and then started to design a simple piece of software that could replace me.
- 136 Leonard: Is that even possible?
- 137 Raj: As it turns out, yes.
- 138 Howard: Something's got to be done about him, Leonard.
- 139 Leonard: Like what? He'll never be able to cope with the fact that some fifteen year-old kid is smarter and more accomplished than he is.
- 140 Raj: Well, what if something were to happen to this boy so he was no longer a threat to Sheldon?
- 141 Howard: Then our problem would be solved.
- 142 Leonard: Hang on, are we talking about murdering Dennis Kim? I'm not saying no.
- 143 Howard: We don't have to go that far, there are other means available.
- 144 Raj: We can't send him back to North Korea. He knows how to get out.
- 145 Howard: The only thing we need to do is make this Kim kid lose his focus.
- 146 Leonard: That won't happen, he's not interested in anything but physics.

- 147 Howard: What about biology?
- 148 Leonard: What?
- 149 Howard: You know, biology? The one thing that can completely derail a world class mind.
- 150 Leonard: Howard, he's fifteen.
- 151 Howard: Yeah, so, when I was fifteen I met Denise Polmerry and my grade point average fell from a 5.0 to a 1.8.
- 152 Raj: She was sleeping with you?
- 153 Howard: No, I just wasted a lot of time thinking about what it would be like if she did.
- 154 Sheldon (entering): Oh, good, you're all here. Look, I've decided that if the three of you drop whatever it is you're working on and join me, we could lick cold fusion in less than a decade, twelve years tops. (They stare at him.) Go away? (They nod) Hmm. Could it be me?
- 155 Scene: Outside Penny's apartment.
- 156 Penny (opening door): Oh, hey guys, what's up?
- 157 Howard: We need a hot fifteen year-old Asian girl with a thing for smart guys.
- 158 Penny: What?
- 159 Leonard: Howard, that's racist, any fifteen year-old girl will do the trick. (Penny slams door.)
- 160 Raj: It's possible she may have misunderstood us.
- 161 Scene: Sheldon's office. He is making measurements on maps. There is a knock on the door.
- 162 Gablehouser (entering): Dr Cooper? Oh, are we interrupting?
- 163 Sheldon: No, no, please, come in. Yeah, I think you'll appreciate this, very exciting.
- 164 Gablehouser: Oh, what are you working on?
- 165 Sheldon: Something remarkable. Since my prospects for the Nobel Prize in physics have disappeared, thank you very much, I've decided to refocus my efforts and use my people skills to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Look, I'm going to solve the Middle-East Crisis by building an exact replica of Jerusalem in the middle of the Mexican desert.
- 166 Gablehouser: To what end?
- 167 Sheldon: You know, it's like the baseball movie, build it and they will come.
- 168 Gablehouser: Who will come?
- 169 Sheldon: The Jewish people.
- 170 Gablehouser: What if they don't come.
- 171 Sheldon: We'll make it nice, put out a spread.
- 172 Gablehouser: Okay, well, um, speaking of spreads, we're having a small welcoming party this afternoon for Mr Kim, who's agreed to join us here at the University.
- 173 Sheldon: Of course he has, the oracle told us little Neo was the one. You can see the Matrix, can't you.
- 174 Gablehouser: Okay, well, uh, obviously you're very busy with your... uh,

- um, come Dennis. You'll have to excuse Dr Cooper, he's been under a lot of... um... he's nuts.
- 175 Sheldon (voice off, sings to a Mexican tune): Ah, la-la-la, Hava Nagila. They'll come, they'll settle and I'll win the prize...
- 176 Scene: The welcoming party
- 177 Sheldon: I really don't understand your objections, Professor Goldfarb, why wouldn't the Senoran Desert make a perfectly good promised land?
- 178 Goldfarb: Go away.
- 179 Sheldon: We could call it Nuevo Cherusalem.
- 180 Goldfarb: Please go away.
- 181 Sheldon: Said Pharoah to Moses.
- 182 Gablehouser: Why are all these young women here?
- 183 Leonard: It's take your daughter to work day.
- 184 Gablehouser: Really, I was not aware of that.
- 185 Raj: Oh, yes. There was a very official email that was sent to everyone whose insurance files indicated they had daughters between the ages of 14 and 16.
- 186 Gablehouser: Hm?
- 187 Howard: Smooth.
- 188 Raj: Thank you.
- 189 Gablehouser: There's the man of the hour.
- 190 Leonard: Okay, so we now have a socially awkward genius in a room full of attractive age-appropriate women.
- 191 Howard: All he has to do now is hook up with one of them. (The look at Dennis, who is picking his ear.)
- 192 Leonard: Does anyone else see the flaw in this plan?
- 193 Raj: We need a social catalyst.
- 194 Leonard: Like what? We can't get fifteen year-old girls drunk.
- 195 Howard: Or can we?
- 196 Leonard: No, we can't.
- 197 Howard: I don't think you mean we can't. I think you mean we shouldn't.
- 198 Sheldon: Hey, Howard. You're a Jew. If there was another wailing wall, exactly like the one in Jerusalem, but close to taco stands and cheap prescription drugs, would you still be able to wail at it? Okay, it's definitely me.
- 199 Leonard: Okay, we cannot leave this to chance, lets pick a girl, and figure out how to get her together with Dennis.
- 200 Raj: Okay. How about that one.
- 201 Howard: Uh-uh. I know the type, cheerleader, student council, goes out with jocks, won't even look at anybody in the gifted programme. And if, after two years of begging, she does agree to go out with you, it turns out to be a set-up and you're in the back seat of your mom's car with your pants off while the whole football team laughs at you.
- 202 Raj: Are you crying?
- 203 Howard: No, I have allergies.
- 204 Raj: Okay, uh, how about her?
- 205 Leonard: Sure. If he wants to spend a couple of years doing her homework

while she drinks herself into a stupor with non-fat White Russians, while you're the one holding her head out of the toilet while she's puking and telling you she wishes more guys were like you, and they she gets into Cornell because you wrote her essay for her, and you drive up to visit her one weekend and she acts like she doesn't even know you.

- 206 Raj: Okay, so not her either. How about her?
- 207 Howard: Interesting, kind of pretty, a little chubby so probably low self-esteem.
- 208 Leonard: I think that's our girl. One of us should go talk to her.
- 209 Raj: I can't talk to her, you do it.
- 210 Leonard: I can't just go up and talk to her. Howard, you talk to her.
- 211 Howard: Oh no, she'll never go for the kid once she gets a peek at this.
- 212 Raj: You know, if we were in India this would be simpler. Five minutes with her dad, twenty goats and a laptop and we'd be done.
- 213 Leonard: Well, we're not in India.
- 214 Raj: Alright, why don't we do it your way then? We'll arrange for this girl to move in across the hall from Dennis so he can pathetically moon over her for months on end.
- 215 Leonard: Okay, that was uncalled for.
- 216 Raj: You started it, dude.
- 217 Gablehouser: Could I have everyone's attention please. What a wonderful occasion this is. And how fortunate that it should happen to fall on take your daughter to work day. We're here to welcome Mr Dennis Kim to our little family.
- 218 Sheldon (sarcastically): Welcome Dennis Kim.
- 219 Gablehouser: Mr Kim was not only the valedictorian at Stamford University, he is also the youngest recipient of the prestigious Stephenson Award.
- 220 Sheldon: Youngest till the cyborgs rise up!
- 221 Gablehouser: And now, without any further ado, let me introduce the man of the hour, Mr Dennis Kim. Dennis!
- 222 Dennis: What?
- 223 Gablehouser: Would you like to tell us a little bit about your upcoming research.
- 224 Dennis: Um, no thanks. I'm going to the mall with Emma.
- 225 Gablehouser: Well, uh, well, uh....
- 226 Leonard: The kid got a girl.
- 227 Raj: Unbelievable.
- 228 Howard: Did anyone see how he did it?
- 229 Sheldon (to Gablehouser): Don't worry, I've got this. Ladies and Gentlemen, honoured daughters. While Mr Kim, by virtue of his youth and naivety, has fallen prey to the inexplicable need for human contact, let me step in and assure you that my research will go on uninterrupted, and that social relationships will continue to baffle and repulse me. Thank you.
- 230 Howard: He's back.
- 231 Leonard: Yeah, mission accomplished.
- 232 Raj: Forget the mission, how did that little yutz get a girl on his own?

- 233 Howard: I guess times have changed since we were young. Smart is the new sexv.
- 234 Leonard: Well, why do we go home alone every night, we're still smart.
- 235 Raj: Maybe we're too smart. So smart it's offputting.
- 236 Howard: Yeah, let's go with that.
- 237 Scene: The park. The four guys are carrying remote control rockets.
- 238 Howard: Unbelievable. Components I built are on the International Space Station, and I get a ticket for launching a model rocket in the park.
- 239 Leonard: I don't know if the ticket was so much for the launch as it was for you telling the policewoman "you have to frisk me, I have a rocket in my pants."
- 240 Raj: Hey, look at that. (There is a group of youngsters on the grass, laying about. One is playing a guitar. Dennis Kim is among them. He is drinking something from a bottle in a brown paper bag.) It's Dennis Kim.
- 241 Howard: Wow, I almost didn't recognise him.
- 242 Raj: You know, I kind of feel bad about what we did to him. (Dennis is now snogging the face off Emma)
- 243 Leonard: Yeah, we really ruined his life.
- 244 Sheldon: Screw him, he was weak.

## 1.13 Episode 13: The Bat Jar Conjecture

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Howard is looking at his mobile phone.
- 2 Howard: Ooh, more details about the new Star Trek film. There's going to be a scene depicting Spock's birth.
- 3 Raj: I'd be more interested in a scene depicting Spock's conception.
- 4 Sheldon: Oh, please. For Vulcans, mating, or, if you will, Pon Farr, it's an extremely private matter.
- 5 Leonard: Still, I'd like to know the details. His mother was human, his father was Vulcan, they couldn't just conceive.
- 6 Howard: Maybe they had to go to a clinic. Imagine Spock's dad in a little room with a copy of pointy ears and shapely rears.
- 7 Raj: How come on Star Trek everybody's private parts are the same. No alien lady ever told Captain Kirk, hey, get your thing out of my nose.
- 8 Penny (entering): Hi, can you help me, I was writing an email and the A key got stuck. Now it's just going "aaaaaaa".
- 9 Leonard: What did you spill on it?
- 10 Penny: Nothing. Diet coke. And yoghurt. A little nail polish.
- 11 Leonard: I'll take a look at it.
- 12 Howard: Gentlemen, switching to local nerd news. Fishman, Chen, Chowdry, McNair aren't fielding a team in the university physics bowl this year.
- 13 Leonard: You're kidding, why not?
- 14 Howard: They formed a barbershop quartet, and got a gig playing Knotsbury Farm.
- 15 Penny: Wow, so in your world, you're like, the cool guys.
- 16 Howard: Recognise.

- 17 Leonard: This is our year! With those guys out, the entire physics bowl will kneel before Zod.
- 18 Penny: Zod?
- 19 Howard: Kryptonian villain. Long story.
- 20 Raj: Good story. (Clasps hands to mouth in shock.)
- 21 Sheldon: Well count me out.
- 22 Howard: What? Why?
- 23 Sheldon: You want me to use my intelligence in a tawdry competition? Would you ask Picasso to play Pictionary? Would you ask Noah Webster to play Boggle? Would you ask Jacques Cousteau to play Go Fish?
- 24 Leonard: Come on, you need a four person team, we're four people.
- 25 Sheldon: By that reasoning we should also play bridge, hold up a chuppah and enter the Olympic bobsled competition.
- 26 Penny: I want tickets to that please.
- 27 Leonard: Sheldon, what, do I need to quote Spock's dying words to you.
- 28 Sheldon: No. don't.
- 29 Leonard: The needs of the many.
- 30 Howard: Outweigh the needs of the few.
- 31 Sheldon: Or the one. Dammit, I'll do it.
- 32 Credits sequence
- 33 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 34 Raj: Okay. First order of physics bowl business. We need a truly kick-ass team name. Suggestions.
- 35 Howard: How about the perpetual motion squad? It's beyond the laws of physics, plus a little heads up for the ladies.
- 36 Leonard: The ladies?
- 37 Howard: Perpetual motion squad, we can go all night.
- 38 Raj: I like it.
- 39 Sheldon: I don't. Teams are traditionally named after fierce creatures, thus intimidating ones opponent.
- 40 Raj: Then we can be the Bengal Tigers.
- 41 Sheldon: Poor choice. Gram for gram, no animal exceeds the relative fighting strength of the army ant.
- 42 Raj: Maybe so. But you can't incinerate a Bengal Tiger with a magnifying glass.
- 43 Leonard: Let's put it to a vote. All those in favour....
- 44 Sheldon: Point of order. I move that any vote on team names should be unanimous. No man should be forced to emblazon his chest with the bengal tiger, when common sense dictates it should be an army ant.
- 45 Leonard: Will the gentleman from the great state of denial yield for a question?
- 46 Sheldon: I will yield.
- 47 Leonard: After we go through the exercise of an annoying series of votes, all of which the gentleman will lose, does he then intend to threaten to quit if he does not get his way?
- 48 Sheldon: He does.

- 49 Leonard: I move we are the Army Ants, all those in favour?
- 50 Scene: The apartment.
- 51 Penny: Good afternoon, and welcome to today's physics bowl practice round. I'm Penny, and I'll be your host, because apparently I didn't have anything else to do on a Saturday afternoon, and isn't that just a little sad? Gentlemen, are you ready?
- 52 Leonard: Yes.
- 53 Sheldon: Of course.
- 54 Howard: Fire away. (Raj puts his thumb up.)
- 55 Penny: You know, it's none of my business, but isn't a guy who can't speak in front of women going to hold you back a little?
- 56 Leonard: Oh, uh, he'll be okay once the women are mixed into the crowd. He only has a problem when they're one on one and smell nice.
- 57 Penny: Oh, thanks Raj, it's vanilla oil.
- 58 Leonard: I was actually the one who noticed, okay, let's just start.
- 59 Penny: Okay, the first question is on the topic of optics. What is the shortest light pulse ever produced? Dr Cooper.
- 60 Sheldon: And of course, the answer is 130 adoseconds.
- 61 Penny: That is correct.
- 62 Leonard: I knew that too.
- 63 Penny: Good for you, sweetie. Okay, next question. What is the quantum mechanical effect used to encode data on hard disk drives? Howard.
- 64 Sheldon: And of course, the answer is giant magneto resistance.
- 65 Penny: Right.
- 66 Howard: Hey, I buzzed in.
- 67 Sheldon: But I answered, it's called teamwork.
- 68 Howard: Don't you think I should answer the engineering questions? I am an engineer.
- 69 Sheldon: By that logic I should answer all the anthropology questions because I'm a mammal.
- 70 Leonard: Just ask another one.
- 71 Penny: Okay. What artificial satellite has seen glimpses of Einsteins predicted frame dragging? (Raj buzzes.)
- 72 Sheldon: And of course it's Gravity Probe B.
- 73 Leonard: Sheldon, you have to let somebody else answer.
- 74 Sheldon: Why?
- 75 Penny: Because it's polite.
- 76 Sheldon: What do manners have to do with it? This is war. Were the Romans polite when they salted the ground of Carthage to make sure nothing would ever grow again?
- 77 Penny: Leonard, you said I only had to ask questions.
- 78 Sheldon: The objective of the competition is to give correct answers, if I know them, why shouldn't I give them?
- 79 Howard: Some of us might have the correct answers too.
- 80 Sheldon: Oh please, you don't even have a PhD.
- 81 Howard: Alright, that's it.

- 82 Leonard: Howard, sit down.
- 83 Howard: Okay.
- 84 Leonard: maybe we should take a little break.
- 85 Sheldon: Good idea, I need my wrist brace, all this button pushing is aggravating my old Nintendo injury.
- 86 Howard (after Raj whispers in his ear): I agree.
- 87 Penny: What did he say?
- 88 Howard: He compared Sheldon to a disposable feminine cleansing product one might use on a summer's eve.
- 89 Penny: Yeah, and the bag it came in.
- 90 Scene: The same, later. Sheldon is on his laptop. Leonard enters.
- 91 Sheldon: Leonard, excellent, I want to show you something.
- 92 Leonard: Can it wait, I need to talk to you.
- 93 Sheldon: Just look. I've designed the perfect uniforms for our team. The colours are based on Star Trek, the original series. The three of you will wear support red, and I will wear command gold.
- 94 Leonard: Why do they say AA?
- 95 Sheldon: Army Ants.
- 96 Leonard: Isn't that confusing? AA might mean something else to certain people.
- 97 Sheldon: Why would a physics bowl team be called anodised aluminium?
- 98 Leonard: No, I meant.... never mind. Hey, check it out. I got you a Batman cookie jar!
- 99 Sheldon: Oh neat, what's the occasion?
- 100 Leonard: Well, you're a friend, and you like Batman, and cookies, and you're off the team.
- 101 Sheldon: What?
- 102 Leonard: Howard, Raj and I just had a team meeting.
- 103 Sheldon: No you didn't.
- 104 Leonard: Yes we did, I just came from it.
- 105 Sheldon: Okay, I don't know where you just came from, but it couldn't have been a team meeting because I'm on the team and I wasn't there, ergo the team did not meet.
- 106 Leonard: Okay, let me try it this way, uh, I was at a coffee klatch with a couple of friends and one thing led to another and it turns out you're off the team.
- 107 Sheldon: Why?
- 108 Leonard: Because you're taking all the fun out of it.
- 109 Sheldon: Well, I'm sorry, is the winner of the physics bowl the team that has the most fun?
- 110 Leonard: Okay, let me try it this way, you're annoying and no-one wants to play with you any more.
- 111 Sheldon: I see. Well. At this point I should inform you that I intend to form my own team and destroy the molecular bonds that bind your very matter together, and reduce the resulting particulate chaos to tears.
- 112 Leonard: Thanks for the heads up.

- 113 Sheldon: You're welcome. One more thing.
- 114 Leonard: Yes.
- 115 Sheldon: It's on, bitch.
- 116 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 117 Howard: So who'd he get to be on his team.
- 118 Leonard: He won't say. He just smiles, and eats macaroons out of his bat jar.
- 119 Raj: He's using psychological warfare. We must reply in kind. I say we wait until he looks at us, then laugh like, yes, you are a smart and strong competitor, but we are also smart and strong and we have a reasonable chance of defeating you.
- 120 Leonard: How exactly would that laugh go?
- 121 Raj: Hee hee hee hee hee!
- 122 Howard: That sounds more like, we are a tall thin woman who wants to make a coat out of your Dalmatians.
- 123 Leonard: Guys, let's remember that Sheldon is still our friend and my room mate.
- 124 Howard: So?
- 125 Leonard: So nothing, let's destroy him.
- 126 Sheldon (walking past): Gentlemen.
- 127 Raj: Hee hee hee hee hee hee!
- 128 Howard: Okay, we're going to need a strong fourth for our team.
- 129 Raj: You know who's apparently very smart, is the girl who played TV's Blossom. She got a PhD in neuroscience or something.
- 130 Leonard: Raj, we're not getting TV's Blossom to join our physics bowl team.
- 131 Raj: How about the girl from the Wonder Years?
- 132 Howard: Gentlemen, I believe I've found the solution to all our problems.
- 133 Leonard: We can't ask Leslie Winkle.
- 134 Raj: Why? Because you slept together and when she was done with you she discarded you like last night's chutney?
- 135 Leonard: Yes.
- 136 Howard: Sometimes you've got to take one for the team.
- 137 Raj: Yeah. Sack up, dude.
- 138 Leonard: Fine. Here I go, taking one for the team. In the sack. Hey Leslie.
- 139 Leslie: Hi guys.
- 140 Leonard: Leslie, I have a question for you, and it might be a little awkward, you know, given that I...
- 141 Howard: Hit that thang.
- 142 Leslie: Leonard, there's no reason to feel uncomfortable just because we've seen each other's faces and naked bodies contorted in the sweet agony of coitus.
- 143 Leonard: There's not? Gee, cos it sure sounds like there should be.
- 144 Leslie: Rest assured that any aspects of our sexual relationship regarding your preferences, your idiosyncrasies, your performance, are still protected by the inherent confidentiality of the bedroom.

- 145 Leonard: That's all very comforting, but if it's okay, I'd like to get on with my question now.
- 146 Leslie: Proceed.
- 147 Leonard: We are entering the physics bowl and we need a fourth for our team.
- 148 Leslie: No thanks, I'm really busy with my like sign dilepton super symmetry search.
- 149 Howard: Dilepton, schmilepton, we need you.
- 150 Leslie: Sorry.
- 151 Howard: Well, we tried. Just have to face Sheldon mano-e-mano-e-mano. A-mano.
- 152 Leslie: Wait, you're going up against Sheldon Cooper?
- 153 Howard: Yes.
- 154 Leslie: That arrogant, misogynistic East-Texas doorknob that told me I should abandon my work with high energy particles for laundry and child bearing?
- 155 Leonard: She's in.
- 156 Scene: The Physics Bowl.
- 157 Penny: So, how do you feel? Nice and loose? Come to play? Got your game face on? (The guys look confused.) Are you ready?
- 158 Leonard: Oh, yeah. You know you don't have to stay for the whole thing.
- 159 Penny: Oh, no, no, I want to. It sounds really interesting.
- 160 Sheldon (entering in his Star Trek themed shirt): Gentlemen.
- 161 Leonard: Sheldon.
- 162 Howard: Sheldon.
- 163 Raj: Hee hee hee hee hee hee hee.
- 164 Penny: Sheldon. I'm just going to sit down.
- 165 Leonard: So, is that your team.
- 166 Sheldon: Actually, I don't need a team, I could easily defeat you single-handedly. But the rules require four, so may I introduce, the third floor janitor, he lady from the lunchroom, and, my Spanish is not good, either her son or her butcher. And what about your team? What rat have you recruited to the SS Sinking Ship?
- 167 Leslie: Hello, Sheldon.
- 168 Sheldon: Leslie Winkle?
- 169 Leslie: Yeah, Leslie Winkle. The answer to the question, who made Sheldon Cooper cry like a little girl?
- 170 Sheldon: Yes, well, I'm polymerised tree sap and you're non-organic adhesive so, whatever verbal projectile you launch in my direction is reflected off of me, returns on its original trajectory, and adheres to you.
- 171 Leslie: Oh, ouch.
- 172 Dr Gablehouser: Okay, if everyone could please take your seats.
- 173 Leonard: Here's your tee-shirt. (Hands her a tee-shirt with PMS on it. Takes jacket off to reveal similar.)
- 174 Leslie: PMS? It's a couple of days early, but...
- 175 Leonard: No, it stands for Perpetual Motion Squad.

- 176 Leslie: Oh, right, of course, what was I thinking?
- 177 Gablehouser: Good afternoon everyone, and we lcome to this year's physics
- bowl. Today's preliminary match features two great teams... AA versus PMS.
- 178 Howard: All night long, y'all! (Stands and turns round to reveal the back of the tee-shirt which reads "We Can Go All Night".)
- 179 Gablehouser: Okay, well let's jump right in, first question, for ten points. What is the isospan singlet partner of the Pi Zero Meson? (Buzz) PMS?
- 180 Leonard: The Eta Meson.
- 181 Gablehouser: Correct.
- 182 Sheldon: Formal protest.
- 183 Gablehouser: On what grounds?
- 184 Sheldon: The Velcro on my wrist brace caught on my shirt.
- 185 Gablehouser: Denied. Alright, for ten points, what is the lightest element on earth with no stable isotope. (Buzz) AA?
- 186 Sheldon: And of course, the answer is Technetium.
- 187 Gablehouser: Terrific. Next question, what is the force between two uncharged plates due to quantum vacuum fluctuation. (Buzz) PMS?
- 188 Raj: Sheldon can suck on, the Casimir Effect.
- 189 Gablehouser: Correct.
- 190 (Time shift)
- 191 Gablehouser: How does a quantum computer factor large numbers. (Buzz) PMS?
- 192 Leslie: Shor's Algorithm.
- 193 Gablehouser: Correct.
- 194 (Time shift)
- 195 Sheldon: 4.1855 times ten to the seventh ergs per calorie.
- 196 (Time shift)
- 197 Leonard: Prevost's theory of exchanges.
- 198 (Time shift)
- 199 Sheldon: Lamda equals one over Pi R squared N
- 200 (Time shift)
- 201 Howard: 760 degrees celsius, the approximate temperature of the young lady in the front row.
- 202 Gablehouser: Mr Wolowitz, this is your second warning.
- 203 (Time shift)
- 204 Sheldon: A sigma particle.
- 205 (Time shift)
- 206 Leslie: Yes, assuming the hypothetical planet has a mass greater than the earth.
- 207 Gablehouser: Correct. Ladies and gentlemen, I hold in my hand the final question. The score now stands AA 1150, PMS 1175. So, for one hundred points, and the match, please turn your attention to the formula on the screens. Solve the equation.
- 208 Raj: Holy crap.
- 209 Leonard: What the hell is that.
- 210 Howard: It looks like something they found on the ship at Roswell.

- 211 Leonard: Come on, think, Leslie.
- 212 Leslie: Leonard, it's not going to work if you rush me, you have to let me get there.
- 213 Leonard: You're never going to let that go, are you?
- 214 Gablehouser: Ten seconds. (Buzz) PMS.
- 215 Leonard: Sorry, I panicked.
- 216 Howard: Then guess.
- 217 Leonard: Um, eight. (Gablehouser stares at him.) Point four.
- 218 Gablehouser: I'm sorry, that's incorrect. AA, if you can answer correctly, the match is yours.
- 219 Howard: He doesn't have it. He's got squat.
- 220 (Sheldon looks more and more uncomfortable, so much he is involuntarily twitching.)
- 221 Gablehouser: AA, I need your answer. (Buzz)
- 222 Third Floor Janitor: The answer is minus eight by alpha.
- 223 Sheldon: Hang on, hang on a second, that's not our answer. What are you doing?
- 224 Third Floor Janitor: Answering question. Winning physics bowl.
- 225 Sheldon: How do you know anything about physics?
- 226 Third Floor Janitor: Here I am janitor, in former Soviet Union I am physi-
- cist. Leningrad Politechnica. Go Polar Bears.
- 227 Sheldon: Well that's a delightful little story, but our arrangement was that you sit here and not say anything, I answer the questions.
- 228 Third Floor Janitor: You didn't answer question.
- 229 Sheldon: Hey look, now maybe you have democracy now in your beloved Russia, but on this physics bowl team I rule with an iron fist. (Makes fist in the air). Ow!
- 230 Gablehouser: AA, I need your official answer.
- 231 Sheldon: Well it's not what he said.
- 232 Gablehouser: Then what is it?
- 233 Sheldon: I want a different question.
- 234 Gablehouser: You can't have a different question.
- 235 Sheldon: Formal protest.
- 236 Gablehouser: Denied.
- 237 Sheldon: Informal protest.
- 238 Gablehouser: Denied. I need your official answer.
- 239 Sheldon: No. I decline to provide one.
- 240 Gablehouser: Well, that's too bad, because the answer your teammate gave was correct.
- 241 Sheldon: That's your opinion.
- 242 Gablehouser: Alright, the winner of the match is...
- 243 Leonard: Hang on. Sheldon, is proving that you are single-handedly smarter than everyone else so important that you would rather lose by yourself than win as part of a team.
- 244 Sheldon: I don't understand the question.
- 245 Leonard: Go ahead.

- 246 Gablehouser: The winner is PMS!
- 247 (We Are The Champions by Queen plays as the team celebrate in slow motion and Sheldon puts his head in his hands. The celebration ends with Howard on his knees ripping his shirt in half and waving it round his head before throwing it to the audience.)
- 248 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon goes to sit in his spot.
- 249 Leonard: Sorry, somebody's sitting there.
- 250 Sheldon: Who?
- 251 Leonard: My Physics Bowl Trophy!
- 252 Sheldon: That trophy is meaningless, I forfeited, therefore you did not win.
- 253 Leonard: I know someone who would disagree.
- 254 Sheldon: Who?
- 255 Leonard: My Physics Bowl Trophy! (In weird voice) "Leonard is so smart, Sheldon who?"
- 256 Sheldon: Alright that is very immature.
- 257 Leonard: You're right, I'm sorry. (In voice, waving trophy in Sheldon's face) I'm not!
- 258 Penny (entering): Okay, new contest.
- 259 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 260 Penny: I'm settling once and for all who is the smartest around here. Okay, are you ready?
- 261 Sheldon: Absolutely.
- 262 Leonard: Bring it on.
- 263 Penny: Okay. Marsha, Jan and Cindy were the three daughters of what TV family? (They stare at her.) The Brady Bunch. Okay, Sammy Hagar replaced David Lee Roth as the lead singer in what group?
- 264 Sheldon (after they look at each other in confusion): The Brady Bunch?
- 265 Penny: Van Halen. Alright, Madonna was married to this Ridgemont High alum. (Pause) Oh my God, Sean Penn!
- 266 Leonard: How do you know these things?
- 267 Penny: I go outside and I talk to people. Alright, here, what actor holds the record for being named people magazine's sexiest man alive?
- 268 Sheldon: William Shatner.
- 269 Leonard: Wait, I don't think it's Shatner.
- 270 Sheldon: Then it's got to be Patrick Stewart.
- 271 Penny: No.
- 272 Sheldon: Formal protest.
- 273 Penny: Alright, singer who sang "Oops I Did It Again." (Sheldon starts involuntarily twitching again.) Okay, Tweetie Bird, taught he taw a what?
- 274 Sheldon (after they pass a smug look between each other): Romulan.
- 275 Penny: Yes. He taught he taw a Romulan.
- 276 (Sheldon and Leonard do a victory hand slide.)

### 1.14 Episode 14: The Nerdvana Annihilation

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: Well, this sandwich is an unmitigated disaster. I asked for turkey and roast beef with lettuce and swiss on wholewheat.
- 3 Raj: What did they give you?
- 4 Sheldon: Turkey and roast beef with swiss and lettuce on wholewheat. It's the right ingredients but in the wrong order. In a proper sandwich the cheese is adjacent to the bread to create a moisture barrier against the lettuce. They might as well have dragged this thing through a car wash.
- 5 Leonard: I don't believe it.
- 6 Sheldon: I know, it's basic culinary science.
- 7 Leonard: Some guy is auctioning off a miniature time machine prop from the original film and no-one is bidding on it.
- 8 Howard: A time machine from the movie The Time Machine?
- 9 Leonard: No, a time machine from Sophie's Choice.
- 10 Raj: Boy, Sophie could have used a time machine in that movie. Did you see it, it's rough.
- 11 Howard: Oh, that's cool.
- 12 Leonard: Uh-huh.
- 13 Raj: It's only 800?
- 14 Leonard: Yeah. And that's mybid.
- 15 Sheldon : Youbid 800.
- 16 Leonard: It was a spur of the moment thing, I figured it would go for thousands and I just wanted to be a part of it.
- 17 Sheldon: There's only 30 seconds left in the auction.
- 18 Howard: Do you have 800?
- 19-Leonard: Not to blow on a miniature time machine.
- 20-Howard:Don'tworry, the way the sethings work there's people waiting `tilthelast second to bid, and then they sething second to be a seco
- 21 Raj: Fifteen seconds.
- 22-Leonard: Comeon, snipers.
- 23 Raj : Ten, nine, eight...
- 24 Leonard: Where are your snipers?
- 25 Raj : Five.
- 26 Leonard: Snipe.
- 27 Raj : Four.
- 28 Leonard: Snipe.
- 29 Raj: Three.
- 30 Leonard: Snipe!
- 31 Raj : Two.
- 32 Leonard : SNIPE!
- 33 Raj : One.
- 34 Leonard : Aaaa aw!
- 35-Raj: Congratulations, you are the proudowner of a miniature time machine.
- 36 Howard: Youluckyduck.
- 37-Sheldon: Iwonder why no-one else bid, this is a classic piece of sci-fimovie memorabilia.

- 38 Leonard: Yeah, Iknow, Istillcan't affordit.
- 39-Howard: Why don't we share it? We'l leach put in two hundred bucks and we'l ltake turns having it in our homes.
- 40 Raj: Atimesharetimemachine? I'min. Sheldon?
- 41 Sheldon: Needyouask? But I still don't understand why no-one else bid.
- 42-Scene: The lobby. The guysstandar ound a full sized time machine.
- 43 Sheldon: Iunderstand why no-one else bid.
- 44-Credits sequence
- 45-Scene: The same
- 46 Raj: Didthelisting actually sayminiature?
- 47-Leonard: I just assumed. Whosells a full sized time machine for 800?
- 48 Sheldon: In a venn diagram, that would be an individual located within
- the intersection of the sets "no longer want my time machine" and "need 800".
- 49-Howard: It's actually a tremendous bargain, even with shipping it works out to less than four dollars a pound.
- 50 Raj: Cocktainshrimpare 12.50.
- 51 Leonard: How are we going to get it upstairs?
- 52 Howard: If we take the dish off it might fit in the elevator.
- 53 Leonard: Yes but the elevator's been broken for two years.
- 54 Sheldon: I've been meaning to ask you, do you think we should make a call about that?
- 55 Howard: Not necessary, I have a masters in engineering, I remotely repair satellites on a regular basis. I troubleshoot space shuttle payloads. When the Mars rover started pulling to the left I performed a front end alignment from 62 million miles away. (Presses lift button. Nothing happens.) No, that baby's broken.
- 56 Scene: The stairwell, approaching the apartment door. Leonard and Sheldon are pulling the time machine up the last part of the stairs.
- 57 Leonard: Come on, guys, push.
- 58 Howard (off): If I push any harder I'm going to give birth to my colon.
- 59 Raj (off): I can't feel my fingers, hurry up.
- 60 Sheldon: It's the same amount of work no matter how fast you go, basic physics.
- 61 Raj: Sheldon?
- 62 Sheldon: Yeah.
- 63 Raj: If my fingers ever work again, I've got a job for the middle one.
- 64 Penny (coming out of her apartment): Oh, hey guys.
- 65 Leonard (letting go of time machine, as does Sheldon): Uh, hi Penny. (Raj and Howard are heard to scream as the time machine slides back down the stairs.) Take a break, guys!
- 66 Penny: What are you doing?
- 67 Leonard: Oh, just, you know, moving... something upstairs.
- 68 Penny: What is it?
- 69 Leonard: It's... you know, time machine.
- 70 Penny: Yeah, okay, neat, but I really got to get to work, so....
- 71 Leonard: Uh, just give us a few minutes.
- 72 Penny: I don't have a few minutes, I'm running really late.
- 73 Sheldon: Then I have a simple solution, go up to the roof, hop over to the

next building, there's a small gap, don't look down if you're subject to vertigo, and use their stairwell.

- 74 Penny: You're joking, right?
- 75 Sheldon: Oh, I never joke when it comes to vertigo.
- 76 Penny: Damn, okay, I'll just take the roof.
- 77 Leonard: Hey, if you wait for us to set up the time machine, I can drop you off at work yesterday. Time travel joke, it's not... never mind.
- 78 Sheldon: For what it's worth, I thought it was humorous.
- 79 Leonard: Let's just do this. Guys, ready to push?
- 80 Raj: In a minute. Howard stepped outside to throw up.
- 81 Scene: The living room. The time machine is set up.
- 82 Sheldon: I don't know what you were worried about. I think it really works in the room.
- 83 Leonard: Yeah. It is by far the coolest thing I have ever owned.
- 84 Sheldon: The exact time machine that carried actor Rod Taylor from Victorian England into the post-apocalyptic future, which society had splintered into two factions, the sub-terranean Morlocks, who survived by feasting on the flesh of the gentle surface dwelling Eloy.
- 85 Howard: Talk about your chick magnets.
- 86 Raj: Oh yeah. The guy who lives next to me is always like, I have a Jacuzzi on my balcony, I have a Jacuzzi on my balcony. But wait until I tell him, I've got a time machine on my balcony. Stuff that in your speedos, Jacuzzi Bob!
- 87 Sheldon: Gentlemen, I know we said we'd take turns, but I think you'd agree that practicality dictates it remain here.
- 88 Howard: You can't just keep it here, what if I meet a girl and say, "you wanna come up and see my time machine, it's at my friends house," how lame is that?
- 89 Raj: He's got a point.
- 90 Sheldon: Alright, I think we're going to need some ground rules, in addition to the expected no shoes in the time machine and no eating in the time machine, I propose that we add pants must be worn at all times in the time machine.
- 91 Leonard: Seconded.
- 92 Howard: I was going to put down a towel.
- 93 Raj: I still want it on my balcony. I say we move it on a bi-monthly basis.
- 94 Leonard: That sounds fair.
- 95 Sheldon: Hold on. Bi-monthly is an ambiguous term, do you mean move it every other month, or twice a month?
- 96 Raj: Twice a month.
- 97 Sheldon: Then no.
- 98 Raj: Okay, every other month.
- 99 Sheldon: No.
- 100 Leonard: Sheldon, you can't be selfish, we all paid for it, so it belongs to all of us. Now out of the way so I can sit in my time machine. (Sits and turns it on. The three lights on the front illuminate. All let out an "oh".) Okay, I am setting the dials for March 10th, 1876.
- 101 Howard: Good choice, Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone and

- calls out for Dr Watson.
- 102 Sheldon: Wait a minute, I'd want to see that too.
- 103 Leonard: So, when it's your turn you can.
- 104 Sheldon: But if we all go back to the same point in time, Bell's lab is going to get very crowded, he'll know something's up.
- 105 Raj: Also, since the time machine doesn't move in space, you'll end up in 1876 Pasadena.
- 106 Howard: And even if you can make it to Boston, what are you going to do, knock on the door and say to Mrs Bell, "hey Mrs Bell, big fan of your husband, can I come in and watch him invent the telephone?"
- 107 Raj: Mrs Bell was deaf, she's not even going to hear you knock.
- 108 Sheldon: Oh, I have a solution, first go into the future and obtain a cloaking device.
- 109 Raj: Ooh, how far into the future?
- 110 Sheldon: If I remember correctly, Captain Kirk will steal a cloaking device from the Romulans on Stardate 5027.3, which will be January 10th 2328 by pre-federation reckoning.
- 111 Leonard: Okay, I am setting the dials for January 10th, 2328. Here we go into the future. (Pulls lever, the disk begins to spin. The other guys all run around the flat as if moving in fast motion.) That was fun.
- 112 Raj: My turn.
- 113 Penny (entering): Okay, first of all, what you call a gap was nearly three feet wide, I slipped and skinned my knee.
- 114 Leonard: Are you okay?
- 115 Penny: Zzz-zz-zz! Second of all, the door to the stairwell of the other building was locked, so I had to go down the fire escape which ends on the third floor, forcing me to crawl through the window of a lovely Armenian family, who insisted I stay for lunch.
- 116 Leonard: That doesn't sound too bad.
- 117 Penny: It was eight courses of lamb, and they tried to fix me up with their son.
- 118 Leonard: Sorry.
- 119 Penny: Not done. By the time I finally got to work, they'd given my shift away. Yeah, that's right, I've lost an entire day's pay thanks to this... this...
- 120 Sheldon: Time machine.
- 121 Leonard: The lights flash and the dish spins, you wanna try it?
- 122 Penny: No! I don't want to try it, my God, you are grown men, how could you waste your lives with these stupid toys and costumes and comic books and... and now that... that...
- 123 Sheldon: Again, time machine.
- 124 Penny: Oh please, it's not a time machine, if anything it looks like something Elton John would drive through the Everglades.
- 125 Sheldon: It only moves in time. It would be worse than useless in a swamp.
- 126 Penny: Pathetic. All of you, completely pathetic. (Storms out. A beat, and then...)
- 127 Raj: My turn!

- 128 Scene: Later that night, Leonard is sitting in the time machine, turning the lights on and off. Sheldon enters.
- 129 Sheldon: Leonard, it's two in the morning.
- 130 Leonard: So?
- 131 Sheldon: So it's my turn. Why did you set it for the day before yesterday?
- 132 Leonard: Because I want to go back and keep myself from getting a time machine.
- 133 Sheldon: You can't. If you were to prevent yourself from buying it in the past, you would not have it available in the present to travel back and stop yourself from buying it, ergo you would still have it. This is a classic rookie time travel mistake.
- 134 Leonard: Can I go back and prevent you from explaining that to me?
- 135 Sheldon: Same paradox. If you were to travel back in time and, say, knock me unconscious, you would not then have the conversation that irritated you, motivating you to go back and knock me unconscious.
- 136 Leonard: What if I knocked you unconscious right now?
- 137 Sheldon: It won't change the past.
- 138 Leonard: But it would make the present so much nicer.
- 139 Sheldon: Are you upset about something?
- 140 Leonard: What was your first clue?
- 141 Sheldon: Well, it was a number of things. First the late hour, then your demeanour seems very low energy, plus your irritability...
- 142 Leonard: Yes I'm upset.
- 143 Sheldon: Oh! I don't usually pick up on those things. Good for me.
- 144 Leonard: Yeah, good for you.
- 145 Sheldon: Oh, wait. Did you want to talk about what's bothering you?
- 146 Leonard: I don't know. Maybe.
- 147 Sheldon: Wow, I'm on fire tonight.
- 148 Leonard: Uh, here's the thing. Girls like Penny never end up with guys who own time machines.
- 149 Sheldon: I disagree. Your inability to successfully woo Penny long predates your acquisition of the time machine. That failure clearly stands on its own.
- 150 Leonard: Thanks for pointing it out.
- 151 Sheldon: In addition, your premise is flawed. In the original film, Rod Taylor got Yvette Mimeaux with that very time machine. In Back to the Future, Marty McFly got the opportunity to hook up with his extremely attractive young mother.
- 152 Leonard: Those are movies.
- 153 Sheldon: Well of course they're movies. Were you expecting me to come up with an example involving a real life time machine? That's absurd.
- 154 Scene: The stairwell. It is the previous day, and again Leonard and Sheldon are pulling the time machine up the stairs.
- 155 Leonard: Come on, guys, push.
- 156 Howard (off): If I push any harder I'm going to give birth to my colon.
- 157 Penny (coming out of her apartment): Oh, hey guys.

- 158 Leonard (letting go of time machine, as does Sheldon): Uh, hi Penny. (Raj and Howard are heard to scream as the time machine slides back down the stairs.) Take a break, guys!
- 159 Penny: What are you doing?
- 160 Leonard: Oh, just, you know, moving a... time machine.
- 161 Penny: Yeah, okay, neat, but I really got to get to work, so....
- 162 Leonard: No problem. (Removes glasses, pulls down out of order tape from lift doors, and forces them open.) Hang on. (Takes Penny in his arms as he holds onto the lift cable.)
- 163 Penny: But, what about your time machine.
- 164 Leonard: Some things are more important than toys. (She puts her arms around his neck as he dangles from the cable.)
- 165 Penny: Oh, I'm scared.
- 166 Leonard: Don't worry baby, I've got you.
- 167 Penny: Oh, Leonard. (Kisses him as they descend from view. Leonard wakes up still sitting in the time machine.)
- 168 Sheldon: It's still my turn.
- 169 Scene: The living room.
- 170 Sheldon: What are you doing?
- 171 Leonard: I'm packing up all my collectibles and taking them down to the comic book store to sell.
- 172 Sheldon: Well is that really necessary. If you need money you can always sell blood. And semen.
- 173 Leonard: It's not about money.
- 174 Raj (entering): We brought food.
- 175 Howard: Lox and bagels, the breakfast of time travellers.
- 176 Leonard: Terrific, does anyone want to buy my share of the time machine?
- 177 Raj: Why?
- 178 Leonard: Because I don't want it any more.
- 179 Howard: Why?
- 180 Leonard: Just... personal reasons.
- 181 Sheldon: My spidey-sense tells me this has something to do with Penny.
- 182 Leonard: Look, do you want to buy me out or not?
- 183 Raj: I'll give you a hundred dollars, which will make me half owner, and we'll put it on my balcony.
- 184 Howard: Screw his balcony, I'll give you a hundred and twenty and we'll put it in my garage.
- 185 Leonard: I paid two hundred dollars for my share.
- 186 Raj: Dude, everyone knows a time machine loses half its value the minute you drive it off the lot.
- 187 Sheldon: I'll go for two hundred, that time machine stays right where it is.
- 188 Raj: Three hundred, and I'll throw in my original 1979 Mattel Millenium Falcon with real light speed sound effects.
- 189 Leonard: No, no more toys or action figures or props or replicas or costumes or robots or Darth Vader voice changers, I'm getting rid of all of it.

- 190 Howard: You can't do that, look what you've created here, it's like nerd-vana.
- 191 Raj: More importantly, you've a Darth Vader voice changer?
- 192 Leonard: Not for long.
- 193 Raj: Oh, I call dibs on the Golden Age Flash.
- 194 Howard: Hang on, I need that to complete my Justice Society of America collection.
- 195 Raj: Too bad, I called dibs.
- 196 Howard: Well you can't just call dibs.
- 197 Raj: I can and I did, look up dibs on Wikipedia.
- 198 Sheldon: Dibs doesn't apply in a bidding war.
- 199 Leonard: It's not a bidding war, I'm selling it all to Larry down at the comic book store.
- 200 Raj: Why Larry? Did Larry call dibs?
- 201 Howard: Will you forget dibs!
- 202 Leonard: He offered me a fair price for the whole collection.
- 203 Sheldon: What's the number, I'll match it.
- 204 Raj: I'll match it, plus a thousand rupees.
- 205 Sheldon: What's the exchange rate.
- 206 Raj: None of your business. Take it or leave it.
- 207 Howard (on phone): Mom, my bar-mizvah bonds, how much do I got? Thanks. I can go twenty six hundred dollars and two trees in Israel.
- 208 Leonard: Forget it guys, if I sell to one of you, the other two are going to be really mad at me.
- 209 Sheldon: Who cares, as long as you pick me.
- 210 Raj: Okay, Leonard, put down the box, let's talk.
- 211 Leonard: Sorry Raj, my mind is made up.
- 212 Sheldon (moving to block his path): No. I can't let you do this.
- 213 Leonard: Sheldon, get out of my way.
- 214 Sheldon (brandishing toy sword from Leonard's box): None shall pass.
- 215 Leonard: Okay. I did not want to do this but, I have here the rare mint condition production error Star Trek: The Next Generation Geordi LaForge, without his visor in the original packaging. If you do not get out of my way, I will open it.
- 216 Howard: Okay man, be cool, we're all friends here.
- 217 Penny (coming out of her flat): What the hell's going on?
- 218 Sheldon: You hypocrite!
- 219 Penny: What?
- 220 Sheldon: Little Miss "grown ups don't play with toys". If I were to go into that apartment right now, would I find Beanie Babies? Are you not an accumulator of Care Bears and My Little Ponies? And who is that Japanese feline I see frolicking on your shorts? Hello, Hello Kitty!
- 221 Penny: Okay, okay look, if this is about yesterday, Leonard, I am really sorry about what I said, I was just a bit upset.
- 222 Leonard: No, I needed to hear it.
- 223 Penny: No you didn't. Look, you are a great guy, and it is things you love

that make you who you are.

- 224 Howard: I guess that makes me large breasts.
- 225 Leonard: Still, I think it's time for me to get rid of this stuff and... you know... move on with my life.
- 226 Penny: Really?
- 227 Leonard: Yeah.
- 228 Penny: Oh. Wow. Good for you. (Kisses his cheek.)
- 229 Leonard: Thanks. Hey, do you want to, I don't know, later...
- 230 Good looking man coming up stairs: Excuse me. Hey, Penny!
- 231 Penny: Hi Mike.
- 232 Mike: Are you ready to go.
- 233 Penny: Yeah, I just have to change.
- 234 Mike: I'll give you a hand.
- 235 Penny: Oh, stop it! Bye guys.
- 236 Leonard (after a long pause): My turn on the time machine.
- 237 Scene: A jungle. As the camera moves, the time machine becomes visible. Sheldon is sitting in it The disk stops spinning, and he looks around. The disk read APR  $28\,802.701.$
- 238 Sheldon: It worked. It really worked. They said I was mad, but it worked. (Large hairy creatures with glowing eyes emerge from the forest and walk towards him menacingly.) Oh no, not Morlocks! Not flesh-eating Morlocks! He-e-e-e-e-e-elp! (With a yelp, he wakes up in the time machine in the living room.)
- 239 Leonard: Sheldon, are you okay?
- 240 Sheldon: We have to get rid of the time machine.
- 241 Leonard: It is a little big for the living room, isn't it?
- 242 Sheldon: Yeah, that's the problem, it's too big.
- 243 Leonard: I'm glad you agree. I hired some guys to help us move it, come on in fellas. (A pair of Morlocks come through the door.)
- 244 Sheldon: Oh no, Morlocks? Eat him, eat him. Aaaaargh. (Sheldon wakes up in his own bed.) Leonard!

#### 1.15 Episode 15: The Porkchop Indeterminacy

- 1 Scene: A corridor at the University.
- 2 Leonard: On the other hand, some physicists are concerned that if the super collider actually works, it will create a black hole and swallow up the Earth ending life as we know it.
- 3 Raj: Psh, what a bunch of crybabies. No guts, no glory man.
- 4 Leonard (looking at an orange notice on the noticeboard): Hey, check it out, the school of pharmacology is looking for volunteers.
- 5 Raj: We are testing a new medication for social anxiety, panic attacks, agoraphobia and obsessive compulsive disorder. Why would they be looking for test subjects here?
- 6 Leonard: I don't know, Raj. Maybe the comic book store doesn't have a bulletin board. (Sees crowds in the corridor) What's going on?

- 7 Howard: Shhh! Hot girl in Sheldon's office.
- 8 Leonard: Sheldon's office? Is she lost?
- 9 Howard: Don't think so. I followed her here from the parking lot.
- 10 Leonard: Maybe she's his lawyer.
- 11 Howard: Well she's free to examine my briefs.
- 12 Leonard: Howard...
- 13 Howard: I know, I'm disgusting, I should be punished. By her, oh look, I did it again.
- 14 Girl: Well, that should do it.
- 15 Sheldon: Thank you for coming by. (He rises from his desk. Everyone rushes to look nonchalant.) Hello.
- 16 Leonard: Oh, hey buddy.
- 17 Sheldon: Buddy.
- 18 Howard: Sorry I'm late, I'm working on a project that may take me up on the next space shuttle.
- 19 Sheldon: How can you be late, I wasn't expecting you at all.
- 20 Howard: Nobody ever expects me, sometimes you just look and... BAM! (shakes girl's hand) Howard Wolowitz.
- 21 Leonard: Sheldon, are you going to introduce us?
- 22 Sheldon: Oh, alright, this is Missy, Missy this is Leonard and Rajesh and you've already met Howard.
- 23 Missy: It's nice to meet you.
- 24 Leonard: You too, swell, also.
- 25 Howard: Yeah.
- 26 Leonard: So, how do you two know each other.
- 27 Missy: Oh, he once spent nine months with my legs wrapped around his head.
- 28 Leonard: Excuse me?
- 29 Sheldon: She's my twin sister, she thinks she's funny but frankly I've never been able to see it.
- 30 Missy: It's because you have no measurable sense of humour, Shelly.
- 31 Sheldon: How exactly would one measure a sense of humour? A humour-mometer?
- 32 Howard: Well, I think you're delightfully droll. Or as the French say, Tres Drole.
- 33 Missy: Okay, so let me see if I got this. Leonard, Howard and... I'm sorry what was your name again. (Raj looks uncomfortable, turns and walks away, disappears round corner. He then reappears, takes the orange paper from the noticeboard and leaves again.)
- 34 Sheldon: Rajesh.
- 35 Credits sequence
- 36 Scene: The same.
- 37 Leonard: So Missy, what brings you all the way from Texas?
- 38 Howard: Was it perhaps destiny, I think it was destiny.
- 39 Missy: My friend's getting married in Disneyland tomorrow night.
- 40 Howard: Destiny, thy name is Anaheim.

- 41 Missy: And I had to drop off some papers for Shelly to sign for my dad's estate.
- 42 Sheldon: The papers could have been mailed, Mom just sent you here to spy on me, didn't she.
- 43 Missy: I guess that's why they call you a genius.
- 44 Sheldon: They call me a genius because I'm a genius. Tell Mom that I currently weigh 165 pounds, and that I'm having regular bowel movements. Enjoy the wedding, goodbye.
- 45 Leonard and Howard together: Woah, woah.
- 46 Leonard: If the wedding's not until tomorrow, why don't you stay with us tonight?
- 47 Missy: Oh, I don't think so. Shelly doesn't like company. Even as a little boy he'd send his imaginary friends home at the end of the day.
- 48 Sheldon: They were not friends, they were imaginary colleagues.
- 49 Leonard: Look, you're here, we have plenty of room.
- 50 Sheldon: No we don't.
- 51 Howard: Come on, Shelly, she's family.
- 52 Sheldon: So what? I don't issue invitations to your mother.
- 53 Missy: Well it would be nice not to have to drive out to Anaheim in rush hour.
- 54 Sheldon: And don't ever call me Shelly.
- 55 Leonard: So it's settled. You'll stay with us.
- 56 Howard: I'll walk you to your car. You're in structure 3 level C, right?
- 57 Sheldon: What just happened?
- 58 Scene: The apartment.
- 59 Missy: So anyway, we're eight years old, and Sheldon converts my easy-bake oven to some kind of high-powered furnace.
- 60 Leonard: Hee-hee, just classic.
- 61 Sheldon: I needed a place to fire ceramic semi-conductor substrates for home-made integrated circuits.
- 62 Missy: He was trying to build some kind of armed robot to keep me out of his room.
- 63 Sheldon: Made necessary by her insistence on going into my room.
- 64 Missy: Anyway, I go to make those little corn muffins they give you, there's a big flash, next thing you know my eyebrows are gone.
- 65 Howard: Ha-ha, not your eyebrows?
- 66 Missy: Yep. I had to go through the entire second grade with crooked eyebrows my Mom drew on.
- 67 Sheldon: Is that what that was? I just assumed that the second grade curriculum had rendered you quizzical.
- 68 Penny (knocking and entering, holding up a pair of superman undershorts.): Hey, Leonard, you left your underwear in the dryer downstairs.
- 69 Leonard: Those are not mine.
- 70 Penny: Really, they have your little name label in them.
- 71 Leonard: Yeah, no, I do, I use those... uh... just to polish up my... spear-fishing equipment. I spear fish. When I'm not crossbow hunting, I spear

- fish. Uh, Penny, this is Sheldon's twin sister, Missy. Missy, this is our neighbour Penny.
- 72 Missy: Hi.
- 73 Penny: Wow, you don't look that much alike.
- 74 Howard: Can I get a hallelujah.
- 75 Sheldon: Fraternal twins come from two separate eggs, they are no more alike than any other siblings.
- 76 Howard: Hallelujah.
- 77 Raj (running in): Hey, guess what. I've been accepted as a test subject for a new miracle drug to overcome pathological shyness.
- 78 Penny: Hey, good for you, Raj.
- 79 Raj: Yes, I'm very hopeful. Hello Missy. (He waves his hand. It keeps waving.) They mentioned there may be side effects.
- 80 Scene: The same, later.
- 81 Raj: So, Missy. Have you ever met a man from the exotic subcontinent of India?
- 82 Missy: Well, there's Dr Patel at our church.
- 83 Raj: Ah yes, Dr Patel, good man.
- 84 Howard: Do you like motorcycles, 'cos I ride a hog.
- 85 Raj: A hog? You have a two cylinder scooter with a basket on the front.
- 86 Howard: You still have to wear a helmet.
- 87 Raj: Have you ever heard of the Kama Sutra?
- 88 Missy: The s\*x book?
- 89 Raj: The Indian s\*x book. In other words if you wonder who wrote the book of love, it was us.
- 90 Penny (to Leonard): Hey, Sheldon's sister's pretty cute, I w....
- 91 Leonard: I wasn't staring!
- 92 Penny: I didn't say you were, I just said she was cute.
- 93 Leonard: Oh. Huh, um, maybe, if you like women who are tall... and perfect.
- 94 Penny: Sheldon, why are you ignoring your sister?
- 95 Sheldon: I'm not ignoring my sister. I'm ignoring all of you.
- 96 Leonard: I brought snacks.
- 97 Missy: Oh my! Gherkins and....
- 98 Leonard: Onion dip, it's onion dip.
- 99 Missy: Oh.
- 100 Leonard: We don't entertain much.
- 101 Raj: Missy, do you enjoy pajamas?
- 102 Missy: I guess.
- 103 Raj: We Indians invented them. You're welcome.
- 104 Howard: Yeah, well my people invented circumcision. You're welcome!
- 105 Penny: Missy, I'm going to go get my nails done. Do you want to come?
- 106 Missy: God yes. Thanks.
- 107 Penny: You're welcome.
- 108 Missy: Bye guys.
- 109 Howard: Bye Missy.

- 110 Leonard: Bye Missy, see you.
- 111 Penny: Goodbye Leonard!
- 112 Leonard: Uh, yeah, no, uh, bye Penny.
- 113 Howard: Okay, you two have to back off.
- 114 Raj: Why should I back off, you back off dude.
- 115 Leonard: Excuse me, this is my apartment and she's my roommate's sister.
- 116 Howard: So what, you've already got Penny.
- 117 Leonard: How do I have Penny? In what universe do I have Penny?
- 118 Howard: So I can have Penny?
- 119 Leonard: Hell, no!
- 120 Sheldon: Excuse me, can I interject something. I'm ordering pizza online, is everyone okay with pepperoni?
- 121 Leonard: Sheldon, can I talk to you in private?
- 122 Sheldon: I guess. Don't worry, I was going to order you cheeseless.
- 123 Leonard: Thank you.
- 124 Sheldon: That's okay. Lactose intolerance is nothing to be embarrassed about.
- 125 Howard: I'm a fancy Indian man, we invented pajamas!
- 126 Raj: Hey, look at me, I don't have a foreskin.
- 127 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 128 Leonard: Sheldon, are you aware that your sister is an incredibly attractive woman?
- 129 Sheldon: Hmmm? She certainly has the symmetry and low body fat that western culture deems desirable. It's noteworth that at other points in history, heavier women were the standard for beauty because their girth suggested affluence.
- 130 Leonard: That's fascinating, but I...
- 131 Sheldon: I didn't say it was fascinating, I said it was noteworthy.
- 132 Leonard: Alright, noted. But my point is that Koothrappali and Wolowitz. . . they're hitting on your sister.
- 133 Sheldon: Oh. Okay. You know, I don't want to criticise your rhetorical style but, we'd be a lot further along in this conversation if you'd begun with that thought.
- 134 Leonard: That's great, but I....
- 135 Sheldon: What I'm saying is that we took quite an unnecessary detour from what I now understand to be your thesis.
- 136 Leonard: Whatever. You have to do something about it.
- 137 Sheldon: Why?
- 138 Leonard: Because she's your sister.
- 139 Sheldon: I don't understand. Yes, we shared a uterus for nine months, but since then we've pretty much gone our own separate ways.
- 140 Leonard: Okay, uh.... oh, consider this. With your father gone, it is your responsibility to make sure that Missy chooses a suitable mate.
- 141 Sheldon: I hadn't considered that. We do share DNA.
- 142 Leonard: Uh-huh.

- 143 Sheldon: So there is the possibility, however remote, that resting in her loins is the potential for another individual as remarkable as myself.
- 144 Leonard: Exactly. And, you owe it to yourself and to posterity to protect the genetic integrity of your sister's future offspring.
- 145 Sheldon: You're right. If someone wants to get at Missy's fallopian tubes, they'll have to go through me.
- 146 Scene: The living room. Raj and Howard are on the floor, fighting.
- 147 Raj: I am Shiva the destroyer, I will have the woman!
- 148 Howard: I'm warning you, I was judo champion at math camp.
- 149 Sheldon: Alright, that's enough juvenile squabbling, stop it, stop it I say. I'm going to settle this right now. Neither of you are good enough for my sister.
- 150 Howard: Who are you to decide that?
- 151 Leonard: He's the man of his family, you have to respect his wishes.
- 152 Sheldon: You're out too, by the way.
- 153 Leonard: Say what?
- 154 Sheldon: It's nothing personal, I'd just prefer if my future niece or nephew didn't become flatulent every time they eat an Eskimo pie.
- 155 Howard (to Raj, who is smiling): What are you so happy about?
- 156 Raj: I'm not happy, it's the medication, I can't stop smiling. (Waves hand at mouth. It keeps waving.)
- 157 Sheldon: Now that Leonard's made me aware of how high the genetic stakes are, we have to face the fact that none of you are suitable mates for my sister.
- 158 Howard: Wait a minute. Leonard made you aware of that?
- 159 Leonard: We all make mistakes, let's move on.
- 160 Raj: Excuse me, but I think you're missing a big opportunity here.
- 161 Sheldon: How so?
- 162 Raj: Everybody knows genetic diversity produces the strongest offspring. Why not put a little mocha in the family latte.
- 163 Sheldon: In principle you have a point, but as a practical matter, need I remind you that it takes experimental pharmaceuticals to simply enable you to speak to the opposite  $s^*x$ .
- 164 Raj (waving finger at him): I think you're focusing entirely too much on the drugs. (Finger keeps waving. Leonard has to reach out and stop it.)
- 165 Howard: Is it 'cause I'm Jewish, 'cause I'd kill my Rabbi with a porkchop to be with your sister.
- 166 Sheldon: This has nothing to do with religion. This has to do with the fact that you're a tiny, tiny man who still lives with his mother.
- 167 Leonard: Sheldon, you are really being unreasonable.
- 168 Sheldon: Am I? Here. Eat this cheese without farting and you can sleep with my sister.
- 169 Missy (who has just entered): Oh really?
- 170 Sheldon: Oops.
- 171 Missy: Shelly, can I speak to you for a minute? Alone?
- 172 Sheldon: Why does everyone suddenly want to talk to me alone? Usually nobody wants to be alone with me.

- 173 Leonard (to Penny who is standing next to him grinning): We all make mistakes, let's move on.
- 174 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 175 Missy: Okay. I'm not even going to ask why you're pimping me out for cheese. But since when do you care at all about who I sleep with?
- 176 Sheldon: Truthfully, I've never given it any thought, but it has been pointed out to me that you carry DNA of great potential.
- 177 Missy: What on earth are you talking about?
- 178 Sheldon: Let me explain. You see, I'm a superior genetic mutation, an improvement on the existing mediocre stock.
- 179 Missy: And what do you mean, mediocre stock?
- 180 Sheldon: That would be you. But residing within you is the potential for another me. Perhaps even taller, smarter and less prone to freckling, a Sheldon 2.0 if you will.
- 181 Missy: Sheldon 2.0?
- 182 Sheldon: Exactly. Now, I am not saying that I should be the sole decider of who you mate with. If you're not attracted to the suitor then the likelihood of conception would be reduced.
- 183 Missy: You have got to be kidding me!
- 184 Sheldon: Not at all. Frequent coitus dramatically increases the odds of fertiliziation.
- 185 Missy: Okay Shelly, sit down. Now I've lived my whole life dealing with the fact that my twin brother is, as Mom puts it, one of God's special little people.
- 186 Sheldon: I always thought I was more like a cuckoo bird. You know, a superior creature whose egg is placed in the nest of ordinary birds. Of course the newly hatched cuckoo eats all the food, leaving the ordinary siblings to starve to death. Luckily for you, that's where the metaphor ended.
- 187 Missy: I thought it ended at cuckoo. Now you listen to me, if you want to start acting like a brother who cares about me, then terrific. Bring it on. But you try one time to tell me who I should be sleeping with, and you and I are going to go round and round the way we did when we were little. Remember? (Sheldon hurriedly crosses his legs.)
- 188 Sheldon: I have an alternate proposal.
- 189 Missy: Go on.
- 190 Sheldon: You donate eggs. We will place them in cryogenic storage. I will find an appropriate sperm donor for your eggs, have them fertilized and implanted in you, that way everybody wins.
- 191 Scene: The living room. Sheldon enters limping, holding his groin area.
- 192 Sheldon: Correction. Missy can date whoever she wants.
- 193 Scene: The same, later.
- 194 Howard: Look, we have to settle this.
- 195 Leonard: I agree. Sheldon's sister is hiding at Penny's because we've all been hitting on her at the same time.
- 196 Raj: She's not hiding. She needed privacy to call her grandmother who's apparently very sick. Oh, and then I believe she has to wash her hair.

- 197 Howard: Oh, you poor, deluded b\*st\*rd.
- 198 Raj: Don't start with me dude.
- 199 Howard: You want to go again? Let's go.
- 200 Leonard: Sit down.
- 201 Howard: Okav.
- 202 Leonard: If we're going to fight over Missy, let's do it the right way. The honourable way.
- 203 (Time shift. Sheldon enters to hear sounds of fighting. It becomes apparent that the guys are playing a boxing game on a Nintendo Wii.)
- 204 Leonard: And he's down!
- 205 Howard: Come on, come on, get up.
- 206 Leonard: Stay down, bitch. Yeah, ha ha, natural selection at work.
- 207 Sheldon: I weep for humanity.
- 208 Leonard: Excuse me while I go tell Missy the good news. (Leaves and knocks on Penny's door.)
- 209 Penny (answering): Ah, hey Leonard.
- 210 Leonard: Hi Penny, how's it going. Listen, that guy Mike that you were dating, is that still going on?
- 211 Penny: Uh, pretty much, why?
- 212 Leonard: Nothing, just catching up. By the way, may I speak to Missy please?
- 213 Penny: Of course.
- 214 Missy: Hi, Leonard, what's up?
- 215 Leonard: Well, since you're leaving tomorrow I was wondering if you'd like to go out to dinner with me?
- 216 Missy: That's so sweet. But no thanks.
- 217 Leonard: Oh. You have other plans, or...?
- 218 Missy: No.
- 219 Leonard: Oh. Alright uh... enjoy the rest of your evening.
- 220 Missy: Thanks. See you.
- 221 Leonard (returning): Um, here's something we didn't anticipate.
- 222 (Time shift. Penny opens door to Howard.)
- 223 Penny: What do you want, Howard?
- 224 Howard: I'm fine, thanks for asking. I've come to call on Missy.
- 225 Penny: Missy?
- 226 Missy: Hi Howard.
- 227 Howard: The amazing Howard. Do you like magic?
- 228 Missy: Not really. No.
- 229 Howard: Then you are in for a treat. Behold, an ordinary cane. (Taps against doorpost. While humming he tries to perform a trick, but the cane falls in half with a yellow handkerchief flying out. Howard has to retrieve the pieces.) Da-dah! (Emerges with the handkerchief, on which are written the words "will you go out with me?")
- 230 Missy: No.
- 231 Howard: Okay. (Does something with hands, from which another yellow handkerchief emerges. This one reads "are you sure?" Missy closes the door.)

- 232 (Time shift. Penny opens the door to Raj.)
- 233 Penny: Missy?
- 234 Raj: Thank you. I apprec.... (looks panicked) apprec.... appreeee.... oh-oh.
- 235 Penny: Oh, honey, is your medication wearing off? (Raj nods.)
- 236 Missy: Oh, hi, cutie pie. I was hoping you'd show up.
- 237 (Raj attempts to speak. All that emerges is a high pitched wail. After a few more attempts he turns and leaves down the stairs, still making the same sound.)
- 238 Missy: We had a dog who made a noise like that. Had to put him down.
- 239 Scene: The stairwell. Missy and Sheldon are descending.
- 240 Missy: Any news you want me to pass along to Mom?
- 241 Sheldon: Well, she might be interested to know that I have refocused my research from bosonic string theory to heteronic string theory.
- 242 Missy: Yeah, I'll just tell her you said hey.
- 243 Sheldon: Okay, well, it was pleasant seeing you, other than that business with my testicles. (Holds out hand to shake.)
- 244 Missy: Come on, Shelly. (Hugs him. He looks uncomfortable, then hugs back half heartedly.) I want you to know I'm very proud of you.
- 245 Sheldon: Really?
- 246 Missy: Yup, I'm always bragging to my friends about my brother the rocket scientist.
- 247 Sheldon: You tell people I'm a rocket scientist?
- 248 Missy: Well yeah.
- 249 Sheldon: I'm a theoretical physicist.
- 250 Missy: What's the difference?
- 251 Sheldon: What's the difference?
- 252 Missy: Goodbye Shelly.
- 253 Sheldon: My God! Why don't you just tell them I'm a toll taker at the Golden Gate Bridge? Rocket scientist, how humiliating.

### 1.16 Episode 16: The Peanut Reaction

- 1 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory. Raj and Sheldon are arm wrestling while playing tetris. There is a cacophony of cries such as "take him down" and "he's got you, Sheldon."
- 2 Penny: Hey, guys, guys, some of the other waitresses wanted me to ask you something.
- 3 Leonard: Oh, it's called trestling.
- 4 Howard: It combines the physical strength of arm wrestling with the mental agility of tetris into the ultimate sport.
- 5 Penny: Yeah, that's terrific, but what they wanted me to ask you was to cut it the hell out. (To someone off) Right come on guys, come on. (Singing while approaching another table) Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you...
- 6 Sheldon: We might as well stop, it's a stalemate. You're beating me in tetris, but you've got the upper body strength of a Keebler Elf.

- 7 Raj: Keebler Elf? I've got your Keebler Elf right here. (Strains to push Sheldon's arm down. Tries using both hands, still with no effect.) Okay, it's a stalemate.
- 8 Penny: So Leonard, will we be seeing you on Saturday for your free birthday cheesecake?
- 9 Sheldon: He can't eat cheesecake, he's lactose intolerant.
- 10 Penny: Okay, he can have carrot cake.
- 11 Sheldon: What about the cream cheese frosting.
- 12 Penny: he can scrape it off.
- 13 Leonard: Forget about the cake, how did you know that my birthday is Saturday?
- 14 Penny: I did your horoscope, remember, I was going to do everybody's until Sheldon went on one of his typical psychotic rants.
- 15 Sheldon: For the record, that psychotic rant was a concise summation of the research of Bertram Forer, who in 1948 proved conclusively through meticulously designed experiments, that astrology is nothing but pseudo scientific hokum.
- 16 Penny: Blah blah blah, a typical Taurus. So, seriously, are we going to see you Saturday?
- 17 Leonard: Oh, I don't think so.
- 18 Penny: Why not?
- 19 Leonard: I don't celebrate my birthday.
- 20 Penny: Shuddup, yeah you do.
- 21 Leonard: No, it's no big deal, it's just the way I was raised. My parents focussed on celebrating achievements, and being expelled from a birth canal was not considered one of them.
- 22 Penny: Uh, that's so silly.
- 23 Sheldon: It's actually based on very sound theories, his mother published a paper on it.
- 24 Penny: What was it called, "I hate my son and that's why he can't have cake?"
- 25 Sheldon: It was obviously effective, Leonard grew up to be an experimental physicist. Perhaps if she'd also denied him Christmas he'd be a little better at it.
- 26 Leonard: Thank you.
- 27 Howard: Well I love birthdays, waking up to Mom's special French Toast breakfast, wearing the birthday king crown, playing laser tag with all my friends.
- 28 Penny: Yeah, see, that's what kids should have.
- 29 Howard: Actually that was last year.
- 30 Penny: So you've really never had a birthday party?
- 31 Leonard: No. But it was okay. I mean, when I was little I'd think maybe my parents would change their mind, and surprise me with a party, like this one birthday I came home from my Cello lesson, and I saw a lot of strange cars parked out front, and when I got to the door I could hear people whispering, and I could smell German chocolate cake, which is my favourite.
- 32 Penny: And?

- 33 Leonard: Uh, it turns out my grandfather had died.
- 34 Penny: Oh my God, that's terrible.
- 35 Leonard: Oh, it was kind of like a birthday party. I got to see all my cousins and there was cake, so. . . 7
- 36 Penny: That's the saddest thing I've ever heard.
- 37 Howard: You think? Go ahead, tell her about your senior prom.
- 38 Credits sequence.
- 39 Scene: Leonard is exiting the apartment.
- 40 Howard (voice from inside): Make sure they remember no peanuts.
- 41 Leonard: Howard, every Thai restaurant in town knows you can't eat peanuts. They see me coming they go "ah, no peanut boy!"
- 42 (Leonard exits down stairs. A moment later, Penny peeks out of her apartment, checks the coast is clear, and crosses the hall to the guys apartment. Knocks.)
- 43 Sheldon (answering): Hello Penny. Leonard just left.
- 44 Penny: I know. I want to talk to you.
- 45 Sheldon: What would we talk about? We've no overlapping areas of interest I'm aware of, and you know I don't care for chit-chat.
- 46 Penny: Okay, can you just let me in.
- 47 Sheldon: Well alright, but I don't see this as a promising endeavour.
- 48 Penny: Okay, here's the deal, we are going to throw Leonard a kick-ass surprise party for his birthday on Saturday.
- 49 Sheldon: I hardly think so, Leonard made it very clear he doesn't want a party.
- 50 Howard: Did someone say party?
- 51 Penny: He just doesn't know he wants one because he's never had one.
- 52 Howard: I suppose that's possible, but for the record, I've never had a threesome and yet I still know I want one.
- 53 Penny: Howard, here's the difference. The possibility exists that Leonard could have a birthday party before hell freezes over.
- 54 Howard: Fine. If I do have a threesome, you can't be part of it. I'm just kidding, yes you can. Can you bring a friend?
- 55 Sheldon: I think a birthday party is a terrible idea. I envy Leonard for growing up without that anguish.
- 56 Penny: Anguish?
- 57 Sheldon: Year after year, I had to endure wearing conical hats while being forced into the crowded sweaty hell of bouncy castles, not to mention being blindfolded and spun towards a grotesque tailless donkey as the other children mocked my disorientation.
- 58 Penny: Okay, sweetie, I understand you have scars that no non-professional can heal, but nevertheless we are going to throw Leonard a birthday party.
- 59 Sheldon: Have I pointed out that I am extremely uncomfortable with dancing, loud music and most other forms of alcohol induced frivolity.
- 60 Penny: Nevertheless we are....
- 61 Sheldon: In addition I really don't think that Leonard wants a...
- 62 Penny: Okay, here's the deal, you either help me throw Leonard a birthday

party or, so help me God, I will go into your bedroom and I will unbag all of your most valuable mint condition comic books. And on one of them, you won't know which, I'll draw a tiny happy face in ink.

- 63 Sheldon: You can't do that, if you make a mark on a mint comic book it's no longer mint.
- 64 Penny: Sheldon, do you understand the concept of blackmail?
- 65 Sheldon: Well of course I... oh! Yeah, I have an idea, let's throw Leonard a kick ass birthday party.
- 66 Scene: Howard and Raj sneak up the stairwell carrying presents. Howard knocks on Penny's door, a combination of two knocks, two knocks, one knock. Nothing happens. He tries again. Sheldon opens the door.
- 67 Sheldon: That's not the secret knock. This is the secret knock. (He knocks two, one, two.)
- 68 Howard: What difference does it make?
- 69 Sheldon: The whole point of a secret knock is to establish a non-verbal signal to verify the identity of one's co-conspirators.
- 70 Penny: Is that Raj and Howard?
- 71 Sheldon: Possibly, but unverified.
- 72 Howard: Can you just let us in.
- 73 Sheldon: Luckily for you this is not a nuclear reactor.
- 74 Penny: So, what did you get the birthday boy?
- 75 Howard: Well, Raj got him an awesome limited edition Dark Knight sculpture based on Alex Ross's definitive Batman, and I got him this amazing autographed copy of the Feynman lectures on physics.
- 76 Penny: Nice. I got him a sweater.
- 77 Howard: Okay, well, he might like that, I've seen him... chilly.
- 78 Penny: Uh, Sheldon, I didn't see your present.
- 79 Sheldon: That's because I didn't bring one.
- 80 Penny: Well why not?
- 81 Howard: Don't ask.
- 82 Sheldon: The entire institution of gift giving makes no sense.
- 83 Howard: Too late.
- 84 Sheldon: Let's say that I go out and I spend fifty dollars on you, it's a laborious activity, because I have to imagine what you need, whereas you know what you need. Now I can simplify things, just give you the fifty dollars directly and, you could give me fifty dollars on my birthday, and so on until one of us dies leaving the other one old and fifty dollars richer. And I ask you, is it worth it?
- 85 Howard: Told you not to ask.
- 86 Penny: Well, Sheldon, you're his friend. Friends give each other presents.
- 87 Sheldon: I accept your premise, I reject your conclusion.
- 88 Howard: Try telling him it's a non-optional social convention.
- 89 Penny: What?
- 90 Howard: Just do it.
- 91 Penny: It's a non-optional social convention.
- 92 Sheldon: Oh. Fair enough.

- 93 Howard: He came with a manual.
- 94 Sheldon: Question, how am I going to get Leonard a present before the party? I don't drive, and the only things available within walking distance are a Thai restaurant and a gas station. I suppose I could wrap up an order of mee krob and a couple of lottery scratchers.
- 95 Penny: Okay, let's do this, um, I will drive Sheldon to get a present, and Howard, you need to get rid of Leonard for about two hours.
- 96 Howard: No problem.
- 97 Penny: And then Raj, you bring the stuff across the hall and start setting up.
- 98 Howard (after Raj whispers in his ear): What if guests show up?
- 99 Penny: Entertain them.
- 100 Howard: What if they're women?
- 101 Penny: Stare at them and make them feel uncomfortable.
- 102 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is playing an X-Box game.
- 103 Howard (entering): Hey!
- 104 Leonard: Hey.
- 105 Howard: How's it going?
- 106 Leonard: Fine.
- 107 Howard: So, listen, the New Art is showing the revised definitive cut of Blade Runner.
- 108 Leonard: Seen it.
- 109 Howard: No, you've seen the 25th anniversary final cut. This one has eight seconds of previously unseen footage. They say it completely changes the tone of the film.
- 110 Leonard: Oh. Pass.
- 111 Howard: Come on, afterwards there's a Q A with Harrison Ford's body double.
- 112 Leonard: Look, I am in the Halo battle of my life here, there's this kid in Copenhagen, he has no immune system so all he does is sit in his bubble and play Halo 24/7.
- 113 Howard: Can't you play him some other time?
- 114 Leonard: Not if you believe his doctors.
- 115 Howard: Oh my God, do you smell gas.
- 116 Leonard: No.
- 117 Howard: Yeah, no.
- 118 Scene: An electrical store.
- 119 Penny: Alright, you know they have DVDs over there.
- 120 Sheldon: Yes, but they have DVD burners over here. Leonard needs a DVD burner.
- 121 Penny: Sheldon, a gift shouldn't be something someone needs, it should be something fun, you know, something they wouldn't buy for themselves.
- 122 Sheldon: You mean, like a sweater?
- 123 Penny: Well, it's a fun sweater, it's got a bold geometric print.
- 124 Sheldon: Is it the geometry that makes it fun.
- 125 Penny: Okay, the point is, one of the ways we show we care about people

- is by putting thought and imagination into the gifts we give them.
- 126 Sheldon: Okay, I see, so not a DVD burner.
- 127 Penny: Exactly.
- 128 Sheldon: Something he wouldn't buy for himself. Something fun. Something like... oh, an 802.11n wireless router.
- 129 Scene: The apartment.
- 130 Leonard: Here you go, Copenhagen boy, how about a taste of Hans Christian Hand Grenade. (Raj enters carrying party supplies. Howard waves him away while in the background Leonard is heard saying "oh, that did not feel good.") Come on, come on, oh you clever little.... Come on, come on, take that!
- 131 Howard (picks up a granola bar from the table, breaks off half and puts it in his back pocket.): Oh-oh. (Louder) Oh-oh!
- 132 Leonard: What's the matter?
- 133 Howard: This granola bar, there's peanuts in it.
- 134 Leonard: Oh my God, why did you eat it?
- 135 Howard: I don't know, it was just there.
- 136 Leonard: Well if I had a gun there, would you have shot yourself?
- 137 Howard: Don't yell at me, I've got to go to the emergency room.
- 138 Leonard: Now?
- 139 Howard: No, after my tongue has swollen to the size of a brisket.
- 140 Leonard: Alright, um, just, uh, let me get my keys.
- 141 Howard: Oh God, oh God, oh God, oh.... (into phone after Leonard leaves room) The laundry is out of the hamper. (Looks exasperated) Okay Sheldon, what was it supposed to be? Fine, it's out of the washer. I'll call you when it's in the dryer.
- 142 Leonard (running in): Alright, let's go. (They exit, with Howard making croaking noises.)
- 143 Scene: The store. Sheldon is looking at two routers.
- 144 Sheldon: What do you think.
- 145 Penny (pointing randomly): Um, that one.
- 146 Sheldon: Because of the two additional Ethernet ports.
- 147 Penny: Sure.
- 148 Sheldon: He doesn't need them, he's already got a 640 connect switch
- 149 Penny: Oh, okay then this one.
- 150 Sheldon: Why?
- 151 Penny: I don't know, the man on the box looks so happy.
- 152 Sheldon: Penny! If I'm going to buy Leonard a gift, I'm going to do it right. I refuse to let him experience the same childhood trauma I did.
- 153 Penny: Oh, I know I'm going to regret this but, what trauma?
- 154 Sheldon: On my twelfth birthday I really wanted a titanium centrifuge, so, you know, I could separate radioactive isotopes.
- 155 Penny: Of course.
- 156 Sheldon: Instead of a titanium centrifuge, my parents bought me... wow, this is hard. They got me... a motorised dirt bike.
- 157 Penny: No?

- 158 Sheldon: What twelve year old boy wants a motorised dirt bike?
- 159 Penny: All of them.
- 160 Sheldon: Really?
- 161 Penny: Yeah.
- 162 Sheldon: Huh?
- 163 Penny: Okay, so we're getting this one?
- 164 Sheldon: Yeah, I suppose.
- 165 Penny: Okay, let's go.
- 166 Random woman: Excuse me, do you know anything about this stuff?
- 167 Sheldon: I know everything about this stuff.
- 168 Woman: Okay, I have my own wholesale flower business, and I want to hook up my computer in the front entrance with the one in my refrigerated warehouse.
- 169 Penny: Here, buy this one. Look, it's the one we're getting, see, happy guy available.
- 170 Sheldon: No, no, no, no, she doesn't want that, she needs a point to point peer network with a range extender.
- 171 Woman: Thank you.
- 172 Random guy: Which hard drive do I want, firewire or USB?
- 173 Sheldon: It depends on what Bus you have.
- 174 Guy: I drive a Chevy Cavalier.
- 175 Sheldon: Oh, dear lord.
- 176 Penny: Sheldon, we have to go.
- 177 Sheldon: Not now, Penny, this poor man needs me. (To woman approaching) You hold on, I'll be right with you. What computer do you have, and please don't say a white one?
- 178 Scene: The hospital. Howard runs in and up to the counter.
- 179 Howard: Excuse me.
- 180 Nurse: Fill this out, have a seat.
- 181 Howard: No, listen, see we're throwing my friend a surprise party and I'm supposed to keep him out of his apartment for two hours.
- 182 Nurse: Uh-huh, fill this out and have a seat.
- 183 Howard: No, see, the only way I could get him to leave is to tell him I ate a peanut. Because I'm allergic to peanuts.
- 184 Nurse: Oh, well in that case fill this out and have a seat.
- 185 Howard: Look, all I need from you is to take me in the back and give me a band-aid so I can pretend I had a shot of epinephrine and they you tell my friend you need to keep me under observation for about an hour, hour and a half
- 186 Nurse: Is that all you need?
- 187 Howard: Yes.
- 188 Nurse: Get out of my ER.
- 189 Howard: No, you don't understand.
- 190 Nurse: Oh, I understand, but unfortunately this hospital is not equipped to treat stupid.
- 191 Howard: Okay, I get it, I know how the world works, how about if I were to

- introduce you (holding up a five dollar bill) to the man who freed your people.
- 192 Nurse, unless my people were freed by Benjamin Franklin and his five twin brothers you are wasting your time.
- 193 Leonard (running in): Hey, sorry I couldn't find a parking spot, how are you doing.
- 194 Howard: Bad, very bad.
- 195 Leonard: Really, 'cos you don't look like you're swelling up at all, maybe we should just pick up some benedryl at the drug store and go home.
- 196 Howard: We can't go home.
- 197 Leonard: Why not?
- 198 Howard: Becauth (pretends tongue has swollen up) Becauth-th-th. Brissket, Brissket! Water, need water.
- 199 Leonard: Alright, I'll be right back.
- 200 Howard (into phone): Penny, look, I've got a problem.
- 201 Penny (with Sheldon in background at the head of a large queue of customers): Yeah, well so do I, look you've got to stall Leonard a little longer.
- 202 Howard: I don't think I can.
- 203 Penny: You have to, we all have to be there at the same time to yell "surprise!"
- 204 Howard: Okay, you have to understand something, we're in a hospital right now.
- 205 Penny: Why, is Leonard okay.
- 206 Howard: Leonard's fine. I'm fine, thanks for asking, by the way.
- 207 Penny: Okay, I don't need your attitude, just hold him there a little longer.
- 208 Howard: Look, I've done my best but he wants to go home and I don't know how to stop him.
- 209 Penny: Okay, how about this. You keep him there a little longer and when you get to the party I'll point out which of my friends are easy.
- 210 Howard: Don't toy with me, woman.
- 211 Penny: I've got a hot former fat girl with no self-esteem, I've got a girl who punishes her father by sleeping around and an alcoholic who's two tequila shots away from letting you wear her like a hat.
- 212 Howard: Thy will be done. (Thinks. Reaches into back pocket, finds the half a granola bar from earlier. Looks down.) I'm doing this for you, little buddy. (Takes a bite.)
- 213 Scene: The store. Sheldon is on the in-store computer.
- 214 Sheldon: Okay, we don't have that in stock, but I can special order it for you.
- 215 Penny (with shop assistant, points at Sheldon): Him.
- 216 Assistant: Excuse me, sir, you don't work here.
- 217 Sheldon: Yes, well, apparently neither does anyone else.
- 218 Penny: Sheldon, we have to go.
- 219 Sheldon: Why?
- 220 Penny: Well, for one thing, we're late for Leonard's birthday party. And for another, I told him to call security.
- 221 Sheldon (to customer): Good luck. (To assistant) By the way, a six year-

- old could hack your computer system.
- 222 Penny: Keep walking.
- 223 Sheldon: Yeah, 1-2-3-4 is not a secure password.
- 224 Scene: The hospital.
- 225 Leonard: Excuse me, my friend is having an allergic reaction to peanuts.
- 226 Nurse: No he's not.
- 227 Leonard: Yes he is.
- 228 Nurse: Look, sir we are very busy here and I just don't... (sees Leonard whose face has swollen all over) holy crap!
- 229 Howard: Pees hep me!
- 230 Nurse: Code 4, I need a gurney, right away, right away.
- 231 Howard: Fank-u.
- 232 Scene: The stairwell.
- 233 Leonard: Say what you will about the healthcare system in this country, but when they're afraid of lawsuits they sure test everything.
- 234 Howard: I really don't think the colonoscopy was necessary.
- 235 Leonard: You know, before you got all swollen up, I actually thought you were trying to keep me out of the apartment so you could throw me a surprise party.
- 236 Howard: Oh, right, it's your birthday, I had no idea it was your birthday, I completely forgot, wow, what a lousy way to spend a birthday, well it's all over now.
- 237 Leonard: There is a party, isn't there.
- 238 Howard: Maybe.
- 239 Leonard: Howard.
- 240 Howard: Are you mad?
- 241 Leonard: how could I be mad? You actually risked your life because you cared about me.
- 242 Howard: Yeah, that's why I did it.
- 243 Leonard: Alright. Here we go. My first birthday party.
- 244 (Opens door. Raj is drunkenly singing True Colors very badly into a microphone with his shirt off and a bandana round his head while waving a beer bottle. Penny and Sheldon are asleep on the couch and armchair respectively.)
- 245 Raj: Dude! Everybody left an hour ago! Surprise!
- 246 Time shift. View of a mobile phone video screen. Raj has a woman sitting on his shoulders.
- 247 Raj: Okay Leonard, here I am at your birthday party, I don't know where you are dude, but it's really kick-ass. Everyone is very very drunk, and uh... (girl pours booze into his mouth) Oh look, there's a girl taking her shirt off.
- 248 Penny: That's my friend Carol. Remind me, I've got to introduce her to Howard.
- 249 Raj: Oh sweet Krishna, shake it, that-a rupee maker.
- 250 Penny: I'm so sorry you didn't get your party.
- 251 Leonard: Oh, it's okay.
- 252 Penny: Happy birthday anyways. (She kisses him full on the lips.)
- 253 Leonard: Hey Penny, when, uh, when's your birthday?

## 1.17 Episode 17: The Tangerine Factor

- 1 Scene: The apartment living room
- 2 Sheldon: Wo de zhing shi Sheldon.
- 3 Howard: No, it's Wo de ming zi shi Sheldon. (Makes a hand movement with every syllable.)
- 4 Sheldon: Wo de ming zi shi Sheldon. (Copies hand movements.)
- 5 Howard: What's this? (Repeats hand movements.)
- 6 Sheldon: That's what you did. I assumed as in a number of languages that the gesture was part of the phrase.
- 7 Howard: Well it's not.
- 8 Sheldon: How am I supposed to know that? As the teacher it's your obligation to separate your personal idiosyncrasies from the subject matter.
- 9 Howard: You know, I'm really glad you decided to learn Mandarin.
- 10 Sheldon: Why?
- 11 Howard: Once you're fluent you'll have a billion more people to annoy instead of me.
- 12 Leonard (entering): Hey!
- 13 Sheldon: Mai du lui tsa.
- 14 Howard: You just called Leonard a syphilitic donkey.
- 15 Sheldon: My apologies Leonard, I'm only as good as my teacher.
- 16 Leonard: Why are you learning Chinese?
- 17 Sheldon: I believe the Szechuan Palace has been passing off orange chicken as tangerine chicken and I intend to confront them.
- 18 Leonard: If I were you, I'd be more concerned by what they're passing off as chicken.
- 19 Penny (storming in): I need to use your window.
- 20 Leonard: Oh, yeah, no, sure, go ahead.
- 21 Penny (opening window): Hey Jerkface, you forgot your iPod! (Throws it out.)
- 22 Leonard: What's going on?
- 23 Penny: Oh, I'll tell you what's going on, that stupid self-centred b\*st\*rd wrote about our s\*x life in his blog. (Out of window) Drop dead, you stupid self-centred b\*st\*rd! (To Leonard) Thank you. (exit)
- 24 Sheldon: Okay, where were we?
- 25 Howard: Not now, I have a blog to find.
- 26 (Credits sequence)
- 27 Scene: Leonard approaches Penny's door and knocks.
- 28 Leonard: Penny, are you okay?
- 29 Penny (voice off): I'm fine, Leonard, just go away.
- 30 Leonard: Look, I understand that breaking up with someone can be very painful....
- 31 Penny: GO AWAY!
- 32 Leonard: Okay, feel better, by e. (Goes back to apartment) She doesn't want to talk.
- 33 Sheldon: Not surprising. Penny's emotional responses originate from the

primitive portion of the brain known as the Amygdala, while speech is centred in the much more recently developed Neocortex. The former can easily overpower the latter giving scientific credence to the notion of being rendered speechless. (Leonard stares at him.) Or maybe she just doesn't want to talk.

- 34 Raj (entering): Hey, look, I found an iPod.
- 35 Howard: It's smashed beyond repair, what are you going to do with it?
- 36 Raj: What else? Sell it on ebay as slightly used.
- 37 Leonard: It was Penny's boyfriend's, they broke up.
- 38 Howard: Apparently he posted intimate details of their physical relationship on his blog, which I cannot find anywhere.
- 39 Leonard: You know what, I'm going to go back and try talking to her again.
- 40 Howard: Good idea. Sit with her, hold her, comfort her, and if the moment feels right, see if you can cop a feel.
- 41 Leonard: I'm not going to do that, Howard.
- 42 Sheldon: I'm not aware of any social convention that requires you to intervene at all.
- 43 Leonard: What about "damsel in distress?"
- 44 Sheldon: Twelfth century code of chivalry, not exactly current. You'd also have to be knighted for that to apply.
- 45 Leonard: I don't care. She's upset, I'm going over there.
- 46 Howard: Remember to sit on your hands a bit so they're warm.
- 47 Leonard: I'm her friend, I'm not going to take advantage of her vulnerability.
- 48 Howard: What, so you're saying that if in the depths of despair she throws herself at you and demands you take her, right there, right now, you'll just walk away?
- 49 Leonard: I said I'm her friend. Not her gay friend.
- 50 Scene: Penny's flat. Penny is eating ice cream from the tub.
- 51 Leonard (knocking and entering): Hey, listen, I know you said that you didn't want to talk. . .
- 52 Penny: I don't.
- 53 Leonard (leaving): Sorry.
- 54 Penny: Wait.
- 55 Leonard: Wait, did you say wait?
- 56 Penny: Tell me the truth. Am I just an idiot who picks giant losers?
- 57 Leonard: No. No.
- 58 Penny: Okay, so I pick good guys, but turn them into losers.
- 59 Leonard: Of course not.
- 60 Penny: Well, it's got to be one or the other, which is it?
- 61 Leonard: I'm sorry, what were the choices again?
- 62 Penny: I really thought Mike was different, I thought he was sensitive and smart. I mean, not you smart, normal non-freaky smart.
- 63 Leonard: Yeah, no, sure.
- 64 Penny: You know, and then he just goes and has to humiliate me by writing about me on his blog so the entire world can read it.
- 65 Leonard: Actually it's not all that easy to find.

- 66 Penny: Yeah, really, well my friends at work found it, my sister found it, judging by my email a number of prisoners at the Michigan State Penitentiary found it.
- 67 Leonard: Okay, well, what exactly did this guy write, not that I need to know the details of your s\*x life, I just thought.... never mind.
- 68 Penny: Nope, you know what, you might as well read it, everybody else has, go ahead. Oh God, I just feel so betrayed and embarrassed. I just want to crawl into a hole and die.
- 69 Leonard: Okay, well, you know, this isn't that bad. It just paints the picture of a very affectionate woman who's open to expressing her affection in non traditional locales.
- 70 Penny: Oh God!
- 71 Leonard: Elevators, parks, movie theatres, out of curiosity, is this subway the transportation system or subway the sandwich shop?
- 72 Penny: Sandwich shop.
- 73 Leonard: Doesn't that violate the health code?
- 74 Penny: No, at the sub shop we were only making out.
- 75 Leonard: Huh. Okay. But my point is that you have absolutely no reason to be embarrassed.
- 76 Penny: Really, do you think I overreacted?
- 77 Leonard: Maybe a little.
- 78 Penny: 'Cause I do that, I do overreact. Maybe I should call Mike and apologise.
- 79 Leonard: No. No, no, that, that would be underreacting. He did break the implied confidentiality of the bedroom and, in your case, the elevator, parks and fast food franchise.
- 80 Penny: Yes. You're right. I should just say I'm done with him.
- 81 Leonard: Yes, you should, go ahead, say it.
- 82 Penny: But I never gave the man a chance to explain.
- 83 Leonard: What is there to explain, it's all right here, it's a betrayal.
- 84 Penny: No, you were right the first time, this is a man who loves me, but in his own stupid way he was just trying to show people how he feels.
- 85 Leonard: I'm pretty sure I never said that.
- 86 Penny: No, you did better than that, you helped me see it on my own.
- 87 Leonard: Aw, good for me. Where are you going?
- 88 Penny: I'm going over to Mike's. Leonard, thank you so much.
- 89 Leonard: Oh, sure. Huh, maybe I am her gay friend.
- 90 Scene: The apartment. The guys are playing a board game and eating Chinese food.
- 91 Sheldon: Howard, I'm going to need another Mandarin lesson. I obviously didn't make my point with those people.
- 92 Howard: For God's sake, Sheldon, if you don't like the tangerine chicken, don't order the tangerine chicken.
- 93 Sheldon: I like tangerine chicken, I'm not getting tangerine chicken.
- 94 Leonard: Can we please change the subject.
- 95 Raj: Sure. Tell us again how you screwed up and got Penny back together

- with her old boyfriend.
- 96 Leonard: Just roll the dice.
- 97 Raj (rolls and moves): Enslaved by warlocks, stay here till you roll 2, 4 or  $6\dots 7$
- 98 Leonard: She was mad at him. She was done with him, the relationship was broken beyond repair and I walked over there and I fixed it!
- 99 Howard: Boy, that story gets better every time you hear it.
- 100 Sheldon: Actually, I thought the first two renditions were far more compelling. Previously I felt sympathy for the Leonard character, now I just find him to be whiny and annoying.
- 101 Leonard: Just eat your tangerine chicken.
- 102 Sheldon: I'd love to, but I don't have tangerine chicken.
- 103 Penny (storming in): Thank you so much for your stupid advice. (Slams door again.)
- 104 Raj: Incredible. You managed to screw up the screw-up.
- 105 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 106 Leonard (knocking and entering): I'm back.
- 107 Penny: I'm sorry I yelled at you. It's not your fault.
- 108 Leonard: What happened?
- 109 Penny: Well, I went over to Mike's to make up with him.
- 110 Leonard: Yeah, I know, I know that part.
- 111 Penny: But he had already moved on.
- 112 Leonard: Already, that was quick.
- 113 Penny: That's what I said to the woman who had her legs wrapped around his neck.
- 114 Leonard: Oh, Penny, I am so sorry.
- 115 Penny: How could he do that.
- 116 Leonard: Oh, well, you know, you did throw an 8 gig iPod... yeah, no, how could he do that.
- 117 Penny: I swear to God, I am done with guys like that. You know, macho, with the perfect body and the hair, and the money.
- 118 Leonard: Yeah, that must get old quick.
- 119 Penny: You know, just once, I would like to go out with someone who is nice, and honest, and who actually cares about me.
- 120 Leonard: What about me?
- 121 Penny: What about you what?
- 122 Leonard: What about if you went out with me?
- 123 Penny: Are you asking me out?
- 124 Leonard: Um... yes... I am... asking you out.
- 125 Penny: Wow.
- 126 Leonard: I was just going off your comment about the nice guy...
- 127 Penny: No, I know, I got that. Yeah, totally.
- 128 Leonard (continuing through Penny): . . . thing and honest but, it's no big deal. . .
- 129 Penny: Yes.
- 130 Leonard: Yes what?

- 131 Penny: Yes, I will go out with you.
- 132 Leonard: Really?
- 133 Penny: Yeah. Why not, I mean, what do I have to lose?
- 134 Leonard: Yeah. That's the spirit.
- 135 Scene: The lobby. Sheldon is listening to an iPod.
- 136 Sheldon: Show me your citrus peels. Gei wo kan, ni jud di zi pei. Show me your citrus peels. Gei wo kan, ni jud di zi pei. Show me your...
- 137 Penny (tapping him on the shoulder): Sheldon.
- 138 Sheldon (jumping in panic): Aieee ya! Xia si wo le.
- 139 Penny: I'm sorry. Look, do you have a second.
- 140 Sheldon: A second what? Pair of underwear?
- 141 Penny: I was just wondering if I could talk to you? It's about Leonard.
- 142 Sheldon: Why me? Why not Koothrappali or Wolowitz?
- 143 Penny: Well, Raj can't talk to me unless he's drunk, and Wolowitz is, you know, disgusting.
- 144 Sheldon: Yes, I suppose he is.
- 145 Penny: All I'm saying is, you know Leonard the best.
- 146 Sheldon: Not necessarily. I'm often surprised by my lack of familiarity with Leonard. Just the other day I discovered, he not only has a loofah, he hides it. Why do you suppose a man would be ashamed of having a loofah? I myself prefer to have my excess epithelial cells slough off naturally, but I don't condemn those who seek to accelerate the process. (Time shift) And until recently I had no idea that despite his lactose intolerance, he can tolerate small amounts of non-fat ice cream without producing a noxious gas that I maintain in the right concentration could be weaponised. (Begins to unlock apartment door.)
- 147 Penny: Leonard might come home, can we talk in my apartment.
- 148 Sheldon: We're not done?
- 149 Penny: No.
- 150 Sheldon: Ach, why not? We're already through the looking glass anyway.
- 151 Penny: Okay, so, here's the thing. I guess you're aware that Leonard asked me out.
- 152 Sheldon: Well, he didn't actually say anything, but when he came back to the apartment he was doing a dance that brought to mind the happy hippos in Fantasia.
- 153 Penny: Oh, that's nice. Anyhow, the thing I wanted to talk to you about is, you know, since Leonard and I have become friends, I was just... want to sit down?
- 154 Sheldon: Oh, I wish it were that simple. You see, I don't spend much time here and so I've never really chosen a place to sit.
- 155 Penny: Well, choose.
- 156 Sheldon: There are a number of options and, I'm really not familiar enough with the cushion densities, air flow patterns and dispersion of sunlight to make an informed choice.
- 157 Penny: Alright, why don't you just pick one at random, and then if you don't like it you can sit somewhere else next time.

- 158 Sheldon: No, no, that's crazy. You go ahead and talk while I figure it out.
- 159 Penny: Okay. Um, here's the thing. So, I've known for a while now that Leonard has had a little crush on me. . .
- 160 Sheldon: A little crush? Well I suppose so, in the same way Menelaus had a little crush on Helen of Troy.
- 161 Penny: Alright, yeah, I don't really know who they are...
- 162 Sheldon: Well Menelaus was the brother of Agamemnon...
- 163 Penny: Yeah, I don't care, I don't care. The point is Leonard isn't the kind of guy I usually go out with.
- 164 Sheldon: Leonard isn't the kind of guy anyone usually goes out with. Would you be open to rotating the couch clockwise thirty degrees?
- 165 Penny: No. What I'm saying is, Leonard might be different in a good way. Obviously my usual choices have not worked out so well.
- 166 Sheldon: The last one worked out well for Koothrappali. He got a free iPod. Oh, glare!
- 167 Penny: But on the other hand, if things don't go well with Leonard, I risk losing a really good friend. I mean, I guess he's not looking for a fling, he's the kind of guy that gets into a relationship for, I don't know, like you would say light years.
- 168 Sheldon: I would not say that. No-one would say that, a light year is a unit of distance, not time.
- 169 Penny: Thank you for the clarification.
- 170 Sheldon: Draft. You see people hear the word year and they think duration. Foot pound has the same problem, that's a unit of work, not of weight.
- 171 Penny: Right, thanks.
- 172 Sheldon: It's a common mistake.
- 173 Penny: Not the first one I've made today.
- 174 Sheldon: Okay. I think this will be my seat.
- 175 Penny: Sheldon, do you have anything to say that has anything to do with, you know, what I'm talking about.
- 176 Sheldon: Well, let's see. We might consider Schrodinger's Cat.
- 177 Penny: Schrodinger? Is that the woman in 2A?
- 178 Sheldon: No. That's Mrs Grossinger. And she doesn't have a cat, she has a Mexican hairless, annoying little animal, yip yip yip yip...
- 179 Penny: Sheldon!
- 180 Sheldon: Sorry, you diverted me. Anyway, in 1935, Erwin Schrodinger, in an attempt to explain the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum physics, he proposed an experiment where a cat is placed in a box with a sealed vial of poison that will break open at a random time. Now, since no-one knows when or if the poison has been released, until the box is opened, the cat can be thought of as both alive and dead.
- 181 Penny: I'm sorry, I don't get the point.
- 182 Sheldon: Well of course you don't get it, I haven't made it yet. You'd have to be psychic to get it, and there's no such thing as psychic.
- 183 Penny: Sheldon, what's the point?
- 184 Sheldon: Just like Schrodinger's Cat, your potential relationship with

Leonard right now can be thought of as both good and bad. It is only by opening the box that you'll find out which it is.

- 185 Penny: Okay, so you're saying I should go out with Leonard.
- 186 Sheldon: No, no, no, no, no, no. Let me start again. In 1935, Erwin Schrodinger. . .
- 187 Scene: The University cafeteria.
- 188 Leonard (pointing): Two seats right there.
- 189 Sheldon (to two oriental-looking people occupying the other seats): Chong sho sha pwe. (Caption translates to "Long Live Concrete".) Xie xie. (Thank you)
- 190 Leonard: Sheldon, I think I've made a mistake.
- 191 Sheldon: I can see that. Unless you're planning on running a marathon, choosing both stuffing and mashed potatoes is a starch filled redundancy.
- 192 Leonard: No, it's about Penny.
- 193 Sheldon: A mistake involving Penny? Okay, you'll have to narrow it down.
- 194 Leonard: I don't think I can go out with her tonight.
- 195 Sheldon: Then don't.
- 196 Leonard: Other people would say "why not?"
- 197 Sheldon: Other people might be interested.
- 198 Leonard: I'm going to talk anyway.
- 199 Sheldon: I assumed you would.
- 200 Leonard: Now that I'm actually about to go out with Penny, I'm not excited, I'm nauseous.
- 201 Sheldon: Ah, then your meal choice is appropriate. Starch absorbs fluid which reduces the amount of vomit available for violent expulsion.
- 202 Leonard: Right.
- 203 Sheldon: You also made a common grammatical mistake, you said nauseous when you meant nauseated. But go on.
- 204 Leonard: Sheldon, this date is probably my one chance with Penny, what happens if I blow it.
- 205 Sheldon: Well, if we accept your premise, and also accept the highly improbable assumption that Penny is the only woman in the world for you then we can logically conclude that the result of blowing it would be that you end up a lonely, bitter old man with no progeny. The image of any number of evil lighthouse keepers from Scooby Doo cartoons comes to mind.
- 206 Leonard: You're not helping.
- 207 Sheldon: Alright, what response on my part would bring this conversation to a speedy conclusion?
- 208 Leonard: Tell me whether or not to go through with the date.
- 209 Sheldon: Schrodinger's Cat.
- 210 Leonard: Wow, that's brilliant.
- 211 Sheldon: You sound surprised. Mmm, hou zi shui zai li du. (Your monkey sleeps inside me.)
- 212 Scene: Leonard approaches Penny's door. He is wearing a suit. He knocks. Penny answers.
- 213 Penny: Hi.

- 214 Leonard: Hi.
- 215 Penny: come on in.
- 216 Leonard: Thank you. You look very nice.
- 217 Penny: Thank you. So do you.
- 218 Leonard: I made an eight o'clock reservation.
- 219 Penny: Okay, great, listen, um, maybe we should talk first.
- 220 Leonard: Oh. Okay. But before you say anything, have you ever heard of Schrodinger's Cat?
- 221 Penny: Actually, I've heard far too much about Schrodinger's Cat.
- 222 Leonard: Good. (He grabs her and kisses her.)
- 223 Penny: Alright, the cat's alive, let's go to dinner.
- 224 Scene: The Szechuan Palace.
- 225 Sheldon (in Mandarin): Show me your mucus! Your mucus!
- 226 Owner (in Mandarin): Blow your own nose and go away.
- 227 Sheldon (in Mandarin): This is not a tangerine bicycle.
- 228 Owner (in English): Crazy man. Call the police.
- 229 Sheldon (in Mandarin): No. Don't call the library. Show me your mucus. (Leonard and Penny are seen entering, and then leaving again quickly.) Oxen are in my bed! Many, many oxen! Oy Vey!

# 2 The Big Bang Theory Season 02

# 2.1 Episode 01: The Bad Fish Paradigm

- 1 Scene: The stairwell.
- 2 Leonard: So you see, what you're eating is not technically yoghurt, because it doesn't have enough live acidophilus cultures. It's really just iced milk with carragenin added for thickness.
- 3 Penny: Oh, that's very interesting.
- 4 Leonard: It's also not pink and has no berries.
- 5 Penny: Yeah, but it doesn't really answer my question.
- 6 Leonard: What was your question again?
- 7 Penny: Do you want some.
- 8 Leonard: Oh, right, no, I'm lactose intolerant.
- 9 Penny: Right.
- 10 Leonard: So, gas.
- 11 Penny: Got it.
- 12 Leonard: Well, good night. (They kiss. Camera cuts away to a wall mounted security cam above the lift. Leonard spots its movement and shuffles Penny away.)
- 13 Penny: What are you doing?
- 14 Leonard: There was a draft.
- 15 Penny: I didn't feel a draft.
- 16 Leonard: Why don't we just go into your....
- 17 Penny: Oh, yeah, you know what, maybe we should just slow things down

- a little.
- 18 Leonard: No, no, I didn't mean to go into your apartment to... go fast.
- 19 Penny: No, I know, I... I know what you meant, it's just... it's only our first date.
- 20 Leonard: Yeah, okay, sure, no problem, why don't we just figure out where we're going, and when we want to get there, and then rate of speed equals distance over time. Solve for R.
- 21 Penny: Or we could just wing it.
- 22 Leonard: That might work too.
- 23 Penny: Goodnight Leonard.
- 24 Leonard: Goodnight. (He throws the camera a dirty look.)
- 25 Cut to inside the apartment.
- 26 Raj: He's coming. Screen saver.
- 27 Howard: Oh, hey, Leonard, how was your date?
- 28 Leonard: Bite me. Sheldon, how could you just sit there and let them spy on me?
- 29 Sheldon: They were clever, Leonard. They exploited my complete lack of interest in what you were doing.
- 30 Howard: You should thank us. When future generations try to determine why your relationship with Penny crashed and burned, this right here is the black box.
- 31 Leonard: What are you talking about, the date went fine.
- 32 Raj: Dude, she said she wants to slow things down.
- 33 Leonard: Okay, so, she said she wants to slow things down. It's like saying "I'm really enjoying this meal, I'm going to slow down and savour it."
- 34 Howard: No, it's like "this fish tastes bad, so I'm going to slow down and spit it out."
- 35 Raj: You being the fish.
- 36 Leonard: I'm not the fish.
- 37 Howard: Oh really, did you make a second date.
- 38 Leonard: Well, we sort of decided to wing it.
- 39 Sheldon: Oh, even I know that's lame.
- 40 Leonard: Okay, alright, let's assume your hypothesis. We went to dinner, we talked, we laughed, we kissed, where could I have possibly gone wrong.
- 41 Howard: Think back, Leonard, the littlest things can set women off. Like, hey, the waitress is hot, I bet we could get her to come home with us. Or, how much does your mom weigh, I want to know what I'm getting into.
- 42 Leonard: I didn't say anything like that.
- 43 Howard: Good, 'cos they don't work.
- 44 Raj: They also don't care for it if you stare at them and hyperventilate. Sadly, that's my home run swing.
- 45 Leonard: Look, everything went fine. I didn't even have to refer to my impromptu conversation starters. The woman across the hall is into me.
- 46 Howard: Let's go to the tape. Look at her reaction to the goodnight kiss, no change in respiration, pupils un-dilated, no flushing of the chest.
- 47 Raj: Nice close up, by the way.

- 48 Sheldon: Interesting, her jaws are clenched, no tongue access, clearly a bad sign amongst mating humans.
- 49 Leonard: That's not a bad sign.
- 50 Sheldon: Please, you might as well have been two iguana with no dewlap enlargement.
- 51 Raj: And the worst sign of all is, you're here and not there.
- 52 Leonard: I'm not there because I'm taking things slow. Which, by the way, compared to you guys approaches warp speed. And take down that camera.
- 53 Raj: He was a lot more fun when he had no hope.
- 54 Howard: Give him time.
- 55 Credits sequence
- 56 Scene: The laundry room. Sheldon is folding shirts.
- 57 Penny (entering): Hi.
- 58 Sheldon: Oh, hi Penny. FYI, the hot water is inadequate on machine 2 so colours only, and 4 is still releasing the fabric softener too early in the cycle so I'd avoid using that for your delicates.
- 59 Penny (tipping all her laundry into one machine at once): Thanks.
- 60 Sheldon: Oh, good Lord. Why don't you just take your clothes down to the river and beat them with a rock?
- 61 Penny: Sheldon, may I ask you a question?
- 62 Sheldon: I would prefer that you not, but I won't go so far as to forbid it.
- 63 Penny: Alright, I heard yes, so... okay, here's my question, has Leonard ever dated, you know, a regular girl.
- 64 Sheldon: Well I assume you're not referring to digestive regularity? Because I've come to learn that such inquiries are inappropriate.
- 65 Penny: No, I meant has he ever been involved with someone who wasn't a braniac?
- 66 Sheldon: Oh. Well, a few years ago he did go out with a woman who had a PhD in French Literature.
- 67 Penny: How is that not a braniac?
- 68 Sheldon: Well, for one thing, she was French. For another, it was literature.
- 69 Penny: So, do you think that if Leonard and I keep dating he'll eventually get bored with me.
- 70 Sheldon: That depends.
- 71 Penny: On what?
- 72 Sheldon: Do you have a working knowledge of quantum physics?
- 73 Penny: No.
- 74 Sheldon: Do you speak Klingon?
- 75 Penny: No.
- 76 Sheldon: Do you know any card tricks?
- 77 Penny: Okay, okay, you know, I get it, Leonard has no business being involved with a waitress slash actress who felt so insecure that she lied to him about finishing community college.
- 78 Sheldon: Why would you lie about that?
- 79 Penny: Well, he was going on and on about this college and that grad school and I didn't want him to think I was some stupid loser.

- 80 Sheldon: You thought the opposite of stupid loser was community college graduate?
- 81 Penny: You know, there are a lot of successful people in this country who are community college graduates.
- 82 Sheldon: Yeah, but you were neither.
- 83 Penny: Right, okay look, this is between you and me, you cannot tell Leonard any of this.
- 84 Sheldon: You're asking me to keep a secret?
- 85 Penny: Yeah.
- 86 Sheldon: Well I'm sorry, but you would have had to express that desire before revealing the secret, so that I could choose whether or not I wanted to accept the covenant of secret keeping. You can't impose a secret on an expost facto basis.
- 87 Penny: What?
- 88 Sheldon: Secret keeping is a complicated endeavour. One has to be concerned not only about what one says, but about facial expression, autonomic reflexes, when I try to deceive, I myself have more nervous tics than a lyme disease research facility. (Long pause.) It's a joke. It relies on the hominymic relationship between tick the blood-sucking arachnid, and tic the involuntary muscular contraction. I made it up myself.
- 89 Penny: Okay, look, if Leonard finds out that I lied, I will absolutely die of embarrassment.
- 90 Sheldon: Physiologically impossible.
- 91 Penny: Oh Sheldon, please, look, I'm asking you as a friend.
- 92 Sheldon: So you're saying that friendship contains within it an inherent obligation to maintain confidences?
- 93 Penny: Well, yeah.
- 94 Sheldon: Interesting. See, one more question, and perhaps I should have led with this, when did we become friends?
- 95 Scene: The stairwell.
- 96 Sheldon: I.e, I couldn't become Green Lantern unless I was chosen by the guardians of Oa, but given enough start-up capital and an adequate research facility, I could be Batman.
- 97 Leonard: You could be Batman?
- 98 Sheldon: Sure. (In a gravelly voice) I'm Batman. See.
- 99 Penny (arriving): Hi guys.
- 100 Leonard: Hey.
- 101 Sheldon (looking the other way uncomfortably): Hi Penny.
- 102 Leonard: Hey, Penny, if you're not doing anything Friday night I thought maybe we could go and see a movie.
- 103 Penny: Oh, um, you know, I think I have the dinner shift on Friday.
- 104 Leonard: What about Saturday?
- 105 Penny: You know, I'm not sure, the manager hasn't posted the schedule yet, how about I let you know.
- 106 Leonard: Great. So you just let me know when you know. So... (she leaves) Oh God, I am the bad fish! What did I do wrong?

- 107 Sheldon: Why are you asking me, I have no information about your interactions with Penny other than what you provided me, nor do I have any method of learning such things. (Runs away.)
- 108 Leonard (chasing him): What does that mean?
- 109 Sheldon: Nothing. You seem to be implying an informational back channel between me and Penny where obviously none exists.
- 110 Leonard: No I didn't.
- 111 Sheldon: I just think you need to be careful how you phrase things, sir.
- 112 Leonard: What's going on with you?
- 113 Sheldon: Well I might ask you the same question. Why do you insist on attempting to drag me into matters which have nothing to do with me? But exist between you and Penny. A person to whom I barely speak. (His eye begins to twitch.)
- 114 Leonard: What's wrong with your face?
- 115 Sheldon: There's no reason to bring my looks into this. Good day, Leonard.
- 116 Leonard: What?
- 117 Sheldon: I said Good Day! (He leaves)
- 118 Leonard: Good day?
- 119 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 120 Penny: Also today we have a fresh caught Alaska salmon, and that's served with a teriyaki glaze and sticky rice. Our soup of the day...
- 121 Sheldon (appearing behind her): You must release me from my oath.
- 122 Penny: Sheldon, I'm working.
- 123 Sheldon: Why don't you take a minute to decide (leads her away)I can't keep your secret Penny. I'm going to fold like an energy based anobo protein in conformational space. Like a renaissance triptych. Like a cheap suit.
- 124 Penny: Oh, look, why is it so hard for you to keep one little secret?
- 125 Sheldon: I'm constitutionally incapable. That's why I was refused clearance for a very prestigious government research fellowship at a secret military supercollider, located beneath a fake agricultural station 12.5 miles south east of Travers City, Michigan. Which you did not hear about from me.
- 126 Penny: Look, just forget I told you about me not graduating from community college. Okay?
- 127 Sheldon: Forget! You want me to forget? This mind does not forget. I haven't forgotten a single thing since the day my mother stopped breast feeding me. It was a drizzly Tuesday.
- 128 Penny: Okay, look, you promised me you would keep my secret so you're just going to have to figure out a way to do it.
- 129 Scene: The apartment.
- 130 Sheldon (entering): Leonard, I'm moving out.
- 131 Leonard: What do you mean, you're moving out? Why?
- 132 Sheldon: There doesn't have to be a reason.
- 133 Leonard: Yeah, there kind of does.
- 134 Sheldon: Not necessarily. This is a classic example of munchausen's trilemma. Either the reason is predicated on a series of sub-reasons leading to an infinite regression, or it tracks back to arbitrary axiomatic statements, or it's

ultimately circular, i.e., I'm moving out because I'm moving out.

- 135 Leonard: I'm still confused.
- 136 Sheldon: Leonard, I don't see how I could have made it any simpler.
- 137 Howard (entering): Hey, qu'est q'wass up?
- 138 Raj: We just got back from that exhibit of those plasticised human cadavers.
- 139 Howard: And some of those skinless chicks were hot.
- 140 Sheldon: If you'll excuse me, I'm going to pack.
- 141 Howard: That's kind of an overreaction to a little harmless necrophilia.
- 142 Leonard: It's not you, Howard, he says he's moving out.
- 143 Raj: What did you do? Did you change the contrast or brightness settings on the television?
- 144 Leonard: No.
- 145 Raj: Did you take a band aid off in front of him?
- 146 Leonard: No.
- 147 Howard: Did you buy generic ketchup, forget to rinse the sink, talk to him through the bathroom door?
- 148 Raj: Adjust the thermostat, cook with cilantro, pronounce the T in often?
- 149 Leonard: No.
- 150 Howard: Did you make fun of trains?
- 151 Leonard: I didn't do anything, he's just gone insane.
- 152 Raj: Well, we all knew this day was coming.
- 153 Leonard: That was fast.
- 154 Sheldon: It's my pre-packed disaster evacuation bag. Recommended by the department of homeland security. And Sarah Connor.
- 155 Leonard: Where are you gonna live?
- 156 Sheldon: Until I find a permanent place I will stay with friends.
- 157 Howard: Bye (runs out.)
- 158 Raj: Well you can't stay with me, I have a teeny tiny apartment.
- 159 Sheldon: Excuse me, but isn't hosting guests an aspect of Menushya Yajna, one of the five central religious duties or sacrifices of the Hindu householder?
- 160 Raj: I hate trains.
- 161 Sheldon: Don't be ridiculous, you love trains.
- 162 Raj: Yes I do, come on. See you later Leonard. (Sheldon drops keys in bowl and leaves without a word.)
- 163 Leonard: This could work.
- 164 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 165 Sheldon: This is a very old building.
- 166 Raj: Sixty years. Used to be a watch factory.
- 167 Sheldon: Uh-oh.
- 168 Raj: What?
- 169 Sheldon: Don't you worry about the residual radium from the luminous dials?
- 170 Raj: Not until now.
- 171 Sheldon: I can't believe I didn't bring my gieger counter. You know, I had it on my bed and I didn't pack it.

- 172 Raj: Well, if you're not comfortable staying here, Sheldon...
- 173 Sheldon: I'm kidding, I packed it. It was a joke, I was subverting the conversational expectations. I believe they call that the, um, old switcheroo.
- 174 Raj: Terrific.
- 175 Sheldon (referring to Bollywood singing on television): Is that woman Aishwarya Rai?
- 176 Raj: Yes, isn't she an amazing actress.
- 177 Sheldon: Actually, I'd say she's a poor man's Madhuri Dixit.
- 178 Raj: How dare you. Aishwarya Rai is a Goddess. By comparison Madhuri Dixit is a leprous prostitute.
- 179 Sheldon: Sorry, I didn't mean to offend you. Obviously you're not that familiar with Indian cinema.
- 180 Scene: Howard's house. The door rings.
- 181 Howard: Who is it?
- 182 Voice: Strippergram. (Howard opens door. Outside are Raj and Sheldon.)
- 183 Raj: Tag. You're it. (Runs away.)
- 184 Howard: Shouldn't you have put him in a brown paper bag and set him on fire?
- 185 Scene: Howard's bedroom. Howard is in bed, Sheldon is on a blow up mattress on the floor.
- 186 Sheldon: I've never slept on an air mattress before. No lumbar support whatsoever.
- 187 Howard: Maybe you'd be happier on a park bench?
- 188 Sheldon: I don't see any way to get a park bench in here.
- 189 Howard: Do you want to switch?
- 190 Sheldon: No, that's fine. I'm perfectly comfortable sleeping on a bouncy castle.
- 191 Howard: Get out of bed, we're switching.
- 192 Sheldon: Now, only if you want to.
- 193 Howard: Just get in the bed!
- 194 Howard's mother (off): What's going on? Are you boys roughhousing?
- 195 Howard: We're just talking ma.
- 196 Howard's mother: If you don't settle down right now, I'm not going to let you have any more sleepovers.
- 197 Howard: For God's sake, ma, I'm 27 years old. It's not even a school night! (To Sheldon) Comfy now?
- 198 Sheldon: Meh. That poster of Halle Berry's a little unnerving.
- 199 Howard: So don't look at it.
- 200 Sheldon: She's like my fourth favourite catwoman.
- 201 Howard: No kidding?
- 202 Sheldon: Yeah, Julie Newmar, Michelle Pfieffer, Eartha Kitt and then her.
- 203 Howard: What about Lee Meriwether?
- 204 Sheldon: Oh, I forgot about Lee Meriwether.
- 205 Howard: Well I'm glad that's settled.
- 206 Sheldon: That makes Halle Berry my fifth favourite catwoman. There's Julie Newmar, Michelle Pfieffer, Eartha Kitt, Lee Meriwether...

- 207 Howard: Please, I'm begging you, go to sleep.
- 208 Sheldon: I'm trying, I'm counting catwomen. She did make a fine mutant in the X-Men movies though.
- 209 Howard: Oh for God's sake.
- 210 Sheldon: But she's not my favourite of the X-Men, in order that would be Wolverine, Cyclops, oh wait, I forgot Professor X. Professor X, Wolverine, Cyclops, Iceman, then Storm, Angel, the Beast, oh wait, Nightcrawler. Professor X, Nightcrawler, Wolverine, Cyclops, Iceman, then Storm, Angel....
- 211 Scene: Sheldon and Leonard's apartment. There is an urgent rapping at the door.
- 212 Leonard: I'm coming! (Opens the door. Sheldon falls inside, wearing his pyjamas. Howard is outside.)
- 213 Sheldon: Hey, there he is, there's my old buddy-bud-bud.
- 214 Leonard: What's with him?
- 215 Howard: Koothrappali dumped him on me, and he couldn't get to sleep, so I gave him a glass of warm milk with a handful of my mom's valium in it.
- But he still wouldn't shut up, so, tag, you're it.
- 216 Sheldon: I'm ba-ack!
- 217 Leonard: I still don't know why you left.
- 218 Sheldon: I can't tell you.
- 219 Leonard: Why not.
- 220 Sheldon: I promised Penny.
- 221 Leonard: You promised Penny what?
- 222 Sheldon: That I wouldn't tell you the secret. Shhhhh!
- 223 Leonard: What secret. Tell me the secret.
- 224 Sheldon: Mom smokes in the car. Jesus is okay with it, but we can't tell Dad.
- 225 Leonard: Not that secret, the other secret.
- 226 Sheldon: I'm Batman. Shhhhh!
- 227 Leonard: Dammit, Sheldon! You said Penny told you a secret, what was the secret.
- 228 Sheldon: Okay, I'll tell you, but you can't tell Leonard.
- 229 Leonard: I promise.
- 230 Sheldon: Penny lied about graduating from community college because she is afraid she's not smart enough for Leonard.
- 231 Leonard: So it's nothing I did? It's her problem?
- 232 Sheldon: I drank milk that tasted funny.
- 233 Leonard: Penny thinks I'm too smart for her, that's ridiculous.
- 234 Sheldon: I know, most of your work is extremely derivative. Don't worry, that's not a secret. Everybody knows.
- 235 Scene: The hallway. Leonard is outside Penny's door.
- 236 Penny (opening door): Hi.
- 237 Leonard: Yeah, hi, listen, I know what's been bothering you about us, and I have the answer.
- 238 Penny: What are you talking about.
- 239 Leonard: First I want to say that it's not Sheldon's fault, he tried very

hard to keep your secret, if Howard hadn't drugged him he would have taken it to his grave.

- 240 Penny: He told you?
- 241 Leonard: Yes, but it's okay. Now that we know what the problem is, there's a simple solution. (Hands her a brochure.)
- 242 Penny: Pasadena city college?
- 243 Leonard: A place for fun, a place for knowledge. See, this man here's playing hacky sack, and this girl's going to be a paralegal.
- 244 Penny: Wow, I get it, because Dr Leonard Hofstadter can't date a girl without a fancy college degree.
- 245 Leonard: Well, it's really not that fancy, it's just a city college.
- 246 Penny: Right, but I have to have some sort of degree to date you?
- 247 Leonard: That doesn't matter to me at all.
- 248 Penny: So, it's fine with you if I'm not smart.
- 249 Leonard: Absolutely. (She slams the door in his face.) Okay, this time I know where I went wrong. (Looking up and seeing the camera) Oh bite me!
- 250 FADE TO BLACK

## 2.2 Episode 02: The Codpiece Topology

- 1 Scene: The building entrance lobby. The guys enter. Sheldon is dressed as a medieval monk, Howard is a court jester, Raj is a medieval gentleman and Leonard is a knight.
- 2 Sheldon: Worst Renaissance Fair ever.
- 3 Leonard: Please let it go, Sheldon.
- 4 Sheldon: It was rife with historical inaccuracies. For example, the tavern girl serving flagons of mead, now her costume was obviously Germanic, but in 1487 the Bavarian purity laws or Rhineheitsgebot severely limited the availability of mead. At best they would have had some sort of spiced wine.
- 5 Leonard: You're nitpicking.
- 6 Sheldon: Oh-ho! Really? Well here's another nit for you. The flagons would not have been made of polypropylene.
- 7 Howard: Renaissance fairs aren't about historical accuracy. They're about taking chubby girls who work at Kinko's and lacing them up in corsets so tight their bosom jumps out and says howdy.
- 8 Sheldon: Bosoms would not have said howdy in the fifteenth century. If anything they would have said "huzzah!"
- 9 Howard: I don't care what the bosoms say, Sheldon, I just want to be part of the conversation.
- 10 Penny (arriving with a man in tow): Hi guys. Looks like you've been to the Renaissance fair. I'm hoping.
- 11 Sheldon: Renaissance fair? More of a medieval slash age of enlightenment slash any excuse to wear a codpiece fair.
- 12 Penny: Okay, fine, whatever, um, you guys, this is my friend Eric.
- 13 Howard: Hello.
- 14 Leonard: Hi.

- 15 Eric: Hey.
- 16 Leonard: So, yeah, good to see you.
- 17 Penny: Yeah, yeah, it's good to see you too. We should really go.
- 18 Eric: Yeah.
- 19 Penny(leaving): Bye guys.
- 20 Eric (leaving, to Howard): Like your hat.
- 21 Howard: Thanks, my mom made it. Penny with a new guy, tres awkward.
- 22 Leonard: It wasn't awkward. It wasn't fun. Besides, what's the big deal, we dated, we stopped dating, and now we're both moving on.
- 23 Raj: By moving on, do you mean, she's going out with other men and you spent the afternoon making fifteenth century soap with Wolowitz?
- 24 Sheldon: That was not fifteenth century soap, my God those people need to learn you can't just put "ye olde" in front of anything and expect to get away with it.
- 25 Leonard: Can we please just go in, my chain mail is stuck in my underwear.
- 26 Sheldon: You're wearing modern underwear?
- 27 Leonard: Relatively modern. Why, what are you wearing?
- 28 Sheldon: I fashioned historically accurate undergarments out of linen.
- 29 Leonard: You went out and bought linen?
- 30 Sheldon: Don't be silly, I borrowed one of your pillow cases.
- 31 Leonard: Borrowed?
- 32 Credits sequence
- 33 Scene: The apartment.
- 34 Leonard: You know what, I'm happy that Penny's moving on. It gives me the freedom to move on myself.
- 35 Howard: Are you saying that you've been holding back?
- 36 Leonard: Of course. Out of respect.
- 37 Howard: So, how do you explain the ten years before Penny?
- 38 Raj: Who were you respecting then?
- 39 Leonard: What? I've dated plenty of women. There was Joyce Kim, Leslie Winkle.
- 40 Sheldon: Notify the editors of the Oxford English Dictionary, the word plenty has been redefined to mean two.
- 41 Leonard: Uh, what about that girl last year at Comic-con?
- 42 Raj: Doesn't count.
- 43 Leonard: Why not?
- 44 Raj: What happens in costume at Comic-con, stays at Comic-con.
- 45 Howard: You're only saying that because of what happened to you.
- 46 Leonard: What happened to you?
- 47 Raj: N-n-n-nothing happened to me.
- 48 Howard: It wasn't your fault, Raj, he was dressed as a green Orion slave girl.
- 49 Raj: H-h-h-how did we get on me, we were mocking Leonard for not moving on. Dude, you have totally not moved on.
- 50 Leonard: Yes I have, it's just a matter of actually making a date with someone.

- 51 Howard: Like who?
- 52 Leonard: Well, there's Joyce Kim, but she defected back to North Korea so it's a little geographically undesireable.
- 53 Raj: What about Leslie Winkle.
- 54 Sheldon: Oh no.
- 55 Raj: Why?
- 56 Sheldon: Her research methodology is sloppy, she's unjustifiably arrogant about loop quantum gravity, and to make matters worse she's often mean to me
- 57 Raj: I think she's smoking hot.
- 58 Howard: I'd hit that.
- 59 Sheldon: You'd hit particulate soil on a colloidal suspension. Mud.
- 60 Leonard: Look, I like Leslie, but she's not interested in dating as much as using men as tools for stress release.
- 61 Howard: Yeah, so, be a tool. Go get yourself a little rebound stress release.
- 62 Raj: Technically it would only be rebound if he and Penny had actually engaged in physical intimacy.
- 63 Howard: You mean like you and Richard the slave girl?
- 64 Raj: I bought him dinner and we kissed once, that was it. (Leaving) And he told me his name was Kimberley!
- 65 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 66 Sheldon: You know how I know we're not in The Matrix?
- 67 Leonard: How?
- 68 Sheldon: If we were, the food would be better.
- 69 Leslie (arriving): Hey, Leonard.
- 70 Leonard: Hey, Leslie.
- 71 Leslie: Hey, dummy.
- 72 Sheldon: Hello to you, insufficiently intelligent person.
- 73 Leslie: Ooh, rush me to the burn unit. Hey, Leonard, do you have a second, I need to ask you something.
- 74 Leonard: Uh, sure.
- 75 Sheldon: Well, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go do work that promises significant results, as opposed to what you do, which does not. Yeah, you heard me.
- 76 Leslie: Wow. So, I heard your relationship with Penny crashed to the ground like blue ice falling out of an airplane lavatory.
- 77 Leonard: Where did you hear that?
- 78 Leslie: Actually I read it. Wolowitz texted me. (Shows him text.)
- 79 Leonard: Like blue ice falling out of an airplane lavatory. Yep.
- 80 Leslie: I thought it was a pretty good one, I gave him an L-O-L. Anyway, it got me thinking, now that you're unattached maybe we can revisit our previous attachment.
- 81 Leonard: Are you suggesting another bout of stress release.
- 82 Leslie: No, I'm all done with casual s\*x. From now on I'm fully committed to the traditional relationship paradigm.
- 83 Leonard: Really, what changed?

- 84 Leslie: It's hard to say, I guess there's just a time in every woman's life when she gets tired of waking up on a strange futon with a bunch of people she doesn't know.
- 85 Leonard: Yeah, I can see how that would... a bunch of people?
- 86 Leslie: Anyway, I just figure it's time to slow things down and who better to slow things down with than you?
- 87 Leonard: Oh, I'm flattered. So, how do you suggest we proceed?
- 88 Leslie: Your place, we'll order Chinese, you'll rent a movie, artsy but accessible, then light petting, no coitus.
- 89 Leonard: Sounds fun.
- 90 Leslie: I'll leave the details up to you, I think it's better if you assume the male role.
- 91 Leonard: Thank you, that's very thoughtful.
- 92 Leslie: Great. Call me.
- 93 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is dressed smartly and placing wine on the table. Sheldon enters.
- 94 Sheldon: Great news. My mom sent me my old Nintendo 64.
- 95 Leonard: Terrific.
- 96 Sheldon: You know what this means, don't you? Break out the Red Bull, it's time to rock Mario old school.
- 97 Leonard: I kind of have other plans to night.
- 98 Sheldon: But it's Friday. Friday's always vintage game night. Look, mom included the memory card, we can pick up where I left off in 1999 when I had pernicious anaemia.
- 99 Leonard: Well, the thing is, someone's coming over.
- 100 Sheldon: Well then, no problem, I have three controllers, the more the merrier.
- 101 Leonard: Sheldon, it's a date, I have a date coming over.
- 102 Sheldon: Oh, well you can't blame me for not jumping to that conclusion.
- 103 Leonard: Why, what's so unusual about me having a date?
- 104 Sheldon: Well, statistically speaking...
- 105 Leonard: Alright, alright. Well, uh, nevertheless, I have one now and I would appreciate it if you would, you know, make yourself scarce.
- 106 Sheldon: Leonard, I am a published theoretical physicist with two doctorates and an IQ which can't be accurately measured by normal tests, how much scarcer could I be?
- 107 Leonard: You know what I mean, could you just give us a little privacy?
- 108 Sheldon: You want me to leave the apartment?
- 109 Leonard: Yes.
- 110 Sheldon: You mean just go someplace else and be... someplace else?
- 111 Leonard: Yes.
- 112 Sheldon: Well, why should I leave, this is my apartment too.
- 113 Leonard: I know it is, and if science ever discovers a second member of your species and you two would like some privacy I would be more than happy to get out of your way.
- 114 Sheldon: Well alright then.

- 115 Scene: The entrance lobby. Sheldon is sitting on the bottom step using his laptop. Penny comes down the stairs.
- 116 Penny: Sheldon? What are you doing?
- 117 Sheldon: Playing Super Mario on a poorly coded Nintendo 64 emulator.
- 118 Penny: Yeah, but why are you doing it on the stairs?
- 119 Sheldon: I'm a modern day Napoleon exiled to the Elba of the staircase because Leonard, get this, has a date.
- 120 Penny: Oh. Oh, well, good for him. Yeah but, why are you sitting here, why don't you just go to a movie or something?
- 121 Sheldon: Alone?
- 122 Penny: Yeah, why not?
- 123 Sheldon: What if I choke on my popcorn, who will administer the Heimlich manoeuvre.
- 124 Penny: Well then don't order popcorn.
- 125 Sheldon: No popcorn at the mo... listen to yourself.
- 126 Penny: Well why don't you go to a coffee shop.
- 127 Sheldon: I don't drink coffee.
- 128 Penny: They have other things.
- 129 Sheldon: What do they have?
- 130 Penny: I don't know, you know, cookies, pastries...
- 131 Sheldon: Pastries such as bearclaws?
- 132 Penny: Yeah, sure.
- 133 Sheldon: I don't like bearclaws.
- 134 Leslie (entering): Heya Penny. Dumbass.
- 135 Sheldon: Leslie Winkle. Of all the overrated physicists in all the labs in all the world, why does it have to be Leslie Winkle?
- 136 Penny: Well, they have a lot in common. I mean they're both scientists.
- 137 Sheldon: Oh please. The only way she could make a contribution to science would be if they resume sending chimps into space.
- 138 Penny: Okay, well I have a date too, so see ya.
- 139 Sheldon: Everybody has a date. Even you, Mario, going after Princess Peach. And what am I doing, I'm just enabling you.
- 140 Scene: The apartment.
- 141 Leslie: This is pretty good Orange Chicken.
- 142 Leonard: Yeah, it's from Changs.
- 143 Leslie: Not Chows?
- 144 Leonard: No, Changs.
- 145 Leslie: What happened to Chows?
- 146 Leonard: It changed.
- 147 Leslie: Oh. So, how many children do you think we should have? (Leonard splutters and coughs) I'm sorry, that was a little abrupt.
- 148 Leonard: A little.
- 149 Leslie: I mean there are so many things to talk about before we discuss reproduction.
- 150 Leonard: I sure hope so.
- 151 Leslie: Besides shortness, what genetic weaknesses run in your family?

- 152 Sheldon (entering): I'm sorry to interrupt, batteries dying continue.
- 153 Leslie: Uh, genetic weaknesses, right, um, there's the lactose intolerance.
- 154 Sheldon (preparing an extension cord): Don't forget the male pattern baldness. When his uncles sit around the dinner table they look like a half carton of eggs. (Exits. Extension cord trails after him. Eventually goes tight a couple of times then falls loose.)
- 155 Leonard: Okay, now my uncles are bald, but my Aunt Edna is one of the hairiest women you will ever meet. So... Sweet lady. It always tickles when she hugs me. (Sheldon knocks and enters again.) What now?
- 156 Sheldon: I have to make pee-pee.
- 157 Time shift to later.
- 158 Leonard: Listen, I'm sorry about all of Sheldon's interruptions, he can be a bit of an eccentric.
- 159 Leslie: If by eccentric you mean passive-aggressive East Texas blowhole, I agree.
- 160 Leonard: Well, I think tonight was a very good start.
- 161 Leslie: Me too. You're sure you're okay postponing intercourse until our relationship is past the initial viability test?
- 162 Leonard: No problem, I'm very skilled at postponing intercourse. So I guess I'll call you and we'll arrange another evening.
- 163 Leslie: Yes. I believe protocol dictates that you wait a minimum of 18 hours before you call so I'm not repulsed by your cloying eagerness.
- 164 Leonard: Sure.
- 165 Leslie: Again, it's your decision, you're the man.
- 166 Penny (voice off, ascending the stairs): No, it wasn't my cat, it was an experiment designed by this guy named Schrodinger.
- 167 Eric (appearing round corner with Penny): From the Charlie Brown cartoons?
- 168 Penny: No, he was some kind of scientist, let me start again. Oh, hey Leonard.
- 169 Leonard: Hello.
- 170 Penny: Leslie.
- 171 Leslie: Hi.
- 172 (Penny turns and crosses hall.)
- 173 Leonard: Okay, well, goodnight. (Leans in to kiss Leslie.)
- 174 Penny: Okay, well, goodnight. (Grabs Eric and kisses him more passionately.)
- 175 Leslie (whispering): That ain't going to make your point. (Grabs him and tries to out-passion Penny. The two couples get more passionate trying to outdo each other until Leonard grabs Leslie's ass.) Okay, that's enough. (Sweetly) Call me (exits.)
- 176 Leonard: Right (goes back inside flat. Closes door.)
- 177 Penny (breaking off kiss): Okay, goodnight.
- 178 Eric: What?
- 179 Penny: Had a great time, ciao (closes door.)
- 180 Scene: The university lunch room.

- 181 Sheldon: I'm sorry, I am not going back to the Renaissance Fair.
- 182 Howard: Come on, Sheldon, there's so few places I can wear my jester costume.
- 183 Sheldon: I don't care. There are far too many historical anomalies for my comfort.
- 184 Raj: Oh, okay, how about this. You can go dressed as a Star Trek science officer exploring a planet similar to Earth in the 1500s.
- 185 Sheldon: You mean like Spock?
- 186 Raj: Sure.
- 187 Sheldon: Fascinating.
- 188 Leslie (arriving): Hey fellow scientists. Sheldon.
- 189 Leonard: Hey, why don't we all move over there so Leslie can join us.
- 190 Howard: Hmm, let's do it. (Sheldon does not move. Leonard looks confused.)
- 191 Sheldon: If you're having trouble deciding where to sit may I suggest one potato two potato, or as I call it the Leslie Winkle experimental methodology.
- 192 Leonard: Don't make this hard for me.
- 193 Sheldon: It's not hard. It's simple. You can either sit with me, your friend, colleague and roommate, or you can sit with an overrated scientist you might have s\*x with.
- 194 Leonard: You're right, it is simple. (Sits with Leslie.)
- 195 Scene: The stairs. Sheldon is playing on his computer at the end of the long extension cord.
- 196 Penny: Hey, Sheldon.
- 197 Sheldon: Penny.
- 198 Penny: Third floor tonight. Mixing it up? (Sheldon indicates extension cord.) Oh. You know, I still don't understand why you just don't go to dinner or something.
- 199 Sheldon: Alright, let's say I go to dinner alone. And during the meal I have to use the rest room. How do I know someone's not touching my food?
- 200 Penny: Goodnight Sheldon.
- 201 Sheldon: Penny, hold on. Are you sure things can't work out with you and Leonard?
- 202 Penny: Excuse me?
- 203 Sheldon: I'm just wondering if you really gave it the old college try? Or in your case the old community college try?
- 204 Penny: Okay, where is this coming from?
- 205 Sheldon: Leonard is upstairs right now with my arch enemy.
- 206 Penny: Your arch enemy?
- 207 Sheldon: Yes, the Doctor Doom to my Mr Fantastic. The Doctor Octopus to my Spiderman. The Doctor Sivana to my Captain Marvel.
- 208 Penny: Okay, I get it, I get it, I get it.
- 209 Sheldon: Do you know, it's amazing how many supervillains have advanced degrees. Graduate school should probably do a better job of screening those people out.
- 210 Penny: Sheldon, come back, you're losing me.

- 211 Sheldon: Leslie Winkle, Penny. She belittles my research.
- 212 Penny: Oh, sweetie, I'm sorry.
- 213 Sheldon: She called me dumbass.
- 214 Penny: I know. I heard.
- 215 Sheldon: Given this situation, I have no choice but to withdraw my previous objections to your ill considered relationship with Leonard.
- 216 Penny: Oh, gee, well, thankyou for that. But, um, I think for now Leonard and I are just going to stay friends.
- 217 Sheldon: No, that response is unacceptable to me.
- 218 Penny: Sheldon, you are a smart guy, you must know...
- 219 Sheldon: Smart? I'd have to lose 60 IQ points to be classified as smart.
- 220 Penny: Are you going to let me talk?
- 221 Sheldon: I'm sorry.
- 222 Penny: You must know that if Leonard and Leslie want to be together, nothing you can do is going to stop it.
- 223 Sheldon: You continue to underestimate my abilities madam.
- 224 Penny: Okay, let me put it this way, if you're really Leonard's friend you will support him no matter who he wants to be with.
- 225 Sheldon: Wait a minute, why am I doing all the giving here? If Leonard's really my friend, why doesn't he have to support me in my hatred of Leslie Winkle?
- 226 Penny: Because love trumps hate.
- 227 Sheldon: Oh now you're just making stuff up.
- 228 Penny: Okay. Goodnight Sheldon.
- 229 Sheldon: Oh Mario. If only I could control everyone the way I control you. Hop, you little plumber, hop, hop,
- 230 Scene: The apartment. Leonard and Leslie are kissing.
- 231 Sheldon (entering): When the two of you reach a natural stopping point I'd like to have a word.
- 232 Leonard: If the word is pee-pee, just do it.
- 233 Sheldon: Leonard, you are my friend. And friends support their friends, apparently. So I am withdrawing my objection to your desire to have a relationship with Leslie.
- 234 Leonard: Thank you.
- 235 Sheldon: I will graciously overlook the fact that she is an arrogant sub-par scientist, who actually believes loop quantum gravity better unites quantum mechanics with general relativity than does string theory. You kids have fun.
- 236 Leslie: Hang on a second. Loop quantum gravity clearly offers more testable predictions than string theory.
- 237 Sheldon: I'm listening, amuse me.
- 238 Leslie: Okay, well, for one thing we expect quantii space-time to manifest itself as minute differences in the speed of light for different colours.
- 239 Sheldon: Balderdash. Matter clearly consists of tiny strings.
- 240 Leslie: Are you going to let him talk to me like that?
- 241 Leonard: Okay, well, there is a lot of merit to both theories.
- 242 Leslie: No there isn't, only loop quantum gravity calculates the entropy

- of black holes. (Sheldon grunts.)
- 243 Leonard: Sheldon, don't make that noise, it's disrespectful.
- 244 Sheldon: I hope so, it was a snort of derision.
- 245 Leslie: You agree with me, right, loop quantum gravity is the future of physics.
- 246 Leonard: Sorry Leslie, I guess I prefer my space stringy not loopy.
- 247 Leslie: Well, I'm glad I found out the truth about you before this went any further.
- 248 Leonard: Truth, what truth? We're talking about untested hypotheses, uh, it's no big deal.
- 249 Leslie: Oh, it isn't, really? Tell me Leonard, how would we raise the children?
- 250 Leonard: I guess we let them wait until they're old enough and let them choose their own theory.
- 251 Leslie: We can't let them choose, Leonard, they're children. (Storms off.)
- 252 Leonard: Wait, where are you going?
- 253 Leslie: I'm sorry, I could have accepted our kids being genetically unable to eat ice-cream or ever get a good view of a parade, but this? This is a deal breaker. (Leaves.)
- 254 Sheldon: Look on the bright side.
- 255 Leonard: What's the bright side?
- 256 Sheldon: Only nine more months to comic-con.
- 257 Leonard: Oh yeah.
- 258 Scene: The Renaissance Fair. The guys are in costume. Sheldon is Spock and has a tri-corder.
- 259 Sheldon: Captain, I'm getting an unusual reading.
- 260 Leonard: Yeah, that's great, you guys want corn dogs?
- 261 Howard: Yeah.
- 262 Sheldon: That's a temporal anomaly. Corn dogs didn't come into existence until the first half of the twentieth century.
- 263 FADE TO BLACK

## 2.3 Episode 03: Barbarian Sublimation

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is on the sofa, using his laptop. He is wearing a headset.
- 2 Sheldon: Fellow warriors, this is Sheldor the Conqueror. We are about to enter Axel's fortress. Now this is a long run, so let's do another bladder check. Alright Barry, we'll wait for you again, but you really should see a doctor. (There is banging at the door.) Sheldor is AFK. (Goes out to find Penny having trouble getting into her apartment.) Penny, are you experiencing some sort of difficulty?
- 3 Penny: Yes, I can't get my stupid door open.
- 4 Sheldon: You appear to have put your car key in the door lock, are you aware of that?
- 5 Penny: Yeah!

- 6 Sheldon: Alright then. (Turns to return inside. One of the grocery bags Penny is holding falls to the floor spilling groceries.)
- 7 Penny: Dammit, dammit, dammit, dammit, dammit, dammit.
- 8 Sheldon: Would it be possible for you to do this a little more quietly?
- 9 Penny: I can't get the damned key out.
- 10 Sheldon: Well that's not surprising. That Baldwin lock on your door uses traditional edge mounted cylinders, whereas the key for your Volkswagon uses a centre cylinder system.
- 11 Penny: Thankyou, Sheldon.
- 12 Sheldon: You're welcome. Point of inquiry, why did you put your car key in the door lock?
- 13 Penny: Why? I'll tell you why. Because today I had an audition, it took me two hours to get there, I waited an hour for my turn, and before I could even start they told me I looked too Midwest for the part. Too Midwest? What the hell does that even mean?
- 14 Sheldon: Well, the American Midwest was mostly settled by Scandinavian and Germanic peoples who, well they have a characteristic facial bone structure....
- 15 Penny: I know what it means, Sheldon! God, you know, I have been in L.A. for almost two years now, and I haven't got a single acting job, I have accomplished nothing, haven't gotten a raise at work, haven't even had s\*x in six months, and just now when I was walking up those stairs a fly flew in my mouth and I ate it.
- 16 Sheldon: Well, actually, insects are a dietary staple in many cultures, they're almost pure protein.
- 17 Penny (picking up the bag she has just repacked, whereupon the bottom falls out and the groceries fall to the floor again): Oh, sonofabitch!
- 18 Sheldon: I believe the condensation on your frozen foods weakened the structural integrity of the bag. But returning to your key conundrum, perhaps you should call a locksmith and have him open the door for you.
- 19 Penny: I did, and he said he'll get here when he gets here.
- 20 Sheldon: And you're frustrated because he phrased his reply in the form of a meaningless tautology?
- 21 Penny: No! I am frustrated because I am a failure at everything and my breath smells like fly. (Bursts into tears.)
- 22 Sheldon: There there. (Reluctantly) Would you prefer to wait in our apartment?
- 23 Penny: No Sheldon, I'd rather sit on this freezing cold floor sobbing like a three year-old.
- 24 Sheldon: Alright then. (Turns to go inside again.)
- 25 Penny: For God's sake! (Stomps into apartment.)
- 26 Sheldon: Just when I think I've gotten the hang of sarcasm.
- 27 Credits sequence.
- 28 Scene: Inside the apartment.
- 29 Sheldon: Make yourself comfortable. (Sits in Sheldon's place.) Not there. (Sits on other end of sofa. Puts feet on table. Sheldon looks disapprovingly.

Removes feet from table. Sheldon sits and replaces headset.) Sheldor is back online.

- 30 Penny: Sheldor?
- 31 Sheldon: The Conqueror.
- 32 Penny: What are you doing?
- 33 Sheldon: AFK. I'm playing Age of Conan, an online multiplayer game set in the universe of Robert E. Howard's Conan the Barbarian.
- 34 Penny: Oh.
- 35 Sheldon: Sheldor, back online.
- 36 Penny: What's AFK?
- 37 Sheldon: AFK. Away from keyboard.
- 38 Penny: OIC.
- 39 Sheldon: What does that stand for?
- 40 Penny: Oh, I see?
- 41 Sheldon: Yes, but what does it stand for?
- 42 Scene: The stairwell. Leonard arrives and sees the spilled groceries. A cat is lapping at a spilled pot of ice-cream. Cut to inside. Penny now has the laptop, Sheldon is instructing her.
- 43 Sheldon: Now just click on the enchanted boots to put them on.
- 44 Penny: Oh, I don't know. Can I see them in another colour?
- 45 Sheldon: Just click on them. Congratulations, you are now a level three warrior.
- 46 Leonard: What's going on?
- 47 Penny: Leonard, guess what, I'm a level three warrior.
- 48 Leonard: Great, you know there are groceries outside of your apartment?
- 49 Penny: Yeah yeah, shhh!
- 50 Leonard: I only bring it up because your ice-cream is melting and it's starting to attract wildlife.
- 51 Penny: Uh-huh, yeah, do I stay in the jungle or go towards the beach?
- 52 Sheldon: It doesn't matter, right now you're looking for treasure.
- 53 Penny: Okay. (Leonard motions for Sheldon to talk in the kitchen.) Wait, wait, where are you going?
- 54 Sheldon: You're okay, if you run into crocodiles just kick them with your boots.
- 55 Leonard: Want to catch me up?
- 56 Sheldon: Well let's see, uh, she attempted to open her apartment with her car key, because her face is overly Midwestern, um, she hasn't had s\*x in six months, and she ate a fly.
- 57 Leonard: Uh-huh. Seriously, six months?
- 58 Penny: Oh my God, a treasure chest, I'm rich!
- 59 Sheldon: Level three and she thinks she's rich! What a noob.
- 60 Scene: The apartment. Raj is pouring a white liquid into the main dish of a stereo speaker covered in cling film.
- 61 Raj: Okay, we're all set.
- 62 Howard: Let her rip.
- 63 (Leonard turns on stereo with a remote. Rhythmic bass-heavy music plays.

- The liquid begins dancing on the speaker.)
- 64 Penny (entering, carrying a laptop): Hi!
- 65 Leonard: Hey, check it out, it's just corn starch and water.
- 66 Sheldon: They make up a non-Newtonian fluid which is liquid, but solid under the percussive action of the speaker.
- 67 Howard: That's what makes it get all funky.
- 68 Penny: Yeah, okay. Listen, I need to talk to Sheldon.
- 69 Howard (after Raj whispers in his ear): No, that's what she said, Sheldon.
- 70 Penny: Okay, look, I bought the game, and I've been exploring the Island of Tordage but I can't figure out how to get past the guard captain.
- 71 Sheldon: Do you have the enchanted sword?
- 72 Penny: No, no, I've a bronze dagger.
- 73 Sheldon: You can't slay the guard captain with a bronze dagger, my Lord it's like the car key in your apartment door all over again.
- 74 Penny: Alright, alright, how do I get the sword?
- 75 Sheldon: Well, have you been to the Temple of Mithra?
- 76 Penny: Is that the place on the hill with the weird priests in front of it?
- 77 Sheldon: No, no, no, it's... oh for God's sakes, gimme. (Takes laptop.)
- 78 Penny: Thank you, I really appreciate this.
- 79 Sheldon: You're going to have to learn to do these things for yourself, Penny.
- 80 Penny: Don't patronise me, just get the sword.
- 81 Howard: What the frak?
- 82 Leonard: Beats me. They were playing all last night too.
- 83 Raj: It's like some kind of weird comic book crossover.
- 84 Howard: Like if Hulk were dating Peppermint Patty.
- 85 Raj: I always thought Peppermint Patty was a lesbian?
- 86 Leonard: No, that's Marcie. Peppermint Patty's just athletic.
- 87 Sheldon: There you go, one enchanted sword.
- 88 Penny: Right, gimme, gimme, gimme, I want to kill the guard captain. (Leaves).
- 89 Sheldon: That girl needs to get a life.
- 90 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. There is a knock on the door. Penny enters.
- 91 Penny (whispering): Sheldon. (Sing-song) Shel-don.
- 92 Sheldon: Danger, danger.
- 93 Penny: No danger, look, it's just me, Penny, look, I got to level 25 and reached Purple Lotus Swamp, right?
- 94 Sheldon: You're in my bedroom.
- 95 Penny: Yeah. Leonard gave me an emergency key.
- 96 Sheldon: People can't be in my bedroom.
- 97 Penny: Okay, well can we go talk in the living room?
- 98 Sheldon: I'm not wearing pyjama bottoms.
- 99 Penny: Why not?
- 100 Sheldon: I spilled grape juice.
- 101 Penny: Well, wear different pyjamas.
- 102 Sheldon: I can't wear different pyjamas, these are my Monday pyjamas.

Penny, people cannot be in my bedroom.

- 103 Penny: Okay, just tell me, is it too soon to join a quest to the Black Castle?
- 104 Sheldon: You were invited on a quest to the Black Castle?
- 105 Penny: Yeah, yeah, by some guys in Budapest, I'm just not sure it's the right move for my character.
- 106 Sheldon: Of course it's not, you're only a level 25, the Hungarians are just using you for dragon fodder.
- 107 Penny: Really? Boy, you'd think you could trust a horde of Hungarian barbarians.
- 108 Cut to Leonard, exiting his bedroom.
- 109 Sheldon (off): Please Penny, enough, I have to sleep.
- 110 Penny (off): Okay, well you were great, thanks. (Comes out door) Oh, hey Leonard, listen, don't got in Sheldon's room, he's not wearing bottoms.
- 111 Leonard (knocking on door): Sheldon, you want to catch me up again?
- 112 Scene: Dr Gablehauser's office. Sheldon and Leslie are standing across the desk.
- 113 Gablehauser: People, I am very busy today.
- 114 Sheldon: I realise that Dr Gablehauser but it is your job, as head of the department, to mediate all inter-departmental disputes. University policy manual chapter four, subsection two, mediation of inter-departmental disputes.
- 115 Gablehauser: Fine. Dr Winkle, what colourful name did you call Dr Cooper this time?
- 116 Leslie: Dr Dumbass.
- 117 Gablehauser: Dr Cooper, Dr Winkle apologises.
- 118 Sheldon: No she doesn't.
- 119 Leslie: No I don't.
- 120 Sheldon: Here's the problem. I was clearly signed up to use the mainframe in Buckman 204, and Dr Winkle just wantonly ripped the sign-up sheet off the wall
- 121 Leslie: It wasn't even an official sign-up sheet. He printed it himself and he put his name down in every slot for the next six months.
- 122 Sheldon: If it is a crime to ensure that the universities resources are not being squandered chasing sub-atomic wild geese then I plead guilty. (His phone rings.) Oh, Penny!
- 123 Gablehauser: You need to get that Dr Cooper?
- 124 Sheldon: God, no.
- 125 Leslie: Well don't turn it off, you might miss your call from the Nobel committee letting you know you've been nominated as dumbass laureate of the year.
- 126 Sheldon: Oh yeah, well, you wouldn't even be nominated. Dr Gablehauser, I have a series of important multi-bit calculations and simulations to run. All she's doing is reducing irrelevant data and making a mock...
- 127 Gablehauser (as phone rings): Excuse me. Gablehauser. (Holding phone out to Sheldon) It's for you.
- 128 Sheldon: Hello. Penny, this is not a good time. No, I told you, you're

not prepared for the Sanctum of Burning Souls. You need to be in a group of at least five for that quest, and one should be a level 35 healer. Penny, I can't log on and help you. We'll talk when I get home. (Puts phone down) I'm not getting the computing time, am I?

- 129 Leslie: Dumbass.
- 130 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon enters.
- 131 Sheldon: Leonard, you have to do something about Penny. She is interfering with my sleep, she's interfering with my work, and if I had another significant aspect of my life, I'm sure she'd be interfering with that too.
- 132 Leonard: Why should I do something, you're the one who introduced her to online gaming.
- 133 Sheldon: Well, yes, but you're the one who said hello to her when she moved in. If you'd simply restrained yourself none of this would be happening.
- 134 Leonard: Why don't you just tell her to leave you alone.
- 135 Sheldon: I did. I told her, I texted her, I sent out a very emphatic twitter. I even changed my facebook status to Sheldon Cooper wishes Penny would leave him alone. I don't know what else to do.
- 136 Leonard: Well, what am I supposed to do?
- 137 Sheldon: I don't know, but if you don't figure something out, I warn you I shall become very difficult to live with.
- 138 Leonard: You mean, up until now we've been experiencing the happy funtime Sheldon?
- 139 Sheldon: Yes.
- 140 Leonard: I'll go talk to her.
- 141 Scene: Penny's apartment. She is on her laptop and talking into a headset.
- 142 Penny: No, Fritz, I need you on my flank. No, I don't know German. Flankenzie, flankenzie!
- 143 Leonard (knocking and entering): Hey Penny.
- 144 Penny: Busy.
- 145 Leonard: Yeah, I see that. Shouldn't you be at work?
- 146 Penny: I don't work on Mondays.
- 147 Leonard: It's Thursday. Listen, Penny.
- 148 Penny: Uh, Queen Penelope AFK. What?
- 149 Leonard: Okay, um, here's the thing, um, sometimes people, good people, you know, they start playing these games and they find themselves through no fault of their own, you know, kind of, addicted.
- 150 Penny: Yeah, get to the point, I'm about to level up here.
- 151 Leonard: Well, i-i-i-it's just if a person doesn't have a sense of achievement in their real life it's easy to lose themselves in a virtual world where they get a false sense of accomplishment.
- 152 Penny: Yeah, jabber jabber jabber, okay boys, Queen Penelope's back online.
- 153 Leonard: Penny, you've got cheetos in your hair.
- 154 Penny (pulling cheeto out of hair): Oh, thanks. (Eats it.)
- 155 Leonard: Wow.

- 156 Scene: Same later. Penny is attacking a multi-headed monster with a sword on the screen. A muscular warrior in a cape walks onto the screen.
- 157 Warrior: Hey Penny, it's me again, Leonard.
- 158 Penny- warrior: Leonard, I said not now.
- 159 Leonard-warrior: Yeah, I know, I'm just a little concerned about you.
- 160 Penny-warrior: I said not now. (Chops off his head.)
- 161 Leonard-warrior's head: Okay, maybe later.
- 162 Scene: The university lunch room.
- 163 Raj: Hey guys.
- 164 Leonard and Howard: Hey.
- 165 Raj (indicating Sheldon): Hey, what's with him?
- 166 Leonard: Penny's been keeping him up at night.
- 167 Howard: Me too. But probably in a different way.
- 168 Leonard: She's gotten really hooked on Age of Conan, she's playing non-stop.
- 169 Raj: Ah, yes, online gaming addiction. There's nothing worse than having that multi-player monkey on your back.
- 170 Leonard: Sheldon, wake up.
- 171 Sheldon: Danger, danger.
- 172 Leslie (arriving): Afternoon men. Sheldon.
- 173 Sheldon: Oh yeah, well your attempt at juvenilizing me by excluding me from the set of adult males.... oh, I'm too tired to do this.
- 174 Leslie: Right, I heard you've been pulling all nighters with middle-earth Barbie.
- 175 Sheldon: She comes into my room. No-one's supposed to be in my room.
- 176 Leslie: Well, I would postulate that she's escaping into the online world to compensate for her sexual frustration.
- 177 Howard: I do that too. But probably in a different way.
- 178 Leonard: That's not what she's doing, Leslie, she's just trying to shore up her self esteem, it has nothing to do with s\*x.
- 179 Leslie: Everything has to do with s\*x.
- 180 Howard: Mmmm, testify. (Puts up hand for a handslap.)
- 181 Leslie: I'm not touching that.
- 182 Leonard: Leslie, you are way off base here.
- 183 Sheldon: Hang on, Leonard, while I have no respect for Leslie as a scientist, or a human being for that matter, we have to concede her undeniable expertise in the interrelated fields of promiscuity and general sluttiness.
- 184 Leslie: Thank you. My point is that Tinkerbell just needs to get her some.
- 185 Sheldon: Some what? Oh, ves, some sexual intercourse.
- 186 Howard: I'll take the bullet.
- 187 Leonard: Excuse me, this whole idea is insane.
- 188 Sheldon: Yeah, yeah, enough debate, I'm going to take action. (Leans over to a good looking man on a nearby table.) Excuse me, are you currently involved in a sexual relationship?
- 189 Man: No.
- 190 Sheldon: Would you like to be?

- 191 Man: Uh, sure, why not?
- 192 Leonard: Sheldon...
- 193 Sheldon: Zip it pip it. Can I have your phone number?
- 194 Man: Uh... (checks out Sheldon's package) Yeah, yeah. (Pulls out pen and writes it on Sheldon's hand.)
- 195 Sheldon: There, problem solved.
- 196 Leslie: Dumbass.
- 197 Scene: Penny's flat. Penny is on her laptop. Everything around her is littered with empty food packaging and red bull cans. She burps loudly. Sheldon is sitting on the sofa.
- 198 Penny: Okay, I'm at the gate to the Treasury of the Ancients, I'm going in.
- 199 Sheldon: Stay close to the wall. Avoid the mummies.
- 200 Penny: Got it.
- 201 Sheldon: I must say, you're playing very well for a woman of 23?
- 202 Penny: 22.
- 203 Sheldon: Right. 22. (Cut to his screen, he is filling in an online dating profile.)
- 204 Penny: Oh, here come the mummies, which spell do I use? The hateful strike, or the frenzy stance?
- 205 Sheldon: What happened to the rest of your group?
- 206 Penny: I dumped them, they're a bunch of wussies.
- 207 Sheldon: Frenzy stance.
- 208 Penny: Frenzy, frenzy, frenzy, frenzy!
- 209 Sheldon: So listen, would you describe your ideal vacation as a wild adventure to unknown lands, or staying at home curled up with a good book?
- 210 Penny: What?
- 211 Sheldon: These are market research questions. I'm filling out the online registration for your game.
- 212 Penny: Oh, okay, wild adventure. Oh, frenzy stance isn't working, die you undead mummy, die!
- 213 Sheldon: Drink a healing potion.
- 214 Penny: Thank you.
- 215 Sheldon: You're welcome. Anyhow, on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being always initiated by him, and 5 being always initiated by you, how do you prefer your sexual encounters to begin?
- 216 Penny: That's on the registration?
- 217 Sheldon: Oh yes, it's quite extensive. But if we complete it, we get a free expansion pack, 75 additional quests.
- 218 Penny: Ooh, awesome, okay, I totally like to initiate I'm a big old five.
- 219 Sheldon: Good to know. Big old five.
- 220 Scene: The apartment. Leonard enters. There is a strange man sitting on the sofa.
- 221 Leonard: Hello.
- 222 Man: Hi.
- 223 Sheldon: Leonard, this is Tom.

- 224 Leonard: Hi Tom. Sheldon? Didn't I explain to you about your little mistake in the cafeteria?
- 225 Sheldon: Yes, you were very clear, as was everyone else at the table. Tom, however, has been chosen by science as a suitable mate for Penny.
- 226 Leonard: Chosen by science?
- 227 Sheldon: Well, what passes for science on dating sites. They claim to use heuristic algorithms, but it may well be hokum.
- 228 Leonard: You got Penny to sign up for online dating?
- 229 Sheldon: No, of course not. No, I used trickery and deceit.
- 230 Leonard: This is bad.
- 231 Sheldon: Tom is a paramedic with the fire department, but he's going to med school at night, uh, he likes the outdoors, and, uh, strong women who initiate s\*x.
- 232 Leonard: Really, really bad.
- 233 Sheldon: I'm surprised you struck out with Penny. Apparently she's a big old five.
- 234 Penny (entering, looking ratty in baggy clothes and with her hair unwashed): Sheldon, what do you want.
- 235 Sheldon: Oh, good, you got my note. Penny, I'd like you to meet Tom, uh, Penny, this is Tom, Tom, may I present Penny.
- 236 Tom: Hi Penny.
- 237 Penny: Yeah, Hi, listen, as long as I'm here, I'm on a quest with a bunch of noobs, they don't know what they're doing, we've got one assassin, three spellcasters and no tank.
- 238 Sheldon: Can we talk about this later.
- 239 Penny: No, no, no, no, I need you now.
- 240 Sheldon: But wouldn't you prefer to socialise with Tom, who is a sexually passive outdoorsman.
- 241 Penny: Whatever, I'll figure it out myself.
- 242 Tom: Bye, Penny. I'm sorry, dude, she didn't look anything like her picture.
- 243 Leonard: They never do.
- 244 Scene: Inside the game. Penny-warrior is standing next to a battle horse.
- 245 Warrior: Hello, fair Penny.
- 246 Penny-warrior: Who are you?
- 247 Warrior: It is I, Sir Howard of Wolowitz. Can I interest you in an afternoon of spirited questing, followed by a flagon of ale at you virtual tavern?
- 248 Penny-warrior: Yeah, sure, why not?
- 249 Penny: Oh my God, I need help. (Closes laptop and throws it away.)
- 250 FADE TO BLACK

## 2.4 Episode 04: The Griffin Equivalency

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is sorting out Chinese food.
- 2 Leonard: Let's see, Raj was the Kung Palo Chicken.
- 3 Penny: I'm the dumplings.

- 4 Howard: Yes, you are.
- 5 Penny: Creepy, Howard.
- 6 Howard: Creepy good or creepy bad?
- 7 Leonard: Who was the Shrimp with Lobster Sauce?
- 8 Howard: That would be me. Come to Poppa, you un-kosher delight. (To Penny) I'm not necessarily talking to the food.
- 9 Penny: Sit over there.
- 10 Sheldon (entering, to Penny who is in his spot): Sit over there. Baby wipe?
- 11 Penny: What do you have....
- 12 Leonard and Howard together: Don't! Don't! Don't!
- 13 Sheldon: I'll tell you why.
- 14 Leonard and Howard: O-o-o-oh!
- 15 Sheldon: I had to sanitize my hands because the university replaced the paper towels in the rest rooms with hot air blowers.
- 16 Penny: I thought the blowers were more sanitary?
- 17 Leonard and Howard: Why? Don't!
- 18 Sheldon: Hot air blowers are incubators and spewers of bacteria and pestilence. Frankly it would be more hygienic if they just had a plague infested gibbon sneeze my hands dry.
- 19 Raj (entering excitedly): Hey guys, I just got the most amazing new... (spots Penny) ew-ew-ew
- 20 Penny: Gosh, Raj, do you think you'll ever be able to talk in front of me without being drunk? (Shakes head.) Okay, well, I'll just, um, go eat by myself.
- 21 Leonard: Penny, you don't have to do that.
- 22 Penny: No, it's okay, between (indicates Raj) him not talking, (indicates Sheldon) him talking and... (indicates Howard) him, I'm better off alone, so, (to Raj) goodbye you poor strange little man (gives him a kiss and exits.)
- 23 Raj: She's so considerate.
- 24 Howard: So what's your news?
- 25 Raj: Remember that little planetary object I spotted beyond the Kuiper belt?
- 26 Leonard: Oh yeah, two zero zero eight NQ sub seventeen.
- 27 Raj: Or as I called it, Planet Bollywood. Anyway, because of my discovery, People magazine is naming me one of their thirty under-30 to watch.
- 28 Leonard and Howard together: Well, wow, that's incredible.
- 29 Sheldon: Excuse me. Thirty what, under thirty what, to watch what?
- 30 Raj: Thirty visionaries under thirty years of age to watch as they challenge the preconceptions of their fields.
- 31 Sheldon: If I had a million guesses I never would have gotten that.
- 32 Raj: It's pretty cool, they've got me in with a guy who's doing something about hunger in Indonesia, and a psychotherapist who's using dolphins to rehabilitate prisoners, and Ellen Page, star of the charming independent film Juno.
- 33 Howard: Oh, I'd so do her.
- 34 Leonard: You'd do the dolphins.
- 35 Howard: Do I get an honourable mention for designing the telescope camera mounting bracket you used.

- 36 Raj: Sorry, it's not part of my heartwarming and personal narrative, in which a humble boy from New Delhi overcame poverty and prejudice and journeved to America to reach for the stars.
- 37 Howard: Poverty? Your father's a gynaecologist, he drives a Bentley.
- 38 Raj: It's a lease.
- 39 Sheldon: I'm confused. Was there some sort of peer review committee to determine which scientists would be included?
- 40 Raj: Peer review? It's People magazine. People picked me.
- 41 Sheldon: What people?
- 42 Raj: The people from People.
- 43 Sheldon: Yeah, but exactly who are these people? What are their credentials, how are they qualified, what makes accidentally noticing a hunk of rock that's been traipsing around the solar system for billions of years more noteworthy than any other scientific accomplishment made by someone under thirty?
- 44 Raj: Boy, I bet Ellen Pages friends aren't giving her this kind of crap.
- 45 Leonard: Are you proud of yourself?
- 46 Sheldon: In general, yes.
- 47 Credits sequence.
- 48 Scene: Sheldon's office. He is making annotations on his board.
- 49 Sheldon: Oh, there's my missing neutrino. You were hiding from me as an unbalanced charge, weren't you, you little subatomic Dickens?
- 50 Leonard (entering with Howard): Hi Sheldon.
- 51 Sheldon: Here, look, look, I found my missing neutrino.
- 52 Howard: Oh, good, we can take it off the milk cartons.
- 53 Leonard: Well, we're going to go apologise to Raj and invite him out to dinner.
- 54 Sheldon: Apologise, for what?
- 55 Leonard: Well, he came over last night with some pretty good news, and we weren't very supportive.
- 56 Sheldon: I sense you're trying to tell me something.
- 57 Howard: You were a colossal ass-hat.
- 58 Sheldon: Oh! No, I beg to differ. Of the three of us, I was by far the most supportive.
- 59 Leonard: Really, do tell.
- 60 Sheldon: How will Raj ever reach true greatness if his friends lower the bar for him? When I was eleven, my sister bought our father a "world's greatest dad" coffee mug, and frankly the man coasted until the day he died.
- 61 Leonard: Okay, let's try it this way, what if the People magazine thing is the best Raj is ever going to achieve?
- 62 Sheldon: I had not considered that.
- 63 Leonard: Come on.
- 64 Sheldon: I often forget other people have limitations. It's so sad.
- 65 Howard: He can feel sadness?
- 66 Leonard: Not really, it's what you and I would call condescension.
- 67 Scene: Outside Raj's office.
- 68 Leonard: And when we go in there, let's show Raj that we're happy for

him.

- 69 Sheldon: But I'm not.
- 70 Howard: Well then fake it. Look at me, I could be grinding on the fact that without my stabilizing telescope mount he never would have found that stupid little clump of cosmic schmutz, but I'm bigger than that.
- 71 Sheldon: Fine, what do you want me to do?
- 72 Leonard: Smile. (He does, exaggeratedly.)
- 73 Howard: Oh crap, that's terrifying.
- 74 Leonard: We're here to see Koothrappali, not kill Batman.
- 75 Howard: Try less teeth. (Does. It isn't much better.)
- 76 Leonard: Close enough, come on. (Knocking and entering.) Hi Raj.
- 77 Raj: Hey guys, what's up?
- 78 Howard: We just wanted to invite you out to dinner tonight.
- 79 Leonard: Celebrate your thirty under thirty thing. Right Sheldon? (He smiles.)
- 80 Raj: It's very nice of you, I would like that.
- 81 Gablehauser (entering): Hello boys.
- 82 Raj: Dr Gablehouser.
- 83 Gablehauser: Dr Koothrappali.
- 84 Leonard: Dr Gablehauser.
- 85 Gablehauser: Dr Hoffstadter.
- 86 Sheldon: Dr Gablehauser.
- 87 Gablehauser: Dr Cooper.
- 88 Howard: Dr Gablehauser.
- 89 Gablehauser: Mister Wolowitz. Boys, I've got a question for you. Who in this room discovered a star?
- 90 Raj: Actually, 2008 NQ sub 17 is a planetary body.
- 91 Gablehauser: I'm not talking about you, I'm talking about me. You, my exotic young friend are my star.
- 92 Sheldon: Well, you didn't discover him, you merely noticed he was here, much like he did with 2008 NQ sub 17.
- 93 Leonard: Sheldon!
- 94 Sheldon: Oh, sorry. (Smiles)
- 95 Gablehauser: Well, we've got to get you into a better office, something more suited to your status.
- 96 Raj: Really, you don't have to go to any trouble.
- 97 Gablehauser: How about if I put you in Von Gerlick's old office?
- 98 Raj: I'd rather have Fishbine's, it's bigger.
- 99 Gablehauser: Done.
- 100 Howard: Wait a minute, I called dibs on Fishbine's office the day he started showing up at work in his bathrobe.
- 101 Sheldon: He gets a new office, I can't even get paper towels in the men's room?
- 102 Leonard: Sheldon.
- 103 Sheldon: Damn, this is hard. (Smiles)
- 104 Gablehauser: Let me ask you something, what do you think the business

- of this place is?
- 105 Leonard (after he, Sheldon and Howard whisper to each other): Science?
- 106 Gablehauser: Money.
- 107 Howard: Told you.
- 108 Gablehauser: And this boy's picture in People magazine is going to raise us a pile of money taller than... well, taller than you (ruffling Howard's hair.)
- 109 Howard: I have a master's degree.
- 110 Gablehauser: Who doesn't? Dr Koothrappali, have you ever had lunch in the President's dining room?
- 111 Raj: I didn't even know there was a President's dining room.
- 112 Gablehauser: It's the same food as the Cafeteria, only fresh. Come on little buddy.
- 113 Raj: Okay, big buddy. See you tonight guys. (They leave.)
- 114 Leonard: You can stop smiling now.
- 115 Sheldon: Aaaah!
- 116 Scene: A restaurant.
- 117 Raj: So anyway, after a fantastic lunch I was whisked off to the People magazine photo shoot... have any of you boys ever been to a photo shoot?
- 118 Leonard: No.
- 119 Raj: It's fantastic, apparently the camera loves me and I it. They shot me in front of a starry background where I posed like this. (Stares into space.) They're going to digitally add a supernova, they say it's the perfect metaphor for my incandescent talent.
- 120 Sheldon: Right, a ball of hot flaming gas that collapses in on itself. (Leonard nudges him. He smiles. Phone rings.)
- 121 Raj: Excuse me. Oh, it's my assistant Trevor. Go for Koothrappali. Uh-huh.
- 122 Howard: They gave him an assistant? If I want a new pen I have to go to the bank with wire cutters.
- 123 Sheldon (still smiling): Have we at this point met our social obligations?
- 124 Leonard: Not yet.
- 125 Raj: Okay, just put it on my calendar but start thinking of a reason why I can't go, alrighty? Koothrappali out. God bless that boy, I don't know what I'd do without him.
- 126 Leonard: You just got him this afternoon.
- 127 Raj: Yes, but I'm finding that having a lackey suits me.
- 128 Leonard: A lackey?
- 129 Raj: Oh, I'm sorry, is that politically incorrect? In India we just call them untouchables.
- 130 Sheldon: Now?
- 131 Leonard: Almost.
- 132 Raj: Speaking of untouchables, I've got great news for you guys. People magazine is having a reception this Saturday, and I managed to get you invited.
- 133 Howard: Oh, gee, thanks.
- 134 Raj: Oh, you're welcome. Of course, I couldn't get you into the VIP section, because, you know, that's for VIPs, and you guys are just, you know,

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- 135 Sheldon: There's a tribe in Papua New Guinea where, when a hunter flaunts his success to the rest of the village they kill him, and drive away evil spirits with a drum made of his skin. Superstitious nonsense of course, but one can see their point. (Smiles)
- 136 Penny (bringing another grasshopper): Here you go, Raj, you might want to drink this one slowly.
- 137 Raj: Okay, so, Saturday night, can I count on my posse?
- 138 Howard: Gee, I'd love to Raj, but I can't make it.
- 139 Raj: Oh, okay, Leonard?
- 140 Leonard: Well, uh, no I... the... no.
- 141 Raj: Sheldon?
- 142 Sheldon: I can make it, but I won't.
- 143 Penny: What are you guys talking about?
- 144 Raj: Well, there's a reception for my magazine article on Saturday.
- 145 Penny: And you guys aren't going? I can't believe you, Raj is celebrating a tremendous accomplishment and you're not even going to be there to support him?
- 146 Sheldon: A tremendous accomplishment would be if the planetary body he discovered were plummeting toward Earth and he exploded it with his mind.
- 147 Howard: That would be cool. I'd go to that reception.
- 148 Penny: Come on, this is huge, Raj is going to be in People magazine. And he didn't even have to knock up one of the Spears sisters.
- 149 Raj: Would you like to go with me?
- 150 Penny: Of course I would, I would be honoured.
- 151 Raj: Really? Cool.
- 152 Penny: Shame on you guys. (Leaves)
- 153 Raj: Look at that. I got a date with Penny. I can't believe it took you a whole year.
- 154 Sheldon: Now?
- 155 Leonard: Now. (They all get up and leave. Raj looks around himself, then leans over to the next table.)
- 156 Raj: Hey, buddy. I'm going to be in people magazine.
- 157 Charlie Sheen (turning round): Yeah, call me when you're on the cover.
- 158 Scene: Outside Penny's door. Raj in a suit knocks on the door with his foot as he has a glass of champagne in both hands. He drinks one. Penny opens door, she is dressed up also.
- 159 Penny: Oh, Raj, look at you!
- 160 Raj: I know, I am resplendent like the noonday sun, am I not?
- 161 Penny: Um, yeah, starting with the champagne a little early aren't you?
- 162 Raj: It was in the limo. They sent a limo. I have a limo. I just love saying limo. Here, sip on this while you're getting ready.
- 163 Penny: Oh, I'm ready.
- 164 Raj: That's what you're wearing.
- 165 Penny: Um, yeah, why what's wrong with it?
- 166 Raj: Nothing, I was just hoping for something a little more, you know,

- redonkulous.
- 167 Penny: Yeah, well, this is all the donkulous you're gonna get.
- 168 Raj: Okey dokey, let's roll. Alright, it's time to raise the roof. Oo-ooh, oo-ooh.
- 169 Penny (to Leonard who is just coming up the stairs): Hey Leonard.
- 170 Leonard: Hey.
- 171 Raj: Dude.
- 172 Leonard: You look very nice.
- 173 Raj and Penny together: Thank you.
- 174 Penny: Uh, come on, good night Leonard.
- 175 Leonard: Good night.
- 176 Raj: Hey, Leonard, did you see my limo downstairs.
- 177 Leonard: Yeah.
- 178 Raj: It's bigger than the house my grandfather grew up in.
- 179 Leonard: Terrific.
- 180 Raj: It has more food too.
- 181 Penny: Alright, come on, come on.
- 182 Raj (leaving, singing): I'm coming up so you better get this party started.
- 183 Leonard (entering apartment): Hey.
- 184 Howard: Hey, good news, you don't have to sulk about Penny any more,
- look, there are hundreds of Croatian women just waiting for you to contact them.
- 185 Leonard: Anythingforagreencard.com?
- 186 Howard: I'll lend you my user name, it's wealthybigpenis.
- 187 Leonard: You're joking.
- 188 Howard: Well, you gotta make it easy for them, they're just learning English.
- 189 Leonard: Pass.
- 190 Howard: So you're just going to sit around here and mope while Penny is out with Doctor Apu from the Kwik-e-Mart?
- 191 Leonard: It's not a date, and that's racist.
- 192 Howard: It can't be racist, he's a beloved character on the Simpsons.
- 193 Leonard: Let's just eat so I can get to bed. With any luck tonight will be the night my sleep apnoea kills me.
- 194 Sheldon: Did you remember to ask for the chicken with broccoli to be diced not shredded?
- 195 Leonard: Yes.
- 196 Sheldon: Even though the menu description specifies shredded?
- 197 Leonard: Yes.
- 198 Sheldon: Brown rice, not white?
- 199 Leonard: Yes.
- 200 Sheldon: Did you stop at the Korean grocery and get the good hot mustard.
- 201 Leonard: Yes.
- 202 Sheldon: Did you pick up the low sodium soy sauce from the market?
- 203 Leonard: Yes.

- 204 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 205 Leonard: You're welcome.
- 206 Sheldon: What took you so long?
- 207 Leonard: Just sit down and eat.
- 208 Sheldon: Fine. (Opens carton. Shows it to Leonard in disgust.)
- 209 Leonard: Alright, it's shredded, what do you want me to do?
- 210 Sheldon: I want you to check before you accept the order.
- 211 Leonard: Sorry.
- 212 Sheldon: Were you distracted by the possibility that Koothrappali might have intercourse with Penny tonight?
- 213 Leonard: He's not going to have intercourse with Penny.
- 214 Sheldon: Then there's no excuse for this chicken. You know, this situation
- with Koothrapali brings to mind a story from my childhood.
- 215 Howard: Oh goody, more tales from the panhandle. 216 - Sheldon: That's Northwest Texas, I'm from East Texas, the Gulf region, home to many Vietnamese shrimpers.
- 217 Leonard: Do the shrimpers feature in your story?
- 218 Sheldon: No. Anyway, when I was eight, a Montgomery-Ward delivery van ran over our cat, Lucky.
- 219 Howard: Lucky?
- 220 Sheldon: Yes, Lucky.
- 221 Leonard: He's irony impaired, just move on.
- 222 Howard: Okay, dead cat named Lucky, continue.
- 223 Sheldon: While others mourned Lucky, I realised his untimely demise provided me with the opportunity to replace him with something more suited to my pet needs. A faithful companion that I could snuggle with at night, and yet would be capable of killing upon telepathic command.
- 224 Howard: So, not a puppy?
- 225 Sheldon: Please, no, nothing so pedestrian. I wanted a griffin.
- 226 Leonard: A griffin?
- 227 Sheldon: Yes, half eagle, half lion.
- 228 Leonard: And mythological.
- 229 Sheldon: Irrelevant. See, I was studying recombinant DNA technology and I was confident I could create one, but my parents were unwilling to secure the necessary eagle eggs and lion semen. Course my sister got swimming lessons when she wanted them.
- 230 Howard: Sheldon, not that we don't all enjoy a good lion semen story, what's your point.
- 231 Sheldon: My point is, if Koothrappali is moving on to a new life of shallow, undeserved fame, perhaps this is an opportunity to create a better cohort.
- 232 Leonard: You want to breed a new friend?
- 233 Sheldon: That's one option, but who has the time? But consider this, the Japanese, they're doing some wonderful work with artificial intelligence, now, you combine that with some animatronics from the imagineers over at Disney, next thing you know, we're playing Halo with a multi-lingual Abraham Lincoln.
- 234 Howard: Sheldon, don't take this the wrong way, but, you're insane.

- 235 Leonard: That may well be, but the fact is, it wouldn't kill us to meet some new people.
- 236 Sheldon: Uh, for the record, it could kill us to meet new people. They could be murderers, or the carriers of unusual pathogens, and I'm not insane, my mother had me tested.
- 237 Leonard: If we do get a new friend, he should be a guy you can trust. A guy who has your back.
- 238 Howard: And he should have a lot of money, and live in a cool place down by the beach where we could throw parties.
- 239 Sheldon: He should share our love of technology.
- 240 Howard: And he should know a lot of women.
- 241 Leonard: Yeah, let's see, money, women, technology, okay we're agreed, our new friend is going to be Iron Man.
- 242 Scene: Raj's apartment. Raj is heard singing in a drunk voice through the door. He enters with his arm around Penny.
- 243 Raj: Welcome to the Raj Mahal.
- 244 Penny: Yes, it's very nice, goodnight Raj.
- 245 Raj: No, wait, the evening's not over.
- 246 Penny: Yes it is.
- 247 Raj: No, it's time to put on some R. Kelly and suck face.
- 248 Penny: Oh, wow, is the evening over.
- 249 Raj (as a ringing noise is heard): Wait, wait, that's my mummy and daddy calling from India. I want you to meet my parents.
- 250 Penny: Wait, meet them.
- 251 Raj (inhales deeply, picks up laptop, presses a button. His mother and father appear on the screen): Hello mummy and daddy, good to see you. I'm not drunk.
- 252 Mrs Koothrappali: Why would you say that?
- 253 Raj: Just making conversation. Mummy, daddy, I want you to meet my new squeeze, Penny.
- 254 Penny: I am not your squeeze. There is no squeezing.
- 255 Dr Koothrappali: I can't see her, centre her in the frame.
- 256 Raj: Here you go, cute huh?
- 257 Mrs Koothrappali: She's not Indian.
- 258 Dr Koothrappali: So, she's not Indian, the boy's just sowing some wild oats.
- 259 Penny: No, no, there's no sowing, no squeezing, and no sucking face.
- 260 Mrs Koothrappali: What if he gets her pregnant. Is this little hotsy-totsy who you want as the mother of your grandchildren.
- 261 Raj: What right do you have to pick who I can have children with?
- 262 Dr Koothrappali: Look, Rajesh, I understand, you're in America, you want to try the local cuisine. But trust me, you don't want it for a steady diet.
- 263 Raj: Now you listen to me, I am no longer a child, and I will not be spoken to like one. Now if you'd excuse me, I have to go throw up.
- 264 Mrs Koothrappali: What's wrong with him?
- 265 Penny: I don't know, maybe it's the local cuisine. Okay, well, it's nice

to meet you, just gonna set you on down over here, and I'm going to leave so, Namaste. (Leaves, then almost immediately returns) And FYI, you'd be lucky to have me as a daughter-in-law.

- 266 Dr Koothrappali: She's feisty. I like that.
- 267 Scene: Penny's apartment. She is in her bathrobe. A note slides under the door.
- 268 Penny (opening door to find Raj outside): Raj, what are you doing. (He hands her the note). No. No notes. If you have something to say to me, say it. 269 Raj (tries several times. Finally, in a high pitched squeak): Sorry.
- 270 Penny: Oh, sweetie, it's okay. (She hugs him. As she does, Leonard exits his apartment to see Penny, in bathrobe, hugging Raj who is apparently about to leave. As she goes back inside, Raj turns, smiles, and puts both thumbs up. Leonard turns, with an upset look, to Sheldon who is standing behind him. Sheldon gives him his exaggerated smile.)

## 2.5 Episode 05: The Euclid Alternative

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Leonard enters, drops his keys in the bowl by the door, then collapses onto the settee. Sheldon enters from the bedroom area.
- 2 Sheldon: Good morning, Leonard.
- 3 Leonard: Uh-huh.
- 4 Sheldon: Yeah, we're going to have to stop by Pottery Barn on the way to work, I bought these Star Wars sheets but they turned out to be much too stimulating to be compatible with a good night's sleep. I don't like the way Darth Vader stares at me.
- 5 Leonard: I'm not going to work.
- 6 Sheldon: Oh, just because your career's been stagnant for a few years, that's no reason to give up.
- 7 Leonard: Sheldon, I was up all night using the new free-electron laser for my X-ray diffraction experiment.
- 8 Sheldon: Did the laser accidentally burn out your retinas?
- 9 Leonard: No.
- 10 Sheldon: Then you can drive. Let's go.
- 11 Leonard: Didn't I tell you I'd be working nights, and that you'd have to make other arrangements.
- 12 Sheldon: You did.
- 13 Leonard: And?
- 14 Sheldon: I didn't. Let's go.
- 15 Leonard: Goodnight, Sheldon.
- 16 Sheldon: But how am I going to get to work?
- 17 Leonard: Take the bus.
- 18 Sheldon: I can't take the bus any more. They don't have seatbelts. And they won't let you lash yourself to the seat with bungee cords.
- 19 Leonard: You tried to lash yourself to the seat with bungee cords?
- 20 Sheldon: I didn't try, I succeeded. For some reason it alarmed the other passengers and I was asked to de-bus.

- 21 Leonard: Oh, you're a big boy, you'll figure it out.
- 22 Sheldon: Don't talk to me like I'm a child. Now, take me to return my star wars sheets!
- 23 Scene: Outside Penny's apartment.
- 24 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Penny...
- 25 Penny (opening door): Sheldon, what is it?
- 26 Sheldon: Leonard's asleep.
- 27 Penny: Thanks for the update (begins to close door.)
- 28 Sheldon: No, wait. You have to drive me to work.
- 29 Penny: Yeah, uh, I really don't think I do.
- 30 Sheldon: But I don't drive, and I can't take the bus.
- 31 Penny: Yeah, honey, you'll be fine as long as you don't do that bungee cord thing, okay?
- 32 Sheldon: Penny. Didn't you recently state that you and I are friends?
- 33 Penny: Yes, Sheldon, we are friends.
- 34 Sheldon: Then I hereby invoke what I'm given to understand is an integral part of the implied covenant of friendship. The favour.
- 35 Penny: Oh, dear God.
- 36 Sheldon: I'm sorry, I didn't realize I was interrupting your morning prayers. When you're done, we'll go.
- 37 Credits sequence.
- 38 Scene: Inside Penny's car.
- 39 Sheldon: Thank you for driving me to work.
- 40 Penny: You know this is my day off, Sheldon.
- 41 Sheldon: Oh, good. I'm not keeping you from anything. Your check engine light is on.
- 42 Penny: Mm-hmm.
- 43 Sheldon: Typically that's an indicator. To, you know, check your engine.
- 44 Penny: It's fine, it's been on for, like, a month.
- 45 Sheldon: Well, actually, that would be all the more reason to, you know, check your engine.
- 46 Penny: Sheldon, it's fine.
- 47 Sheldon: If it were fine, the light wouldn't be on. That's why the manufacturer installed that light, to let you know it's not fine.
- 48 Penny: Uh, maybe the light's broken.
- 49 Sheldon: Is there a "check the check engine light light"? (Penny takes a drink of coffee) O-o-o-oh!
- 50 Penny: What?
- 51 Sheldon: Studies have shown that performing tasks such as eating, talking on a cell phone or drinking coffee while driving reduces one's reaction time by the same factor as an ounce of alcohol.
- 52 Penny: Do you have any alcohol?
- 53 Sheldon: Of course not.
- 54 Penny: Too bad.
- 55 Sheldon: You're going up Euclid Avenue?

- 56 Penny: Mm-hmm.
- 57 Sheldon: Leonard takes Los Robles Avenue.
- 58 Penny: Well, good for Leonard.
- 59 Sheldon: Euclid Avenue is shorter as the crow flies, but it has speed bumps, which appreciably increase point-to-point drive time, making it the less efficient choice. But you have the conn. Of course, if you're not going to slow down for the speed bumps, I withdraw my previous objection. Here's a fun question. Do you know what the most common street name is?
- 60 Penny: No.
- 61 Sheldon: The answer's tricky. It's Second Street. You see, you'd think it would be First Street, but in most towns, First Street eventually gets renamed to something else, you know, like Main Street, Broad Street, Michigan Avenue. Leonard and I often use our commute time to exercise our minds with brainteasers like that. We also play games. Would you like to play one?
- 62 Penny: No.
- 63 Sheldon: Oh, come on, it's fun. Ooh! Another bump. Okay. I'll say an element, and uh, you say an element whose name starts with the last letter of the one I said, okay? I'll start. Helium. Now, you could say Mercury. That would give me a Y. Ooh. Very clever, that's a tough one. So I go Ytterbium, which gets you back to M. So you go Molybdenum, and I say Magnesium, you say Manganese, and I say Europium, and, and you're left with Mendelevium, and there are no more M's because I believe that Meitnerium should still be called Ekairidium, so congratulations, you win. Do you wanna go again?
- 64 Penny: How about we just have a little quiet time now?
- 65 Sheldon: All right. Hmm, huh, I'm sorry, I'm finding your reckless nonchalance regarding the check-engine light to be very troubling.
- 66 Penny (Pulling over): Get out.
- 67 Sheldon: Well, I have to tell you that while I do have a theoretical understanding of the workings of an internal combustion engine, I'm not sure I'm capable of performing diagnostics.
- 68 Penny: I said, get out.
- 69 Sheldon: Okay. I'll give it a shot. (Gets out. Penny drives away.)
- 70 Scene: The university cafeteria. Sheldon enters.
- 71 Sheldon: Oh, Leonard, there you are, I'm ready to go home.
- 72 Leonard: I just got here.
- 73 Sheldon: Good, perfect timing.
- 74 Leonard: Sheldon, I told you, I only have access to the free-electron laser at night. I can't drive you for the next few weeks.
- 75 Sheldon: No, you said you couldn't drive me to work, this is from work.
- 76 Leonard: Howard, help me out here.
- 77 Howard: No, just for the fun of it, I'm gonna take his side.
- 78 Sheldon: Now, how do you propose I get home?
- 79 Leonard: How did you get here in the first place?
- 80 Sheldon: Penny. But I sense that's no longer an option.
- 81 Leonard: Look, I need to get to the laser lab, you're just going to have to find someone else to take you home.

- 82 Howard: Oh damn, I picked the wrong side.
- 83 Scene: Howard's motor scooter. Howard is driving, Sheldon is on the back clutching him for dear life and screaming.
- 84 Sheldon: Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! Oh God, not Euclid Avenue! Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!
- 85 Scene: Raj's car.
- 86 Raj: Why did Howard leave you in the middle of the road anyway?
- 87 Sheldon: We had a difference of opinion.
- 88 Raj: Over what?
- 89 Sheldon: Whether or not he was trying to kill me. For the record, I maintain he was. Where are you going?
- 90 Raj: I'm taking you home.
- 91 Sheldon: Oh, but I'm not going home. It's Wednesday, Wednesday is new comic book day, we have to go to the comic book store. And then we have to stop at Soup Plantation, it's creamy tomato soup day, and Radio Shack, there's a sale on triple-a batteries. Plus, we have to go to Pottery Barn and return my Star Wars sheets.
- 92 Raj: I have a better idea.
- 93 Sheldon: You want to go to pottery barn first?
- 94 Scene: Penny's apartment, she opens the door, Sheldon is stood outside with his Star Wars sheets.
- 95 Sheldon: Can you drive me to Pottery Barn? (She closes the door) Maybe if I turn off the night-light, I can keep the sheets.
- 96 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon enters from the bedroom area. Everyone else is present.
- 97 Sheldon: Good morning.
- 98 All: Good morning.
- 99 Leonard: Sheldon, sit down.
- 100 Sheldon: She's in my spot. Don't look at me like that, everybody knows that my spot.
- 101 Penny: Sheldon, you know that we care about you.
- 102 Howard: And it's because we care about you that we've decided we have to speak up.
- 103 Penny: You're hurting the people around you, sweetie.
- 104 Leonard: So we made you an appointment, and we want you to keep it.
- 105 Sheldon: Department of motor vehicles new driver handbook? But I don't have a problem.
- 106 Leonard: Sheldon, you need to learn how to drive.
- 107 Howard: This madness has to stop.
- 108 Leonard: Penny's taking you to the DMV, I'm going to bed.
- 109 Sheldon: Why Penny?
- 110 Leonard: Because rock breaks scissors, goodnight.
- 111 Penny: All right, come on Sheldon.
- 112 Sheldon: Hold on, I have one condition.
- 113 Penny: What?
- 114 Sheldon: We have to stop at Pottery Barn.
- 115 Penny: Okay.

- 116 Sheldon: And Radio Shack.
- 117 Penny: Fine.
- 118 Sheldon: And the comic book store.
- 119 Penny: All right! (They leave.)
- 120 Howard: Ooh, I want to go to the comic book store. (He leaves.)
- 121 Raj: I like comic books.
- 122 Scene: The DMV.
- 123 Sheldon: I just don't see why I need a driver's license, Albert Einstein never had a driver's license.
- 124 Howard: Yeah, but Albert Einstein didn't make me wet myself at 40 miles an hour.
- 125 Penny: Yeah, and I never wanted to kick Albert Einstein in the nuts. You know, I gotta ask, why didn't you just get a license at 16 like everybody else?
- 126 Sheldon: I was otherwise engaged.
- 127 Penny: Doing what?
- 128 Sheldon: Examining perturbative amplitudes in n=4 supersymmetric theories leading to a re-examination of the ultraviolet properties of multi-loop n=8 supergravity using modern twistor theory.
- 129 Penny: Well, how 'bout when you were 17?
- 130 DMV Lady (to the person ahead of Sheldon in the queue): Take this to the testing area, put your name at the top, sign the bottom, answer the questions, bring it back, next! (Sheldon moves forward) Application?
- 131 Sheldon: I'm actually more of a theorist.
- 132 Howard: The application in your hand, give it to her.
- 133 Sheldon: Oh.
- 134 DMV Lady: Take this to the testing area, put your name at the top, sign the bottom, answer the questions, bring it back, next!
- 135 Sheldon: Excuse me, but I have some concerns about these questions.
- 136 DMV Lady: Look at that sign up there.
- 137 Sheldon: Yes?
- 138 DMV Lady: Does it say I give a damn?
- 139 Sheldon: No.
- 140 DMV Lady: That's because I don't.
- 141 Sheldon: Just, look, see, this first question makes no sense, how many car lengths should you leave in front of you when driving? There's no possible way to answer that, a car length is not a standardized unit of measure.
- 142 DMV Lady: Look at the sign.
- 143 Penny: Sheldon, it's C, just put down C.
- 144 Sheldon: I don't need vour help, Penny.
- 145 DMV Lady: Listen to that little girl, honey, put C. Next!
- 146 Sheldon: No, no, wait, no, hang on, look at this next question.
- 147 Howard: Sheldon, why are you arguing with the DMV?
- 148 Sheldon: How else are they going to learn? Look, question 2, when are roadways most slippery? Now, okay, there are three answers, none of which are correct. The correct answer is, when covered by a film of liquid sufficient to reduce the coefficient of static friction between the tire and the road to essentially

- zero, but not so deep as to introduce a new source of friction.
- 149 DMV Lady: Here's your learner's permit. Go away.
- 150 Sheldon: But I'm not done. I have many additional concerns about these questions.
- 151 DMV Lady: Don't make me climb over this counter.
- 152 Penny: Come on, let's go.
- 153 DMV Lady: Next!
- 154 Sheldon: Aced it.
- 155 Scene: The apartment. Howard is setting up a large kit of high tech equipment.
- 156 Howard: Okay, that's it, let's boot it up.
- 157 Leonard: Booting.
- 158 Howard: This is a state-of-the-art simulator. I adapted it from something a friend of mine designed for the army.
- 159 Sheldon: Is that why I appear to be in downtown Fallujah, behind the wheel of an up-armored Humvee?
- 160 Howard: I haven't configured it yet. Let's see. . . Bradley tank. . . transport truck. . . Batmobile. . .
- 161 Sheldon: Ooh!
- 162 Leonard: No.
- 163 Howard: Here we go, red 2006 Ford Taurus on the streets of Pasadena.
- 164 Sheldon (sucking in breath): Hmmmm?
- 165 Howard: What?
- 166 Sheldon: Statistically, red cars are stopped by police far more often than any other colour. I don't want any hassles with the fuzz.
- 167 Howard: Fine, what colour do you want?
- 168 Sheldon: You know the pale blue of Luke Skywalker's lightsaber, before it was digitally remastered?
- 169 Howard: Black it is.
- 170 Leonard: Okay, now, what you want to do first is turn on the ignition and shift into drive.
- 171 Sheldon: I haven't fastened my seat belt yet.
- 172 Leonard: Okay, fasten your seat belt.
- 173 Sheldon: Click. Now, are there air bags?
- 174 Leonard: You don't need air bags.
- 175 Sheldon: What if a simulated van rear-ends me?
- 176 Penny: I'll hit you in the face with a pillow.
- 177 Leonard: Okay, now shift into drive, pull out slowly into traffic.
- 178 (General panic)
- 179 Penny: Oh.
- 180 Leonard: Oh.
- 181 Howard: Oh.
- 182 Leonard: Watch out.
- 183 Howard: Oh God!
- 184 Leonard: Watch, watch out, watch out for pedestrians!
- 185 Penny: Oh God, wait, slow, hit the brakes, hit the brakes!

- 186 (Sounds of car crashing. Penny hits Sheldon in face with pillow.)
- 187 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 188 Scene: The same, only Sheldon and Leonard are present. Sheldon is practicing. There are sounds of squealing tyres and brakes and general panic and mayhem.
- 189 Sheldon: Sorry... excuse me... my bad... student driver...
- 190 Leonard: How did you manage to get on the second floor of the Glendale galleria?
- 191 Sheldon: I don't know. I was on the Pasadena freeway, I missed my exit, flew off the overpass, and one thing led to another.
- 192 Leonard: Maybe you want to give it a rest and try again tomorrow.
- 193 Sheldon: No. I quit. (Stands up. There is more sound of crashing and panic, then animal noises.)
- 194 Leonard: Aw, the pet store?
- 195 Sheldon: Remind me to compliment Wolowitz on the software, it's amazingly detailed.
- 196 Leonard: So wait, you're just gonna give up?
- 197 Sheldon: No, I'm not giving up, I never give up.
- 198 Leonard: So what is it you're doing?
- 199 Sheldon: I'm transcending the situation. I'm clearly too evolved for driving.
- 200 Leonard: What does that mean?
- 201 Sheldon: Leonard, have you ever wondered why my little toes and lateral incisors are significantly smaller than the average for someone of my size?
- 202 Leonard: I wonder a lot of things about you, Sheldon, but not... not that.
- 203 Sheldon: Well, those are indicators that I'm farther along the evolutionary scale than the average human.
- 204 Leonard: No kidding.
- 205 Sheldon: Well, no, no, I'm not going to go so far as to say that I represent a distinct new stage in humankind, you know, a Homo Novus, if you will, no, that's for anthropologists to decide. But I am convinced that the reason I cannot master the plebeian task of driving is because I'm not meant to.
- 206 Leonard: Yes, you are, you're meant to learn how to drive. Please learn how to drive!
- 207 Sheldon: No, no. Leonard, I'm meant for greater things, like unraveling the mysteries of the universe, not determining when it's safe to pass a stopped school bus on a country road.
- 208 Leonard: It's never safe.
- 209 Sheldon: Yeah, well, I know that now.
- 210 Leonard: Fine. Assuming that everything you say is true, how does the biologically superior Homo Novus get to work tomorrow morning?
- 211 Sheldon: Homo Novus doesn't know.
- 212 Leonard: Well, hang in there, maybe you'll evolve into something with wings.
- 213 Scene: A corridor in the university. Sheldon emerges from his office in a

shower cap and bathrobe. The others are turning the corner.

- 214 Sheldon: Good morning, gentlemen.
- 215 Leonard: Hey.
- 216 Raj: Good morning. Is there some new kind of casual Friday I don't know about?
- 217 Leonard: No, he lives here now.
- 218 Howard: Really? Why?
- 219 Leonard: Well, since he won't take the bus and he's too evolved to drive, he decided it would be easier to just sleep in his office and shower in the radiation lab until I'm finished with my experiment.
- 220 Raj: But you finished your experiment a week ago.
- 221 Leonard: Yep
- 222 Scene: The cafeteria, late at night. Two cleaning ladies enter and find a plate with toast crusts.
- 223 Cleaning Lady 1 (in Spanish, subtitles): Oh my God, again?
- 224 Cleaning Lady 2: It must be rats.
- 225 Cleaning Lady 1: Rats don't make toast and cut off the crust.
- 226 (They are startled by a noise. One of them drops the plate, it smashes on the floor. Sheldon is by the drink machine, he is wearing a cloak with a hood) 227 Sheldon: You saw nothing! (Sweeps hood around himself and vanishes

# through cafeteria door.)

## 2.6 Episode 06: The Cooper-Nowitzki Theorem

- 1 Scene: A lecture room at the university.
- 2 Leonard: So, if any of you are considering going into experimental physics, my door is always open. Once again, I'm sorry that the demonstration didn't quite work out, but now we know what happens when you accidentally spill peach Snapple into a helium neon laser. Short answer is... don't. And now to tell you about the theoretical physics department is Dr. Sheldon Cooper. Dr. Cooper?
- 3 Sheldon (off): Forget it.
- 4 Leonard: Excuse me. Sheldon, we both agreed to do this.
- 5 Sheldon (off): It's a waste of time. I might as well explain the laws of thermodynamics to a bunch of labradoodles.
- 6 Leonard: If you don't do this, I won't take you to the comic book store.
- 7 Sheldon (entering): Hello. Nice work with the laser, by the way. Looking out at your fresh young faces, I remember when I too was deciding my academic future as a lowly graduate student. Of course, I was 14, and I'd already achieved more than most of you could ever hope to, despite my 9 o'clock bedtime. Now, there may be one or two of you in this room who has what it takes to succeed in theoretical physics, although, it's more likely that you'll spend your scientific careers teaching fifth graders how to make paper mache volcanoes with baking soda lava.
- 8 Leonard: Oh, good God.
- 9 Sheldon: In short, anyone who told you that you would someday be able to

make any significant contribution to physics played a cruel trick on you, a cruel trick indeed. Any questions? Of course not. I weep for the future of science. Now if you'll excuse me, the latest issue of Batman is out. Come, Leonard.

- 10 Leonard: Laser demonstration's looking pretty good now, huh?
- 11 Credits sequence.
- 12 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 13 Raj: I love this time of the year. The leaves are turning, there's a bracing chill in the air.
- 14 Howard: Plus there's a whole new crop of female grad students about to put on just enough winter weight to make them needy and vulnerable. That's right, honey, have another calzone, Daddy can wait.
- 15 Raj: Isn't there a university policy against dating graduate students?
- 16 Leonard: No, if you can talk to them, you can ask them out.
- 17 Raj: Damn, there's always a catch.
- 18 Leslie Winkle (entering): Hey, guys.
- 19 Leonard: Hey, Leslie.
- 20 Leslie: So, dumbass, I heard you made a grad student throw up last night.
- 21 Sheldon: The truth can indeed be a finger down the throat of those unprepared to hear it. But why should I cater to second-rate minds?
- 22 Leslie: Because first-rate minds call you "dumbass"?
- 23 Sheldon: Oh, yeah? Well... you're a mean person.
- 24 Girl (arriving): Excuse me, Dr. Cooper, I'm Ramona Nowitzki, I was at your talk last night. I think you're just brilliant.
- 25 Sheldon: That is the prevailing opinion.
- 26 Leslie: Oh, now I'm gonna throw up.
- 27 Howard: Howard Wolowitz, department of engineering, co-designer of the International Space Station's Liquid Waste Disposal System.
- 28 Ramona: Ew. Dr. Cooper, I've read everything you've published. I especially liked your paper on grand unification using string-network condensates and was wondering how you determined that three-dimensional string-nets provided a unified picture of fermions and gauge bosons?
- 29 Sheldon: Amazing, an intelligent labradoodle.
- 30 Howard: Woof.
- 31 Sheldon: The fact is I'm quite close to a breakthrough in showing how neutrinos emerge from a string-net condensate.
- 32 Ramona: Oh, my God, that would change the way we view the entire physical universe.
- 33 Sheldon: It's what I do.
- 34 Howard: You know, the Pishkin-Wolowitz Liquid Waste Disposal System is turning a few heads as well.
- 35 Ramona: Again, ew. You know, I'd love to hear more about how you intend to add neutrinos. Could we get a cup of coffee sometime?
- 36 Sheldon: I don't drink coffee.
- 37 Howard: I do. I love me a cup of joe.
- 38 Ramona: Well, it doesn't have to be coffee. How about dinner?
- 39 Sheldon: I do eat dinner.

- 40 Ramona: Great. I know a terrific little Italian place.
- 41 Sheldon: I never eat in strange restaurants. One runs the risk of non-standard cutlery.
- 42 Ramona: Excuse me?
- 43 Leonard: Sheldon lives in fear of the three-tined fork.
- 44 Sheldon: Three times is not a fork, three times is a trident. Forks are for eating, tridents are for ruling the seven seas.
- 45 Ramona: What if I brought food to your place?
- 46 Sheldon: That would be acceptable. On Mondays, I eat Thai food. Mee krob and chicken sate with extra peanut sauce from Siam Palace.
- 47 Ramona: You got it. I already have your address.
- 48 Sheldon: What a nice girl.
- 49 Howard: Sheldon, do you have any idea what just happened?
- 50 Sheldon: Yes. Apparently I'm getting a free dinner.
- 51 Scene: The apartment building lobby. Ramona is waiting by the lift. Penny enters.
- 52 Penny: Oh, yeah, no, this thing's majorly out of order. (Picking up out of order sign) See? Sorry.
- 53 Ramona: That's okay. Guess I'm taking the stairs.
- 54 Penny: Where you going?
- 55 Ramona: 4-A.
- 56 Penny: Oh, are you here to see Leonard?
- 57 Ramona: No, Dr. Cooper.
- 58 Penny: Dr. Sheldon Cooper?
- 59 Ramona: We're having dinner.
- 60 Penny: Sheldon Cooper? Tall, thin, looks a little like a giant praying mantis?
- 61 Ramona: He is cute, isn't he?
- 62 Penny: Sheldon Cooper?
- 63 Scene: The apartment. Leonard opens the door, Ramona and Penny are outside.
- 64 Ramona: Hi, Leonard.
- 65 Leonard: Hey, Ramona. Come on in.
- 66 Ramona: Thanks. Where should I put this?
- 67 Leonard: Uh, the kitchen's fine. (To Penny) Hey, what are you doing?
- 68 Penny: I need to see this.
- 69 Leonard: Uh-huh. The viewing area's right over there. Sheldon, your girl. . . date. . . person. . . Ramona's here.
- 70 Sheldon: Oh, hello.
- 71 Ramona: Oh, sorry I'm late. I just got so caught up reading the draft of your latest paper.
- 72 Sheldon: Did you enjoy the humorous footnote where I illustrate mirror-symmetry by likening it to the Flash playing tennis with himself?
- 73 Ramona: So funny. But the idea that you might be able to incorporate gravity, I have to tell you, I found it physically exhilarating.
- 74 Sheldon: My hypotheses tend to have that effect.

- 75 Ramona: I'm sorry I didn't bring enough for your friends. I assumed we were going to be alone.
- 76 Leonard: Oh, yeah. No, we were just going.
- 77 Howard: To watch, right?
- 78 Leonard: No, come on, now, we're going out.
- 79 Penny: Oh, come on, we'll be quiet.
- 80 Leonard: Let's go. Okay, you two, just, have a nice... whatever this is.
- 81 Penny (in hallway): Okay, you guys, look, I know this is none of my business, but I just, I have to ask, what's Sheldon's deal?
- 82 Leonard: What do you mean "deal"?
- 83 Penny: You know, like what's his deal? Is it girls? Guys? Sock puppets?
- 84 Leonard: Honestly, we've been operating under the assumption that he has no deal.
- 85 Penny: Come on, everybody has a deal.
- 86 Howard: Not Sheldon. Over the years, we've formulated many theories about how he might reproduce. I'm an advocate of mytosis.
- 87 Penny: I'm sorry?
- 88 Howard: I believe one day Sheldon will eat an enormous amount of Thai food and split into two Sheldons.
- 89 Leonard: On the other hand, I think Sheldon might be the larval form of his species, and someday he'll spin a cocoon and emerge two months later with moth wings and an exoskeleton.
- 90 Penny: Okay, well, thanks for the nightmares.
- 91 Leonard: Hey, do you want to hang out with us?
- 92 Penny: What are you guys gonna do?
- 93 Leonard: Uh...
- 94 Howard: My mom's making a brisket tonight.
- 95 Leonard: The one with the little onions? Mmm.
- 96 Penny: Yeah, I'm busy, so, goodnight.
- 97 Howard: Her loss. Let's go.
- 98 Raj: Brisket party! B-to-the-R-to-the-I-S-K... To-the-E-to-the-T... Ooh...
- 99 Leonard: Don't.
- 100 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 101 Leonard: Hey, aren't you having breakfast?
- 102 Sheldon: Yes.
- 103 Leonard: Are you experimenting with nutritional suppositories again?
- 104 Sheldon: Not in these pants.
- 105 Leonard: So, how'd it go with Ramona last night?
- 106 Sheldon: Oh, great. She's smart, insightful and she has a very unique way of, you know, revering me.
- 107 Ramona (arriving): Here's your spinach mushroom omelette.
- 108 Sheldon: Thank you. Did anyone touch it?
- 109 Ramona: Gloves were worn by everyone involved. I was vigilant.
- 110 Sheldon: Ramona pointed out that I've been wasting 20 minutes a day standing on cafeteria lines.
- 111 Ramona: Time which would be better spent tackling the great physics

- problems of our day.
- 112 Sheldon: You don't tackle the big issues, Ramona. You fence with them. En garde. Riposte.
- 113 Leonard: Touche.
- 114 Leslie (arriving): Morning.
- 115 Leonard: Ah, hey Leslie.
- 116 Leslie: So, Sheldon, I see you're organizing your papers for the Smithsonian Museum of Dumbassery.
- 117 Ramona: There won't be any room until they get rid of the permanent Leslie Winkle exhibit.
- 118 Sheldon: Oh, good one.
- 119 Leslie: I see you got a grad student to fight your battles for you. I'll let you keep your lunch money today.
- 120 Ramona: Okay, Dr. Cooper is on the verge of a breakthrough. If you're going to stay, you'll have to be respectful and quiet. (Leslie leaves. Ramona looks pointedly at Leonard)
- 121 Leonard: Wait for me.
- 122 Ramona: So have you worked out the neutrino issue?
- 123 Sheldon: Well, to paraphrase Mozart, all the subatomic particles are there, I just have to put them in the right order.
- 124 Ramona: You're so witty.
- 125 Sheldon: Aren't I?
- 126 Scene: The apartment. There is a knock on the door which then opens and Penny enters.
- 127 Penny: Hey, guys, this package came for y...
- 128 (Sheldon is sitting in his usual seat, typing on his laptop. One foot is in a foot spa. Ramona is pumicing the other.)
- 129 Ramona: Dr. Cooper is working.
- 130 Sheldon: Yes, I'm close to a breakthrough. Ooh, it tickles
- 131 Penny: Sorry. (Puts package down and leaves. In hallway, shudders) Holy crap on a cracker.
- 132 Leonard: Hey, Penny.
- 133 Penny: Hi. You know, you probably don't want to go in there.
- 134 Leonard: Why? What are they doing?
- 135 Penny: You know, the only way I could explain it would be in a therapist's office with dolls.
- 136 Leonard (enters): Hoo-boy.
- 137 Ramona: Dr. Cooper's working.
- 138 Leonard: Yeah, I can see that. Sheldon, Halo night, Koothrappali's. You coming?
- 139 Sheldon: Oh, yes, it's Halo night. Let me just dry my tootsies.
- 140 Ramona: You're not going to Halo night.
- 141 Sheldon: Yes, I am. It's Wednesday. Wednesday's Halo night.;/i;
- 142 Ramona: Didn't a great man once say, "Science demands nothing less than the fervent and
- 143 unconditional dedication of our entire lives"?

- 144 Sheldon: He did.
- 145 Ramona: And who was that great man?
- 146 Sheldon: Me. Sorry, Leonard.
- 147 Leonard: Seriously? You're not coming?
- 148 Sheldon: You heard her. How can I argue with me?
- 149 Leonard: Okay, well, once again, you guys have a good... whatever this is.
- 150 Ramona: Dr. Cooper, I have to tell you, your friends are holding you back.
- 151 Sheldon: I prefer to think of it as I'm pulling them forward.
- 152 Ramona: Halo night? A man with your intellectual gifts doesn't waste an evening playing video games.
- 153 Sheldon: He does on Wednesdays.
- 154 Ramona: Not if he wants a Nobel Prize.
- 155 Sheldon: He does want that. Does a man with my intellectual gifts play paintball on weekends?
- 156 Ramona: What do you think?
- 157 Sheldon: Drat.
- 158 Ramona: Now shall we get back to work?
- 159 Sheldon: I suppose. Battlestar Galactica comes on tonight. (Pause) I guess I can wait for the DVD. (Pause) And then never ever watch it.
- 160 Montage of scenes: To the sound of "You Can Be My Yoko Ono" by Barenaked Ladies we see 1. the guys set off for paintball while Sheldon, dressed in paintball gear, sadly waves them goodbye, 2. Ramona catch Sheldon hiding behind the shower curtain playing on a Nintendo DS, 3. Ramona remove a book Sheldon is reading to reveal a Batman comic underneath, 4. Sheldon escape the apartment in his paintball gear only to be chased back inside by Ramona returning with groceries, she finds him sitting in his underpants with his paintball helmet still on.
- 161 Scene: Outside Penny's apartment.
- 162 Sheldon (Knock, knock, knock, in a low voice): Penny, (knock, knock, knock) Penny, (knock, knock, knock) Penny
- 163 Penny: Sheldon, honey, I've told you, it's a small apartment, you only have to knock one time.
- 164 Sheldon: Please, please, I don't have a lot of time. Look, Ramona finally dozed off, and I need you to help me get rid of her.
- 165 Penny: Get rid of her how?
- 166 Sheldon: I don't know, but apparently I'm in some kind of relationship, and you seem to be an expert at ending them.
- 167 Penny: Excuse me?
- 168 Sheldon: I see man after man leaving this apartment never to return.
- 169 Penny: Okay, first of all, it is not man after man.
- 170 Ramona (off): Dr. Cooper?!
- 171 Sheldon: Hide me.
- 172 Penny: Hide you?
- 173 Sheldon: I formally request sanctuary.

- 174 Ramona: Why aren't you working?
- 175 Sheldon: Um... she distracted me. I told you, Penny, I don't have time for your nonsense, I have important things to do.
- 176 Penny: Oh, man.
- 177 Ramona: I know what's going on here.
- 178 Penny: Really? Well, then will you explain it to me?
- 179 Ramona: You're in love with Dr. Cooper.
- 180 Penny: Uh, yeah, no, that's not it.
- 181 Ramona: Don't try to deny it. He's a remarkable man, but you have to let him go.
- 182 Penny: Oh, gee, okay.
- 183 Ramona: I know it's hard, but he's a gift to the whole world, and we can't be selfish.
- 184 Penny: Yeah, he's a gift all right.
- 185 Ramona: Sisters?
- 186 Penny: Um, sure, sisters. (Ramona leaves.) Holy crap on a cracker.
- 187 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. He is asleep. There is a tapping on the wall. He wakes up.
- 188 Leonard: Sheldon? (Pause, then more tapping) What are you doing?!
- 189 Sheldon: It's Morse code.
- 190 Leonard: Why?
- 191 Sheldon: So we can communicate through the wall.
- 192 Leonard: We are communicating through the wall.
- 193 Sheldon: Yes, but the communication is not encrypted.
- 194 Leonard: I don't know Morse code.
- 195 Sheldon: It's very simple. This is A (knock knock) this is B (knock knock-knock) this is C...
- 196 Leonard: Sheldon, I'm not going to learn Morse code at three o'clock in the morning!
- 197 Sheldon: All right.
- 198 Leonard: Don't come in here, don't come in here, don't come in here, don't (Sheldon enters) Aw! What's going on?
- 199 Sheldon: Shh! Ramona's sleeping on the couch.
- 200 Leonard: I know. When is she going home?
- 201 Sheldon: Never, that's the problem. I need your help.
- 202 Leonard: What are you talking about?
- 203 Sheldon: I'm invoking the Skynet clause of our friendship agreement.
- 204 Leonard: That only applies if you need me to help you destroy an artificial intelligence you created that's taking over the Earth.
- 205 Sheldon: Come on! Don't nitpick!
- 206 Leonard: Good night.
- 207 Sheldon: Shh. All right, I'm invoking our bodysnatchers clause.
- 208 Leonard: The bodysnatchers clause requires me to help you destroy someone we know who's been replaced with an alien pod.
- 209 Sheldon: Yes. She's in the living room. Go, I'll wait here.
- 210 Ramona (entering): Sheldon, what are you doing out of bed?

- 211 Sheldon: Now! Do it!
- 212 Ramona: You know you need your sleep in order for your cognitive processing to perform at optimum levels. Now come on.
- 213 Sheldon: Godzilla clause?
- 214 Leonard: Not unless she destroys Tokyo.
- 215 Sheldon: Rats.
- 216 Scene: The living room. Sheldon is surrounded by whiteboards.
- 217 Sheldon (excitedly): I've got it! I finally reconciled the black hole information paradox with my theory of string-network condensates!
- 218 Ramona: It's unbelievable! It's paradigm-altering!
- 219 Sheldon: And I could not have done it without you.
- 220 Ramona: Oh, please, I just offered a little encouragement.
- 221 Sheldon: It was a lot more than that. You helped me work out the masses of all the fermions, and you pumiced my hammer toe. How can I ever repay you?
- 222 Ramona: Well, would you consider naming it the Cooper-Nowitzki Theorem?
- 223 Sheldon: Who's Nowitzki?
- 224 Ramona: I'm Nowitzki.
- 225 Sheldon: Oh, you want me to share credit?
- 226 Ramona: Uh-huh.
- 227 Sheldon: Get out!
- 228 Scene: The hallway, Ramona is leaving.
- 229 Penny: Oh, hey, hi.
- 230 Ramona: Oh, bite me!
- 231 Penny: Sisters?
- 232 Scene: The cafeteria. A red haired girl approaches the table.
- 233 Girl: Excuse me, Dr. Cooper, I'm Kathy O'Brien. I just finished reading your paper reconciling the black hole information paradox with your theory of string-network condensates, and it just took my breath away.
- 234 Sheldon: Maybe when I publish it, I'll include an inhaler.
- 235 Kathy: Would you possibly have any time for me to pick your brain?
- 236 Sheldon: Let's see, today's Thursday. Thursday nights, I eat pizza from Giacomo's. Sausage, mushrooms, light olives.
- 237 Kathy: Great. I'll bring it to your place. I have the address.
- 238 Sheldon: What a nice girl.
- 239 Leonard: Sheldon, do you see what just happened here?
- 240 Sheldon: Yes, I'm getting a free pizza. I'm on a roll.
- 241 Scene: The living room. The guys are eating.
- 242 Sheldon: More Pad Thai, please.
- 243 Howard: Sheldon, you've already had four servings.
- 244 Raj: You might want to slow down a bit, buddy.
- 245 Sheldon: Just one more bite.
- 246 Leonard: Sheldon? Sheldon, are you okay?
- 247 Sheldon: I'm just so... full.
- 248 (Sheldon begins to shake uncontrollably, then expand, then a second

Sheldon separates from the original Sheldon and ends up sitting next to him. Leonard wakes up in bed with a start.)

249 - Leonard: That's it. No more Thai food.

### 2.7 Episode 07: The Panty Pinata Polarization

- 1 Scene: The apartment. The guys are playing Boggle. There is a Klingon dictionary on the table.
- 2 Sheldon: Time. Alright Klingons, pencils down.
- 3 Leonard: Okay, I have pokh.
- 4 All: Have it. Got it.
- 5 Leonard: Potl.
- 6 All: Yup. Have it. Have it.
- 7 Leonard: Pukhpa.
- 8 All: Have it. Got it. Yup.
- 9 Howard: I have Chorrr.
- 10 Raj Sheldon: Got it. Yup.
- 11 Howard: Nekhmakh.
- 12 Raj Sheldon: Yeah. Yeah.
- 13 Howard: And Kreplach.
- 14 Raj: Hold on a second. Kreplach?
- 15 Howard: Yeah.
- 16 Raj: That isn't Klingon, it's Yiddish for meat-filled dumpling.
- 17 Howard: Well, as it turns out, it's also a Klingon word.
- 18 Leonard: Really? Define it.
- 19 Howard: Kreplach, A hearty Klingon... dumpling.
- 20 Raj: Judge's ruling?
- 21 Sheldon: Bilurrrbe.
- 22 Penny (entering): Hey, guys, I need to use your TV.
- 23 Sheldon: What's wrong with your TV?
- 24 Penny: I don't know, it just died, I'm getting a bunch of static.
- 25 Howard: Did you pay your cable bill?
- 26 Penny: You sound just like the cable company. All right, so, shh, Tyra Banks is about to kick someone off America's Next Top Model.
- 27 Sheldon: Excuse me, Penny, but we're...
- 28 Leonard: No, no, don't tell her.
- 29 Sheldon: ... playing Klingon Boggle.
- 30 Leonard: Aw!
- 31 Howard: What do you mean, aw? Like she didn't know we were nerds?
- 32 Sheldon: All right, if you must watch, then mute it with closed captions, please.
- 33 Penny: Fine.
- 34 Sheldon: All right, Boggle warriors, kapla'!
- 35 Howard: Look at those women.
- 36 Leonard: They're gorgeous.
- 37 Sheldon: Oh! Worf, nice! Too bad that's a proper noun.

- 38 Howard: Oh, look, the's the future Mrs. Wolowitz. No, wait, that's the future Mrs. Wolowitz. With her head in the lap of, what a coincidence. It's the future Mrs. Wolowitz.
- 39 Leonard: Yeah, and they can all move in with you and your mother, the current Mrs. Wolowitz.
- 40 Sheldon: Is qochbe' spelled with a (gargling) or a (guttural grunt)?
- 41 Howard: Why is that Mrs. Wolowitz crying?
- 42 Penny: Oh. That's Anais, none of the other girls in the house like her.
- 43 Howard: House? What house?
- 44 Penny: They all live in a house together.
- 45 Howard: A house, where?
- 46 Penny: I don't know. Somewhere in L.A.
- 47 Howard: Wait a minute, you're telling me that I'm within driving distance of a house filled with aspiring supermodels?
- 48 Penny: Yeah, I guess.
- 49 Howard: And they live together and shower together and have naked pillow fights?
- 50 Leonard (to Penny who has got up to leave): Hey, wh-where are you going?
- 51 Penny: To pay my cable bill.
- 52 Sheldon: All right, pencils down! I have lokh, makh, and cherrrkh. Anybody got those?
- 53 Credits Sequence.
- 54 Scene: The living room. Howard and Raj are staring intently at the television. Leonard enters.
- 55 Leonard: Did I miss anything? Did they kick Giselle off?
- 56 Raj: Not yet, but her underwater photo shoot was an embarrassment.
- 57 Howard: Sadly, Mrs. Giselle Wolowitz is sensitive to chlorine. Lucky for her I like my fashion models pruny and bug-eyed.
- 58 Leonard: Sheldon, the food's here.
- 59 Raj: There's the house, freeze frame, freeze frame.
- 60 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 61 Raj: Marking the star positions and physical landmarks so we can find the house of the supermodels.
- 62 Leonard: Why?
- 63 Howard: Isn't it obvious? Every week, they kick out a beautiful girl, making her feel unwanted and without self-esteem, a.k.a. the future Mrs. Howard Wolowitz.
- 64 Sheldon: Is my hamburger medium well?
- 65 Leonard: Yes.
- 66 Sheldon: Dill slices, not sweet?
- 67 Leonard: Yes.
- 68 Sheldon: Individual relish packets?
- 69 Leonard: Yes.
- 70 Sheldon: Onion rings?
- 71 Leonard: Yes.
- 72 Sheldon: Extra breading?

- 73 Leonard: I asked.
- 74 Sheldon: What did they say?
- 75 Leonard: No.
- 76 Sheldon: Did you protest?
- 77 Leonard: Yes.
- 78 Sheldon: Vociferously?
- 79 Leonard: No.
- 80 Sheldon: Well, then what took you so long?
- 81 Leonard: Just eat.
- 82 Penny (entering): Hey, guys, what'd I miss? What'd I miss?
- 83 Howard: Giselle's hanging by a thread.
- 84 Penny: Oh, good, I hate her.
- 85 Howard: Then you're not invited to our wedding.
- 86 Leonard: Here you go.
- 87 Penny: Thank you.
- 88 Sheldon: Oh, do we have to suffer through this transparently manipulative pseudo-reality again?
- 89 All: Yes.
- 90 Sheldon: You and I have a standing TV schedule which is the result of extensive debate and compromise. Any alterations except for breaking news have to be pre-approved at the weekly roommate meeting.
- 91 Leonard: Put it on the agenda.
- 92 Sheldon: But you have to make a motion to put it on agenda.
- 93 Leonard: Oh, I'll make a motion, but you're not going to like it.
- 94 Sheldon: Fine. Mock Parliamentary procedure. At least put it on mute.
- 95 Penny: Oh, Giselle's not getting kicked off. It's totally going to be Summer. (She picks up one of Sheldon's onion rings. Raj lets out a high pitched squeak and points.) What?
- 96 Leonard: Sheldon's onion ring. Just put it back!
- 97 Penny: It's one onion ring.
- 98 Howard: Just put it back before he comes!
- 99 Leonard: No, no, no, no, I don't think that's where it was.
- 100 Howard: Okay, here he comes, deny, deny, people, wall of silence.
- 101 Sheldon: Who touched my...
- 102 All: Penny! Penny did it.
- 103 Sheldon: Why would you do that?
- 104 Penny: I don't know. I was hungry? What's the big deal?
- 105 Sheldon: The big deal is that nobody touches food on my plate.
- 106 Penny: All right. Look, I didn't know, I'm sorry.
- 107 Sheldon: Well, I'm sorry, but that is your second strike.
- 108 Penny: What?
- 109 Sheldon: You have two strikes. Three strikes and you're out. It's a sports metaphor.
- 110 Penny: A sports metaphor?
- 111 Sheldon: Yes, baseball.
- 112 Penny: All right, yeah, I'll play along. What was my first strike?

- 113 Sheldon: March 18th. You violated my rule about forwarding email humour.
- 114 Penny: I did?
- 115 Sheldon: The photo of the cat who wants to "has cheezburger"?
- 116 Penny: Oh, come on, everybody loves LOLcats. They're cute and they can't spell 'cause they're cats.
- 117 Sheldon: I trusted you with my email address, and you betrayed that trust by sending me Internet banality, strike one. Touching my food, strike two.
- 118 Leonard: Don't worry. They only stay on your record for a year.
- 119 Howard: You can get them removed early, but you have to take his class.
- 120 Penny: Come on, I touched one onion ring.
- 121 Sheldon: And then you put it back, compromising the integrity of all the other onion rings.
- 122 Penny: Oh, honey, the buses don't go where you live, do they?
- 123 Sheldon: Look, Penny, I wish I could be more lenient with you, but since you've become a permanent member of our social group I have to hold you to the same standards as everybody else.
- 124 Leonard: Congratulations. You're officially one of us.
- 125 Howard: One of us, one of us.
- 126 Penny: Well, what a thrill.
- 127 Sheldon: You're sitting in my spot.
- 128 Penny: Oh, jeez, you've got to be kidding me.
- 129 Sheldon: Leonard, she's in my spot.
- 130 Leonard: Yeah, yeah. Uh, see, here's the thing, after you leave, I still have to live with him.
- 131 Penny: I don't care. I'm taking a stand. Metaphorically.
- 132 Sheldon: All right, that's it. Strike three.
- 133 Penny: Ooh, strike three.
- 134 Scene: The hallway, Penny exits the guys apartment.
- 135 Penny: I'm banished? What the hell kind of crap is that?
- 136 Leonard: Listen, don't worry. I'll talk to him.
- 137 Penny: Yeah, you do that.
- 138 Leonard: Just so I know, would you be open to taking his class? You can do it online!
- 139 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 140 Howard: So based on our triangulation we've narrowed down the location of the top model house to three square miles in the Hollywood Hills.
- 141 Raj: Or possibly Durham, North Carolina.
- 142 Howard: When we find it, you want to go with us?
- 143 Leonard: To do what?
- 144 Raj: Party with the pretty girls, dude!
- 145 Leonard: Are you insane? You're not going to party with them, you're not even going to get anywhere near that place.
- 146 Howard: That's what they said to Neil Armstrong about the moon.
- 147 Sheldon: No one said anything of the kind to Neil Armstrong, the entire nation dedicated a decade of effort and treasure to put a man on the moon.

- 148 Howard: Well, my fellow Americans, before this year is out we will put a Wolowitz on one of America's top models.
- 149 Raj: And a large number of people will believe it never happened.
- 150 Penny (arriving): Okay, let me guess. A quesadilla with soy cheese for the lactose-intolerant Leonard.
- 151 Leonard: Thank you.
- 152 Penny: Shrimp Caesar salad with no almonds for the highly allergic kosheronly-on-the-high-holidays Howard, and for our suddenly back on the Hindu wagon Raj, meatlover's pizza, no meat. Coming right up.
- 153 Sheldon: Wait. Excuse me. You forgot my barbecue bacon cheeseburger, barbecue sauce, bacon and cheese on the side.
- 154 Penny: Oh, I didn't tell you? You're banished from the Cheesecake Factory.
- 155 Sheldon: Why?
- 156 Penny: Well, you have three strikes. One, coming in. Two, sitting down. And three, I don't like your attitude.
- 157 Sheldon: You can't do that. Not only is it a violation of California state law, it flies directly in the face of Cheesecake Factory policy.
- 158 Penny: Yeah, no, there's a new policy. No shoes, no shirt, no Sheldon.
- 159 Howard: I bet we could sell that sign all over Pasadena.
- 160 Leonard: Penny, can I talk to you for a minute? Hi.
- 161 Penny: Hi.
- 162 Leonard: Look, here's the thing, um, I talked to Sheldon and he feels terrible and he agrees that he was unreasonable and out of line.
- 163 Penny: Really? Well, that's great.
- 164 Leonard: Yeah, so just apologize to him, okay?
- 165 Penny: What? I'm not going to apologize to that nutcase.
- 166 Leonard: Oh, come on, it's easy, he'll even tell you what to say.
- 167 Penny: Leonard, don't you get it? If you guys keep going along with his insanity, you're just encouraging him.
- 168 Leonard: We're not encouraging. It's more like knuckling under.
- 169 Penny: Look, I like hanging out with you guys, but I'm not going to apologize for something I didn't do.
- 170 Leonard: Well, actually, technically, you did do it.
- 171 Penny: That's strike one, Leonard.
- 172 Scene: The same, some minutes later.
- 173 Penny: There you go, quesadilla, salad, there's your pizza, and thanks to Sheldon's heated discussion with my manager one barbecue bacon cheeseburger, barbecue sauce, bacon and cheese on the side.
- 174 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 175 Penny: Go ahead, eat it. I dare you
- 176 Scene: The living room. Howard on his laptop.
- 177 Howard: That's it. There's the house, I found America's top models!
- 178 Raj: Are you sure?
- 179 Howard: Look, on the roof, Anais and Giselle are sunbathing. Europeanstyle.

- 180 Leonard: You can recognize people on Google Earth?
- 181 Howard: Of course not, I got a buddy of mine at NORAD to have a spy drone fly over.
- 182 Leonard: NORAD? You're using military aircraft?
- 183 Howard: It was already targeted to poke around a nuclear reactor in Siberia, I took it an hour out of its way, tops.
- 184 Penny (entering, angry): Okay, where is he?
- 185 Leonard: Sheldon? I just dropped him off at the comic book store. Why?
- 186 Penny: Here. Try and go online.
- 187 Leonard: Problem with the WiFi?
- 188 Penny: No, just try.
- 189 Sheldon (on screen): Greetings, hamburger toucher. You are probably wondering why you cannot IM with your little friends about how much you heart various things. Well, this recorded message is alerting you that I am putting an end to your parasitic piggybacking upon our WiFi. If you want to remedy the situation you can contact the phone company, set up your own WiFi and pay for it, or you may apologize to me.
- 190 Penny: Well?
- 191 Leonard: I reiterate, knuckle under.
- 192 Penny: No, no, no, no, no. It is on. I am gonna introduce your friend to a world of hurt.
- 193 Leonard: Oh, Penny, you don't want to get into it with Sheldon. The guy is one lab accident away from being a supervillain.
- 194 Penny: I don't care, I was in junior rodeo, I can hogtie and castrate him in 60 seconds.
- 195 Howard: No need to neuter the nerd, I can get you back online.
- 196 Leonard: There, see? Problem solved.
- 197 Howard: Voila!
- 198 Sheldon (voice from Howards laptop): Hello, puny insects. As a consequence of your efforts to circumvent my will, everyone is awarded one additional strike.
- 199 Leonard: Thanks a lot, Howard.
- 200 Howard: What are you complaining about? I'm the one who has to take the class again.
- 201 Scene: The hallway. Sheldon is backing out of the apartment. Penny is waiting outside.
- 202 Sheldon: Oh! Hello.
- 203 Penny: Time to do your laundry, huh?
- 204 Sheldon: It's Saturday night. Saturday is laundry night.
- 205 Penny: I know. Every Saturday at 8:15, easy to anticipate.
- 206 Sheldon: What are you implying?
- 207 Penny: I'm implying that you're a creature of habit, and if something were to prevent you from doing your laundry on Saturday at 8:15, you might find it unpleasant. (Sheldon hurries away, disturbed) Knuckle under, my ass.
- 208 Scene: The laundry room. Sheldon, holding his laundry, is looking at the machines in dismay.

- 209 Penny: Oh, no, are all the machines taken? What are you gonna do?
- 210 Sheldon: No problem, I'll just do my laundry another night.
- 211 Penny: Another night? Well, I guess you can try, but deep inside your heart you'll know that laundry night is always Saturday night.
- 212 Sheldon: Woman, you are playing with forces beyond your ken.
- 213 Penny: Yeah, well, your ken can kiss my Barbie.
- 214 Scene: The hallway, Penny comes storming up the stairs to the guys door.
- 215 Penny (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 216 Sheldon: Yes?
- 217 Penny: Where are my clothes?
- 218 Sheldon: Your clothes?
- 219 Penny: Yes, I left them in the washers and when I went down to get them, they were gone.
- 220 Sheldon: Really? Despite the sign that says "Do not leave laundry unattended"?
- 221 Penny: Sheldon, where are my clothes?
- 222 Sheldon: You know, I do recall seeing some female undergarments. Where was that? Oh, yes, earlier this evening I happened to gaze out the window and a brassiere caught my eye. Do those look familiar?
- 223 Penny: How the hell did you get them up on that telephone wire?
- 224 Sheldon: When you understand the laws of physics, Penny, anything is possible. And may I add, mwah-ha-ha!
- 225 Penny: Get them down.
- 226 Sheldon: Apologize.
- 227 Penny: Never.
- 228 Sheldon: Well, then may I suggest you get a very long stick and play panty pinata.
- 229 Penny: Look, wait, Sheldon, this has gotten out of hand, okay? I've done some stupid things, you've done some stupid things, how about we just call it even and move on with our lives?
- 230 Sheldon: I've done no stupid things.
- 231 Penny: Look, you've got to meet me halfway here.
- 232 Sheldon: I am meeting you halfway, I'm willing to concede that you've done some stupid things.
- 233 Leonard: Hey, you guys are talking again. Good. What happened?
- 234 Penny: Leonard, remember when I said it was on? Well, now it's junior rodeo on.
- 235 Leonard: Oh, not junior rodeo. What did you do?
- 236 Sheldon: I had no choice, Leonard, she ruined laundry night.
- 237 Leonard (looking out of window): A-a-a-aw!
- 238 Sheldon: Mwah-ha-ha.
- 239 Scene: Penny's apartment. Leonard enters. Penny is taping together a number of long sticks.
- 240 Penny: Telephone wires can't electrocute you, can they?
- 241 Leonard: No. Look, this has to stop.

- 242 Penny: Oh, no, no, no. It is just beginning.
- 243 Leonard: All right, I really didn't want to do this, but... here.
- 244 Penny: What's this?
- 245 Leonard: Sheldon's Kryptonite.
- 246 Penny: Oh, my God.
- 247 Leonard: He can never know that I gave that to you.
- 248 Penny: Look, I said I wanted to hurt him, but, but this?
- 249 Leonard: It'll shorten the war by five years and save millions of lives.
- 250 Scene: The living room.
- 251 Raj: Oh, pause it. That's it. Confirmed. We now have the address of the top model house.
- 252 Howard: God bless you, Google Street View registered trademark.
- 253 Leonard: Okay, for the record what you're doing is really creepy.
- 254 Howard: You know what? If it's creepy to use the Internet, military satellites, and robot aircraft to find a house full of gorgeous young models so that I can drop in on them unexpectedly, then fine, I'm creepy.
- 255 Leonard (into phone, which has just rung): Hello. Oh, hi. Yeah, hold on a second. I'll get him. Sheldon, it's for you.
- 256 Sheldon: Who is it?
- 257 Leonard: Your mother.
- 258 Sheldon: Oh, good. Hi, Mom. How are you? But, Mom, she keeps sitting in my spot. And, and she touched my food. Okay, yes, I took her clothes, but she started it. No, that's not fair. Why should I have to apologize? Yeah, I really don't think this is the kind of thing Jesus concerns himself with. No, you're right, I don't really know what Jesus thinks about. All right, good-bye. Did you tell on me?
- 259 Leonard: Are you kidding me? I already have two strikes.
- 260 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 261 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny, (knock, knock, knock) Penny, (knock, knock, knock) Penny... (door opens) I am very, very sorry for what I have done. Here's your laundry, I rescind your strikes and you are no longer banished.
- 262 Penny: Can I sit wherever I want? No, no, never mind, never mind, that's, that's not important. Sheldon, this was big of you. Thank you. I really appreciate it.
- 263 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 264 Penny: Good night, Sheldon.
- 265 Sheldon: Penny.
- 266 Penny: Yes?
- 267 Sheldon: Well played.
- 268 Penny: Thank you.
- 269 Sheldon: Just remember: with great power comes great responsibility.
- 270 Penny: Understood.
- 271 Scene: The top model house. The doorbell rings. One of the models answers. Howard and Raj are outside wearing blue jumpsuits.
- 272 Model: Can I help you

- 273 Howard: Yes, we here to fix the cable.
- 274 Model: I think we have satellite.
- 275 Howard: That's what I meant.
- 276 Model: Oh. Okay, come on in.
- 277 Howard: She's taller than all the women in my family combined.
- 278 Raj: What do we do now?
- 279 Howard: Follow Mrs. Wolowitz.

### 2.8 Episode 08: The Lizard-Spock Expansion

- 1 cene: The apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: Oh look, Saturn 3 is on.
- 3 Raj: I don't want to watch Saturn 3. Deep Space Nine is better.
- 4 Sheldon: How is Deep Space Nine better than Saturn 3?
- 5 Raj: Simple subtraction will tell you it's six better.
- 6 Leonard: Compromise. Watch Babylon 5.
- 7 Sheldon: In what sense is that a compromise?
- 8 Leonard: Well, five is partway between three... Never mind.
- 9 Raj: I'll tell you what, how about we go rock-paper-scissors?
- 10 Sheldon: Ooh, I don't think so. No, anecdotal evidence suggests that in the game of rock-paper-scissors, players familiar with each other will tie 75 to 8011 Raj: What?
- 12 Sheldon: It's very simple. Look, scissors cuts paper. Paper covers rock. Rock crushes lizard. Lizard poisons Spock. Spock smashes scissors. Scissors decapitates lizard. Lizard eats paper. Paper disproves Spock. Spock vaporizes rock. And as it always has, rock crushes scissors.
- 13 Raj: Okay, I think I got it. (They prepare)
- 14 Together: Rock-paper-scissors- lizard-Spock! (Both hold up the symbol for Spock) Oh!
- 15 Howard (entering, wearing an eye patch): Hello, boys.
- 16 Leonard: Ahoy, matey.
- 17 Howard: Noticed the eye patch, did you? It's all part of a technique I've been studying for picking up women. You employ a visual display designed to make yourself distinctive and memorable.
- 18 Sheldon: Oh yes, like the male peacock with brilliant plumage or the rutting baboon with engorged hindquarters.
- 19 Leonard: Or in this case, the bar mitzvah boy with pinkeye.
- 20 Howard: Mock me if you will, but it works. You show up at a club in something distinctive, scope out your target and toss out some negs.
- 21 Raj: What are negs?
- 22 Howard: A neg is a negative compliment that throws a pretty woman off her game, like "Normally, I'm not turned on by big teeth, but on you, they work." I've got a whole list of 'em. Who wants to be my wingman?
- 23 Leonard: You're not gonna need wingman, you're gonna need a paramedic.
- 24 Penny (entering): Howard, your scooter's blocking my car. Aw, did you get pinkeye again?

- 25 Howard: Step one, she notices the eye patch. May I say, Penny, not a lot of women could look as hot as you do with such greasy hair? (She reaches out, pulls his eye patch away from his face, then lets go allowing the elastic to spring it back into place.)
- 26 Penny: Yeah, just move your stupid scooter before I pick it up and throw it in the dumpster.
- 27 Howard: Ow.
- 28 Credits sequence.
- 29 Scene: The same.
- 30 Sheldon: I'm sorry, but I'm not going to watch the Clone Wars TV series until I've seen the Clone Wars movie. I prefer to let George Lucas disappoint me in the order he intended.
- 31 Leonard: Well, I want to watch it now.
- 32 Sheldon: Then I believe we've arrived at another quintessential rock-paper-scissors- lizard-Spock moment.
- 33 Leonard: Watch whatever you want.
- 34 Raj: I saw what you did there.
- 35 Sheldon: What did I do?
- 36 Leonard (answering phone): Hello. Hey, Howard. What's wrong? Okay. Okay, we'll be right there.
- 37 Sheldon: What happened?
- 38 Leonard: Howard's at the Mars Rover lab. He says he's in trouble. Defcon  $5\,$
- 39 Sheldon: Defcon 5? Well, there's no need to rush.
- 40 Leonard: What?
- 41 Sheldon: Defcon 5 means no danger. Defcon 1 is a crisis.
- 42 Leonard: How can 5 not be worse than 1?
- 43 Raj: Yeah, Star Trek V, worse than I.
- 44 Sheldon: Okay, first of all, that's a comparison of quality, not intensity. Secondly, Star Trek I is orders-of-magnitude worse than Star Trek V.
- 45 Raj: Are you joking? Star Trek V is the standard against which all badness is measured.
- 46 Sheldon: No, no, no. Star Trek V has specific failures in writing and direction, while Star Trek I fails across the board, art direction, costuming, music, sound editing.
- 47 Leonard: Can we just forget I said Defcon and go?
- 48 Raj: Star Trek V!
- 49 Scene: A corridor at the university
- 50 Sheldon: All right, will you at least stipulate that Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home is inarguably the best?
- 51 Raj: I have three words for you. Wrath of Khan.
- 52 Howard: Oh, thank God, you're here.
- 53 Leonard: What's the emergency?
- 54 Howard: I got the Mars Rover stuck in a ditch.
- 55 Sheldon: Where?
- 56 Howard: On a dusty highway just outside Bakersfield. Where do you think?

#### On Mars!

- 57 Woman (peering out of door): Howard, is everything okay?
- 58 Howard: Yeah, baby, I'll be right in.
- 59 Sheldon: You brought a girl to the Mars Rover control room?
- 60 Howard: Yeah, I picked her up in the bar. She's a doctor. One free barium enema and my mother won't care she's not Jewish.
- 61 Leonard: Wait a minute, so the eye patch and the insults worked?
- 62 Howard: No, there were three other guys with eye patches, iIt was a fiasco.

What did work was, "How'd you like to visit a secret government facility?"

- 63 Sheldon: So what exactly do you want us to do?
- 64 Howard: I need you and Raj to help me get the Rover out of the ditch, and I need you to get Stephanie out before somebody notices she's here. She doesn't exactly have clearance.
- 65 Sheldon: Really? They don't let strange women from honky-tonks come in and play with 200 million government projects on distant planets?
- 66-Howard: Yes, Iwasbad. Maybeshe'll spankme. Can we please move on?
- 67-Girl: Hey, Howard, youknow, it's getting late, so do I get to drive this thing or what?
- 68-Howard: Yeah. No. I'm sorry, but something's come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, Can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, Can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, Can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, Can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, Can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Mars Rover, Can Howard come up. Kindofa Mars Rover, Can
- 69-Girl: Oh, okay. Let's go, friend Leonard.
- 70 Leonard : Okay.
- 71 Howard: I'll cally a.
- 72 Girl: Yeah. So are you as cientist like Howard?
- 73-Leonard: Noone's ascientist like Howard.
- 74-Howard: My mother is so gonnal oveher.
- 75-Sheldon: Oh, how nice. May be they can carpool when they visity out in federal prison.
- 76-Scene: Leonard's car. Leonard and the qirlarekissing.
- 77-Girl: I'msorry. Itotally interrupted you. What, what, what we reyous a ying?
- 78-Leonard: Just said Howard's a terrific guy. He's got agreats ense of humour, he love shis mother, alot, some performance of the properties of the prope
- 79-Girl: Ireally like that you're such a loyal friend.
- 80-Leonard: Yeah, I am loyal. You know, if you look at the big picture. Just, out of curiosity, did he ever have a shot a property of the pr
- 81-Girl: A reyou in sane? The guywas wearing an eye patch.
- 82 Leonard: Then why didyou?
- 83-Girl: He said that I could drive a caron Mars.
- 84 Leonard: Gotit. So, can I see you again?
- 85 Girl: You're not gonna seeme now.
- 86-Leonard: Ooh. Cool.
- 87-Scene: The Mars Rover control room.
- 88 Howard : Anything?
- 89-Raj: Actually, Iwas just checking mye-mail. But, uh, no, the Rover is not responding.
- 90-Sheldon: Ibelieve the appropriate metaphorhere involves a river of excrement and a Native American waterver of the control of the contro
- 91 Howard: Hangon, there's got to be other options.
- 92-Raj: You could try calling Triple-A, but based on NASA's latest time table, they won't get therefor 35 years.
- 93-Sheldon: Plus I under standy out average standing next to the vehicle with your card when they arrive.
- 94 Raj : Oh, snap.
- 95 Sheldon: Snapwhat?
- 96-Howard: OK, Iguesswehave to turn to Plan B.

- 97 Raj : What'sPlanB?
- 98-Howard: Erase all the hard drives, scrapthesurveillance tapes, wipeour finger prints of fever y surface and respectively. The properties of the propert
- 99 Sheldon: Whywasn't that Plan A?
- 100 Scene: The apartment.
- 101-Voice from television: REPORTER: ANASA spokes man states that due to the loss of data, they will most like the loss of t
- 102-Howard: Thank Godfor Plan B.
- 103-Penny: Howard, didn't you say you worked on the Mars Rover?
- 104 Howard: No, you'remistaken.
- 105-Penny: Yeah, when we first met, you said that if I went out with you, I could drive a car on Mars.
- 106-Howard: Idon't know what you'r et alking about.
- 107 Leonard : Psst!Psst!
- 108-Sheldon: Willyou all excuse me? Leonard is subtly signalling that he'd like total ktome in private.
- 109-Penny: No. Yeah, I remember specifically. You started by a sking if I was from Marsbecause my asswas out of the property of the property
- 110-Howard: Well, that does so und like me, but no.
- 111 Sheldon: Is the resome problem?
- 112-Leonard: Yeah. Listen, I have tokindas neak out for a while.
- 113 Sheldon: Allright, goodbye.
- 114-Leonard: No, wait! If anyone ask syouwhere I went, you don't know.
- 115 Sheldon: Where are you going?
- 116-Leonard: Ican't telly out hat.
- 117 Sheldon: Who would ask me?
- 118-Leonard: Ican't telly out hat, either.
- 119-Sheldon: Soyou brought meinhere to inform methat you can't tell mewhere you'r egoing and you can't tell mewhere you can't tell mewhere you can't tell mewhere you can't tell mewhere you can't tell mewh
- 120-Leonard: Yeah, Ireally didn't think this through.
- 121 Sheldon: Leonard, amoment.
- 122 Leonard: What?
- 123-Sheldon: If some one, and of course, we don't know who this would be, does ask where you've gone, what should be a support of the suppo
- 124-Leonard: Idon'tknow. Just tell them I went to the office.
- 125 Sheldon: Are you going to the office?
- 126-Leonard:No.
- 127 Sheldon: Thenhow can I say it convincingly?
- 128-Leonard: Justsay, Leonard went to the office.
- 129 Sheldon: All right. Leonard went to (exaggerated) theoffice.
- 130-Leonard: What is? No, not like that! Just, Leonard went to the office.
- 131-Sheldon: This would have worked out a lot better if you'd just told meyouwer egoing the of fice.
- 132-Leonard: I'mgoing to the office.
- 133 Sheldon: See? Whydon't Ibelieveyou?
- 134-Leonard: I'm going out for a while.
- 135 Howard: Okay.
- 136-Sheldon: Doesn't any one want to know where he's going?
- 137 Penny: Okay, where is hegoing?
- 138-Sheldon: Leonar disgoing to (exaggerated) the of fice.
- 139 Scene: The girl's apartment.
- 140-Leonard: Sohowwas work to day?
- 141-Girl: Busy. Iremoved an appendix, a gall bladder and about a foot and a half of bowel.
- 142-Leonard: I'mhoping that's three different guys.

- 143 Girl: No, just the one. Hedidn't make it. So, how was your day?
- 144-Leonard: Oh, youknow, I'maphysicist, so, Ithoughtaboutstuff.
- 145 Girl : That'sit?
- 146-Leonard: Well, Iwrote some of it down.
- 147 Girl : Areyoudone eating?
- 148 Leonard: Uh, yeah.
- 149 Girl: Oh, good.(Kisseshim)
- 150-Leonard: If Iknewyouwere waiting, I would've swallowed that lasa gnawhole.
- 151-Phonerings. Answering machine: You've reached Dr. Stephanie Barnett. Leave ames sage. Beep.
- 152-Howard(voice): Hey, Steph, it's meagain, Howard. Listen, if you're free Friday, may be we could have a little from the steph of t
- 153-Leonard: I've hadher brisket. Melt siny our mouth.
- 154 Timeshift
- 155-Steph: May be we should think about going to the bedroom.
- 156-Leonard: That's a good idea. There's abed in there, and I'm very, very, very probed.
- 157-Phonerings. Answering machine: You've reached Dr. Stephanie Barnett. Leave amessage. Beep.
- 158-Howard(voice): Hey, it's meagain. Just want to let you know the head count for dinner Friday has gone up. My Jewishonyour mother's side. Okay, call me. It's Howard.
- 159-Leonard: Don't you think we should tell him you're not interested?
- 160-Steph: Doyouwant metostop and call him backright now?
- 161 Leonard : DearGod, no!
- 162 Timeshift
- 163 Steph(frombedroomdoor) : Oh, Leonard...
- 164-Phonerings. Answering machine: You've reached Dr. Stephanie Barnett. Leave ames sage. Beep.
- 165-Howard (voice): Hey, it's meagain. Howard. Listen, my cousins from Fort Lauder dale are flying into meet quite and the property of the p
- 166-Howard's Mother (voice): Tellher we'r regoing to the Olive Garden! I have a coupon from the paper.
- 167 Howard(voice): We're not going to the Olive Garden, Mom!
- 168 Howard's Mother (voice) : Oh, Mr. Bigshot with his Red Lobster.
- 169-Howard(voice): I'll cally out back when we firm up the details. It's Howard.
- 170-Scene: The laundry room
- 171 Penny : Oh, hey.
- 172 Leonard : Hey.
- 173 Penny : Newshirts?
- 174 Leonard : Yeah, a couple.
- 175 Penny : Nice.
- 176-Leonard: Thankyou.
- 177 Penny: So, who's the girl?
- 178 Leonard : I'msorry?
- 179-Penny: Well, last time you bought a new shirt was when we were dating.
- 180-Leonard: So, uh, what we did was in fact dating?
- 181 Penny: Well, yeah, we did have a date.
- 182-Leonard: Exactly. Thankyou. Dome a favour, tell Kooth rappal it hat next time you see him.
- 183 Penny: So, who is she?
- 184-Leonard: Oh, she's adoctor.
- 185-Penny: Oh, nice. Adoctor doctor, or a youk indo f doctor?
- 186-Leonard: Doctor doctor. Surgical resident. Smart, pretty. Let meask you something. If your friend thinks here the surgical resident is a surgical resident of the sur

- 187 Penny: Well, that depends.
- 188 Leonard: Onwhat?
- 189 Penny: Isthat friend Wolowitz?
- 190 Leonard : Yeah.
- 191 Penny: Screwhim. You're fine.
- 192 Leonard: Areyousure?
- 193-Penny: Well, have you slept with her yet? You dog! Good for you.
- 194-Leonard: Does that change things?
- 195 Penny : No.
- 196 Leonard: Sowhy'dyouask?
- 197 Penny : I'mnosy. Seeya.
- 198 Scene: Outside Howard's front door.
- 199 Howard's Mother (voice) : Howard, getthedoor!
- 200-Howard(voice): Really? Is that what you do when some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? I shat what you down hen some one knocks? Thankyou. I had no idea! (opening door) Howard(voice): Really? Thankyou. Howard(voice): Really? Than
- 201 Howard's Mother (voice) : Whoisit?!
- 202 Howard: It's Leonard!
- 203-Howard's Mother (voice): You're gonnahave to playout side! I'mnot dressed to receive!
- 204 Howard: Noonecares, Ma! So, what's up?
- 205-Leonard: Listen, In eed to talk to you about something.
- 206-Howard(hisphonerings): Momentito. Yello. Oh, Stephanie, thanks for calling meback. I was worried...O
- huh...Uh-huh...Uh-huh...No, Iunderstand...Sure, we can be friends. Absolutely. Thanks for calling. Ye ah
- 207 Scene: The apartment
- 208 Raj: Okay, who gets the extra dumpling?
- 209-All: Rock-paper-scissors-lizard-Spock.
- 210 Sheldon: Okay, one of using oing to have to stopputting up Spock.
- 211 Howard: How dowed ecide that?
- 212-All: Rock-paper-scissors-lizard-Spock. Oh!
- 213 Leonard: Oh, hey, guys.
- 214 Sheldon: Hello.
- 215 Raj : Hey.
- 216 Leonard: Hi, Howard. Howard?
- 217 Howard: Sheldon.
- 218-Sheldon: Howard is employing as chooly ard paradiqmin which you are, for all intents and purposes, decease

221-Leonard: Howard, comeon, Ididn't plan on this. The sething sjust happen. Usually not to me, but they do happen to the property of the pr

- 219-Leonard: That's just ridiculous. Why are you cooperating with him?
- 220 Sheldon: Idon't make the rules, Leonard.
- 222-Howard: Didsomeone just feel a coldbreeze?
- 223-Sheldon: Ibelieve this is an extension of the death metaphor. The coldbreeze is the so-parameter of the death metaphor. The coldbreeze is the so-parameter of the death metaphor. The coldbreeze is the so-parameter of the death metaphor. The coldbreeze is the so-parameter of the death metaphor. The coldbreeze is the so-parameter of the death metaphor of the death meta
- calledectoplasmic is sue of a disembodie d soul passing by.
- 224 Raj: Youknow, screwit, I'm just gonna eatthed umpling.
- 225-Leonard(answeringdoor): Oh, hi, Steph, comeonin.
- 226 Steph: Is this abad time?
- 227 Leonard: Yeah, but Idon't see a better one on the horizon, so...
- 228 Howard: Oh, if it is n't Mrs. Deadto Me.
- 229 Steph : Hello, Howard.
- 230 Howard: Sheldon?

- 231-Sheldon: Look I'm sorry, youviolated the terms of your metaphor by acknowledging herexistence. I'm out.
- 232-Leonard: He just won't list entome.
- 233 Steph: Okay, Iguessit'll just be the three of us then.
- 234-Leonard: Hmm. Lisa's gonnabed is appointed.
- 235 Steph : Yeah.
- 236 Howard: Lisa?
- 237-Steph: Yeah, myroommate. She just went through a really bad break up and I thought she might like to meet some a superior of the property of the propert
- 238 Howard: Leonard, Stephanie, you'realive, it's amiracle!
- 239-Scene: The apartment kitchen. Howard is on the phone.
- 240-Howard: So, anyway, Lisa, I justwanted to telly ou again how much I enjoyed the other night, and again, I'm also the support of the property of the prop
- 241-Leonard: Howard, Howard, look at this.
- 242 Howard: Anyway, call me. It's Howard.
- 243-Voice from TV: The possibility of life on Marshaslong fascinated scientists and layers on salike. It's uncleasing the property of the possibility of the possib
- 244 Howard: Sonofabitch.

### 2.9 Episode 09: The White Asparagus Triangulation

- 1 Scene: The lobby.
- 2 Sheldon: Penny, hello.
- 3 Penny: Hey, Sheldon.
- 4 Sheldon: What is shaking?
- 5 Penny: I'm sorry?
- 6 Sheldon: It's colloquial, a conversation opener. So, do you find the weather satisfying? Are you currently sharing in the triumph of some local sports team?
- 7 Penny: What's wrong with you? you're freaking me out.
- 8 Sheldon: I'm striking up a casual conversation with you. S'u'up?
- 9 Penny: Please don't do that.
- 10 Sheldon: All right, But I'm given to understand that when you have something awkward to discuss with someone, it's more palatable to preface it with banal chit chat.
- 11 Penny: So, this wasn't the awkward part?
- 12 Sheldon: No.
- 13 Penny: Oh, all right. S'u'up?
- 14 Sheldon: Oh, good, I used that right. Anyway, you're aware that Leonard has entered into a new romantic relationship which includes a sexual component?
- 15 Penny: Okay, feeling the awkward now.
- 16 Sheldon: Her name is Dr. Stephanie Barnett and she is a highly distinguished surgical resident at Freemont Memorial.
- 17 Penny: Yeah, Leonard told me.
- 18 Sheldon: Good. What he may have left out is how important this relationship is to me.
- 19 Penny: To you?
- 20 Sheldon: Yes, see, of the handful of women Leonard's been involved with, she's the only one I have ever found tolerable.
- 21 Penny: Well, what about me?

- 22 Sheldon: The statement stands for itself.
- 23 Penny: Well, aren't you sweet?
- 24 Sheldon: Anyway, should you have any interaction with her, it would be most helpful that she not see you as a sexual rival.
- 25 Penny: Yeah, I think she's pretty safe.
- 26 Sheldon: You say that now, but consider the following scenario, you're sitting in your apartment, it's late, you're alone, your hypothalamus is swimming in a soup of estrogen and progesterone and suddenly even Leonard seems like a viable sexual candidate, or a, uh, hookup as it's referred to by today's urban youth.
- 27 Penny: Really?
- 28 Sheldon: Yes. Now, should that happen, I would ask you to find some way to suppress your libido.
- 29 Penny: I could think about you.
- 30 Sheldon: Fine, whatever works.
- 31 Penny: Always nice talking to you, Sheldon.
- 32 Sheldon: Uh, peace out!
- 33 Credits sequence.
- 34 Scene: The apartment.
- 35 Sheldon: Well, this is very pleasant.
- 36 Leonard: I'm glad you're enjoying yourself.
- 37 Sheldon: And you said there'd never be enough pasta for the three of us.
- 38 Leonard: I stand corrected.
- 39 Sheldon: You know, Italian housewives have a rule of thumb. A handful of dry pasta about an inch in diameter is sufficient for each person as it doubles in volume when cooked.
- 40 Steph: That's very interesting.
- 41 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 42 Leonard: She doesn't mean it. She's just being nice.
- 43 Sheldon: Well, Stephanie, since Leonard seems to be dropping the conversational ball, I guess I'll just have to pick it up. Have you ever witnessed a violent crime?
- 44 Steph: No.
- 45 Sheldon: Good. What's your favourite fruit?
- 46 Steph: Ih-uh, strawberries.
- 47 Sheldon: Hmm, technically not a fruit, but all right. Where did you do your medical internship?
- 48 Steph: Uh, Lawrence Memorial in Galveston, Texas.
- 49 Sheldon: Really? That's where I was born!
- 50 Steph: You're kidding!
- 51 Sheldon: I spent so much of my childhood at that hospital. When I was
- 12, I got to ride there in a helicopter.
- 52 Steph: Why, what-what happened?
- 53 Sheldon: Radiation burns. A little mishap while I was building my own cat scanner.
- 54 Steph: I'm sorry, you tried to build your own cat scanner?

- 55 Sheldon: No, I didn't try, I succeeded. In fact, I was briefly able to see the inside of my sister's guinea pig, Snowball, before he caught fire. It led to an interesting expression in our house, not a snowball's chance in a cat scanner.
- 56 Leonard: Uh, Sheldon?
- 57 Sheldon: Excuse me. When I come back, just for fun, the subject will be alternative history. Specifically, how would the civil war have gone differently if Lincoln had been a robot sent from the future? (To Leonard) Look at that, there's even pasta left over.
- 58 Leonard: Do you understand that this was supposed to be a date?
- 59 Sheldon: I do. Do you? Because frankly, you've been in a foul mood since I sat down.
- 60 Leonard: Okay, here's my question, why did you sit down?
- 61 Sheldon: To help. Look, if you fail at this relationship, and history suggests you will, then we risk losing the medical officer that our landing party has always needed.
- 62 Leonard: What landing party?
- 63 Sheldon: You're Kirk, I'm Spock, Wolowitz is Scotty, Koothrappali is the guy who always gets killed, and now we've got McCoy.
- 64 Scene: A cinema.
- 65 Steph: So, we're all standing around looking at the post-op x ray and there it is, clear as day, right in the guy's chest cavity, one of my earrings.
- 66 Leonard: Oh, my god, what did you do?
- 67 Steph: What do you think I did? I discreetly slipped off the other earring, put it in my pocket and then got the hell out of there!
- 68 Sheldon (arriving): I have a bone to pick with you, sir.
- 69 Leonard: Oo-oo-oh!
- 70 Steph: Hi, Sheldon.
- 71 Sheldon: Hi, Stephanie. I'm sorry I'm late, but your companion left the most indecipherable invitation.
- 72 Leonard: What invitation?
- 73 Sheldon: We're going to the movies. What movie? What theatre? What time? If you were trying to make it impossible to locate you, you couldn't have done a better job.
- 74 Leonard: Oh, clearly I could have.
- 75 Sheldon: It took me nearly 20 minutes to go through the browser history on your computer to see what movie times you looked up. Wait here, I'll find us seats.
- 76 Steph: No, no, we have seats.
- 77 Leonard: Not the right seats. (Sheldon moves around the theatre sitting in various seats and shouting "Ha!")
- 78 Steph: What is he doing?
- 79 Leonard: He's finding the acoustic sweet spot.
- 80 Steph: Does he always do this?
- 81 Leonard: Sometimes he brings a toy xylophone. I am really sorry about this.
- 82 Steph: No, it's fine. you know, he's sweet.

- 83 Sheldon: My apologies, you've been sitting in it all along. Leonard, you want to slide over one?
- 84 Leonard: No, just sit here.
- 85 Sheldon: Oh, yeah, this is it.
- 86 Scene: Outside Leonard's bedroom.
- 87 Sheldon (Knock, knock, knock): Leonard (knock, knock, knock) Leonard (knock, knock, knock) Leonard.
- 88 Leonard: What, Sheldon? What, Sheldon? What, Sheldon?
- 89 Sheldon (showing him laptop): Tell me what you see here.
- 90 Leonard: The blunt instrument that will be the focus of my murder trial?
- 91 Sheldon: This is Stephanie's facebook page. Now, where it should say in a relationship, what does it say?
- 92 Leonard: Stephanie Barnett is single.
- 93 Sheldon: Yeah, furthermore, earlier this evening, she threw a digital sheep at some guy named Mike. Who's Mike? Why does he get a digital sheep and not you?
- 94 Leonard: It's just her facebook page and we've only been going out a couple of weeks.
- 95 Sheldon: You don't see it, do you? We're losing her.
- 96 Leonard: Okay, I'm going to make this very simple for you. You are not in this relationship, I am. Ergo, you have no say in anything that happens between me and Stephanie.
- 97 Sheldon: I'm afraid I can't allow that. Pursuant to Starfleet General Order 104 Section A, you are deemed unfit and I hereby relieve you of your command.
- 98 Leonard: General Order 104, Section A does not apply in this situation.
- 99 Sheldon: Give me one good reason why not.
- 100 Leonard: Because this is not Star Trek
- 101 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 102 Sheldon (Knock, knock, knock): Penny (knock, knock, knock) Penny (knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 103 Penny: What?
- 104 Sheldon: This is banana bread.
- 105 Penny: This is a door knob.
- 106 Sheldon: It's my understanding that an unsolicited gift of food can be a precursor to an impromptu invitation to come in and chat.
- 107 Penny: Sheldon, would you like to come in?
- 108 Sheldon: I suppose I could spare a few minutes. Were you robbed?
- 109 Penny: No.
- 110 Sheldon: How can you be sure?
- 111 Penny: Sheldon, what do you want?
- 112 Sheldon: I'm certain this will come as no surprise to you, but Leonard is failing in yet another relationship.
- 113 Penny: He's having problems with Stephanie?
- 114 Sheldon: She's sending virtual livestock to random men on the internet. If I have any hope of keeping them together, I need data. Specifically, I need to know exactly what Leonard did that caused you to pop an emotional cap in his

#### buttocks.

- 115 Penny: What?
- 116 Sheldon: Again, urban slang. In which, I believe I'm gaining remarkable fluency. So, what is the down and the low? And don't worry, this is all entirely confidential, so, you feel free to include any and all shortcomings in the bedroom.
- 117 Penny: We never got to the bedroom.
- 118 Sheldon: Because?
- 119 Penny: Oh, okay, all right, you know what? I'll tell you what happened. We were young, we were very much in love, but we could only communicate through a time-traveling mailbox at my lake house.
- 120 Sheldon: It's not enough that you made me watch that movie, but now you mock me with it?
- 121 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 122 Sheldon: Gentlemen, I have a question about dating and relationships.
- 123 Raj: You told me you were going to have the talk with him.
- 124 Howard: I've been waiting for someone to have the talk with me.
- 125 Sheldon: More to the point, it's about finding a way to keep Leonard and Stephanie together.
- 126 Howard: Oh, I don't think you can.
- 127 Sheldon: Well, why not?
- 128 Howard: Look at Leonard's record. 27 days with Joyce Kim.
- 129 Raj: During which she defected to North Korea.
- 130 Howard: Two booty calls with Leslie Winkle.
- 131 Raj: For which she awarded him the nickname "speed of light Leonard."
- 132 Howard: And a three hour dinner with Penny.
- 133 Raj: Which would have been two and a half if they ordered the souffle when they sat down.
- 134 Howard: Based on the geometric progression, his relationship with Stephanie should have ended after 20 minutes.
- 135 Sheldon: Yes, I'm aware of the math, Y equals 27 days over 12 to the nth, the issue remains, how do we circumvent his inevitable rejection?
- 136 Raj: Well, if you want to guarantee his appeal to Stephanie, your best bet would be to kill all the other men on the planet.
- 137 Howard: I'll tell you what you shouldn't do. Don't spritz him with that body spray from the commercial where the women undress when they smell it, that doesn't work at all, no matter how much you put on.
- 138 Sheldon: So, that's all you've got? Apocalyptic genocide and go easy on the cologne?
- 139 Howard: Yes.
- 140 Raj: Yeah.
- 141 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 142 Sheldon (Knock, knock, knock): Penny (knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 143 Penny: What?
- 144 Sheldon (Knock, knock, knock): Penny. Zucchini bread.
- 145 Penny: Oh, thank you.

- 146 Sheldon: May I come in?
- 147 Penny: No.
- 148 Sheldon: I see. Apparently my earlier inquiry regarding you and Leonard crossed some sort of line. I apologize.
- 149 Penny: Well, thank you.
- 150 Sheldon: So, have you and I returned to a social equilibrium?
- 151 Penny: Yes.
- 152 Sheldon: Great. New topic. Where are you in your menstrual cycle?
- 153 Penny: What?
- 154 Sheldon: I've been doing some research online, and apparently female primates, you know, uh, apes, chimpanzees, you, they find their mate more desirable when he's being courted by another female. Now, this effect is intensified when the rival female is secreting the pheromones associated with ovulation. Which brings me back to my question, where are you in (Penny slams door). Clearly, I'm 14 days too early.
- 155 Scene: The apartment.
- 156 Leonard: All I'm saying is if they can cure yellow fever and malaria, why can't they do something about lactose intolerance?
- 157 Steph: Leonard, you're going to have to let this go. You had a little cheese dip, you farted, I thought it was cute.
- 158 Sheldon: Oh, hi Stephanie.
- 159 Steph: Hi.
- 160 Leonard: Want some more wine?
- 161 Steph: Yeah, I assume I'm not driving anywhere tonight. (Sheldon lets out a loud noise).
- 162 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 163 Sheldon: I have a craving for white asparagus that apparently is destined to go unsatisfied.
- 164 Leonard: Excuse me. What the hell is wrong with you?
- 165 Sheldon: I'm helping you with Stephanie.
- 166 Leonard: By making constipated moose sounds?
- 167 Sheldon: When I fail to open this jar and you succeed it will establish you as the alpha male. You see, when a female witnesses an exhibition of physical domination she produces the hormone oxytocin. If the two of you then engage in intercourse this will create the biochemical reaction in the brain which lay people naively interpret as falling in love.
- 168 Leonard: Huh? Would it work if I just punched you in the face?
- 169 Sheldon: Yes, actually it would, but let's see how the lid goes. I'm not strong enough, Leonard, you'll have to do it.
- 170 Leonard: Oh, for god's sakes.
- 171 Sheldon: Go ahead, it's pre-loosened.
- 172 Steph: Do you want some help with that?
- 173 Leonard: No, no, no, I got it.
- 174 Sheldon: No, yeah, yeah, he's got it, and that's not surprising. This is something I long ago came to peace with in my role as the beta male. Open it. (Leonard tries again. Then taps jar on counter. Jar breaks.)

- 175 Steph: Oh my god, are you okay?
- 176 Leonard: No, I'm not. I'm bleeding.
- 177 Sheldon: Like a gladiator!
- 178 Steph: Oh, honey, you're going to need stitches.
- 179 Leonard: Stitches? With a needle?
- 180 Steph: Well, yeah, I mean, just a few.
- 181 Leonard: Oh, okay, yeah, hang on a sec. (Throws up in sink)
- 182 Sheldon: FYI, I was defrosting a steak in there.
- 183 Scene: The hospital.
- 184 Sheldon: What a beautiful job Stephanie did. I might have gone with a mattress suture instead of a blanket stitch, but you can't argue with her results. It's a shame it won't scar, the war wound is a time-honoured badge of masculinity.
- 185 Leonard: I can't remember a time when you weren't talking.
- 186 Sheldon: Just for the record, my efforts to establish you as the alpha male were not aided by you bursting into tears.
- 187 Leonard: I did not burst into tears, my eyes just got a little watery.
- 188 Sheldon: Watery?
- 189 Leonard: She stuck a needle into my hand!
- 190 Steph: Hey, how's my big cry baby?
- 191 Leonard: I didn't cry.
- 192 Steph: Okay, I'm just teasing you. But, yeah, you did. Alright, it's all good. what do you say we get you home and put you to bed?
- 193 Leonard: Oh, are you still going to spend the night?
- 194 Steph: Uh, no, I think that you probably need to rest.
- 195 Sheldon: She's right, as long as you're vomiting, coitus is contra-indicated.
- 196 Leonard: Thank you, Dr. Cooper.
- 197 Sheldon: You're welcome, Dr. Hofstadter.
- 198 Steph: Okay, I'm going to go get your discharge papers.
- 199 Leonard (after Sheldon tuts): What?
- 200 Sheldon: Well, you seem like a perfectly pleasant person. I just can't understand why women have such a hard time loving you.
- 201 Scene: The Apartment.
- 202 Leonard: Hey, can you open this for me?
- 203 Raj: Can I see your stitches?
- 204 Leonard: Sure. (Holds out hand. Howard starts to retch).
- 205 Raj: Answering the question once and for all why Wolowitz bailed out of medical school.
- 206 Penny (entering): Leonard, congratulations.
- 207 Leonard: What for?
- 208 Penny: Your facebook status update. Leonard Hofstadter is in a relationship.
- 209 Leonard: What? no. no, that's not right.
- 210 Howard: Oh, man, did you switch your status before she did? Speaking as an expert, way to look needy.
- 211 Penny: Seriously? You went first, after only two weeks? That's bold.

- 212 Leonard: It's not bold, it's a mistake. I didn't change my status.
- 213 Penny: Well, then who did?
- 214 Sheldon: I had no choice, he cried in front of her.
- 215 Leonard: You hacked my facebook account?
- 216 Sheldon: Oh, it's hardly hacking when you use the same password for everything, Kal-el.
- 217 Leonard: Are you insane? Now she's going to think I'm desperate. You've destroyed this relationship! And you want to know what the worst part is? You don't even understand what you did wrong because you can't conceive of something that you are not an expert in!
- 218 Sheldon: In which I am not an expert.
- 219 Leonard: Don't even! I don't want to hear another word out of you.
- 220 Penny (after Raj lets out a noise): What's wrong, Lassie? Timmy fall down the well? (He points) Oh, wow. She just updated her facebook status.
- 221 Howard: Stephanie Barnett is in a relationship with Leonard Hofstadter."
- 222 Leonard: Really? Oh, look at that, I have a girlfriend.
- 223 Sheldon: If I am permitted to speak again, Dr. Sheldon Cooper for the win.

### 2.10 Episode 10: The Vartabedian Conundrum

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Steph: I don't see anything at all, Sheldon.
- 3 Sheldon: Well, you're the doctor, but I am constantly hearing this annoying sound.
- 4 Leonard: Me, too.
- 5 Sheldon: Is it a high-frequency whistle?
- 6 Leonard: No, it's more of a relentless, narcissistic drone.
- 7 Steph: Yup, there's no inflammation at all, Sheldon.
- 8 Sheldon: Then it must be a tumour.
- 9 Steph: I Seriously doubt it.
- 10 Leonard: Maybe it's a lingering bacterial infection from all those childhood toilet swirlies.
- 11 Sheldon: Is that possible? I used to get those all the time. Even in church.
- 12 Steph: Well, you know, if it is from a swirly, there's something I can do. Okay, circle, circle, dot, dot, now you have a cootie shot! I'm going to bed
- 13 Leonard: Okay, I'll be right in.
- 14 Sheldon: It's not enough that she mocks me, but that isn't even the correct procedure for a cootie shot.
- 15 Leonard: Do you understand that Stephanie's not here to treat your imaginary ailments?
- 16 Sheldon: How is it imaginary that I keep hearing an octave above Middle C? Is that imaginary? I don't think so.
- 17 Leonard: Good night.
- 18 Sheldon: Leonard, there's one more thing. Under Article One, Section Three of our Roommate Agreement, I'm calling an emergency meeting.

- 19 Leonard: No, you're not.
- 20 Sheldon: Leonard moves the meeting not occur. Is there a second? None heard, the motion fails. I'd like to begin the meeting by congratulating you on the progress in your relationship with Dr. Stephanie.
- 21 Leonard: Thank you.
- 22 Sheldon: That being said, we have to discuss the implementation of the agreed upon "cohabitation" rider which has been activated now that the two of you are living together.
- 23 Leonard: We're not living together.
- 24 Sheldon: I beg to disagree. "A girlfriend shall be deemed quote living with un-quote Leonard when she has stayed over for A, ten consecutive nights or B, more than nine nights in three week period or C: all the weekends of a given month plus three weeknights.
- 25 Leonard: That's absurd.
- 26 Sheldon: You initialed it. See? L.H., L.H., L.H.
- 27 Leonard: Wait, I only initialed it because I never thought it would happen! I initialed another clause naming you my sidekick in case I get superpowers.
- 28 Sheldon: Hmm, yes, you did. Now, to review the following provisions are hereby activated. In the refrigerator, as opposed to us having two separate shelves and one communal shelf, the three of us now get individual shelves and the door becomes communal. Next, apartment vacuuming shall be increased from two to three times a week to accommodate the increased accumulation of dead skin cells. Third,the bathroom schedule. Now, I'm given to understand women have different needs, so, we'll have to discuss that.
- 29 Leonard: I'm going to bed.
- 30 Sheldon: At least take this with you. Look, and have Stephanie initial here, here, here, here and here. This states that she does not now nor does she intend to play a percussive or brass instrument. Sure it sounds like a tumor pressing on the auditory nerve.
- 31 Credits sequence.
- 32 Scene: The kitchen.
- 33 Leonard: No, absolutely not.
- 34 Sheldon: It's not a big deal. We have latex gloves.
- 35 Leonard: I don't care what the symptoms are, my girlfriend is not going to give you a prostate exam.
- 36 Steph: Hi, Sheldon.
- 37 Sheldon: Good morning, Dr. Stephanie. I trust Leonard satisfied you sexually last night.
- 38 Leonard: Oh come on! Sheldon, we don't ask questions like that.
- 39 Sheldon: I heard you ask it over and over. How is it inappropriate for me to ask it once?
- 40 Steph: He did very nicely.
- 41 Sheldon: See? She's not offended. And now you finally have an answer.
- 42 Penny (entering): Out of coffee. Need coffee.
- 43 Steph: Uh. hello.
- 44 Penny: Hi! Stephanie, right?

- 45 Steph: Uh-huh. And, and, and you are?
- 46 Penny: I'm Penny, I live across the hall. I've heard a lot about you.
- 47 Steph: Really?
- 48 Penny: Mm-hmm.
- 49 Steph: I haven't heard a thing about you. Leonard? Why haven't I heard a thing about this woman who lives across the hall and comes into your apartment in the morning in her underwear?
- 50 Leonard: She's heard about you because we're, you know, involved and you haven't heard about her because... I never slept with her, I swear!
- 51 Sheldon: In Leonard's defence, it wasn't for lack of trying.
- 52 Leonard: Thank you, Sheldon.
- 53 Sheldon: You're welcome, Leonard.
- 54 Leonard: Look, I'm just saying, um, Penny is one of our many neighbours, you know, and in our building, neighbours come and go, it's very casual, no dress code. In fact, some mornings I'll just mosey down to the third floor in my pyjamas and have cereal with Mrs. Vartabedian.
- 55 Sheldon: Really? I have never once been invited to have cereal with Mrs. Vartabedian.
- 56 Leonard: She doesn't like you. Um, well, uh, you have a gall bladder to remove and I have to get in the shower and Penny has clothes to put on, so...
- 57 Steph: Well, it was very nice meeting you.
- 58 Penny: Nice to finally meet you, too.
- 59 Steph: And I'll see you tonight?
- 60 Leonard: Okay, bye-bye.
- 61 Steph: Bye.
- 62 Sheldon: What could I possibly have done to offend Mrs. Vartabedian?
- 63 Penny: So, that's Stephanie, huh?
- 64 Leonard: Why do I feel like I'm the one that just got the prostate exam?
- 65 Penny: You know, she seems very nice.
- 66 Sheldon: Oh, she is. She's terrific, and she's proving to be a valuable roommate.
- 67 Penny: Roommate? You guys are living together?
- 68 Sheldon: Like hippies.
- 69 Leonard: We're not living together.
- 70 Sheldon: Do I have to pull out the paperwork again?
- 71 Leonard: We're not living together.
- 72 Penny: Are you sure?
- 73 Leonard: How could I not be sure?
- 74 Penny: Well, let's find out.
- 75 Leonard: Don't you think if a woman was living with me I'd be the first one to know about it?
- 76 Penny: Oh, sweetie, you'd be the last one to know about it. (Looking through his wardrobe) Hmm, cute dresses. I bet this looks great on you!
- 77 Leonard: We're not living together.
- 78 Penny: Okay, hmm, scented candles, fuzzy slippers, ooh, floral bed sheets?
- 79 Leonard: We're not living together.

- 80 Penny: Okay, moving on. Now, who are these guys at Disney World?
- 81 Leonard: Uh, the big dog is Goofy, and the older couple with the mouse ears , I have no idea. We're not living together!
- 82 Penny: You're going to go down swinging, huh? All right, well, we got your body lotion, your InStyle Magazine, your jewellery box.
- 83 Leonard: We're not... Where's my Bat Signal?
- 84 Penny: You have a Bat Signal?
- 85 Leonard: I did. It was right here. She must've... Oh, my God, we're living together.
- 86 Penny: Really? What was your first clue?
- 87 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 88 Howard: New pants?
- 89 Leonard: Yeah, Stephanie got them for me.
- 90 Howard: Nice. Cotton?
- 91 Leonard: Actually, I think it's more of wool, fire ant blend.
- 92 Howard: So, the girlfriend's buying clothes for you, huh? Sounds serious.
- 93 Leonard: It is actually. In fact, I gave it a lot of thought and I decided it was time for us to live together.
- 94 Howard: Uh, Leonard, huge mistake. There's a whole buffet of women out there and you're just standing in the corner eating the same devilled egg over and over again.
- 95 Leonard: At least I have an egg. What do you have?
- 96 Howard: A veritable smorgasbord of potential sexual partners. See the blonde over there? I can hit on her and you can't.
- 97 Leonard: So, go hit on her.
- 98 Howard: She's not my type.
- 99 Raj: Too bad, 'cause she was checking you out before.
- 100 Howard: She was?
- 101 Raj: Of course not. Look at her.
- 102 Leonard: I don't care what you guys think, Stephanie and I are very happy living together. I will give either of you 20 dollars, right now to trade pants with me.
- 103 Scene: The hospital.
- 104 Steph: Sheldon, what are you doing here?
- 105 Sheldon: Hang on. 130 over 80. A little high. We can attribute that to the stress of sneaking past the security desk.
- 106 Steph: Where did you get the stethoscope and the blood pressure cuff?
- 107 Sheldon: My aunt Marion gave them to me for my 12th birthday. She thought if I failed at theoretical physics that I should have a trade to fall back on. And by the way, the blood pressure cuff is called a sphygmomanometer.
- 108 Steph: Thank you.
- 109 Sheldon: Didn't they teach you that in medical school?
- 110 Steph: I'm kinda busy here, Sheldon.
- 111 Sheldon: I understand. All I need is for you to authorize these tests.
- 112 Steph: A cardiac stress test, a full body MRI, an electromyogram, a CBC, baseline glucose, upper GI?

- 113 Sheldon: Oh, and an exploratory laparoscopy. Last time I had hiccups, it felt like my diaphragm was just going through the motions.
- 114 Steph: Go home, Sheldon.
- 115 Sheldon: Can I at least have the upper GI? I already drank the barium!
- 116 Scene: The laundry room.
- 117 Penny: Oh hey.
- 118 Leonard: Oh, good. Do you have any fabric softener?
- 119 Penny: Yeah, sure. What are you washing? A crocodile?
- 120 Leonard: No, the pants that Stephanie got me.
- 121 Penny: Oh, sweetie, you can't machine wash these. They'll be ruined.
- 122 Leonard: Are you sure?
- 123 Penny: Absolutely.
- 124 Leonard: Oh, no. I wish you'd told me that sooner.
- 125 Penny: Are you guys having problems?
- 126 Leonard: No, everything's fine.
- 127 Penny: Really?
- 128 Leonard: Yeah. It's wonderful. Okay, maybe this whole living together happened kind of suddenly, but it's fine, it's great.
- 129 Penny: Okay, Leonard, honey, you know, if you're uncomfortable with the way things are going, you're allowed to say something.
- 130 Leonard: Are you sure? That doesn't sound right.
- 131 Penny: Believe me, your feelings are just as important as hers.
- 132 Leonard: No that doesn't sound right either.
- 133 Penny: Just tell her you need the relationship to move at a pace that you both are comfortable with.
- 134 Leonard: Yeah, I could say something like that to her. I'll go do that. Thank you.
- 135 Penny: Sure.
- 136 Leonard: You have a really good grasp on this. Maybe you could talk to her?
- 137 Penny: You're kidding, right?
- 138 Leonard: No, but that's okay. I'll go talk to her. Want to come with?
- 139 Penny: Go! Wow.
- 140 Scene: The apartment.
- 141 Steph: Oh, no.
- 142 Sheldon: Wha?
- 143 Steph: You were right. Your larynx is terribly inflamed. I mean, I've never seen anything like it.
- 144 Sheldon: I knew it! What do I do?
- 145 Steph: You're going to need to stop talking immediately.
- 146 Sheldon: For how...
- 147 Steph: Du-du-du! Immediately.
- 148 Leonard: Hey.
- 149 Steph: Oh, hi, honey.
- 150 Leonard: Sheldon. (He waves) What's going on?
- 151 Steph: I just performed a Sheldonectomy.

- 152 Leonard: Careful, if you don't get it all, it'll only come back worse.
- 153 Steph: Gotcha.
- 154 Leonard: Listen, we need to talk.
- 155 Steph: Oh-oh. Do we need to talk or do we "need to talk"?
- 156 Leonard: I don't know what that means.
- 157 Steph: Okay, why don't you just tell me what it is you have to tell me?
- 158 Leonard: Okay, um, well, look, it's just that things between you and me have been going pretty quick.
- 159 Steph: And?
- 160 Leonard: It's just a little scary.
- 161 Steph: Well, yeah, but scary good, right?
- 162 Leonard: Sure, when is scary not good? But, okay, um, I have feelings, right?
- 163 Steph: Uh-huh.
- 164 Leonard: Okay, and it's perfectly okay to express those feelings, right?
- 165 Steph: Of course honey why don't you tell me what it is you're feeling?
- 166 Leonard: Okay, well, I ju... I think it's important to remember that we move at a pace that is our speed and... oh, shoot, I had it!
- 167 Steph: Okay, how about this? How about I tell you what I'm feeling?
- 168 Leonard: What's that? Really? Right now?
- 169 Steph: Why not?
- 170 Leonard: I just ate, aren't you supposed to wait an hour?
- 171 Steph: I think that's for swimming.
- 172 Leonard: Oh, okay. I just hope I don't get cramps.
- 173 Steph: Yeah.
- 174 Scene: The laundry room.
- 175 Leonard: Hey.
- 176 Penny: Hey. Oh, I put your clothes in the dryer.
- 177 Leonard: Thank you.
- 178 Penny: Your pants are ruined.
- 179 Leonard: Good.
- 180 Penny: So, how did the talk with Stephanie go?
- 181 Leonard: Well, um, on one level, really, really well.
- 182 Penny: So, you told her you wanted to slow things down?
- 183 Leonard: Not specifically, but, uh, I did tell her that I had feelings.
- 184 Penny: Good, good. And then what?
- 185 Leonard: And then the, the subject got changed somehow.
- 186 Penny: You had s\*x, didn't you?
- 187 Leonard: Um, little bit. (She looks at her watch) What?
- 188 Penny: Nothing. Okay, well, it sounds like things are going to work out.
- 189 Leonard: Yeah, yeah it's all good. Everything's going to work out. One way or another.
- 190 Penny: Come on, Leonard, you are entitled to try and make things go the way you want them to.
- 191 Leonard: Really?
- 192 Penny: Yes, you don't always have to go along with what the woman

wants.

193 - Leonard: Huh.

194 - Penny: What?

195 - Leonard: Nothing, just rethinking my whole life. Okay, here's the thing, I'm afraid that if I ask her to move out, she'll just dump me.

196 - Penny: Well, it's a chance you have to take. I mean, look, if it's meant to be, it'll be.

197 - Leonard: Very comforting. Okay, so what do I say to her?

198 - Penny: I don't know. I mean, what have women said to you when they wanted to slow a relationship down?

199 - Leonard: I really like you, but I want to see how things go with Mark?

200 - Penny: Yeah, that'll slow it down.

201 - Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Leonard and Steph have just had s\*x.

202 - Steph: I'm sorry, I totally interrupted you. What were you saying?

203 - Leonard: Oh, right, yeah, um, so, Stephanie, here's the thing. I really like you.

204 - Steph: Oh, God, here comes the speech.

205 - Leonard: What speech?

206 - Steph: I really like you, but maybe we should spend a little less time together 'cause I need my space but I'll call you on Tuesday, and then you never call me so I call you, but you don't call me back and then when I run into you at the coffee shop you pretend like you've been having problems with your voice mail and I know that you're lying, but I pretend like I don't care even though I'm dying inside!

207 - Leonard: No! No, no! I wasn't going to say any of that. I was just going to say, I really like you.

208 - Steph: Oh. Oh, good! 'Cause I really like you, too.

209 - Leonard: Terrific.

210 - Scene: The university cafeteria.

211 - Leonard: Hey.

212 - Raj: Hey.

213 - Howard: Hey. Nice sweater.

214 - Leonard: Yeah, Stephanie got it for me. It's kind of fun.

215 - Raj: It's got a big bird on it, dude.

216 - Leonard: Yeah, yeah, that's the fun part. We're also getting new curtains for my bedroom, and a dust ruffle, and a duvet, and I don't even know what a duvet is but I'm pretty sure if I did I wouldn't want one, but every time I talk to her about moving out she cries and we have s\*x.

217 - Raj: You're lucky. With me, it's usually the other way around.

218 - Howard: You know, if you can't talk to her, why don't you just text her?

219 - Leonard: Isn't that kind of cowardly?

220 - Howard: Oh, yeah. It's beyond contemptible.

221 - Raj: It's true, but on the other hand you are wearing a bird sweater.

222 - Leonard: Sold. "I think it would be better for our relationship if you moved back to your place." There. It's done.

223 - Howard: Good for you.

- 224 Leonard: Yeah, good for me. I'll never have s\*x again. (Phone buzzes) I was wrong. See ya.
- 225 Scene: Outside Penny's apartment. Sheldon has his laptop. He knocks three times, the presses a button and an electronic voice says "Penny". He does this three times.
- 226 Penny (opening door): Sheldon?
- 227 Computer voice: I have an inflamed larynx.
- 228 Penny: Okay?
- 229 Computer voice: We're out of herbal tea. Do you have any?
- 230 Penny: Okay, let me check.
- 231 Computer voice: Some hiney would be nice, too.
- 232 Penny: Hiney?
- 233 Computer voice: Honey.

## 2.11 Episode 11: The Bath Item Gift Hypothesis

- 1 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 2 Sheldon: Your argument is lacking in all scientific merit. It is well established Superman cleans his uniform by flying into Earth's yellow sun, which incinerates any contaminate matter and leaves the invulnerable Kryptonian fabric unharmed and daisy fresh.
- 3 Howard: What if he gets something Kryptonian on it?
- 4 Sheldon: Like what?
- 5 Howard: I don't know. Kryptonian mustard.
- 6 Sheldon: I think we can safely assume that all Kryptonian condiments were destroyed when the planet Krypton exploded.
- 7 Raj: Or it turned into mustard Kryptonite, the only way to destroy a rogue Kryptonian hotdog threatening Earth.
- 8 Leonard: Raj, please, let's stay serious here. Superman's body is Kryptonian, therefore his sweat is Kryptonian.
- 9 Howard: Yeah, what about Kryptonian pit stains?
- 10 Sheldon: Superman doesn't sweat on Earth.
- 11 Howard: Okay, he's invited for dinner in the Bottle City of Kandor. He miniaturizes himself, enters the city where he loses his superpowers. Now, before dinner, his host says, "who's up for a little Kryptonian tetherball?" Superman says "sure," works up a sweat, comes back to Earth, his uniform now stained with indestructible Kryptonian perspiration.
- 12 Raj: Booya.
- 13 Sheldon: Superman would have taken his uniform to a Kandorian dry cleaner before he left the Bottle.
- 14 Raj: "Kandorian dry cl..." I give up, you can't have a rational argument with this man.
- 15 Howard: Hey, isn't that the guy who won the MacArthur genius grant last year? No, not all at once.
- 16 Raj: Then how?
- 17 Howard: Leonard. Now, Raj. Now, Sheldon.

- 18 Raj: I didn't get a good look. Can I go again?
- 19 Howard: No.
- 20 Leonard: It's David Underhill. So what?
- 21 Sheldon: So what? His observation of high-energy positrons has provided the first conclusive evidence for the existence of galactic dark matter.
- 22 Leonard: I have two words for you. The first is big, the other's whoop.
- 23 Sheldon: It is a big whoop. It made almost all the work you've done since you've been here completely useless.
- 24 Leonard: Did not.
- 25 Howard: Did, too.
- 26 Leonard: Did... okay, maybe some of it, but, look, the guy was just in the right place, at the right time with the right paradigm-shifting reinterpretation of the universe. He got lucky.
- 27 Raj: In more ways than one. He's a very handsome man.
- 28 Howard: Doesn't do anything for me. If I was gonna go that way, I'm more of a Zac Ephron kinda guy.
- 29 Raj: Oh, yeah, like you have a shot with Zac Ephron.
- 30 David (approaching): Excuse me, Are you Leonard Hofstadter?
- 31 Leonard: Uh, yeah.
- 32 David: I'm David Underhill.
- 33 Leonard: Uh, y-yeah.
- 34 David: Yeah, Dr. Gablehauser said if I wanted to set something up in the photomultiplier lab, that you'd be able to give me a hand?
- 35 Leonard: You want to work with me?
- 36 David: Well, if you have a little time, yeah.
- 37 Leonard: Wow, y-yeah, sure. Yeah, no problem. Uh, Here's my home number, here's my cell, here's my office, here's my parents' number up in New Jersey, they always know how to reach me. So...
- 38 David: Okay.
- 39 Leonard: Congratulations on the MacArthur Grant, by the way. Big fan.
- 40 David: Thanks. I'll call you.
- 41 Leonard: Okay. Bye-bye! What are you looking at?You've never seen a hypocrite before?
- 42 Credits sequence.
- 43 Scene: The apartment. The guys are playing Wii bowling.
- 44 Raj: Trailing badly, Wolowitz needs a strike if he has any hopes of catching up with Sheldon Cooper, who is dominating in the ninth frame with a career-best 68.
- 45 Leonard (entering): Hey, guys!
- 46 Howard: That doesn't count. Do over! Do over!
- 47 Sheldon: There are no do-overs in Wii bowling.
- 48 Howard: There are always do-overs when my people play sports.
- 49 Sheldon: Where were you that's more important than Wii bowling night?
- 50 Leonard: Actually, I was...
- 51 Sheldon: It's a rhetorical question. There is nothing more important than Wii bowling night.

- 52 Leonard: Come on, it's just a video game. And we suck at it.
- 53 Sheldon: Nice motivational speech from the team captain.
- 54 Howard: Where were you?
- 55 Leonard: I was working with Dave Underhill.
- 56 Howard: Ooh, "Dave." Sounds like Leonard's got a new BFF.
- 57 Leonard: Actually, he's pretty cool. I mean, not only is he a brilliant scientist, but it turns out he's a Black Diamond skier, he collects vintage motorcycles, he plays in a rock band.
- 58 Howard: So? We're in a rock band.
- 59 Leonard: No, we play Rock Band on our X-Box.
- 60 Sheldon: Nice motivational speech from our lead guitarist.
- 61 Leonard: He's funny, too. He does this hysterical impersonation of Stephen Hawking having phone s\*x. What are you wearing? That's not, he does it better. Anyway, he said he was gonna take me to the gym tomorrow, so I'm gonna go practice my situps.
- 62 Raj: Whoa. Humongous man crush, dude.
- 63 Howard: Yep. It's officially a bro-mance.
- 64 Penny (entering): Hey, Sheldon, are you and Leonard putting up a Christmas tree?
- 65 Sheldon: No, because we don't celebrate the ancient pagan festival of Saturnalia.
- 66 Penny: Saturnalia?
- 67 Howard: Gather round, kids, it's time for Sheldon's beloved Christmas special.
- 68 Sheldon: In the pre-Christian era, as the winter solstice approached and the plants died, pagans brought evergreen boughs into their homes as an act of sympathetic magic, intended to guard the life essences of the plants until spring. This custom was later appropriated by Northern Europeans and eventually it becomes the so-called Christmas tree.
- 69 Howard: And that, Charlie Brown, is what boredom is all about.
- 70 Penny: Okay, well, thank you for that, but I got you and Leonard a few silly neighbour gifts, so I'll just put them under my tree.
- 71 Sheldon: Wait! You bought me a present?
- 72 Penny: Uh-huh.
- 73 Sheldon: Why would you do such a thing?
- 74 Penny: I don't know. 'Cause it's Christmas?
- 75 Sheldon: Oh, Penny. I know you think you're being generous, but the foundation of gift-giving is reciprocity. You haven't given me a gift, you've given me an obligation.
- 76 Howard: Don't feel bad, Penny, it's a classic rookie mistake. My first Hanukkah with Sheldon, he yelled at me for eight nights.
- 77 Penny: Now, honey, it's okay. You don't have to get me anything in return.
- 78 Sheldon: Of course I do. The essence of the custom is that I now have to go out and purchase for you a gift of commensurate value and representing the same perceived level of friendship as that represented by the gift you've given me. It's no wonder suicide rates skyrocket this time of year.

- 79 Penny: Okay, you know what? Forget it. I'm not giving you a present.
- 80 Sheldon: No, it's too late. I see it. That elf sticker says to Sheldon. The die has been cast, the moving finger has writ, Hannibal has crossed the Alps.
- 81 Howard (to Raj who is whispering in his ear): I know. It's funny when it's not happening to us.
- 82 Penny: Sheldon, I am very, very sorry.
- 83 Sheldon: No. No, I brought this on myself by being such an endearing and important part of your life. I'm going to need a ride to the mall.
- 84 Howard: It's happening to us.
- 85 Scene: The stairwell.
- 86 Leonard: Ow! Ow!
- 87 David: Are you gonna make it?
- 88 Leonard: Yeah, I guess.
- 89 David: All right.
- 90 Leonard: Thanks for letting me try out your motorcycle.
- 91 David: No problem.
- 92 Leonard: I had no idea it was so heavy. The thing just fell right over on me, didn't it?
- 93 David: Yeah. Lucky for you it wasn't moving.
- 94 Penny: Oh, hey, Leonard. Ooh, are you okay?
- 95 Leonard: Oh, yeah. It's just a little motorcycle accident.
- 96 Penny: My God, how fast were you going?
- 97 Leonard: I don't know. It's all such a blur.
- 98 David: Ha ha ha. Good one. He couldn't even get it started. Hi. Dave.
- 99 Penny: Hi. Penny. So it's your motorcycle?
- 100 David: Uh-huh.
- 101 Penny: Oh, is it okay?
- 102 David: It's fine.
- 103 Leonard: Yeah, lucky for the bike it landed on my leg.
- 104 David: You mind giving me a hand with speed racer here?
- 105 Penny: Oh, yeah. Yeah, sure. So, um, Dave, how do you know Leonard?
- 106 David: I'm a physicist.
- 107 Penny: Ha-ha. No, you're not.
- 108 David: Why is that so surprising?
- 109 Penny: Uh, well, it's just that the physicists I know are indoorsy and pale.
- 110 Leonard: I'm not indoorsy. I just wear the appropriate sun block because I don't take melanoma lightly.
- 111 Penny: So, are you and Leonard working on an experiment together?
- 112 David: Yeah, actually we are.
- 113 Leonard: Yeah, we're examining the radiation levels of photomultiplier tubes for a new dark matter detector.
- 114 Penny: Uh, sweetie, sweetie, Dave was talking. You know, I love science.
- 115 Leonard: Since when?
- 116 Penny: Since always. Call me a geek, but I am just nuts for the whole subatomic particle thing.
- 117 David: The last thing I would ever call you is a geek.

- 118 Penny: Ha. Well, that's what I am, queen of the nerds.
- 119 David: Well, if you like, I could show you the lab we're working in. We've got some cool toys, you know, lasers and stuff.
- 120 Penny: You know, I have always wanted to see a big science lab.
- 121 Leonard: Since when?
- 122 Penny: Since always.
- 123 David: Leonard, are you okay here?
- 124 Leonard: Uh, yeah. I guess.
- 125 David: How 'bout we go see it now? Maybe afterwards we take the bike up the coast, we grab a little bite to eat...
- 126 Penny: Um, yeah, yeah, that sounds great, let me just get my jacket.
- 127 David: Boy, she'll do, huh?
- 128 Leonard: Yeah, if you like that type.
- 129 David: So, you and her?
- 130 Leonard: No, just neighbours.
- 131 David: Really. I don't know how you live next door to that without doing something about it.
- 132 Leonard: Actually, science is my lady.
- 133 Penny: Okay. Let's go.
- 134 David: All right. See you tomorrow, Leonard.
- 135 Leonard: See ya. 'Bye, Penny. Have fun. (Bangs head on door. Sheldon opens it.)
- 136 Sheldon: Yes? (Leonard falls through) Did you forget your key?
- 137 Scene: A gift shop.
- 138 Sheldon: I don't see anything in here a woman would want.
- 139 Howard: You're kidding. You've got lotions and bath oils and soaps, that's the estrogen hat trick.
- 140 Leonard: What it is is a cacophonous assault of eucalyptus, bayberry, cinnamon and vanilla. It's as if my head were trapped in the pyjamas of a sultan.
- 141 Raj: Sheldon, if you don't like this stuff, let's just go next door and build her a bear.
- 142 Sheldon: I told you before, bears are terrifying.
- 143 Howard: Come on, bath stuff, it's perfect! You got a scented candle, a cleansing buff, spearmint and green tea scented bath oil, promotes relaxation.
- 144 Sheldon: That presupposes Penny is tense.
- 145 Raj: She knows you. She's tense. We all are. Buy a basket!
- 146 Howard: Excuse me, we're ready.
- 147 Sheldon: No, we're not. Let's say for a moment that I accept the bath item gift hypothesis, I now lay the following conundrum at your feet, which size?
- 148 Howard: This one. Let's go.
- 149 Sheldon: You put no thought into that.
- 150 Howard: I'm sorry. Uh, this one. Let's go!
- 151 Sheldon: I have insufficient data to proceed. Excuse me, miss?
- 152 Assistant: Yes?
- 153 Sheldon: If I were to give you this gift basket, based on that action alone

and no other data, infer and describe the hypothetical relationship that exists between us.

- 154 Assistant: Excuse me?
- 155 Sheldon: Here. Now, are we friends? Colleagues? Lovers? Are you my grandmother?
- 156 Assistant: I don't understand what you're talking about and you're making me a little uncomfortable.
- 157 Howard: See? Sounds just like you and Penny. We'll take it.
- 158 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 159 David: Hey, Leonard. Come, join us.
- 160 Leonard: Oh, hey, Dave. And Penny, what a surprise.
- 161 Penny: Hey, Leonard. Dave was just showing me around the university. You know, this place is unbelievable!
- 162 Leonard: Yeah, I know. I've been offering to show you around for a year and a half. You always said you had yoga.
- 163 Penny: I never said that.
- 164 Leonard: Maybe I heard you wrong. A lot of words sound like yoga.
- 165 David: This is an amazing woman, Leonard. She has a curious and agile mind, not to mention being curious and agile in other respects.
- 166 Penny: Oh, shut up!
- 167 Leonard: Yes, please shut up. So, um, Dave, don't you think you and I should get back to the lab? You know, that dark matter isn't going to detect itself.
- 168 David: Actually, I was thinking about taking the afternoon off so I could work on another experiment with Penny.
- 169 Penny: Really? We're going to do an experiment?
- 170 David: Uh-huh. We're going to explore the effects of tequila shots on a gorgeous 22-year-old woman.
- 171 Penny: It's not an experiment! You saw what happened last night.
- 172 David: You ready to go?
- 173 Penny: Yeah. Oh, can I drive the motorcycle?
- 174 David: Yeah, why not? You can't do any worse than Leonard.
- 175 Leonard: That's funny. By the way, my leg is killing me. Thanks for asking.
- 176 Scene: The apartment.
- 177 Sheldon: Mmm, great news, Leonard, I've solved my Penny gift dilemma.
- 178 Leonard: Yippee.
- 179 Sheldon: You see, the danger was that I might under or over-reciprocate,
- but I have devised a foolproof plan. See, I will open her gift to me first and then excuse myself, feigning digestive distress.
- 180 Then I'll look up the price of her gift online, choose the basket closest to that value, give it to her and then I'll return the others for a full refund.
- 181 Leonard: Brilliant.
- 182 Sheldon: It is, isn't it? Is it okay if I hide them in your room? The smell makes me nauseated.
- 183 Leonard: Do whatever you want.

- 184 Sheldon: Thank you, that's very gracious. Gentlemen.
- 185 Howard: Why couldn't you have just done what Leonard did and get Penny a new boyfriend?
- 186 Leonard: My leg is killing me. Thanks for asking.
- 187 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 188 Leonard: Okay, I have just one question for you. While I am perfectly happy with the way things are between us, you said that you didn't want to go out with me because I was too smart for you! Well, news flash, lady, David Underhill is ten times smarter than me! You'd have to drive a railroad spike into his brain for me to beat him at checkers! Next to him, I'm like one of those sign-language gorillas who knows how to ask for grapes! So, my question is, what's up with that?
- 189 Penny: Why are you yelling at me?
- 190 Leonard: Sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry! Never mind, we're cool.
- 191 Penny: Dave is not smarter than you. He's an idiot.
- 192 Leonard: Really? Why would you say that?
- 193 Penny: Because a smart guy takes the nude photos of his wife off his cell phone before he tries to take nude photos of his girlfriend.
- 194 Leonard: He tried to take nude photos of you?
- 195 Penny: That's what you took from that? The guy is married!
- 196 Leonard: Oh, yeah. I'm so... oh, that's terrible.
- 197 Penny: And you, if you are so okay with the way things are between us, why are you so jealous?
- 198 Leonard: Well, uh, the important thing is he's married and that's terrible!
- 199 Penny: Nice save, genius. Eggnog?
- 200 Leonard: Lactose.
- 201 Penny: It's just rum. It stopped being eggnog like half an hour ago.
- 202 Leonard: Smooth.
- 203 Penny: Smoother than you.
- 204 Leonard: Come on, it's Christmas, just give me this one.
- 205 Penny: Okay, Merry Christmas.
- 206 Leonard: By the way, my leg is killing me. Thanks for asking.
- 207 Scene: The apartment. Leonard opens the door to Penny.
- 208 Penny: Merry Christmas.
- 209 Leonard: Merry Christmas.
- 210 Penny: How's your leg?
- 211 Leonard: Very good, thanks for asking. Come on in.
- 212 Sheldon: Ah, good, Penny, you're here to exchange gifts. You'll be pleased to know I'm prepared for whatever you have to offer.
- 213 Penny: Okay, here.
- 214 Sheldon: I should note I'm having some digestive distress, so, if I excuse myself abruptly, don't be alarmed. Oh, a napkin.
- 215 Penny: Turn it over.
- 216 Sheldon: To Sheldon, live long and prosper. Leonard Nimoy.
- 217 Penny: Yeah, he came into the restaurant. Sorry the napkin's dirty. He wiped his mouth with it.

- 218 Sheldon: I possess the DNA of Leonard Nimoy?!
- 219 Penny: Well, yeah, yeah, I guess. But look, he signed it.
- 220 Sheldon: Do you realize what this means? All I need is a healthy ovum and I can grow my own Leonard Nimoy!
- 221 Penny: Okay, all I'm giving you is the napkin, Sheldon.
- 222 Sheldon: Be right back.
- 223 Penny: Here. Open it.
- 224 Leonard: Oh, a gift certificate for motorcycle lessons. Very thoughtful.
- 225 Penny: Yeah, and I checked. Not letting the bike fall on you while standing still is lesson one.
- 226 Leonard: Oh, then, I think you'll appreciate what I got you.
- 227 Penny: Okay. 101 Totally Cool Science Experiments for Kids.
- 228 Leonard: You know, 'cause you're so into science.
- 229 (Sheldon appears with all the gift baskets)
- 230 Penny: Sheldon! What did you do?!
- 231 Sheldon: I know! It's not enough, is it? Here.
- 232 Penny: Leonard, look! Sheldon's hugging me.
- 233 Leonard: It's a Saturnalia miracle.

### 2.12 Episode 12: The Killer Robot Instability

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Howard: All right, that's the last servo. Behold the Mobile Omnidirectional Neutralization and Termination Eradicator. Or...
- 3 All: MONTE.
- 4 Howard: Featuring one articulated razor-sharp killing saw, one polycarbonate grinding and flipping wheel, steel armour plate exoskeleton top and bottom, and enough horsepower to drive a 110 pounds of mechanized death from zero to holy crap in 4.8 seconds.
- 5 Sheldon: Is it wrong to say I love our killer robot?
- 6 Raj: As with my father, I both love and fear it.
- 7 Howard: All right, enough chitchat, let's destroy something.
- 8 Together (lifting): One, two, three, go.
- 9 Raj: Okay. What shall be first to taste the wrath of Monte?
- 10 Leonard: Maybe we should start small.
- 11 Raj: Okay. Ooh, perhaps today is the day we finally find out what's inside the Magic Eight Ball.
- 12 Sheldon: Did it when I was four. It's an icosahedral dye floating in tinted blue water.
- 13 Raj: Man, call spoiler alert before you say things like that.
- 14 Leonard: How about the toaster oven?
- 15 Sheldon: What did the toaster oven ever do to you?
- 16 Leonard: What did I ever do to Jimmy Mullins in the third grade? He still punched me in the face with my own fists. Sorry, you little nerd, you were just in the wrong boys' room at the wrong time.
- 17 Howard: Gentlemen, goggles.

- 18 Sheldon: Yeah, this is an auspicious moment. Yeah, like Robert Oppenheimer or Neil Armstrong, we need the appropriate words to mark this historic scientific event.
- 19 Raj: How about "Die, toaster, die"?
- 20 Leonard: That'll do it.
- 21 Raj (after watching complete destruction of toaster oven): All right, what's next?
- 22 Scene: The stairwell.
- 23 Penny: No, I think I'm just going to stay in tonight and do laundry. (Monte bursts through boys door. Penny screams and runs down the stairs.)
- 24 Credits sequence.
- 25 Scene: Outside in stairwell
- 26 Howard: Oh yeah, they still got the full Monte.
- 27 Penny: Leonard?
- 28 Leonard: Uh-huh?
- 29 Penny: What the hell?
- 30 Leonard: Killer robot. We built it.
- 31 Penny: Yeah, well, it almost killed me.
- 32 Sheldon: If it wanted to kill you, you'd be dead.
- 33 Penny: So, who exactly does it want to kill?
- 34 Sheldon: I'm sorry, are you unaware of the upcoming Southern California Robot Fighting League Round Robin Invitational?
- 35 Penny: You know, since I moved last year, not all my mail has been forwarded.
- 36 Howard: It's a big deal. There's an awards banquet and a dance afterward. Perhaps you'd like to come with me. I know the other fellas would be really excited to see a girl there.
- 37 Penny: How is it supposed to be a dance if I'm the only girl?
- 38 Howard: Well, that may be a slight exaggeration. You'd be the only doable girl.
- 39 Penny: You're a pig, Howard.
- 40 Howard: How is doable anything but a compliment?
- 41 Leonard: Howard, why don't we just work on the robot?
- 42 Howard: Please, Leonard, not now. Once again, Penny and I have begun our little tango.
- 43 Penny: Our tango?
- 44 Howard: The carnal repartee, the erotic to and fro. But as delicious as the appetizer might be, at some point we will have to succumb and eat the entree while it's still... hot.
- 45 Leonard: I'm begging you, stop talking.
- 46 Penny: Look, normally I can just ignore you. I mean, I get it, you're a little peculiar. You know, like Sheldon.
- 47 Sheldon: Yeah, excuse me, Penny, but in this room, you're the one who's peculiar.
- 48 Penny: Yeah, you might be right. But back to you. I know you think you're some sort of smooth-talking ladies' man, but the truth is, you are just pathetic

- and creepy.
- 49 Howard: Um, so what are you saying?
- 50 Penny: I am saying it is not a compliment to call me doable. It's not sexy to stare at my ass and say, "Ooh, it must be jelly 'cause jam don't shake like that." And most important, we are not dancing a tango, we're not to'ing and fro'ing. Nothing is ever going to happen between us. Ever.
- 51 Howard: Wait a minute. This isn't flirting, you're serious.
- 52 Penny: Flirting? You think I'm flirting with you? I am not flirting with you, no woman is ever gonna flirt with you, you're just gonna grow old and die alone.
- 53 Howard: Thanks for the heads up.
- 54 Leonard: Howard, where you going?
- 55 Howard: I'm going home to live my creepy, pathetic life.
- 56 Leonard: Wow.
- 57 Penny: Well, someone had to say it. (Raj whispers in Leonard's ear) What?
- 58 Leonard: He said maybe we should enter you in the killer robot competition.
- 59 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 60 Howard's Mother (voice): Howard, the phone is ringing!
- 61 Howard: Here's a crazy idea, Ma, answer it!
- 62 Howard's Mother (voice): Hello? All right, hold on. It's your friend, Leonard! He wants to know why you're not at school today!
- 63 Howard: I don't go to school, Ma. I work at a university.
- 64 Howard's Mother (voice): That's a school! Now pick up the phone!
- 65 Howard: I don't want to talk to anybody.
- 66 Howard's Mother (voice): Should I ask Leonard to bring over your homework?!
- 67 Howard: I don't have homework. I'm a grown man with a master's degree in engineering!
- 68 Howard's Mother (voice): Excuse me, Mr. Fancy-Pants. Want me to get you a Popsicle?
- 69 Howard: Cherry, please!
- 70 Howard's Mother (voice): I at the cherry. All that's left is green.
- 71 Howard: You make me want to kill myself.
- 72 Scene: The university cafeteria. Other end of the phone call.
- 73 Raj: What's going on?
- 74 Leonard: I don't know, now they're just yelling about Popsicles. Sounds like Penny really got to him.
- 75 Raj: I'm not surprised. Despite his hard and crusty shell, Howard is a very sensitive man. Do you know he writes poetry? Mostly about men from Nantucket and hermits named Dave, but he does it with real sensitivity.
- 76 Kripke (arriving): Hey, Hofstadter. Word around the pwasma wab is you built a wobot?
- 77 Leonard: Yes, we did, Kripke.
- 78 Sheldon: His name is Monte.
- 79 Kripke: Well, if you have any dewusions about entewing him against my

wobot, the Kwipke Kwippler in the Southern California Wobot Fighting League Wound Wobin Invitational, aka the S.C.aw.F.L.aw.aw.I., his name is gonna be Swrap Metal.

- 80 Leonard: Come on, is that really necessary?
- 81 Sheldon: Leonard, I believe it is. This is trash talk, and trash talk is a traditional component in all sporting events. Kripke, your robot is inferior and it will be defeated by ours because ours exceeds yours in both design and execution. Also, I'm given to understand that your mother is overweight.
- 82 Raj: Oh, snap.
- 83 Sheldon: Now, of course, if that is the result of a glandular condition and not sloth and gluttony, I withdraw that comment.
- 84 Raj: What difference does it make? Fat is fat.
- 85 Sheldon: There are boundaries.
- 86 Kripke: Tell you what, forget the S.C.aw.F.L.aw.aw.I., let's settle this woboto a woboto.
- 87 Sheldon: What do you mean?
- 88 Kripke: There's no guawantee we've gotta go against each other in the Wound Wobin, so let's thwow down. You know, unless you're afwaid.
- 89 Sheldon: We accept your challenge. Name a time and place.
- 90 Kripke: Tomowow, three o'clock, the kinetics wab.
- 91 Sheldon: Make it so.
- 92 Leonard: No, don't make it so. Barry, we can't fight you tomorrow, our engineer is incapacitated.
- 93 Kripke: What's wrong with him?
- 94 Raj: He's depressed because he's pathetic and creepy and he can't get girls.
- 95 Kripke: We're all pathetic and cweepy and can't get girls, that's why we fight wobots. If you're not there, you'll be exposed to widicule.
- 96 Raj: I'm curious, what part of America is that accent from?
- 97 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 98 Penny: Hey.
- 99 Leonard: Hey, you got a minute?
- 100 Penny: Yeah, come on in. What's up?
- 101 Leonard: I need you to apologize to How...
- 102 Penny: Get out.
- 103 Leonard: Come on. Wolowitz won't come out of his house and we need him for a robot battle.
- 104 Penny: Well, then have the robot go and get him.
- 105 Leonard: The robot didn't hurt his feelings.
- 106 Penny: His feelings needed to be hurt.
- 107 Leonard: He's been in bed for two days.
- 108 Penny: Yeah, probably with a blow-up doll.
- 109 Leonard: He's not with a... does it really matter who or what he's with? The guy is devastated.
- 110 Penny: Oh, please, how could I possibly devastate Howard?
- 111 Leonard: Okay, don't take this as a criticism, but you kind of have that overexposed-to-gamma-rays thing going on.

- 112 Penny: What does that mean?
- 113 Leonard: You know, like, most of the time, you're the easygoing Bruce Banner, but then, when you get angry, you kind of turn into, like, you know, grrrrr!
- 114 Penny: I turn into a bear?
- 115 Leonard: Seriously? Gamma rays? Bruce Banner? You didn't get The Incredible Hulk from that? Never mind, just, please go talk to him.
- 116 Penny: And say what? That I didn't mean it, because I meant it.
- 117 Leonard: Well, maybe you can go at it from a different angle, like, um, you see a glimmer of goodness in him and you only said what you said because you want to nurture it and make it shine.
- 118 Penny: Oh, pthththth.
- 119 Leonard: Okay, let's try it this way. Remember the day that we first met and you asked me to go to your boyfriend's apartment to get your TV back and he was nine feet tall and he took my pants off and you said... what was that? What did you say? Oh, yes, you said you owed me one.
- 120 Penny: Okay, come on, that's not fair.
- 121 Leonard: I came home with no pants.
- 122 Penny: Fine, I'll go over there tomorrow.
- 123 Leonard: Thank you. I should probably give you a heads up about his mother.
- 124 Penny: What about her?
- 125 Leonard: She's a delightful woman. You'll love her.
- 126 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 127 Howard's Mother (voice): Howard, there's a blonde girl, Patsy, here to see you!
- 128 Howard: Who?
- 129 Howard's Mother (voice): Okay, now she's saying it's Penny.
- 130 Howard: I don't want to talk to her.
- 131 Penny (entering): Hey.
- 132 Howard: Ma!
- 133 Howard's Mother (voice): She ran past me. Was I supposed to tackle her?
- 134 Penny: So, I just came by to see how you were doing.
- 135 Howard: I'm fine.
- 136 Penny: Good. Your mom seems nice.
- 137 Howard: People move away from her on the bus. What do you want?
- 138 Penny: Okay, look. Howard, I just want to apologize for some things that I have said. About you. I've been informed that you have feelings. And apparently, I have hurt them. So, I'm sorry. Howard.
- 139 Howard: Fine, you're sorry. Good-bye.
- 140 Penny: So, you're okay?
- 141 Howard: Hey, I'm a big boy. I'm not traumatized by some random comment from some random woman. I mean, get over yourself.
- 142 Penny: Okay. Well, bye. (Penny leaves room. Sound of Howard crying through door.) So close (goes back in.)
- 143 Scene: The apartment. The guys are watching footage on a laptop screen.

- 144 Leonard: Oh, my God. That's Kripke's robot?
- 145 Kripke (voice): As you can see, the Kwippler is weducing the Chevy Cavawier to wubble.
- 146 Raj: I can't watch anymore.
- 147 Leonard: Sheldon, we have to call it off.
- 148 Sheldon: We don't have that option, we've accepted the challenge. We can't run away from a fight.
- 149 Leonard: Oh, please, we've spent our whole lives running away from fights. Personally, I can squeeze through a hole in a fence half my size.
- 150 Sheldon: Impressive as that may be, Monte is not us. Monte has no fear.
- 151 Raj: Sheldon, did we all not just watch the same video? Kripke's robot just had angry s\*x with a mid-sized automobile.
- 152 Sheldon: You are overlooking the fact that we now know what we're up against and we can modify Monte so that he's prepared.
- 153 Leonard: You want to prepare him? Install a bladder and a pair of shorts so he can wet himself.
- 154 Raj: Excuse me, but how are we going to make any modifications without Wolowitz? Have you heard from Penny yet?
- 155 Leonard: Not yet.
- 156 Sheldon: Have faith, gentlemen. We don't need Wolowitz, engineering is merely the slow younger brother of physics. Watch and learn. Do either of you know how to open the toolbox?
- 157 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 158 Howard: And then, when I was 14, I met Marcy Grossman. She was so beautiful. She just got her braces off but they left a little of the overbite. It was so hot, like a sexy little chipmunk. I didn't have the courage to ask her out, but I dedicated a song to her at the ninth grade talent show.
- 159 Penny: Aw, that sounds sweet.
- 160 Howard: Marcy Grossman is sunshine, on a cloudy day, when it's cold outside, Marcy Grossman is the month of May...
- 161 Penny: Oh, it's cute.
- 162 Howard: I guess you'd say, what can make me feel this way, Marcy Grossman, Marcy Grossman, Talkin' 'bout Marcy...
- 163 Penny: That's great.
- 164 Howard: Grossman.
- 165 Penny: Oh, it's fun.
- 166 Howard: And then she came up with that sexy little chipmunk mouth and spit in my hair. Which brings us to tenth grade.
- 167 Penny: Howard, do you think maybe sometimes you try too hard?
- 168 Howard: Look at me. What chance do I have if I don't try too hard?
- 169 Penny: Well, you'd have a terrific chance. I mean, you're smart, you're funny, you have a cool job. You build stuff that goes into outer space.
- 170 Howard: I guess.
- 171 Penny: Look, I'm telling you, I've known you for, like, a year and a half and this is the first time I feel like I'm talking to a real person. And you know what? I like him, he's a nice guy.

- 172 Howard: You really think so?
- 173 Penny: Yes.
- 174 Howard: I don't know.
- 175 Penny: I do. (Howard tries to kiss her. She punches him.)
- 176 Scene: The lab.
- 177 Leonard: Nice little bot you've got here.
- 178 Kripke: I'm aware.
- 179 Leonard: What's this do, spin?
- 180 Kripke: Yep. At 3400 RPM. It can cut through steel like it was wubber.
- 181 Leonard: Neat. Good work. Sheldon, we've got to call this off.
- 182 Sheldon: No, Leonard. For years, merciless thugs like Kripke have made my life a series of painful noogies and humiliating wedgies and the insensitively named Indian burns. That stops now.
- 183 Raj: But, Sheldon, we don't have a chance. The only improvement you were able to make on the robot was to put fresh batteries in the remote.
- 184 Sheldon: What you fail to realize is Kripke suffers from a fatal flaw, over-confidence from his robot's massive size and its overwhelming power.
- 185 Raj: That's not overconfidence, that's observation.
- 186 Sheldon: Trust me, Kripke will fall easy prey to my psychological warfare. Observe. Kripke! I would ask if your robot is prepared to meet its maker, but as you are its maker, clearly the two of you have met.
- 187 Kripke: What is his pwoblem?
- 188 Raj: Way to bust out the Jedi mind tricks, dude.
- 189 Leonard: I just want to make sure that we're all clear, standard robotic fighting league rules apply.
- 190 Kripke: Are you cwazy? This is a stweet fight, the stweet has no rules.
- 191 Sheldon: He's right, Leonard. The paradigm is to the death.
- 192 Kripke: I will, however, give you the opportunity to concede my supewiowity now and offer me your wobot as the spoils of war.
- 193 Sheldon: Never. I'd rather see Monte dead than in your hands.
- 194 Kripke: That could be easily awanged. Weady, set, go?
- 195 Sheldon: Do it.
- 196 Kripke: Alwight then. Weady. Set. Go.
- 197 Raj: Come on, Sheldon, you got this.
- 198 Sheldon: Indeed. We are prepared for anything he can throw at us. (A flame begins to jet out of Kripke's robot.) That's new.
- 199 Leonard: Run, Monte, run!
- 200 Raj: Go, Monte! Go Monte!
- 201 Leonard: Go, go, go, go!
- 202 Sheldon: Don't hurt us, don't hurt us,
- 203 Scene: The apartment. Monte is in pieces on the table.
- 204 Leonard: Well, so much for making up for the emotional wounds of child-hood.
- 205 Sheldon: I did this. Monte was killed by my hubris and my pride. No matter what anybody says, this is my fault.
- 206 Raj: No one's arguing with you, dude.

- 207 Howard (arriving): I got your text. How bad is... Oy.
- 208 Leonard: Forget the robot. What happened to you?
- 209 Penny: He slipped and fell.
- 210 Howard: Yes, I slipped and fell. In the bathroom. Bounced right off the tub.
- 211 Penny: Yes, now he knows what bathtubs are capable of doing when you don't treat them with respect.
- 212 Howard: Yeah. They sucker punch you when your eyes are closed.
- 213 Sheldon: So what do you think, Howard? It's not that bad, right?
- 214 Howard: Oh, no. A little electrical tape, some solder. Are you insane? I've seen space probes that crashed into the desert that were in better shape than this.
- 215 Sheldon: You're right. Monte's gone. We'll bury him in the morning. A simple ceremony. I'll speak. Leonard, you'll play your cello.
- 216 Penny: Sheldon, honey, aren't you getting a little carried away? I mean, it's just a toy robot.
- 217 Sheldon: Just a toy robot?
- 218 Leonard: Penny.
- 219 Penny: I know, I got it. Sheldon, I'm sorry.
- 220 Howard: Well, don't get the wrong idea. The way I see it, I'm halfway to pity s\*x.

# 2.13 Episode 13: The Friendship Algorithm

- 1 Scene: The university cafeteria
- 2 Raj: Mmm, gentlemen, I put it to you, the worst tapioca pudding is better than the best pudding of any other flavour.
- 3 Sheldon: First off, that is axiomatically wrong, because the best pudding is chocolate. Secondly, the organic structure of tapioca makes it a jiggling bowl of potential death. It is extracted from the plant...
- 4 Howard: Hey, I'm thinking of growing a mustache.
- 5 Leonard: Ah, no kidding! A Fu Man Chu? A handlebar pencil?
- 6 Sheldon: It is extracted from the plant...
- 7 Howard: I'm not sure yet. You know, George Clooney has one now!
- 8 Raj: Really? I once saw him shopping at Ralph's. He was buying tequila.
- 9 Howard: Oh, you'd think a guy like that would have some kind of booze lackey.
- 10 Leonard: Alright this is cruel, we better let him finish before his head explodes.
- 11 Howard: Alright Sheldon, why is tapioca...
- 12 Sheldon: Tapioca is extracted from the root of the plant Manihot Esculenta. Due to a high concentration of cyanide it is poisonous in its raw form and lethal if prepared improperly.
- 13 Raj: Feel better now?
- 14 Sheldon: It is also indigenous to Brazil, as is the Cocoa Bean, from which we get chocolate, the best pudding. And you promised you wouldn't do that

#### anymore!

- 15 Kripke (arriving): Hey Hofstadter!
- 16 Leonard: Hey Kripke.
- 17 Kripke: Heard about your watest pwoton decay expewiment, twenty thousand data wuns and no statistically significant wesults. Vewy impwessive!
- 18 Howard: What a jerk.
- 19 Raj: Don't feel bad Leonard, negative results are still results.
- 20 Howard: Even twenty thousand of 'em.
- 21 Leonard: Alright, please don't cheer me up anymore.
- 22 Howard: C'mon, don't let him get to you. It's Kripke.
- 23 Raj: Yeah, he's a ginormous knob.
- 24 Howard: That's why he eats by himself, instead of sitting here at the cool table.
- 25 Raj: Fo' shizzle.
- 26 Sheldon: Hey it's true, Kripke lacks the basic social skills that we take for granted, but he also controls the new open science grid computer that I need to use to run some simulations of structure formation in the early universe.
- 27 Leonard: Good luck getting time on it. The only people he lets use it are his friends.
- 28 Sheldon: Well then, the solution is simple. I shall be friend him. Kripke!
- 29 Kripke: Yeah?
- 30 Sheldon: What'd you say of the idea of you and I becoming friends?
- 31 Kripke: I would say, I have no interest in becoming your fwiend.
- 32 Sheldon: Really? That seems rather short sighted, coming from someone who is generally considered altogether unlikable. Why don't you take some time to reconsider?
- 33 Kripke: Yeah, I'll do that.
- 34 Sheldon: Well I think we're off to a terrific start.
- 35 Credits sequence.
- 36 Scene: The apartment.
- 37 Leonard: There you go. Now any e-mail from Wolowitz will go right into your spam folder.
- 38 Penny: Thanks! I mean the e-mail doesn't bother me as much as the vacation pictures of him in a bathing suit.
- 39 Leonard: Yeah, I got the same one. And that's not a bathing suit, it's a tan line.
- 40 Sheldon (on phone): Hello. This is Sheldon Cooper. I'm leaving a message for Barry Kripke. Barry, It was pleasant seeing you today in the cafeteria. I saw that you purchased the chef's salad. pparently, you did not know that the chef's salad is kitchen trickery, to utilize scrap meat. Nevertheless, I hope you enjoyed it. I'm following up on our pending friendship, and I look forward to hearing from you regarding its status. Sheldon Cooper.
- 41 Penny: What's up with Ichabod?
- 42 Leonard: Oh he's trying to make a new friend.
- 43 Penny: Oh really? Well, good for him.
- 44 Leonard: Well, unless he's makes one out of wood like Gepetto, I don't

- think it's gonna happen.
- 45 Penny: Well, how did you guys become friends?
- 46 Leonard: There was a flier on the bulletin board at the university. Roommate wanted. Whistlers need not apply.
- 47 Penny: And you moved in anyway?
- 48 Leonard: I assumed he was joking. You'd be surprised how many particle physicists have a whimsical side.
- 49 Penny: Well, what about Howard and Raj, I mean how did you become friends with them?
- 50 Leonard: I don't know, how do carbon atoms form a benzene ring? Proximity and valence electrons.
- 51 Penny: Well yeah, sure. When you put it that way. But it all worked out, right?
- 52 Leonard: I suppose. I do miss whistling though.
- 53 Penny: Oh come on, really? (Leonard whistles)
- 54 Sheldon: First warning.
- 55 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 56 Sheldon (Knock, knock, knock) : Penny (knock, knock, knock) Penny (knock, knock, knock) Penny. This is for you.
- 57 Penny: Hello Sheldon.
- 58 Sheldon: Hi.
- 59 Penny: What is this?
- 60 Sheldon: It's a questionnaire I devised. I'm having some difficulty bonding with a colleague at work, so I'm doing a little research to better understand why my current friends like me.
- 61 Penny: Yes. Well, that is a good question. But is this really the best way to figure it out?
- 62 Sheldon: Yeah, I agree, the social sciences are largely hokum. But, short of putting electrodes in your brain and monitoring your response to my companionship, this is the best I can do.
- 63 Penny: Okay, question 1. Rank the following aspects of Sheldon Cooper in order of appeal. Intelligence. Ruthless attention to hygiene. Playfulness. Java applet writing?
- 64 Sheldon: I know, I may have started off with a fairly obvious one. You did an aspect of my most appealing trait, playfulness. Why don't you just go ahead and write that number 1. I'm afraid you're on your own for the rest. It should take you no more than 3 hours.
- 65 Penny: Wait! How many questions are on this thing?
- 66 Sheldon: Only 211. Don't worry, in deference to you, I've kept them on a high school graduate reading level.
- 67 Penny: Thanks pal.
- 68 Sheldon: You got it, buddy.
- 69 Penny: Sheldon honey, did you ever consider making friends by being, I don't know, pleasant?
- 70 Sheldon: Well that's certainly a thought-provoking hypothesis. May I suggest it as the topic for your essay.

- 71 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is reading one of the questionnaires. He tuts
- 72 Sheldon: Your questionnaire, very disappointing.
- 73 Leonard: I answered every question Sheldon.
- 74 Sheldon: You answered the multiple choice questions in a pattern. A B B A C. A B B A C.
- 75 Leonard: Aw, you picked up on that huh?
- 76 Sheldon: How could I not?
- 77 Leonard: Come on! There's over 200 questions. And look at some of these things. Sheldon is to camaraderie, as the space shuttle is to blank?
- 78 Sheldon: There are a number of acceptable answers, for example, C: near earth transport, but certainly not B: avocado rancher. And your essay, suggesting that I'd have better luck making friends if I wait 'til the Cylons take over? Please.
- 79 Leonard: Hold on. I put some real work into that!
- 80 Sheldon: Yes, well it's better than what Wolowitz did. He drew a raccoon with what appears to be, a distended scrotum.
- 81 Leonard: It's kinda cute, until you get to the scrotum.
- 82 Sheldon: What hope do I have for establishing new relationships given that my current friends apparently cannot take a few hours out of their lives to help me?
- 83 Leonard: Sheldon, I'm not going to defend a big bald raccoon.
- 84 Sheldon: I don't see how you could.
- 85 Leonard: What I'm trying to say is that, maybe you can't approach this as a purely intellectual exercise.
- 86 Sheldon: What do you mean!?
- 87 Leonard: Well, remember when you tried to learn how to swim using the internet?
- 88 Sheldon: I did learn how to swim.
- 89 Leonard: On the floor.
- 90 Sheldon: The skills are transferrable. I just have no interest in going in the water.
- 91 Leonard: Then why learn how to swim?
- 92 Sheldon: The ice caps are melting Leonard. In the future, swimming isn't going to be optional. But you do bring up an interesting point. I don't have to break new ground here, I'm sure much of the research already exists.
- 93 Leonard: No! no, my point is, if you want to learn how to make friends, then just go out to a coffee shop or a museum. Meet people. Talk to them. Take an interest in their lives.
- 94 Sheldon: That's insane on the face of it. Come on.
- 95 Leonard: Where are we going?
- 96 Sheldon: You're driving me to the mall. I'm going to acquire a book that summarizes the current theories in the field of friendmaking.
- 97 Leonard: Why don't you just lie down on the floor and swim there?
- 98 Scene: A bookshop.
- 99 Sheldon: Coping with the death of a loved one. My condolences.

- 100 Woman in queue: Thank you.
- 101 Sheldon: Family or friend?
- 102 Woman: Family.
- 103 Sheldon: Too bad. If it'd been a friend, I'm available to fill the void. (Woman moves away) It's just as well, she smelled like moth balls.
- 104 Leonard: Okay, if you're gonna start sniffing people, I'm gonna go get a hot pretzel.
- 105 Sheldon: Excuse me. Do you have any books about making friends?
- 106 Bookstore employee: Um, yeah but they're all for little kids.
- 107 Sheldon: I assume the skills can be extrapolated and transferred.
- 108 Employee: Uh, I guess. They're right over there by the wooden train set.
- 109 Sheldon: Oh! I love trains!
- 110 Employee: I bet you do.
- 111 Sheldon (picks up train): Oh my! That's awfully sticky. Alright, let's see. Bernie Bunny has Two Daddies Now. It's probably about homosexual rabbits. Jerry the Gerbil and the Bullies on the Bus. Read it, not helpful. Oh! Here we go. Stu the Cockatoo is New at the Zoo. Author Sarah Carpenter lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her husband and best friend Mark, and their cockatoos too. Hardly makes her an expert in making friends, wouldn't you agree?
- 112 Little girl: I don't like birds, they scare me.
- 113 Sheldon: Me too! Most people don't see it. What are you reading?
- 114 Girl: Curious George.
- 115 Sheldon: Oh I do like monkeys!
- 116 Girl: Curious George is a monkey.
- 117 Sheldon: Somewhat anthropomorphized but yes. Say, maybe sometime you and I can go see monkeys together. Would you like that?
- 118 Girl: Okay.
- 119 Leonard: Sheldon, what are you doing?
- 120 Sheldon: I'm making friends with this little girl. What's your name?
- 121 Girl: Rebecca.
- 122 Sheldon: Hi Rebecca, I'm your new friend, Sheldon.
- 123 Leonard: No you're not, let's go.
- 124 Sheldon: We were really hitting it off.
- 125 Leonard: Don't look up, there's cameras.
- 126 Scene: The stairwell.
- 127 Raj: I'm curious. In the "How Well Do You Know Sheldon" section, what do you put for his favourite amino acid?
- 128 Leonard and Howard: Lysine.
- 129 Raj: Damn it. I had Lysine and changed it.
- 130 Sheldon: Oh good! You're just in time. I believe I've isolated the algorithm for making friends.
- 131 Leonard: Sheldon, there is no algorithm for making friends!
- 132 Howard: Hear him out. If he's really on to something, we can open a booth at Comic-Con, make a fortune.
- 133 Sheldon: See, my initial approach to Kripke, had the same deficiencies as those that plagued Stu the Cockatoo, when he was new at the zoo.

- 134 Raj: Stu the cockatoo?
- 135 Leonard: Yes, he's new at the zoo.
- 136 Sheldon: It's a terrific book. I've distilled its essence into a simple flowchart that would guide me through the process.
- 137 Howard: Have you thought about putting him in a crate while you're out of the apartment?
- 138 Sheldon (on phone): Hello, Kripke. Yes, Sheldon Cooper here. It occurred to me you hadn't returned any of my calls because I hadn't offered any concrete suggestions for pursuing our friendship. Perhaps the two of us might share a meal together... I see. Well then perhaps you'd have time for a hot beverage. Popular choices include tea, coffee, cocoa... I see. No, no, no, wait. Don't hang up yet. What about a recreational activity? I bet we share some common interests. Tell me an interest of yours. Really? On actual horses? Tell me another interest of yours. Oh no, I'm sorry, I have no desire to get in the water until I absolutely have to. Tell me another interest of yours.
- 139 Leonard: Uh-oh, he's stuck in an infinite loop.
- 140 Howard: I can fix it.
- 141 Sheldon: Mmhmm. Mmhmm. It's interesting. But isn't ventriloquism, by definition, a solo activity? Yeah? Tell me another interest of yours. Hmmm. Is there any chance you like monkeys? What is wrong with you? Everybody likes monkeys. Hang on, Kripke. (Checking changes Howard has made to his flowchart) A loop counter? And an escape to the least objectionable activity! Howard, that's brilliant! I'm surprised you saw that.
- 142 Howard: Gee. Why can't Sheldon make friends?
- 143 Sheldon: Alright Kripke, that last interest strikes me as the least objectionable and I would like to propose that we do that together. Tomorrow. Yes, I'll pay. Alright, goodbye. Alright! Time to learn rock climbing.
- 144 Scene: Rock climbing centre. Sheldon and Kripke are watching someone descend the practice wall.
- 145 Sheldon: You know, I am a fan of ventriloquism. Maybe you, me and your dummy could go get a hot beverage. He could talk while you drink.
- 146 Kripke: Nope, I wanna climb some wocks.
- 147 Sheldon: This appears significantly more monolithic than it did on my laptop. No, one expects to see Hominids learning to use bones as weapeons.
- 148 Kripke: You afwaid of heights, Cooper?
- 149 Sheldon: Hardly. Fear of heights is illogical. Fear of falling, on the other hand, is prudent and evolutionary. What would you say is the minimum altitude I need to achieve to cement our new-found friendship?
- 150 Kripke: Come on, they have birthday parties here. Wittle kids climb this.
- 151 Sheldon: Little kid Hominids, perhaps. (To man who attaches him to ropes) Is this your entire job? Your parents must be so proud.
- 152 Kripke: Let's go, Cooper.
- 153 Sheldon: Coming, Kripke. Okay. Harness seems to be secure. Small amount of incontinence just now, but the website said that's to be expected. Hey, this isn't so bad. A bit like vertical swimming.
- 154 Kripke: Hey, look at you, Cooper. You're almost halfway to the top.

- 155 Sheldon: I am? I was wrong. It IS a fear of heights.
- 156 Kripke: You alwight there, Cooper?
- 157 Sheldon: Not really. I feel somewhat like an inverse tangent function that's approaching an asymptote.
- 158 Kripke: Are you saying you're stuck?
- 159 Sheldon: What part of an inverse tangent function approaching an asymptote did you not understand?
- 160 Kripke: Understood all that. I'm not a mowon. Just keep going.
- 161 Sheldon: Yeah, I don't think I can.
- 162 Kripke: Well, then. Cwimb back down.
- 163 Sheldon: No, that doesn't seem any more likely.
- 164 Kripke: So what's the pwan, Cooper?
- 165 Sheldon: Well, it's not exactly a plan but I think I'm going to pass out.
- 166 Scene: The apartment.
- 167 Leonard: I'm sorry. Can we please just do it one more time?
- 168 Howard: Okay. 1, 2, 1, 2, 3 and... (Leonard, Howard and Raj whistle "Sweet Georgia Brown" together)
- 169 Leonard: It's a little thing but you really do miss it.
- 170 Sheldon: Hello, everyone. I brought my new friend, Barry Kripke, home for dinner.
- 171 Together: Oh...
- 172 Kripke: Hewo to you, too.
- 173 Leonard: How was rock climbing?
- 174 Kripke: He passed out. Just hung there like a big sawami.
- 175 Sheldon: D-d-d! That's where I sit.
- 176 Kripke: Ooh, you have a special spot. What kind of wacko are you?
- 177 Howard: How much time you got?
- 178 Leonard: Want some Chinese food?
- 179 Kripke: Tewific. Got any dental fwoss?
- 180 Leonard: In the bathroom.
- 181 Kripke: Be right back. I gotta fwoss the Indian food out of my teeth if I'm gonna eat Chinese.
- 182 Penny: Sheldon, are you okay?
- 183 Sheldon: Oh yes, I pass out all the time. But, it was worth it. I've made substantial progress in bonding with Kripke, which brings me to an awkward moment.
- 184 Leonard: What's that?
- 185 Sheldon: Maintaining five friendships promises to be a Herculean task. So, I'm going to have to let one of you go.
- 186 Howard: Me, me. Let it be me.
- 187 Sheldon: Leonard, you are my roommate, my source of transportation and you help me fold my sheets when they come out of the dryer. You are safe.
- 188 Leonard: Can I whistle?
- 189 Sheldon: Don't be silly. Howard, you do not have a PhD, your cologne is an assault on the senses and you're not available for video games during the Jewish high holidays.

- 190 Howard: Guilty as charged. I'm out.
- 191 Sheldon: No. You, too, are safe.
- 192 Howard: Oh come on. What do I have to do?
- 193 Penny: Okay. You know what? I see where this is going. I'm not one of you guys. I'm not a scientist. So just...
- 194 Sheldon: Penny, Penny, Penny. Everything you're saying is true, but please allow me to continue. Raj, you're out. The good question, while you do provide a certain cultural diversity to an otherwise homogenous group, your responses to the questionnaire were truly disturbing. How could you, for a moment, think that my favourite amino acid is Glutamine?
- 195 Leonard: He had Lysine but changed it.
- 196 Sheldon: Yeah. Shoulda, woulda coulda, Raj.
- 197 Kripke: I like to fwoss before I eat, so my gum pockets are open for new food.
- 198 Penny: Eww.
- 199 Kripke: Hewo. How did I walk past you? I'm Bawy.
- 200 Penny: Penny.
- 201 Kripke: Yeah, it's not a vewy hot name. I'm gonna call your Woxanne. Ooh, pot stickers.
- 202 Howard: Suddenly I'm looking pretty good, huh?
- 203 Sheldon: So uh, Kripke, I was wondering if there's any chance you could get me some time on the open science grid computer.
- 204 Kripke: No.
- 205 Sheldon: No? But we're friends!
- 206 Kripke: I'm sowy. No, my fwiend?
- 207 Sheldon: I'm confused. I was given an understanding that you allow your friends time on the machine?
- 208 Kripke: No, that's wong. There's an official schedule. I have no contwol over it.
- 209 Sheldon: Oh. This entire endeavour seems to have been an exercise in futility. Raj, you're back in. He likes monkeys.
- 210 Scene: The climbing centre.
- 211 Howard: You gotta give him credit for sticking with it.
- 212 Leonard: I didn't think he had it in him.
- 213 Raj: He almost made it to the top this time.
- 214 Sheldon is seen dangling from the ropes

## 2.14 Episode 14: The Financial Permeability

- 1 Scene: The apartment. The guys are studying a complex chart on the white-board.
- 2 Leonard: Hmmm.
- 3 Sheldon: The problem appears to be unsolvable.
- 4 Raj: Maybe you could run some computer simulations.
- 5 Howard: There are too many variables. It would take forever.
- 6 Leonard: We've got to be missing something. Let's start again. The movie

- is playing here at 7:20, here at 7:40, here at 8:10 and here at 8:45.
- 7 Sheldon: Right, these theatres have to be eliminated.
- 8 Leonard: Why? They're state-of-the-art digital projection, 20-channel surround sound.
- 9 Sheldon: Yes, but they have no Icee machines. Despite my aggressive letter-writing campaign, I might add.
- 10 Raj: What about the multiplex here? The seats are terrific.
- 11 Sheldon: They have Twizzlers instead of Red Vines. No amount of lumbar support can compensate for that.
- 12 Leonard: Well, it's gonna take at least an hour to eat, and I don't see a Sheldon-approved restaurant proximate to a Sheldon-approved theatre.
- 13 Raj: We could eat after the movie.
- 14 Sheldon: Unacceptable, the delay would result in tomorrow morning's bowel movement occurring at work.
- 15 Raj: Hang on, hang on. There's a 7-Eleven here. We smuggle Slurpies, which are essentially Icees, in under our coats, after having a pleasant meal either here, here or here.
- 16 Howard: Wow. I don't see how we missed that.
- 17 Sheldon: Excuse me, in what universe are Slurpies Icees?
- 18 Raj: That's how we missed it.
- 19 Leonard: Sheldon, would you be prepared, on a non-precedential basis, to create an emergency ad-hoc Slurpie-Icee equivalency?
- 20 Sheldon: Oh, Leonard, you know I can't do that.
- 21 Howard: Okay, I guess we only have one option.
- 22 Raj: Yep, I don't see any way around it.
- 23 Leonard: Bye, Sheldon.
- 24 Howard: See ya.
- 25 Raj: Later, dude.
- 26 Sheldon: They're right, it was the only option.
- 27 Credits sequence.
- 28 Scene: The hallway. Sheldon is opening the apartment door. Penny comes running up stairs.
- 29 Penny: Ooh, ooh, shut the door, shut the door.
- 30 Sheldon: Why?
- 31 Penny: Just do it! (Penny runs in. Sheldon shuts door. Penny opens door again) Get inside and shut the door.
- 32 Sheldon: Well, you didn't specify.
- 33 Penny: Is Leonard around?
- 34 Sheldon: He went to the movies without me. It was the only option. I'm sorry, I don't understand which social situation this is. Could you give me some guidance as to how to proceed?
- 35 Penny: The building manager's showing an apartment downstairs, and I haven't paid my rent.
- 36 Sheldon: Oh, I see. Penny, I'm not sure I'm comfortable harbouring a fugitive from the 2311 North Los Robles Corporation.
- 37 Penny: It's no big deal. I'm just a little behind on my bills because they

- cut back my hours at the restaurant and my car broke down.
- 38 Sheldon: If you recall, I pointed out the "check engine" light to you several months ago.
- 39 Penny: Well the "check engine" light is fine. It's still blinking away. It's the stupid engine that stopped working. It cost me like twelve hundred dollars to fix it.
- 40 Sheldon: You know, it occurs to me you could solve all your problems by obtaining more money.
- 41 Penny: Yes, it occurs to me, too.
- 42 Sheldon: Hang on a moment. (He opens a jar. Snakes jump out. He then pulls out a large wedge of money) Here. Take some. Pay me back when you can.
- 43 Penny: Wow, you got a lot of money in there.
- 44 Sheldon: That's why it's guarded by snakes. Take some.
- 45 Penny: Don't be silly.
- 46 Sheldon: I'm never silly. Here.
- 47 Penny: No, I can't.
- 48 Sheldon: Don't you need money?
- 49 Penny: Well, yeah, but...
- 50 Sheldon: This is money I'm not using.
- 51 Penny: But what if you need it?
- 52 Sheldon: My expenses account for 46.953 Penny: Really? I mean, are you sure?
- 54 Sheldon: I see no large upcoming expenditures unless they develop an affordable technology to fuse my skeleton with adamantium like Wolverine.
- 55 Penny: Are they working on that?
- 56 Sheldon: I sincerely hope so.
- 57 Penny: Okay. Well, thank you. Oh, God, no, I can't. Sheldon honey, I don't want things to be weird between us.
- 58 Sheldon: Won't it also be weird if I have to say hello to you every morning on my way to work and you're living in a refrigerator box and washing your hair with rain water?
- 59 Penny: I'll pay you back as soon as I can.
- 60 Sheldon: Of course you will. It's impossible to pay me back sooner than you can. Assuming you subscribe to a linear understanding of time and causality.
- 61 Penny: I'm regretting this already.
- 62 Scene: Entering the lobby of the building.
- 63 Sheldon: You know, I've given the matter some thought, and I think I'd be willing to be a house pet to a race of super-intelligent aliens.
- 64 Leonard: Interesting.
- 65 Sheldon: Ask me why.
- 66 Leonard: Do I have to?
- 67 Sheldon: Of course. That's how you move a conversation forward.
- 68 Leonard: Why?
- 69 Sheldon: The learning opportunities would be abundant. Additionally, I like having my belly scratched.

- 70 Leonard: Hey, Penny. How was work?
- 71 Penny: Great. I hope I'm a waitress at the Cheesecake Factory for my whole life.
- 72 Sheldon: Was that sarcasm?
- 73 Penny: No.
- 74 Sheldon: Was that sarcasm?
- 75 Penny: Yes.
- 76 Sheldon: Was that sarca..
- 77 Leonard: Stop it!
- 78 Sheldon: Penny, you appear to have a package here.
- 79 Penny: Oh, thanks. This must be the beret I ordered. A couple of months ago. It was back-ordered.
- 80 Sheldon: Did you know the beret is an example of piece of women's fashion adapted from male military uniforms? Another fascinating example is the epaulet.
- 81 Leonard: He's not lying, he does find that fascinating.
- 82 Penny: Okay, whatever. It's not like I'm running up and down the streets just buying myself berets. I bought one, like, a month ago, and it was back-ordered, look, it finally arrived, all right?
- 83 Sheldon: All right.
- 84 Penny: Oh, my God, would you just get off my case?
- 85 Leonard: Weird.
- 86 Sheldon: Oh, good, that was an unusual interaction. I wasn't sure.
- 87 Leonard: Did you guys have an argument?
- 88 Sheldon: No.
- 89 Leonard: Well, you clearly did something to aggravate her.
- 90 Sheldon: I'm at a loss. If you like, you can review my daily log of social interactions and see if there's a blunder I overlooked.
- 91 Scene: The apartment.
- 92 Leonard: Here you go. Oh, you owe me another two dollars. The price of mu-shu pork went up.
- 93 Howard: It's getting tougher and tougher to be a bad Jew.
- 94 Leonard: Here you go, Penny. Shrimp with lobster sauce.
- 95 Penny: Thank you, Leonard. What's my share?
- 96 Leonard: Don't worry about it. It's my treat.
- 97 Penny: No, really, how much?
- 98 Leonard: It's, whatever. Ten, eleven dollars.
- 99 Penny: Well, which is it, ten or eleven?
- 100 Leonard: Fourteen fifty, but it's no biggie, you'll get the next one. (Raj whispers something to Howard)
- 101 Penny: What?
- 102 Howard: He was just wondering if he wore skintight jeans and a tank top if he'd get his shrimp lo mein for free.
- 103 Penny: What are you saying? That I'm using my body to get dinner? That I'm some kind of Chinese food prostitute?
- 104 Howard: Yeah, Raj, what are you saying?

- 105 Penny: 'Cause let me tell you something, buddy, I pay my own way in this world, okay? I don't rely on anybody! (Raj runs out of the room) What was that about?
- 106 Howard: He has a nervous bladder when he's stressed out. Kind of like a puppy.
- 107 Penny: Here, Leonard, ten, eleven, twelve, uh, fourteen dollars.
- 108 Leonard: It was fourteen fifty, but it's okay.
- 109 Sheldon: Oh, good. Dinner's here.
- 110 Penny: Yes, dinner's here, and I'm having some. I'm having takeout food.
- 111 Sheldon: Okay.
- 112 Penny: You're damn right it's okay. I've been having leftovers at the restaurant for like four days, and I wanted something different. So sue me.
- 113 Sheldon: Forgive me, Penny, but that would be the very definition of a frivolous lawsuit.
- 114 Penny: Sheldon, look, I will pay you back as soon as I can. You just have to give me more time.
- 115 Leonard: Oh, wait, you lent her money?
- 116 Penny: She needed money. You seem under pressure. Did I not lend you a sufficient amount? Because I can give you more.
- 117 Penny: Oh, you know, you would just love that, wouldn't you? Yeah. You would just love to open up your little snake can and throw some money at the girl who can't pay her bills.
- 118 Leonard: Where are you going?
- 119 Penny: Going home, where I won't be interrogated like a criminal. I forgot my fortune cookie.
- 120 Sheldon: In case either of you have larceny in your heart, you should know that I've moved my money out of the snake can.
- 121 Leonard: But if you're ever short, there's always a couple of fifties in Green Lantern's ass.
- 122 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 123 Leonard: Hey.
- 124 Penny: Hey.
- 125 Leonard: A little mood lighting, huh?
- 126 Penny: Yeah. When I didn't pay my bill, the Department of Water and Power thought I would enjoy the ambience.
- 127 Leonard: Yeah, they're very considerate that way.
- 128 Penny: I used Sheldon's money to pay my rent, then I had like fourteen dollars left over.
- 129 Leonard: Fourteen dollars, huh?
- 130 Penny: Put it back in your pocket, or I'll find some other place to put it.
- 131 Leonard: Back in the pocket it goes. Look, you do understand that Sheldon really doesn't care when he gets the money back. It's actually one of the few idiosyncrasies that doesn't make you want to, you know, kill him.
- 132 Penny: Yeah, well, that's not really my big problem.
- 133 Leonard: So you're a little behind on your bills. Everybody gets behind on their bills.

- 134 Penny: Yeah, I know, it's just, this wasn't the plan, it wasn't supposed to go this way.
- 135 Leonard: Well, what was the plan?
- 136 Penny: Um, waitress for six months and then become a movie star.
- 137 Leonard: Was there a plan B?
- 138 Penny: TV star.
- 139 Leonard: It's probably not as bad as you think. Let's take a look. Maybe we can find some corners to cut. Oh, here's something, if you don't have electricity, then you probably don't need cable. Just a suggestion. 170 dollars for acting classes?
- 140 Penny: Oh, no, I can't give up my acting classes. I'm a professional actress.
- 141 Leonard: You've had an acting job where you got paid?
- 142 Penny: That is not the definition of professional.
- 143 Leonard: Actually, it kind of... let's keep looking. Whoa, what's eighteen hundred dollars to the Los Angeles County Superior Court?
- 144 Penny: Oh, that's nothing.
- 145 Leonard: Nothing? It sounds like you got caught speeding going  $4{,}000$  miles an hour.
- 146 Penny: Well, remember Kurt?
- 147 Leonard: Your ex-boyfriend?
- 148 Penny: Yeah. He got arrested for taking a whiz on a cop car.
- 149 Leonard: What?
- 150 Penny: He was drunk.
- 151 Leonard: I would hope so.
- 152 Penny: Anyway, he had a bunch of outstanding tickets and a bench warrant, so I, you know, I paid his fines.
- 153 Leonard: Did he pay you back?
- 154 Penny: No, but he will.
- 155 Leonard: And that's based on the inherent credit-worthiness of people who get drunk and urinate on police vehicles?
- 156 Penny: Leonard, I'm not gonna call up Kurt and ask him for money.
- 157 Leonard: Well what are you gonna do?
- 158 Penny: I don't know, but I may have to find a cheaper place to live.
- 159 Leonard: Oh, no. Oh, you don't want to do that.
- 160 Penny: Why not?
- 161 Leonard: Well, moving is a big deal. You have to go to the supermarket and get boxes, and if they're not clean, then your books smell like melons, and it's just, like... Why don't you just get a roommate and stay here?
- 162 Penny: Well, do you know anybody?
- 163 Leonard: Well, I'm sure the guy living with Sheldon wouldn't mind moving in with you.
- 164 Penny: Oh, Leonard, honey, if we started living together, I wouldn't be able to keep my hands off you.
- 165 Leonard: Really?
- 166 Penny: And you thought my acting lessons were a waste of money.

- 167 Scene: The apartment.
- 168 Howard: Ugh. This mu-shu pork's burning a hole through my duodenum.
- 169 Raj: Leviticus 11:3: "Only that which parteth the hoof and cheweth the cud among the beasts shall ye eat."
- 170 Howard: Hey, do I mock you with the Bhagavad-Gita every time you scarf down a Whopper?
- 171 Leonard: Hey, what's going on?
- 172 Raj: We're on a quest through the Valley of Fire to acquire the sacred crown.
- 173 Howard: You want the Valley of Fire? It's right here.
- 174 Leonard: Hey, you guys want to go on a real live quest?
- 175 Sheldon: Outside? I just made cocoa.
- 176 Leonard: Come on. It'll be fun.
- 177 Howard: What is it?
- 178 Leonard: Do you guys remember Penny's ex-boyfriend Kurt? (They all hold their hands above their heads) Yeah, that's him. It turns out he owes Penny a lot of money, and I'm gonna go get it from him.
- 179 Who's with me?
- 180 Howard: Ooh, double sixes.
- 181 Leonard: Really? You're just gonna let me go by myself?
- 182 Raj: Oh, cool, I got a sword.
- 183 Leonard: I could use some help.
- 184 Raj: Here.
- 185 Leonard: You guys are unbelievable, you play a game to simulate adventure, but when there's real adventure out there in the real world, you just wimp out.
- 186 Sheldon: Leonard, do you not recall the last time we visited this gentleman, we returned home without pants?
- 187 Leonard: I do.
- 188 Sheldon: Are you sure? Because your proposal suggests that you don't.
- 189 Leonard: I'm not afraid of him.
- 190 Sheldon: All right. Leonard fairly calls the question, who is in favour of abandoning our game and confronting Penny's steroid-infused ex-boyfriend in a suicidal mission to extract money from him? Say hi to Kurt for us.
- 191 Leonard: Excuse me. When Frodo left the Shire to take the one ring to Mordor, didn't Samwise, Pippin and Merry go with him?
- 192 Sheldon: They did.
- 193 Leonard: Well?
- 194 Sheldon: They had a terrible time of it, Leonard.
- 195 Raj: Plus, no one stole their pants.
- 196 Leonard: Fine. Just enjoy your little game. I'll make this quest on my own.
- 197 Howard: Leonard, wait. Take a jacket, it's spritzing a little.
- 198 Leonard: You guys suck. (Leaves. Comes back) Come on, please? He's so big.
- 199 Scene: Outside Kurt's door.

- 200 Leonard: Okay, is everyone clear on the plan?
- 201 Howard: Yes. Koothrappali's going to wet himself, I'm gonna throw up, Sheldon's gonna run away, and you're going to die. Shall we synchronize our watches?
- 202 Leonard: Guys, there are four of us and one of him.
- 203 Sheldon: Which means his triumph will be even larger. Minstrels will write songs about him.
- 204 Leonard: Okay, how about this? I'll do the talking, you just stand behind me and try to look formidable.
- 205 Raj: I should've peed before we left.
- 206 Kurt: Yeah?
- 207 Leonard: Hi, Kurt.
- 208 Kurt: Lenny, right?
- 209 Leonard: I don't really go by Lenny, but that's okay. Um, you remember Sheldon, Howard and Raj.
- 210 Kurt: No. What do you want?
- 211 Sheldon: You don't remember me? How could he not remember me?
- 212 Leonard: Sheldon, not now.
- 213 Sheldon: I remember him.
- 214 Leonard: Okay, here it is. Penny's in kind of a financial jam, and the money that you owe her would go a long way to solving her problems.
- 215 Kurt: And she sent you to get it from me?
- 216 Leonard: No, no, she's too proud to ask for the money. I, on the other hand, feel you should honour your debt.
- 217 Kurt: You do?
- 218 Leonard: Feel is a kind of a... it's a strong word. Um, I just think it would be a nice gesture on your part.
- 219 Kurt: She'll get it when she gets it.
- 220 Howard: Well, there you go. Problem solved.
- 221 Raj: A successful quest. Now let's go find a gas station with a clean bathroom.
- 222 Leonard: No, the problem isn't solved. He just blew us off.
- 223 Sheldon: I've got it. He didn't remember me because the last time we met I was in a Halloween costume.
- 224 Howard: Come on, Leonard, let's go
- 225 Leonard: No. You can leave if you want to. I'm gonna see this through.
- 226 Howard: Okay. (They leave)
- 227 Leonard: I guess, technically, that was my fault. (Knocks) I'm not leaving here without Penny's money.
- 228 Kurt: What happened to your backup?
- 229 Leonard: I don't need backup. I have right on my side. And I'm wearing cargo shorts under my pants.
- 230 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 231 Sheldon: Congratulations. You may not have succeeded in getting cash, but you did secure a formal acknowledgment of the debt. (Leonard has "I owe Penny 1800, Kurt" writtenonhis for ehead.)

- 232-Howard: May be we should have your head not arized.
- 233 Raj: If any body cares, I still have to pee.
- 234-Scene: Outside the apartment. Pennyknocks.
- 235 Leonard : Hey.
- 236 Penny: Hey, is Sheld on here?
- 237-Leonard: Yeah. Hangon. Sheldon!
- 238 Penny: Nicehat.
- 239-Leonard: It's kind of a fashionable look the sedays.
- 240-Penny: May be if you're working on a tunaboat.
- 241 Sheldon: Hello, Penny.
- 242-Penny: Sheldon, here is your money. Thankyouvery much. It helped a lot.
- 243 Sheldon: Sarcasm?
- 244 Penny: No.
- 245 Sheldon: Darn. Ican't seem to get the hang of that.
- 246-Leonard: Hey, Iknowit's none of mybusiness, but where did the money come from?
- 247-Penny: Well, I cut back my expenses like you said and picked up a few more hours at the restaurant, but the biggest a few more hours at the restaurant and the biggest and the property of the property
- 248-Leonard: Really? Didhesay why?
- 249-Penny: Yes, he said he was feeling guilty and wanted to do what was right.
- 250-Leonard: That's it? Did he give any reason as to why he came to this moral epiphany?
- 251-Penny: Nope. I just think he's really changed. We're having dinner to morrownight, and I get to we army new large the property of the pr
- 252 Leonard: Bye.
- 253-Sheldon: Welldone, Leonard. The true hero doesn't see kadulation, he fights for right and justice simply become a superior of the property of the proper
- 254-Leonard: Penny's hooking up with her jerk of an ex-boy friend and I have indelible in konmy for ehead!
- 255-Sheldon: That's your badge of honour, your warrior's wound, if you will. I was wrong, minst rels will write some and the property of the
- 256-Leonard: Great.
- 257 Sheldon(sings): Thereoncewas a bravelad named Leonard, with a fi-fi-fi
- fiddle-dee-dee.Hefaceda fear some giant, while Rajjustwanted to pee.

#### 2.15 Episode 15: The Maternal Capacitance

- 1 Scene: The apartment. The guys are playing Rock Band. Sheldon is on guitar, Howard drums and Raj singing. They are performing the Red Hot Chili Peppers "Under the Bridge". As Raj gets into the song, Penny enters and his singing turns into a squawk.
- 2 Penny: Fellas, please.
- 3 Howard: Penny, come on, we were just finding our sound.
- 4 Penny: You found it. It's the sound of a cat being run over by a lawn mower.
- 5 Leonard (entering on the phone): I'm really very busy. Is there any way that we can put this off until I have more time to prepare? Of course. But, uh, you understand my trepidation.
- 6 Penny: What's that about?
- 7 Howard: Not a clue.
- 8 Leonard: Can't we just postpone it till the spring? Maybe next summer?
- 9 Sheldon: This should be fairly easy to deduce. He's holding the phone to his left ear. Ears do not cross hemispheres, so he's using the analytical rather than the emotional side of the brain, suggesting that he has no personal relationship

with the caller.

- 10 Leonard: No, I didn't realize it had been so long. Sure, I guess there's no other choice but to just go ahead and do it.
- 11 Sheldon: He's referring to an activity he has done before. It's unpleasant and needs to be repeated. This suggests some sort of invasive medical test, like perhaps a colonoscopy.
- 12 Leonard: Aren't there any other options? There's not a lot of room, it's gonna be uncomfortable.
- 13 Sheldon: Yes, yes. Yeah, I'm definitely going with colonoscopy.
- 14 Leonard: Okay, bye. My mother's coming to visit.
- 15 Howard: How about that, you were right.
- 16 Credits sequence.
- 17 Scene: The lobby. Penny finds a woman studying the lift.
- 18 Penny: It's out of order.
- 19 Woman: Yes, I can read the sign, I'm just pondering the implications.
- 20 Penny: I think it implies that the elevator doesn't work.
- 21 Woman: Again, I can read the sign. But the sign and the tape are covered with a layer of dust, which indicates that the elevator has been non-functional for a significant amount of time. Which suggests either a remarkable passivity among the, I assume, 24 to 36 residents of this building based on the number of mailboxes and given typical urban population density or a shared delusion of functionality.
- 22 Penny: You must be Leonard's mother.
- 23 Leonard's Mother: Oh, I don't know if I must be, but yes.
- 24 Penny: Uh, I'm Penny. I'm his neighbour.
- 25 Leonard's Mother: Oh, Dr. Beverley Hofstadter.
- 26 Penny: Oh, nice to meet you.
- 27 Beverley: Oh, you're a hand shaker. Interesting.
- 28 Penny: Uh, why don't you come with me. I'll walk you to the apartment.
- 29 Beverley: Oh, all right. Would you like to exchange pleasantries on the way?
- 30 Penny: Yeah, sure, I guess.
- 31 Beverley: All right, you start.
- 32 Penny: Okay. You know, I've always been curious. What was Leonard like when he was little?
- 33 Beverley: Oh, I think you mean young. He's always been little.
- 34 Penny: Right, okay. What was he like when he was young?
- 35 Beverley: You'll have to be more specific.
- 36 Penny: Oh, um, okay, like, five or six. Five.
- 37 Beverley: Oh, well, at that age he was well enmeshed in what Freud would call the phallic stage of psychosexual development. An outmoded theory, of course, but the boy did spend most of his waking hours with a tight grasp on his pen1s.
- 38 Penny: Yeah, Leonard mentioned you were a psychiatrist.
- 39 Beverley: Well, that is one of my degrees. My primary field is neuroscience.
- 40 Penny: Oh, well, I'm an actress.

- 41 Beverley: Why?
- 42 Penny: What do you mean why?
- 43 Beverley: Well, there are studies that suggest that many who go into the performing arts suffer from an external locus of identity.
- 44 Penny: Yeah, I don't know what that means.
- 45 Beverley: Well, it means you value yourself only as others value you, which is often the result of unmet childhood emotional needs.
- 46 Penny: Oh, well, I had a wonderful childhood.
- 47 Beverley: Tell me about it.
- 48 Slight time shift.
- 49 Penny: I know my dad wanted a boy. I just, I tried being good at sports, but I hated getting dirty!
- 50 Beverley: And then, I'm assuming, you entered adolescence.
- 51 Penny: Uh-huh, he called me Slugger until I got my first training bra, and then he just stopped playing catch with me. I wasn't Slugger anymore. Your mother's here!
- 52 Beverley: If you want to have intercourse with that girl, find out what kind of cologne her father wore.
- 53 Leonard: Good to see you, Mother.
- 54 Scene: The apartment.
- 55 Leonard: Here's your tea, Mother.
- 56 Beverley: Oolong?
- 57 Leonard: Yes.
- 58 Beverley: Loose, not bagged?
- 59 Leonard: Yes.
- 60 Beverley: Steeped three minutes?
- 61 Leonard: Yes.
- 62 Beverley: Two-percent milk?
- 63 Leonard: Yes.
- 64 Beverley: Warmed separately?
- 65 Leonard: Yes.
- 66 Beverley: One teaspoon sugar?
- 67 Leonard: Yes.
- 68 Beverley: Raw sugar?
- 69 Leonard: Yes.
- 70 Beverley: It's cold.
- 71 Leonard: I'll start again.
- 72 Sheldon: I have the same problem with him. My theory is that his lack of focus stems from an over-developed s\*x drive.
- 73 Beverley: Oh, I don't know where he would've gotten that. Aside from a pro forma consummation of our marriage, his father and I only had intercourse for the purposes of reproduction.
- 74 Sheldon: That seems a fairly efficient arrangement.
- 75 Beverley: Yes, we think so. We've both done papers on it. Mine from the neuroscientific point of view and his from an anthropological. Mine, of course, was the only one worth reading.

- 76 Sheldon: Of course. I would very much like to read about your s\*x life.
- 77 Beverley: Well, it's all online or you can order it from the Princeton University Press.
- 78 Leonard: Here's your tea, Mother. So, what are you guys talking about?
- 79 Sheldon: The frequency with which your parents had intercourse.
- 80 Leonard: Swell. If you're lucky, maybe she'll show you the PowerPoint presentation.
- 81 Beverley: I'm sorry, it's on my other laptop.
- 82 Sheldon: Aw...
- 83 Leonard: So, Mother, what's new?
- 84 Beverley: You'll have to be more specific.
- 85 Leonard: All right. Uh, what's new with you?
- 86 Beverley: Oh, well, I've been having some fascinating menopausal symptoms recently.
- 87 Leonard: Maybe something less personal.
- 88 Beverley: Oh. Your Uncle Floyd died.
- 89 Leonard: Oh, my God. What happened?
- 90 Beverley: His heart stopped beating. I have to urinate.
- 91 Sheldon: What a remarkable woman.
- 92 Leonard: Yeah I, I thought you guys might hit it off.
- 93 Sheldon: I envy you your childhood.
- 94 Leonard: I hate to tell you, but the only warm memories I have of my childhood are of my Uncle Floyd.
- 95 Sheldon: You're clearly misremembering. Your mother is brilliant, analytical, insightful, and I'm betting she never hit you with a Bible because you wouldn't eat your Brussels sprouts.
- 96 Leonard: Sheldon, you don't give your mother enough credit. She's warm, she's loving, she doesn't glue electrodes to your head to measure your brain waves while potty training.
- 97 Sheldon: You were lucky. When I was a kid, if I wanted an EEG, I had to attach my own electrodes.
- 98 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 99 Howard: So, Dr. Hofstadter, Leonard rarely talks about his incredibly successful brother and sister.
- 100 Leonard: Please, don't go there, Howard.
- 101 Howard: I understand that unlike Leonard, they're at the top of their respective fields.
- 102 Leonard: Boy, you suck.
- 103 Beverley: Well, Leonard's younger brother, Michael, is a tenured law professor at Harvard, and his sister just successfully grew a human pancreas in an adolescent gibbon.
- 104 Howard: So, she's close to curing diabetes?
- 105 Beverley: Why else would you grow a pancreas in a teenaged gibbon?
- 106 Howard: Wow, you must be very proud.
- 107 Beverley: Why? They're not my accomplishments. I have to urinate.
- 108 Leonard: Why are you doing this?

- 109 Howard: You know the rules. You brought your mom to work, you must suffer
- 110 Sheldon: Leonard, I had no idea your siblings were so much more successful than you.
- 111 Raj: Yeah, you're like the Jar Jar Binks of the Hofstadter family.
- 112 Howard: Oh, meesa think yousa lookin' so so sad.
- 113 Leonard: You know, rather than mock me, my friends might realize that this is difficult and try to help me through it.
- 114 Raj: Nope, I think mocking you is more fun.
- 115 Howard: Next time, don't yousa bring mama to work. Okee-day?
- 116 Leonard: That was fast.
- 117 Beverley: Oh, the middle stall was occupied. I'll have to try again later.
- 118 Sheldon: It's totally understandable. In bladder voiding, as in real estate, it's location, location, location.
- 119 Beverley: So, where were we?
- 120 Leonard: Howard lives with his mother and Raj can't speak to women unless he's drunk. Go.
- 121 Beverley: That's fascinating. Selective mutism is quite rare. On the other hand, an adult Jewish male living with his mother is so common it borders on sociological cliché.
- 122 Howard: It's just temporary, I pay rent.
- 123 Leonard: He lives in the same room where his bassinet was.
- 124 Beverley: You know, both selective mutism and an inability to separate from one's mother can stem from a pathological fear of women. It might explain why the two of you have created an ersatz homosexual marriage to satisfy your need for intimacy.
- 125 Howard: Say what? (Raj whispers in his ear) That's basically what I just said.
- 126 Leonard: You brought your husband to work, you know the rules. Meesa thinking yousa looking pretty sad now too, betcha, betcha.
- 127 Beverley: Leonard, it's one o'clock, weren't you going to show me your laboratory at one o'clock?
- 128 Leonard: There's no hurry, Mother, tell them more about their secret love for each other.
- 129 Beverley: But it's one o'clock, you were going to show me your laboratory at one o'clock.
- 130 Sheldon: Her reasoning is unassailable. It is one o'clock.
- 131 Leonard: Fine. Let's go. I think you'll find my work pretty interesting. I'm attempting to replicate the dark matter signal found in sodium iodide crystals by the Italians.
- 132 Beverley: So, no original research?
- 133 Leonard: No.
- 134 Beverley: Well, what's the point of my seeing it? I could just read the paper the Italians wrote.
- 135 Howard: Just for the record, we're not in an ersatz homosexual relationship.

- 136 Raj: Well, then why didn't you say that to her?
- 137 Howard: Why is it always my responsibility?
- 138 Raj: It's not always your responsibility. I swear, this is the same thing you did at the comic book store last week.
- 139 Howard: I can't believe you're bringing that up.
- 140 Raj: I didn't bring it up. You did.
- 141 Howard: We'll talk about this later.
- 142 Raj: You always say that, but we never do.
- 143 Sheldon: You went to the comic book store without me.
- 144 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 145 Penny: Hey.
- 146 Leonard: You got alcohol?
- 147 Penny: Your mom still here?
- 148 Leonard: Yep.
- 149 Penny: Come on in. Wait, wait, she's not gonna come here looking for you, is she?
- 150 Leonard: Oh, relax. She took Sheldon to the hospital to get a brain scan.
- 151 Penny: Oh, my God. What happened?
- 152 Leonard: Nothing. Mother likes looking at brains and Sheldon likes getting his brain scanned.
- 153 Penny: Geez, what a fun couple.
- 154 Leonard: She's only been here a day and a half and I'm seriously considering alcoholism as a new career path.
- 155 Penny: Hey, I talked to her for five minutes yesterday and I've been half bombed ever since.
- 156 Leonard: You can't let her get into your head.
- 157 Penny: My head, what about yours?
- 158 Leonard: It's too late for me. My head is her summer house.
- 159 Penny: She was right, you know. The locus of my identity is totally exterior to me
- 160 Leonard: Oh, yeah, there she is. Hi, Mom.
- 161 Penny: I mean, do you know where I was all morning? Auditioning with 50 other blondes for some stupid antidepressant commercial. And for what? So I'll finally get my daddy's approval?
- 162 Leonard: Did you get the part?
- 163 Penny: No, they said I was too perky.
- 164 Leonard: Hey, you want to talk about not getting love from a parent. You know what I used to do when I was little to have some sensation of human contact?
- 165 Penny: Yeah, you grabbed your pen1s and wouldn't let go. Your mother told me.
- 166 Leonard: Of course she did. Anyway, that's not what I was gonna say. When I was ten years old, I built a hugging machine.
- 167 Penny: A hugging machine?
- 168 Leonard: Yeah. I got a dressmaker's mannequin, I stuffed it with an electric blanket so it would be warm, and built two radio-controlled arms that

- would hug me and pat my back.
- 169 Penny: Oh, that is so sad.
- 170 Leonard: You know what the saddest part was?
- 171 Penny: What?
- 172 Leonard: My father used to borrow it.
- 173 Scene: The stairwell.
- 174 Beverley: Your scan data will be very elpful to my research. You have a remarkable brain.
- 175 Sheldon: I know. Although I've always hated how my right frontal lobe looks in pictures.
- 176 Beverley: Common complaint among men. Nothing's ever big enough, except when they get a tumour. Then you never hear the end of it.
- 177 Sheldon: I'd love to see a scan of your brain sometime.
- 178 Beverley: Oh, I'll send you a link, but its physiology is fairly unimpressive.
- 179 Sheldon: Oh, I can't believe that.
- 180 Beverley: Your unwillingness to accept empirical evidence suggests an attempt at flattery.
- 181 Sheldon: My apologies. I've been living with your son too long. Gotten into some bad habits.
- 182 Beverley: Understandable.
- 183 Sheldon: Can I make you a cup of tea?
- 184 Beverley: I doubt it, but if anyone has a chance, it's probably you.
- 185 Sheldon: I feel very comfortable around you.
- 186 Beverley: I feel very comfortable around you, too.
- 187 Sheldon: It's surprising because I generally don't feel comfortable around, well, anyone.
- 188 Beverley: Nor I.
- 189 Sheldon: What are the odds that two individuals as unique as ourselves would be connected by someone as comparatively workaday as your son?
- 190 Beverley: Is that a rhetorical point or would you like to do the math?
- 191 Sheldon: I'd like to do the math.
- 192 Beverley: I'd like that, too.
- 193 Scene: Penny's apartment. Penny and Leonard are doing tequila shots.
- 194 Penny: Okay, now this time...
- 195 Leonard: Uh-huh.
- 196 Penny: You're gonna lick the salt off my neck, do the shot, and then bite the lime
- 197 Leonard: I'm sorry, I didn't hear anything after lick.
- 198 Penny: Neck, shot, lime. (Leonard starts licking her neck. He is there a long time) Okay, shot, lime.
- 199 Leonard: Right. Ah! Where's the lime? (Penny has the lime in her mouth) Oh, okay, we're sharing.
- 200 Scene: The apartment.
- 201 Sheldon: So, what do you think?
- 202 Beverley: I'm very tempted. I'm just not sure it's appropriate with my son's roommate.

- 203 Sheldon: Normally, I'd feel the same way. But based on everything I've observed about us, I can't help but speculate we'd be very good together.
- 204 Beverley: True. I've had a similar observation. It's certainly something I could never do with my husband.
- 205 Sheldon: I was hesitant the first time I tried it, but I experienced an unanticipated and remarkable release of endorphins. It's quite satisfying.
- 206 Beverley: I see what you're doing. You're appealing to the neuroscientific researcher in me.
- 207 Sheldon: You see right through me, don't you?
- 208 Beverley: Only when you're in a CAT scanner.
- 209 Scene: Penny's bedroom. Penny and Leonard are in bed.
- 210 Leonard: This is actually gonna happen.
- 211 Penny: Honey, shush, shush, shush, shush, shush.
- 212 Leonard: You shush, I'm happy, I want to talk about it. You know what my mother would say about this? She would say because you were not loved by your father and I was not loved by my mother, that having s\*x is our way of making up for the intimacy we didn't get as children.
- 213 Penny: Why would you bring that up right now?
- 214 Leonard: I don't know. Foreplay?
- 215 Penny: So you're saying you're not having s\*x with me, you're having s\*x with your mother?
- 216 Leonard: Ummm, I'm gonna go with "no."
- 217 Penny: That is the sickest thing I've ever heard.
- 218 Leonard: Come on, you're trying to have  $\mathbf{s}^*\mathbf{x}$  with your father, and I'm okay with that.
- 219 Scene: Penny's front door.
- 220 Penny: Get out!
- 221 Leonard: She said shush. I should have shushed. (Enters apartment. Sheldon and Beverley are inside duetting on Journey's "Any Way You Want It" on Rock Star.)
- 222 Scene: The hallway.
- 223 Leonard: All right, Mother. Um, have a nice flight.
- 224 Beverley: That's not really in my control, is it? Oh, uh, yes (gives him a very uncomfortable hug.)
- 225 Penny (coming out of her apartment): Oh, good morning.
- 226 Leonard: Morning.
- 227 Penny: Look, I was just coming over to talk to you.
- 228 Leonard: You don't have to. Ever.
- 229 Penny: Gotcha.
- 230 Leonard: Good-bye, Mother.
- 231 Beverley: Good-bye, Leonard. So, Slugger, shall we pick up where we left off last time?
- 232 Slight time shift.
- 233 Penny (in tears): I mean, my mom could've just said, "Bob, get over it, she's a girl, move on." But she didn't. Not one word.
- 234 Beverley: Interesting. Would you be willing to fly to New Jersey and

discuss your relationship with your parents during a brain scan?

235 - Penny: Would it help?

236 - Beverley: Well, it would help me.

#### 2.16 Episode 16: The Cushion Saturation

- 1 Scene: The paintball range.
- 2 Howard: That was close.
- 3 Raj: God, I love the smell of paintballs in the morning.
- 4 Howard: Yeah, still funny, Raj.
- 5 Leonard: There's no way we can get to the ridge. The Chemistry Department has us completely cut off.
- 6 Howard: But what about the creek bed?
- 7 Sheldon: The Pharmacology Department controls that, and they're all hopped up on experimental steroids.
- 8 Raj: Well, that's it then, we're doomed.
- 9 Sheldon: I think the time has come to acknowledge that we are paying the price for some of us failing to attend my Physics Department paintball strategy meeting.
- 10 Howard: I told you my mom has spider veins, I had to take her to the laser clinic.
- 11 Sheldon: And I told you I wanted to see a doctor's note.
- 12 Raj: We need a plan. How about Operation Hammer of the Gods?
- 13 Leonard: I forget. Which one is Hammer of the Gods?
- 14 Raj: We hide behind the Dumpsters in the parking lot and ambush people when they come to pee.
- 15 Howard: No go. The Dumpsters are deep in Astronomy Department territory.
- 16 Leonard: No, that shouldn't be a problem, Venus is up during the day. They're probably just all staring at the sky.
- 17 Sheldon: All right, what we need now is a tactical retreat. Did you see the episode of Stargate where they found themselves on a planet with a culture based loosely on Earth's Athens and Sparta? Not important. Leonard, Raj and I are going to burst out the door and run away, Howard will cover us.
- 18 Howard: Why don't I run away and you cover me?
- 19 Sheldon: Because you chose your mother's veins over victory. On three. One, two, three, go!
- 20 Howard: I had to take her! It's almost bathing suit weather!(Another player bursts through the door)
- 21 I surrender! Don't shoot! They went that way!
- 22 Leslie: Howard, I'm on your team.
- 23 Howard: Oh, Leslie, thank God.
- 24 Leslie: Where's the rest of your squad?
- 25 Howard: Ah, they left me here to die. What about yours?
- 26 Leslie: Dead, all of them.
- 27 Howard: Sorry.

- 28 Leslie: Don't be. It was friendly fire. They just wouldn't listen.
- 29 Howard: Well, we're surrounded, so I guess there's nothing for us to do but wait to be captured or killed.
- 30 Leslie: Hmm, that's the worst part, the waiting.
- 31 Howard: All the while knowing that there's a paint pellet out there with your name on it.
- 32 Leslie: Yeah, the big wet ball of death. Kind of makes you feel more alive, doesn't it?
- 33 Howard: It kind of does.
- 34 Leslie: I say we make every moment count.
- 35 Howard: I agree. How exactly do we do that? (Leslie kisses him)
- 36 Leonard (voice): Howard, why aren't you covering us? We're getting slaughtered out here!
- 37 Howard: War is hell.
- 38 Credits sequence.
- 39 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 40 Raj: Did you guys see the new budget memo that went out this morning?
- 41 Leonard: Yeah, more cutbacks.
- 42 Sheldon: Unacceptable. It baffles me why they don't simply let some of you go so that there's money available for my research.
- 43 Leonard: You know what baffles me, Sheldon?
- 44 Sheldon: Based on your academic record, any number of things, I would imagine.
- 45 Leslie: Hey, guys.
- 46 Leonard: Hey, Leslie.
- 47 Howard: Hey.
- 48 Leslie: Howard, I got the approval for the rapid prototyper you wanted.
- 49 Howard: That's great, Leslie. Thanks.
- 50 Leslie: You scratch my back, I scratch yours. Rawr.
- 51 Raj: What was all that about?
- 52 Howard: Oh, uh, no big deal. They gave Leslie control of some unrestricted grant money.
- 53 Leonard: Yeah, okay, but what's with the back-scratching and the meow!
- 54 Sheldon: I believe the back-scratching metaphor generally describes a quid pro quo situation where one party provides goods or services to the second party in compensation for a similar action.
- 55 Leonard: Thank you.
- 56 Sheldon: The mrow, that sounded to me like an African civet cat.
- 57 Leonard: Are you done?
- 58 Sheldon: No. Despite what the name suggests, the civet cat is not a true cat. Now I'm done.
- 59 Raj: You know what I'm thinking? I'm thinking Howard wasn't making a back-scratching metaphor. I'm thinking there was some actual scratching involved.
- 60 Leonard: What about it, Howard?
- 61 Howard: Okay, I didn't want to say anything 'cause I know you and Leslie

have a little history.

- 62 Leonard: I don't care about that.
- 63 Howard: Great, 'cause I've been dying to say something.
- 64 Leonard: You and Leslie?
- 65 Howard: In the paintball shed! Twice!
- 66 Sheldon: Is that why you didn't cover our escape and let us get cut down like animals?
- 67 Howard: Oh, yeah, sorry about that.
- 68 Sheldon: My good man, dereliction of duty in the face of the enemy is a court-martial offense.
- 69 Howard: Court-martial, schmort-martial, Leslie Winkle is the fifth girl I've ever had s\*x with. I mean, for free.
- 70 Raj: And plus, you got a rapid prototyper. That's an expensive piece of equipment, dude.
- 71 Leonard: And the rest of us have had our budgets cut to the bone.
- 72 Howard: Okay, one way to look at this is that I'm getting new equipment, and you're not, and that's unfair. But a better way to look at this is that I'm getting s\*x and you're not, and that's delightful.
- 73 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is looking at Penny's laptop.
- 74 Penny: The whole thing froze. I don't know what happened.
- 75 Leonard: Calm down. We'll figure it out.
- 76 Penny: How can I calm down? I'm gonna lose my whole shopping cart. That's three hours of picking out shoes just shot to hell.
- 77 Sheldon: Hello, Penny.
- 78 Penny: Hello, Sheldon.
- 79 Sheldon: You're in my spot.
- 80 Penny: Are you planning on sitting here?
- 81 Sheldon: No, I'm going to the comic book store.
- 82 Penny: Then what difference does it make?
- 83 Sheldon: What difference does it make?
- 84 Leonard: Here we go.
- 85 Sheldon: That is my spot. In an ever-changing world, it is a single point of consistency. If my life were expressed as a function on a four-dimensional Cartesian coordinate system, that spot at the moment I first sat on it would be zero-zero-zero-zero.
- 86 Penny: What?
- 87 Leonard: Don't sit in his spot.
- 88 Penny: Fine. (Moves) Happy?
- 89 Sheldon: I'm not unhappy.
- 90 Penny: Boy, I love him, but he is one serious wackadoodle.
- 91 Leonard: Okay, that should do it.
- 92 Penny: Oh, thank you. You are a lifesaver.
- 93 Leonard: That's a lot of shoes you ordered.
- 94 Penny: Yeah, you know the sad thing is, it's really not. Ooh, is this one of those paintball guns?
- 95 Leonard: Yeah. You ought to come out with us sometime.

- 96 Penny: Oh, no, thanks. I'm from Nebraska. When we shoot things, it's because we want to eat them or make them leave our boyfriends alone. (Gun goes off and shoots three paint pellets onto Sheldon's spot.)
- 97 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 98 Leslie: Boy, your heart's racing. I must've really gotten you going.
- 99 Howard: Well, it's partly you, partly my transient idiopathic arrhythmia.
- 100 Leslie: Sexy.
- 101 Howard: Can I assume that you likewise found the experience...
- 102 Leslie: Satisfactory?
- 103 Howard: That wasn't quite the word I was looking for, but sure, I'll do this pass-fail.
- 104 Leslie: Hey, are you enjoying that prototyper I got you?
- 105 Howard: Oh, it's great. Everybody in the Engineering Department is eating their hearts out.
- 106 Leslie: Isn't it nice when your good fortune makes others miserable?
- 107 Howard: You know, most people don't get that.
- 108 Howard's Mother (voice): Howard, I'm home!
- 109 Howard: Oh, great.
- 110 Howard's Mother (voice): Book club was cancelled! That thing on Phyllis's neck opened up again!
- 111 Howard: I'm busy, Ma!
- 112 Howard's Mother (voice): Too busy to help your mother with her zipper?
- 113 Howard: Don't come in, Ma!
- 114 Howard's Mother (voice): Why not?
- 115 Leslie: He's got company!
- 116 Howard: Oh, there's the arrhythmia.
- 117 Howard's Mother (voice): Is she Jewish?
- 118 Howard: Are you Jewish?
- 119 Leslie: No.
- 120 Howard: Yes!
- 121 Howard's Mother (voice): Okay, then you kids have fun! Use protection!
- 122 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is trying to wash the paint off Sheldon's seat.
- 123 Penny: You think he'll notice?
- 124 Leonard: There's a chance.
- 125 Penny: Oh, what are we gonna do?
- 126 Leonard: We? No, no, no, you had your chance to be we for, like, a year and a half now. Right now, you are you, and you are screwed.
- 127 Penny: Why do we have to tell him I did it?
- 128 Leonard: Well, we're not gonna tell him I did it.
- 129 Penny: Okay, okay, how about this? We tell him somebody broke in.
- 130 Leonard: Just to shoot the couch with a paintball gun?
- 131 Penny: I'm sorry, I buy it. All those people are on drugs.
- 132 Leonard: We could tell him they wanted the couch to stay away from their boyfriend.
- 133 Penny: Okay, fine. Well, what if we just flip it over? There. Looks fine,

right?

- 134 Leonard: Mm, butt print. There's no discernible butt print.
- 135 Penny: Oh, come on. (Sits and wriggles around) There, butt print.
- 136 Leonard: It's too small and too perfect.
- 137 Penny: Thank you.
- 138 Leonard: You're welcome.
- 139 Penny (as Sheldon enters): Shh! Act normal.
- 140 Leonard: Sheldon! How was the comic book store?
- 141 Sheldon: Fine. The new issue of Flash is out.
- 142 Leonard: Great, great. Did you walk the whole way? It's a little chilly.
- 143 Sheldon: Koothrappali picked me up.
- 144 Leonard: Isn't that terrific? He is such a good friend. You know what the best thing about friends is?
- 145 Sheldon: They don't talk incessantly for no particular reason.
- 146 Leonard: No, no, friends forgive the little things.
- 147 Penny: You know, I gotta go home and wash my hair.
- 148 Leonard: Don't you dare, missy.
- 149 Sheldon: Hello, fastest man alive. Want to see me read your entire comic book? Want to see it again? Something's wrong.
- 150 Leonard: What do you mean?
- 151 Sheldon: I'm not sure. It doesn't feel right.
- 152 Leonard: I don't know what you're talking about. Oh, that. Penny did that.
- 153 Scene: The same. Everyone is eating. Sheldon is perched on the back of Leonard's chair. He keeps making moaning noises. Saying "Excuse me" he tries moving back to his spot, but the cushion is not there. He tries perching on the arm in various positions.
- 154 Leonard: Why don't you just eat in your desk chair?
- 155 Sheldon: Why don't I just eat in my desk chair?
- 156 Penny: Here we go.
- 157 Sheldon: That is my desk chair, that is where I work. I don't eat in my desk chair and I don't work in my spot. I work in my desk chair and eat in my spot.
- 158 Leonard: Wackadoodle.
- 159 Howard: You know, there's kind of an obvious solution here. (To Raj) Get up. (Raj does. Howard moves his cushion across to Sheldon's spot) There. Problem solved. (Raj whispers to him) Nobody cares where you're going to sit. You're not crazy.
- 160 Sheldon: Excuse me, but the problem is not solved. If your head had been accidentally amputated, and we transplanted a dog's head in its place, would that be "problem solved"?
- 161 Leonard: If it were your head, it would be.
- 162 Penny: Sheldon, I am really, really sorry, but it's only for a week. Can't you be a little bit flexible? Yeah, sorry. I didn't really think that through.
- 163 Sheldon: You claim it's going to be a week, but I have no faith in your dry cleaner.

- 164 Penny: Why not?
- 165 Sheldon: Did you notice the sign on his counter? He's not a full-time dry cleaner. He also makes keys.
- 166 Leonard: Oh, for God's sake, Sheldon.
- 167 Sheldon: Focus is important. Was Michael DeBakey a wedding planner in between heart transplants? Did Alexander Fleming moonlight as a hairdresser? "Thanks for discovering penicillin, now how about we try a bouffant?"
- 168 Howard (after his phone rings): Ooh, looks like I'm gonna have s\*x tonight. Hey, baby...
- 169 Penny: His right hand is calling him?
- 170 Leonard: No, it's Leslie Winkle. It's a long story.
- 171 Howard: I'll pick you up in ten minutes. Gentlemen, adieu.
- 172 Leonard: I thought we were going to play Halo tonight.
- 173 Howard: What am I supposed to do, Leonard? There's a woman out there anxious to have s\*x with me. You understand, right?
- 174 Penny: No. Not at all.
- 175 Howard: Nevertheless, I must depart. By the way, did I tell you? Leslie pulled some strings and got me on the research trip to Geneva to check out the CERN Supercollider.
- 176 Leonard: That's not fair. You're not even a physicist.
- 177 Howard: Okay, there are two ways of looking at this...
- 178 Leonard: Get out.
- 179 Howard: Bye.
- 180 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 181 Leslie: You're improving.
- 182 Howard: Thank you. It helps when I get to practice with a real woman.
- 183 Leslie: Hey, listen. Saturday my sister's getting married. I.. I want you to come with me. It's black tie.
- 184 Howard: Yeah, gee, I'd really rather not.
- 185 Leslie: Why not?
- 186 Howard: When I go to weddings, it's to scam on chunky bridesmaids. I don't know what I would do with a date.
- 187 Leslie: Oh, all right. I understand.
- 188 Howard: Thanks.
- 189 Leslie: Hey, I'm really sorry about that Geneva trip.
- 190 Howard: What about it?
- 191 Leslie: Oh, didn't you hear? I had to reduce the number of people going, and you didn't make the cut.
- 192 Howard: When did that happen?
- 193 Leslie: About 12 seconds ago.
- 194 Howard: Well, hold on. Are you saying if I don't go to the wedding, I can't go to Geneva?
- 195 Leslie: Actually, I'm trying not to say it.
- 196 Howard: Okay, I'm sorry, but that makes me a little uncomfortable.
- 197 Leslie: How so?
- 198 Howard: Because it's like you're controlling me with new equipment and

- research trips.
- 199 Leslie: Well, if I weren't controlling you with new equipment and research trips, then I'd be uncomfortable.
- 200 Howard: How so?
- 201 Leslie: 'Cause then we'd be in, like, a real relationship with feelings and all that crap.
- 202 Howard: So, bottom line, I'm just a bought-and-paid-for s\*x toy.
- 203 Leslie: No. No, not at all. You're also arm candy. So? What do you think?
- 204 Howard: Hey, Ma, you got to rent me a tux!
- 205 Howard's Mother (voice): Right now? What kind of s\*x are you having up there?
- 206 Scene: The apartment
- 207 Leonard: Why are you crouching there?
- 208 Sheldon: This is my spot. Where else am I supposed to crouch?
- 209 Leonard: I don't know. Texas?
- 210 Penny (arriving with cushion): Here you go. Fresh from the cleaners, good as new.
- 211 Leonard: Really? Great. Sheldon, look. Good as new.
- 212 Sheldon: From that key maker, I highly doubt it.
- 213 Penny: Come on, Sheldon. Just give it a try.
- 214 Sheldon: All right.
- 215 Penny: There, nice and comfy cosy. Zero, zero, zero.
- 216 Sheldon: There's one more zero. You forgot the time parameter.
- 217 Penny: Sit on the damn couch.
- 218 Sheldon: Nope.
- 219 Penny: What do you mean, nope? What's wrong with it?
- 220 Leonard: Nothing, it's what's wrong with him.
- 221 Penny: It's exactly the same...
- 222 Leonard: Penny, Penny, I think I know what to do. Sheldon, I have some bad news.
- 223 Sheldon: More?
- 224 Leonard: I'm afraid so. You know the cashew chicken I get you Monday nights?
- 225 Sheldon: Yes. From Szechuan Palace.
- 226 Leonard: Szechuan Palace closed two years ago.
- 227 Sheldon: What? Wh-Where did my cashew chicken come from?
- 228 Leonard: Golden Dragon.
- 229 Sheldon: No. No, this isn't right. Our food always comes in Szechuan Palace containers.
- 230 Leonard: Yeah, well, before they went out of business, I bought 4,000 containers. I keep them in the trunk of my car.
- 231 Sheldon: But. Oh, this changes everything.
- 232 Leonard: I thought that might take his mind off the cushion.
- 233 Sheldon: What's real? What isn't? How can I know?
- 234 Penny: You did make that up, right?

- 235 Leonard: Oh, God, I wish I had.
- 236 Sheldon: Leonard?
- 237 Leonard: Yeah, buddy?
- 238 Sheldon: I still don't like this cushion.
- 239 Scene: The paint ball range.
- 240 Leonard: Okay, first of all, Penny, thank you for coming.
- 241 Penny: Thanks for the shoes.
- 242 Leonard: Penny is an amazing shot. I think we have a real chance to win this week.
- 243 Howard: What's the plan?
- 244 Leonard: Okay. Now, we all run out. Sheldon and I will cut to the left behind these trees. Raj, Howard and Leslie flank to the right behind the rocks. Then we'll all have a great view as Penny runs out and kills everyone else in sight.
- 245 Sheldon: Right, just one thing before we start.
- 246 Leonard: What is it, Sheldon? (Sheldon shoots Penny)
- 247 Penny: What the hell?
- 248 Sheldon: That was for my cushion.
- 249 Leonard: Sheldon, Penny was our only hope.
- 250 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Leonard. But revenge is a dish best served cold.
- 251 Penny: Screw that. (Shoots Sheldon)
- 252 Sheldon: She can't shoot me. She's dead.
- 253 Leonard: He's right. You can't. (Shoots Sheldon)
- 254 Sheldon: Well, if we're going to descend into anarchy (Shoots Leonard)
- 255 Howard: Okay, see you.
- 256 Leonard: Where are you going?
- 257 Leslie: Surrender, then Denny's.

### 2.17 Episode 17: The Terminator Decoupling

- 1 Scene: The Apartment
- 2 Howard: Okay, Raj, hand me the number six torque screwdriver.
- 3 Sheldon: Stop. We can't do this, it's not right.
- 4 Raj: Sheldon, you have two choices. Either you let him put a bigger hard drive in the TiVo, or you delete stuff before we go out of town.
- 5 Sheldon: But once you open the box, you've voided the warranty. The warranty is a sacred covenant we've entered into with the manufacturer. He offers to stand by his equipment, and we in return agree not to violate the integrity of the internal hardware. This little orange sticker is all that stands between us and anarchy.
- 6 Leonard: Okay, then we won't touch the hard drive. We'll just erase the first season of Battlestar.
- 7 Sheldon (ripping off sticker): There. We're outlaws.
- 8 Penny (entering with a pink suitcase): Here you go, Leonard. Is this going to be big enough?
- 9 Leonard: It's perfect.

- 10 Howard: For taking daffodils to your unicorn.
- 11 Leonard: It's just for my notebooks. Thanks, Penny.
- 12 Penny: Oh, I love San Francisco. I wish I was going with you.
- 13 Sheldon: I understand your envy. This is a can't-miss symposium. There are going to be discussions on bioorganic cellular computer devices, the advancements in multi-threaded task completion, plus a roundtable on the nonequilibrium Green's function approach to the photoionization process in atoms.
- 14 Penny: When I go, I usually just get hammered and ride the cable cars.
- 15 Leonard: This conference is kind of a big thing. The keynote address is being delivered by George Smoot.
- 16 Penny: Oh, my God, the George Smoot?
- 17 Leonard: You've heard of him?
- 18 Penny: Of course I haven't.
- 19 Sheldon: George Smoot is a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, one of the great minds of our time. His work in black body form and anisotropy of the cosmic microwave background radiation cemented our understanding of the origin of the universe.
- 20 Penny: It's kind of a funny name, though, Smoot.
- 21 Sheldon: It's like talking to a chimp.
- 22 Penny: Okay, now that I've been completely insulted, have a good flight.
- 23 Leonard: Yeah, I wish.
- 24 Sheldon: We're not flying, we're taking the train.
- 25 Penny: Oh, cool.
- 26 Howard: Yeah, cool. Seven times as long as flying, and costs almost twice as much.
- 27 Penny: Well, then why are you doing it?
- 28 Leonard: Well, we had a vote. Three of us voted for airplane, Sheldon voted for train, so we're taking the train.
- 29 Sheldon: Don't say it like that, Leonard, say it like: we're taking the train!
- 30 Credits sequence.
- 31 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 32 Leonard: Hey, we're all going over to the Apple store to make fun of the guys at the Genius Bar. You want to come?
- 33 Sheldon: Oh, I always enjoy that, but I'm a little busy.
- 34 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 35 Sheldon: I'm simplifying the task of packing for our trip. See, by attaching RFID tags to my clothing, it will enable my laptop to read and identify the items with this wand. I will then cross-reference them against destination, anticipated activity spectrum, weather conditions, duration of trip, et cetera.
- 36 Leonard: Well, that does sound much simpler. How long is this going to take?
- 37 Sheldon: Assuming I can keep up this pace, three hours, 11 minutes, and plus however long it takes to conclude this fairly pointless conversation.
- 38 Leonard: Wow. Teasing the guys at the Apple store seems a little redundant now.
- 39 Sheldon: I don't follow.

- 40 Leonard: I wouldn't expect you to. I'll see you later.
- 41 Sheldon: Socks, one pair, cotton, argyle, blue. Socks, one pair, cotton, argyle, blue.
- 42 Scene: On the train.
- 43 Sheldon: What on earth are you doing?
- 44 Raj: Whatever it is, I'm guessing we're doing it wrong.
- 45 Sheldon: Gentlemen, this is the Coast Starlight, one of the great American trains operating on one of the classic American routes. On this side, you'll see panoramic ocean vistas inaccessible to any other form of transportation, while on your side, you'll be treated to 350 miles of CostCos, Jiffy Lubes, and cinderblock homes with above-ground pools.
- 46 Howard: Come on, Raj.
- 47 Raj: What's wrong with Jiffy Lubes?
- 48 Sheldon: No.
- 49 Leonard: Why not?
- 50 Sheldon: That's over the wheelbase. Are you completely unfamiliar with the suspension characteristics of a pre-1980 Pullman-built Superliner Deluxe passenger coach?
- 51 Leonard: Sheldon, we've been on this train 90 seconds, and you've already said a thousand words. Just tell us where to sit and shut up.
- 52 Sheldon: Here. I'm hoping once you reap the endorphic rewards of the steady clickety-clack of steel wheels on polished rails, your sour disposition will abate.
- 53 Leonard: Yeah, maybe. Meanwhile back in the 21st century, people are raising their tray tables and putting their seat-backs in an upright position 'cause it's time to land in San Francisco.
- 54 Raj: It's not so bad, really. At least these trains have modern plumbing. In India, you squat over a hole in the train and expose your naked buttocks to the chilly air of Rajasthan.
- 55 Sheldon: He is referring, of course, to third class on Indian Railways' magnificent Ranakpur Express and its twelve hundred kilometer journey from Maharashtra to the Bikaner Junction.
- 56 Leonard: Oh, look, now he's boring on an international scale.
- 57 Raj: Holy crap! Look!
- 58 Leonard: Is that who I think it is?
- 59 Howard: It can't be. What would Summer Glau be doing riding the train?
- 60 Leonard: Maybe John Connor's aboard and she's protecting him from an evil Terminator.
- 61 Sheldon: Unlikely. That's a television show, Leonard.
- 62 Leonard: Thank you.
- 63 Sheldon: Of course, if SkyNet actually did exist in the future, a perfect way to infiltrate and destroy mankind would be to send Terminators back posing as actors who have played Terminators in popular films and television series, lulling us into a false sense of security, i.e., that's Summer Glau from The Sarah Connor Chronicles. No, Summer, don't kill me! I'm pro-robot! Ahh!
- 64 Leonard: At least he's off the train crap.

- 65 Sheldon: Whee!
- 66 Howard: Sheldon, I owe you an apology. Taking the train was a stroke of brilliance! I've actually got a shot at a Terminator.
- 67 Raj: Oh, please. When it comes to Terminators, you've got a better shot of scoring with Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- 68 Howard: You're overlooking something. I have 11 hours with her in a confined space. Unless she's willing to jump off a moving train, tuck and roll down the side of a hill, she will eventually succumb to the acquired taste that is Howard Wolowitz.
- 69 Leonard: My money's on tuck and roll.
- 70 Sheldon: I'm confused. I thought you were involved in some sort of socially intimate pairing with Leslie Winkle.
- 71 Howard: Sheldon, let me explain to you how this works.
- 72 Sheldon: All right.
- 73 Howard: That's Summer Glau.
- 74 Sheldon: Yes.
- 75 Howard: That's it.
- 76 Raj: Hang on a sec. Why do you get first crack at her?
- 77 Howard: Um, well, let's see, couple reasons. One, I saw her first.
- 78 Raj: No, you didn't. I did.
- 79 Howard: Fair enough. But then let me move on to number two, unlike you, I can actually talk to women when I'm sober.
- 80 Raj: You fail to take into account that even mute, I am foreign and exotic, while you, on the other hand, are frail and pasty.
- 81 Howard: Well, you know the old saying, pasty and frail never fail.
- 82 Leonard: Excuse me, but what about me? Why don't I get a shot?
- 83 Howard: Fine, go ahead. Take a shot.
- 84 Leonard: You know, I've already got a gorgeous blonde back home at I can't score with. I think I'll let you two take this one.
- 85 Raj: Sheldon, is there a place on this train to get alcohol?
- 86 Sheldon: Interesting that you ask. The Coast Starlight recently added the refurbished Pacific Parlour Car. Built in 1956 and originally known as the Santa Fe Lounge Car, the lower level is a theatre...
- 87 Raj: Yeah-yeah, which way?
- 88 Sheldon: and the upper level is a bar that offers wine tastings if you're going as far as Portland.
- 89 Leonard: So aren't you going to go talk to her?
- 90 Howard: I will, I'm just working on my opening line.
- 91 Leonard: She's probably heard every possible line, Howard. Why don't you just try hello?
- 92 Howard: No, no, no, that always creeps girls out. I need to come up with something that's funny, smart and delicately suggests that my sexual endowment is disproportionate to my physical stature.
- 93 Leonard: You're going to need more than 11 hours.
- 94 Sheldon: Oh. no.
- 95 Leonard: What's the matter?

- 96 Sheldon: I forgot my flash drive.
- 97 Leonard: So?
- 98 Sheldon: So we have to go back.
- 99 Leonard: Okay, Sheldon, I'm going to say why and your answer cannot be because I forgot my flash drive.
- 100 Sheldon: You don't understand. My flash drive has my paper on astrophysical probes of M-theory effects in the early universe that I was going to give to George Smoot at the conference.
- 101 Leonard: Why do you have to give your paper to George Smoot?
- 102 Sheldon: It's brilliant. He needs to read it.
- 103 Leonard: So you'll send him an e-mail when we get back.
- 104 Sheldon: Then I won't get to see his face light up as he reads it.
- 105 Leonard: Right. Of course.
- 106 Sheldon: Oh, this is an unmitigated disaster.
- 107 Leonard: Well, there's nothing you can do about it, so relax, sit back, enjoy the clickety-clack of the steel wheels on the polished rails.
- 108 Sheldon: You forgot your flash drive, You forgot your flash drive (repeated over and over in time to the sound of the train)
- 109 Leonard: Only ten hours, 55 minutes to go.
- 110 Time Shift.
- 111 Howard (steeling himself to talk to Summer Glau, to himself): It's hot in here. Must be Summer. (Walks towards her, then walks straight past. Returns, makes to talk to her, then turns to two nuns over the other side of the corridor) So, where you gals headed?
- 112 Sheldon: Okay, I've found the perfect solution. We get off the train at the next stop in Oxnard. We then take the 1:13 train back to Union Station. We take a cab back to the apartment, get my flash drive, and then race to San Luis Obispo, where, assuming the lights are with us and minimal traffic, we'll meet the train.
- 113 Leonard: I've got a better idea.
- 114 Sheldon: Are you going to be sarcastic?
- 115 Leonard: Boy, you take all the fun out of it for me. But look, Penny's home. Why don't we just call her, have her go in the apartment, get your flash drive and e-mail you the paper?
- 116 Sheldon: But the flash drive is in a locked drawer in my desk.
- 117 Leonard: So?
- 118 Sheldon: The key is hidden in my room.
- 119 Leonard: So?
- 120 Sheldon: Penny would have to go into my room.
- 121 Leonard: So?
- 122 Sheldon: People don't go in my room!
- 123 Leonard: I see. Well, it seems once again, you're caught between a rock and a crazy place.
- 124 Sheldon: Oh, I hate when that happens.
- 125 Howard (to self): It's hot in here. It must be Summer. It's hot in here. Must be Summer. It's hot in here. Must be Summer.

- 126 Raj (walking past and straight up to Summer Glau): It's hot in here. Must be Summer.
- 127 Summer: That's cute.
- 128 Raj: Really? I just made it up. Have you seen Slumdog Millionaire?
- 129 Summer: Oh, yeah, I loved it.
- 130 Raj: It's loosely based on my life.
- 131 Scene: Penny's apartment. Penny is on the phone.
- 132 Penny: Yeah, we're putting the play on for one night in this little 99-seat theatre. Can you come? Oh, great. Do you know 98 other people that might want to come? Oh, hang on. (Switches to another line) Hello?
- 133 Sheldon (on phone): Listen carefully. I'm about to give you a set of instructions, which you must follow to the letter.
- 134 Penny: Just a sec. (Switches back to first line) The theatre is above a bowling alley, so it's a little noisy, but it might be the only chance I'll ever get to play Anne Frank. And the director is brilliant. He uses the bowling sounds as, like, Nazi artillery. Okay, great, I'll see you then. (Switches line again) Hello?
- 135 Sheldon: Okay, step four. Do you see that small plastic case on my dresser?
- 136 Penny: Your dresser? Who is this?
- 137 Sheldon: It's Sheldon.
- 138 Penny: Oh, hey, Sheldon! How is San Francisco?
- 139 Sheldon: I'm not in San Francisco. I'm on a train. Were you even listening to me?
- 140 Penny: Uh, no, I was talking to my friend, but what's up?
- 141 Sheldon: What's up? I'll tell you what's up. I'm in a crisis situation, and I need you to marshal your powers of concentration, limited as they may be...
- 142 Leonard: Give me the phone. Hi, Penny. It's Leonard.
- 143 Penny: Hey, Leonard. What's going on with Dr. Wackadoodle?
- 144 Leonard: He's calling to ask you a favour. You might be confused because he didn't use the words, Penny, Sheldon, please or favour.
- 145 Sheldon: Okay. Enough chitchat. Okay, step one, locate your emergency key to our apartment. Step two, enter our apartment. Step three, enter my bedroom.
- 146 Penny: Oh, hang on, Sheldon, getting another call.
- 147 Sheldon: No! Leonard, let me tell you something. Personal robots cannot get here soon enough.
- 148 Raj: And that bright little star peeking her head out early today, that's Venus
- 149 Summer: That is so cool. You really know a lot about space.
- 150 Raj: Come on. When you were on TV in Firefly, you were actually in space.
- 151 Summer: You're not one of those guys who really believe that, are you?
- 152 Raj: You mean one of the hopeless geeks? No. Those are crazy people. Howard, be a dear and get me another one of these. Now, him, he's one of those geeks.
- 153 Sheldon: All right, now, before you enter my bedroom unescorted, I need you to understand that this onetime grant of access does not create a permanent

- easement. Easement. It's a legal right
- 154 of access. Good grief. What? No, don't put me on hold. Oh!
- 155 Howard: Do you believe him? Normally around women, he has the personality of a boiled potato. Put one beer in him, and he's M. Night Charmalarmalon.
- 156 Leonard: Is that what he's drinking? It's not even real beer.
- 157 Howard: What?
- 158 Leonard: Look at it. Non-alcoholic beer.
- 159 Howard: What's going on?
- 160 Leonard: I don't know. Some sort of placebo effect, I guess.
- 161 Howard: Placebo, you say. Interesting.
- 162 Sheldon: Yes, I'm still here. Where am I going? I'm on a train. Now, what you'll be looking for is a small wooden box located between a Hoberman's sphere and a sample of quartz flecked with pyrite. Hoberman's Sphere. It's a collapsible icosidodecahedron. No, the thing with the time on it is my alarm clock.
- 163 Raj: Actually, in India, the names of constellations are different. Where you have the Big Dipper, we have the Big Curry Pot.
- 164 Summer: You're making that up.
- 165 Raj: You got me. Now what are you going to do with me?
- 166 Howard: Raj.
- 167 Raj: Yes?
- 168 Howard: Look.
- 169 Raj: What am I looking at?
- 170 Howard: You tell me.
- 171 Raj: Non-alcoholic bee-ee-eeuh (Runs off)
- 172 Howard: Hi, I'm the small package good things come in.
- 173 Penny: Okay, I got a box, but there's no key in here. Just letters.
- 174 Sheldon: That's the wrong box. Put it back.
- 175 Penny: Oh, Sheldon, are these letters from your grandmother?
- 176 Sheldon: Don't read those letters!
- 177 Penny: Oh, look, she calls you Moon Pie. That is so cute.
- 178 Sheldon: Put down the letters!
- 179 Leonard: Hey, Penny. It's Leonard.
- 180 Penny: Hey, Leonard. How's the train ride?
- 181 Leonard: Delightful. Listen, I don't know what you're doing right now, but there are little bubbles forming on the corners of Sheldon's mouth.
- 182 Penny: Okay, yeah, I kind of crossed a line. Put him back on.
- 183 Leonard: Thank you.
- 184 Sheldon: I'm back.
- 185 Penny: What up, Moon Pie?
- 186 Sheldon: Nobody calls me Moon Pie but Meemaw!
- 187 Leonard: Hey, Penny. Leonard again.
- 188 Howard: So anyway, in the dream, you and I were ice skating, just the two of us. And then, I picked you up by your ankles and twirled you round and round until your legs tore off. I tried to stick them back on, but before I could,

you turned into a giant loaf of pumpernickel bread. What do you think that means?

- 189 Summer (uncomfortable): I really don't know.
- 190 Howard: I'll give you a little clue. My favourite sandwich? Salami on pumpernickel.
- 191 Summer: Is that so?
- 192 Howard: And did you know the word "pumpernickel" comes from the German words pumper and nickel, which loosely translates to fart goblin?
- 193 Summer: No. I didn't.
- 194 Penny: Okay, I found the box. Now what?
- 195 Sheldon: You're holding a Japanese puzzle box, which takes ten precise moves to open. First, locate the panel with the diamond pattern and slide the centre portion one millimetre to the left. Then, on the opposite end of the box, slide the entire panel down two millimetres. You'll hear a slight click.
- 196 Penny: Hang on. Sheldon, do you have any emotional attachment to this box?
- 197 Sheldon: No, it's a novelty I ordered off the Internet. Now, did you hear the click?
- 198 Penny: Not yet. (Puts box on ground and stomps on it) There it is.
- 199 Howard: Okay, here's another one. If you married the famous rock guitarist Johnny Winter, you'd be Summer Winter.
- 200 Summer: Uh-huh.
- 201 Howard: Okay, I'm going to just go for broke here and say I like you.
- 202 Summer: Yeah?
- 203 Howard: So here's my question, do you realistically see any conversational path that would take me from where we are right now to a place where I could ask you out and you'd say yes?
- 204 Summer: No.
- 205 Howard: Fair enough. I'll leave you in peace.
- 206 Summer: Thank you.
- 207 Howard: But before I go, would you mind if I just take one picture of us together for my Facebook page?
- 208 Summer: Sure.
- 209 Howard: Okay. Great. Now, can I take one where it looks like we're making out?
- 210 Sheldon: Okay, now you're going to insert the flash drive into the USB port. She calls me Moon Pie because I'm nummy-nummy and she could just eat me up, now, please put the flash drive in the USB port. The one that looks like a little duck's mouth.
- 211 Leonard: Hey, how'd it go?
- 212 Howard: Terminator broke my phone.
- 213 Leonard: Excuse me. (Goes down to Summer) Okay, I'll be honest with you. I've just spent the last two hours imagining various scenarios in my head, trying to come up with some clever line to say to you. But then I finally realized you're a human being; I'm a human being. I could just say to you...
- 214 Announcer: Next stop: Santa Barbara.

- 215 Summer: I'm sorry. This is me.
- 216 Leonard: Hi, my name's Leonard.
- 217 Scene: The conference.
- 218 Sheldon: So, I'm thinking, you won the Nobel Prize what, three years ago? So you must deal with a whole lot of what has Smoot done lately? My thought is we continue my research as a team, you know, Cooper-Smoot, alphabetical, and when we win the Nobel Prize, you'll be back on top.
- 219 George Smoot: With all due respect, Dr. Cooper, are you on crack?
- 220 Sheldon: Fine! Smoot-Cooper. Wow, what a diva.

# 2.18 Episode 18: The Work Song Nanocluster

- 1 : The apartment.
- 2 Raj: Knight to queen's bishop-five.
- 3 Howard: Oh, very nice. What's Leonard going to do? Does he give up the pawn or does he give up the position?
- 4 Raj: Let's find out. Leonard, ready?
- 5 Leonard: Ready.
- 6 Raj: Go. (Leonard sprays an aerosol which lights up laser beams. He tries to negotiate the beams as Howard and Raj sing dramatic music. Eventually he touches one of the beams and a buzzer sounds.)
- 7 Leonard: Damn it. I slipped.
- 8 Howard: Too bad. You know the rules of Secret Agent Laser Obstacle Chess. Uh, Leonard died again, Sheldon. You're up.
- 9 Sheldon: Despite my deep love of chess, lasers and aerosol disinfectant, I must forfeit.
- 10 Leonard: Why?
- 11 Sheldon: Because it's almost eleven o'clock.
- 12 Leonard: So?
- 13 Sheldon: So, Penny has a don't knock on my door before eleven o'clock or I punch you in the throat rule.
- 14 All: Ah.
- 15 Howard: Hey, you know what'd be a great idea? We get some girls over here and play Laser Obstacle Strip Chess.
- 16 Leonard: Believe me, Howard, any girl who would be willing to play that, you don't want to see naked.
- 17 Howard: You underestimate me.
- 18 Scene: Outside Penny's door. Sheldon stands looking at his watch with his hand poised to knock. At the right moment he starts knocking.
- 19 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 20 Penny: Hey, Sheldon.
- 21 Sheldon: It's eleven am.
- 22 Penny: I know. You're safe.
- 23 Sheldon: This package came while you were at work.
- 24 Penny: Oh, great, my rhinestones. Thank you.

- 25 Sheldon: Excuse me.
- 26 Penny: What?
- 27 Sheldon: You have to sign this.
- 28 Penny: What is it?
- 29 Sheldon: When I signed for the package, I was deputized by the United Parcel Service and entrusted with its final delivery. I now need you to acknowledge receipt of the package so that I'm fully indemnified and no longer liable.
- 30 Penny: Sheldon, it's just a box of rhinestones.
- 31 Sheldon: Well, the contents are irrelevant. A legal bailment has been created. Does that mean nothing to you?
- 32 Penny: It means nothing to anybody. Come here, let me show you what I'm doing.
- 33 Sheldon: Bailment describes a relationship in common law where a physical possession of personal property, or chattels, is transferred from one person, the bailor, to another person, the bailee.
- 34 Penny: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Look, look, look! I started a business.
- 35 Sheldon: Obviously, not a cleaning business.
- 36 Penny: No, I'm making flower barrettes. See? I call them Penny Blossoms. I made one for myself, then all the girls at work wanted one. Then I showed some to this lady who runs a shop in Old Town. She sells cards and homemade jewellery. She said she wanted to sell them. I said okay, and in one week, I made a 156.
- 37 Sheldon: Goodforyou. Signhere.
- 38-Penny: Sheldon, don't you get it? If this takes of f, I won't have to be a wait ressany more.
- 39-Sheldon: Butthen who will bring memy cheese burger on Tuesdaynights?
- 40 Penny: Anotherwaitress.
- 41 Sheldon: What's hername?
- 42 Penny : Idon'tknow.
- 43 Sheldon: And you're going to lether handle my food?
- 44 Penny: Nancy. Hername is Nancy.
- 45 Sheldon: Ithinkyou'rejustmakingthatup.
- 46-Penny: Sheldon, I'm sorry about your hamburger, ok ay? I just don't want to be a wait ress for the rest of my life to the property of the
- 47 Leonard: Cheeseburger. I getacheeseburger.
- 48 Penny: Fine, cheeseburger.
- 49 Sheldon: Maybe I'd be better of f with Nancy.
- 50-Penny: So, what doyout hink? I mean, this could be abusiness, right?
- 51 Sheldon: How many of the secany out make a day?
- 52-Penny: About twenty.
- 53 Sheldon: And how much profit doyou make per Penny Blossom?
- 54 Penny: Idon'tknow, like, 50 cents. I'mnotsure.
- 55-Sheldon: No, Of course you're not. All right, tendollars aday times five days a week times <math>52 week sayear is two states of the same of the same
- 56 Penny: That's all?
- 57 Sheldon: Before taxes.
- 58 Penny: Well, Idon't have to pay taxes on this stuff.
- 59-Sheldon: Ibelieve the Internal Revenue Service would strongly disagree. But, if you took advantage of modern and the properties of th
- 60-Penny: Andyouk now about that stuff?

- 61-Sheldon: Penny, I'maphy sicist. I have a working knowledge of the entire universe and everything it contains. The property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and everything it contains the property of the entire universe and the entire universe and the property of the entire universe and the entire univers
- 62-Penny: Who's Radiohead?
- 63-Sheldon: I have a working knowledge of the important things in the universe. Goodluck.
- 64-Penny: Sheldon, holdon. Could you may be shown the how to make more money with this?
- 65 Sheldon: Of course I could.
- 66 Penny: Sheldon, wait! Willyou?
- 67-Sheld on: Just to be clear here, you're asking formy assistance.
- 68 Penny : Yes.
- 69-Sheldon: And you understand that will involve metelling you what to do?
- 70 Penny: Iunderstand.
- 71-Sheldon: And you're not allowed to be sarc a sticors nide to me while I'm doing so.
- 72 Penny : Okay.
- 73-Sheldon: Good. Let's begin with the premise that everything you've done up to this point is wrong.
- 74 Penny: Oh, imagine that.
- 75-Sheldon: Sarcasm. Good-bye.
- 76 Penny: No, sorry. Wait! Please comeback!
- 77-Credits sequence.
- 78-Scene: Penny's apartment. Pennyis making abar ette. Sheld on ist iming her.
- 79 Penny: There. Done.
- 80-Sheld on: All right. 12 minutes and 17 seconds.
- 81 Penny: Prettygood, right?
- 82-Sheldon: That's 4.9 Penny Blossom sperhour. Based on your cost of materials and your wholes a less elling price a day.
- 83 Penny: A day?
- 84 Sheldon: There are children in a sneaker factory in Indonesia who outearn vou.
- 85 Penny: That just can't be right.
- 86 Sheldon: You're questioning my math?
- 87 Penny: No, sorry.
- 88 Sheldon: Want me to show my work?
- 89 Penny: Oh, God, no, no. Just please tell me what to do about it.
- 90 Sheldon: All right, are you familiar with the development that resulted from Honoré Blanc's 1778 use of interchangeable parts? The assembly line, of course.
- 91 Penny: Okay, you know what, if I'm not allowed to be snide, you're not allowed to be condescending.
- 92 Sheldon: That wasn't a part of our original agreement, and I do not agree to it now.
- 93 Penny: All right, fine. How are we supposed to set up machines and conveyor belts in my apartment?
- 94 Sheldon: You're thinking of the moving assembly line, an understandable but not excusable mistake. No. The moving assembly line, that was introduced by Henry Ford in 1908. That innovation is what made possible our modern consumer culture by enabling a low-unit cost for manufactured goods. I guess that isn't one of the topics discussed on your Radiohead.
- 95 Scene: The apartment

- 96 Leonard: Let's go. We're going to miss the coming attractions.
- 97 Raj: What's the matter?
- 98 Howard: I think I bruised a testicle capturing that last pawn.
- 99 From Penny's apartment they hear Penny and Sheldon singing "Blow the man down." They enter to find Sheldon and Penny working together on the barettes.
- 100 Leonard: Hello?
- 101 Penny Sheldon together: Hello. (They resume singing and working)
- 102 Leonard: W-W-Wait, what's going on?
- 103 Sheldon: I assume you're referring to the sea shanty. It's a rhythmic work song designed to increase productivity.
- 104 Penny: Yeah, it's crazy, but it totally works. Look, we made this Penny Blossom in under three minutes.
- 105 Leonard: Terrific, but that kind of raises more questions than it answers.
- 106 Sheldon: Penny's making hair accessories. I'm helping her optimize her manufacturing process. All right, break's over. (They start singing again.)
- 107 Howard: Hold on. What are you using as a bonding agent?
- 108 Sheldon: Hot glue.
- 109 Howard: You're kidding. Any of the cyanoacrylates would do a better job.
- 110 Sheldon: It won't work, the flower's too porous.
- 111 Leonard: What if we infused the bottom layer with silicone-RTV to provide a better mounting surface?
- 112 Sheldon: Intriguing.
- 113 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): Good question, what are you marketing and distribution channels?
- 114 Penny: Well, there are the waitresses at my work, and this cute, little shop in Old Town.
- 115 Sheldon: Hush, hush, hush, hush, virtually non-existent. I'm thinking that we set her up with a hosted turnkey e-commerce system to start.
- 116 Howard: Why not eliminate the middle man? We could install a small server farm with a static IP in her bedroom.
- 117 Leonard: She'd need some kind of industrial cooling system.
- 118 Sheldon: Of course, but before we set up a marketing and distribution infrastructure, we should finish optimizing the manufacturing process. To start with, she has a terrible problem with moisture-induced glitter clump.
- 119 Penny: Yeah, it's a bitch.
- 120 Howard: Uh, I've seen this before.
- 121 Leonard: Where?
- 122 Howard: It's a common stripper problem. They dance, they sweat, they clump.
- 123 Penny: Ew.
- 124 Leonard: Are you thinking about adding a desiccant like calcium sulphate?
- 125 Howard: Actually, I'm thinking about this one stripper named Vega. But sure, calcium sulphate could work.
- 126 Sheldon: Let's think out of the box for a moment. How about a molecular sieve?

- 127 Leonard Howard: Oh!
- 128 Penny: I've got a spaghetti strainer in the kitchen.
- 129 Sheldon: Wow.
- 130 Leonard: Hey, we could liberate some micro-porous charcoal from the chem lab.
- 131 Sheldon: Oh, great. Raj, why don't you and Howard go get the charcoal? Leonard, why don't you start working on some preliminary Web site designs. I'll make some space in our apartment so we can move the manufacturing process.
- 132 Penny: Well, what's wrong with my apartment?
- 133 Sheldon: It's not my apartment.
- 134 Penny: Wait, wait, what am I going to do?
- 135 Leonard: Uh, hey, it's your business. Do whatever you want.
- 136 Penny: Oh, okay, cool. I'm going to take a nap.
- 137 Scene: The apartment.
- 138 Leonard: I'm still tweaking things a little bit, but this will give you the general idea of the Web site. So, what do you guys think?
- 139 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): Uh, pretty much any way I say that is going to hurt his feelings.
- 140 Leonard: Okay, what's wrong with it?
- 141 Sheldon: What's wrong with it?
- 142 Leonard: Not you. I wasn't asking you. Penny?
- 143 Penny: Uh, well, it's a little juvenile. I mean, it kind of looks like the MySpace page of a 13-year-old girl.
- 144 Leonard: No, it doesn't.
- 145 Howard: Please. Dateline could use it to attract predators.
- 146 Sheldon: Penny, this is your enterprise, so it's ultimately your decision, but based on the quality of his work, I'd strongly recommend that we let Leonard go.
- 147 Leonard: You want to fire me?
- 148 Sheldon: What I want is irrelevant. This is Penny's decision. Penny?
- 149 Leonard: Excuse me, but if I did such a bad job then why do we already have orders?
- 150 Penny: We do?
- 151 Leonard: Uh-huh. Look. Mrs. Fiona Fondell from Huntsville, Alabama has ordered two.
- 152 Penny: No kidding. Two?
- 153 Leonard: Uh-huh. Look at the comments.
- 154 Penny: Thank you, Penny Blossoms. These will be perfect to cover my bald spot. Aww, that is so sweet.
- 155 Sheldon: Camouflaging bald spots. That's primarily a male concern. Perhaps we could expand our market.
- 156 Penny: How are flower barrettes going to appeal to men?
- 157 Howard: We add Bluetooth!
- 158 Sheldon: Brilliant. Men love Bluetooth.
- 159 Penny: Wait a minute, wait a minute, you want to make a hair barrette with Bluetooth?

- 160 Sheldon: Penny, everything is better with Bluetooth.
- 161 Leonard: Holy crap. Someone just ordered a thousand Penny Blossoms.
- 162 Penny: Get out! Who needs a thousand sparkly flower barrettes with rhinestones?
- 163 Leonard: The Fifth Annual East Rutherford, New Jersey, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance Luau.
- 164 Sheldon: Oh, another market to expand into, balding gay men.
- 165 Howard: And I'll bet lesbians love Bluetooth.
- 166 Sheldon: We should get to work.
- 167 Penny: Wait, wait, wait, why does it say one-day rush? Since when do we offer a one-day rush?
- 168 Leonard: Amazon offers one-day rush.
- 169 Penny: Yeah, but they don't have to glue the books together. How the hell are we going to make a thousand Penny Blossoms in one day?
- 170 Leonard: Don't yell at me. I'm not manufacturing. I'm just Web design.
- 171 Penny: Okay, well, I'm gonna have to call them and cancel the order.
- 172 Sheldon: Excuse me, but was this not your goal? Financial independence through entrepreneurial brilliance and innovation? My brilliance and innovation, of course, but still.
- 173 Penny: I just don't see how see can pull this off.
- 174 Sheldon: Okay, that, right there, that equivocation and self-doubt, that is not the American spirit. Did Davy Crockett quit at the Alamo? Did Jim Bowie?
- 175 Howard: They didn't quit. They were massacred by, like, a gazillion angry Mexicans.
- 176 Sheldon: Alright, let me put it this way. Your gross receipts on this one order will be over 3,000 for one night's work.
- 177 Penny: Youguys getstarted.
- 178 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 179 Penny: Goingon line to buy shoes!
- $180-Scene: The same, later. Sheld on and Pennyare making barettes, singing \ She'll be coming round the mount and the same of the same o$
- 181-Raj: Youknow, if Iwanted to spend my Saturday nights doing this, I could have stayed in India.
- 182-Howard: Oh, stop with the fake third world crap. Your father's a gynaecologist, and you had a house full of se
- 183 Raj: We only had four servants. And two of them were children.
- 184 Leonard: How are we doing?
- 185-Raj: We have 128 as sorted Penny Blossoms ready to ship.
- 186-Howard: Oh, God, we're nevergonn a finish in time. Who made Sheld on the boss anyway?
- 187 Sheldon: Ibelieve I'mhearing some negativity on the factory floor.
- 188 Penny : So?
- 189-Sheldon: Penny, the labour force is a living organism that must be carefully nurtured. Any counterproductive and the productive productiv
- 190 Penny : Nicelydone.
- 191 Sheldon: Thankyou. You hear anyunion talk, you let meknow.
- 192 Timeshift
- 193 Leonard(singing) : Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah...
- 194-Howard(reluctantly): Someone's in the kitchen Iknow-ow-owow

- 195-Penny(singing): Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah... Sheldon? Sheldon! (nudgeshim)
- 196 Sheldon(wakingup, singing): 'Cause I sold mysoult other company store.
- 197 Penny: Honey, doyouwant some coffee?
- 198 Sheldon: No, Idon't drink coffee.
- 199-Penny: Comeon, but if you don't stay a wake we'll never finish in time.
- 200-Sheldon: I'msorry, coffee's out of the question. When I moved to California, I promised my mother that I we can be a constant of the contract of the con
- 201 Penny : Leonard, help.
- 202-Leonard: Sheldon, we still have 380 of these things to make.
- 203-Sheldon: I have complete faith that you will make them. Goodnight.
- 204 Penny : Leonard?
- 205-Leonard: Yeah, no. But, Sheldon, without your insight and leadership this entire enterprise will surely fail.
- 206 Sheldon: You'r eright, of course.
- 207 Penny: Here, this will help.
- 208-Sheldon: Verywell, but if this leads to opiate sor hall ucin openics, you'r equip to have to answer to my mother.
- 209 Timeshift
- 210-Sheldon: Look at Planck's Constant. Peoples a yit's arbitrary. It could not be less arbitrary. If it varied evens leaves the constant of the property of
- 211-Penny: We should have lething of obed.
- 212 Leonard : Bam.
- 213-Timeshift
- 214 Leonard: Ican't believe we actually didit.
- 215-Howard: 1,000 friggin' Penny Blossoms.
- 216-Penny: I just want you guystok now I am really grateful for your help, and for every dollar I make, I'm going the properties of the

221-Leonard: We got an e-mail from the East Ruther ford, New Jersey, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgen States and Transgen

- 217 Howard: That's your entire profit margin.
- 218-Penny: Oh. Then never mind.
- 219 Leonard: I'll print out the shipping label. Uh-oh.
- 220 Penny: What?
- 222 Penny : Really?
- 223-Leonard: One-day rush. I really need to take that of f the Website.
- 224 Penny: Okay, well. Guesswe'd better getstarted.
- 225 Howard: You can't be serious.
- 226-Penny: Comeon. What about the living organism of the work force and the American spirit and Jiminy Crock and the Company of the Company
- 227 Leonard: DavyCrockett.JiminyCrockettwasacricket.
- 228-Penny: Yes, yes, Iknow that, okay? I'm tired, I'vehadlike 18 cups of coffee. The point is, if we all just pull to get a superior of the point is a sup
- 229-Howard: Penny, although you may find it hard to be lieve, we do have lives.
- 230 Penny : Leonard?
- 231-Leonard: Sorry. Myapologies to the gay community of East Ruther ford, New Jersey.
- 232-Sheldon(entering dressed as The Flash): Zoom, zoom, zoom! Where's the coffee?
- 233 Penny : We're all out.
- 234-Sheldon: No problem. I'll be back be forethis banana hits the ground. Zoom, zo
- 235-Scene: The apartment. Rajis negotiating the laser beams. Sheld on and Howard are singing dramatically.
- 236 Raj(reachingtheotherside) : Yes!(Hetakesasliceofpizza)
- 237-Howard: Sorry, guys, but Secret Agent Laser Obstacle Lunchis just stupid.

## 2.19 Episode 19: The Dead Hooker Juxtaposition

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Penny: Okay, it's done. Look, guys, for the future, I don't mind killing the big spiders, but you have to at least try with the little ones.
- 3 Sheldon: Penny, please, we're facing a far more serious problem than stray arachnids.
- 4 Leonard: Sheldon, it's not that bad.
- 5 Sheldon: Not bad? It's horrible. I mean, you hear stories about this sort of thing, but you never think it'll happen to you.
- 6 Leonard: So they steamed your dumplings, get over it. New topic, please.
- 7 Howard: All right, Penny, let me take this opportunity to point out that you are looking particularly ravishing today.
- 8 Penny: Not with a thousand condoms, Howard.
- 9 Howard: So, there is a number.
- 10 Penny: Okay, new topic, please. Hey, did you hear the people upstairs in  $5\mathrm{A}$  are moving out?
- 11 Leonard: Shh-shh-shh!
- 12 Sheldon: What?
- 13 Penny: The people upstairs are moving out.
- 14 Leonard: No!
- 15 Sheldon: The horror!
- 16 Leonard: Why would you just say something like that?
- 17 Sheldon: No, no, no, no, no, no, no...
- 18 Penny: How else was I supposed to say it?
- 19 Leonard: Slowly, like putting a new fish in a tank. You don't just drop it in, you let the bag sit in the water a while.
- 20 Sheldon: The horror!
- 21 Penny: Sheldon, I'm sure it's going to be fine.
- 22 Sheldon: No, it's not going to be fine, change is never fine. They say it is, but it's not.
- 23 Penny: Okay, honey, did you even know the people that are moving out?
- 24 Sheldon: I never met them. That's what made them perfect, there were no awkward hellos in the halls, there was no clickety-clacking of high heel shoes on hardwood floors, they may as well have been a family of cats just jumping around from drape to drape without that annoying ammonia urine smell.
- 25 Penny: Well, I'm sure the new people will be just as quiet.
- 26 Sheldon: You can't know that. How can you possibly know that?
- 27 Penny: You're right, I can't. You know what? Anyone could rent that apartment now, an opera singer, the cast of stomp, yeah, a tap-dancing pirate with a wooden leg.
- 28 Leonard: Why are you making it worse?
- 29 Penny: I tried making it better, he wouldn't go for it.
- 30 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): You're right, that's a great idea.
- 31 Leonard: What?
- 32 Howard: I'll take the apartment upstairs. I can finally get away from my

mother, and we can all spend some more time together, if you catch my drift.

- 33 Penny: The horror!
- 34 Credits sequence.
- 35 Scene: Outside Howard's house.
- 36 Sheldon: Hold on. You honestly expect me to believe that social protocol dictates we break our backs helping Wolowitz move, and then he only need buy us a pizza?
- 37 Leonard: I'm sorry, that really is how it works.
- 38 Sheldon: You're tricking me. You tell me the truth, what do we get?
- 39 Leonard: Raj, help me out here.
- 40 Raj: You get to choose between a mountain bike or a PS3.
- 41 Sheldon: I knew it! PS3, definitely PS3, who would pick a mountain bike?
- 42 Howard (voice from inside): Enough with the guilt, ma, we'll still see each other. I'll come over every night and have dinner with you.
- 43 Howard's Mother (voice): The hell you will! What am I running here, a fancy restaurant? Does this look like Olive Garden?
- 44 Howard (voice): Okay, I get it, you're angry. You don't want to see your little bird leave the nest.
- 45 Howard's Mother (voice): Little bird? You're almost 30, fly, for god's sake!
- 46 Howard (voice): Fine, I'll stay! You happy, crazy lady? I sure as hell hope so, because you're ruining my life!
- 47 Leonard (into phone): Hey, Penny, it's Leonard. Good news, you can take your head out of the oven.
- 48 Sheldon (removing hernia support): I guess I won't be needing this.
- 49 Scene: The lobby, there are boxes everywhere and removal men are carrying them up the stairs.
- 50 Sheldon: Oh, no, the new ones, they're here.
- 51 Leonard: Stay calm, we don't know anything about them yet. What are you doing?
- 52 Sheldon: I'm checking for musical instruments. Does that sound like castanets to you?
- 53 Leonard: The box says kitchen.
- 54 Sheldon: So? Do cocaine smugglers write cocaine on the box?
- 55 Blonde girl (arriving): Hello?
- 56 Leonard: Hello.
- 57 Sheldon: Hello.
- 58 Blonde Girl: Hello.
- 59 Leonard: Hello.
- 60 Sheldon: Hello.
- 61 Blonde Girl: I'm Alicia. I'm moving in upstairs.
- 62 Leonard: That is so great. Oh, I'm Leonard, I live downstairs. Upstairs from here, but under you. Not under you per se, but under your apartment.
- 63 Alicia: That's nice.
- 64 Leonard: Yeah, it is.
- 65 Sheldon: If that concludes your faltering attempt to mate, hello.
- 66 Alicia: Hello.

- 67 Sheldon: Hello. On a scale of one to ten how light of foot would you describe yourself with one being not cat-like at all and ten being freakishly feline?
- 68 Alicia: Freakishly feline?
- 69 Sheldon: Is that your answer or do you not understand the question? We'll come back to that one.
- 70 Leonard: Sheldon...
- 71 Sheldon: Hang on. Are you now or have you ever been a salsa, Irish folk or break-dancer?
- 72 Alicia: No.
- 73 Leonard: You're making her uncomfortable.
- 74 Sheldon: Oh, I'm sorry. Well, if it helps you feel any better you're doing very well so far. Next question, are you fertile?
- 75 Alicia: What?!
- 76 Sheldon: I'm trying to determine whether crying infants above my head are a possibility.
- 77 Alicia: I have no immediate plans.
- 78 Sheldon: If that changes, let me know. And finally, area rugs, pro or con?
- 79 Alicia: Pro?
- 80 Sheldon: Alicia?
- 81 Alicia: Yes?
- 82 Sheldon: Welcome to the building.
- 83 Scene: The stairs
- 84 Alicia:Thanks so much for helping me, Leonard.
- 85 Leonard: Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to help.
- 86 Penny (exiting apartment): Oh, hey, guys.
- 87 Leonard: Hey, Penny. this is Alicia, our new neighbour.
- 88 Penny: Hi.
- 89 Alicia: Hi.
- 90 Leonard: I'm helping.
- 91 Penny: I can see.
- 92 Sheldon: Alicia's non-musical, childless and pro-rug. She's still on probation, of course, but I like her.
- 93 Alicia: Cool t-shirt.
- 94 Penny: Oh, yeah, I don't usually dress like this. I'm going jogging.
- 95 Sheldon: You don't jog.
- 96 Penny: I can start.
- 97 Sheldon: True, but the more likely explanation for your attire is that you're out of clean clothes again.
- 98 Penny: Thank you, Sheldon.
- 99 Sheldon: You're welcome, Penny.
- 100 Alicia: Please, you look cute. I'm dressed like a slob today, too.
- 101 Leonard: I think you look fantastic.
- 102 Alicia: This one's a player, huh?
- 103 Penny: Oh, yeah, be careful.
- 104 Alicia: Thanks for the warning.
- 105 Penny: Okay.

- 106 Alicia: I'll see you around.
- 107 Penny: See ya. I'm dressed like a slob today, too.
- 108 Sheldon: Oh, mimicry. I enjoy mimicry. I've been working on Admiral Ackbar from Return of the Jedi. "It's a trap." You have to imagine me with a giant squid head. "It's a trap. It's a trap."
- 109 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is writing on an imaginary board. There is a knock on the door.
- 110 Sheldon: Come.
- 111 Penny (entering): Hey.
- 112 Sheldon: Congratulations, I see you did your laundry.
- 113 Penny: Well, sort of.
- 114 Sheldon: How does one sort of...
- 115 Penny: I bought new clothes, okay? Is Leonard around?
- 116 Sheldon: He's upstairs at Alicia's.
- 117 Penny: Oh. all right, that's cool, no biggie. He said he'd help me set up my printer, but I guess I can wait. What exactly is he doing up there?
- 118 Sheldon: In what I can only perceive as a tactical move to destroy me, he is with Wolowitz and Koothrappali setting up her stereo.
- 119 Penny: Oh, they're all up there, huh? Hmm, typical.
- 120 Sheldon: It's axiomatically atypical. Up until recently, they did not know Alicia, and had no encounters with her in a previous location. They never went upstairs to visit the former tenants, so your characterization of their behaviour as typical Is demonstrably fallacious.
- 121 Penny: Okay, now I see the giant squid head. (Leaves)
- 122 Sheldon: Oh, great! now, I have to start all over again. (Rubs out imaginary workings)
- 123 Scene: Alicia's apartment.
- 124 Howard: Yeah, I thought about renting this apartment, but I'm really more of a downtown loft kind of guy.
- 125 Alicia: Cool. so are you in a loft now?
- 126 Howard: Oh, actually I'm, uh, living with a woman in Altadena. Purely platonic, she's also my maid.
- 127 Alicia: Sounds like a sweet deal.
- 128 Howard: I won't lie, it's pretty dope.
- 129 Penny (arriving): Hello?
- 130 Alicia: Oh, hey.
- 131 Penny: Hey, I just wanted to bring you a little housewarming gift.
- 132 Alicia: That is so sweet. Come on in, let's open it.
- 133 Penny: Great.
- 134 Alicia: Nice dress.
- 135 Penny: Oh, this? I'm dressed like a slob today.
- 136 Alicia: The guys have been helping me set up my sound system. I've never had such good-looking technical support.
- 137 Howard: Oh, pish-posh. (Raj whispers to him) I don't know, it means shucks. (Raj whispers again) Shucks means shucks. Let one go once in a while.
- 138 Leonard: Hey, uh, penny, you want to hear something awesome?

- 139 Penny: Yeah.
- 140 Leonard: Alicia is an actress, just like you.
- 141 Penny: That is so awesome.
- 142 Alicia: Well, trying to be, but it's so hard.
- 143 Penny: Yeah, I know, tell me about it.
- 144 Alicia: I've been out here three months, and all I've gotten is a couple of national commercials and this recurring thing on a soap.
- 145 Penny: That's why I work at the Cheese cake Factory, I'm holding out for the right part.
- 146 Leonard: Alicia, what do you want as your default setting for DVDs, 5.1 Dolby or DTS?
- 147 Alicia: Whatever you think is best, cutie.
- 148 Leonard: Well, DTS has more low end, so... okay.
- 149 Penny: Uh, hey, guys, guys, you will really appreciate this, I read the best science joke on the internet. Alicia, you won't get it, but it's right up their alley. Anyway, so, this physicist goes into an ice cream parlour every week and orders an ice cream sundae for himself, and then offers one to the empty stool sitting next to him. This goes on for a while until the owner finally asks him what he's doing. The man says, "well, I'm a physicist, and quantum mechanics teaches us that it is possible for the matter above this stool to spontaneously turn into a beautiful woman who might accept my offer and fall in love with me." The owner then says, "well, lots of single, beautiful women come in here every day, why don't you buy an ice cream for one of them, and they might fall in love with you?" And the physicist says, "yeah, but what are the odds of that happening?"
- 150 Leonard: It's a little insulting, don't you think?
- 151 Penny: How would I know? I'm not even sure I get it.
- 152 Alicia: Hey, Leonard? If you're done with the DVD player, can you set up my printer?
- 153 Leonard: Uh, yeah, I'd love to.
- 154 Penny: Uh, hey, maybe when you're done with her printer, you could set up mine. You know, like you promised a week ago.
- 155 Leonard: Yeah, I'll get to it, don't nag me.
- 156 Raj (drinking some wine): Hello there
- 157 Scene: The apartment. Penny walks in without knocking and collapses on the sofa.
- 158 Sheldon: Who is it? Oh hello, Penny, it's open, come in. Sarcasm.
- 159 Penny: Well, they're all still up there.
- 160 Sheldon: You think I can't hear them? Listen to that. Stomp, stomp, stomp. That's Wolowitz in his stacked heels that fool no one.
- 161 Penny: I don't even know why I care. I don't care. All right, I cared enough to memorize that stupid joke, but that's all I care.
- 162 Sheldon: You know, Penny, there's something that occurs in beehives you might find interesting. Occasionally, a new queen will arrive while the old queen is still in power. When this happens, the old queen must either locate to a new hive or engage in a battle to the death until only one queen remains.

- 163 Penny: What are you saying, that I'm threatened by Alicia? That I'm like the old queen of the hive and it's just time for me to go?
- 164 Sheldon: I'm just talking about bees. They're on the discovery channel. What are you talking about?
- 165 Penny: Bees. Aaah! I just got that physicist joke.
- 166 Scene: The apartment.
- 167 Leonard: Gee, Penny, thanks for buying us dinner.
- 168 Howard: Yeah, what's the occasion?
- 169 Penny: No, no occasion, just felt like getting some Chinese chow for my peeps.
- 170 Sheldon: Did you remember to ask for the chicken with broccoli to be diced, not shredded?
- 171 Penny: Yes.
- 172 Sheldon: Even though the menu description specifies shredded?
- 173 Penny: Yes.
- 174 Sheldon: Brown rice, not white?
- 175 Penny: Yes.
- 176 Sheldon: You stop at the Korean grocery and get the good hot mustard?
- 177 Penny: Yes.
- 178 Sheldon: Did you pick up the low-sodium soy sauce from the market?
- 179 Penny: Yes
- 180 Sheldon: Good. See how it's done, Leonard?
- 181 Penny: So, what do we got going on tonight, huh? Playing Halo watching Battlestar, drop some mentos in diet coke?
- 182 Leonard: You want to watch Battlestar?
- 183 Penny: What can I say? I got my geek on, boys.
- 184 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): No, no, PMS is different. (There is a knock on the door. Leonard answers it.)
- 185 Alicia: Oh, thank God you're home. I need help.
- 186 Leonard: What's wrong?
- 187 Alicia: I just got a callback to audition for CSI to play a hooker who gets killed.
- 188 Leonard: Oh, I'd watch that.
- 189 Alicia: But my car is in the shop, and I have to be at Universal in forty-five minutes.
- 190 Leonard: Okay, well, I'll take you.
- 191 Alicia: Oh, you're a lifesaver.
- 192 Howard: I'll run lines with you in the car.
- 193 Alicia: Great. And afterward, I'll take you all out for Chinese.
- 194 Penny: Oh, actually, that's okay. we already have...
- 195 Howard: Yum. Starving.
- 196 Penny: ...chinese food right here.
- 197 Sheldon: They're gone, Penny. They can't hear you.
- 198 Penny: I cannot believe they're letting her just use them like that. I mean, anything she wants, they go panting after her like trained dogs. You know that just last week, she had Howard drive all the way to her uncle's house in Orange

County to pick up her TV?

- 199 Sheldon: You once had Leonard and me get your television from your ex-boyfriend.
- 200 Penny: Apples and oranges here, Sheldon. I'm telling you, that girl is a user, iceskating through the life on her looks, taking advantage of innocent weak-willed men, getting auditions for stupid network shows. It creams my corn
- 201 Sheldon: May I interject something here?
- 202 Penny: Please.
- 203 Sheldon: You got the wrong mustard.
- 204 Scene: The laundry room.
- 205 Alicia: Hi.
- 206 Penny:
- 207 Alicia: Guess what? I got the part on CSI.
- 208 Penny: Oh boy.
- 209 Alicia: Something wrong?
- 210 Penny: Uh, no. No, no, no, you know, congratulations, I think you'll make a great hooker.
- 211 Alicia: Thank you. Hey, I got to ask you something, how much do physicists make?
- 212 Penny: Um, I don't know, I don't think a lot.
- 213 Alicia: Yeah, that's what I figured. Well, got to run, the guys promised to set up my satellite dish and paint my bedroom. Yay!
- 214 Penny: Um, hey, hey, can I talk to you about that for a second?
- 215 Alicia: About what?
- 216 Penny: Well, you know, it's just that Leonard and Howard and Raj, they aren't like other guys. They're special.
- 217 Alicia: Okay, they're special, and?
- 218 Penny: Oh, let's see, how can I explain this, um, they don't know how to use their shields.
- 219 Alicia: Shields?
- 220 Penny: Yeah, you know, like in Star Trek, when you're in battle and you raise the shields? Where the hell did that come from? Anyways, um, you know how guys like this are, so, please don't take advantage of them.
- 221 Alicia: Who says I'm taking advantage of them?
- 222 Penny: Come on, they're doing everything for you, because you're leading them on
- 223 Alicia: So I let them do stuff for me. They're happy. I get stuff. Who cares? And how's it any different from what you do?
- 224 Penny: Excuse me?
- 225 Alicia: I've seen you around them. Are you pretending like you don't do the exact same thing?
- 226 Penny: Okay, lady, you are way out of line.
- 227 Alicia: Oh, I'm out of line?
- 228 Penny: Yeah, you're out of line.
- 229 Alicia: Well, what are you going to do about it, bitch?

- 230 Scene: Outside the building.
- 231 Raj: I like green lantern, I'm just saying it's pretty lame that He can be defeated by the colour yellow.
- 232 Sheldon: Only the modern green lantern is vulnerable to yellow.
- 233 Leonard: Golden age green lantern was vulnerable to wood.
- 234 Raj: Great, so I can take them both out with a number-two pencil?
- 235 Howard: Oh, my God! Girl fight! (He grabs Leonard)
- 236 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 237 Howard: I know you. you're stupid enough to break it up.
- 238 Scene: The apartment. Penny has a black eye.
- 239 Howard: May I say you look very comely tonight?
- 240 Penny: Thank you.
- 241 Howard: You're right, this filly's been broken.
- 242 Sheldon (as music comes down through ceiling): You set it on DTS, didn't you?
- 243 Leonard: I had to, she called me cutie.
- 244 Howard: According to Alicia's facebook page, she's hooking up with one of the producers on CSI.
- 245 Penny: Well, dead whore on TV, live one in real life.
- 246 Sheldon: Oh, great now she's jumping up and down on the bed.

### 2.20 Episode 20: The Hofstadter Isotope

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: Hu-u-u-uh.... Hu-u-u-uh!
- 3 Leonard: Problem?
- 4 Sheldon: This is Thai food.
- 5 Howard: Here we go.
- 6 Sheldon: We don't have Thai food on Thursday. We have pizza on Thursday.
- 7 Leonard: Yes, but we all agreed that the third Thursday of every month would be Anything Can Happen Thursday.
- 8 Sheldon: Well apparently the news didn't reach my digestive system, which, when startled, has its own version of Anything Can Happen Thursday.
- 9 Howard: Come on, the whole idea behind Anything Can Happen Thursday is to get out of this rut we've been in lately.
- 10 Sheldon: Rut? I think you mean consistency. And if we're going to abandon that, then why even call it Thursday? Let's call it Quonko Day and divide it into 29 hours of 17 minutes apiece, and celebrate it by sacrificing a goat to the mighty god Ra.
- 11 Raj: I could go for some goat.
- 12 Leonard: Sheldon, we agreed we'd do something different tonight.
- 13 Sheldon: All right. Let's go to the comic book store.
- 14 Raj: We went to the comic book store last night.
- 15 Sheldon: Last night was Wednesday. Wednesday is comic book night. Tonight, we'll be going on Thursday, because it's Anything Can Happen Thursday.

- 16 Leonard: Way to think outside but pressed right up against the box, Sheldon.
- 17 Raj: So what are we going to do tonight?
- 18 Howard: If I may proffer a suggestion, in bars all across this great nation of ours, Thursday night is Ladies' Night. Which means, as the evening progresses, we will get better looking courtesy of 99 cent margaritas and two-for-one Jell-O shots.
- 19 Leonard: Come on, Howard, the odds of us picking up girls in a bar are practically zero.
- 20 Howard: Really? Are you familiar with the Drake Equation?
- 21 Sheldon: The one that estimates the odds of making contact with extraterrestrials by calculating the product of an increasingly restrictive series of fractional values such as those stars with planets, and those planets likely to develop life? N equals R times FP times NE times FL times FI times FC times L?
- 22 Howard: Yeah, that one. You can modify it to calculate our chances of having s\*x by changing the formula to use the number of single women in Los Angeles, the number of those who might find us attractive, and what I call the Wolowitz Coefficient.
- 23 Raj: The Wolowitz Coefficient?
- 24 Howard: Neediness times dress size squared. Crunching the numbers, I come up with a conservative 5,812 potential s\*x partners within a 40-mile radius.
- 25 Leonard: You're joking.
- 26 Howard: I'm a horny engineer, Leonard. I never joke about math or s\*x.
- 27 Raj: Well, what are we waiting for? Let's bounce, bitches.
- 28 Leonard: You're right. It's Anything Can Happen Thursday, let's hit the clubs and meet hot women!
- 29 Raj: Here we go. Lock up your daughters! We're going to hit it and quit it.
- 30 Leonard: Or we could finish eating and go to the comic book store.
- 31 Raj: Also a good plan.
- 32 Howard: Alright, but next Anything Can Happen Thursday, we're definitely going to a bar.
- 33 Leonard: Oh, absolutely.
- 34 Raj: You heard that, Ladies' Night ladies? We're eventually coming for you!
- 35 Sheldon: Fascinating.
- 36 Credits sequence.
- 37 Penny: Oh hey, guys, where're you headed?
- 38 Leonard: To the comic book store. You're probably thinking, the comic book store? On a Thursday? Why, I've fallen down the rabbit hole and into a land of madness. What you have failed to take into account, Penny, is that this is Anything Can Happen Thursday.
- 39 Penny: You got me. While you're there, could pick me up a few comics for my nephew's birthday?

- 40 Sheldon: I think you mean comic books. Comics are feeble attempts at humour featuring talking babies and anthropomorphized pets found traditionally in the optimistically named funny pages.
- 41 Penny: Leonard, could you pick me up a few comics for my nephew's birthday?
- 42 Leonard: Sure. What does he like?
- 43 Penny: I don't know, he's 13. Just pick out anything.
- 44 Sheldon: Just pick out anything? Maybe at the same time we can pick out a new suit for him without knowing his size, or pick out his career for him without knowing his aptitude, or pick out a new breakfast cereal without knowing his fibre requirements or his feelings about little marshmallows.
- 45 Penny: Spider-Man. Get him Spider-Man.
- 46 Sheldon: Amazing Spider-Man, Ultimate Spider-Man, Spectacular Spider-Man, The Marvelous Adventures of Spider-Man, Spider-Man 2099?
- 47 Penny: Leonard?
- 48 Leonard: You know this can go on all night, why don't you just come with us?
- 49 Penny: Ugh, that's what I was trying to avoid.
- 50 Sheldon: Oh, I forgot Sensational Spider-Man.
- 51 Scene: The comic book store.
- 52 Penny: Oh, what a cute, little store. Everybody's staring at me.
- 53 Leonard: Don't worry, they're more scared of you than you are of them.
- 54 Penny: Unlikely. Here, what about this one for my nephew?
- 55 Sheldon: A superb choice.
- 56 Penny: Oh, great.
- 57 Sheldon: Yeah, provided he has already read Infinite Crisis and 52, and is familiar with the re-establishment of the DC multiverse.
- 58 Penny: What's a multiverse?
- 59 Sheldon: Get her out of here.
- 60 Leonard: Come on, I'll help you pick something.
- 61 Raj: That's right. She's with us. Guys like that are so pathetic.
- 62 Howard: Tell me about it. Look, a new Batman belt buckle.
- 63 Store clerk: Oh, hey, Leonard. Can I help you find something?
- 64 Leonard: Oh, hey, Stuart. This is Penny. She's looking for some comic books.
- 65 Stuart: Oh, really. Blink twice if you're here against your will.
- 66 Leonard: I think we're fine, Stuart.
- 67 Stuart: Let me know if you need anything.
- 68 Penny: Thanks. He seems like a nice guv.
- 69 Leonard: You mean for someone who's into comic books?
- 70 Penny: No, no, no, I just meant for... yeah.
- 71 Leonard: Penny, just because people appreciate comic books doesn't make them weirdos. Stuart's a terrific artist. He went to the Rhode Island School of Design.
- 72 Penny: What about the guy over there in the superhero T-shirt tucked into his sweatpants?

- 73 Leonard: Ah, yeah, that's Captain Sweatpants. He doesn't really help the point I'm trying to make.
- 74 (Howard and Sheldon are looking through a rack of comic books. Each says "Got it" in turn as they look past each book until they eventually reach the one in the middle when they both together grab the book and shout "Need it!")
- 75 Howard: Let it go, Sheldon.
- 76 Sheldon: Why should I let it go? I saw it first.
- 77 Howard: Yes, but I saw it from the front.
- 78 Sheldon: A far less impressive feat.
- 79 Howard: Oh, come on! I need this for my Batman collection.
- 80 Sheldon: I need it for my Robin collection.
- 81 Howard: Rock-Paper-Scissors-Lizard-Spock?
- 82 Sheldon: Why would I gamble? It's mine. Let go.
- 83 Howard: You let go.
- 84 Sheldon: No, you!
- 85 Leonard: Problem?
- 86 Sheldon: Yes, he won't let go of my comic book.
- 87 Howard: It's my comic book!
- 88 Sheldon: Leonard, we need a ruling.
- 89 Leonard: Uh, cut it in half?
- 90 Penny: Excuse me.
- 91 Stuart: Hello again.
- 92 Penny: Hi. What would you recommend as a present for a 13-year-old boy?
- 93 Stuart: A 13-year-old girl. But if you're dead set on a comic book, try this.
- 94 Penny: Oh, Hellblazer. What's this about?
- 95 Stuart: A morally ambiguous confidence man who smokes, has lung cancer and is tormented by the spirits of the undead.
- 96 Penny: Well, if that doesn't make me the favourite aunt, I don't know what will. Is this me?
- 97 Stuart: Depends. Do you like it?
- 98 Penny: It's really good.
- 99 Stuart: Yes, that's you.
- 100 Penny: That's so sweet, but what if I didn't like it?
- 101 Stuart: It'd still be you, but I'd feel like an idiot.
- 102 Leonard: I don't believe it. Stuart's putting the moves on Penny.
- 103 Howard: I have got to learn how to draw. Hey!
- 104 Sheldon: Once again, defeated by your own prurient interests.
- 105 Raj: Guys, have you seen Stuart all up in Penny's business over there?
- 106 Leonard: Nobody's up in any body's business, let's just buy our stuff and go.
- 107 Penny: Okay, you've got my number, now, give me the picture.
- 108 Stuart: You drive a hard bargain, but here.
- 109 Penny: All right. So, um, just give me a call.
- 110 Sheldon: So, Leonard, how are you enjoying Anything Can Happen Thursday?
- 111 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon has the comic book.

- 112 Sheldon: Look at that, that's a dent. Thank you, Howard Ham-Fisted Wolowitz. Did you just shut the TV off in the middle of the classic Deep Space Nine/Star Trek The Original Series Trouble With Tribbles crossover episode?
- 113 Leonard: Apparently so.
- 114 Sheldon: Are you ill?
- 115 Leonard: No.
- 116 Sheldon: All right. Then is it fair to say that you're experiencing some sort of emotional turmoil over the events involving Penny earlier this evening?
- 117 Leonard: When did you pick up on that?
- 118 Sheldon: A moment ago, when you turned off the TV in the middle of during the classic Deep Space Nine/Star Trek The Original Series Trouble With Tribbles crossover episode. Would you like some advice?
- 119 Leonard: Sure, why not?
- 120 Sheldon: Then, this is the perfect time to launch a blog with an interactive comments section.
- 121 Leonard: Gee, thanks a lot.
- 122 Sheldon: Would you rather I offer my personal insight?
- 123 Leonard: I don't need any insights. I just want to know why Penny's more interested in Stuart than me. We're practically the same guy.
- 124 Sheldon: Oh, I disagree. Stuart is taller, artistic, self-employed and, most significantly, he gets 45 percent off comic books.
- 125 Leonard: You're right, I really should be asking strangers on the Internet.
- 126 Sheldon: My original point.
- 127 Scene: The stairs.
- 128 Sheldon: Chinese food, vintage video games. After the nightmare of Anything Can Happen Thursday, this is Friday night the way it was meant to be.
- 129 Howard: Who's up for Sheldon-Free Saturday?
- 130 Penny (coming out of apartment): Oh, hey guys.
- 131 Leonard: Hey, Penny... and Stuart, hey Stuart.
- 132 Stuart: Hey, guys.
- 133 Howard: So what are you kids up to?
- 134 Penny: Uh, Stuart has a piece in an art show that's opening tonight.
- 135 Leonard: And you guys are going together, great...
- 136 Stuart: It is great. Really great. Freaking awesome. What are you guys doing?
- 137 Penny: It's Friday night, that means Chinese food and vintage video games, right?
- 138 Sheldon: Vintage doesn't even begin to describe what we have planned. Tonight, we are playing the classic 1980 interactive text adventure, Zork. It's the buggy beta version.
- 139 Penny: Wow, Zork. Well, you guys have fun.
- 140 Stuart: Yeah, see you guys.
- 141 Howard: See you, Stuart.
- 142 Leonard: Hey, Howard?
- 143 Howard: Yes.
- 144 Leonard: Take me to a bar with women.

- 145 Howard: Really?
- 146 Leonard: Yeah.
- 147 Howard: Okay! Let me just go inside and slip off my underwear.
- 148 Leonard: Why?
- 149 Howard: Well, if I get lucky, I don't want to be caught in my Aquaman briefs.
- 150 Leonard (to Raj): Do you...? (Raj checks his underwear) Let's go.
- 151 Scene: A bar.
- 152 Raj: May I have a grasshopper with a little umbrella, please?
- 153 Howard: No, he may not.
- 154 Raj: Why?
- 155 Howard: I'm not sitting here with a guy drinking a grasshopper with a little umbrella.
- 156 Raj: Fine. I'll have a chocolate martini.
- 157 Howard: Wrong again!
- 158 Raj: Come on, you know I can't talk to women unless I'm lit up like the Hindu festival of Diwali.
- 159 Howard: Look, there are plenty of bars in Los Angeles where you can order grasshoppers and chocolate martinis, but you wouldn't have to because there are no women in them.
- 160 Raj: Gotcha. I'll have a Brandy Alexander.
- 161 Howard: All right, the Three Musketeers just became the Dynamic Duo.
- 162 Leonard: Should we talk to some of these women?
- 163 Howard: It's way too early in the night for that. See, first we let the lawyers and the jocks thin the herd, and then we go after the weak and the old and the lame.
- 164 Leonard: That's your system?
- 165 Howard: That's my system. Oh, and if you spot a chick with a Seeing Eye dog, she's mine.
- 166 Scene: The stairwell.
- 167 Penny: Oh come on. I think it's nice that Captain Sweatpants showed up to your art opening.
- 168 Stuart: Yeah, it would have been nicer if he hadn't touched all the cheese.
- 169 Penny: Um, you know, it's kind of early. Do you want to maybe come in for some coffee or something?
- 170 Stuart: Oh, gee, it's a little late for coffee, isn't it?
- 171 Penny: Oh, you think coffee, means coffee, that is so sweet. Come on, I think I have decaf.
- 172 Sheldon: Oh, good, Stuart, I thought I heard your voice. Do you have a moment?
- 173 Stuart: Uh, yeah, I guess.
- 174 Penny: Sheldon, we're a little busy here, so...
- 175 Sheldon: What are you doing?
- 176 Stuart: We're having coffee.
- 177 Sheldon: Isn't it a little late for coffee?
- 178 Stuart: It's okay. She thinks she has decaf.

- 179 Penny: I'll just go look for it.
- 180 Stuart: What's up?
- 181 Sheldon: Well, I've spent the last three hours in an online debate in the
- DC Comics Batman chatroom, and I need your help.
- 182 Stuart: Oh yeah. Those guys can be very stubborn. What's the topic?
- 183 Sheldon: I am asserting, in the event that Batman's death proves permanent, that original Robin, Dick Grayson, is the logical successor to the Bat Cowl.
- 184 Stuart: Ooh, Sheldon, I'm afraid you couldn't be more wrong.
- 185 Sheldon: More wrong? Wrong is an absolute state and not subject to gradation.
- 186 Stuart: Of course it is. It's a little wrong to say a tomato is a vegetable, it's very wrong to say it's a suspension bridge. But returning to the original issue, Dick Grayson became Nightwing, a superhero in his own right. Batman 2 has to be the second Robin, Jason Todd.
- 187 Sheldon: Has to be? Has to be? I hope you're being deliberately provocative.
- 188 Penny: I found the decaf!
- 189 Stuart: Oh, great!
- 190 Sheldon: Yeah, herbal tea for me, please.
- 191 Scene: The bar.
- 192 Raj: Barkeep! Alexander me.
- 193 Leonard: How about those two?
- 194 Howard: Nah, they're eating peanuts, and my allergies, one kiss would put me in Cedar-Sinai for a week.
- 195 Leonard: What about the ones in the corner?
- 196 Howard: Possible, very possible. Do you want the one in the whiplash collar or the one who keeps blinking?
- 197 Leonard: I think Blinky's cute.
- 198 Howard: You got it, sir.
- 199 Leonard: Wait, so we just go over there?
- 200 Howard: No, we have a little prep work to do. Put this in your mouth. We walk past them, you stumble a bit. I say, sorry, my friend's had a little too much, and then I start to pull it out of your mouth and say, a little too much fun. Get it? I mean, they're laughing, we're laughing, and then we get them up to about a .15 blood alcohol level, and tell them we're millionaires.
- 201 Leonard: What else you got?
- 202 Howard: Depends. Are you willing to sit on my lap and pretend to be a ventriloquist dummy?
- 203 Leonard: No.
- 204 Howard: I can't sit on your lap, you don't know the routine.
- 205 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 206 Stuart: I'm sorry, but you're obviously stuck in a pre-Zero Hour DC universe.
- 207 Sheldon: Of course I am. Removing Joe Chill as the killer of Batman's parents effectively deprived him of his raison d'être.

- 208 Stuart: Okay, you can throw all the French around you want, it doesn't make you right.
- 209 Sheldon: Au contraire.
- 210 Stuart: Plus, you're forgetting that the Infinite Crisis storyline restored Joe Chill to the Batman mythology.
- 211 Sheldon: I am forgetting nothing and I resent your tone.
- 212 Stuart: Okay, look, Sheldon, it's late and I've got to get some sleep.
- 213 Sheldon: So, I win.
- 214 Stuart: No, I'm tired.
- 215 Sheldon: So, I win.
- 216 Stuart: Fine. You win.
- 217 Sheldon: Darn tootin', I win.
- 218 Stuart: Penny, I really had a terrific time. Penny?
- 219 Sheldon: No, no, no, no, don't wake her. She'll maul you like a rabid wolverine.
- 220 Stuart: You know, I don't think that was decaf.
- 221 Scene: The bar.
- 222 Howard: Wait, is this your card or isn't it? Trust me, this was their card.
- 223 Leonard: I thought you were good at this. You're always talking about how you go to bars and meet women.
- 224 Howard: I do, all the time.
- 225 Leonard: Well, what happened? We've been sitting here all night and the longest conversation you've had with a woman was when your mom called.
- 226 Howard: Wow, you're just going to make me come out and say it, aren't you?
- 227 Leonard: Say what?
- 228 Howard: You're weighing me down. I'm a falcon who hunts better solo.
- 229 Leonard: Fine. I'll sit here. You take flight and hunt.
- 230 Howard: Don't be ridiculous, you can't just tell a falcon when to hunt.
- 231 Leonard: Actually, you can. There's a whole sport built around it. Falconry.
- 232 Howard: Shut up. Let's just get Koothrappali and go. (They turn to see Raj with his tongue down the throat of a "larger lady" by the bar.) Lucky b\*st\*rd. It's got to be that stupid accent of his. (To a girl nearby) Hello. I am Sanjay Wolowitz from Bombay. Okay, I'm stumped.
- 233 Scene: Raj's apartment. He wakes up clutched in the arms of the large lady. Tries to get away. She clutches him tighter. He shrugs and goes back to sleep.

## 2.21 Episode 21: The Vegas Renormalization

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Howard: Okay, are you from Star Wars universe?
- 3 Leonard: Yes
- 4 Howard: Were you in the original trilogy?
- 5 Leonard: Yes

- 6 Howard: Is there a picture of you in my wallet wearing a metal bikini?
- 7 Leonard: God, I hope not. And no, I'm not Princess Leia.
- 8 Raj: Oh, okay, okay, my turn. Are you in the six Star Wars movies?
- 9 Leonard: Yes
- 10 Raj: Interesting. Are you a Droid?
- 11 Leonard: Yes
- 12 Raj: Do you kind of look like a shiny Sheldon?
- 13 Leonard: Yes
- 14 Raj: C3PO.
- 15 Leonard: You got it.
- 16 Sheldon: That's preposterous. I do not resemble C3PO. Don't get me wrong, I'm flattered, I just don't see it.
- 17 Howard (phone rings): Leslie Winkle. You've reached friends with benefits. For a booty call, press one now.
- 18 Sheldon: What exactly does that expression mean, friends with benefits? Does he provide her with health insurance?
- 19 Leonard: No. Look, imagine you maintained a friendship with someone you had s\*x with, but you were free to date whoever you wanted.
- 20 Sheldon: I'm sorry, I can't imagine any of that.
- 21 Leonard: Alright, back to the game.
- 22 Sheldon: I believe it's my turn, you may begin your questions whenever you're ready.
- 23 Raj: Are you Spock?
- 24 Sheldon: I don't like this game.
- 25 Howard: So, where were we?
- 26 Raj: Aren't you leaving for your booty call?
- 27 Howard: No, it was something else. Why does everything have to be about s\*x with you? Come on. Who's turn is it?
- 28 Leonard: We were up to you.
- 29 Howard: Great, just start.
- 30 Leonard: Okay, let's see. Are you from a TV series?
- 31 Howard: She dumped me!
- 32 Sheldon: I bet he's someone from Babylon 5, we're never going to guess.
- 33 Credits sequence.
- 34 Scene: A few moments later.
- 35 Raj: What happened with Leslie, why did she dump you?
- 36 Howard: I don't know. She just said Howard, momma's a rolling stone. And then her call waiting beeped and she was gone.
- 37 Sheldon: I don't understand. If you were in a non-emotional relationship then why are you having what appears be an emotional response?
- 38 Leonard: Sheldon, he obviously had feelings for her.
- 39 Howard: Of course I had feelings for her, I saw her naked for God's sake!
- 40 Leonard: Okay, uh look, you just need to get your mind off it. Do you want to go to the comic book store? Maybe go see a movie?
- 41 Howard: I don't want to go anywhere.
- 42 Sheldon: You know, I'm given to understand that there is an entire city in

Nevada designed specifically to help people like Howard forget their problems. Where you can replace them with

- 43 new problems such as alcoholism, gambling addiction and sexually transmitted diseases.
- 44 Raj: Is it me, or was that Sheldon's way of saying Vegas baby!
- 45 Leonard: I've never been there, have you?
- 46 Raj: Me? No. I just got Vegas baby from Vince Vaughn in Swingers. .
- 47 Howard: It could be fun. I know my weekend's wide open, now that...
- 48 Leonard: Okay, then let's do this, lets go to Las Vegas.
- 49 Howard: Now? Right now?
- 50 Leonard: Why not? People do things right now all the time. Why can't we be right now people too. Go home, pack a bag and we'll be right now people. I have to stop at the drug store to refill a prescription, but after that we'll go right now.
- 51 Raj: What do you say, Howard?
- 52 Howard: I say Vegas baby!
- 53 Raj: What are you going to tell your mother?
- 54 Howard: Sea World, baby!
- 55 Leonard: Hey, Sheldon, are you coming?
- 56 Sheldon: I'd rather have a blowfly lay eggs and hatch larvae in my auditory canal.
- 57 Leonard: Great, we'll bring you back a tee-shirt.
- 58 Scene: The lobby.
- 59 Sheldon: Thank you. Hello, neighbour.
- 60 Penny: Hello, Sheldon.
- 61 Sheldon: And how are you doing this fine evening?
- 62 Penny: Great.
- 63 Sheldon: Good. I'm glad.
- 64 Penny: Really? Are you drunk?
- 65 Sheldon: I'm just in a good mood. While my compatriots are in Las Vegas, I will be enjoying a blissful evening in my personal Fortress of Solitude.
- 66 Penny: That's Superman's big ice thing, right?
- 67 Sheldon: Do you know, I'm such a good mood, I'm actually finding your tenuous grasp of the English language folksy and charming today.
- 68 Penny: Mmm, what smells so good?
- 69 Sheldon: That is the intoxicating aroma of Kadhai Paneer, a perfect culinary representation of the freedom this evening holds. Not only is it Indian cuisine, which Koothrappali loathes, it contains a generous helping of peanuts, which would reduce Wolowitz to a wheezing 97 pound blister. And finally, it's main ingredient is Paneer, a farmer's cheese which would cause Leonard to render any room uninhabitable within minutes.
- 70 Penny: Yum. Well, enjoy your big evening.
- 71 Sheldon: Penny. I realize you are also on your own tonight, so if at some point you find yourself with nothing to do, please do not disturb me.
- 72 Penny: Have fun, Sheldon.
- 73 Sheldon: Oh, I shall. (Sings Superman theme while searching his pockets.)

No!

- 74 Penny: What's wrong, Superman? Locked out of your big ice thingy?
- 75 Scene: A Vegas bathroom.
- 76 Raj: Look at this, mouthwash, lotion, body wash, shampoo and conditioner together in one tiny bottle. I love Las Vegas.
- 77 Leonard: Howard, could I borrow some after shave?
- 78 Howard: Black case, top compartment.
- 79 Leonard: That is a lot of cologne.
- 80 Howard: First row are your musks, second is wood, leathers and botanicals, third is assorted pheromones, tread lightly.
- 81 Raj (finding a large quantity of condoms): That's the spirit, Howard. Yes, we can.
- 82 Leonard: Come on, let's go.
- 83 Howard: You guys go ahead, I just have to finish up an email.
- 84 Leonard: That's not an email, that's Leslie's facebook page.
- 85 Howard: Okay, fine, I'm checking her facebook page, look at her status update, she's saying she dumped me, people need to know I dumped her.
- 86 Raj: But she did dump you.
- 87 Howard: Grow up, Raj, there's no place for truth on the internet. Just go, I'll catch up with you.
- 88 Leonard: Alright.
- 89 Raj: Oh, we should have a plan in case one of us gets lucky.
- 90 Leonard: Okay, uh, if I get lucky I'll take her to my stately manor outside Gotham City, and if you get lucky, I'll sleep on the moon.
- 91 Raj: Sounds like a plan.
- 92 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 93 Penny: Hang on, I think the emergency key is around here somewhere.
- 94 Sheldon: We have a bowl. Our keys go in a bowl. You should get a bowl.
- 95 Penny: So, how did the beautiful mind of Sheldon Cooper forget his key in the first place.
- 96 Sheldon: I left them in the bowl.
- 97 Penny: Oh-oh. I just remembered where the emergency key is.
- 98 Sheldon: Where?
- 99 Penny: In your apartment.
- 100 Sheldon: What's it doing in my apartment?
- 101 Penny: Well, I went in there a few weeks ago when you guys weren't home, and I forgot it there.
- 102 Sheldon: You were in my... why would you... what are you saying?
- 103 Penny: It's not a big deal, I was making coffee and I ran out of milk.
- 104 Sheldon: You're the milk thief! Leonard said I was crazy but I knew that carton felt lighter.
- 105 Penny: Alright, Sheldon, let's just calm down and we'll call the building manager, he'll come open your door, you just eat your dinner here while you're waiting.
- 106 Sheldon: Eat? My dinner? In your apartment?
- 107 Penny: Yeah, why not?

- 108 Sheldon: Sure, why not? And after the sun's down we can all pile in my pick-up and go skinny-dipping down at the creek. 'Cause today's the day to stop making sense.
- 109 Scene: A bar at the Las Vegas Casino.
- 110 Leonard (to barmaid): Thanks.
- 111 Raj: I'm telling you, Leonard, video slot machines, free drinks brought to
- us by a bosomy barmaid and all you can eat shrimp for 3.95. Disneylandcansuckit. This is the real happies to f thee
- 112-Leonard(ashewins on his slot machine): Dude, check it out. That's laundry for amonth!
- 113 Woman(leaningoverRaj) : Hi.
- 114 Raj(takingabiggulpofhisdrink) : Hello.
- 115 Woman: What's your name?
- 116 Raj: RajeshRamayanKoothrappali.
- 117 Woman : HelloRajeshRam ... Hi, Rajesh, I'm Michaela.
- 118 Raj: Hello, Michaela.
- 119 Michaela: So, are you interested a little party?
- 120-Raj: Why, yes, Ilovetoparty. Partyismymiddlename. Oritwould be, if it weren't Ramayan.
- 121 Leonard: Uh, Raj, can I, can Italktoyou for a moment.
- 122-Raj: Not now, Leonard, Michaela's inviting metoa party. You better call the moon and you make sure that the analysis of the property of
- 123-Leonard: Yeah, Ireally need to talk to you.
- 124-Raj: Excuseme, I'llberightback. Don't goanywhere. Don't move. Just stay the beautiful unspoiled American and the stay of the stay of
- 125-Leonard: Okay, Ihatetobreak this toyou and whatevery our jammy is, but, I'm pretty sure she is a prostitute.
- 126 Raj: What? No...
- 127-Leonard: Okay, let me put it this way, in your entire life, how many gorgeous women have walked straight up to the properties of the
- 128 Raj: Maybe I can save her.
- 129 Leonard: Maybe, but I'm quessing it will costyou about 500 an hour to try.
- 130 Raj: It was lovely meeting you, best of luck in your future endeavours.
- 131 Michaela: Whatever.
- 132 Raj: Oh, I miss her already.
- 133 Leonard: Oh, Howard's losing it. Check out his latest twitters. "I'm at
- the bottom of a black hole staring into the abyss. My life is meaningless, my future is without hope."
- 134 Raj: Why don't we take him to see the Blue Man Group?
- 135 Leonard: You think that'd help?
- 136 Raj: USA Today calls them exuberant fun for the whole family.
- 137 Leonard: I don't know, Howard isn't really the family fun kind of guy.
- 138 Raj: It's too bad he wasn't here for that hooker. She's exactly his type.
- A hooker. You know, I bet if we hired her, that would cheer him up.
- 139 Leonard: We're not going to get Wolowitz a hooker.
- 140 Raj (reading Howard's twitter): "I'm so lonely and horny I may open this 20 jar of peanuts and end it all."
- 141-Leonard: Suppose it wouldn't hurt to get an estimate.
- 142 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 143 Sheldon: So, how was your day?
- 144-Penny: A reyoutry in q to make small talk? Oh, sweetie, you really don't have to.
- 145 Sheldon: No, it's the accepted convention. How was your day?

- 147 Sheldon: I'm sorry, that's not going to interest meatall, just eat.
- 148-Scene: The casin obar.
- 149 Raj : Helloagain.
- 150 Michaela: Oh, hi.
- 151-Leonard: Yeah, hi, listen, m, if you're not busy, well, w-we were thinking you could... well, we were wonder the sound of the sou
- 152 Raj: If you're really a prostitute.
- 153-Michaela: Youguy scops?
- 154-Together: No.
- 155-Michaela: Iama prostitute.
- 156-Leonard: Okay, great. Um. ... uh, the thing is, we've got this friend, and he's kind of down in the dumps, and we will be a support of the property of t
- 157 Raj: Withs \* x.
- 158-Leonard: Ithink she knows what I meant.
- 159-Raj: How can she when you be at a round the bush. She's from the mean streets where they shoot from the hip and the she will be a simple of the she will be simple of the she will be a simple of the she will be a simple o
- 160 Michaela: Don'tworry, Icantake good care of your friend.
- 161-Leonard: Okay, terrific. Um, uh, listen, is the reaway that we can do this where he doesn't know that you're a. The control of the cont
- 162 Raj : Prostitute.
- 163-Michaela: Youwant the girl friend experience.
- 164-Leonard: Yes, yeah, exactly, the girl friend experience.
- 165-Raj: Uh, actually, if it's not too much to ask, could we have the Jewish girl friend experience.
- 166 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 167-Sheldon: Okay, that's question 20, you have to guess.
- 168 Penny: Oh, God, Idon'tknow Sheldon, areyou Star Wars?
- 169-Sheldon: How can one per son be a whole movie?
- 170 Penny: Okay, Igiveup, can we just do something else?
- 171-Sheldon: Fine. Iwas Spock. Are you and Leonard friends with benefits.
- 172 Penny: What?
- 173-Sheldon: Areyou and Leonard friends with benefits?
- 174-Penny: Whe redid that even come from, did he say we were?
- 175-Sheldon: No, Leonards aid nothing, but who knows what goes on overhere when he pretend syour mail was missing a property of the property
- 176 Penny: No, just mail, no benefits.
- 177-Sheldon:Hmm,Isee.
- 178 Penny: Why are you asking?
- 179-Sheldon: I'm curious about the whole social construct. On its face, the idea of satisfying oness exual appetite.
- 180-Penny: Well, some people just can't handle that kind of relationship.
- 181 Sheldon : Canyou?
- 182 Penny : Excuseme?
- 183-Sheldon: A reyou able to have s\*x with men without developing an emotional attachment?
- 184 Penny: Sheldon, Ireally don't want to talk about this with you.
- 185-Sheldon: Is this conversation making you uncomfortable?
- 186-Penny: Of course it's making meun comfortable, can't yout ell?
- $187-Sheldon: Ireally have no idea. Idon't particularly excelatreading facial expressions, body language \dots \\$
- 188 Penny: I'muncomfortable, Sheldon!
- 189 Sheldon: Thankyou, that's very helpful.
- 190-Scene: The casin obar.
- 191-Howard: Alright, where are these amazings hrimp?
- 192 Leonard : Behold?

- 193-Howard: Seriously, youthink this is the size of a baby's arm?
- 194 Raj : Alittlebaby.
- 195-Howard: I'mgoingback to the room.
- 196 Michaela(arriving): Boy, would it may be kill them to put out an ice brisket?
- 197 Howard: Hithere, Howard Wolowitz.
- 198-Michaela: Esther Rosenblatt.
- 199 Scene : Penny's apartment.
- 200-Penny: Idon't think the manager's coming to nightso, here.
- 201-Sheld on: A reyous uggesting Is leep on the couch.
- 202-Penny: Well, it wasn't the first suggestion that came to mind, but it's the one I'm going with.
- 203-Sheldon: I can't sleep on your couch. I sleep in abed. And given it's dimensions I have no intention of living out English and the properties of the p
- 204 Penny: What?
- 205-Sheldon: The rewas at all man from Cornwall whose length exceeded his bed. My body fits on it, but barely upon the control of the contr
- 206-Penny: Oh, alright. I will give you my be do none condition. That you promise to zip your hole for the next eighthough the property of t
- 207 Sheldon: May I say one last thing.
- 208-Penny: Only if it doesn't rhyme.
- 209 Sheldon: Alright. Goodnight.
- 210-Scene: The casin obar.
- 211-Michaela: Turnons. Let mesee. Reading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach. Getting freading a good book in freading a good book in front of the fire. Longwalks on the beach in freading a good book in frea
- 212 Howard: Really, metoo.
- 213 Michaela: Oygevalt, you'rehot.
- 214-Howard: Yeah. Excuse me for a moment.
- 215 Leonard: Hey, how's itgoing.
- 216-Howard: Cutthe crap, you set this up, didn't you?
- 217-Leonard: Yes.
- 218 Howard: She's ahooker, isn't she.
- 219 Raj: Approximate, yes.
- 220 Howard: You already gave her the money?
- 221-Leonard: Yes.
- 222 Howard: Thankyou!
- 223 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 224 Sheldon : Penny.
- 225 Penny: What?
- 226 Sheldon: Ican't sleep. how are you going?
- 227-Penny: May be that's because your hole is still open.
- 228 Sheldon: I'mhomesick.
- 229-Penny: Your home is twenty feet from here.
- 230-Sheldon: Twenty feet, twenty light years, it doesn't matter. It's in a galaxy far, far away. The property of the propert
- 231 Penny: Damnit. What do you want metodo
- 232 Sheldon: Sings of tkitty.
- 233 Penny: That's only for when you'r esick.
- 234-Sheld on: Home sick is a type of being sick.
- 235-Penny: Comeon, do I really have to?
- 236-Sheldon: I suppose we can stay up and talk.
- 237 Penny: Softkitty, warmkitty, littleballof fur. Happykitty, um...
- 238 Sheldon: Sleepykitty.

- 239 Penny : Sleepyki...
- 240-Sheld on: No. Start over.
- 241-Penny: Softkitty, warmkitty, littleball of fur. Happykitty, sleepykitty, purr, purr, purr.
- 242 Sheldon : Penny.
- 243 Penny : Yeah.
- 244-Sheldon: Thankyou for letting mesta yhere.
- 245 Penny: Oh, you're welcomes weetie.
- 246 Sheldon: Okay, I'm sleepynow, getout.
- 247 Scene: The stair well.
- 248 Sheldon: Oh, good, you're finally home.
- 249 Leonard: What we reyou do in gat Penny's?
- 250-Sheldon: Well, we had dinner, uh, played some games, and then I spent the night. Oh, you'll be happy to know the properties of the p

## 2.22 Episode 22: The Classified Materials Turbulence

- 1 : The comic book store.
- 2 Sheldon: Smell that? That's the smell of new comic books. Oh, yes!
- 3 Howard: They're on me today, boys.
- 4 Raj: You're paying? Have you been selling your sperm again?
- 5 Howard: No, I'm celebrating. As we speak, the space shuttle is docking at the International Space Station where it will deploy the Wolowitz Zero-Gravity Waste Disposal System.
- 6 Raj: Oh, get over yourself, it's a high-tech toilet.
- 7 Leonard: Just think. Thanks to your hard work, an international crew of astronauts will boldly go
- 8 where no man has gone before.
- 9 Howard: Is that supposed to be funny?
- 10 Sheldon: I believe it is. The combination of the Star Trek reference and the play on words involving the double-meaning of the verb to go suggests that Leonard is humorously mocking your efforts in space plumbing.
- 11 Howard: Okay, make your little jokes, but of the four of us, I'm the only one making any real-world contribution to science and technology.
- 12 Raj: He's right. This is an important achievement, for two reasons. Number one, and, of course, number two.
- 13 Sheldon: Oh, clever! Playing on the use of cardinal numbers as euphemisms for bodily functions.
- 14 Stuart: Here, Sheldon, I pulled the new Hellboy for you. It's mind-blowing.
- 15 Sheldon: Excuse me, spoiler alert.
- 16 Stuart: I didn't spoil anything.
- 17 Sheldon: You told me it's mind-blowing, so, my mind is going into it preblown. And once a mind is pre-blown, it cannot be re-blown.
- 18 Stuart: I'm sorry.
- 19 Sheldon: Said the Grinch to Christmas.
- 20 Stuart: Uh, hey, Leonard, can I talk to you about something?
- 21 Leonard: Oh, sure, what's up?
- 22 Stuart: Remember I went out with your friend Penny a couple weeks ago?

- 23 Leonard: Yeah, vaguely.
- 24 Raj: Sure you remember. You went to the bar and made a fool of yourself trying to pick up strange women.
- 25 Leonard: What about it?
- 26 Stuart: Well, uh, the thing is, the date didn't go that well.
- 27 Leonard: Oh, too bad. I guess the thing to do now is just pick yourself up, dust yourself off, forget it and move on.
- 28 Stuart: I can't do that.
- 29 Leonard: Why the hell not?
- 30 Stuart: 'Cause we're going out again tomorrow.
- 31 Sheldon: Excuse me, Stuart. Have you read the new Flash?
- 32 Stuart: No.
- 33 Sheldon: Well, I have and it will knock your socks off! Good luck getting them back on.
- 34 Stuart: Uh, anyway, I figured this is probably my last shot with Penny and I don't want to screw it up.
- 35 Leonard: Nobody wants that.
- 36 Stuart: So, here's my question. It's the second date, you think she'll be expecting things to get physical?
- 37 Leonard: Uh, oh, gee, my initial reaction is no. You know, let me think about it and get back to you, okay?
- 38 Stuart: Okay, so, you'll give me a call?
- 39 Leonard: Yeah, or you call me.
- 40 Stuart: Great.
- 41 Leonard: Or nobody calls anyone.
- 42 Raj: Interesting. Penny's current suitor asking advice from her former suitor.
- 43 Leonard: You know, thanks for closed-captioning my pain, Raj.
- 44 Howard: Hey, wanna make sure he gets nowhere with Penny without jeopardizing your friendship with either of them?
- 45 Leonard: I'm listening.
- 46 Howard: Just tell him to do everything you've done with her for the last two years.
- 47 Credits sequence.
- 48 Scene: The lobby.
- 49 Penny: Hey, Leonard.
- 50 Leonard: Oh, hi.
- 51 Penny: How's it going?
- 52 Leonard: Good, good. You?
- 53 Penny: Fine. Oh, hey, can I ask you something?
- 54 Leonard: Sure.
- 55 Penny: You know your friend Stuart?
- 56 Leonard: Yes.
- 57 Penny: Well, he asked me out again and I said yes, and then I started thinking maybe I should talk to you first.
- 58 Leonard: About what?

- 59 Penny: Well, does it bother you, me going out with one of your friends? 'Cause you know, you and me...
- 60 Leonard: No, no that's the past. I'm really more of a right now kind of guy. You know, living in the moment. Although I do have to live a little in the future, 'cause, well, that's my job. Of course, my fondness for classic science fiction does draw my attention backwards, but those stories often take place in the future. In conclusion, no, it doesn't bother me.
- 61 Penny: Okay, well, that's really cool of you.
- 62 Leonard: Yeah, well I wouldn't say cool, I'd just say, that's Leonard!
- 63 Penny: Well, In that case, do you mind giving me some advice?
- 64 Leonard: About Stuart? Love to.
- 65 Penny: He's very shy, how do I make him feel more comfortable around me?
- 66 Leonard: Well, uh, first of all, don't underestimate the value of discomfort.
- 67 Penny: Really?
- 68 Leonard: Well, yeah, Stuart thrives under pressure, that's why he works in a comic book store.
- 69 Scene: The university cafeteria. Leonard's phone rings.
- 70 Leonard: Oh. It's Stuart.
- 71 Sheldon: You're not going to answer it?
- 72 Leonard: He wants to talk about Penny. I don't want to talk about Penny.
- 73 Sheldon: You're making an assumption. Perhaps the comic book store is on fire, and he needs your assistance.
- 74 Leonard: Why would he call me?
- 75 Sheldon: We don't know. And if you don't answer the phone, we can't know.
- 76 Leonard: I'm not answering the phone, Sheldon.
- 77 Sheldon: Answer the phone, Leonard.
- 78 Leonard: No! There, it went to voice mail.
- 79 Sheldon: Aren't you going to check your messages?
- 80 Leonard: No.
- 81 Sheldon: You have to check your messages, the leaving of a message is one half of a social contract which is completed by the checking of the message. If that contract breaks down then all social contracts break down and we descend into anarchy.
- 82 Leonard: It must be hell inside your head.
- 83 Sheldon: At times.
- 84 Howard: Guys, we have a code red.
- 85 Sheldon: Do you mean code red the hospital emergency alert, code red the computer worm, or code red the cherry flavoured soft drink from the makers of Mountain Dew?
- 86 Howard: Look, I was going over the schematics on my zero-G toilet, and I made a teeny tiny mistake on the specifications for the diverter valve.
- 87 Leonard: How teeny tiny?
- 88 Howard: It's gonna fail after about ten flushes.
- 89 Sheldon: But the mission is for six months.

- 90 Howard: Yeah, see, that's the code red. It's kind of like a jack-in-the-box, no one knows exactly when, but at some point something way worse than a puppet is gonna pop out of that box.
- 91 Sheldon: Have you notified NASA?
- 92 Howard: No. Are you crazy? What am I gonna say? I screwed up your toilet and pretty soon there's gonna be crap floating all over your nice shiny space station?
- 93 Leonard: Well, what are you gonna do?
- 94 Howard: I'm gonna figure out how to fix it, then I'll tell them.
- 95 Leonard: So, what do you need us for?
- 96 Raj: He can't figure out how to fix it.
- 97 Howard: Hey, you said you were gonna be supportive.
- 98 Raj: I'm trying, but you have to admit this is pretty damn funny.
- 99 Sheldon: I agree. It's the juxtaposition of the high-tech nature of space exploration against the banality of a malfunctioning toilet that provides the comic fodder here. Check your messages.
- 100 Scene: The apartment.
- 101 Howard: All right, this is an exact duplicate of the Wolowitz Zero-Gravity Human Waste Disposal System as deployed on the International Space Station.
- 102 Raj: Don't you mean the Wolowitz Zero-Gravity Human Waste Distribution System?
- 103 Leonard: Good one.
- 104 Raj: Yeah.
- 105 Howard: Yeah, ha, it's hilarious. Now, here's an approximation of the spare parts available on the Space Station. We gotta find a way, using nothing but this, to reinforce this so the waste material avoids the spinning turbine.
- 106 Raj: You mean so it doesn't hit the fan?
- 107 Sheldon: Yeah, I have to say, I thought the toilet humour would get less funny with repetition. Apparently, there is no law of diminishing comedic returns with space poop. (There is a knock on the door)
- 108 Stuart: Hey Leonard.
- 109 Leonard: Hey Stuart.
- 110 Stuart: You busy?
- 111 Leonard: Um...
- 112 Howard: Classified, Leonard.
- 113 Leonard: Yeah, it's a regular Manhattan Project. What's up?
- 114 Stuart: Well, tonight's my date with Penny and since we haven't been able to connect by phone...
- 115 Leonard: Yeah, I'm sorry, it's been broken.
- 116 Stuart: Or e-mail.
- 117 Leonard: Yeah, that too. Everything's broken.
- 118 Stuart: Anyway, I was just wondering if you had any last-minute advice.
- 119 Leonard: All right, well, off the top of my head, I think the most important thing with Penny is to go really slow. I mean, glacial.
- 120 Stuart: Okav.
- 121 Leonard: You know, guys come onto her all the time, so, you need to, like,

set yourself apart. You know, be a little shy, don't make too much eye contact. And, you know, treat her with, like, cool detachment and, and, and, you know, fear.

- 122 Stuart: Fear?
- 123 Leonard: Yeah, like, you're afraid that if you touch her, she'll break.
- 124 Stuart: Well, that plays right into my wheelhouse.
- 125 Leonard: Good, good. Well, you kids have fun tonight.
- 126 Stuart: Thanks, Leonard. What is that thing anyway?
- 127 Howard: You don't know what this is?
- 128 Stuart: No.
- 129 Howard: Good. Get out.
- 130 Raj: Be afraid of Penny, nice, very crafty.
- 131 Leonard: It wasn't bad advice. It just wasn't particularly helpful.
- 132 Sheldon: For what it's worth, my mother says that when we deceive for personal gain, we make Jesus cry.
- 133 Scene: Later.
- 134 Sheldon: All right, what if we use this two-inch PVC to reinforce the centre cross-support?
- 135 Howard: No good. I mean, it might work for the Japanese and the Americans, but have you seen the size of the Russians they got up there? This thing has to hold up against a hearty potato-based diet.
- 136 Leonard: I feel terrible.
- 137 Howard: Maybe if you were helping, you'd feel better about yourself.
- 138 Leonard: I deliberately tried to sabotage Stuart's date with Penny.
- 139 Raj: Of course you feel terrible. You completely screwed up your karma, dude.
- 140 Sheldon: You don't really believe in that superstition, do you?
- 141 Raj: It's not superstition. It's practically Newtonian. For every action, there's an equal and opposite reaction. Leonard pretends to be a friend and acts like a two-faced bitch, therefore, he is reborn as a banana slug. It's actually a very elegant system, you know, what goes around comes around.
- 142 Howard: Speaking of what goes around comes around...
- 143 Raj: Okay, look. Instead of trying to reinforce this structure here, what if we just ran another line, bypass it entirely?
- 144 Sheldon: It won't work. The diameter of the tubing is insufficient.
- 145 Raj: What if we reposition the collection tank?
- 146 Sheldon: It won't work. No way to mount it.
- 147 Howard: Okay, here's an idea. What if I change my name and go live with my cousin and her husband Avi in Israel?
- 148 Sheldon: That could work.
- 149 Scene: Outside Penny's door. Leonard knocks, Penny answers in her dressing gown.
- 150 Leonard: Morning.
- 151 Penny: Morning. What's up?
- 152 Leonard: Nothing. We just pulled an all-nighter trying to fix a zero-gravity... pasta maker. I'm gonna make a coffee run. Do you want any?

- 153 Penny: Oh, no, thanks. I have coffee.
- 154 Leonard: Great. So how'd it go with Stuart last night?
- 155 Penny: I really don't want to talk about it.
- 156 Leonard: Yeah. Right. Sure. The thing is, before you guys went out, I spoke to him and...
- 157 Penny: I said I don't want to talk about it.
- 158 Leonard: Okay... I just... I kind of...
- 159 Penny: Look, Leonard, what goes on between me and Stuart is none of your business. So just leave it alone, okay?
- 160 Raj: If you really want to clean up your karma, go get my freakin' latte.
- 161 Scene: The apartment.
- 162 Howard: Hang on, I think I've got this. Help me see if we can wedge this little piece of PVC behind the support rod.
- 163 Sheldon: You're overestimating the tensile strength of the substructure you're building.
- 164 Howard: Sheldon, I know what I'm doing.
- 165 Sheldon: If you knew what you were doing, there wouldn't be a space toilet where my coffee table should be.
- 166 Raj: Howard, wait. Why don't you use this instead of the PVC to keep the transverse filter assembly in place?
- 167 Howard: Because this is not a spare part from the space station. This is the thing from the pizza box that keeps the lid from touching the cheese.
- 168 Raj: That what that's for? In India, the lid just touches the cheese. Of course, we also have rampant poverty and periodic outbreaks of cholera, so a little cardboard in our cheese is no biggie.
- 169 Howard: Where are you going?
- 170 Leonard: Comic book store.
- 171 Sheldon: Oh, an excellent idea! I could certainly use a break.
- 172 Raj: Me, too.
- 173 Howard: Hold on, you can go to the comic book store when man can once again safely poop in space.
- 174 Sheldon: Why does Leonard get to go?
- 175 Leonard: 'Cause he's upset over his situation with Penny and if I have to hear about it again, I'm going to kick him in his ovaries.
- 176 Leonard: Thanks for understanding, Howard.
- 177 Howard: I got your back, sister. All right, I think we've got a prototype ready to test. Hand me that Tupperware.
- 178 Raj: Wow, that's heavy.
- 179 Howard: Damn right it's heavy, it's my mother's meat loaf, it's been testing toilets for generations.
- 180 Sheldon: I must say, Howard, I think a detailed letter to MIT describing your current circumstances might entitle you to a refund on your master's degree.
- 181 Howard: Okay, simulated zero-gravity human waste disposal test with meat loaf analog in three, two, one. (Switches flush. Meatloaf hits ceiling.)
- 182 Sheldon: Fascinating.

- 183 Raj: What do you think the problem is?
- 184 Howard: Not enough bread crumbs.
- 185 Scene: The comic book store.
- 186 Leonard: Hey, Stuart, I need to talk to you.
- 187 Stuart: Sure, what's up?
- 188 Leonard: I think I gave you bad advice about Penny, and I want to apologize.
- 189 Stuart: No, your advice was great.
- 190 Leonard: It was?
- 191 Stuart: Yeah, going slow really worked.
- 192 Leonard: You're kidding. Never worked for me.
- 193 Stuart: Yeah, last night at dinner, I did what you told me, I went really slow, I kept my distance, and two bottles of wine later, we were making out in my car.
- 194 Leonard: Wine? I didn't say to give her wine.
- 195 Stuart: It doesn't matter, that's where it all went to hell.
- 196 Leonard: During the kissing? What did you do, sneeze in her mouth? I did that to a girl once.
- 197 Stuart: No, everything was good and really hot, and I said "Oh, Penny," and right where she was supposed to say, "Oh, Stuart," she said... your name.
- 198 Leonard: Leonard?
- 199 Stuart: That is your name, right?
- 200 Leonard: Yeah, no, yeah, wow, I'm sorry. That must've been the last thing you wanted to hear.
- 201 Stuart: Well, it beats you know I'm a dude, right? Yeah, it was pretty bad.
- 202 Leonard: No doubt, no doubt. Okay, well, I'm sorry it didn't work out.
- 203 Stuart: Not your fault.
- 204 Leonard: Yeah, how about that? See you soon.
- 205 Stuart: Yeah, sure.
- 206 Scene: The apartment. Howard is on the phone.
- 207 Howard: Yes, sir, I understand classified. We'll keep it all classified, no one has to know but you and me.
- 208 Penny: What's classified?
- 209 Leonard: Howard's space toilet. I'll tell you later.
- 210 Howard: Well, they've deployed our solution. Let's just all hope it works.
- 211 Sheldon: I don't see why I have to worry. My career's not hanging in the balance. That was a joke. It's funny, because it's true.
- 212 Penny: Leonard, could you pass the soy sauce, please?
- 213 Leonard: I'm sorry, were you talking to me?
- 214 Penny: Yeah, I said Leonard.
- 215 Leonard: Yes, you did, didn't you?
- 216 Penny: What the hell is that?
- 217 Howard: Meatloaf.
- 218 Leonard: What was it doing on the ceiling?
- 219 Howard: That's classified.

- 220 Scene: The International Space Station.
- 221 Voice: Houston, International Space Station. We have a little situation up here. We'd like to make an unscheduled space walk.
- 222 Houston: ISS, Houston. Which crew members would be involved in this  ${\rm E.V.A.?}$
- 223 ISS voice: Houston, we'd all like to step outside for a few minutes.
- 224 Houston: ISS, I'm afraid we can't authorize that.
- 225 ISS voice: Uh, Houston, this is more of an FYI call. We are basically out the door.

# 2.23 Episode 23: The Monopolar Expedition

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is working on a whiteboard.
- 2 Sheldon: Oh, boy.
- 3 Leonard: What?
- 4 Sheldon: I can't comment without violating our agreement that I don't criticize your work.
- 5 Leonard: Then what was oh, boy?
- 6 Sheldon: Great restraint on my part.
- 7 Leonard: There's nothing wrong with the science here.
- 8 Sheldon: Perhaps you mean a different thing than I do when you say science.
- 9 Leonard (making a change): Okay, how's that?
- 10 Sheldon: You actually had it right in the first place. Once again, you've fallen for one of my classic pranks. Bazinga! Well, now here's a peculiar e-mail. The president of the university wants me to meet him at his office tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.
- 11 Leonard: Why?
- 12 Sheldon: It doesn't say. It must be an emergency. Everyone at the university knows I eat breakfast at eight and move my bowels at 8:20.
- 13 Leonard: Yes, how did we live before Twitter? I guess you'll find out what it is in the morning.
- 14 Sheldon: That's 14 hours away. For the next 840 minutes, I'm effectively one of Heisenberg's particles, I know where I am or I know how fast I'm going, but I can't know both. Yet how am I supposed to carry on with this huge annoying thing hovering over my head?
- 15 Leonard: Yeah, I know the feeling.
- 16 Credits sequence.
- 17 Scene: Outside Leonard's bedroom.
- 18 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard. (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard. (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard.
- 19 Leonard: Sheldon, it's two o'clock in the morning.
- 20 Sheldon: Why is everybody keep telling me what time it is?
- 21 Leonard: Everybody?
- 22 Sheldon: You, the president of the university, his wife, their sullen teenage daughter. That entire family is fascinated by what time it is and whether people know it.

- 23 Leonard: You went to President Seibert's house in the middle of the night?
- 24 Sheldon: He didn't respond to my e-mail, his phone number is unlisted. Tell me what my other option was.
- 25 Leonard: You could have waited until morning. I know, look who I'm talking to.
- 26 Sheldon: Do you remember the grant proposal I submitted to the National Science Foundation to detect slow-moving monopoles at the magnetic North Pole?
- 27 Leonard: Hardly a day goes by when I don't think about it.
- 28 Sheldon: Aw, how nice. Well, a space opened up at the last minute on the NSF expedition to the Arctic Circle.
- 29 Leonard: Wait a minute. He offered to send you to the North Pole?
- 30 Sheldon: Yes. In fact, he was quite enthusiastic. He said, "Frankly, if I could send you tonight, I would."
- 31 Leonard: Okay, well, do you want to go?
- 32 Sheldon: Of course not. I'm a theoretical physicist, a career I chose in no small part because it's indoors, but if I'm able to detect slow-moving magnetic monopoles there, I will be the scientist to confirm string theory. People will write books about me. Third-graders will create macaroni-art dioramas depicting scenes from my life.
- 33 Leonard: Sure, maybe a tableau of me trying to pummel you to death.
- 34 Sheldon: Sarcasm?
- 35 Leonard: Maybe.
- 36 Sheldon: I'm on the horns of a dilemma. Can you imagine me, Sheldon Cooper, at the North Pole?
- 37 Leonard: Easy peasy, I'm doing it right now.
- 38 Sheldon: I'm not good with cold, Leonard. How often have we had to leave a movie theatre because I got a headache from drinking the Icee too fast? I can't go.
- 39 Leonard: Well, then don't go.
- 40 Sheldon: How can you say that? The scientific opportunity of a lifetime presents itself and my best friend says don't go.
- 41 Leonard: All right, then go.
- 42 Sheldon: Listen to you. How can I possibly go?
- 43 Leonard: Sheldon, what are the words I can say right now to end this conversation and let me go back to sleep?
- 44 Sheldon: Odd, President Seibert posed the exact same question.
- 45 Leonard: How was it resolved?
- 46 Sheldon: It wasn't. His wife set their dogs on me and rendered the question moot.
- 47 Scene: The stairwell.
- 48 Howard: Just imagine. If he says yes, we'll have an entire summer without Sheldon.
- 49 Raj: We could play outside.
- 50 Howard: We could sit on the left side of the couch.
- 51 Leonard: I could use the bathroom at 8:20.

- 52 Raj: Our dreams are very small, aren't they?
- 53 Sheldon: Good news, gentlemen, I have tentatively accepted...
- 54 All: Yeah! Woo-hoo!
- 55 Sheldon: ... the invitation to join the Arctic Expedition.
- 56 Leonard: It's not gonna be the same without you.
- 57 Howard: Godspeed.
- 58 Sheldon: Thank you, but your sentiments may be premature.
- 59 Raj: Ooh, I don't like where this is going.
- 60 Sheldon: I would like to propose that the three of you accompany me.
- 61 Howard: To the North Pole?
- 62 Sheldon: Yes.
- 63 Raj: Is this just so we won't touch your stuff while you're away?
- 64 Sheldon: I'll admit that was a concern. But the fact is, I'll need a support team. And the three of you are my first choice.
- 65 Howard: Really?
- 66 Sheldon: Well, there are others who might be more qualified, but the thought of interviewing them gave me a stomach ache. Now, I know I'm proposing an enormous undertaking, so why don't you take a few moments to discuss it?
- 67 Howard: We're not really gonna go to the North Pole with him, are we?
- 68 Sheldon (voice): I'm still within earshot! You may want to wait for my door to close.
- 69 Howard: We're not really gonna go to the North Pole with him, are we?
- 70 Leonard: Hang on. Let's talk about it. This is a National Science Foundation expedition. I don't know how we can turn it down.
- 71 Howard: Easy. Instead of saying, no, we don't want to go on an NSF expedition, say, no, we don't want to spend "three months stuck in a cabin in the Arctic Circle with an a\*\*l nutbag."
- 72 Raj: But if we were part of the team that confirmed string theory, we could drink for free in any bar in any college town with a university that has a strong science program.
- 73 Leonard: Howard, this is big science. You could be the engineer who builds the equipment that puts us on the cover of magazines.
- 74 Howard: I could also be the engineer who builds the crossbow that kills Sheldon.
- 75 Raj: You still might get on a magazine.
- 76 Howard: So you guys are seriously considering this?
- 77 Leonard: Yes.
- 78 Howard: And you think you can put up with Sheldon?
- 79 Raj: Well, I'm a Hindu. My religion teaches that if we suffer in this life we are rewarded in the next. Three months at the North Pole with Sheldon and I'm reborn as a well-hung billionaire with wings!
- 80 Sheldon: Well, gentlemen, have you reached a decision?
- 81 Leonard: I'm in.
- 82 Raj: Me, too.
- 83 Howard: Oh, damn it. Peer pressure. Fine.

- 84 Sheldon: Excellent. And just an FYI, as I am the expedition's team leader, protocol dictates that be phrased fine, sir. But don't worry, there will be a briefing.
- 85 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 86 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 87 Penny: (Knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 88 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 89 Penny: (Knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 90 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 91 Penny: (Knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 92 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 93 Penny: (Knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 94 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 95 Penny: (Knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 96 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 97 Penny: (Knock, knock, knock) Sheldon.
- 98 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 99 Penny: What do you want?
- 100 Sheldon: I need access to the Cheesecake Factory's walk-in freezer.
- 101 Penny: Now, honey, I already told you, the hamburger meat is fresh and stored at a safe temperature.
- 102 Sheldon: No. This is to train for a three-month expedition to the magnetic North Pole.
- 103 Penny: What?
- 104 Sheldon: I don't know how that sentence could possibly confuse you, but to elaborate, I'm going to the Arctic Circle with Leonard, Wolowitz and Koothrappali.
- 105 Penny: You're all going?
- 106 Sheldon: Yes.
- 107 Penny: For three months?
- 108 Sheldon: Yes.
- 109 Penny: Excuse me.
- 110 Sheldon: Is that a yes or a no on the freezer? The woman has the attention span of a gnat.
- 111 Penny: Hey, Leonard.
- 112 Leonard: Hi.
- 113 Penny: Sheldon says you're going to the North Pole.
- 114 Leonard: Yeah. Pretty cool, huh?
- 115 Penny: Yeah. I'm just a little surprised you didn't tell me.
- 116 Leonard: Oh, well, it all happened kind of fast, and we had to get physicals and buy thermal underwear and study up on, you know, snow and stuff. Sorry, I was gonna tell you.
- 117 Penny: Oh, hey, no, you don't have to apologize. There's no reason you have to tell me. I was just, you know, surprised.
- 118 Sheldon: Yes, yes, you were busy, you were surprised, all very fascinating. Now where do we stand on the freezer?

- 119 Penny: Is he serious?
- 120 Leonard: Actually, it would help.
- 121 Penny: All right, I'll see what I can do. So, three months at the North
- Pole. Wow, that is awesome.
- 122 Leonard: Yeah.
- 123 Sheldon: I'm sorry, but at what point do you put this see what you can do plan into action?
- 124 Penny: Just a warning, Sheldon, the freezer locks from the outside.
- 125 Leonard: Did she seem upset to you?
- 126 Sheldon: No. Did she seem upset to you?
- 127 Leonard: No.
- 128 Sheldon: Oh, good, I got it right. Are you upset?
- 129 Leonard: A little bit.
- 130 Sheldon: Two for two. I'm on fire.
- 131 Leonard: I mean, I know she's not my girlfriend or anything, but wouldn't you think she'd feel a little bad that I'm going to be gone for the whole summer?
- 132 Sheldon: That feels like a bonus question. I'm going to stop here while I'm ahead, but I've had a great time.
- 133 Scene: Inside the cheesecake factory freezer.
- 134 Sheldon: Alright, now the purpose of this drill is to acclimate us to the use of tools in extreme temperatures such as we will face in the Arctic Circle.
- 135 Raj: Where are your tools?
- 136 Sheldon (pointing at his brain): Right here. All right, team, open up your practice kits. As the university did not permit me to bring the actual equipment we'll be using to the Cheesecake Factory, because apparently I'm "ridiculous," I've provided substitutes which will exercise your fine motor skills. Leonard, you will be doing a series of complex mathematical problems on a vintage Casio model 1175 calculator watch I received when I won the Earth Science medal in 3rd grade. Treat it with respect. Raj, you will be painting sideburns and a Van Dyke on a six-inch figurine of Legolas the elf. Now, remember, a Van Dyke is a goatee without a moustache. Wolowitz, you will be completing a series of delicate surgical procedures on the classic children's game, Operation. To begin with, you will remove funny bone for two hundred dollars.
- 137 Howard: For this I went to MIT.
- 138 Sheldon: And begin.
- 139 Raj: I think I swallowed some paint!
- 140 Leonard: I can't press any of the buttons with my gloves. Oh, son of a bitch!
- 141 Sheldon: Adversity is to be expected. Continue.
- 142 Howard: Oh, boy, am I gonna get sued.
- 143 Leonard: Okay, I can't do this.
- 144 Raj: Me either.
- 145 Sheldon: Gentlemen, use your imagination. Innovate. Did Han Solo let Luke Skywalker freeze to death on the ice planet of Hoth? No. He cut open a tauntaun and used its internal body heat to warm him up.
- 146 Howard: You heard the man. Hold him down and I'll cut him open.

- 147 Leonard: Hang on, I know I don't possess the tools of leadership, but I don't understand why we can't assemble the equipment inside the hut and then take it outside.
- 148 Sheldon: I hadn't thought of that. I guess we're done here.
- 149 Scene: The apartment kitchen.
- 150 Sheldon: Here, drink slash eat this.
- 151 Leonard: What is it?
- 152 Sheldon: It's hot chocolate with a stick of butter.
- 153 Howard: Okay, why?
- 154 Sheldon: Because in the frigid temperatures in the Arctic, we need to consume at least 5,000 calories a day just to maintain our body weight.
- 155 Leonard: Sheldon, you know I can't eat butter. I'm lactose intolerant.
- 156 Sheldon: Way ahead of you, that's an "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" stick.
- 157 Raj (on his webcam): But mummy, all the other guys are going to the North Pole.
- 158 Mrs Koothrappali: I don't care what the other guys are doing. If the other guys jumped in the Bay of Bengal and tried to swim to Sri Lanka, would you follow them?
- 159 Raj: If you were standing behind me nagging, I might.
- 160 Dr Koothrappali: Don't talk back to your mother. This trip is much too dangerous, Rajesh.
- 161 Raj: No, it's not. Howard, tell them.
- 162 Howard: Doctor and Mrs. Koothrappali, namaste. I understand your concern, but if it'll make you feel any better, my mother is fine with me going, and this is a woman who kept a safety rail on my bed until I was 17.
- 163 Mrs Koothrappali: So, she has no problem with her son being eaten by a walrus?
- 164 Sheldon: That's very unlikely, Mrs. Koothrappali. If Raj dies, it'll be from frostbite, gangrene, acute sunburn or being ripped to shreds by a fifteen hundred pound polar bear.
- 165 Howard: Ma, I'm putting you on speakerphone with Raj's parents. Can you tell them that you're okay with me going to the Arctic?
- 166 Howard's Mother: Arctic? I thought you said Arkansas!
- 167 Howard: I didn't say that. You never listen to me!
- 168 Howard's Mother: He doesn't tell me anything! He lives a secret life because he's ashamed!
- 169 Penny (arriving): Hey, Leonard, can I talk to you for a sec?
- 170 Leonard: Sure, but let's go out here where there's a little less yelling and guilt. What's up?
- 171 Penny: Well, I got you a little going away present.
- 172 Leonard: Oh, a blanket.
- 173 Penny: Oh, no, no, no, not just a blanket. See, it has sleeves. Yeah! So, you can, you know, be all snoodled up while you do your science stuff.
- 174 Leonard: Oh, wow, cool.
- 175 Penny: Oh, I'm gonna miss you. (She hugs him for a long time) See you

#### later.

- 176 Leonard: Bye.
- 177 Mrs Koothrappali: I told you no. Why don't you believe me?
- 178 Howard's Mother: 'Cause it doesn't make sense to me! How can it be that in the entire country of India, there isn't one Outback Steakhouse?!
- 179 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. Sheldon is a sleep. There is a knock on the door.
- 180 Leonard: Sheldon, Sheldon?
- 181 Sheldon: I want a cookie, Meemaw.
- 182 Leonard: Sheldon, it's me.
- 183 Sheldon: But Meemaw just made cookies.
- 184 Leonard: Listen, I don't know if I can go on the expedition.
- 185 Sheldon: What?
- 186 Leonard: I don't think I can go to the North Pole.
- 187- Sheldon: Okay, Leonard, I know you're concerned about disappointing me
- but I want you to take comfort from the knowledge that my expectations of you are very low.
- 188 Leonard: Yeah, that's very comforting.
- 189 Sheldon: Comforting is a part of leadership. It's not a part I care for, but such is my burden.
- 190 Leonard: Terrific, it's just that I don't think Penny wants me to go.
- 191 Sheldon: Assuming that's a valid reason not to go, which it isn't, how do you know this? Did she say it?
- 192 Leonard: Not exactly. But she said she was gonna miss me and she gave me this.
- 193 Sheldon: What is it?
- 194 Leonard: It's a blanket with sleeves.
- 195 Sheldon: Oh, that's clever. Let me see if I understand this correctly. Her missing you is an emotional state you find desirable?
- 196 Leonard: Yes, obviously.
- 197 Sheldon: All right. Well, given that missing you is predicated on you leaving, logic dictates you must leave.
- 198 Leonard: Yes, okay, but I'm gonna be gone for three months. What if she doesn't miss me that long and she meets someone else?
- 199 Sheldon: She does have a short attention span.
- 200 Leonard: So, I can't go.
- 201 Sheldon: Leonard, you may be right. It appears that Penny secretly wants you in her life in a very intimate and carnal fashion.
- 202 Leonard: You really think so?
- 203 Sheldon: Of course not. Even in my sleep-deprived state, I've managed to pull off another one of my classic pranks. Bazinga!
- 204 Scene: Outside Penny's door. Leonard is knocking.
- 205 Penny: Oh, Leonard, what time is it?
- 206 Leonard: It's 7 a.m. I'm sorry it's early, but we're leaving soon, and I needed to talk to you.
- 207 Penny: Okay.

- 208 Leonard: What did you mean when you said you're going to miss me?
- 209 Penny: Um, I don't know. You'll be gone and I'll notice.
- 210 Leonard (indicating the blanket): Okay, well, um, what about this? What does this mean?
- 211 Penny: Wine, credit card and late night television are a bad combination.
- 212 Leonard: All right, fine. What about that really long hug? What did that mean?
- 213 Penny: That wasn't a long hug.
- 214 Leonard: It was at least five Mississippis. A standard hug is two Mississippis tops.
- 215 Penny: Leonard, I don't know what to tell you. It was just a hug.
- 216 Leonard: Glad we cleared that up.
- 217 Penny: Yeah.
- 218 Leonard: I guess I'll see you.
- 219 Penny: Okay, have a safe trip.
- 220 Leonard: Thank you. Bye.
- 221 Penny: Okay, bye. (Penny closes door. To herself) Means I wish you weren't going.
- 222 Scene: The North Pole.
- 223 Leonard: Damn it.
- 224 Howard: What?
- 225 Leonard: We're out of ice.
- 226 Sheldon: All right, men, we begin initial assembly and deployment of the testing equipment starting tomorrow at 0700 hours, but until then, you are all off duty. I suggest you keep the shenanigans to a minimum as medical help is 18 hours away by dogsled.
- 227 Raj: What are you working on?
- 228 Howard: Crossbow.
- 229 Leonard: Hey, guys, can I just say something? How about we take a moment to think about where we are right now? This is literally the top of the world. Only a handful of people in all of human history will ever see what we are going to see.
- 230 Raj: He's right.
- 231 Howard: Yeah, wow.
- 232 Sheldon: It is remarkable.
- 233 Raj: So, who's up for a movie?
- 234 Howard: Good idea, what do you think? Ice Station Zebra or John Carpenter's The Thing?
- 235 Raj: I say double feature.
- 236 Leonard: Dinner's ready!
- 237 Sheldon: What are we having?
- 238 Leonard: Reconstituted Thai food.
- 239 Sheldon: Did you bring the dehydrated low-sodium soy sauce?
- 240 Leonard: Check.
- 241 Sheldon: Freeze-dried spicy mustard?
- 242 Leonard: Check.

- 243 Sheldon: Flash-frozen brown rice, not white?
- 244 Leonard: Uh, oh, sorry.
- 245 Sheldon: Not to worry. I hid it. Bazinga! You're in my spot.
- 246 Howard: There's no time for a crossbow. Find me an icicle.
- 247 Sheldon: Three months. This is gonna be great!

# 3 The Big Bang Theory Season 03

## 3.1 Episode 01: The Electric Can Opener Fluctuation

- 1 Scene: Opening shows some scenes from the final episode of the previous season, followed by the caption "Three months later." Scene then opens in lobby, with the guys arriving home from the North Pole. All have long hair and bushy beards except Sheldon, whose hair is slightly longer and who has a goatee.
- 2 Leonard: Oh, thank God we're home.
- 3 Howard: I can't believe we spent three months in that frozen hell.
- 4 Raj: It was like a snowy nightmare from which there was no awakening.
- 5 Sheldon: I don't know what Arctic expedition you guys were on, but I thought it was a hoot and a half.
- 6 Scene: The apartment door. Sheldon is on the phone.
- 7 Sheldon: Oh, hi mom. No, I told you I'd call you when I got home, I'm not home yet. (Walks through door) Alright, I'm home. The Arctic expedition was a remarkable success, I'm all but certain there's a Nobel Prize in my future. Actually, I shouldn't say that. I'm entirely certain. No, mother, I could not feel your church group praying for my safety. The fact that I'm home safe is not proof that it worked, that logic is Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc. No, I'm not sassing you in Eskimo talk.
- 8 Leonard: I'm going to go let Penny know we're back.
- 9 Sheldon: Mother, I have to go. Yeah, love you. Bye. (To his spot) Hello, old friend. (Sits) Daddy's home.
- 10 Scene: Penny's door.
- 11 Penny: Leonard, you're back.
- 12 Leonard: Yeah, I just stopped by to say... (she grabs him and kisses him) Yeah, so, hi!
- 13 Penny: Hi! (They stumble, kissing, into her apartment and slam the door shut)
- 14 Howard: Dammit, I should have gone over and told her we were back.
- 15 Raj: Yeah, it was first come, first served.
- 16 Credits sequence.
- 17 Scene: A moment later.
- 18 Sheldon: I just want you both to know, when I publish my findings, I won't forget your contributions.
- 19 Howard: Great.
- 20 Raj: Thanks.
- 21 Sheldon: Of course, I can't mention you in my Nobel acceptance speech,

but when I get round to writing my memoirs you can expect a very effusive footnote, and perhaps a signed copy.

- 22 Raj: We have to tell him.
- 23 Sheldon: Tell me what?
- 24 Howard: Damn his Vulcan hearing.
- 25 Sheldon: You fellows are planning a party for me, aren't you?
- 26 Howard: Okay, Sheldon, sit down.
- 27 Sheldon: If there's going to be a theme, I should let you know that I don't care for luau, toga or under the sea.
- 28 Howard: Yeah, we'll keep that in mind, look, we need to talk to you about something that happened at the North Pole.
- 29 Sheldon: If this is about the night the heat went out, there's nothing to be embarrassed about.
- 30 Raj: It's not about that.
- 31 Howard: And we agreed to never speak of it again.
- 32 Sheldon: So we slept together naked. It was only to keep our core body temperatures from plummeting.
- 33 Howard: He's speaking about it.
- 34 Raj: For me, it was a bonding moment.
- 35 Howard: Sheldon, you remember the first few weeks we were looking for magnetic monopoles and not finding anything and you were acting like an obnoxious, giant dictator?
- 36 Raj: I thought we were going to be gentle with him.
- 37 Howard: That's why I added the tator. And then when we found our first positive data, you were so happy.
- 38 Sheldon: Oh, yes. In the world of emoticons, I was colon, capital D.
- 39 Howard: Well, in actuality, what your equipment detected wasn't so much evidence of paradigm-shifting monopoles as it was... static from the electric can opener we were turning on and off.
- 40 Raj: He just went colon, capital O.
- 41 Sheldon: You tampered with my experiment?
- 42 Howard: We had to.
- 43 Raj: It was the only way to keep you from being such a huge Dickensian. You see that? I added the ensian.
- 44 Sheldon: Did Leonard know about this? Leonard's my best friend in the world. Surely Leonard didn't know.
- 45 Howard: Actually, it was his idea.
- 46 Sheldon: Of course it was. The whole plan reeks of Leonard.
- 47 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 48 Penny: I missed you so much.
- 49 Leonard: I missed you, too.
- 50 Penny: I couldn't even think of anyone else while you were gone.
- 51 Leonard: Me, neither. Except for one night when the heat went out. Long story, it's... don't ask.
- 52 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard.

- 53 Leonard (whispering): Do not make a sound.
- 54 Sheldon: Whispering do not make a sound is a sound.
- 55 Leonard: Damn his Vulcan hearing. Not a good time, Sheldon.
- 56 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 57 Penny: Oh, this is ridiculous. What?
- 58 Sheldon: Hello, Penny. I realize you're currently at the mercy of your primitive biological urges, but as you have an entire lifetime of poor decisions ahead of you, may I interrupt this one?
- 59 Penny: It's great to see you too. Come on in.
- 60 Sheldon: Wolowitz has informed me of your grand deception. Do you have anything to say for yourself?
- 61 Leonard: Yes, I feel terrible about it. I will never forgive myself, I don't expect you to either, and I would really appreciate it if you would leave me with Penny for a session of self-criticism and repentance.
- 62 Penny: Okay, can someone please tell me what's going on here?
- 63 Sheldon: What's going on is I was led to believe I was making groundbreaking strides in science, when in fact, I was being fed false data at the hands of Wolowitz, Koothrappali and your furry little boy toy.
- 64 Penny: Is that true?
- 65 Leonard: It was the only way to make him happy.
- 66 Penny: Why did you have to make him happy?
- 67 Leonard: Because when he wasn't happy, we wanted to kill him. There was even a plan. We were going to throw his Kindle outside, and when he went to get it, lock the door and let him freeze to death.
- 68 Sheldon: That seems like a bit of an overreaction.
- 69 Leonard: No, the overreaction was the plan to tie your limbs to four different sled dog teams and yell mush. Look, we kept the original data. You can still publish the actual results.
- 70 Sheldon: Yes, but the actual results are unsuccessful and I've already sent an e-mail to everyone at the university explaining that I have confirmed string theory and forever changed man's understanding of the universe.
- 71 Leonard: Aw, see, yeah, you probably shouldn't have done that. So write another e-mail, set the record straight, it's no big deal.
- 72 Sheldon: You're right, Leonard, it's not a big deal. All you did was lie to me destroy my dream and humiliate me in front of the whole university. That, FYI, was sarcasm. I, in fact, believe it is a big deal
- 73 Penny: Oh, the poor thing.
- 74 Leonard: Yeah, I feel terrible.
- 75 Penny: Wait, wait. Aren't you going to go talk to him?
- 76 Leonard: What? Uh, he'll be fine, the guy's a trouper, come here.
- 77 Penny: No, you're right, you shouldn't talk to him. I will.
- 78 Leonard: Man, I cannot catch a break.
- 79 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. Penny knocks and enters.
- 80 Penny: Hey. Do you want to talk?
- 81 Sheldon: About what? Being betrayed by my friends? Spending three

months at the North Pole for nothing? And I didn't even get to go to Comic-Con!

- 82 Penny: Oh, hon... Uh... (singing) Soft kitty, warm kitty...
- 83 Sheldon: That's for when I'm sick. Sad is not sick.
- 84 Penny: Oh. Sorry. I don't know your sad song.
- 85 Sheldon: I don't have a sad song. I'm not a child.
- 86 Penny: Well, you know, I do understand what you're going through.
- 87 Sheldon: Really? Did you just have the Nobel Prize in waitressing stolen from you?
- 88 Penny: Well, no, but when I was a senior in high school, one of my friends heard I was going to be named head cheerleader. Oh, I was so excited. My mom even made me a celebration pie. Then they named stupid Valerie Mossbacher head cheerleader. Big ol' slutbag.
- 89 Sheldon: Are you saying that you think a celebration pie is even remotely comparable to a Nobel Prize?
- 90 Penny: Well, they're pretty tasty.
- 91 Sheldon: And on a different, but not unrelated topic, based on your current efforts to buoy my spirits, do you truly believe that you were ever fit to be a cheer leader?
- 92 Penny: Look, Sheldon, I just don't think that the guys and Leonard really meant to hurt you. You know? They just told an unfortunate lie to deal with a difficult situation. Okay, you know what it's like? Remember that scene in the new Star Trek movie when Kirk has to take over the ship, so he tells Spock all that stuff he knew wasn't true, like saying Spock didn't care his mom died?
- 93 Sheldon: I missed Comic-Con and the new Star Trek movie!
- 94 Scene: The university cafeteria. The guys have shaved and had haircuts. Howard has kept his moustache.
- 95 Raj: I like the new look.
- 96 Howard: Thanks. I call it the Clooney.
- 97 Raj: I call it the Mario and Luigi, but whatever. Hey, how's Sheldon doing?
- 98 Leonard: Well, he came out of his room this morning wearing his Darth Vader helmet and tried to choke me to death with the Force, so I'd say, a little better.
- 99 Howard: If I may abruptly change the subject, did you and Penny finally. . . you know.
- 100 Leonard: Howard...
- 101 Howard: Personally, I don't care, but my genitals wanted me to ask.
- 102 Leonard: Well, tell your genitals what I do with Penny is none of their business.
- 103 Howard (to his genitals): He says they didn't do it.
- 104 Leonard (to Sheldon, entering): Sheldon, over here. (Sheldon sits at another table and tries to choke all three to death with the force. Raj pretends he is choking.)
- 105 Howard: What are you doing?
- 106 Raj: I feel bad for the guy.
- 107 Leonard: Sheldon, why are you sitting by yourself?

- 108 Sheldon: Because I am without friends. Like the proverbial cheese, I stand alone. Even while seated.
- 109 Leonard: Come on. We said we were sorry.
- 110 Sheldon: It's going to take more than I'm sorry and a store-bought apology pie from Penny to make up for what you've done to me.
- 111 Kripke (arriving): Hey, Cooper. Wead your wetwaction e-mail. Way to destroy your weputation.
- 112 Sheldon: You see? People have been pointing and laughing at me all morning.
- 113 Kripke: That's not twue. People have been pointing and waughing at you your whole wife.
- 114 Sheldon: All right, I've had enough. Attention, everyone. I' m Dr. Sheldon Cooper. As many of you in the physics department might know, my career trajectory has taken a minor detour.
- 115 Kripke: Off a cwiff.
- 116 Sheldon: My credibility may have been damaged...
- 117 Kripke: Compwetely wecked.
- 118 Sheldon: But I would like to remind you that in science, there's no such thing as failure. There once was a man who referred to his prediction of a cosmological constant as the single biggest blunder of his career. That man's name was, surprise, surprise, Albert Einstein.
- 119 Kripke: Yeah, but wesearch into Dark Energy pwoved that Einstein's cosmowogical constant was actually wight all along, so you're still, surpwise, surpwise, a woser.
- 120 Sheldon: Oh, you think you're so clever. Well, let me just tell you, while I do not currently have a scathing retort, you check your e-mail periodically for a doozy.
- 121 Leonard: So much for our friendship with Sheldon.
- 122 Raj: Well, we'll always have the night the heat went out.
- 123 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 124 Penny: Hi.
- 125 Leonard: Hey. Listen, since we got, you know, interrupted last night, I didn't have a chance to give you this.
- 126 Penny: Oh, Leonard, you shouldn't have. Oh, boy! What is it?
- 127 Leonard: It's a snowflake. From the North Pole.
- 128 Penny: Are you serious?
- 129 Leonard: Uh-huh. It'll last forever. I preserved it in a one percent solution of polyvinyl acetal resin.
- 130 Penny: Oh, my God. That's the most romantic thing anyone's ever said to me that I didn't understand.
- 131 Leonard: It's actually a pretty simple process. You see, cyanoacrylate are monomers which polymerize on... (she kisses him)
- 132 Howard (arriving): Red alert, Leonard. Sheldon ran away.
- 133 Leonard: Man, I can not catch a break.
- 134 Penny: So, how do you know he ran away?
- 135 Howard: Well, he's not answering his phone, he handed in his resignation

- at the university and he sent me a text that said, I'm running away.
- 136 Leonard: Okay, well, thanks for letting me know.
- 137 Penny: Well, Leonard, aren't you going to do something?
- 138 Leonard: Of course I'm going to do something. Uh, Howard, you check the comic book store. Raj, go to the Thai restaurant. I'll stay here with Penny in her apartment. (His phone rings) Oh, damn it. It's Sheldon's mother. A break cannot be caught. Hi, Mrs. Cooper. He is? Sheldon went home to Texas. Yeah, no, I know he resigned. Yes, I guess it kind of is our fault. No, no, no, you, you're right, someone needs to come talk to him. Don't worry, I'll take care of it. Yeah. All right. New plan. Howard, you and Raj go to Texas. I'll stay here with Penny in her apartment.
- 139 Penny: Well, you're not gonna go with them?
- 140 Leonard: Well, you know, I gave you the snowflake and we were kissing and... Oh, come on, I don't want to go to Texas!
- 141 Howard: Oh, right, and I do? My people already crossed a desert once, we're done.
- 142 Leonard: Trust me, you'll be fine. See ya.
- 143 Penny: Well, wait a second, Leonard, come on, how can you not go? He's your best friend.
- 144 Leonard: Yeah, but I already saw him naked. Just come here.
- 145 Penny: No. I promise I will be here when you get back. Just go help Sheldon.
- 146 Leonard: Really?
- 147 Penny: Yeah. We waited a few months. We can wait a few more days.
- 148 Leonard: Maybe you can.
- 149 Penny: Go.
- 150 Raj: Boy, you cannot catch a break, can you?
- 151 Scene: Sheldon's mother's kitchen.
- 152 Mrs Cooper: Here you go, Shelly.
- 153 Sheldon: Thanks, Mom.
- 154 Mrs Cooper: Hold your horses, young man. Here in Texas, we pray before we eat.
- 155 Sheldon: Aw, Mom.
- 156 Mrs Cooper: This is not California, land of the heathen. Gimme. By His hand we are all. . .
- 157 Sheldon: Fed.
- 158 Mrs Cooper: Give us, Lord, our daily...
- 159 Sheldon: Bread.
- 160 Mrs Cooper: Please know that we are truly...
- 161 Sheldon: Grateful.
- 162 Mrs Cooper: For every cup and every...
- 163 Sheldon: Plateful.
- 164 Mrs Cooper: Amen. Now, that wasn't so hard, was it?
- 165 Sheldon: My objection was based on considerations other than difficulty.
- 166 Mrs Cooper: Whatever. Jesus still loves you.
- 167 Sheldon: Thank you for carving a smiley face in my grilled cheese sand-

wich.

- 168 Mrs Cooper: Oh, I know how to take care of my baby. His eyes came out a little thin, but you can just pretend he's Chinese. So, do you want to talk about what happened with you and your little friends?
- 169 Sheldon: They're not my friends.
- 170 Mrs Cooper: All right. If you recall, when you were little, we sat right here at this very spot and we talked about some of the problems you had getting along with the neighbour kids.
- 171 Sheldon: That was different. They were threatened by my intelligence and too stupid to know that's why they hated me.
- 172 Mrs Cooper: Oh baby, they knew very well why they hated you.
- 173 Scene: A rental car.
- 174 Leonard: I can't believe you bought a red cowboy hat.
- 175 Howard: Hello? I'm wearing a red turtleneck. Plus, it was the only boys' large they had.
- 176 Raj: I'm sorry, this does not look like Texas. Where's the tumbleweeds? Where's the saloons?
- 177 Leonard: Saloons?
- 178 Raj: Yeah, like in the movies I saw growing up in India. You know, uh, Four for Texas, Yellow Rose of Texas.
- 179 Howard: This neighbourhood is more Texas Chainsaw Massacre.
- 180 Raj: I was really hoping to see a cattle drive.
- 181 Leonard: What can I tell you? They probably have steaks on sale at that big-ass Costco over there.
- 182 Scene: Sheldon's mother's house.
- 183 Leonard: Will you please take that stupid hat off?
- 184 Howard: No, I want to blend in.
- 185 Raj: To what? Toy Story?
- 186 Mrs Cooper: Hi, boys.
- 187 Howard: Howdy, ma'am.
- 188 Mrs Cooper: Howdy to you, too. You got here quick.
- 189 Leonard: We took the red-eye.
- 190 Mrs Cooper: Well, come on in.
- 191 Howard: Thank you kindly.
- 192 Mrs Cooper: Can I... Can I get you something to drink?
- 193 Leonard: Uh, no, thank you.
- 194 Howard: If y'all don't mind, I got a hankerin' for a Lone Star beer.
- 195 Mrs Cooper: There's no alcohol in this household. Stop talking like that and lose the hat.
- 196 Howard: Sorry. I'll take a diet Yoo-Hoo if you have it.
- 197 Mrs Cooper: You'll take a Cola. What about you? Radge, isn't it? Oh, you still having trouble talking to the ladies? Because, you know, at our church we have a woman who's an amazing healer. Mostly she does, uh, crutch and wheelchair people, but I bet she'd be willing to take a shot at whatever Third World demon is running around inside of you.
- 198 Leonard: Uh, if you don't mind, Mrs. Cooper, there's a 3:05 nonstop back

- to Los Angeles, and you have no idea how much I want to be on it.
- 199 Mrs Cooper: A girl?
- 200 Leonard: Uh, yes, ma'am.
- 201 Mrs Cooper: Oh, good. I've been praying for you. Oh, Sheldon.
- 202 Sheldon: What are they doing here?
- 203 Leonard: We came to apologize.
- 204 Howard: Again.
- 205 Leonard: And bring you home. So, why don't you pack up your stuff and we'll head back.
- 206 Leonard: No, this is my home now. Thanks to you, my career is over and I will spend the rest of my life here in Texas trying to teach evolution to creationists.
- 207 Mrs Cooper: You watch your mouth, Shelly. Everyone's entitled to their opinion.
- 208 Sheldon: Evolution isn't an opinion, it's fact.
- 209 Mrs Cooper: And that is your opinion.
- 210 Sheldon: I forgive you. Let's go home.
- 211 Mrs Cooper: Don't tell me prayer doesn't work.
- 212 Scene: In Penny's bed.
- 213 Leonard: How about that? I finally caught a break.
- 214 Penny: Uh-huh.
- 215 Leonard: You know how they say when friends have s\*x it can get weird?
- 216 Penny: Sure.
- 217 Leonard: Why does it have to get weird?
- 218 Penny: I don't know.
- 219 Leonard: I mean, we were friends, and now we're more than friends. We're whatever this is. But why label it, right? I mean, it is what it is and...
- 220 Penny: Leonard?
- 221 Leonard: Yeah?
- 222 Penny: It's weird.
- 223 Leonard: Totally.

### 3.2 Episode 02: The Jiminy Conjecture

- 1 Scene: The comic book store.
- 2 Howard: Sheldon, you're wrong. Wolverine was not born with bone claws.
- 3 Sheldon: Howard, you know me to be a very smart man. Don't you think if I were wrong, I'd know it?
- 4 Howard: Okay, first of all...
- 5 Raj: Give it up, dude, you're arguing with a crazy person.
- 6 Sheldon: I'm not crazy. My mother had me tested.
- 7 Leonard: Hey, guys.
- 8 Howard: What are you doing here?
- 9 Leonard: What do you mean? It's new comic book night.
- 10 Raj: Yeah, but since you and Penny finally hooked up, we thought you two would be having bouncy naked yum-yum night.

- 11 Leonard: There's more to life than s\*x, Raj.
- 12 Howard: Okay, who had Leonard flames out with Penny in less than 24 hours"?
- 13 Sheldon: I did.
- 14 Leonard: Nothing flamed out. We don't have to have s\*x every night, you know.
- 15 Howard: You don't have to, but it's highly recommended.
- 16 Raj: Yeah, take advantage of that window of opportunity before it slams shut on your little dinky.
- 17 Leonard: It's not a matter of opportunity. We're getting to know each other. There's a learning curve.
- 18 Howard: What's there to learn? You get naked, do nasty things to each other, then somebody makes scrambled eggs and salami. Easy peasy.
- 19 Sheldon: Perhaps what Leonard is obliquely referring to is the occurrence of some sort of sexual dysfunction.
- 20 Raj: Okay, who had Leonard gets a floppy disk?
- 21 Sheldon: Oh, a clever, albeit obsolete, euphemism for insufficient blood flow to the male s\*x organ.
- 22 Leonard: Nothing like that happened, all right? The s\*x was just fine.
- 23 Raj: Just fine? Oh, dude, the fourth Harry Potter movie was just fine.
- 24 Leonard: I'm not saying it was bad, I'm just saying it... wasn't great.
- 25 Howard: Okay, when you say "it wasn't great, do you mean for both of you? Because we can totally see it not being great for her. Am I right?
- 26 Raj: Oh, yeah.
- 27 Leonard: To tell you the truth, I think we were both a little, I don't know...
- 28 Raj: Disappointed? Let down?
- 29 Howard: Ashamed? Horrified? Repulsed?
- 30 Leonard: All I know is, it wasn't the way I dreamed it would be.
- 31 Howard: s\*x is never the way I dream it's gonna be.
- 32 Raj: That's because in your dreams you're a horse from the waist down.
- 33 Sheldon: Excuse me, Wolverine: Origin. Miniseries issue two, page 22. Retractable bone claws. If you people spent less time thinking about s\*x and more time concentrating on comic books, we'd have far fewer of these embarrassing moments.
- 34 Credits Sequence
- 35 Scene: The apartment.
- 36 Leonard: Sheldon, dinner's here.
- 37 Sheldon: Tandoori Palace?
- 38 Leonard: No, we went somewhere new.
- 39 Sheldon: You're good-naturedly ribbing me, aren't you?
- 40 Leonard: No, look, Mumbai Palace.
- 41 Sheldon: Why? Why would we change? We had a perfectly good palace. Tandoori Palace is our palace.
- 42 Leonard: Trust me, this will be just fine.
- 43 Howard: You are the authority on just fine.
- 44 Leonard: What's that supposed to mean?

- 45 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): Yeah, exactly. Not bad, but not great.
- 46 Penny: What are they talking about?
- 47 Leonard: I don't know
- 48 Sheldon: I know. As I'm sure you're aware...
- 49 Leonard: Duh-duh-duh-duh-duh.
- 50 Sheldon: If that's Morse code, that's terrible. As I was saying, you and Leonard had a disappointing sexual encounter. Earlier this evening, Leonard characterized it as just fine. So what you're seeing here is a continuation of the mocking that followed.
- 51 Penny: Okay, yeah, well, I'm just gonna go eat my dinner elsewhere. Maybe an airplane headed for a mountainside.
- 52 Leonard: Penny, wait. Aagh! What is wrong with you?
- 53 Sheldon: I sense I may have crossed some sort of line.
- 54 Raj: Yeah, you...
- 55 Howard: Uh, no, no, no, don't tell him, let's see if he can figure it out.
- 56 Penny: Ugh, I am so embarrassed!
- 57 Leonard: Please don't be mad.
- 58 Penny: What did you tell them?
- 59 Leonard: Nothing bad, just that last night was fine.
- 60 Penny: Fine? You said it was fine?
- 61 Leonard: Yeah, it's a perfectly good word. You put it in front of wine or dining, and you've really got something. Okay, well, let me ask you this, how was last night for you?
- 62 Penny: It was... okay.
- 63 Leonard: Okay?
- 64 Penny: Yeah, it's a perfectly good word. I mean, you put it in front of dokay and you really got something. All right, look, let's not overreact, you know? For a lot of couples, it takes time to get to know each other's rhythms. Learn what the other person wants and likes.
- 65 Leonard: So, you've been through this before?
- 66 Penny: No.
- 67 Leonard: Okay-dokay.
- 68 Penny: You know, I think this is one of those things where talking about it is not going to make it better. Want a glass of wine?
- 69 Leonard: So much.
- 70 Penny: Okay. See, we should've done this last night, you know, have a little wine, take the edge off.
- 71 Leonard: Actually, ethyl alcohol inhibits electrical conduction in the nerve cells and stimulates reuptake receptors of inhibitory neurotransmitters like gamma-aminobutyric acid.
- 72 Penny: Don't talk, just drink.
- 73 Howard: No, you're misunderstanding. A shiksa goddess isn't an actual goddess and we don't pray to them, we prey on them.
- 74 Raj: Whatever, dude. The point is, Leonard's got one and you don't.
- 75 Sheldon: Is this it? It was inappropriate to discuss Leonard and Penny's s\*x life in front of Leonard and Penny. (Howard indicates that he has got it.)

- Oh, good! Now I can eat.
- 76 Raj: What's that?
- 77 Howard: Sounds like a cricket.
- 78 Sheldon: Hang on. Based on the number of chirps per minute and the ambient temperature in this room, it is a snowy tree cricket.
- 79 Howard: Oh, give me a frickin' break. How could you possibly know that?
- 80 Sheldon: In 1890, Emile Dolbear determined that there was a fixed relationship between the number of chirps per minute of the snowy tree cricket and the ambient temperature. A precise relationship that is not present with ordinary field crickets.
- 81 Raj: How do you know what the exact temperature of the room is?
- 82 Sheldon: Under the terms of my roommate agreement with Leonard, I've had unilateral control of the thermostat ever since the sweaty night of '06.
- 83 Howard: Okay, you were right about Wolverine and bone claws, but you're wrong about the cricket.
- 84 Sheldon: Howard, don't embarrass yourself, the science chirps for itself. Humorous word play.
- 85 Howard: No, no, not this time. I know insects, my friend, I spent many childhood years capturing them with nets, putting them in glass jars, sticking pins through them, mounting them on corrugated cardboard with Dymo labels underneath, identifying the genus and species. In Latin.
- 86 Raj: Oh, dude, you are never getting a shiksa goddess.
- 87 Sheldon: That is a snowy tree cricket. Oecanthus fultoni. I was done with Latin by fifth grade.
- 88 Howard: Okay, okay, tell you what. I am willing to bet anything that's an ordinary field cricket.
- 89 Sheldon: I can't take your money.
- 90 Howard: What's the matter, you chicken?
- 91 Sheldon: I've always found that an inappropriate slur. Chickens are not, by nature, at all timid. In fact, when I was young, my neighbour's chicken got loose and chased me up the big elm tree in front of our house.
- 92 Raj: Chickens can't climb trees
- 93 Sheldon: Thank God.
- 94 Howard: Okay, I believe a chicken made you his bitch. But the cricket thing, I don't buy. Bet me.
- 95 Sheldon: Fair enough. What stake do you propose?
- 96 Howard: I will put up my Fantastic Four number 48, first appearance of Silver Surfer against your Flash 123, the classic Flash of two worlds issue.
- 97 Sheldon: All right, you have a wager.
- 98 Howard: Hmm.
- 99 Raj: Great. Now how are you going to settle it, hmm? There is no way to determine the species of the cricket without examining it.
- 100 Slight time shift. The guys are searching for the cricket.
- 101 Raj: I wonder what the non-pathetic people are doing tonight.
- 102 Scene: Penny's apartment, Penny and Leonard are kissing. They break and look at each other uncomfortably.

- 103 Leonard: More wine?
- 104 Penny: Hit me.
- 105 Scene: The apartment, the guys are still searching for the cricket. They are inside the cupboard.
- 106 Sheldon: I don't see anything.
- 107 Howard: Shh!
- 108 Raj: Hallway. (All try to exit at once and get stuck in doorway.)
- 109 Sheldon: One at a time. (Same thing happens again. Eventually they leave the apartment. There is a growling noise.) What was that?
- 110 Raj: My stomach. Indian food doesn't agree with me. Ironic, isn't it?
- 111 Howard: Shh! Elevator shaft.
- 112 Sheldon: Help me open it.
- 113 Howard: Are you crazy? We can't go down an empty elevator shaft.
- 114 Sheldon: Fine, if you don't want to proceed, then you forfeit the bet, and I'll take possession of your Fantastic Four.
- 115 Howard: Let's open her up.
- 116 Sheldon: Are you bothered that I can so easily manipulate you?
- 117 Howard: Don't push me, Sheldon. I may be small, but I took kung fu when I was 13, and I remember a good deal of it.
- 118 Sheldon: Oh, really? Well, I grew up with an older brother and a very contentious twin sister and I believe I could easily best you in any physical confrontation, be it noogies, swirlies or the classic why are you hitting yourself?
- 119 Raj: Ooh, big talk from a man who was once treed by a chicken.
- 120 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 121 Leonard: What are we drinking now?
- 122 Penny: Peppermint schnapps.
- 123 Leonard: Why would you buy peppermint schnapps?
- 124 Penny: Because I like peppermint, and it's fun to say schnapps. Hey, Leonard?
- 125 Leonard: What?
- 126 Penny: Schnapps.
- 127 Leonard: Schnapps. You're right, that is fun.
- 128 Scene: The elevator shaft. Sheldon is inside.
- 129 Raj: Be careful.
- 130 Sheldon: If I were not being careful, your telling me to be careful would not make me careful.
- 131 Raj (hearing the cricket): Stairwell.
- 132 Sheldon: Uh-oh, flashlight went out. I need some batteries. Fellas? Hello? It's really dark down here.
- 133 Scene: Penny's bathroom. Leonard is vomiting in the toilet.
- 134 Penny: Oh, sweetie. You really can't hold your liquor, can you?
- 135 Leonard: I'm okay. Just a little mouthwash, and then I'm gonna rock your world. (Penny vomits in sink) Are you okay? (Vomits in toilet again)
- 136 Scene: The university cafeteria. Raj has the cricket in a jar.
- 137 Raj: Ugh, Toby, what did you do in a past life to be so disgusting now?
- 138 Sheldon: His name isn't Toby. Toby is an absurd name for a cricket.

- 139 Raj: What would you name him?
- 140 Sheldon: An appropriate cricket name. For example, Jiminy.
- 141 Howard: All right, Sheldon, here we go, Kleingast's Field Guide to North American Insects. Hey, Toby. Right here, see it? The common field cricket, aka Gryllus assimilis, which is Latin for suck it, you lose.
- 142 Sheldon: Hang on. Voilà, the snowy tree cricket, aka Oecanthus fultoni, which is Latin for I'll suck nothing. Of course I'm joking because the Latin for that is nihil exsorbibo.
- 143 Howard: That is not Toby, this is Toby. Raj, what do you think?
- 144 Raj: Oh, I really don't care anymore
- 145 Leonard: God, I had the most horrible night.
- 146 Raj: What happened?
- 147 Sheldon: Obviously another carnal fiasco with the shiksi goddess.
- 148 Howard: Shiksa. Shik-sa.
- 149 Sheldon: Forgive me. Yiddish was not spoken in east Texas. And if it was, it wasn't spoken for long.
- 150 Howard: Yeah, fine, whatever. The point is, you're wrong again.
- 151 Sheldon: We haven't established that I'm wrong once.
- 152 Howard: All right. Tell you what, let's go down to the Entomology Department and let Professor
- 153 Crawley tell us what kind of cricket Toby is.
- 154 Sheldon: He's a snowy tree cricket, and his name is Jiminy. (They leave)
- 155 Leonard: I bet I could throw a rock in this room and come up with three better friends.
- 156 Scene: The Entomology Department.
- 157 Raj: Holy crap. It's like Silence of the Lambs down here. (Howard tickles the back of his neck. He screams) Don't do that!
- 158 Howard: You're such a girl. They're just bugs.
- 159 Raj: Yeah, well, I don't like bugs, okay? They freak me out.
- 160 Sheldon: Interesting. You're afraid of insects and women. Ladybugs must render you catatonic. It was a joke. I made it to lessen your discomfort. You're welcome
- 161 Prof Crawley (arriving): Don't knock. Just walk in. Why be polite to the world's leading expert on the dung beetle?
- 162 Sheldon: Excuse me, are you Professor Crawley?
- 163 Prof Crawley: Who wants to know?
- 164 Sheldon: I'm Dr. Cooper from the Physics Department.
- 165 Prof Crawley: Couldn't wait, huh?
- 166 Sheldon: I'm sorry?
- 167 Prof Crawley: I haven't even packed yet, and you're already measuring my lab for one of your godless laser machines.
- 168 Howard: No, you don't understand. We just want to ask you a question.
- 169 Prof Crawley: Let me ask you one first. What's a world renowned entomologist with a doctorate and 20 years of experience to do with his life when the university cuts off the funding for his lab, huh?
- 170 Raj: Ask rhetorical questions that make people uncomfortable?

- 171 Prof Crawley: What's your deal? Are they planning to outsource my job to Bangalore?
- 172 Raj: I'm from New Delhi. Maybe you should find another entomologist.
- 173 Sheldon: No, no. We're here, let's settle this. Professor, can you identify our cricket?
- 174 Prof Crawley: Of course I can. I can identify every insect and arachnid on the planet. Not that that's going to keep me from having to move in with my daughter in Oxnard. And we're not talking Oxnard at the beach. No! We're talking Oxnard in the onion fields.
- 175 Howard: Well, could you look at Toby?
- 176 Prof Crawley: Toby? What a stupid name for a cricket.
- 177 Sheldon: Told you.
- 178 Prof Crawley: It's a field cricket.
- 179 Howard: Yes!
- 180 Sheldon: No, no, wait. Dr. Crawley, are you sure?
- 181 Prof Crawley: Young man, I've been studying insects since I was eight years old. You know what they used to call me in school? Creepy Crawley.
- 182 Sheldon: Cruel as that may be, that is not in itself a credential.
- 183 Prof Crawley: Let me show you something. See that? That's a Crawley's dung beetle. I discovered it after spending six months slogging through a Bornean rain forest, while my wife was back home shacking up with a two-bit ornithologist who lives on a sailboat and likes to wear boot-cut jeans! So, when I tell you that that's a common field cricket, you can take that to the damn bank! Cause God knows I can't. That tramp took me for everything!
- 184 Sheldon: Well, apparently, I was wrong. Congratulations.
- 185 Raj: Enjoy Oxnard. I'm sure your daughter's looking forward to having you.
- 186 Scene: The lobby.
- 187 Penny: Oh, hey, Sheldon. What you got there? A new comic book?
- 188 Sheldon: Old comic book. I just retrieved it from my safe deposit box.
- 189 Penny: What do you have a safe deposit box for?
- 190 Sheldon: Old comic books. I lost this to Wolowitz in an ill-considered cricket wager.
- 191 Penny: What, do they have Wii cricket now? That can't be very popular.
- 192 Sheldon: Penny, I'd rather not talk about it.
- 193 Penny: Well, if it makes you feel any better, I'm not feeling so hot either.
- 194 Sheldon: Why would that make me feel better?
- 195 Penny: I don't know, empathy? Anyway, I'm just saying that you're feeling upset about something with Howard, and I'm upset about something with Leonard.
- 196 Sheldon: Yes, yes, the disappointing s\*x. That's an inexact parallel. You and Leonard can always return to being friends, whereas I can never return to a state in which Wolowitz has not bested me like Mrs. Riley's chicken.
- 197 Penny: What's Mrs. Riley's chicken?
- 198 Sheldon: A chicken that was owned by Mrs. Riley.
- 199 Penny: Okay, forget the chicken.

- 200 Sheldon: Well, I wish I could.
- 201 Penny: No, no. You may be right about me and Leonard.
- 202 Sheldon: Of course I'm right What are the odds I'd be wrong twice in one week?
- 203 Penny: No, I mean, we can always go back to being friends.
- 204 Sheldon: I just said that. This conversation has started to circle. Meeting adjourned.
- 205 Scene: The apartment
- 206 Sheldon: Hello.
- 207 Leonard: Hey. What's going on?
- 208 Sheldon: Oh, you'd like to catch up on the events of the day. All right. Well, there was a half-hour wait at the bank to get into my safe deposit box, I was forced to talk to Penny about your sexual problems, and, oh, yes, in a moment filled with biblical resonance, pride wenteth before my fall, causing my Flash 123 to goeth to Wolowitz.
- 209 Leonard: Wait a minute. You talked to Penny about our s\*x life?
- 210 Sheldon: Leonard, it astonishes me how you continually fixate on the trivial. I lost a bet to Wolowitz.
- 211 Leonard: Right, right. You're saying you talked to Penny?
- 212 Sheldon: Yes.
- 213 Leonard: Interesting.
- 214 Sheldon: Hardly.
- 215 Leonard: Excuse me.
- 216 Sheldon: Have I crossed some sort of line again?
- 217 Leonard: Little bit. (Exits)
- 218 Sheldon: Hmm. Oh, who cares?
- 219 Scene: Penny's doorway.
- 220 Penny: Oh, hey.
- 221 Leonard: Hey. Uh, what did Sheldon say to you?
- 222 Penny: Not a lot. Just that we always have the option of going back to being friends.
- 223 Leonard: Is that what you want?
- 224 Penny: I don't know. I mean, you have to admit things seemed simpler when we were just friends.
- 225 Leonard: I guess.
- 226 Penny: It would take the pressure off.
- 227 Leonard: It would, wouldn't it?
- 228 Penny: So, we'll just be friends.
- 229 Leonard: Good, good.
- 230 Penny: Come here. (She gives him a hug. It turns into a big kiss.)
- 231 Leonard (closing door): Okay-dokay

# 3.3 Episode 03: The Gothowitz Deviation

1 - Scene: The apartment kitchen. Penny is cooking breakfast while singing and dancing along to "Man I Feel Like A Woman" by Shenia Twain. Sheldon

#### enters.

- 2 Penny: Morning, Sheldon. Come dance with me.
- 3 Sheldon: No.
- 4 Penny: Why not?
- 5 Sheldon: Penny, while I subscribe to the many worlds theory which posits the existence of an infinite number of Sheldons in an infinite number of universes, I assure you that in none of them am I dancing.
- 6 Penny: Are you fun in any of them?
- 7 Sheldon: The math would suggest that in a few I'm a clown made of candy. But I don't dance.
- 8 Penny: All right, want some French toast?
- 9 Sheldon: It's Oatmeal Day.
- 10 Penny: Tell you what, next French Toast Day, I will make you oatmeal.
- 11 Sheldon: Dear Lord, are you still going to be here on French Toast Day?
- 12 Leonard: Morning.
- 13 Sheldon: Look, Leonard, Penny made French toast.
- 14 Leonard: Sorry. I haven't given her your schedule yet.
- 15 Sheldon: It's an iCal download, she can put it right in her phone. And I thought we agreed that you'd have your conjugal visits in her apartment.
- 16 Leonard: We did, but there were extenuating circumstances.
- 17 Sheldon: I see. Did her abysmal housekeeping skills finally trump her perkiness?
- 18 Leonard: No, her bed kind of... broke.
- 19 Sheldon: That doesn't seem likely. Her bed's of sturdy construction. Even the addition
- 20 of a second normal size human being wouldn't cause a structural failure, much less a homunculus such as yourself.
- 21 Penny: A homunculus?
- 22 Leonard: Perfectly formed miniature human being.
- 23 Penny: Oh, you're my little homunculus.
- 24 Leonard: Don't do that.
- 25 Penny: Sorry. Okay, who wants syrup and who wants cinnamon sugar?
- 26 Sheldon: I want oatmeal.
- 27 Penny: Yes, well, I want a boyfriend whose roommate isn't a giant pain in the ass.
- 28 Sheldon: I'm sure that will happen soon enough. But in the meantime, I still want oatmeal.
- 29 Penny: You know what, I give up. He's impossible.
- 30 Sheldon: I can't be impossible. I exist. I believe what you meant to say is, "I give up, he's improbable."
- 31 Leonard: Sheldon, you really need to find a better way of dealing with Penny.
- 32 Sheldon: What am I supposed to do, eat French toast on a Monday? Now, that would be impossible.
- 33 Leonard: I'm just saying, you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

- 34 Sheldon: You can catch even more flies with manure. What's your point?
- 35 Leonard: It's a... (gives up)
- 36 Sheldon: Boy, that does smell good. Too bad it's Monday.
- 37 Credits sequence.
- 38 Scene: The apartment.
- 39 Penny: Okay, so Kim the night manager went on maternity leave, and her husband's name is Sandy, right? So get this, her replacement is a woman named Sandy whose husband's name is Kim.
- 40 Leonard: Wow!
- 41 Penny: I know. What are the odds?
- 42 Sheldon: Easily calculable, we begin by identifying the set of married couples with unisex names. We then eliminate those unqualified for restaurant work, the aged, the imprisoned and the limbless, for example. Next we look at
- 43 Leonard: Sheldon! it's an amazing coincidence, can we leave it at that?
- 44 Sheldon: I'm sorry. Ooh, Penny, it's as if the Cheesecake Factory is run by witches.
- 45 Penny: Ooh, Sheldon, it's as if you don't think I'll punch you.
- 46 Leonard: Come on, you guys, let it go.
- 47 Penny: Fine, whatever. Are you finished?
- 48 Sheldon: Well, thank you. How thoughtful. Would you like a chocolate
- 49 Penny: Um, yeah, sure, thanks.
- 50 Leonard: What was that?
- 51 Sheldon: You said be nice to Penny. I believe offering chocolate to someone falls within the definition of nice.
- 52 Leonard: It does. But in my experience, you don't.
- 53 Sheldon: There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.
- 54 Leonard: Yeah, yeah, now that's you, obnoxious and insufferable.
- 55 Howard (arriving, in goth gear): What's going on, day dwellers?
- 56 Penny: Oh, man, did the Kiss Army repeal don't ask, don't tell?
- 57 Howard: No. Raj and I are going a goth club in Hollywood to hang with the night people. Anybody want to come along?
- 58 Penny: Oh, wow, you're actually going out like that?
- 59 Howard: No, no. I'm going out like this. (Whips off jacket to reveal tattoos up both arms)
- 60 Leonard: Howard, what did you do?
- 61 Howard: They're called tattoo sleeves. Look. I bought them online, Raj got a set, too. Fantastic, right? Put them on, have hot s\*x with some freaky girl with her business pierced, take them off, and I can still be buried in a Jewish cemetery.
- 62 Sheldon: You know, I've always wanted to go to a goth nighclub.
- 63 Howard: Really?
- 64 Sheldon: Bazinga! None of you ever see my practical jokes coming, do you?
- 65 Howard: Okay, how about you two? Look, I've got some extra tat sleeves.
- 66 Leonard: Why are you carrying extras?

- 67 Howard: Well, In case I snag one on someone's nipple ring.
- 68 Penny: Uh, yeah, I think we'll pass.
- 69 Howard: Oh, is the missus speaking for the couple now?
- 70 Leonard: In this case, you bet she is.
- 71 Howard (after Raj whispers): Yes, she's pushy and yes, he's whipped, but that's not the expression. Come on, I want to stop at Walgreens and pick up some more eyeliner.
- 72 Leonard: They're gonna get beaten up at that club.
- 73 Penny: They're gonna get beaten up at Walgreens. Oh, sorry, Sheldon, I almost sat in your spot.
- 74 Sheldon: Did you? I didn't notice. Have a chocolate.
- 75 Penny: Thank you.
- 76 Scene: The goth club.
- 77 Raj: I think we're fitting in quite nicely.
- 78 Howard: It'd help if you weren't drinking light beer.
- 79 Raj: Oh, what's so gothic about vodka and cranberry juice?
- 80 Howard: Hello, it looks like blood. Did you even read the Wiki How link I sent you on being goth?
- 81 Raj: No, I'm behind on my wiki-reading I'm kind of on a John Grisham kick right now.
- 82 Howard: What?
- 83 Raj: Well, I finished reading The Pelican Brief and loved it so much, I dived right into The Client. He was a lawyer himself so his novels are accurate as well as entertaining.
- 84 Howard: Just remember we are lost boys, children of the night.
- 85 Raj: Great. Lost boys, children of the night. Got it. Can you pass the Chex mix, please. Thank you. We are lost boys.
- 86 Girl: Good for you.
- 87 Howard: I'm actually much morelost than he is.
- 88 Girl: Nice ink.
- 89 Howard: Thanks. Can we buy you ladies a drink?
- 90 Girl: Two light beers.
- 91 Raj: Light beers? Well, Wiki-how about that?
- 92 Second girl: What's your names?
- 93 Howard: I'm Howard.
- 94 Raj: Raj.
- 95 Girl: I'm Bethany.
- 96 Howard: Nice to meet you, Bethany.
- 97 Raj: Yes, very nice.
- 98 Bethany: Nice to meet you too.
- 99 Second girl: I'm Sarah. Not that anyone cares.
- 100 Raj: Do either of you ladies enjoy the novels of John Grisham?
- 101 Scene: The apartment.
- 102 Penny: What's this cartoon called again?
- 103 Leonard: Oshikuru: Demon Samurai.
- 104 Sheldon: And it's not a cartoon, it's anime.

- 105 Penny: Anime. You know, I knew a girl in high school named Anna May. Anna May Fletcher. She was born with one nostril. Then she had this bad nose job and basically wound up with three.
- 106 Sheldon: You're here a lot now.
- 107 Penny: Oh, am I talking too much? I'm sorry. Zip.
- 108 Sheldon: Thank you. Chocolate?
- 109 Penny: Yes please. (Her phone rings) Oh. Hey, Kim. Yeah, I... (sees Sheldon looking disapprovingly) You know what, hold on, let me take this in the hall. (Sheldon silently offers her another chocolate. She takes it.) You'll never guess who they got to replace you at work...
- 110 Leonard: Okay, I know what you're doing.
- 111 Sheldon: Really?
- 112 Leonard: Yes, you're using chocolates as positive reinforcement for what you consider correct behaviour.
- 113 Sheldon: Very good. Chocolate?
- 114 Leonard: No, I don't want any chocolate! Sheldon, you can't train my girlfriend like a lab rat.
- 115 Sheldon: Actually, it turns out I can.
- 116 Leonard: Well, you shouldn't.
- 117 Sheldon: There's just no pleasing you, is there, Leonard? You weren't happy with my previous approach to dealing with her, so I decided to employ operant conditioning techniques, building on the work of Thorndike and B.F. Skinner. By this time next week, I believe I can have her jumping out of a pool, balancing a beach ball on her nose.
- 118 Leonard: No, this has to stop now.
- 119 Sheldon: I'm not suggesting we really make her jump out of a pool. I thought the "bazinga" was implied. I'm just tweaking her personality, sanding off the rough edges if you will.
- 120 Leonard: No, you're not sanding Penny.
- 121 Sheldon: Are you saying that I'm forbidden from applying a harmless, scientifically valid protocol that will make our lives better?
- 122 Leonard: Yes, you're forbidden.
- 123 Sheldon (Squirting him with a water spray): Bad Leonard.
- 124 Scene: The goth club.
- 125 Bethany: So what do you guys do?
- 126 Howard: Oh, you know, goth stuff. Goth magazines, goth music.
- 127 Raj: Goth food.
- 128 Sarah: What's goth food?
- 129 Raj: Uh... blackened salmon?
- 130 Bethany: No, I meant what do you do for jobs?
- 131 Raj: Oh, we're scientists.
- 132 Howard: Yeah, you know, the dark sciences.
- 133 Bethany: What are the dark sciences
- 134 Raj: Well, I am an astrophysicist and a lot of that takes place at night. When there are vampires and miscellaneous undead out and about.
- 135 Howard: Oy vay.

- 136 Raj: That sounds really cool.
- 137 Howard: Does it? Okay, if you like space stuff, I design components for the international space station. Which is in space. Where, as I'm sure you know, no one can hear you scream.
- 138 Raj: So what do you gals do?
- 139 Bethany: I work at the Gap.
- 140 Howard: Really? How about that? I've been to the Gap.
- 141 Raj: Yeah, I've been there as well. I like your tee-shirts with the little pocket.
- 142 Sarah: I work there too. Not that anyone cares. You know, this place is boring.
- 143 Bethany: Yeah. Why don't we go somewhere else and have some fun?
- 144 Howard: Okay.
- 145 Raj: Sure, we like fun.
- 146 Howard: We are fun people.
- 147 Raj: Dark and fun.
- 148 Bethany: Come on, I know a place you'll really dig.
- 149 Howard: Did you bring the black condoms?
- 150 Raj: In my fanny pack.
- 151 Howard: Let's go.
- 152 Scene: A tattoo parlour. Bethany is getting a tattoo.
- 153 Raj: Are you happy now?
- 154 Howard: Not particularly.
- 155 Scene: The apartment.
- 156 Penny (voice outside door): Oh' my God, she didn't!
- 157 Leonard: What could she possibly be talking about for so long?
- 158 Sheldon: Obviously, waitressing at the Cheesecake Factory is a complex socioeconomic activity, that requires a great deal of analysis and planning. Bazinga! You know, using positive reinforcement techniques, I could train that behaviour out of her in a week.
- 159 Leonard: No.
- 160 Sheldon: If you let me use negative reinforcement, I can get it done before we go to bed.
- 161 Leonard: You're not squirting her in the face with water.
- 162 Sheldon: No, of course not. We're talking very mild electric shocks. No tissue damage whatsoever.
- 163 Leonard: Forget it.
- 164 Sheldon: Oh, come on, you can't tell me that you're not intrigued about the possibility of building a better girlfriend.
- 165 Leonard: I'm not. And Penny's qualities, both good and bad, are what make her who she is.
- 166 Sheldon: You mean, like that high-pitched, irritating laugh?
- 167 Leonard: Yes.
- 168 Sheldon You wouldn't prefer a throaty chuckle?
- 169 Leonard: You're not changing how Penny laughs.
- 170 Sheldon: No, that would be incongruous, I was going to lower the whole

- voice to a more pleasing register.
- 171 Penny (entering): Uh, sorry guys, that girl is (high pitched) freaky!
- 172 Sheldon: Come again?
- 173 Penny (normal voice): Freaky.
- 174 Sheldon (lower voice): Freaky?
- 175 Penny (lower voice): Yeah, freaky.
- 176 Sheldon: Have a chocolate.
- 177 Penny: Thank you.
- 178 Scene: The tattoo parlour. Howard is laying down, preparing to have a tattoo on his lower back.
- 179 Raj: Are you seriously going to deface your body just for the possibility you could have cheap s\*x with a strange girl you met in a bar?
- 180 Howard: Uh, yeah!
- 181 Raj: What is your mother going to say?
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- 248 Series 3 Episode 03 The Gothowitz Deviation
- 249 Scene: The apartment kitchen. Penny is cooking breakfast while singing and dancing along to "Man I Feel Like A Woman" by Shenia Twain. Sheldon enters.
- 250 Penny: Morning, Sheldon. Come dance with me.
- 251 Sheldon: No.
- 252 Penny: Why not?
- 253 Sheldon: Penny, while I subscribe to the many worlds theory which posits the existence of an infinite number of Sheldons in an infinite number of universes, I assure you that in none of them am I dancing.
- 254 Penny: Are you fun in any of them?
- 255 Sheldon: The math would suggest that in a few I'm a clown made of candy. But I don't dance.
- 256 Penny: All right, want some French toast?
- 257 Sheldon: It's Oatmeal Day.
- 258 Penny: Tell you what, next French Toast Day, I will make you oatmeal.
- 259 Sheldon: Dear Lord, are you still going to be here on French Toast Day?
- 260 Leonard: Morning.
- 261 Sheldon: Look, Leonard, Penny made French toast.
- 262 Leonard: Sorry. I haven't given her your schedule yet.
- 263 Sheldon: It's an iCal download, she can put it right in her phone. And I thought we agreed that you'd have your conjugal visits in her apartment.
- 264 Leonard: We did, but there were extenuating circumstances.
- 265 Sheldon: I see. Did her abysmal housekeeping skills finally trump her perkiness?
- 266 Leonard: No, her bed kind of... broke.
- 267 Sheldon: That doesn't seem likely. Her bed's of sturdy construction. Even the addition
- 268 of a second normal size human being wouldn't cause a structural failure, much less a homunculus such as yourself.
- 269 Penny: A homunculus?
- 270 Leonard: Perfectly formed miniature human being.
- 271 Penny: Oh, you're my little homunculus.
- 272 Leonard: Don't do that.
- 273 Penny: Sorry. Okay, who wants syrup and who wants cinnamon sugar?
- 274 Sheldon: I want oatmeal.
- 275 Penny: Yes, well, I want a boyfriend whose roommate isn't a giant pain in the ass.
- 276 Sheldon: I'm sure that will happen soon enough. But in the meantime, I still want oatmeal.
- 277 Penny: You know what, I give up. He's impossible.
- 278 Sheldon: I can't be impossible. I exist. I believe what you meant to say is, "I give up, he's improbable."

- 279 Leonard: Sheldon, you really need to find a better way of dealing with Penny.
- 280 Sheldon: What am I supposed to do, eat French toast on a Monday? Now, that would be impossible.
- 281 Leonard: I'm just saying, you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.
- 282 Sheldon: You can catch even more flies with manure. What's your point?
- 283 Leonard: It's a... (gives up)
- 284 Sheldon: Boy, that does smell good. Too bad it's Monday.
- 285 Credits sequence.
- 286 Scene: The apartment.
- 287 Penny: Okay, so Kim the night manager went on maternity leave, and her husband's name is Sandy, right? So get this, her replacement is a woman named Sandy whose husband's name is Kim.
- 288 Leonard: Wow!
- 289 Penny: I know. What are the odds?
- 290 Sheldon: Easily calculable, we begin by identifying the set of married couples with unisex names. We then eliminate those unqualified for restaurant work, the aged, the imprisoned and the limbless, for example. Next we look at...
- 291 Leonard: Sheldon! it's an amazing coincidence, can we leave it at that?
- 292 Sheldon: I'm sorry. Ooh, Penny, it's as if the Cheesecake Factory is run by witches.
- 293 Penny: Ooh, Sheldon, it's as if you don't think I'll punch you.
- 294 Leonard: Come on, you guys, let it go.
- 295 Penny: Fine, whatever. Are you finished?
- 296 Sheldon: Well, thank you. How thoughtful. Would you like a chocolate
- 297 Penny: Um, yeah, sure, thanks.
- 298 Leonard: What was that?
- 299 Sheldon: You said be nice to Penny. I believe offering chocolate to someone falls within the definition of nice.
- 300 Leonard: It does. But in my experience, you don't.
- 301 Sheldon: There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.
- 302 Leonard: Yeah, yeah, now that's you, obnoxious and insufferable.
- 303 Howard (arriving, in goth gear): What's going on, day dwellers?
- 304 Penny: Oh, man, did the Kiss Army repeal don't ask, don't tell?
- 305 Howard: No. Raj and I are going a goth club in Hollywood to hang with the night people. Anybody want to come along?
- 306 Penny: Oh, wow, you're actually going out like that?
- 307 Howard: No, no. I'm going out like this. (Whips off jacket to reveal tattoos up both arms)
- 308 Leonard: Howard, what did you do?
- 309 Howard: They're called tattoo sleeves. Look. I bought them online, Raj got a set, too. Fantastic, right? Put them on, have hot s\*x with some freaky girl with her business pierced, take them off, and I can still be buried in a Jewish

### cemetery.

- 310 Sheldon: You know, I've always wanted to go to a goth nighclub.
- 311 Howard: Really?
- 312 Sheldon: Bazinga! None of you ever see my practical jokes coming, do you?
- 313 Howard: Okay, how about you two? Look, I've got some extra tat sleeves.
- 314 Leonard: Why are you carrying extras?
- 315 Howard: Well, In case I snag one on someone's nipple ring.
- 316 Penny: Uh, yeah, I think we'll pass.
- 317 Howard: Oh, is the missus speaking for the couple now?
- 318 Leonard: In this case, you bet she is.
- 319 Howard (after Raj whispers): Yes, she's pushy and yes, he's whipped, but that's not the expression. Come on, I want to stop at Walgreens and pick up some more eyeliner.
- 320 Leonard: They're gonna get beaten up at that club.
- 321 Penny: They're gonna get beaten up at Walgreens. Oh, sorry, Sheldon, I almost sat in your spot.
- 322 Sheldon: Did you? I didn't notice. Have a chocolate.
- 323 Penny: Thank you.
- 324 Scene: The goth club.
- 325 Raj: I think we're fitting in quite nicely.
- 326 Howard: It'd help if you weren't drinking light beer.
- 327 Raj: Oh, what's so gothic about vodka and cranberry juice?
- 328- Howard: Hello, it looks like blood. Did you even read the Wiki How link I sent you on being goth?
- 329 Raj: No, I'm behind on my wiki-reading I'm kind of on a John Grisham kick right now.
- 330 Howard: What?
- 331 Raj: Well, I finished reading The Pelican Brief and loved it so much, I dived right into The Client. He was a lawyer himself so his novels are accurate as well as entertaining.
- 332 Howard: Just remember we are lost boys, children of the night.
- 333 Raj: Great. Lost boys, children of the night. Got it. Can you pass the Chex mix, please. Thank you. We are lost boys.
- 334 Girl: Good for you.
- 335 Howard: I'm actually much morelost than he is.
- 336 Girl: Nice ink.
- 337 Howard: Thanks. Can we buy you ladies a drink?
- 338 Girl: Two light beers.
- 339 Raj: Light beers? Well, Wiki-how about that?
- 340 Second girl: What's your names?
- 341 Howard: I'm Howard.
- 342 Raj: Raj.
- 343 Girl: I'm Bethany.
- 344 Howard: Nice to meet you, Bethany.
- 345 Raj: Yes, very nice.

- 346 Bethany: Nice to meet you too.
- 347 Second girl: I'm Sarah. Not that anyone cares.
- 348 Raj: Do either of you ladies enjoy the novels of John Grisham?
- 349 Scene: The apartment.
- 350 Penny: What's this cartoon called again?
- 351 Leonard: Oshikuru: Demon Samurai.
- 352 Sheldon: And it's not a cartoon, it's anime.
- 353 Penny: Anime. You know, I knew a girl in high school named Anna May. Anna May Fletcher. She was born with one nostril. Then she had this bad nose job and basically wound up with three.
- 354 Sheldon: You're here a lot now.
- 355 Penny: Oh, am I talking too much? I'm sorry. Zip.
- 356 Sheldon: Thank you. Chocolate?
- 357 Penny: Yes please. (Her phone rings) Oh. Hey, Kim. Yeah, I... (sees Sheldon looking disapprovingly) You know what, hold on, let me take this in the hall. (Sheldon silently offers her another chocolate. She takes it.) You'll never guess who they got to replace you at work...
- 358 Leonard: Okay, I know what you're doing.
- 359 Sheldon: Really?
- 360 Leonard: Yes, you're using chocolates as positive reinforcement for what you consider correct behaviour.
- 361 Sheldon: Very good. Chocolate?
- 362 Leonard: No, I don't want any chocolate! Sheldon, you can't train my girlfriend like a lab rat.
- 363 Sheldon: Actually, it turns out I can.
- 364 Leonard: Well, you shouldn't.
- 365 Sheldon: There's just no pleasing you, is there, Leonard? You weren't happy with my previous approach to dealing with her, so I decided to employ operant conditioning techniques, building on the work of Thorndike and B.F. Skinner. By this time next week, I believe I can have her jumping out of a pool, balancing a beach ball on her nose.
- 366 Leonard: No, this has to stop now.
- 367 Sheldon: I'm not suggesting we really make her jump out of a pool. I thought the "bazinga" was implied. I'm just tweaking her personality, sanding off the rough edges if you will.
- 368 Leonard: No, you're not sanding Penny.
- 369 Sheldon: Are you saying that I'm forbidden from applying a harmless, scientifically valid protocol that will make our lives better?
- 370 Leonard: Yes, you're forbidden.
- 371 Sheldon (Squirting him with a water spray): Bad Leonard.
- 372 Scene: The goth club.
- 373 Bethany: So what do you guys do?
- 374 Howard: Oh, you know, goth stuff. Goth magazines, goth music.
- 375 Raj: Goth food.
- 376 Sarah: What's goth food?
- 377 Raj: Uh... blackened salmon?

- 378 Bethany: No, I meant what do you do for jobs?
- 379 Raj: Oh, we're scientists.
- 380 Howard: Yeah, you know, the dark sciences.
- 381 Bethany: What are the dark sciences
- 382 Raj: Well, I am an astrophysicist and a lot of that takes place at night. When there are vampires and miscellaneous undead out and about.
- 383 Howard: Oy vay.
- 384 Raj: That sounds really cool.
- 385 Howard: Does it? Okay, if you like space stuff, I design components for the international space station. Which is in space. Where, as I'm sure you know, no one can hear you scream.
- 386 Raj: So what do you gals do?
- 387 Bethany: I work at the Gap.
- 388 Howard: Really? How about that? I've been to the Gap.
- 389 Raj: Yeah, I've been there as well. I like your tee-shirts with the little pocket.
- 390 Sarah: I work there too. Not that anyone cares. You know, this place is boring.
- 391 Bethany: Yeah. Why don't we go somewhere else and have some fun?
- 392 Howard: Okay.
- 393 Raj: Sure, we like fun.
- 394 Howard: We are fun people.
- 395 Raj: Dark and fun.
- 396 Bethany: Come on, I know a place you'll really dig.
- 397 Howard: Did you bring the black condoms?
- 398 Raj: In my fanny pack.
- 399 Howard: Let's go.
- 400 Scene: A tattoo parlour. Bethany is getting a tattoo.
- 401 Raj: Are you happy now?
- 402 Howard: Not particularly.
- 403 Scene: The apartment.
- 404 Penny (voice outside door): Oh' my God, she didn't!
- 405 Leonard: What could she possibly be talking about for so long?
- 406 Sheldon: Obviously, waitressing at the Cheesecake Factory is a complex socioeconomic activity, that requires a great deal of analysis and planning. Bazinga! You know, using positive reinforcement techniques, I could train that behaviour out of her in a week.
- 407 Leonard: No.
- 408 Sheldon: If you let me use negative reinforcement, I can get it done before we go to bed.
- 409 Leonard: You're not squirting her in the face with water.
- 410 Sheldon: No, of course not. We're talking very mild electric shocks. No tissue damage whatsoever.
- 411 Leonard: Forget it.
- 412 Sheldon: Oh, come on, you can't tell me that you're not intrigued about the possibility of building a better girlfriend.

- 413 Leonard: I'm not. And Penny's qualities, both good and bad, are what make her who she is.
- 414 Sheldon: You mean, like that high-pitched, irritating laugh?
- 415 Leonard: Yes.
- 416 Sheldon You wouldn't prefer a throaty chuckle?
- 417 Leonard: You're not changing how Penny laughs.
- 418 Sheldon: No, that would be incongruous, I was going to lower the whole voice to a more pleasing register.
- 419 Penny (entering): Uh, sorry guys, that girl is (high pitched) freaky!
- 420 Sheldon: Come again?
- 421 Penny (normal voice): Freaky.
- 422 Sheldon (lower voice): Freaky?
- 423 Penny (lower voice): Yeah, freaky.
- 424 Sheldon: Have a chocolate.
- 425 Penny: Thank you.
- 426 Scene: The tattoo parlour. Howard is laying down, preparing to have a tattoo on his lower back.
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# 3.4 Episode 04: The Pirate Solution

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- 3 Leonard: What do you mean?
- 4 Sheldon: Well, the instructions are very clear, don't feed the gremlins after midnight, don't get the gremlins wet. How hard is that?
- 5 Penny (arriving): Hi, guys. Hi, honey.
- 6 Leonard: Hey.
- 7 Howard: Ooh, we're honey now, are we?
- 8 Sheldon: Yes. Since their relationship became carnal, Penny has upgraded his designated term of endearment, thus distinguishing him from those she calls sweetie, usually in an attempt to soften a thinly-veiled insult.
- 9 Penny: You're boring people sweetie.
- 10 Sheldon: Although, sometimes, she omits the veil entirely.
- 11 Penny: So, what are you guys doing?
- 12 Howard: Celebrating Columbus Day.
- 13 Leonard: We're watching Goonies, Gremlins and Young Sherlock Holmes. They were all written by Chris Columbus.
- 14 Penny: Okay. What do you watch on Thanksgiving?
- 15 Sheldon: The parade.
- 16 Penny: Oh, you know, that reminds me, I usually go back to Nebraska for thanksgiving, but this year they're calling it off on account of my brother's trial.
- 17 Leonard: What's he on trial for?
- 18 Penny: Oh, just a big misunderstanding. You know, you'd actually like my brother, he's kind of a chemist. Anyway, I was thinking I'd have thanksgiving here, and you are all invited.
- 19 Leonard: Oh. I'll be there.
- 20 Sheldon: Will you be serving cranberry jelly or cranberry sauce?
- 21 Penny: I guess I could serve both.
- 22 Sheldon: You guess? You don't seem to have much of a handle on this.
- 23 Howard: Yeah, I really wish I could, Penny, but every year my mother has all the relatives over and cooks up her famous tur-briska-fil.
- 24 Penny: Tur-briska-fil?
- 25 Howard: Turkey stuffed with a brisket stuffed with gefilte fish. It's not as

good as it sounds.

- 26 Penny: Raj, what about you?
- 27 Howard: Oh, he usually comes to my house. Right, pal? (Raj bursts into tears and runs away) All right, this year, you don't have to eat the tur-briska-fil. I don't even chew it. I swallow it like pills.
- 28 Credits sequence.
- 29 Scene: A few moments later.
- 30 Leonard: So, what's going on with Raj?
- 31 Howard: Well, the good news is, he has no problem with my mother's tur-brka-fil.
- 32 Penny: Hard to believe, but go on.
- 33 Howard: The bad news is, he says he's getting deported.
- 34 Leonard: What do you mean, he's getting deported?
- 35 Sheldon: I believe it means that the U.S. Government is going to expel him from the country. He could then either return to his native India, emigrate to another country that's willing to accept him, or wander the high seas as a stateless pirate. Personally, I'd choose pirate.
- 36 Howard: Penny, would you mind stepping outside so we can speak to him?
- 37 Penny: Ugh, fine. But the man really needs to work on his girl issues.
- 38 Sheldon: Another reason to consider a life of piracy. Even today, I understand that's an all-male profession.
- 39 Howard: Okay, she's gone.
- 40 Raj: Sorry. I lost my cool.
- 41 Leonard: So, what's going on?
- 42 Raj: Okay, here's the deal, six months ago, my research testing the predicted composition of trans-Neptunian objects ran into a dead end.
- 43 Howard: So?
- 44 Raj: So, my visa's only good as long as I'm employed at the university, and when they find out I've got squat, they're going to cut me off. By the way, when I say squat, I mean diddly-squat. I wish I had squat.
- 45 Leonard: So, wait, what have you been doing for the past six months?
- 46 Raj: You know, checking e-mail, updating my facebook status, messing up wikipedia entries. Hey, did you know Netflix lets you stream movies on your computer now?
- 47 Sheldon: And you've continued to take the university's money under false pretences? Highly unethical for an astrophysicist. Although practically mandatory for a pirate.
- 48 Raj: I don't want to go back to India. It's hot and loud, and there's so many people. You have no idea, they're everywhere.
- 49 Howard: Okay, guys, think, how do we keep Raj in the country?
- 50 Penny (from outside): Why doesn't he just get another job?
- 51 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): What are you asking me for? I don't know if you can talk now or not.
- 52 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 53 Raj: Oh, beef, I'm going to miss you so much. Do you know, at the Mumbai McDonald's, you can't get a Big Mac? All you can get is a Chicken Maharaja

- Mac. And the special sauce, curry, which, in India,
- 54 believe you me, is really not that special.
- 55 Leonard: Don't worry, you'll find another job.
- 56 Raj: Yeah let me start practicing for it. Do you want fries with that Maharaja Mac?"
- 57 Sheldon: Hi, Leonard. Hello, Raj.
- 58 Raj: Hello Sheldon.
- 59 Sheldon: Forgive me, as you know, I'm no adept at reading facial cues, but I'm going to take a stab here, you're either sad or nauseated.
- 60 Raj: I'm sad.
- 61 Sheldon: I was going to say sad. I don't know why I hedged.
- 62 Raj: What are you eating?
- 63 Sheldon: Elbow macaroni with ground hamburger and tomato sauce.
- 64 Raj: Oh, beefaroni. I think I'll miss you most of all.
- 65 Leonard: I've always been a little confused about this. Why don't Hindus eat beef?
- 66 Raj: We believe cows are gods.
- 67 Sheldon: Not technically. In Hinduism, cattle are thought to be like God.
- 68 Raj: Do not tell me about my own culture, Sheldon! In the mood I'm in, I'll take you out, I swear to cow!
- 69 Sheldon: I'm sorry.
- 70 Raj: Me, too. I'm just, I'm a little on edge.
- 71 Sheldon: Understandable. Your entire life seems to be crumbling around you, and your future appears bleak at best.
- 72 Raj: Thank you.
- 73 Sheldon: And you're wrong about Hinduism and cows.
- 74 Howard (arriving): Hey, Raj, guess what. Professor Laughlin is looking for someone to join the stellar evolution research team.
- 75 Raj: You, you're kidding. That's fantastic!
- 76 Howard: Come on, what are you waiting for? Call him and set up an interview.
- 77 Rai: I'm on it.
- 78 Sheldon: That's happy, right?
- 79 Leonard: Yeah.
- 80 Sheldon: Nailed it.
- 81 Scene: Professor Laughlin's office.
- 82 Prof Laughlin: Dr. Koothrappali, come on in. I was surprised to hear you were interested In joining our little team. Giving up on those trans-Neptunian objects, are we?
- 83 Raj: No, no, it's a very promising area. In a perfect world I'd spend several more years on it. But I just couldn't pass up the opportunity to work with you on your tremendously exciting and not yet conclusively disproved hypothesis.
- 84 Prof Laughlin: Splendid. Uh, please sit down. Can I offer you a sherry?
- 85 Raj: It's a little early, isn't it?
- 86 Prof Laughlin: Not on Proxima Centauri.
- 87 Raj: That's very good. Jolly amusing, but if you don't mind, I'll hold off

- until sunset on titan.
- 88 Prof Laughlin: Oh, well done. I have a feeling you're going to fit in just fine, Dr. Koothrappali.
- 89 Raj: Thank you, sir. (There is a knock on the door. A young woman enters)
- 90 Woman: I'm sorry. Am I late?
- 91 Prof Laughlin: No, no, no. Right on time. Dr. Koothrappali, may I present
- Dr. Millstone from MIT. She'll be heading up our data analysis team.
- 92 Dr Millstone: It's nice to meet you, Dr. Koothrappali. I read your paper on Kuiper belt object size distribution. I really enjoyed it. How did you correct for the selection bias? (During this, Raj surreptitiously wanders over to where Prof Laughlin's drinks are, pours himself a large sherry and knocks it back in one.)
- 93 Raj: Well, I ran a simulation that allowed me to correct for the observational efficiency.
- 94 Dr Millstone: That's just fascinating.
- 95 Raj: Thank you. Would you like to hear more about it in my hot tub? So, when do I start?
- 96 Scene: The apartment.
- 97 Howard: What do you mean you didn't get the job? How could you not get it?
- 98 Raj: You know, he's British, I'm Indian, ever since Gandhi they haven't liked us very much.
- 99 Leonard: Wait, are you saying that he discriminated against you? Because we should file a complaint.
- 100 Raj: That's okay. A complaint has been filed. So, that's it. That was my last hope. I'm going to be deported, sent home in disgrace, exposed to the sardonic barbs of my cousin Sanjay. Or, as you may know him, Dave from ATT customer service.
- 101 Howard: I'm really going to miss you.
- 102 Raj: Will you come visit me in India?
- 103 Howard: Gee, that's, like, a 17-hour flight. How about I meet you halfway?
- 104 Raj: Halfway is 600 miles off the coast of Japan.
- 105 Howard: Tell you what, we'll skype.
- 106 Sheldon (arriving): Gentlemen.
- 107 Leonard: Hey.
- 108 Sheldon: Raj, did you get the job with Professor Laughlin?
- 109 Raj: No.
- 110 Sheldon: I assumed as much. But never fear. Like the subordinate male protagonist in countless action movies who disappears half way through the second reel, I have returned to save the day. Odd, usually, he's met by cheers. Anyway, I was thinking about exploring the string theory implications of gamma rays from dark matter annihilations, and it occurred to me that I could benefit...
- 111 Leonard: Excuse me, Sheldon, how many reels before the subordinate male protagonist gets to his point?

- 112 Sheldon: I'm sorry, if you didn't cheer at my entrance, it's too late to buy into the premise. Anyway, I got some extra money from the head of the department, and raj can come work for me.
- 113 Raj: You want me to work with you?
- 114 Sheldon: For me. You're going to have to listen more carefully when you're on the job.
- 115 Raj: Okay, uh, please don't take this the wrong way, but I'd rather swim buck-naked across the Ganges with a paper cut on my nipple and die a slow, agonizing death from a viral infection than work with you.
- 116 Sheldon: For me.
- 117 Scene: Sheldon's office.
- 118 Raj (knocking and entering): Sheldon, are you busy?
- 119 Sheldon: Of course I'm busy.
- 120 Raj: Shall I wait?
- 121 Sheldon: Yes, please. (After about 30 seconds) How may I help you?
- 122 Raj: I've reconsidered your offer to let me work with you.
- 123 Sheldon: For me.
- 124 Raj: Yes, for you. I do, however, have a few conditions. First, at all times, I am to be treated as a colleague and an equal. Second, my contributions shall be noted in all published material. And third, you are never allowed to lecture me on Hinduism or my Indian culture.
- 125 Sheldon: I'm impressed, Raj. Those are very cogent and reasonable conditions.
- 126 Raj: Thank you.
- 127 Sheldon: I reject them all.
- 128 Raj: Then you leave me no choice. I accept the job.
- 129 Sheldon: I'm sorry, I believe you've misunderstood. I'm not giving you the job. I'm simply affording you the opportunity to apply for it. Have a seat, we'll get started with the interview.
- 130 Raj: Wha... You're kidding!
- 131 Sheldon: Please.
- 132 Rai: All right.
- 133 Sheldon: So, that's what you wear to an interview?
- 134 Raj: Come on, dude, we've been friends for years.
- 135 Sheldon: Oh, pulling strings, are we?
- 136 Raj: Sheldon, for God's sakes, don't make me beg.
- 137 Sheldon: Bazinga! You've fallen victim to another one of my classic practical jokes. I'm your boss now. You may want to laugh at that.
- 138 Scene: The apartment.
- 139 Penny: Ah, it's nice having the place to ourselves, isn't it?
- 140 Leonard: Uh-huh. Now that Raj is working for Sheldon, I don't have to chauffeur him around anymore. Plus, yeah, with them working late so much, we get some privacy.
- 141 Penny: Mm-hmm. Hey, want to get a little crazy?
- 142 Leonard: What are you thinking?
- 143 Penny: Let's slide over to Sheldon's spot a make out.

- 144 Leonard: You are a dirty girl.
- 145 Penny (as the making out is interrupted by a knock on the door): Oh,
- God, how did he know?
- 146 Howard: Hello.
- 147 Leonard: Hi, Howard.
- 148 Howard: Am I interrupting?
- 149 Leonard: Little bit, yeah.
- 150 Howard: Guess I should have called.
- 151 Penny: Yeah, maybe.
- 152 Howard: Tonight's the night I usually go line dancing with Raj at the palomino.
- 153 Leonard: Uh-huh.
- 154 Howard: But he's working with Sheldon.
- 155 Penny: Yes, we know.
- 156 Howard: Want me to leave?
- 157 Leonard: You know, whatever.
- 158 Howard: Okay, I guess I can hang for a little while. So what are we watching? s\*x and the city.
- 159 Yikes.
- 160 Penny: Hey, I happen to love this movie.
- 161 Howard: Fine, let's watch it. Maybe all our periods will synchronize.
- 162 Scene: Sheldon's office.
- 163 Sheldon: All right, we're going to be designing an experiment to look for the annihilation spectrum resulting from dark matter collisions in space.
- 164 Raj: Ooh, dark matter. We better bring a flashlight. I was making a joke.
- 165 Sheldon: I'm the boss. I make the jokes.
- 166 Raj: Sorry, go ahead and make your joke.
- 167 Sheldon: This is not the time for joking. We're doing serious research, which requires complete and utter focus.
- 168 Raj: All right, let's buckle down and work.
- 169 (To the tune of Eye of the Tiger by Survivor, there is a montage of images, in all of which Sheldon and Raj are staring at the same equation on a white-board.)
- 170 Raj: Sheldon.
- 171 Sheldon: What?
- 172 Raj: I need an aspirin.
- 173 Sheldon: Top desk drawer.
- 174 Raj: Thank you.
- 175 Sheldon: Alright?
- 176 Raj: Yes.
- 177 Sheldon: Good.
- 178 (Montage of scenes resumes)
- 179 Scene: Penny and Leonard exiting Leonard's bedroom.
- 180 Leonard: That was fun. Thank you.
- 181 Penny: Leonard, honey, you don't have to say thank you every time we have s\*x.

- 182 Leonard: Oh. Okay. Tomorrow you're going to get a card in the mail. Just throw it away.
- 183 Howard: Top o' the mornin'o ya!
- 184 Leonard: What are you doing here?
- 185 Howard: Well, usually, on Sundays, I go with Raj to scam on hippie chicks at the farmers market, but he's still working with Sheldon, so I thought I'd come over here and make you guys scrambled eggs and salami. It's the perfect meal for apres l'amour.
- 186 Penny: Oh, kill me.
- 187 Howard: By the way, I couldn't help overhearing your big finish. Bravo, Leonard.
- 188 Penny: See, if you had killed me when I said kill me, I wouldn't have had to hear that.
- 189 Howard: What do you guys think? Want to take in a matinee, maybe go rollerblading, catch a step class?
- 190 Penny: Do something.
- 191 Leonard: Yeah, okay. Um, Howard, we need to talk.
- 192 Howard: Sure. 'sup, homes?
- 193 Leonard: Uh, please understand that it's not that we don't want you around, but Penny and I occasionally need some alone time.
- 194 Howard: Oh. I get it, I'm the third wheel. Sorry, I should have seen that. I'll get out of your way. Uh, you're gonna want to eat those eggs while they're still hot.
- 195 Leonard: Thank you. There's lox and cream cheese in the fridge, the bagels are in the oven, I was warming them up.
- 196 Penny: That's great.
- 197 Howard: Ill just hang out with my mom. That's always fun.
- 198 Leonard: Good.
- 199 Penny: Are we terrible people?
- 200 Leonard: I don't know. What do you want me to do?
- 201 Penny: Get him, bring him back.
- 202 Leonard: Are you sure?
- 203 Penny: Yeah.
- 204 Leonard: Okay. Howard come back.
- 205 Howard: Oh, you guys had me scared for a minute.
- 206 Scene: Sheldon's office. Sheldon is writing on the whiteboard.
- 207 Raj: No, no, no, no! That rate is much too low for what we'd expect from this collision. Do you understand that we're talking about dark matter colliding in outer space?
- 208 Sheldon: Of course I understand. And who are you to tell me about outer space?
- 209 Raj: I'm the astrophysicist. Astro means space.
- 210 Sheldon: Astro means star.
- 211 Raj: Okay, well, let me just tell you, if we were having this argument in my native language, I'd be kicking your butt.
- 212 Sheldon: English is your native language.

- 213 Raj: Okay, you got me there, but you're wrong about this!
- 214 Sheldon: There is a fine line between wrong and visionary. Unfortunately you have to be a visionary to see it.
- 215 Raj: My god, you think that every thought that comes out of your head is pure gold. Well, let me tell you something. Some of those thoughts are pure caca.
- 216 Sheldon: Caca?
- 217 Raj: It means doo-doo.
- 218 Sheldon: All right! First of all, Dr. Koothrappali, when I first proposed that you work with me...
- 219 Raj: Aha! So I am working with you.
- 220 Sheldon: In this context, with me means for me.
- 221 Raj: Ah, well, in this context... (blows raspberry)
- 222 Sheldon: Oh! If I'm wrong, prove it.
- 223 Raj: Okay. Here's where we derive the mass of the dark matter particle.
- 224 Sheldon: No, no, no, you've misstated the atomic weight of the target.
- 225 Raj: Let me finish.
- 226 Sheldon: You're defacing my work.
- 227 Raj: I'm not defacing it, I'm fixing it.
- 228 Sheldon: Give me the eraser.
- 229 Raj: No.
- 230 Sheldon: I said give it to me.
- 231 Raj: Come and get it.
- 232 Sheldon: Fine. (Uses hand as an eraser. Then realises his hand is dirty)
- Oh, lord. Dr. Koothrappali, as your superior, I forbid you from writing on my board!
- 233 Raj: You are not my superior.
- 234 Sheldon: I am in every way.
- 235 Raj: Oh, yeah? Can you do this? (Performs complex finger trick\*) Nice working with you. I'm sorry, for you. (Exits. Sheldon stares a moment, then tries to perform the trick. Fails.)
- 236 Scene: Outside Raj's flat.
- 237 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Raj. (Knock, knock) Raj.
- 238 Raj: I'm busy.
- 239 Sheldon: Doing what? (Performs finger trick again) All right, you've made your point.
- 240 Raj: What do you want, Sheldon?
- 241 Sheldon: I looked over the board and it turns out you were right.
- 242 Raj: So you were wrong.
- 243 Sheldon: I didn't say that.
- 244 Raj: That's the only logical inference.
- 245 Sheldon: Nevertheless, I didn't say it. Anyway, I would like you to come back and work for me.
- 246 Raj: For you or with you?
- 247 Sheldon: In this context for me could mean with me.

- 248 Raj: All right, but I have some conditions.
- 249 Sheldon: I reject them all.
- 250 Raj: I'll take the job. See you Monday.
- 251 Sheldon: Wait, you have to drive me home.
- 252 Raj: How did you get here?
- 253 Sheldon: I walked.
- 254 Raj: So walk home.
- 255 Sheldon: I can't. There's a big dog outside. On the way home, we can start thinking about methods of optimizing the detector for 500 GEV particles.
- 256 Raj: All right. (As they walk down the corridor, Eye of the Tiger starts playing again.)
- 257 (\* to perform trick, place both hands together as if praying, then fold two middle fingers over so that they pass to the right of one another, finally rotate right hand anti-clockwise and waggle both middle fingers)

# 3.5 Episode 05: The Creepy Candy Coating Corollary

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Howard: All right, Raj has played his phantom warlord card, and I am going to back him up with my strangling vines. Choke on that, sucka.
- 3 Leonard: Okay, well, then I'll just cut your vines with my ruby sword. That's right, I did it. I cut 'em.
- 4 Penny: Um, I have a question.
- 5 Leonard: Warlord beats troll, troll beats elf, elf beats water sprite, and basically everything beats enchanted bunny.
- 6 Howard: Unless you have the carrot power.
- 7 Penny: Okay, I've got another question. When does this get fun?
- 8 Howard: Are we going to talk or are we going to play Mystic Warlords of Ka-ah?
- 9 Leonard: Just play a potion card.
- 10 Penny: Which one?
- 11 Sheldon: It doesn't matter. You can't possibly win.
- 12 Leonard: Sheldon, don't ruin the game.
- 13 Penny: How could be ruin the game?
- 14 Sheldon: Given the cards that have already been played, Penny can only be holding necromancer potions, which are only effective against wraiths and day-walkers, and there are no more of either left to be drawn. The cards remaining in the undrawn stack are four fire weapons, a troll, two ogres and the jewel of Osiris.
- 15 Leonard: See? Ruined.
- 16 Penny: Sheldon, that is incredible.
- 17 Sheldon: From your vantage point, it certainly must seem so.
- 18 Leonard: Sheldon has kind of a photographic memory.
- 19 Sheldon: Photographic is a misnomer. I have an eidetic memory, as I've told you many times. Most recently last year during lunch on the afternoon of may seventh. You had turkey and complained it was dry.

- 20 Howard: Well, I guess game's over.
- 21 Penny: Really? Oh, great. I mean, aw. Okay, I gotta go.
- 22 Leonard: Why?
- 23 Penny: Because the last me I didn't go, I ended up playing Mystic Warlords of Ka.
- 24 Howard: Not Ka. Ka-ah.
- 25 Penny: Ba-eye.
- 26 Leonard: See ya. Still can't believe she's going out with me.
- 27 Raj: Nobody can.
- 28 Howard: That reminds me, I have a bone to pick with you.
- 29 Leonard: What?
- 30 Howard: You and I made a pact that if either of us ever got a hot girl-friend, that person would have his girlfriend hook the other guy up with one of her girlfriends.
- 31 Leonard: Yeah, I don't remember that.
- 32 Sheldon: June 30th, 2004. Opening day of Spider-man 2 at the AMC Pasadena. They only had red icees, no blue.
- 33 Leonard: Oh, yeah.
- 34 Howard: So you've been with Penny for like a month and a half now. Where's my shorty, Morty?
- 35 Leonard: Howard, you can't hold me to that.
- 36 Howard: Why not?
- 37 Leonard: Because when I made that agreement, I didn't think I'd ever have a hot girlfriend. And I was positive you never would.
- 38 Raj: Hey, how come I wasn't part of this deal?
- 39 Sheldon: You had left the refreshment stand in order to indulge in your customary preemptive pre-show urination.
- 40 Raj: Oh, so that's how it works? I have a teeny bladder and now I don't get a hot girlfriend?
- 41 Howard: Yeah, Raj, that's how it works.
- 42 Raj: Damn.
- 43 Credits sequence.
- 44 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 45 Leonard: Oh, damn it. Can I have a napkin?
- 46 Sheldon: I'm sorry, no.
- 47 Leonard: But you have a whole bunch of 'em.
- 48 Sheldon: Yes, I've moved to a four-napkin system. Lap, hands, face and personal emergencies. If you like, starting tomorrow, I'll add a guest napkin, but I'm afraid there's nothing I can do for you today. (Leonard steals a napkin) Good luck. That's the face napkin.
- 49 Howard: So, have you talked to Penny yet?
- 50 Leonard: No, I haven't.
- 51 Howard: Why not?
- 52 Leonard: Because I've been busy, because I haven't figured out a way to bring it up, and mostly, and I can't stress how key this is, because I don't want to.

- 53 Howard: Leonard, a pact is a pact. You have to get Penny to fix me up.
- 54 Leonard: It's not that simple. What am I supposed to say? Penny, do you have any friends you'd like to never hear from again?
- 55 Howard: Come on, I'm smart, I have good job and I have only three percent body fat.
- 56 Raj: It's true. I've seen him at the beach, he's like a human chicken wing.
- 57 Howard: Leonard, come on.
- 58 Leonard: Fine. I'll ask if she has a friend for you.
- 59 Howard: A hot friend.
- 60 Leonard: Right.
- 61 Howard: And tall. I want our kids to be able to ride space mountain before they're 20.
- 62 Leonard: I'll see what I can do.
- 63 Raj: Hey, Sheldon, guess what I heard today?
- 64 Sheldon: I'd imagine you heard any number of things today. When you arrived at work you undoubtedly heard, hello, Raj, how are you, Raj? Given that you're wearing a new sweater-vest, you may have heard new sweater-vest? And possibly, though far less likely, nice sweater-vest.
- 65 Raj: Why don't I just tell you what I heard today.
- 66 Sheldon: That would probably save us some time.
- 67 Raj: Saturday night at the comic book store, they're having a Mystic Warlords of Ka-ah tournament. First prize is five hundred dollars. If we team up, we'd be unstoppable.
- 68 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Raj, but I have no interest in playing a game in which I find no challenge.
- 69 Raj: What about the money?
- 70 Sheldon: I have money.
- 71 Raj: But this is other money.
- 72 Sheldon: How does it different from the money I have?
- 73 Raj: Half of it will be mine.
- 74 Sheldon: Do you need it to buy a less disturbing sweater-vest?
- 75 Raj: Leonard, help.
- 76 Leonard: Are you kidding? I couldn't even talk him into giving me one of his freakin' napkins.
- 77 Scene: Leonard and Penny are in bed.
- 78 Penny: Wow, you really are a genius.
- 79 Leonard: Not really. I googled how to do that. So, listen, have you ever made a pact with someone?
- 80 Penny: You mean, like a pinky swear?
- 81 Leonard: Okay, fine, like a pinky swear.
- 82 Penny: Well, in the first grade, my friend Rosie and I made a pact to marry Bert and Ernie. You know, from Sesame Street?
- 83 Leonard: Yeah, I'm familiar with Bert and Ernie.
- 84 Penny: Then we found out we both wanted Ernie. We didn't speak again until middle school.
- 85 Leonard: Over puppets?

- 86 Penny: The heart wants what the heart wants, Leonard.
- 87 Leonard: Okay. Speaking of what the heart wants, um, a long time ago, I made a pact with Wolowitz that kind of involves you.
- 88 Penny: Okay, I don't know where you're going with this, but tread carefully because it may be the last conversation we ever have.
- 89 Leonard: No, no, nothing like that. The deal was that if either of us ever got a girlfriend, we'd have her fix the other one up with one of her friends.
- 90 Penny: And you thought a good time to bring this up be right after s\*x.
- 91 Leonard: Well, I sure as hell wasn't going to bring it up before s\*x, and during, I was trying to remember what I read on google, so...
- 92 Penny: I'm not hooking Wolowitz up with one of my friends.
- 93 Leonard: Come on, it doesn't have to be a good friend. And you know that deep down inside, Howard's a really nice guy.
- 94 Penny: The problem isn't what's on the inside. It's the creepy candy coating.
- 95 Leonard: Will you at least think about it? Just as a favour to me?
- 96 Penny: Oh, great thing about Ernie, was he never asked me for anything. He just gave.
- 97 Scene: The comic book store.
- 98 Sheldon: Got it. Got it. Got it. Got it. Got it. Betty and Veronica? Ugh.
- 99 Stuart: Hey, Sheldon, the new Green Lantern figurine's coming in tomorrow. Want me to set one aside for you?
- 100 Sheldon: Thank you. You just robbed me of the opportunity to stumble upon the figurine and make the oh-so-satisfying journey from discovery to desire to possession.
- 101 Stuart: All right, I won't set one aside for you.
- 102 Sheldon: But I must have it.
- 103 Stuart: Okay, I'll set one aside for you.
- 104 Sheldon: Thank you. You know, I can buy all these things online. I come here for the personal service.
- 105 Raj: Hey, Stuart, is the Wil Wheaton signed up for the mystic warlords tournament THE Wil Wheaton from Star Trek?
- 106 Stuart: Yeah, he lives around here. Big gamer.
- 107 Sheldon: Excuse me. Are you saying that Wil Wheaton aka Ensign Wesley Crusher on Star Trek:
- 108 The Next Generation is going to be participating in your tournament?
- 109 Stuart: Oh, I'm sorry, did I rob you of the opportunity to stumble onto that for yourself?
- 110 Sheldon: You don't understand. Growing up, I idolized Wil Wheaton? Wesley Crusher had an eidetic memory just like me.
- 111 Raj: Oh, what a coincidence. Maybe you can discuss that with him while you're playing in the tournament. Sign here.
- 112 Sheldon: I was such a fan that in 1995, I travelled ten hours by bus to a sci-fi convention in Jackson, Mississippi, wearing my Star Fleet Academy cadet uniform in order to meet Wil Wheaton and get him to autograph my mint in-

- package Wesley Crusher action figure.
- 113 Raj: Ooh, it'll be like a reunion then. Sign here.
- 114 Sheldon: My arduous journey, however, was for naught. Although advertised to appear, he did not show up. It was at that moment, I vowed eternal hatred for Wil Wheaton.
- 115 Raj: Okay, great, you can tell him you hate him. Sign here.
- 116 Sheldon: It might also interest you to know that Wil Wheaton currently ranks sixth on my all-time enemies list, right between director Joel Schumacher, who nearly destroyed the Batman movie franchise, and Billy Sparks, who lived down the street from me and put dog poop on the handles of my bicycle.
- 117 Raj: Okay, I get it, he's a bad guy. Sign here.
- 118 Sheldon: In the words of Khan Noonien Singh in the immortal wrath of Khan, he tasks me, he tasks me and I shall have him.
- 119 Raj: No doubt, sign here.
- 120 Sheldon: From hell's heart, I stab at thee.
- 121 Stuart: All right, Raj, looks like you're teamed up with die, Wil Wheaton, die.
- 122 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 123 Howard: So, tell me more about the future mother of my children.
- 124 Penny: She's adorable, Howard. I think you'll like her.
- 125 Howard: Great. So what did you tell her about me? Did you mention the body fat?
- 126 Penny: No, I thought that would be a nice surprise for her.
- 127 Howard: Good, good.
- 128 Penny: I just told her you're an aerospace engineer, you speak five languages  $\ldots$
- 129 Howard: Six if you count Klingon.
- 130 Leonard: Girls don't count Klingon, Howard. Right?
- 131 Penny: Right. Oh, and I told her you have an unhealthy attachment to your mother.
- 132 Howard: What?
- 133 Penny: I'm kidding.
- 134 Leonard: Another delightful surprise for her.
- 135 Scene: The comic book store.
- 136 Raj: Sheldon, it's your play. Sheldon.
- 137 Sheldon: My enchanted troll bludgeons your screaming harpy with a cursed mace. Game.
- 138 Raj: Sorry, boys. Say hi to your mother when she picks you up. Or I could just tell her later tonight! We pwned them, dude! Up top!
- 139 Sheldon: Look at him. Wil Wheaton, my old friend, I have chased you round the moons of Nibia and round the Antares maelstrom and round perdition's flames!
- 140 Raj: You know you keep quoting Wrath of Khan, but he was in next generation. It's a totally different set of characters.
- 141 Sheldon: Silence! How much longer must I wait for my revenge?
- 142 Raj: Well, if Wil Wheaton and Stuart win their match and we beat lonely

Larry and Captain Sweatpants in the next round, we'll face off for the championship.

- 143 Sheldon: So, my path to satisfaction is blocked by lonely Larry and Captain Sweatpants. Very well. They must be destroyed.
- 144 Raj: Dude, you have to stop talking like that. It's really lame.
- 145 Sheldon: Silence!
- 146 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 147 Howard: So, Penny tells me you're working as a waitress to put yourself through grad school. That's pretty great, what are you studying?
- 148 Bernadette: Microbiology.
- 149 Howard: Oh, cool. So you could study me.
- 150 Bernadette: I don't understand.
- 151 Howard: Microbiology is the study of tiny living things.
- 152 Bernadette: I know, I'm studying it.
- 153 Howard: And I said you could study me 'cause I'm a tiny living thing. It's a joke.
- 154 Bernadette: Are you sure?
- 155 Howard: Do you like science-fiction?
- 156 Bernadette: No.
- 157 Howard: Role-playing games?
- 158 Bernadette: Like in the bedroom or like Dungeons and Dragons?
- 159 Howard: Either.
- 160 Bernadette: No.
- 161 Leonard: Gonna be a long night.
- 162 Penny: Yeah, well, it's your fault.
- 163 Leonard: I had to ask. You didn't have to say yes.
- 164 Howard: You like magic?
- 165 Bernadette: Not really.
- 166 Howard: Okay.
- 167 Leonard: Long, long night.
- 168 Scene: The comic book store.
- 169 Sheldon: I play my endless serpent. Raj will play ecstatic frenzy, which means Larry will have to play chaos overlord, then Captain Sweatpants, molten river. I play nightshade dryad, game, set and match. Now fetch me Wil Wheaton! bortaS bIr jablu'DI' reH QaQqu' nay'
- 170 Wil Wheaton: Did that guy just say revenge is a dish best served cold in Klingon?
- 171 Stuart: I believe so.
- 172 Wil Wheaton: What is wrong with him?
- 173 Stuart: Everyone has a different theory.
- 174 Scene: A restaurant.
- 175 Howard: How about computers? Do you like computers?
- 176 Bernadette: I use them. I don't like them.
- 177 Howard: Okay... Puppies? Where do you stand on puppies?
- 178 Bernadette: A puppy once bit my face.
- 179 Howard: Of course it did.

- 180 Leonard: How about that? Einstein was wrong.
- 181 Penny: What?
- 182 Leonard: Approaching the speed of light doesn't slow down time. Approaching them does.
- 183 Howard (phone rings): Excuse me. Oh, damn. It's my mother.
- 184 Bernadette: Are you going to answer it?
- 185 Howard: I'm torn. She might be dying, and, you know, I wouldn't want to miss that. On the other hand, if I let it go to voicemail, I could play it over and over
- 186 Bernadette: I know how you feel. My mother makes me crazy.
- 187 Howard: Not as crazy as my mother makes me.
- 188 Bernadette: Oh, yeah? Does your mother call you every day at work to see if you've had a healthy lunch?
- 189 Howard: My mother calls me at work to see if I had a healthy bowel movement.
- 190 Bernadette: Okay, well, does she lay out your clothes for you in the morning like you're nine years old?
- 191 Howard: You live with your mother?
- 192 Bernadette: No. That's the sad part.
- 193 Howard: Ooh, rough. Okay, check this out. My mother made me wear rubber gloves to kindergarten so I wouldn't pick up a disease from the other children.
- 194 Bernadette: That's nothing. I couldn't ride a bicycle 'cause my mother was afraid I'd hit a bump and lose my virginity.
- 195 Howard: Oh, wow. You didn't, did you?
- 196 Bernadette: Not on a bicycle. In a Camry.
- 197 Howard: Corolla!
- 198 Bernadette: Oh!
- 199 Howard: More wine?
- 200 Bernadette: I'd love some.
- 201 Howard: Listen, you have to come to shabbat dinner at my house sometime.
- 202 Bernadette: Why?
- 203 Howard: A catholic girl like you wearing a big cross like that might just give my mother the big brain aneurysm I've been hoping for.
- 204 Bernadette: Okay, but only if you come to Sunday dinner at my house wearing a yarmulke.
- 205 Howard: It's a date.
- 206 Penny: Am I a matchmaker or what?
- 207 Scene: The comic book store.
- 208 Raj: Lava serpent.
- 209 Stuart: Nest of snakes.
- 210 Wil Wheaton: Underworld guardian.
- 211 Sheldon: Underworld guardian. We skirmish to the death.
- 212 Wil Wheaton: Invisibility spell.
- 213 Sheldon: Luminescence spell.

- 214 Wil Wheaton: Water nymph.
- 215 Sheldon: Fire demon.
- 216 Wil Wheaton: Two-headed tiger.
- 217 Sheldon: Three-headed lion.
- 218 Wil Wheaton: Sulphur.
- 219 Sheldon: Brimstone.
- 220 Raj: Problem, Wil Wheaton?
- 221 Wil Wheaton: Hang on.
- 222 Sheldon: You're holding two moderate spell cards, a small rock and a potion of Zancor, which will be about as much help as an air conditioner on the ice planet Hoth. Your only move is to play the potion, lose the skirmish, and two moves later, the game.
- 223 Wil Wheaton: I think he's got me.
- 224 Sheldon: The year was 1995, the place, Jackson, Mississippi. Having spent ten hours on a bus, during which I had to twice violate my personal rule against relieving myself on board a moving vehicle, I finally arrived at the fourth annual Dixie-Trek convention only to find that my idol Wil Wheaton decided he had better things to do than to show up and sign my action figure.
- 225 Wil Wheaton: What?
- 226 Sheldon: You betrayed me, Wil Wheaton. Now I have my revenge.
- 227 Wil Wheaton: You went to the '95 Dixie-Trek? Oh, dude, my grand-mother had just died, and I had to go to her funeral.
- 228 Sheldon: Your mee-maw died? That's terrible.
- 229 Wil Wheaton: Yeah, it was. But I'm really sorry that I disappointed you.
- 230 Sheldon: No, no, I understand. Anything happened to my mee-maw, I'd be one inconsolable moon pie. I should clarify that statement by explaining that she calls me moon pie.
- 231 Wil Wheaton: It's special relationship, isn't it, between a boy and his grandmother?
- 232 Sheldon: Oh, yes.
- 233 Raj: Okay, great, everybody loves their grandmas! Now, come on, Sheldon, finish him off!
- 234 Wil Wheaton: It's okay, Sheldon. I let you down. I deserve it. Potion of Zancor.
- 235 Raj: What are you waiting for? Kill Wil Wheaton! From hell's heart, stab at him!
- 236 Sheldon: I can't.
- 237 Raj: Sure you can. Do it! Do it!
- 238 Sheldon: No. I came here to defeat Wil Wheaton, the man who destroyed my dreams. But I can't defeat Wil Wheaton, the man who loved his mee-maw. Enchanted bunny.
- 239 Raj: No! Not enchanted bunny!
- 240 Wil Wheaton: I call my mee-maw nana. And she's going be very happy to hear that my small rock kills your enchanted bunny. Game over, moon pie.
- 241 Sheldon: I... I don't understand. Your grandmother's alive?
- 242 Wil Wheaton: Oh, you catch on quick. Come on, Stewie, let's get our

prize money.

243 - Stuart: That was fun.

244 - Sheldon (while camera zooms out from Sheldon to above planet in a pastiche of the famous Wrath of Khan scene): Wheaton! Wheaton! Wheaton!

# 3.6 Episode 06: The Cornhusker Vortex

- 1 Scene: The stairwell. The guys are carrying kites.
- 2 Leonard: Kites, ho!
- 3 Howard: Kites ho!
- 4 Raj: Kites ho!
- 5 All three: Kites, ho!
- 6 Sheldon: Excuse me. You're misusing the word ho. It's an interjection used to call attention to a destination, not an object, as in, uh, Land, ho! Or, uh, Westward, ho!
- 7 The three guys: Kites, ho!
- 8 Penny: Hey, guys. What you doing? Going out to discover electricity?
- 9 Leonard: If you're referring to the work of Benjamin Franklin, he did not discover electricity, he merely used a kite to determine that lightning consists of electricity. He also invented the Franklin stove, bifocals and the flexible urinary catheter. Kites, ho.
- 10 Leonard: We're heading out for some kite fighting.
- 11 Penny: Kite fighting?
- 12 Leonard: Oh, yeah. It's an extremely competitive, cutthroat sport.
- 13 Sheldon: Well, actually, the risk of throat cutting is very low. On the other hand, severe string burn is a real and ever-Present danger.
- 14 Leonard: You want to come watch?
- 15 Penny: Oh, gee, sounds amazing, but, um, I've got some friends coming over. Not a big thing, we're just gonna watch the Nebraska game.
- 16 Leonard: Oh. Football, sure.
- 17 Howard: Good guess.
- 18 Penny: I would've invited you, but I know you're not a football fan.
- 19 Leonard: No, no, I'm not, so, great. You've got plans doing something you like, I've got plans doing something I like, so it's good.
- 20 Penny: Well, maybe we'll hang out later, you know, after everybody's gone.
- 21 Leonard: Yeah, great.
- 22 Penny: See va.
- 23 Leonard: Well, this sucks.
- 24 Sheldon: I'm sorry, I got bored and drifted off. Where exactly in the interaction did the sucking lie?
- 25 Raj: Leonard just realized that Penny's been hiding him from her friends because he's a tiny, little man who flies kites.
- 26 Sheldon: Oh, that certainly would suck.
- 27 Credits sequence.
- 28 Scene: The park.
- 29 Sheldon: Wolowitz is trying to outflank us. Let out some string, add alti-

- tude and I'll go under and cut his line.
- 30 Leonard: Why wouldn't Penny want her friends to meet me?
- 31 Sheldon: Focus, Leonard, focus! The heat of battle is upon us, the dogs of war are unleashed.
- 32 Leonard: Maybe Koothrappali's right, maybe I embarrass her.
- 33 Sheldon: You're embarrassing me right now, a grown man worrying about such nonsense when in the middle of flying kites.
- 34 Leonard: Sorry.
- 35 Sheldon: Sorry won't bring their kites down. Ow! String burn! String burn!
- 36 Raj: Oh, they think we're flanking, they're playing right into our hands. On the count of three, we execute the flying scissor. One, two...
- 37 Howard: Whoa! Did you see that?
- 38 Raj: See what?
- 39 Howard: That chick, she smiled at me.
- 40 Raj: No, she didn't.
- 41 Howard: Yes, she did.
- 42 Raj: Come on, scissors, scissors!
- 43 Howard: Hold my line.
- 44 Raj: Wait, what are you doing? I can't scissors by myself! Howard! Come back!
- 45 Sheldon: Victory!
- 46 Raj: Son of a bitch.
- 47 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 48 Raj: You're a sucky friend, you know that? A sucky, sucky friend.
- 49 Howard: What was I supposed to do? She gave me that come-hither look.
- 50 Raj: If she gave you any look at l. It was a you suck look.
- 51 Howard: I would've caught up to her if I hadn't pulled a hammy.
- 52 Raj: Oh, please, you weigh 80 pounds. You don't have a hammy.
- 53 Leonard: So, Penny doesn't want me around her friends, I embarrass her. What else could it be?
- 54 Sheldon: Well, her actions could be out of concern for your feelings. Perhaps she's excluded you from these gatherings because she's scouting for a new mate and doesn't want to do it in front of you.
- 55 Leonard: Oh, how kind of her.
- 56 Sheldon: Agreed. Most primates don't show that sort of discretion. A female bonobo will copulate with a new male in front of the old one without so much as a how do you do?
- 57 Raj: You always do this, you know? You ditch me for a woman you don't have a shot with.
- 58 Howard: I totally had a shot.
- 59 Raj: With a woman you were chasing through a park? That's not a shot, that's a felony. What's worse, it cost me my prized Patang fighting kite. Sheldon, I don't suppose there's any chance you could give me my kite back?
- 60 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Raj, but the rules of aerial warfare dictate at the fallen kite go to the victor. And without rules, the competition has no meaning. And

without meaning, the following would be an empty gesture. (Sings) I have your kite. I have your kite.

- 61 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 62 Leonard: Hey.
- 63 Penny: Hi.
- 64 Leonard: How was your football party?
- 65 Penny: It was pretty good. We won.
- 66 Leonard: Oh, that's excellent. It's a weird figure of speech, isn't it, we won when you weren't
- 67 actually playing. When we watch Star Wars, we don't say, we defeated the Empire.
- 68 Penny: I'm glad to hear it.
- 69 Leonard: Oh, hey, on a related subject, are you embarrassed to have me around your friends?
- 70 Penny: Oh, my god, no. Why would you ask that?
- 71 Leonard: Well, you know, I just noticed I haven't really met any of them.
- 72 Penny: Sure you have.
- 73 Leonard: Well, yeah, no, I met the huge ex-boyfriend and the smaller yet still larger than me ex-boyfriend. Were they here today?
- 74 Penny: Of course not.
- 75 Leonard: Of course not. Why would they be? Why would I ask? Why am I rambling? Why don't you stop me?
- 76 Penny: Leonard, look, if you want to meet my friends, that would be great. I just, you know, I didn't want you to be bored.
- 77 Leonard: I wouldn't be bored. Why would I be bored?
- 78 Penny: Well, 'cause they're not genius scientists.
- 79 Leonard: Penny, I like all sorts of people. In fact, some of my best friends aren't geniuses.
- 80 Penny: Like who?
- 81 Leonard: Okay, some of my Facebook friends aren't geniuses. My point is, if we're going to be a couple, I should be friends with your friends.
- 82 Penny: Okay, great. Well, then why don't you come over next Saturday and watch the game with us.
- 83 Leonard: Another football game?
- 84 Penny: They have them every week.
- 85 Leonard: Did not know that.
- 86 Penny: You wanted to meet my friends.
- 87 Leonard: Sure, sure, just I don't know much about football.
- 88 Penny: Oh, that's okay, a lot of the guys' girlfriends don't know football. They just kind of drink and talk in the kitchen.
- 89 Leonard: Great.
- 90 Scene: The apartment. Leonard and Raj are watching a football game on the television.
- 91 Leonard: Okay, a complete pass. First down, New England. I think I'm starting to get this.
- 92 Raj: Really? The only thing I've learned in the last two hours is that

American men love drinking beer, pee too often and have trouble getting erections.

- 93 Leonard: Focus on the game, not the commercials, Raj.
- 94 Raj: I'm just saying, maybe if you people cut back on the beer, you could get out of the bathroom and satisfy your women without pharmaceutical help.
- 95 Howard (arriving): Raj, what are you doing here? You were supposed to help me pimp out my Vespa.
- 96 Raj: I'm sorry, are you under the impression that we're still friends?
- 97 Howard: Oh come on, you're not still grinding on the kite thing, are you?
- 98 Raj: It's not just the kite thing. Every time we go some place, you think you can just dump me whenever someone prettier comes along, even though you don't have a shot with them.
- 99 Howard: But I had a shot with that jogger.
- 100 Raj: Fine. Paint green flames on your little scooter with her. (Leaves)
- 101 Howard: It's not a little scooter. It's the second biggest Vespa they make! Are you watching football?
- 102 Leonard: There's no fooling you. Now, what is this sacks statistic they put up there?
- 103 Howard: All I know about Saks is, my mother shops there.
- 104 Leonard: Sacks, sacks...
- 105 Sheldon: It's football nomenclature for when a quarterback is tackled behind the line of scrimmage.
- 106 Leonard: Huh... Scrimmage...
- 107 Sheldon: The line of scrimmage is the imaginary transverse line separating the offence from the defence.
- 108 Leonard: Oh.
- 109 Howard: Sheldon knows football?
- 110 Leonard: Apparently.
- 111 Howard: I mean, Quidditch, sure. But football?
- 112 Leonard: Sheldon, how do you know this stuff?
- 113 Sheldon: I grew up in Texas. Football is ubiquitous in Texas. Pro football, college football, high school football, peewee football, in fact, every form of football except the original, European football, which most Texans believe to be a Commie plot.
- 114 Leonard: Unbelievable.
- 115 Sheldon: If you're interested, I also know all about frying meat that isn't chicken as if it were chicken.
- 116 Leonard: So you could teach me?
- 117 Sheldon: Football or chicken-fried meats?
- 118 Leonard: Football. I'm going to Penny's on Saturday to watch a game with her friends and I don't want to look like an idiot. I want to blend in.
- 119 Sheldon: If you want to blend in with Penny's friends, I'd think looking like an idiot would be the perfect camouflage.
- 120 Leonard: Come on, Sheldon, please teach me about football. It'll be fun.
- 121 Sheldon: That's exactly what my father said. Come to the games, watch the games, week in and week out from the time I was five until I went off to

- college. Longest seven years of my life.
- 122 Leonard: Please, I'm asking you as a friend.
- 123 Sheldon: Are you making this a tier one friendship request?
- 124 Leonard: Yes.
- 125 Sheldon: Fine.
- 126 Leonard: I really appreciate this.
- 127 Sheldon: Yeah, yeah. All right, Poindexter, sit down, shut up and listen.
- 128 Leonard: I'm sorry?
- 129 Sheldon: That's how my father always began our football conversations.
- And if you'd like, after the game, I'll take you outside and teach you how to shoot close enough to a racoon that it craps itself.
- 130 Scene: The kitchen. Sheldon is making toast in a cylon toaster which burns an image of a cylon onto the toast.
- 131 Leonard: When are you going to stop making Cylon toast?
- 132 Sheldon: When I have enough to destroy all the human toast on the battlestar known as Galactica. Is that what you're wearing to watch football at Penny's?
- 133 Leonard: What's wrong with a football jersey?
- 134 Sheldon: Nothing. That, however, appears to be a football cocktail dress.
- 135 Leonard: I's the smallest size they had, except the one for dogs. I can't believe they had one for dogs.
- 136 Sheldon: Oh, yes. Canine football fans are a common sight in Texas. Cats, however, refuse to wear sporting apparel. My sister found that out the hard way.
- 137 Leonard: Anyway, wish me luck.
- 138 Sheldon: Leonard, wait. Am I correct in assuming that your attempt to be accepted by Penny's peers is based on your desire to ensure your continuing mating privileges with her?
- 139 Leonard: Well, I wouldn't put it exactly that way.
- 140 Sheldon: How would you put it?
- 141 Leonard: Yeah, okay, like you said.
- 142 Sheldon: Huh. Seems like an awful lot of trouble to go through for intercourse. Don't you have access to women who will do it for money? By the way, another accepted usage for the term ho.
- 143 Leonard: Good-Bye, Sheldon.
- 144 Sheldon: Hold on I believe that social convention dictate you not arrive empty-Handed. Would you like to bring some Cylon toast?
- 145 Leonard: Yeah, no, I'm trying to fit in, not get laughed at.
- 146 Sheldon: What's funny about Cylon toast?
- 147 Scene: Raj's apartment. Raj is watching a Bollywood movie. There is a knock on the door.
- 148 Raj: It's open.
- 149 Howard: Hey, pal.
- 150 Raj: What do you want?
- 151 Howard: I brought you a little gift. New kite.
- 152 Raj: The kite you made me lose was an authentic Patang, an Indian

fighting kite that my brother sent to me from New Delhi. It took me a day to put together and two days to paint. This is Hello Kitty.

- 153 Howard: Yeah, but it comes with a little coin purse. Does a Patang?
- 154 Raj: Wow, you just don't get it, do you? Buying me something pretty isn't going to make our problem just go away.
- 155 Howard: Look, I admit I haven't always been the best friend I could be.
- 156 Raj: You've been a sucky friend, a sucky, sucky friend.
- 157 Howard: Stipulated.
- 158 Raj: And you do it all the time. Last week in the mall at Radio Shack, we were looking for a phone with giant numbers for your mother, and I suddenly realize you're not even there.
- 159 Howard: I know, I know.
- 160 Raj: And where were you?
- 161 Howard: Getting shot down by the girl at Hot Dog on a Stick. But in my defence, she was gorgeous, and working that squeezer to make the lemonade, going up and down and up and down. It was like a free pole dance right in the middle of the food court.
- 162 Raj: You're impossible.
- 163 Howard: Hey, at least I can talk to women without being drunk.
- 164 Raj: Excuse me, I have selective mutism, a recognized medical disorder. You're just a douche.
- 165 Howard: No. You know what? Maybe that's what this whole thing's about. You're not mad at me, you're mad at yourself.
- 166 Raj: No, I'm mad at you. I hate myself, but I'm mad at you.
- 167 Howard: Fine. You're mad at me. I get it. Now, how about we go spend the day together? Just the two of us. We'll go anywhere you want.
- 168 Raj: I don't know.
- 169 Howard: Come on. Let me take you someplace nice.
- 170 Raj: I... I do enjoy the La Brea Tar Pits.
- 171 Howard: Really, now? With the traffic and the parking, it's. . . okay, fine. The Tar Pits. Let's go.
- 172 Raj: Oh, why can't I stay mad at you?
- 173 Scene: Penny's apartment. Everyone is watching football.
- 174 Leonard: Go! Go! Go! Go-Go-Go-Go! Yes! Are you people watching this? Is this amazing or what?
- 175 Penny: Sweetie, that's a highlight from the '98 championship game.
- 176 Leonard: Oh. Did not know that.
- 177 Penny: How much beer have you had?
- 178 Leonard: None, why?
- 179 Penny: Oh. I was just kind of hoping you were drunk. Now we're back live.
- 180 Leonard: Okay, yeah. I can see the difference.
- 181 Guy in baseball hat: Oh, where's the flag, that's intentional grounding.
- 182 Second guy: Totally.
- 183 Leonard: That completely was a forward pass, which they threw intentionally incomplete to avoid loss of yardage or to conserve time. I can't believe

they're not being penalized with the loss of a down and by having to move the line of scrimmage back to the spot of the foul.

- 184 Penny: Here, have some pizza, sweetie.
- 185 Leonard: Penny, you know I'm lactose intolerant.
- 186 Penny: I know. I just need you stop talking.
- 187 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 188 Penny: Sheldon, come in.
- 189 Sheldon: Thank you. I'd like to make a sandwich, but I'm out of bread.
- 190 Penny: There's some in the fridge.
- 191 Sheldon: You shouldn't keep your bread in the refrigerator. Staleness is caused by crystallization of the starch molecules, which occurs faster at cool temperatures.
- 192 Penny: On Earth, we say thank you.
- 193 Sheldon: So Leonard, how goes the mimesis?
- 194 Leonard: Mimesis?
- 195 Sheldon: You know. Mimesis. An action in which the mimic takes on the properties of a specific object or organism. Mimesis.
- 196 Leonard: What the hell are you talking about?
- 197 Sheldon: I'm attempting to communicate with you without my meaning becoming apparent to those around you. Let me try again. Have the indigenous fauna accepted you as one of their own? Nudge, nudge, wink, wink.
- 198 Leonard: Oh, I guess so.
- 199 Sheldon: Good. Oh, FYI. After I eat my sandwich, I'm taking Koothrappali's Patang kite out for a test run. Would you like to get your delta-wing raptor and join me?
- 200 Leonard: I don't want to fly kites, Sheldon. We're watching football here.
- 201 Sheldon: I can see that. I was providing you with an alternative. A courtesy I was never offered in similar circumstances.
- 202 Leonard: Oh, look at that. The Oklahoma coach has thrown down a red flag indicating he's challenging the ruling on the field. I hope he's right, 'cause if he's not, it'll cost him one of his three time-Outs.
- 203 Penny: You know, Leonard, honey, I wouldn't mind if you wanted to go fly kites with Sheldon.
- 204 Leonard: No, I'll watch the end of the game. Besides, there's only three minutes left.
- 205 Penny: Until half time.
- 206 Leonard: This is just half? We've been here for hours.
- 207 Penny: And you're gonna be here for a couple more.
- 208 Leonard: Oh, you're kidding me.
- 209 Penny: No.
- 210 Leonard: Nice meeting all of you.
- 211 Penny: So, yeah, anyway, that's my boyfriend. He is really smart.
- 212 Scene: The Le Brea Tar Pits.
- 213 Raj: I really like my saber-toothed cat. Thank you.
- 214 Howard: My pleasure. Maybe after lunch, we can go to Marie Callender's

- and have some pie.
- 215 Raj: I'd like that. This is turning out to be a perfect Saturday.
- 216 Howard: Good. I'm glad. Oh, man. Did you see the way she smiled at me?
- 217 Raj: Fine. Go ahead.
- 218 Howard: No. This is our day.
- 219 Raj: If you want to chase after her, chase after her.
- 220 Howard: Ah, who am I kidding? I wouldn't have a shot with a girl like that.
- 221 Raj: Don't put yourself down. You're a very attractive man.
- 222 Howard: You think so?
- 223 Raj: Yeah. Absolutely. It wouldn't kill you to take a Pilates class with me now and then, but you have a certain wiry appeal.
- 224 Howard: Yeah, well, it doesn't matter 'cause she wasn't really smiling at me.
- 225 Raj: Actually, in this case, I think she was.
- 226 Howard: Really?
- 227 Raj: Yeah.
- 228 Howard: Bye.
- 229 Raj: What a douche.

# 3.7 Episode 07: The Guitarist Amplification

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Penny: Wow, Sheldon, I cannot believe you made up your own game.
- 3 Sheldon: Oh, Research Lab is more than a game. It's like the slogan says, the physics is theoretical, but the fun is real.
- 4 Leonard: We must not be playing it right.
- 5 Penny: All right, five. One, two, three, four, five. Oh, wow, look at that, my Department of Defence research grant is renewed.
- 6 Sheldon: Oh! Great roll! Now you can demolish your Soviet-style cyclotron and build the large Hadron Collider.
- 7 Penny: Yay.
- 8 Sheldon: You're a natural at this, Penny. And as the first beta testers, you two'll have quite the edge when we play with Wolowitz and Koothrappali on Sunday.
- 9 Leonard: Oh, gee, Sheldon, I don't think we can play on Sunday.
- 10 Sheldon: Why not?
- 11 Leonard: Because of the reasons that Penny will now tell you. Penny?
- 12 Penny: Actually, I have to pick up my friend Justin from the airport.
- 13 Leonard: There you go, she has to pick up her friend Justin at the airport, aAnd I can't play 'cause I'm going with her, right?
- 14 Penny: Um, yeah, if you want. I mean, there may not be room. He's got a lot of stuff, like guitars and amplifiers.
- 15 Leonard: Wait. What are you talking about?
- 16 Penny: My friend, Justin.

- 17 Sheldon: Pay attention, Leonard. That's why she can't play on Sunday.
- 18 Leonard: Who is this Justin?
- 19 Sheldon: Your turn, Leonard.
- 20 Penny: I told you about him.
- 21 Leonard: No, you didn't.
- 22 Sheldon: Roll the dice, Leonard.
- 23 Penny: Yeah, my friend from Omaha, plays the guitar. Anyway, he's coming to L.A. looking for some session work, so I told him he could just crash on my couch for a few weeks.
- 24 Sheldon: Come on, Leonard, if you roll a six, Penny dies horribly in a nuclear meltdown. See what I mean when I say the fun is real?
- 25 Leonard: Hang on. Some guy is going to be sleeping on your couch?
- 26 Penny: He's not some guy. He's my friend.
- 27 Leonard: So by friend, do you mean friend friend, gay friend, or ex boyfriend who you're now platonic with but still might have a thing for you friend"?
- 28 Penny: Well, he's definitely not gay.
- 29 Leonard: Oh, a definitely not gay musician sleeping on my girlfriend's couch. Yippee.
- 30 Penny: Okay, we went out a little bit, a long time ago, but we were never like going out.
- 31 Leonard: Okay, not to be pedantic, but the last I checked went out was in fact the past tense of going out, which I think we all know is a popular euphemism for saw each other naked.
- 32 Sheldon: I'll just roll for you.
- 33 Penny: Do you have a problem with Justin staying with me?
- 34 Leonard: What was your first clue?
- 35 Sheldon: Uh-oh! Industrial accident.
- 36 Penny: You know what? Don't talk to me like I'm an idiot.
- 37 Leonard: I'm not talking to you like you're an idiot! I'm saying the whole idea is idiotic!
- 38 Sheldon: You accidentally stare at a helium-argon laser. Lose one turn and a retina.
- 39 Penny: How is that not talking to me like I'm an idiot? It's my friend, it's my couch, and it's my freakin' life!
- 40 Sheldon: It's also your roll.
- 41 Leonard: You know what? It is your life. If you want to have some stupid guitarist stay on your couch, then fine. Why don't you just rent some bunk beds and invite The Black Eyed Peas?
- 42 Penny: Hey, if I want to invite the entire line up of Lollapalooza to sleep in my apartment, I will, and it's none of your business!
- 43 Leonard: Are you listening to yourself? Do you know how childish you sound right now?
- 44 Penny: Oh, now I'm a child? Well, at least I'm not an idiot anymore!
- 45 Leonard: The two aren't mutually exclusive!
- 46 Penny: Oh, you are such a... (Sheldon has placed ice in the blender and turned it on) What the hell is he doing?

- 47 Leonard: He's drowning us out. He doesn't like fighting.
- 48 Penny: Sheldon, just stop, look, the fight is over. Oh, and FYI, you never even heard of The Black Eved Peas until you met me!
- 49 Leonard: I heard of 'em. Didn't know they were a band. Sheldon, she's gone. You can turn off the blender.
- 50 Sheldon: Has your relationship reached its inevitable ugly end?
- 51 Leonard: No, we just had a little spat.
- 52 Sheldon: Look on the bright side. As the result of Penny's forfeit, you have become the world's first winner of Research Lab. Would you like a commemorative snow cone?
- 53 Credits sequence
- 54 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 55 Leonard: I don't get how she can just announce that an old boyfriend is going to be sleeping on her couch.
- 56 Sheldon: Hey, I thought of a game we can play in the car.
- 57 Leonard: I don't want to play a game, Sheldon.
- 58 Sheldon: It's called Scientists. Now, I will name three scientists, then you will put them in order of the size of their contribution to their respective fields. To make this game even more compelling, you must consider only the contribution of the man to the field, not the validity of the field itself. For example, Abu Musa Jabir ibn Hayn made a greater contribution to the discredited field of alchemy than Halbert Vanderplatt made to neurobiology. Okay, ready to have some fun?
- 59 Leonard: An old boyfriend who's definitely not gay. That's what a guy likes to hear, definitely.
- 60 Sheldon: All right, I'll start with an easy one, um, Isaac Newton, Madame Curie and Niels Bohr.
- 61 Leonard: And then I say one little thing and I end up being the bad guy!
- 62 Sheldon: Hint, Madame Curie had her husband to help her.
- 63 Leonard: What am I supposed to say? Sure, Penny, I'm cool with your old boyfriend sleeping in your apartment. Well, Leonard, it doesn't matter if you're cool or not because I'm Penny and I'm pretty and I can do whatever the hell I want! Oh, I get it! You think you're doing me a favour just by being in a relationship with me! No, no, Leonard! I'm doing you a favour just by being in the same room as you!
- 64 Sheldon: Leonard! Stop the car!
- 65 Leonard: What?
- 66 Sheldon: I can't listen to the two of you fight anymore.
- 67 Scene: Leaving the apartment.
- 68 Sheldon: Come on, come on, we're late.
- 69 Leonard: Calm down, we'll make the movie.
- 70 Sheldon: I believe my alarm is appropriate, given the situation. The movie starts in 17 minutes, which means we'll need to make all the lights on Colorado Boulevard, plus skip the concession stand, and preshow urination.
- 71 Raj: Oh, dude, I wish you had said something before I pounded that last Red Bull.

- 72 Sheldon: Go, go, Power Rangers, go!
- 73 Penny: Hey.
- 74 Leonard: Hey. We're, uh, going to the movies.
- 75 Sheldon: No, we're not. We're standing in the hallway, suffering through an awkward encounter.
- 76 Leonard: Hang on. They're showing a new digital print of Time Bandits, you wouldn't want to come, would you?
- 77 Penny: Not really, no.
- 78 Sheldon: All right, invitation pointlessly offered, invitation declined as expected, everyone's civil, nobody's fighting. Have a nice evening.
- 79 Leonard: Just give us a minute.
- 80 Howard: Oh, take all the time you need.
- 81 Leonard: So, are we going to talk about last night?
- 82 Penny: Are you ready to apologize?
- 83 Leonard: No.
- 84 Penny: E-e-e-eh! Wrong answer, but thank you for playing.
- 85 Leonard: Oh, come on. This is stupid.
- 86 Penny: Oh, there it is again! You think I'm stupid!
- 87 Leonard: No, there's a difference between being stupid and acting stupid.
- 88 Penny: Oh, yeah? well, there's a difference between being a jerk and being an ass!
- 89 Leonard: No, there isn't! They're synonyms!
- 90 Raj: Well, that was rather unpleasant.
- 91 Howard: Yeah, I don't think I need my preshow urination anymore.
- 92 Sheldon: Leonard, when that woman moved in three years ago I told you not to talk to her, and now look, we're going to be late for the movies.
- 93 Scene: The comic book store.
- 94 Howard: Hey! Look! Amazing Spider-Man 183.
- 95 Sheldon: Got it.
- 96 Howard: Remember this one? Spider-Man loses a big fight and then his girlfriend breaks up with him. Want me to get it for you? It'll help take your mind off things.
- 97 Stuart: Hey, guys. What's going on?
- 98 Leonard: Oh, we need to kill a couple hours till the next showing of Time Bandits.
- 99 Stuart: Oh, well, no problem. I was thinking of closing early and going home, but let's face it, that's just a slightly smaller lonely room filled with comic books.
- 100 Leonard: Thanks, Stuart. Let me ask you something. Do you think it's okay for Penny to have an ex-boyfriend sleep on her couch?
- 101 Howard: No, I mean, she's obviously way out of line.
- 102 Leonard: Thank you!
- 103 Howard: But if she dumps you, she'll have a new boyfriend by tomorrow morning and you'll have a new girlfriend when you figure out how to build one. So the only question is, how long until you fold?
- 104 Leonard: I am not going to fold.

- 105 Raj: Well, excuse me, I don't think Penny's out of line at all. You don't own her. It's like my girl, Beyonce says, if you like it, you should put a ring on it."
- 106 Howard: Come on. At the very least, when she found out Leonard was upset about it, she should've backed off.
- 107 Raj: You mean like when a guy's upset because his friend agreed to take a cooking class with him and then doesn't show up because he's doing a juice fast with his mother?
- 108 Howard: I didn't know you were upset about that.
- 109 Raj: Really! Did you miss all the subtle indicators, like me saying, Howard, I am upset.
- 110 Howard: Okay, sorry.
- 111 Raj: Maybe it means something different in this country. Back in India, it means you're upset with a guy named Howard!
- 112 Howard: I said I'm sorry.
- 113 Raj: Sorry doesn't make up for the fact that I had to make chicken and rice with this vegan guy. Do you know what vegan chicken and rice is? Rice!
- 114 Howard: Yeah, well, you think I was having fun, sitting around all night listening to my mother say "Have you ever peed so much in your life?"
- 115 Raj: Oh, my God, you are such a mama's boy.
- 116 Howard: Hey, don't bring my mother into this!
- 117 Raj: You brought your mother into this!
- 118 Sheldon: Stop it, both of you. All this fighting, I might as well be back with my parents! Damn it, George, I told you if you didn't quit drinkin' I'd leave you! Well, I guess that makes you a liar, 'cause I'm drunk as hell and you're still here! Stop yelling! You're making Sheldon cry! I'll tell you what's making Sheldon cry! That I let you name him Sheldon.
- 119 Howard: Boy, what got him so upset?
- 120 Raj: Oh, sure, you can tell when Sheldon's upset.
- 121 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 122 Penny: Oh, thank you very much. Come back soon. With the other half of my tip. Hey, Sheldon, what are you doing here?
- 123 Sheldon: This is a restaurant. It's lunchtime. I would think, as a waitress, you'd be familiar with the paradigm.
- 124 Penny: Is Leonard coming?
- 125 Sheldon: No, I believe Leonard is waiting for you to come crawling back to him and apologize.
- 126 Penny: Well, that's not gonna happen.
- 127 Sheldon: I assumed that would be your attitude. Hence, my true purpose in coming here.
- 128 Penny: Which is?
- 129 Sheldon: I want you to crawl back to him and apologize.
- 130 Penny: I'm busy.
- 131 Sheldon: Excuse me, miss. I'd like to order lunch.
- 132 Penny: Fine. What do you want?
- 133 Sheldon: I have a few questions. First, I notice that you offer soup and a

half-sandwich?

- 134 Penny: Yes.
- 135 Sheldon: Where exactly does the half-sandwich come from? Are you giving me half of someone else's sandwich, or do I have to wait for someone else in the restaurant to order the other half?
- 136 Penny: No, no, Sheldon, they just make a half-sandwich.
- 137 Sheldon: You can't make a half-sandwich. If it's not half of a whole sandwich, it's just a small sandwich.
- 138 Penny: Okay, fine, it's soup and a small sandwich. Is that what you want?
- 139 Sheldon: Of course not. I'll have my usual.
- 140 Penny: Great.
- 141 Sheldon: Aren't you going to ask me if I want a beverage?
- 142 Penny: Don't you usually get lemonade?
- 143 Sheldon: Yes.
- 144 Penny: Do you want lemonade?
- 145 Sheldon: Yes.
- 146 Penny: Anything else?
- 147 Sheldon: Yes, I want you to apologize to Leonard.
- 148 Penny: I am not going to apologize. I've done nothing wrong. He is completely overreacting.
- 149 Sheldon: Irrelevant. The disruption in your relationship is making my life intolerable.
- 150 Penny: Well, I'm sorry, Sheldon, but this really isn't about you.
- 151 Sheldon: I don't follow.
- 152 Penny: Yeah, yeah, I'll be right there. Look, Sheldon, I have to go.
- 153 Sheldon: All right, let's assume, ad argumentum, that in this case, Leonard is wrong.
- 154 Penny: Leonard is wrong.
- 155 Sheldon: Considering the number of transgressions you've committed that he's overlooked, don't you think that, just this once, you could return the favour?
- 156 Penny: I'm coming. Goodbye, Sheldon. What do you mean, transgressions I've committed?
- 157 Sheldon: Were you under the impression that Leonard has no complaints about you?
- 158 Penny: Like what? Yeah, yeah, I see you, you're making a little cheque sign in the air, I got it, just hold your horses. What does Leonard complain about?
- 159 Sheldon: Your driving, the plethora of stuffed animals on your bed that stare at him during your amorous activities, your constant tardiness, your singing.
- 160 Penny: My singing?
- 161 Sheldon: That's actually from my list, but Leonard would be a fool if he didn't agree with it.
- 162 Penny: Okay, if Leonard has so many problems with me, why hasn't he just said so?
- 163 Sheldon: Because, according to him, you're oversensitive and have a tem-

per.

- 164 Penny: Oh, really? Well, then, do me a favour and tell Leonard that he can drop dead!
- 165 Sheldon: And she wonders why she's constantly undertipped.
- 166 Scene: The apartment.
- 167 Leonard: Hey.
- 168 Sheldon: Oh, good, you're home. I need you to do me a favour.
- 169 Leonard: Sure.
- 170 Sheldon: Go apologize to Penny.
- 171 Leonard: What?
- 172 Sheldon: Right now would be good.
- 173 Penny (knocking): Leonard!
- 174 Sheldon: Although, a few minutes ago would have been better.
- 175 Penny: I hear you don't like my stuffed animals, my driving or my punctuality.
- 176 Leonard: What? Who would tell you something like that? Why would you tell her something like that?
- 177 Penny: It doesn't matter why he told me. It's true, isn't it?
- 178 Leonard: Okay, yeah, it's true, but I can live with that stuff. What I can't live with is you casually informing me that some guy's going to be staying in your apartment without even asking me first!
- 179 Penny: That isn't even your problem, the problem is you don't trust me!
- 180 Leonard: Oh, come on. Sheldon, have you ever once heard me say that I don't trust Penny? Sheldon? Where did he go?
- 181 Penny: Oh, your yelling must have freaked him out again.
- 182 Leonard: Where are you going? You just walk away in the middle of an argument?!
- 183 Penny: No, I'm going to go find your damn roommate before he hurts himself trying to cross the street or something!
- 184 Leonard: Why didn't you say so?
- 185 Penny: Oh, now I need your permission for that, too?!
- 186 Leonard: Well, I can't read your mind, Penny!
- 187 Penny: Really? Why not? You're so smart, and I'm so dumb!
- 188 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 189 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, Raj. (Knock, knock, knock) Raj.
- 190 Raj: Stop knocking! It's open! Please tell my parents that our dark matter research is at a critical juncture, and I can't come home for my cousin Sanjav's wedding.
- 191 Mrs Koothrappali: Sheldon, ask our son what we're supposed to say to Mr. and Mrs. Choudhry, whose daughter, Lakshmi is flying in from London, for the sole purpose of meeting him.
- 192 Raj: I didn't ask you to set me up with Lakshmi.
- 193 Mrs Koothrappali: You should be thanking us!
- 194 Dr Koothrappali: Yes, Lakshmi just got her stomach stapled. You have an opportunity to get in good with her before she loses weight, and her self-esteem

goes up.

- 195 Raj: I don't care! And why don't you think I can find a woman for myself?
- 196 Mrs Koothrappali: Because you're 27, and the closest thing we have to a daughter-in-law is that Jewish boy Howard.
- 197 Raj: Oh, that is completely below the belt. Sheldon, tell my parents that Howard and I are just friends. Sheldon? Howard and I are just friends! Fine. I'll come home for Sanjay's wedding.
- 198 Scene: Penny's car.
- 199 Penny (out of the window): Sheldon! (whistles)
- 200 Leonard: What are you doing? He's not a lost dog.
- 201 Penny: Hey, why don't you just let me find him while you sit there hitting your imaginary brake?
- 202 Leonard: The brake might be imaginary, but that stop sign you just ran wasn't.
- 203 Penny: What stop sign?
- 204 Leonard: Eyes on the road. Eyes on the road!
- 205 Scene: Outside Howard's house. Sheldon rings the doorbell.
- 206 Howard's Mother: Howard, answer the door! I'm busy!
- 207 Howard: I'm busy too, you answer it.
- 208 Howard's Mother: I can't! I'm on the toilet!
- 209 Howard: For God's sake, I don't need to hear that! Can't you just say, I'm busy?
- 210 Howard's Mother: I said I'm busy, but that wasn't good enough for you!
- 211 Howard: You know what? I hope it's one of those home invasion deals, and they shoot me in the head.
- 212 Howard's Mother: Well, if it's a home invader, don't tell them I'm on the toilet!
- 213 Howard: There's no one there. You're hearing things, you crazy old lady!
- 214 Scene: The comic book store.
- 215 Leonard: Hey, Stuart, have you seen Sheldon?
- 216 Stuart: Yeah, he's, uh, over in the graphic novel section. Built himself a little nest.
- 217 Leonard: Thank you.
- 218 Stuart: Uh, Penny?
- 219 Penny: Yeah?
- 220 Stuart: Is everything okay?
- 221 Penny: What do you mean?
- 222 Stuart: Uh, Sheldon told me you and Leonard were having a fight?
- 223 Penny: Oh, yeah, kind of. It's, it's no big thing.
- 224 Stuart: Oh, good, good. (She moves away) I love you.
- 225 Leonard: I'm not leaving until you talk to me.
- 226 Penny: All right, what's going on?
- 227 Leonard: It's a little hard to explain. He does this thing where he pretends he's in an alternate dimension that occupies the same physical space we're in, but he can't perceive us.
- 228 Sheldon: Don't flatter yourself. I'm just ignoring you.

- 229 Penny: Come on, Sheldon, let's go home. Look, we're done fighting.
- 230 Sheldon: I've heard that before, but then, the next thing you know I'm hiding in my bedroom, blaring a Richard Feinman lecture while my mom is shouting that Jesus would forgive her if she put ground glass in my dad's meatloaf, and my dad's on the roof skeet-shooting her Franklin Mint collectible plates.
- 231 Penny: Okay, there's going to no more shouting and no skeet-shooting.
- 232 Sheldon: Really? Where's your friend Justin going to sleep?
- 233 Leonard: Yeah, where's he gonna sleep?
- 234 Penny: Oh, my God, would you let this go?!
- 235 Stuart: I'd let it go.
- 236 Leonard: Why should I let it go? Why don't you just tell the guy to find another place to sleep? (Sheldon turns on a loud toy robot) Oh, for God's sakes. So, you have childhood issues, we all have childhood issues, at some point, you just need to grow up and get past them. (Sheldon turns on another robot)
- 237 Penny: Leonard, will you just let me handle this, please? Look, let's just... Sheldon, please,
- 238 try and understand. Look, Leonard and I are in a relationship, and occasionally, we're going to fight. But no matter what happens between us, we will always love you. Right, Leonard?
- 239 Leonard: Always is a long time. Sure. Always.
- 240 Penny: You know, how about we buy you this robot, and then we all go home?
- 241 Sheldon: I want that one.
- 242 Penny: Okay, you can have that one.
- 243 Leonard: Oh, come on, he's just going to play with it twice, and then it'll end up in his closet with all the other junk.
- 244 Penny: Buy him the robot, Leonard.
- 245 Sheldon: Can I get this comic book, too?
- 246 Penny: Yes, you can.
- 247 Stuart: We meet again.
- 248 Scene: Penny's bed.
- 249 Leonard: So what did Justin say when you told him he couldn't sleep on your couch?
- 250 Penny: He's a musician. He'll sleep in his own vomit, if he has to.
- 251 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is in his spot. Beside him, a long haired bearded person is asleep. There is a guitar propped up on the arm of the sofa.
- 252 Sheldon: I should have asked for much more than a comic book and a robot.

### 3.8 Episode 08: The Adhesive Duck Deficiency

- 1 Scene: A camp site.
- 2 Howard: How much time do we have?
- 3 Leonard: Uh, t-minus five hours, 37 minutes to onset of meteor shower.
- 4 Raj: Okay, our position is 34.48 degrees north, 118.31 west. That means the azimuth should be 168.22 degrees relative to magnetic north with an elevation

of 49.93.

- 5 Howard: Anything yet?
- 6 Leonard: Uh, we have a signal, but there's no frame lock.
- 7 Howard: Hang on, how about now?
- 8 Raj: We did it. We have the west coast feed of HBO.
- 9 Howard: Ooh, Real s\*x.
- 10 Raj: Big deal. Every time I watch that show it's old women putting condoms on cucumbers.
- 11 Howard: Alright, let's see what's on the east coast feed.
- 12 Leonard: Oh, hey. Dune.
- 13 Raj: Not a great movie, but look at that beautiful desert.
- 14 Leonard: Too bad Sheldon couldn't come with us.
- 15 Raj: Yes, it's not the same without him. (They all laugh)
- 16 Howard: Oh, this sucks, I'm switching back to Real s\*x.
- 17 Scene: The apartment.
- 18 Sheldon: Sheldon's log, stardate 63345.3. While my colleagues are off observing the Leonid meteor shower, I have remained behind to complete my paper on the decays of highly excited massive string states. Although my research is going well I do miss the warmth of human companionship. (He laughs)
- 19 Credits sequence.
- 20 Scene: The apartment.
- 21 Sheldon: And good evening to you, Siam Palace. This is Sheldon Cooper. Yeah, I'm going to be dining alone this evening, so I'll be reducing my usual order. I'd like to start with one quarter of the assorted appetizers plate and, uh, one half of the golden treasure for two. Oh, for heaven's sake, in the mid-18th century, King Rama IV of Siam divided a huge empire amongst the colonial powers of Europe in order to preserve his throne. Surely, you, his cultural descendant, can handle pad thai and dumplings.
- 22 Penny (voice off): Sheldon help!
- 23 Sheldon: I need to go, but you keep in mind that my sharply worded comments on yelp.com recently took down a local muffin store. (At Penny's door, knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny..
- 24 Penny: Come in! Hurry!
- 25 Sheldon: Penny?
- 26 Penny: I'm back here.
- 27 Sheldon: (At Penny's bedroom door, knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock) Penny..
- 28 Penny: Oh, for god's sakes, I'm in the bathroom!
- 29 Sheldon: Shall I come back at a better time?
- 30 Penny: Get in here! Hurry! Don't you dare knock.
- 31 Sheldon: Hello.
- 32 Penny: I slipped in the shower, and I think I dislocated my shoulder.
- 33 Sheldon: Not surprising. You have no safety mat or adhesive stickers to allow for purchase on a surface with a low coefficient of static friction.
- 34 Penny: What?

- 35 Sheldon: Tubs are slippery.
- 36 Penny: I know. I slipped.
- 37 Sheldon: I have a series of whimsical duck stickers on the bottom of my tub.
- 38 Penny: Yeah, okay, whatever. Will you just turn the water off and help me up?
- 39 Sheldon: They're holding umbrellas.
- 40 Penny: What?
- 41 Sheldon: The ducks in my tub.
- 42 Penny: Uh-huh.
- 43 Sheldon: They're whimsical because ducks have neither the need for, nor the ability to use umbrellas.
- 44 Penny: Oh, my god. I got to go to the emergency room.
- 45 Sheldon: Well, assuming you're correct that your right humerus is no longer seated in the glenoid socket, I would certainly think so.
- 46 Penny: Okay, can you drive me?
- 47 Sheldon: I don't drive.
- 48 Penny: Well, I can't drive!
- 49 Sheldon: Well, it seems we've reached an impasse.
- 50 Penny: Ow.
- 51 Sheldon: But I could call you a cab or an ambulance.
- 52 Penny: No, no, no, I can't wait that long, you got to help me, please.
- 53 Sheldon: All right. Let it never be said that Sheldon Lee Cooper ignored the pleas of a damsel in distress.
- 54 Penny: No one's saying that. Let's go.
- 55 Sheldon: Well, it does seem rather ironic that for want of 99-cent adhesive ducks, we both might die in a fiery car crash.
- 56 Scene: The camp site.
- 57 Leonard: I wish Penny didn't have to work, she loves camping.
- 58 Raj: Yeah, that would have been great. You and Penny having  $s^*x$  in the tent while I sit out here and watch Howard hump a cactus.
- 59 Howard: Okay, the best I can tell, there are eight other campsites nearby. Mostly science nerds like us, but just over you ridge are two not unattractive middle school teachers who reek of desperation.
- 60 Raj: Wow. Wonderful. How old are they?
- 61 Howard: Oh I don't know, 50, 55.
- 62 Raj: Oh, menopause, nature's birth control.
- 63 Leonard: Come on, you guys can't be that hard up.
- 64 Howard: I am.
- 65 Raj: Yeah, me, too.
- 66 Howard: Look, they gave me homemade cookies.
- 67 Leonard: Of course, they did. That's what grandmothers do.
- 68 Raj: So, what are we waiting for?
- 69 Howard: Relax, I said we'd stop by a little later after they have their nap.
- 70 Raj: Good idea. They'll be refreshed.
- 71 Howard: Cookie?

- 72 Raj: Yeah, thank you. Mmmm.
- 73 Leonard: Mmmm, not bad.
- 74 Raj: Yeah, very tasty. Well, so tell me more about these teachers.
- 75 Howard: Not much to tell. They had a VW Microbus and were wearing tie-dyed Grateful Dead shirts.
- 76 Raj: Huh. Mmm. Good cookies.
- 77 Scene: Penny's bedroom.
- 78 Sheldon: I see no organizational system in here whatsoever. Which panties do you wear on Mondays?
- 79 Penny: I don't need panties, I just need shorts and a shirt.
- 80 Sheldon: My mother always told me one should wear clean underpants in case one is in an accident.
- 81 Penny: One was already in an accident.
- 82 Sheldon: That doesn't mean one won't be in another, especially if I'm driving.
- 83 Penny: Clothes, Sheldon. I need clothes!
- 84 Sheldon: Okay, here.
- 85 Penny: Seriously? Those shorts with that top?
- 86 Sheldon: All right.
- 87 Penny: No... No... Oh, that's cute.
- 88 Sheldon: We should have you checked for a concussion.
- 89 Penny: Okay, now, you got to help me put these on.
- 90 Sheldon: All right.
- 91 Penny: But don't look.
- 92 Sheldon: Don't look?
- 93 Penny: I don't want you to see me naked.
- 94 Sheldon: Oh. Well, that's understandable. You may be interested to know that a prohibition against looking is well established in heroic mythology. Uh, Lot and his wife, Perseus and Medusa, Orpheus and Eurydice.
- 95 Penny: Yeah, great.
- 96 Sheldon: They always look. It never ends well.
- 97 Penny: Ok, now you gotta help me get my arm into the sleeve.
- 98 Sheldon: Ok.
- 99 Penny: Is that my arm?
- 100 Sheldon: It doesn't feel like an arm.
- 101 Penny: Then, maybe you should let it go.
- 102 Sheldon: All righty.
- 103 Scene: The camp site.
- 104 Leonard: Stars are pretty, aren't they?
- 105 Howard: Up above the world so high, like little diamonds in the sky.
- 106 Raj: That's beautiful, dude. You should  $\dots$  You should write that down before someone steals it.
- 107 Howard: So, when do the meteors get here?
- 108 Raj: The meteors don't get here, the earth is moving into their path.
- 109 Leonard: I can feel it. I can feel the earth moving. It's moving too fast. Raj, slow it down.

- 110 Raj: Okay, how's that?
- 111 Leonard: Better. Thanks.
- 112 Howard: Stars are pretty, aren't they?
- 113 Leonard: What's so funny?
- 114 Raj: It's your American accent. Everything you say sounds stupid. (With an American accent) Stars are pretty, aren't they?
- 115 Scene: Penny's car.
- 116 Sheldon: For the record, I should let you know this is my first time driving an actual motor vehicle.
- 117 Penny: You have your learner's permit, right?
- 118 Sheldon: Yes, and I have logged a considerable number of hours on a simulator.
- 119 Penny: Good.
- 120 Sheldon: Didn't work out well.
- 121 Penny: All right, can we please go?
- 122 Sheldon: One moment. According to my driver's ed book, a side mirror is properly adjusted when a portion of the is driver's door handle is visible in the lower right corner. There's the handle. Oh, no, too far, bringing it back. Optimized. Now, where is the switch to adjust the passenger side mirror?
- 123 Penny: It's right there.
- 124 Sheldon: Where is the passenger side mirror?
- 125 Penny: In a parking lot in Hollywood. Now, can we please go?
- 126 Sheldon: Yes. As soon as I adjust my seat. Whee! Oh, dear. I'm going to have to start again.
- 127 Scene: The camp site.
- 128 Raj: If I could speak the language of rabbits, they would be amazed, and I would be their king.
- 129 Leonard: I hate my name. It has nerd in it. Len nerd.
- 130 Howard: I lost my virginity to my cousin Jeanie.
- 131 Raj: I would be kind to my rabbit subjects. At first.
- 132 Leonard: You know what's a cool name? Angelo. That has angel and jell-o in it.
- 133 Howard: It was my Uncle Murray's funeral. We were all back at my Aunt Barbara's house. Our eyes locked over the pickled herring. We never meant for it to happen.
- 134 Raj: One day, I hold a great ball for the President of France, but the rabbits, they hate me and don't come. I am embarrassed, so I eat all the lettuce in the world and make them watch.
- 135 Leonard: People could call me Angie. Yo, Angie, how's it goin'?
- 136 Howard: To this day, I can't look at pickled herring without being aroused and ashamed. Oh, cousin Jeanie.
- 137 Scene: Penny's car.
- 138 Penny: Could you please drive a little faster?
- 139 Sheldon: Oh, I think we're going sufficiently fast. What's that?
- 140 Penny: Nothing. The engine does that sometimes.
- 141 Sheldon: That can't be nothing, the check engine light is on. We need to

find a service station.

- 142 Penny: No. The light has been on since I bought the car.
- 143 Sheldon: All the more reason to consult with a mechanic before it explodes.
- 144 Penny: It's not going to explode, just keep driving. Warp speed ahead, Mr. Spock.
- 145 Sheldon: Mr. Spock did not pilot the Enterprise. He was the science officer, and I guarantee you that if he ever saw the Enterprise's check engine light blinking, he would pull the ship over immediately.
- 146 Penny: Oh, god, I'm gonna lose the arm.
- 147 Sheldon: Oh, oh, red light, release accelerator and slowly apply the brake. Nailed it. While we have a moment, may I ask you a question?
- 148 Penny: What?
- 149 Sheldon: Why do you have the Chinese character for soup tattooed on your right buttock?
- 150 Penny: It's not soup, it's courage.
- 151 Sheldon: No, it isn't. But I suppose it does take courage to demonstrate that kind of commitment to soup.
- 152 Penny: How did you see it? You said you wouldn't look.
- 153 Sheldon: Sorry. As I told you, the hero always peeks.
- 154 Scene: The camp site.
- 155 Howard: Anything?
- 156 Leonard: No. That was the last pudding cup.
- 157 Howard: No! What about Slim Jims?
- 158 Leonard: That's what he used to eat his pudding, remember?
- 159 Raj: Right! That was so good! Sweety and meaty at the same time.
- 160 Howard: Wait. Wait, wait. So you're saying we're out of food?
- 161 Leonard: The only thing in here are blue ice packs.
- 162 Raj: I know they're poison, but they look like big, yummy otter pops.
- 163 Leonard: Oh, god, I am so hungry.
- 164 Howard: Me too. Check and see if we have any more pudding.
- 165 Leonard: Okay.
- 166 Scene: The hospital waiting room.
- 167 Sheldon: All right, there's no need to bark at me. According to the inexplicably irritable nurse behind the desk, you'll be seen after the man who claims to be having a heart attack, but appears to be well enough to play Doodle Jump on his iPhone. We have to fill these out. Describe illness or injury.
- 168 Penny: I dislocated my shoulder.
- 169 Sheldon: All right. And how did the accident occur?
- 170 Penny: You ready know that.
- 171 Sheldon: Cause of accident, lack of adhesive ducks. Okay, medical history. Have you ever been diagnosed with diabetes?
- 172 Penny: No.
- 173 Sheldon: Kidney disease?
- 174 Penny: No.
- 175 Sheldon: Migraines?

- 176 Penny: Getting one.
- 177 Sheldon: Are you currently pregnant?
- 178 Penny: No.
- 179 Sheldon: Are you sure? You look a bit puffy.
- 180 Penny: Change migraine to yes.
- 181 Sheldon: When was your last menstrual period?
- 182 Penny: Oh, next question.
- 183 Sheldon: I'll put, in progress. Okay, moving to psychiatric disorders, list all major behavioural diagnoses, e.g. depression, anxiety, etcetera.
- 184 Penny: Oh, my god, what the hell does this have to do with my stupid shoulder?
- 185 Sheldon: Episodes of sub psychotic rage.
- 186 Penny: Ass.
- 187 Sheldon: Possible Tourette's. All right, moles, lesions or other skin conditions. Soup tattoo on right buttock.
- 188 Penny: Hey, Sheldon, Sheldon, look, I am scared and in a lot of pain. Could you please just take a break from being you for just a minute and try being, I don't know, comforting?
- 189 Sheldon: I'm sorry. There, there. Everything's going to be fine. Sheldon's here.
- 190 Penny: Thanks. That's much better.
- 191 Scene: The camp site.
- 192 Raj: Oh, I'm so hungry!
- 193 Leonard: Will you shut up? We're all hungry.
- 194 Howard: Okay, our objective is the boy scout campsite to the east. Easy target. Big doughy scout master, couple of cubs, most webelos.
- 195 Leonard: What kind of score are we looking at?
- 196 Howard: Hot dogs, buns, s'mores, I mean, it's a freaking 7-11.
- 197 Leonard: All right, everyone grab flashlights.
- 198 Howard: Oh, my god, could it be? Yes! My mother put an I love you brisket in my backpack.
- 199 Leonard: Quick, get forks.
- 200 Howard: You don't need forks. It's so tender, it falls apart in your hands.
- 201 Raj: He's right.
- 202 Leonard: I feel like we're forgetting something important.
- 203 Raj: Me, too. But what? (Behind them, the meteor shower has begun)
- 204 Howard: Maybe a tupperware bowl of roasted potatoes and carrots?
- 205 Leonard and Raj together: Yes! Yes!
- 206 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 207 Sheldon: Now remember, you were given powerful pain medication and a muscle relaxer, so, uh, don't operate heavy machinery. Try not to choke on your own drool.
- 208 Penny: Wait. You have to help me get into bed. Sheldon has to get me into bed. Bet you never thought I'd say that.
- 209 Sheldon: Yes. The charm of your drug addled candour knows no bounds.
- 210 Penny: You know, people think you're this weird robot man who's so

annoying all the time, and you totally are, but then it's like that movie Wall-E at the end. You're so full of love, and you can save a plant and get fat people out of the floaty chairs.

- 211 Sheldon: That's a fairly laboured metaphor, but I appreciate the sentiment behind it.
- 212 Penny: Sing "Soft Kitty" to me.
- 213 Sheldon: "Soft Kitty" is for when you're sick. You're not sick.
- 214 Penny: Injured and drugged is a kind of sick.
- 215 Sheldon (singing): Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur...
- 216 Penny: Wait, wait. Let's sing it as a round. I'll start. Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur... See that's where you come in. I'll start over. Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur... I've got all night, Sheldon. Soft kitty, warm kitty... (Sheldon joins in with the round) little ball of fur, happy kitty, sleepy kitty, purr, purr, purr.
- 217 Scene: The camp site. Raj is telling a ghost story with the torch on his face.
- 218 Raj: ... And the next morning when he woke up, he rolled over and realized... duh-duh-duh! ... she was his cousin.
- 219 Howard: That's still not funny.
- 220 Raj (imitating him): That's still not funny.
- 221 Howard: And she was my second cousin.
- 222 Raj (imitating him): And she was my second cousin.
- 223 Howard: You're a real douche.
- 224 Raj: Who cares? You slept with your cousin.

### 3.9 Episode 09: The Vengeance Formulation

- 1 Scene: Outside an apartment building.
- 2 Howard: So two years later, there's a knock on the door, guy opens it, and there on his porch is the snail, who says, "What the heck was all that about?"
- 3 Bernadette: I don't really get it.
- 4 Howard: Well, see, it took two years for the snail to... (she kisses him) not important.
- 5 Bernadette: Can I ask you a question?
- 6 Howard: Sure.
- 7 Bernadette: Where do you think this is going?
- 8 Howard: To be honest, I was hoping at least second base.
- 9 Bernadette: You're so funny. You're like a stand-up comedian.
- 10 Howard: A Jewish stand-up comedian, that'd be new.
- 11 Bernadette: Actually, I think a lot of them are Jewish.
- 12 Howard: No, I was just... never mind.
- 13 Bernadette: Look, Howard, this is our third date and we both know what that means.
- 14 Howard: We do?
- 15 Bernadette: s\*x.
- 16 Howard: You're kidding.

- 17 Bernadette: But I need to know whether you're looking for a relationship or a one-night stand.
- 18 Howard: Okay, just to be clear, there's only one correct answer, right? It's not like chicken or fish on an airplane?
- 19 Bernadette: Maybe you need to think about it a little.
- 20 Howard: You know, it's not unheard of for a one-night stand to turn into a relationship.
- 21 Bernadette: Call me when you figure it out.
- 22 Howard: Three dates means s\*x? Who knew?
- 23 Scene: The apartment.
- 24 Howard: Greetings, homies, homette.
- 25 Penny: Why are you back from your date so early?
- 26 Howard: In romance, as in show business, always leave them wanting more.
- 27 Penny: What exactly does that mean?
- 28 Leonard: He struck out.
- 29 Credits sequence.
- 30 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 31 Howard: Hey, did either of you guys know that three dates with the same woman is the threshold for s\*x?
- 32 Raj: Actually, I've never had three dates with the same woman.
- 33 Leonard: With Penny and me, it took two years. Now that I think about it, that was three dates.
- 34 Howard: Okay, well, before you and Penny hooked up, did she ask for any kind of commitment?
- 35 Leonard: No, she was pretty clear about wanting to keep her options open.
- 36 Sheldon (arriving): I have something to announce, but out of respect for convention, I will wait for you to finish your current conversation. What are you talking about?
- 37 Leonard: The cultural paradigm in which people have s\*x after three dates.
- 38 Sheldon: I see. Now, are we talking date, the social interaction, or date, the dried fruit?
- 39 Leonard: Never mind, what's your announcement?
- 40 Sheldon: Oh, good, my turn. Well, this is very exciting and I wanted you to be among the first to know...
- 41 Kripke: Hey, Cooper, I hear you're going to be on the wadio with Ira Fwatow from Science Fwiday next week.
- 42 Sheldon: Thank you, Kripke, for depriving me of the opportunity to share my news with my friends.
- 43 Kripke: My pweasure.
- 44 Sheldon: My thank you was not sincere.
- 45 Kripke: But my pweasure is. Let me ask you a question, at what point did National Public Wadio have to start scwaping the bottom of the bawwel for its guests? Eh, don't answer, it's wetowical.
- 46 Sheldon: Why are you such a stupid head? That is also rhetorical. I'm sorry you had to hear that.
- 47 Leonard: Are you really going to be on NPR?

- 48 Sheldon: Yes, they're interviewing me by phone from my office, regarding the recent so-called discovery of magnetic monopoles in spin-ices. It's pledge week and they're trying to goose the ratings with a little controversy.
- 49 Leonard: Very cool, congratulations.
- 50 Sheldon: Thank you. My mother is very excited. She's convening her Bible study group to listen in, and then pray for my soul.
- 51 Raj: I was on the radio once. I called in to Fever 104 FM New Delhi and was the fourth person to say the phrase that pays, "Fever 104, ..." That means: "Fever 104, home of the really good current music." It's much catchier in Hindi.
- 52 Scene: The apartment.
- 53 Sheldon: All right. These are the talking points for my NPR interview tomorrow. I need to make sure that they're simple enough for the less educated in the audience to understand. Howard, look this over and tell me what's unclear to you.
- 54 Howard: Excuse me, I have a master's degree in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It required the completion of 144 units of grad work and an original thesis.
- 55 Sheldon: Yes. Look this over and tell me what's unclear to you.
- 56 Leonard: You know, when Sheldon gives you homework, you don't have to do it.
- 57 Raj: In fact, it's better if you don't, otherwise it makes the rest of us look bad.
- 58 Penny: Hi, guys.
- 59 Leonard: Hey.
- 60 Sheldon: Hello.
- 61 Penny: Yo, Raj, talk to me. I'm sorry, just screwing with you. Hey, Howard, why haven't you called Bernadette?
- 62 Howard: Did she say something?
- 63 Penny: Yeah, she said she hasn't heard from you in a week. I thought you liked her?
- 64 Howard: I do, yeah, but she wants a commitment and I'm not sure she's my type.
- 65 Penny: She agreed to go out with you for free. What more do you need?
- 66 Howard: Look, Bernadette is really nice. I just always thought when I finally settle down into a relationship, it would be with someone, you know, different.
- 67 Penny: Different how?
- 68 Howard: Well, you know, more like Megan Fox from Transformers, or Katee Sackhoff from Battlestar Galactica.
- 69 Penny: Are you high?
- 70 Leonard: You'd have a better shot with the three-breasted Martian hooker from Total Recall.
- 71 Howard: Okay, now you're just being unrealistic. Anyway, that movie was like 20 years ago, imagine how saggy those things would be.
- 72 Penny: Howard, you're going to throw away a great girl like Bernadette

because you're holding out for some ridiculous fantasy?

- 73 Howard: Hey, just because you settled doesn't mean I have to.
- 74 Leonard: Excuse me, I'm sitting here.
- 75 Penny: Hey, I did not settle for Leonard. I mean, obviously, he isn't the kind of guy I usually go out with, you know, physically.
- 76 Leonard: Again, I'm right here.
- 77 Penny: My point is, I do not judge a book by its cover. I am interested in the person underneath.
- 78 Leonard: I am here, right? You see me.
- 79 Howard: Hey, I'm interested in what's inside people, too, but why is it wrong to want those insides wrapped up in, say, the delicious caramel that is Halle Berry? (To Raj) Yes, you're delicious caramel, too.
- 80 Penny: All right, you know what, I will tell you why it's wrong...
- 81 Sheldon: Excuse me, may I interject?
- 82 Penny: What?
- 83 Sheldon: Biologically speaking, Howard is perfectly justified in seeking out the optimum mate for the propagation of his genetic line.
- 84 Howard: Thank you, Sheldon.
- 85 Sheldon: Now, whether that propagation is in the interest of humanity is, of course, an entirely different question.
- 86 Scene: Kripke is in a storage cupboard of some kind. He has tubes rigged up through the roof attached to helium tanks which he is turning on. The radio is playing.
- 87 Radio: This is Ira Flatow and you're listening to NPR's Science Friday. Joining us today by phone from his office in Pasadena, California is Dr. Sheldon Cooper.
- 88 Kripke: Oh, this is going to be a wiot.
- 89 Scene switches to Sheldon's office, where the end of the tubing can be seen coming through the wall. Hissing can be heard.
- 90 Radio: Thanks for being with us today, Dr. Cooper.
- 91 Sheldon: My pleasure, Ira.
- 92 Ira: Now, let's talk about magnetic monopoles. Can you explain to our audience just what a monopole is?
- 93 Sheldon: Of course. First, consider an ordinary magnet which has, (the pitch of his voice begins to rise) as even the most uneducated in your audience must know, two poles, (pitch rises further) a north and south pole. If you cut that in half, you have two smaller magnets, each with its own north and south pole.
- 94 Ira: Uh, Dr. Cooper, I think there might be something wrong with our connection.
- 95 Sheldon (even higher pitch): No, I hear you fine. As I was saying, an ordinary magnet has two poles. The primary characteristic of a monopole is that it has only one pole, hence, monopole.
- 96 Scene cuts to university cafeteria where Kripke is holding up the radio for all to listen.
- 97 Sheldon: A requirement for string theory, or M-theory, if you will, is the

existence of such monopoles. I, myself, led an expedition to the Arctic Circle in search of said particles. Kripke, I found the nozzle! I'm going to kill you!

- 98 Scene: Howard's bathroom. He is in the bath.
- 99 Howard: So nice you could join me this evening. You're looking lovely as always.
- 100 Katee Sackhoff: Thanks, Howard. Always nice to be part of your masturbatory fantasies.
- 101 Howard: Come on, Katee, don't make it sound so cheap.
- 102 Katee: I'm sorry, fiddling with yourself in the bathtub is a real class act.
- 103 Howard: Thank you. So, shall we get started?
- 104 Katee: Sure. But can I ask you a question first?
- 105 Howard: You want to play Cylon and colonist?
- 106 Katee: No. I want to know why you're playing make-believe with me when you could be out with a real woman tonight.
- 107 Howard: You mean, Bernadette?
- 108 Katee: No, I mean Princess Leia. Of course I mean Bernadette. She's a wonderful girl and she really likes you.
- 109 Howard: I know, but she's not you.
- 110 Katee: I'm not me. The real me is in Beverly Hills going out with a tall, handsome, rich guy.
- 111 Howard: Really? Tall?
- 112 Katee: Six-four.
- 113 Howard: Ouch.
- 114 Katee: The point is, you've got a wonderful girl in your life, and you're ignoring her in order to spend your nights in the bathtub with a mental image and a wash cloth.
- 115 Howard's Mother: Howard! What are you doing in there?
- 116 Howard: I'm taking a bath!
- 117 Howard's Mother: I hope that's all you're doing! We share that tub!
- 118 Howard: Don't remind me! (Katee has vanished) Oh, man. All soaped up and no place to go.
- 119 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 120 Leonard: How ya doin', buddy?
- 121 Sheldon: I was humiliated on national radio. How do you think I'm doing?
- 122 Leonard: Come on, it wasn't that bad.
- 123 Sheldon: What do you want?
- 124 Raj (in a munchkin voice): We represent the Lollipop Guild, and we want you.
- 125 Leonard: Okay, so Kripke played a joke on you.
- 126 Sheldon: It wasn't funny.
- 127 Raj: I thought it was funny.
- 128 Leonard: Raj.
- 129 Raj: You laughed.
- 130 Sheldon: Did you laugh?
- 131 Leonard: I fell on the floor. All right, he got you, you can get him back.
- 132 Sheldon: I refuse to sink to his level.

- 133 Raj: You can't sink. With all that helium in you, you're lucky you don't float away.
- 134 Leonard: Are you really admitting defeat?
- 135 Sheldon: I never admit defeat.
- 136 Leonard: Good.
- 137 Sheldon: However, on an unrelated topic, I am never getting out of this bed again.
- 138 Leonard: What if you could make Kripke look even sillier than he made you look?
- 139 Raj: I don't think that's possible, dude.
- 140 Leonard: You're not helping.
- 141 Raj: I didn't come to help, I came to mock.
- 142 Leonard: Sheldon, what you need to do is figure out a way to exact vengeance on Kripke, like, uh, like, how the Joker got back at Batman for putting him in the Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane.
- 143 Raj: That's true. He didn't just stay there and talk about his feelings with the other psychotic villains. He, he broke out and poisoned Gotham's water supply.
- 144 Sheldon: Well, I suppose I could poison Kripke.
- 145 Leonard: No, no.
- 146 Sheldon: It's a simple matter. There are several toxic chemicals that'd be untraceable in an autopsy.
- 147 Leonard: Okay, uh, that's the spirit, but, um, let's dial it back to a non-lethal form of vengeance.
- 148 Sheldon: Oh! How about we put awhoopee cushion on his office chair? He'll sit down, it'll sound like he's flatulent, even though he's not.
- 149 Leonard: Let's keep thinking.
- 150 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory. Howard enters.
- 151 Penny: Oh, gee, you're too late. Scarlett Johansson and Wonder Woman were just in here trolling around for neurotic, little weasels.
- 152 Howard: Yeah, I came to talk to Bernadette. She's working today, right?
- 153 Penny: Yes, but I don't think she wants to see you.
- 154 Howard: Why not?
- 155 Penny: Come on, Howard. You hurt her feelings by not calling her all week. Plus, I've kind of been talkin' some smack about ya.
- 156 Bernadette: Hello, Howard.
- 157 Howard: Wait, Bernadette, I need to talk to you.
- 158 Bernadette: I can't now, I'm working.
- 159 Howard: This will only take a second. You asked me to think about where our relationship was going, and I did. Bernadette? Will you marry me?
- 160 Bernadette: Is this more comedy that I don't understand?
- 161 Howard: No. I'm serious. I'm never going to find another girl like you who likes me and is, you know, real.
- 162 Bernadette: So, this isn't a joke?
- 163 Howard: No.
- 164 Bernadette: Then you're insane.

- 165 Howard: I prefer to think of myself as quirky.
- 166 Bernadette: Howard, we've only been on three dates. We haven't even had  $\mathbf{s}^*\mathbf{x}$  yet.
- 167 Howard: Fair enough. When's your break?
- 168 Bernadette: Wow. (Walks away)
- 169 Howard: Don't you just hate when this happens?
- 170 Penny: Wow.
- 171 Scene: The apartment kitchen.
- 172 Sheldon: All right, how's this for revenge? A solution of hydrogen peroxide, and one of saturated potassium iodide.
- 173 Raj: What's this?
- 174 Sheldon: Mountain Dew. Ah, refreshing. Now, we're going to combine these chemicals with ordinary dish soap, creating a little exothermic release of oxygen.
- 175 Raj: Foamy vengeance.
- 176 Sheldon: Yes, exactly.
- 177 Leonard: This is brilliant, Sheldon. How are we going to deploy it in Kripke's office?
- 178 Sheldon: Already taken care of. Observe. This is a live shot of Kripke's lab via a mini webcam I was able to install, thanks to a dollar bill discreetly placed in the night janitor's shirt pocket. At the same time, I also secured large quantities of these chemicals above the tiles in the drop ceiling.
- 179 Raj: Oh, Sheldon, you remind me of a young Lex Luthor.
- 180 Sheldon: You flatter me, sir.
- 181 Leonard: Let me guess, motion sensors?
- 182 Sheldon: The reaction will be triggered when Kripke reaches the center of the room. Mwah, ha, ha.
- 183 Leonard: I gotta say, I am really impressed. This is truly the Sheldon Cooper way to get even. (Sits down. There is a flatulent noise)
- 184 Sheldon: It may be low-tech, but I still maintain the whoopee cushion has comic validity.
- 185 Raj: Here comes Kripke!
- 186 Leonard: Who is that with him?
- 187 Raj: I believe that's the president of the university.
- 188 Leonard: And the board of directors. Abort! Abort!
- 189 Sheldon: There is no abort.
- 190 Raj: Well, how could you not put in an abort?
- 191 Sheldon: I made a boo-boo, all right?
- 192 Kripke: I think the board will weally appweriate how well we're using that NSA gwant, Pwesident Seibert. Wight here we have a micwo-contwolled pwasma... (foam falls from the ceiling soaking everyone)
- 193 Raj: Wow. Looks like the Ganges on laundry day.
- 194 Leonard: At least they don't know it was you.
- 195 Sheldon (on Kripke's computer in the lab): Hello, Kripke. This classic prank comes to you from the malevolent mind of Sheldon Cooper. If you'd like to see the look on your stupid face, this video is being instantly uploaded to

YouTube. Oh, and a hat tip to Leonard Hofstadter and Raj Koothrappali for their support and encouragement in this enterprise.

- 196 Raj: Well, I'm going back to India. What's your plan?
- 197 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 198 Penny: Hey, here's your tip from table seven.
- 199 Bernadette: Oh, thanks.
- 200 Penny: Mm-hmm.
- 201 Howard (on the stage, into a microphone): Testing. Check. Check two.
- 202 Bernadette: Oh, now what?
- 203 Penny: You want me to throw him out?
- 204 Bernadette: No, that's okay.
- 205 Penny: Are you sure? He's small. I bet I can get a nice, tight spiral on him.
- 206 Howard: I want to dedicate this number to a great gal who I've done wrong. (To the tune of the Four Tops song Bernadette) Bernadette, I am so sorry for trying to propose to you, Bernadette, you found it creepy but that's just the kind of thing I do. I know now it was too soon to talk of love. It was just a crazy idea that came to me in my tub. But, Bernadette, give me one more chance, sweet Bernadette, I'll get the hang of this thing they call romance, sweet Bernadette, I dream to once again kiss your lips, sweet Bernadette. Sincerely yours, Howard Wolowitz, Bernadette...
- 207 Penny: Oh, I am so sorry.
- 208 Bernadette: Are you kidding? That's the most romantic thing anyone's ever done for me.
- 209 Howard (still singing): ... Bernadette! Thank you, Cheesecake Factory!

#### 3.10 Episode 10: The Gorilla Experiment

- 1 Scene: The apartment
- 2 Penny: Hey, Leonard, check this out. (Throws some food in the air and catches it in her mouth)
- 3 Sheldon: Leonard, she's doing it again.
- 4 Leonard: I think it upsets Sheldon when you play with the food.
- 5 Sheldon: No. It upsets Sheldon when she willy-nilly takes it from the containers without regard for its equitable distribution. This is essentially why you have famine in India.
- 6 Penny: You want me to put it back?
- 7 Sheldon: Leonard.
- 8 Leonard: It upsets Sheldon when you play with the Sheldon.
- 9 Howard (arriving): What's up, my nerdizzles? Raj, Sheldon, I want you to meet my girlfriend Bernadette.
- 10 Sheldon: Hello.
- 11 Howard: Leonard, Penny, you know my girlfriend Bernadette.
- 12 Leonard: Yeah. Hey.
- 13 Howard: Bernadette, say fo'shizzle to my nerdizzles.
- 14 Bernadette: I don't think I can. I don't have Howard's street cred.

- 15 Howard: I hope it's all right, I told my girlfriend Bernadette she could join us for dinner.
- 16 Leonard: Sure. The more, the merrier.
- 17 Sheldon: Wait, no, that's a false equivalency. More does not equal merry. If there were 2,000 people in this apartment right now, would we be celebrating? No, we'd be suffocating.
- 18 Leonard: Sheldon...
- 19 Sheldon: Don't Sheldon me. We ordered for five people, not six.
- 20 Penny: Oh, come on, it's fine. We'll just put it all on the table, you know, family style.
- 21 Sheldon: Oh, sure. And while we're at it, why don't we put our hands behind our backs, have an old-fashioned eating contest?
- 22 Leonard: Relax, it'll be fine, sit down, you guys.
- 23 Everyone: NO!
- 24 Bernadette: What?
- 25 Penny: Oh, yeah, you can't sit there.
- 26 Bernadette: Why not?
- 27 Leonard: That's where Sheldon sits.
- 28 Bernadette: He can't sit somewhere else?
- 29 Penny: Oh no, no, you see, in the winter, that seat is close enough to the radiator so that he's warm, yet not so close that he sweats. In the summer, it's directly in the path of a cross-breeze created by opening windows there and there. It faces the television at an angle that isn't direct, so he can still talk to everybody, yet not so wide that the picture looks distorted.
- 30 Sheldon: Perhaps there's hope for you after all.
- 31 Credits sequence.
- 32 Scene: A few moments later.
- 33 Bernadette: Ooh, I love your shoes.
- 34 Penny: Oh, thanks. They are cute, aren't they?
- 35 Bernadette: Where'd you get them?
- 36 Penny: Shoes for Less.
- 37 Bernadette: I've been meaning to go over there.
- 38 Penny: Oh, great selection, great prices.
- 39 Sheldon: My mother was right. Hell is real.
- 40 Howard: Come on, Sheldon. let the womenfolk chat.
- 41 Penny: Womenfolk?
- 42 Howard: Gals? Chicks? Utero-Americans?
- 43 Penny: Just eat your dinner.
- 44 Bernadette: Don't take him too seriously, a lot of what he says is intended as humour.
- 45 Penny: Yeah, well, I don't think it's very funny.
- 46 Bernadette: Me neither, but he just lights up when I laugh.
- 47 Penny: Howard, never let her go.
- 48 Bernadette: So, Leonard, Howard says you're working on fundamental tests of quantum mechanics.
- 49 Leonard: I am. Are you interested in physics?

- 50 Bernadette: Oh, I find it fascinating. If I hadn't gone into microbiology, I probably would have gone into physics. Or ice dancing.
- 51 Leonard: Actually, my tests of the Aharonov-Bohm quantum interference effect have reached an interesting point. Right now, we're testing the phase shift due to an electric potential.
- 52 Bernadette: That's amazing.
- 53 Sheldon: Yes. Leonard's work is nearly as amazing as third graders growing lima beans in wet paper towels. (Raj whispers to him) While I appreciate the oh, snap, I'm uncomfortable having your moist breath in my ear.
- 54 Bernadette: Are you going to try to set up the voltages using tunnel junctions?
- 55 Leonard: Yes, I am. You want to see a simulation on my laptop?
- 56 Bernadette: Oh, yeah, show me. In microbiology, the most exciting thing I get to work with is yeast.
- 57 Sheldon: Howard?
- 58 Howard: Yeah?
- 59 Sheldon: Your shoes are delightful. Where did you get them?
- 60 Howard: What?
- 61 Sheldon: Bazinga. I don't care.
- 62 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon and Raj are playing a racing game on the Wii.
- 63 Raj: Ha! Eat my dust, racially stereotypical plumber.
- 64 Sheldon: That's not fair. I got stuck behind a tree.
- 65 Raj: And a cow and a penguin. Face it dude, whether it's a real car or a virtual cartoon car, you can't drive.
- 66 Sheldon: Just need a little more practice.
- 67 Raj: What you need is cheat codes, motor skills and a magic genie who grants wishes to little boys who suck at Mario Kart.
- 68 Penny (knocking and entering): Hey, Sheldon, can I talk to you for a second?
- 69 Sheldon: It's not about shoes, is it? I don't think I could go through that again.
- 70 Penny: It's not about shoes.
- 71 Sheldon: Then speak.
- 72 Penny: Um, actually, can we do it in private?
- 73 Sheldon: All right. (To Raj) Go away. I agree, it's rude, but she asked for privacy.
- 74 Penny: Thanks, Raj. Okay, so here's the thing, I was wondering if you could maybe teach me a little physics?
- 75 Sheldon: A little physics? There's no such thing. Physics encompasses the entire universe, from quantum particles to supernovas, from spinning electrons to spinning galaxies.
- 76 Penny: Yeah, okay, cool. I don't need the PBS special, I just want to know enough so I can talk to Leonard about his job. You know, like Bernadette does.
- 77 Sheldon: Why can't Leonard teach you?
- 78 Penny: 'Cause I want to surprise him.

- 79 Sheldon: Can't you surprise him in some other way? For example, I'm sure he'd be delightfully taken aback if you cleaned your apartment.
- 80 Penny: Come on, Sheldon, this is important to me.
- 81 Sheldon: Penny, this would be a massive undertaking, and my time is both limited and valuable.
- 82 Penny: You're sitting here playing video games all day.
- 83 Sheldon: Okay, point. What sort of foundation do you have? Did you take any science classes in school?
- 84 Penny: Sure. I did the one with the frogs.
- 85 Sheldon: The one with the frogs.
- 86 Penny: Yeah, actually, it was pretty cool. A lot of the girls threw up, but I gutted that thing like a deer.
- 87 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Penny, I don't think so.
- 88 Penny: Oh, come on! A smart guy like you, it'll be a challenge. You can make it like an experiment.
- 89 Sheldon: Interesting. I suppose if someone could teach sign language to KoKo the gorilla, I could teach you some rudimentary physics.
- 90 Penny: Great! It's a little insulting, but great. I'll be KoKo.
- 91 Sheldon: Not likely. KoKo learned to understand over 2,000 words, not one of which had anything to do with shoes.
- 92 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 93 Howard: Hey, fellas. This is my girlfriend Bernadette. My girlfriend Bernadette.
- 94 Bernadette: Who are all those people?
- 95 Howard: Have no idea. Hey, Leonard.
- 96 Bernadette: Hi.
- 97 Leonard: Hey, look, it's Howard and his girlfriend Bernadette.
- 98 Howard: Thought I'd give the little woman a tour of the old salt mines.
- 99 Bernadette: He doesn't mean salt mines. He means where he works.
- 100 Leonard: Yeah, no, I got it.
- 101 Bernadette: So, how's your experiment going?
- 102 Leonard: Ah, terrific. We're getting the electron accelerator set up. We should be ready to go day after tomorrow.
- 103 Bernadette: Boy, I'd love to see that.
- 104 Leonard: You're welcome to come.
- 105 Bernadette: Really? Oh, that'd be great. How exciting is that?
- 106 Howard: Like Hanukkah in July.
- 107 Bernadette: Do they have that?
- 108 Howard: No.
- 109 Bernadette: Oh. You got me again. This isn't non-fat yogurt, this is fatty fat fat. Excuse me.
- 110 Howard: Could you grab me another napkin, sweetie?
- 111 Bernadette: Sure.
- 112 Howard: Thanks, honey. (She goes) All right, what is your deal?
- 113 Leonard: Excuse me?
- 114 Howard: Inviting my girlfriend to come see your electron accelerator?

- 115 Leonard: Yeah? So?
- 116 Howard: Wow! You really are a piece of work. It's not enough you get the prom queen, you have to get the head of the decorating committee, too?
- 117 Leonard: What are you talking about?
- 118 Howard: Don't play innocent with me. I practically invented using fancy lab equipment to seduce women.
- 119 Leonard: Has it ever worked?
- 120 Howard: Not so far, but that's not the point!
- 121 Leonard: Howard, relax, I'm not interested in your girlfriend.
- 122 Howard: I hope not, because you don't want to mess with me. I'm crazy.
- 123 Leonard: I believe you.
- 124 Scene: The apartment.
- 125 Sheldon: Research journal, entry one. I'm about to embark on one of the great challenges of my scientific career, teaching Penny physics. I'm calling it Project Gorilla.
- 126 Penny: Hey, Sheldon.
- 127 Sheldon: Come in. Take a seat. Subject has arrived. I've extended a friendly casual greeting.
- 128 Penny: Ready to get started?
- 129 Sheldon: One moment. Subject appears well-rested and enthusiastic. Apparently, ignorance is bliss. All right, let us begin. Where's your notebook?
- 130 Penny: Um, I don't have one.
- 131 Sheldon: How are you going to take notes without a notebook?
- 132 Penny: I have to take notes?
- 133 Sheldon: How else are you gonna study for the tests?
- 134 Penny: There's gonna be a test?
- 135 Sheldon: Tests. Here. It's college-ruled. I hope that's not too intimidating.
- 136 Penny: Thank you.
- 137 Sheldon: You're welcome. Now, Introduction to Physics. What is physics? Physics comes from the ancient Greek word physika. It's at this point that you'll want to start taking notes. Physika means the science of natural things. And it is there, in ancient Greece, that our story begins.
- 138 Penny: Ancient Greece?
- 139 Sheldon: Hush. If you have questions, raise your hand. It's a warm summer evening, circa 600 BC, you've finished your shopping at the local market, or agora, and you look up at the night sky. There you notice some of the stars seem to move, so you name them planetes, or wanderer. Yes, Penny?
- 140 Penny: Um, does this have anything to do with Leonard's work?
- 141 Sheldon: This is the beginning of a twenty six hundred year journey we're going to take together from the ancient Greeks through Isaac Newton to Niels Bohr to Erwin Schrodinger to the Dutch researchers that Leonard is currently ripping off.
- 142 Penny: Twenty six hundred years?
- 143 Sheldon: Yeah, give or take. As I was saying, it's a warm summer evening in ancient Greece. . . Yes, Penny?

- 144 Penny: I have to go to the bathroom.
- 145 Sheldon: Can't you hold it?
- 146 Penny: Not for twenty six hundred years.
- 147 Sheldon: Project Gorilla, entry two. I am exhausted.
- 148 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 149 Bernadette: Howard?
- 150 Howard: Huh?
- 151 Bernadette: It unhooks in the front.
- 152 Howard: Oh, that explains a lot.
- 153 Howard's Mother: Howard, I'm home!
- 154 Howard: Of course.
- 155 Howard's Mother: Senior fitness was cancelled. It turns out you can forget how to ride a bike. I'm fine, but, oy, did Sam Harpootian eat gravel.
- 156 Howard: That's great, Ma!
- 157 Howard's Mother: What's great about an 80-year-old Armenian man with half his chin scraped off?
- 158 Bernadette: I guess I should go.
- 159 Howard: No, no, don't move. Hey, Ma, can I have lamb stew for dinner?
- 160 Howard's Mother: Lamb stew? I'd have to go to the supermarket.
- 161 Howard: Please? I got a real hankering.
- 162 Howard's Mother: Oh, I can't say no to my little tushy face. I'll be back soon.
- 163 Howard: Thanks, Ma.
- 164 Howard's Mother: Do you want the regular peas or the Le Seur?
- 165 Howard: Always Le Seur peas with lamb stew!
- 166 Howard's Mother: You're right! When you're right, you're right! What if they're out of the Le Seur?
- 167 Howard: Then get the regular!
- 168 Howard's Mother: All right! You don't have to yell!
- 169 Howard: Sorry about that.
- 170 Bernadette (her phone chimes): Let me just put that on vibrate.
- 171 Howard: I'm already on vibrate.
- 172 Bernadette: You know, that one I got. Howard, did you say something to Leonard about me?
- 173 Howard: Uh, what do you mean?
- 174 Bernadette: He says if I go see his experiment tomorrow it might weird you out.
- 175 Howard: Really? He said that?
- 176 Bernadette: You're not jealous of Leonard, are you?
- 177 Howard: Me? No. I may have mentioned that it's a little inappropriate to be asking another man's girlfriend to his experiment without first discussing it with said man.
- 178 Bernadette: Are you saying I need to ask your permission to hang out with Leonard?
- 179 Howard: I didn't say anything like that. I said Leonard has to ask my permission. (Bernadette storms out) Come on, I don't want to eat lamb stew

with my mother. Damn, I was this close on the bra.

- 180 Scene: The apartment.
- 181 Sheldon: Now, remember, Newton realized that Aristotle was wrong and force was not necessary to maintain motion. So let's plug in our 9.8 meters per second squared as A and we get force, Earth gravity, equals mass times 9.8 meters per second per second. So we can see that MA equals MG and what do we know from this?
- 182 Penny: Uh, we know that... Newton was a really smart cookie. Oh! Is that where Fig Newtons come from?
- 183 Sheldon: No, Fig Newtons are named after a small town in Massachusetts. Don't write that down!
- 184 Penny: Sorry.
- 185 Sheldon: Now, if MA equals MG what does that imply?
- 186 Penny: I don't know.
- 187 Sheldon: How can you not know? I just told you. Have you suffered a recent blow to the head?
- 188 Penny: Hey! You don't have to be so mean!
- 189 Sheldon: I'm sorry. (Smiling) Have you suffered a recent blow to the head?
- 190 Penny: No, you just suck at teaching.
- 191 Sheldon: Really? Of those two explanations, which one seems the most likely?
- 192 Penny: Oh, God, Sheldon, look I'm trying to understand, but you're going too fast. Can you just back up a little bit?
- 193 Sheldon: All right. It's a warm summer evening in ancient Greece...
- 194 Penny: Not that far back!
- 195 Sheldon: Okay! At what point did you begin to feel lost?
- 196 Penny: I don't know. Where were we looking up at the night sky?
- 197 Sheldon: Greece.
- 198 Penny: Damn it!
- 199 Sheldon: There's no need to get frustrated, people learn at different rates.

Unlike objects falling in a vacuum, which...? MA equals MG?

- 200 Penny: Squared?
- 201 Sheldon: No.
- 202 Penny: Aristotle?
- 203 Sheldon: No.
- 204 Penny: Five?
- 205 Sheldon: Oh!
- 206 Penny: Then I don't know.
- 207 Sheldon: Why are you crying?
- 208 Penny: Because I'm stupid!
- 209 Sheldon: That's no reason to cry. One cries because one is sad. For example, I cry because others are stupid and it makes me sad.
- 210 Penny: Okay, look, can we just please forget about all this extra stuff and can you just tell me what Leonard does?
- 211 Sheldon: All right. Leonard is attempting to learn why sub-atomic particles move the way they do.

- 212 Penny: Really? That's it? Well, that doesn't sound so complicated.
- 213 Sheldon: It's not. That's why Leonard does it.
- 214 Penny: Okay, I just have one question. What exactly are sub-atomic particles?
- 215 Sheldon: A good question.
- 216 Penny: Thank you.
- 217 Sheldon: And to answer it, we first must ask ourselves, what is physics?
- 218 Penny: Oh, balls.
- 219 Sheldon: It's a warm summer evening in ancient Greece...
- 220 Scene: Leonard's lab.
- 221 Howard: Okay, I got a bone to pick with you.
- 222 Leonard: What did I do now?
- 223 Howard: I was in bed with Bernadette, and you text-blocked me.
- 224 Leonard: What?
- 225 Howard: We were completely naked, about to devour each other when, you text her that I have a problem with her hanging out with you.
- 226 Leonard: You do have a problem with her hanging out with me.
- 227 Howard: Yeah, but that's not what you tell her.
- 228 Leonard: What was I supposed to tell her?
- 229 Howard: I don't know, something that doesn't make me come off as a petty, jealous douche.
- 230 Leonard: And what would that be?
- 231 Howard: Come on, do I have to think of everything?
- 232 Bernadette: Hey, Leonard. Am I too late to see the experiment? Oh, hi.
- 233 Howard: Hi.
- 234 Bernadette: What are you doing here?
- 235 Howard: Same thing you're doing here. I came to see Leonard's experiment.
- 236 Bernadette: No, you didn't. You said Leonard's experiment was stupid.
- 237 Leonard: You told her my experiment was stupid?
- 238 Howard: I was just repeating what Sheldon said. Let's not get off topic, Bernadette, I need to apologize. I was wrong to tell you who you should be friends with.
- 239 Leonard: Should I, um, leave you two alone?
- 240 Bernadette: No, Leonard, you should hear this.
- 241 Leonard: Okay, good, 'cause I wasn't really gonna go.
- 242 Howard: Look, I know I come off as confident and worldly, but the truth is I'm not.
- 243 Leonard: We're shocked.
- 244 Howard: Which is why I tend to feel threatened by other guys.
- 245 Leonard: Or loud noises, clowns and nuns.
- 246 Howard: But I now realize how foolish that is.
- 247 Leonard: He had a panic attack once when he got his head stuck in a sweater.
- 248 Howard: It was a full turtleneck. Why aren't you helping me?
- 249 Leonard: I don't know. Maybe because I'm crazy?

- 250 Howard: Bernadette, please, I'm asking you to give me another chance.
- 251 Bernadette: What do you think, Leonard? Should I give him another chance?
- 252 Leonard: It's up to you. He didn't call your experiment stupid.
- 253 Bernadette: Come here, tushy face.
- 254 Leonard: Tushy face, that is going on Twitter right now.
- 255 Scene: The apartment.
- 256 Bernadette: Raj, you should've seen Leonard's experiment. The interference pattern was so cool when the electron beam was on.
- 257 Leonard: I'm glad you enjoyed it. Most people aren't that interested in what I do.
- 258 Penny: Actually, that's not true, Leonard. In fact, recently I've been thinking that given the parameters of your experiment, the transport of electrons through the aperture the nano-fabricated metal rings is qualitatively no different than the experiment already conducted in the Netherlands. Their observed phase shift in the diffusing electrons inside the metal ring already conclusively demonstrated the electric analogue of the Aharonov-Bohm quantum-interference effect. That's it. That's all I know. Oh, wait! Fig Newtons were named after a town in Massachusetts, not the scientist.

# 3.11 Episode 11: The Maternal Congruence

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Penny: Oh, I always tear up when the Grinch's heart grows three sizes.
- 3 Sheldon: Tears seem appropriate. Enlargement of the heart muscle, or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, is a serious disease which could lead to congestive heart failure.
- 4 Leonard (singing Deck the Halls): Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.
- 5 Penny: You really didn't like it, Sheldon?
- 6 Sheldon: No, on the contrary. I found the Grinch to be a relatable, engaging character, and I was really with him right up to the point that he succumbed to social convention and returned the presents and saved Christmas. What a buzz kill that was.
- 7 Leonard: When we watch Frosty the Snowman, he roots for the sun.
- 8 Sheldon: Excuse me, but the sun is essential for all life on Earth. Frosty is merely a bit of frozen supernatural ephemera in a stolen hat. A crime, by the way, for which he is never brought to account.
- 9 Leonard (continuing Deck the Halls): Fa-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
- 10 Credits sequence.
- 11 Scene: The apartment.
- 12 Penny: I just love decorating the Christmas tree. It makes me feel like a little girl again.
- 13 Leonard: We didn't have a tree when I was growing up.
- 14 Penny: Really? Why not?
- 15 Leonard: Mmm, in my family, holidays weren't so much celebrated as studied for their anthropological and psychological implications on human society.

- 16 Penny: Oh, sounds festive. Did you at least give presents?
- 17 Leonard: Mmm, in a way. We presented papers, and then broke off into focus groups and critiqued each other.
- 18 Penny: Sheldon, what about you? Did you have a Christmas tree?
- 19 Sheldon: Oh, yes. We had a tree, we had a manger, we had an inflatable Santa Claus with plastic reindeer on the front lawn. And to make things even more jolly, there were so many blinking lights on the house they induced neighbourhood-wide seizures.
- 20 Penny: So I take it you don't want to help us trim the tree.
- 21 Sheldon: I do not. But if you insist on decorating a spider-infested fire hazard in my home I would request that you add this.
- 22 Penny: What is it?
- 23 Sheldon: You're kidding, right? It's a bust of Sir Isaac Newton.
- 24 Penny: Oh, sure, sure, yeah. Very Christmassy.
- 25 Sheldon: Wait, excuse me, but it's much more Christmassy than anything you've put on the tree.
- 26 Leonard: Here we go.
- 27 Sheldon: December 25, 1642, Julian calendar, Sir Isaac Newton is born. Jesus, on the other hand, was actually born in the summer. His birthday was moved to coincide with a traditional pagan holiday that celebrated the winter solstice with lit fires and slaughtered goats. Which, frankly, sounds like more fun than 12 hours of church with my mother followed by a fruitcake.
- 28 Leonard: Merry Newton-mas, everyone.
- 29 Sheldon: I sense that's not sincere, although I have no idea why.
- 30 Penny: No, it's fine. Look, Sir Isaac can go right next to this little candy cane.
- 31 Sheldon: No. Isaac goes at the top of the tree.
- 32 Leonard: No, he doesn't.
- 33 Sheldon: I understand. You dispute Newton's claim that he invented calculus and you want to put Gottfried Leibniz on the top.
- 34 Leonard: Yeah, you got me. I'm a Leibniz man.
- 35 Sheldon: Well, perhaps when your mother gets here, she'll talk some sense into you.
- 36 Penny: What? Your... your mother's coming? When?
- 37 Leonard: Tomorrow.
- 38 Penny: When were you going to tell me?
- 39 Leonard: Um, tomorrow?
- 40 Penny: Why were you keeping this a secret?
- 41 Leonard: Well, I just, I thought...
- 42 Sheldon: If I can interject here, obviously Leonard is concerned that his mother won't approve of you as his mate.
- 43 Penny: Why wouldn't she approve of me? I'm adorable.
- 44 Leonard: You are, it's just...
- 45 Sheldon: If I can interject again. Leonard comes from a remarkably high-achieving family, who have all chosen high-achieving partners. He probably feels that it's doubtful that his mother will be overly impressed with his dat-

ing a woman whose most significant achievement is memorizing the Cheesecake Factory menu.

- 46 Penny: Hey, it's a big menu. There's two pages just for desserts.
- 47 Leonard: I know. And those specials, they change every day.
- 48 Penny: Okay, you know what? It's lame when I say it, it's just ridiculous when you pile on.
- 49 Leonard: Okay, sorry.
- 50 Penny: So what did she say when you told her we were going out?
- 51 Leonard: Um...
- 52 Penny: You didn't tell her we were going out, did you?
- 53 Leonard: Um...
- 54 Penny: Why not?
- 55 Leonard: Um...
- 56 Sheldon: Leonard, I'm no expert on meditation, but if you're trying to calm yourself down, I believe the word is Om.
- 57 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 58 Beverley: It was so nice of you to come all the way down to the airport to pick me up.
- 59 Sheldon: No trouble at all.
- 60 Leonard: I drove, Mother. I'm driving now.
- 61 Beverley: Yes, dear. Mommy's proud. I've been meaning to thank you for your notes on my paper disproving quantum brain dynamic theory.
- 62 Sheldon: My pleasure. For a non-physicist, you have a remarkable grasp of how electric dipoles in the brain's water molecules could not possibly form a Bose condensate.
- 63 Leonard: Wait, wait, wait. When did you send my mom notes on a paper?
- 64 Sheldon: August 16th. Right after her carpal tunnel surgery.
- 65 Beverley: Oh, did I thank you for the flowers?
- 66 Sheldon: You did.
- 67 Beverley: I don't really like flowers.
- 68 Sheldon: Neither do I, but it's the social convention.
- 69 Beverley: It is, isn't it?
- 70 Leonard: Wait, wait, wait. You had surgery?
- 71 Beverley: Yes, and Sheldon sent me flowers.
- 72 Leonard: No, I heard that.
- 73 Beverley: Then what was all that wait, wait, wait about?
- 74 Leonard: I just don't understand why he knows more about your life than I do.
- 75 Beverley: Well, I would assume it's because Sheldon and I stay in touch due to mutual interest and respect, while you avoid me, due to unresolved childhood issues.
- 76 Sheldon: It's what we think caused your narcissistic personality disorder. We discussed it at length during our last video chat. Although how we got onto the subject of you is baffling.
- 77 Beverley: Yes, but we are on the subject, so I'm obliged to ask, Leonard, how are you?

- 78 Leonard: Fine, Mom. How are you?
- 79 Beverley: Mmm, menopausal.
- 80 Leonard: Now I'm less fine.
- 81 Beverley: Have you heard your brother has gotten engaged?
- 82 Leonard: No. Sheldon, why didn't you tell me?
- 83 Sheldon: My bad. I did send a gift from both of us.
- 84 Beverley: She's a remarkable girl. The youngest appeals court judge in New Jersey and a two-time Olympic bronze medallist.
- 85 Leonard: You must be very happy.
- 86 Beverley: Why? I'm not marrying her. So, how about you? Are you seeing anyone interesting?
- 87 Sheldon: Well, I'm not sure about interesting, but...
- 88 Leonard: Not the time, Sheldon.
- 89 Sheldon: Very well. Shall we switch topics to Isaac Newton v. Gottfried Leibniz?
- 90 Beverley: It's all right, Sheldon. I will just pretend that Leonard's not withholding information. Although, I will point out, Leonard, that I am a trained psychiatrist and you are exhibiting the same secretive behavioural tics that accompanied your learning to m\*st\*rb\*t\*.
- 91 Sheldon: Isn't she brilliant, Leonard? How I envy you.
- 92 Scene: The apartment.
- 93 Beverley: So, Howard, have you and Rajesh finally summoned the courage to express your latent homosexual feelings toward one another?
- 94 Howard: What? No.
- 95 Beverley: Why not?
- 96 Howard: Because we don't have latent homosexual feelings toward one another.
- 97 Beverley: I see.
- 98 Howard: No, really. I have a girlfriend now.
- 99 Beverley: And where is she this evening?
- 100 Howard: She had to go out of town. Her grandmother died.
- 101 Beverley: I see. Her grandmother died.
- 102 Howard: Honest to God. Leonard, tell her I have a girlfriend.
- 103 Leonard: I don't know what you're talking about.
- 104 Howard: What do you mean you don't know what I'm talking about? Tell her I have a girlfriend!
- 105 Leonard: All right. He "has" a "girlfriend."
- 106 Howard: Her name is Bernadette, she's working as a waitress, but she's going to school to be a microbiologist.
- 107 Beverley: Howard, keep in mind that the more passionately you stick to this construct, the more you're hurting your partner.
- 108 Howard (to Raj who has whispered to him): Do you really think your lips in my ear is helping?
- 109 Penny (arriving): Hi. Sorry I'm late.
- 110 Leonard: Oh, glad you're here, uh, sit down, I'll get you a plate. Mom, you remember Penny.

- 111 Beverley: Oh, yes, the waitress slash actress with the unresolved father issues. Has he finally come to terms with his little slugger growing breasts?
- 112 Penny: Well, he sent me a football and a catcher's mitt for Christmas, so I'm going to say no.
- 113 Howard: If it helps, we're all good with your breasts.
- 114 Beverley: Classic overcompensation. Oh, speaking of fathers, Leonard, that reminds me, I'm divorcing yours.
- 115 Leonard: What?
- 116 Beverley: Yes. He was cheating on me.
- 117 Leonard: No!
- 118 Beverley: Yes, with some waitress from the university cafeteria. Can you believe it? A waitress? Oh, no offense, dear.
- 119 Penny: No, it sounded like a compliment.
- 120 Leonard: When did this happen?
- 121 Beverley: Mmm, well, let's see. Sheldon, when did I leave Leonard's father?
- 122 Sheldon: September 22nd.
- 123 Beverley: Oh, yes, that's right. The weekend after Leonard's dog died.
- 124 Leonard: Mitzy's dead?
- 125 Sheldon: She was old and blind, Leonard. What choice did we have?
- 126 Leonard: I don't believe this. Why am I the last to know?
- 127 Beverley: Excuse me, Leonard, I am the one who's getting a divorce, Mitzy is the one who is dead. Why are you the one making a fuss?
- 128 Leonard: You're right. I'm-I'm-I'm-I'm sorry, I'm way out of line!
- 129 Beverley: So, Penny, what's new in your life?
- 130 Penny: Nothing. Not a damn thing.
- 131 Scene: Penny's car.
- 132 Beverley: Thank you for driving me back to my hotel.
- 133 Penny: Oh, it's not a problem.
- 134 Beverley: I was going to ask Leonard to do it, but he seemed a bit emotionally unstable and you don't want someone like that operating heavy machinery.
- 135 Penny: No, you do not.
- 136 Beverley: Your check engine light is on.
- 137 Penny: Yeah, I gotta put a sticker over that. So, uh, you must be devastated about your divorce.
- 138 Beverley: Oh, not at all. But I am a bit distressed to be in a vehicle that's not subjected to regular maintenance.
- 139 Penny: Come on, I mean, you're not upset that your marriage is over?
- 140 Beverley: Well, initially I felt something akin to grief and perhaps anger, but that's the natural reaction of the limbic system to being betrayed by a loathsome son of a bitch.
- 141 Penny: Sure, sure.
- 142 Beverley: Thankfully, my shock was somewhat mitigated by the fact that I haven't had intercourse with him in eight years.
- 143 Penny: Eight years?
- 144 Beverley: Oh, that's nothing. I've been responsible for my own orgasms

- since 1982.
- 145 Penny: Yikes. What's so funny?
- 146 Beverley: That's exactly what I say during orgasms. Yikes.
- 147 Penny: You know what? I could use a drink. Do you want to stop for a drink?
- 148 Beverley: Oh, I don't drink.
- 149 Penny: I do, I'll teach you.
- 150 Scene: Leonard's bedroom.
- 151 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard?
- 152 Leonard: What is it?
- 153 Sheldon: I made tea.
- 154 Leonard: I don't want tea.
- 155 Sheldon: I didn't make tea for you. This is my tea.
- 156 Leonard: Then why are you telling me?
- 157 Sheldon: It's a conversation starter.
- 158 Leonard: That's a lousy conversation starter.
- 159 Sheldon: Oh, is it? We're conversing. Checkmate.
- 160 Leonard: What do you want, Sheldon?
- 161 Sheldon: What I want is to be departing the Starship Enterprise in a one-man shuttle craft headed to the planetoid I rule known as Sheldon Alpha Five.
- 162 Leonard: I want that too. Why are you here?
- 163 Sheldon: To comfort you, of course. No, that's not going to work at all, I'll comfort you from over here. Leonard, what you're experiencing is a classic Jungian crisis in which the aging individual mourns the loss of the never-to-be realized ideal family unit.
- 164 Leonard: Thank you, that's very comforting.
- 165 Sheldon: That's not the comforting part.
- 166 Leonard: It's not?
- 167 Sheldon: No, no. The comforting part is that the Germans have a term for what you're feeling. Weltschmerz. It means the depression that arises from comparing the world as it is to a hypothetical, idealized world.
- 168 Leonard: You're right, I do feel better.
- 169 Sheldon: Well, the Germans have always been a comforting people. Just remember, Leonard, where your biological family has failed you, you always have me, your surrogate family.
- 170 Leonard: You're my surrogate family?
- 171 Sheldon: If it's any consolation, I'm not happy about it either. Good night.
- 172 Scene: A bar.
- 173 Penny: Okay, now this time try drinking it all at once.
- 174 Beverley: Yikes.
- 175 Penny: I've been responsible for my own buzz since 2003. Another round for me and my homegirl.
- 176 Beverley: I feel a spreading warmth through my extremities.

- 177 Penny: As long as you don't feel it running down your pants, you're fine.
- 178 Beverley: Oh, that is fascinating. I'm noticing an immediate lowering of my inhibitions. For example, I'm seriously considering asking that busboy to ravish me in the alleyway while I eat cheesecake. What do you think?
- 179 Penny: Well, we are known for our cheesecake. Hit us again.
- 180 Beverley: Yes. If a little is good, more must be better.
- 181 Penny: Hey, Bev, guess what?
- 182 Beverley: What?
- 183 Penny: I'm sleeping with your son.
- 184 Beverley: Really? Which one?
- 185 Penny: The one from whom I live across the hall from.
- 186 Beverley: Well, that's convenient. How did his pen1s turn out?
- 187 Penny: Oh, Beverly, I can't talk to my boyfriend's mother about his pen1s.
- 188 Beverley: Oh, fair enough. What can you tell me, if anything, about that busboy's pen1s?
- 189 Penny: Actually, I've only had the cheesecake. One more time. You know, Leonard did not want to tell you we were dating.
- 190 Beverley: Really? Well, that means he's either embarrassed about the relationship or he doesn't care enough about his mother to tell her he's in one. Either way, one of us should be insulted.
- 191 Penny: Well, let's go find out who.
- 192 Beverley: You go get a taxi. I'm gonna slip my business card into that busboy's back pocket, cupping his firm, right buttock as I do so.
- 193 Scene: The apartment.
- 194 Penny: Leonard?
- 195 Beverley: Sonny boy!
- 196 Penny: Get out here! Your mommy wants to talk to you!
- 197 Leonard: What the hell is going on?
- 198 Penny: You're in trouble.
- 199 Beverley: Why didn't you tell me you were tapping my homegirl? Did I say that right?
- 200 Penny: Yeah, not bad, not bad.
- 201 Leonard: Are you guys drunk?
- 202 Beverley: Well, I hope so. Otherwise, why would we have stopped at Del Taco? Now, how could you not tell me you were in a relationship with this lovely, charming young woman?
- 203 Penny: Oh, thank you.
- 204 Beverley: You're welcome. Is it because she's uneducated, trapped in a menial service position?
- 205 Penny: What the hell happened to lovely and charming?
- 206 Leonard: How come you didn't tell me that you and Father were getting a divorce? How come you didn't tell me you had surgery? How come you didn't tell me my dog died?
- 207 Beverley: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. What I hear you saying is that you want a more intimate mother-son relationship.
- 208 Leonard: I do.

- 209 Beverley (gives him an uncomfortable hug): There. It's late. Now, go to
- bed. I'm getting a warm feeling spreading through my heart.
- 210 Penny: That's the Del Taco.
- 211 Sheldon: Why is Leonard softly banging his head against his bedroom door?
- 212 Beverley: Speaking of warm feelings, come here. (She grabs Sheldon and kisses him) No, I'd rather have the busboy.
- 213 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 214 Beverley: Thank you for taking me to the airport.
- 215 Sheldon: You're very welcome.
- 216 Leonard: Once again, I'm driving. I'm right here.
- 217 Beverley: Please, I am very hungover and in no mood to satisfy your need for approval. Sheldon, I do hope you'll forgive me for my inappropriate behaviour last night.
- 218 Sheldon: I don't blame you. You were intoxicated.
- 219 Beverley: Thank you.
- 220 Sheldon: I blame Penny.
- 221 Penny: I blame Penny, too. Bad Penny.
- 222 Leonard: Wait a minute, what are you talking about? What inappropriate behaviour?
- 223 Beverley: I think it's best that you not know.
- 224 Sheldon: Agreed.
- 225 Penny: Agreed.
- 226 Leonard: What the hell, agreed.
- 227 Beverley: And I want you to take very good care of this young woman.
- 228 Penny: Oh, thank you, Beverly.
- 229 Beverley: You're welcome. She doesn't have much in the way of career prospects, don't make her responsible for her own orgasms as well.
- 230 Leonard: Mother, remember when I was complaining that you don't communicate with me enough?
- 231 Beverley: Yes, dear.
- 232 Leonard: I'm over it.
- 233 Penny (finishing Deck the Halls): Fa-la-la-la, la-la la-la.

#### 3.12 Episode 12: The Psychic Vortex

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Leonard: Look at us. Getting ready for a double date with actual women who publicly acknowledge they're our girlfriends.
- 3 Howard: Yes, actual women are the best.
- 4 Sheldon: I don't understand. What other kind of women are there?
- 5 Leonard: Howard, artificial women are your department. You want to take this?
- 6 Howard: No, it would just freak him out. Listen, before we leave, I should warn you, I'm a passionate man and I tend towards public displays of affection.
- 7 Leonard: What are you trying to tell me, Howard?

- 8 Howard: There might be some making out in the car or the restaurant, and I don't want Bernadette to feel uncomfortable, so it would help if you and Penny made out, too.
- 9 Leonard: Don't worry. We're planning to have s\*x right on the salad bar.
- 10 Raj (arriving): Namaste, white people. Good news! I rented us the four-hour edition of Watchmen.
- 11 Leonard: Got it.
- 12 Howard: Seen it.
- 13 Sheldon: Detailed analysis posted online.
- 14 Raj: Well, then what are we going to do tonight?
- 15 Leonard: Uh, sorry, Raj. Howard and I are going out to dinner with Penny and Bernadette.
- 16 Howard: Yeah, no more carefree bachelor nights for me and Leonard. These broncos have been saddled.
- 17 Leonard: How did we get actual women?
- 18 Raj: Great. They get girlfriends, and they just abandon us?
- 19 Sheldon: It is great, isn't it? We have a wonderful evening ahead of us.
- 20 Raj: We do?
- 21 Sheldon: Oh, yes. I just discovered I don't have enough room on my hard drive for a Linux partition, so you and I are going to perform a full backup, reinitialize and then reinstall all my operating systems.
- 22 Raj: I don't want to do that.
- 23 Sheldon: All right. Well, I'm going to perform full backup, reinitialize and then reinstall all my operating systems.
- 24 Raj: What about me?
- 25 Sheldon: Well, I understand there are several types of artificial women. Maybe you should look into that.
- 26 Credits sequence.
- 27 Scene: A little later.
- 28 Raj: Dude, there's so many cool things we could be doing to night. Look. At the Glendale Galleria, put on your best zoot suit, it's a salute to Swing music in the center court near Macy's. 5pm to 9pm, huh, huh? A salute to zoot. Sounds like a hoot.
- 29 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Raj, I have no desire to salute any article of clothing tonight. Much less one that's linked to race riots in the 1940s.
- 30 Raj: Race riots?
- 31 Sheldon: The zoot suit riots.
- 32 Raj: Oh. I always thought that was some sort of after-Christmas sale. Well, then why don't we just go to the galleria and walk around?
- 33 Sheldon: I don't need anything at the Galleria. Do you need anything at the Galleria?
- 34 Raj: No. We would just walk around and see what's what.
- 35 Sheldon: That's a semantically null sentence.
- 36 Raj: Okay, well, how about this? From the university Web site, 7pm to 10pm, Norton Hall Multipurpose Room, mixer for grad students and faculty of the science and humanities departments. Whether you split atoms or infinitives,

- this is the place to be.
- 37 Sheldon: Well, that's certainly amusing, but I have no interest.
- 38 Raj: Come on, Sheldon, the world is filled with people doing things outside. Let's go outside. Outside is good.
- 39 Sheldon: If outside is so good, why has mankind spent thousands of years trying to perfect inside?
- 40 Raj: I don't know, it's a marketing scheme. Please, Sheldon, I'm a young, virile visitor from a foreign land and I need to strut my stuff.
- 41 Sheldon: Let me offer you a compromise. Sometimes when I feel stifled and want a change of scenery, I use my imagination.
- 42 Raj: Oh, boy.
- 43 Sheldon: One of my favourite places to visit is the two-dimensional world described in Edwin Abbott's mathematical fantasy, Flatland.
- 44 Raj: I don't want to go to Flatland.
- 45 Sheldon: You're only saying that because you haven't been there. I am now a hexagon in two-dimensional space and can only perceive the edges of other objects.
- 46 Raj: Oy.
- 47 Sheldon: Is that you, Raj? I don't recognize your edge.
- 48 Raj: Sheldon, I'm begging you. I want to go to this mixer, and I don't want to go alone.
- 49 Sheldon: Well, you're in luck, there's a mixer here in Flatland. Oh, look, there's a sexually attractive line segment, you should chat her up.
- 50 Raj: What?
- 51 Sheldon: Tell her you're a circle, Flatland gals are all hot for circles.
- 52 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 53 Leonard: I hope you're hungry, Bernadette, we're going to a terrific restaurant.
- 54 Bernadette: Oh, yeah, I'm starved. When you spend all day in a bio-lab, watching flesh-eating bacteria skeletonize small rodents it really works up an appetite.
- 55 Howard: Flesh-eating bacteria. And yet, I still want to kiss this woman, what does that tell you?
- 56 Penny: That you'd be willing to die a horrible death on the off-chance you'd get to second base?
- 57 Bernadette: Oh, we're way past second base. Right, Howard?
- 58 Howard: Well, we kind of disagree about what the bases are.
- 59 Bernadette: How's your work going, Penny? Any acting jobs?
- 60 Penny: Well, the last big thing I did was this production of Diary of Anne Frank above a bowling alley. But I think things might be turning around pretty soon.
- 61 Leonard: Great. How come?
- 62 Penny: Well, promise you won't make fun of me.
- 63 Leonard: Of course, I would never make fun of you.
- 64 Penny: Okay. Well, I went to this psychic who told me that if I cut my hair, I'm going to get a national commercial.

- 65 Leonard (laughing): Seriously? You're getting career advice from a psychic?
- 66 Howard: Good job not making fun of her.
- 67 Penny: She's not one of those phonies, okay. She wrote a book and has her own Web site.
- 68 Leonard: Oh, gee, why didn't you say so? They don't let just anyone have a Web site.
- 69 Penny: Why are you being such a jerk?
- 70 Leonard: You're surprised? Your psychic didn't tell you I was going to be a jerk?
- 71 Penny: Ha-ha, bite me.
- 72 Leonard: Come on, Penny.
- 73 Howard: Why don't you kids go ahead and chat? We're gonna make out back here.
- 74 Bernadette: I'm sliding into third.
- 75 Scene: The university mixer.
- 76 Raj: Thanks for coming with me.
- 77 Sheldon: Thanks for giving me your limited edition Green Lantern lantern.
- 78 Raj: Did you really have to bring it in with you?
- 79 Sheldon: What if evil strikes and my power ring runs low?
- 80 Raj: Come on, let's get a drink.
- 81 Sheldon: I don't drink.
- 82 Raj: Yeah, well I do. And when my wingman is carrying a Green Lantern lantern, I drink a lot. I'll have a screwdriver, please. Don't be chintzy with the screw.
- 83 Sheldon: I would like a root beer float.
- 84 Raj: Sheldon, they don't have ice cream.
- 85 Sheldon: They don't? Well, apparently, these people and I differ greatly on the definition of party.
- 86 Raj: He'll have a Shirley Temple.
- 87 Sheldon: And don't be chintzy with the Shirley.
- 88 Raj: Okay, let's check out the females.
- 89 Sheldon: All right. There's a female.
- 90 Raj: That's Professor Wilkinson's wife, she's like 80 years old.
- 91 Sheldon: But she's female. Isn't that the game?
- 92 Raj: No. I'm looking for a hookup.
- 93 Sheldon: Oh, yes. So, the point of this exercise is for you to find someone to copulate with?
- 94 Raj: Not so loud, but ideally, yes. Thanks.
- 95 Sheldon: Thank you. And what is my function as wingman?
- 96 Raj: You help me run my game.
- 97 Sheldon: Okay. What is your game?
- 98 Sheldon: When I lie through my teeth to a woman, you nod and agree.
- 99 Girl: Hey, that's pretty cool. What is it?
- 100 Sheldon: It's a limited edition Green Lantern lantern. My friend is looking for someone to copulate with.

- 101 Girl: You're very funny. I'm Abby.
- 102 Sheldon: I'm Sheldon. How do you do?
- 103 Raj: How do you do? Rajesh Ramayan Koothrappali. Call me Raj.
- 104 Abby: Hi, Raj. Where are you from?
- 105 Raj: The mysterious subcontinent of India.
- 106 Abby: Ooh, India.
- 107 Raj: You know India?
- 108 Abby: I saw Slumdog Millionaire.
- 109 Raj: Well, I'm a slumdog astrophysicist.
- 110 Sheldon: I thought your father was a gynaecologist. I'm sorry. (Smiles and nods)
- 111 Abby: Martha, come here. Meet Raj and Sheldon. This is my friend, Martha.
- 112 Martha: Hi.
- 113 Raj: Hello.
- 114 Sheldon: Hello.
- 115 Martha: Is that the limited edition Green Lantern lantern?
- 116 Sheldon: In brightest day, in darkest night, no evil shall escape my sight.
- 117 Martha: Oh, that is so awesome.
- 118 Sheldon: Thank you. Have you chosen one to copulate with?
- 119 Scene: A restaurant.
- 120 Bernadette: So, what should we talk about?
- 121 Howard: Well, we could always learn more about why people who believe in psychics are idiots. Leonard?
- 122 Penny: Oh, we don't need to talk about that anymore. Leonard covered it pretty well in the car.
- 123 Leonard: I'm sorry, but facts are facts.
- 124 Penny: Right, and if you can't understand it, it's not a fact.
- 125 Leonard: No, if it's not a fact, it's not a fact.
- 126 Penny: Oh, got it. Thank you for educating me.
- 127 Leonard: You're welcome. How's your fish?
- 128 Penny: Amazing. Would you like to try some?
- 129 Leonard: Yeah, sure.
- 130 Penny: Well, the fact is, you can't.
- 131 Leonard: Come on, Howard, Bernadette, you're both scientists. Help me out here.
- 132 Howard: What do you think? Want to jump right into the middle of another couple's argument?
- 133 Bernadette: No, thank you.
- 134 Howard: Sorry.
- 135 Leonard: Maybe we should just stop talking about this.
- 136 Penny: Maybe some of us should stop talking altogether.
- 137 Waiter: How is everything tonight?
- 138 Bernadette: Really uncomfortable.
- 139 Scene: The stairwell.
- 140 Leonard: You know, the best thing about being in a committed, monoga-

mous, mutually supportive relationship is that even if you have different ideas, you can have a spirited debate, yet still care for, even make love with... (she shuts the door in his face) Want your fish? (Opens door, takes fish, closes it again) I knew you were going to do that. Doesn't make me psychic! Attaboy, Leonard, make it worse. (Opens his own apartment door to find Sheldon, Raj and the two girls playing Rock Band and performing American Woman)

- 141 Leonard: What's going on?
- 142 Sheldon: We scored. I'm the wingman.
- 143 Scene: Leonard's lab.
- 144 Howard: Hey.
- 145 Leonard (handing him protective glasses): Laser.
- 146 Howard: Had a great night last night. I don't like to kiss and tell, but somebody made it to eighth base.
- 147 Leonard: What the hell is eighth base?
- 148 Howard: Seventh base with shirt off. Well, my shirt. How'd things go with Penny?
- 149 Leonard: Oh, couldn't be better.
- 150 Howard: Are we taking our relationship frustrations out on innocent Cylons?
- 151 Leonard: It's not just Cylons. Superman's next.
- 152 Howard: All right, I was going to try to squeeze in a little more mocking before lunch, but I can come back later when you don't have a high-powered weapon.
- 153 Leonard: How can I go out with a woman who believes in psychics?
- 154 Howard: Hey, I once dated a girl who believed she was abducted by aliens.
- 155 Leonard: And that didn't bother you?
- 156 Howard: Au contraire. It meant she was gullible and open to a little probing.
- 157 Leonard: What am I supposed to do, pretend I believe something I don't whenever I'm with Penny?
- 158 Howard: Hey, I'm sure Penny fakes all kinds of things when she's with you.
- 159 Leonard: Do me a favour, lean over, put your head right here.
- 160 Howard: Let me show you another way to look at this. Here we have the universe of all women. These are the ones you want to sleep with. These are the women who believe exactly what you believe. These are the women who would be willing to sleep with you. And right there in the
- 161 little triple intersection is your ideal mate. Odds are she's a short physicist with low self-esteem who lives in a government research facility in China.
- 162 Leonard: What's your point? In order to keep having a sexual relationship with Penny, I have to give up everything I believe in, my intellectual integrity, the very nature of who I am? I can't do that, Howard.
- 163 Howard: I respect that. (Takes Leonard's hand, draws a dot on it.)
- 164 Leonard: What is that?
- 165 Howard: Your new girlfriend. Have fun tonight.
- 166 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is learning Finnish.

- 167 Sheldon: The dog... koira. The roof... katto. Grapes... ryp leet. (There is a knock on the door) One minute. Sis n.
- 168 Raj: What was that?
- 169 Sheldon: It means come in. It's taking forever to load the new operating system on my computer. I disinfected the kitchen and the bathroom, and now I thought I'd learn Finnish.
- 170 Raj: . That's Hindi for whatever floats your boat. Uh, listen, I got a text from that girl Abby, and she and her friend Martha want to hang out with us again. What do you say?
- 171 Sheldon: I don't say anything. I merely offer you a facial expression that suggests you've gone insane.
- 172 Raj: I don't get it. You had a great time.
- 173 Sheldon: Yes, exactly, I had a great time. That's done, I've moved on to other things. For example, after I learn Finnish, I'm not going to learn Finnish again.
- 174 Raj: Please, Sheldon, I'm a lost Indian boy far from home, and I want a girlfriend and I want her to be Abby, and she'll only come over if she can bring Martha.
- 175 Sheldon: Raj, I highly doubt there is any argument you can make, threat you might levy, rhetorical strategy, plea, invocation, supplication, or... vetoomus that you can employ that would convince me to reconsider.
- 176 Raj: My Incredible Hulk hands signed by Stan Lee.
- 177 Sheldon: Oh, my. I've admired these for years.
- 178 Raj: So does that mean we can go with the girls again?
- 179 Sheldon: Hulk agree to second date with puny humans!
- 180 Raj: You can't wear the hands on the date.
- 181 Sheldon: Hulk sad.
- 182 Scene: The laundry room.
- 183 Leonard: Hey. Cleaning out the old dryer lint, huh? Not only is it courteous, it's safety smart. Every year, 15,000 fires are caused by accidental dryer lint ignition. Now you're supposed to say, wow, what an interesting fact. Come here, you crazy, nerdy guy. I could never be mad at you.
- 184 Penny: Wow, that's all you got after you were the most obnoxious person on a double date that included Howard Wolowitz?
- 185 Leonard: No, I'm sorry. I really am. It's not right to mock what a person believes in.
- 186 Penny: Thank you. Would you be willing to go to my psychic and see what it's all about?
- 187 Leonard: Would you be willing to read a book that concisely explains how all psychics are frauds?
- 188 Penny: I would not.
- 189 Leonard: Okay, let's go see your psychic.
- 190 Penny: Really?
- 191 Leonard: Well, yeah, one of us has to keep an open mind.
- 192 Penny: You saying I don't have an open mind?
- 193 Leonard: No, not at all. Let me help you with this stuff.

- 194 Penny: You know, I believe in ghosts, too.
- 195 Leonard: Great.
- 196 Penny: And astrology.
- 197 Leonard: I know, and pyramid power and healing crystals.
- 198 Penny: Oh, no, no, no, crystals don't work.
- 199 Leonard: Really, that's the line? Psychics are real, but crystals are voodoo?
- 200 Penny: Oh, voodoo's real. You don't want to mess with voodoo.
- 201 Scene: The apartment.
- 202 Martha: Flatland is more than just a mathematical essay. It is also a treatise on Victorian social mores.
- 203 Sheldon: You know, I had never considered that. Wow, that's going to completely change my visits there. Well, it's late.
- 204 Martha: Uh-huh.
- 205 Sheldon: Time for bed.
- 206 Martha: Okay.
- 207 Sheldon: Good night, puny human! (He gets up and leaves).
- 208 Scene: Outside Sheldon's bedroom.
- 209 Martha: Sheldon?
- 210 Sheldon: Yes?
- 211 Martha: Listen, they're kind of getting busy in the living room, and I was wondering if I could hang out in here for a while.
- 212 Sheldon: Well, I suppose. Come in. I'll sleep in Leonard's room. Good night.

### 3.13 Episode 13: The Bozeman Reaction

- 1 Scene: A Chinese restaurant.
- 2 Howard: Boy, seems like forever since the four of us have been out to eat, you know? Just the guys.
- 3 Raj: Oh, God! Yes, we get it. You have a girlfriend now.
- 4 Howard: A little jealous, are we?
- 5 Raj: No, I'm not jealous. All right, I'd kill a hobo if it'll get me laid. Now, can we order?
- 6 Sheldon: Oh, dear Lord, they re-did the menu.
- 7 Leonard: So what? It's the same food.
- 8 Sheldon: Oh, is it? Look at this. General Tso's Chicken is no longer listed under specialties. It's now under chicken.
- 9 Raj: So?
- 10 Sheldon: Yes, General Tso.
- 11 Raj: Not Tso the chicken, so the question. So?
- 12 Sheldon: So, why is it no longer a specialty? Did the chef lose confidence in the dish or himself? And look over here, shrimp in mobster sauce. What is mobster sauce?
- 13 Leonard: It's obviously a typo.
- 14 Sheldon: Perhaps. Perhaps this restaurant's now a front for organized

crime. For all we know, the mobster sauce contains actual chunks of deceased mobsters.

- 15 Raj: No, no, no, no, I think it just means it's the kind of sauce that mobsters like.
- 16 Howard: It doesn't mean any of that! It's a typo.
- 17 Leonard: You know what? Let's just get a pizza.
- 18 Sheldon: Good idea. We'll go to Corleone's.
- 19 Howard: Sure, no mobsters there.
- 20 Scene: The stairwell.
- 21 Sheldon: You know, the more I think about it, the mobster sauce couldn't possibly contain chunks of mobster.
- 22 Leonard: And why is that?
- 23 Sheldon: It was listed under seafood.
- 24 Leonard: What if they were mobsters who slept with the fishes?
- 25 Sheldon: Leonard, are we having a serious conversation or not?
- 26 Leonard (noticing their door has been broken open): What the...?
- 27 Sheldon: The TV is gone.
- 28 Leonard: So are our laptops.
- 29 Sheldon: Oh God, oh God, oh, God! It's all right. They didn't take my comic books.
- 30 Credits sequence.
- 31 Scene: The apartment.
- 32 Sheldon: They took our TV, two laptops, four external hard-drives, our PS2, our PS3, our X-Box, our X-Box 360, our classic Nintendo, our Super Nintendo, our Nintendo 64 and our Wii.
- 33 Leonard: We like games.
- 34 Sheldon: Right, games. They took Halo 1, Halo 2, Halo 3, Call of Duty 1, Call of Duty 2, Call of Duty 3, Rock Band, Rock Band 2, Final Fantasy 1 thru 9, The Legend of Zelda, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess, Super Mario Brothers, Super Mario Galaxy, Mario and Sonic at the Winter Olympics and Ms. Pacman.
- 35 Policeman: Assorted video games.
- 36 Sheldon: When does the CSI team get here?
- 37 Policeman: What?
- 38 Sheldon: In anticipation of their arrival, I've bagged some evidence. One of the thieves had the audacity to quench his thirst while ransacking our home. You should be able to pull some good prints off this. And now, here are my prints so you can rule me out as a suspect.
- 39 Leonard: What about me?
- 40 Sheldon: I'm sorry, Leonard. It's too early to discount the possibility of this being an inside job.
- 41 Leonard: Would I be completely out of line to ask you to shoot him?
- 42 Policeman: I'd be happy to put him under a 72-hour psychiatric hold.
- 43 Sheldon: I'm not crazy. My mother had me tested.
- 44 Policeman: We're done here. Call this number, and we'll fax you a copy of the report so you can submit it to your insurance company.

- 45 Sheldon: I'm sorry, that's the end of your inquiry?
- 46 Policeman: Do you have any more information that might be relevant?
- 47 Sheldon: Oh, my goodness. Where do I begin? For instance, my laptop contained four out of the five gedanken experiments necessary for a cogent restatement of the quantum measurement problem.
- 48 Leonard: How is that going to help them?
- 49 Sheldon: Well, they could monitor scientific publications and see if anyone posts such a cogent restatement in the next couple of months. If so, the authors are most likely in possession of my stolen laptop.
- 50 Policeman: Good night, fellas. Come on, Bochco.
- 51 Leonard: What are we supposed to do now?
- 52 Sheldon: The only thing we can do. Watch TV on our phones until the criminals return and bludgeon us to death in our sleep.
- 53 Leonard: Does that mean you've ruled me out as a suspect?
- 54 Sheldon: Oh, how I wish I could.
- 55 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. Sheldon is restless. He gets up and checks the door is locked. He then moves his chest of drawers in front of the door. Goes back to bed.
- 56 Sheldon: I do not have to urinate. I am the master of my own bladder. Drat.
- 57 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 58 Penny: I can't believe it. If I hadn't been working the dinner shift, I would've run
- 59 right into the robbers.
- 60 Leonard: Hey, there's no reason for you to be scared.
- 61 Penny: I'm not scared. I would've gone all Nebraska on their asses.
- 62 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny.
- 63 Leonard: Hand me the bat.
- 64 Sheldon: We just had a major crime in the building, and you open the door without asking who it is?
- 65 Penny: It won't happen again, what's up?
- 66 Sheldon: Nothing. Just wanted to see if you were both okay.
- 67 Leonard: We're fine, Sheldon.
- 68 Sheldon: All right, then. Good night.
- 69 Penny: Good night. That was weird, even for him.
- 70 Leonard: Mm-hmm.
- 71 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny.
- 72 Penny: Who is it?
- 73 Sheldon: Sheldon Cooper.
- 74 Penny: Yes?
- 75 Sheldon: May I come in?
- 76 Penny: Yeah.
- 77 Sheldon: I see you're drinking wine.
- 78 Leonard: Yes, we are. And we're about to go to bed.

- 79 Sheldon: Uh-huh.
- 80 Penny: Sheldon, do you want to sleep here tonight?
- 81 Sheldon: Oh, as small as Leonard is, I don't think the two of you'd be comfortable on the couch.
- 82 Leonard: What do you want?
- 83 Sheldon: It's not what I want, it's what evolution wants. Human beings are primates. Primates have evolved to live in groups, both for protection and support.
- 84 Leonard: But you don't like other people.
- 85 Sheldon: I do tonight. It's scary over there.
- 86 Leonard: It's getting scary here, too.
- 87 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is drawing picture clues on his whiteboard.
- 88 Penny: Um... three little kittens? Three little pigs? God, I don't know. Star Wars?
- 89 Leonard: Did we win? Can we go to bed?
- 90 Sheldon: Good Lord, I could not have made this easier. Hydrogen atom, H, plus pigs minus pea, Higgs. Bow, General Zod trapped in the Phantom Zone. Bow-zone. Pear. Tickle. Pear-tickle. Higgs Boson Particle. How could you not get that?
- 91 Leonard: He's right, Penny. It's all there.
- 92 Penny: Look, Sheldon, sweetie, I know you're feeling insecure, but we've really got to go to sleep.
- 93 Sheldon: All right. I'll take the first watch and wake you at 0400.
- 94 Leonard: Great. Good night.
- 95 Penny: Wait, wait, what's 0400?
- 96 Leonard: 4am.
- 97 Penny: That's, like, in 45 minutes.
- 98 Leonard: Just keep walking. (Sheldon checks door then puts TV on his phone)
- 99 Woman on TV: It's quiet out there.
- 100 Man on TV: Maybe a little too quiet.
- 101 Woman on TV: Where are you going?
- 102 Man on TV: Just gonna take a look around outside.
- 103 Sheldon: Bad idea.
- 104 Woman on TV: No, Jim, don't open the door!
- 105 Sheldon: Listen to her, Jim.
- 106 Man on TV: Don't worry, there's no one out here. (Sound of woman screaming. Sheldon nods, and turns off TV. Walks down to Leonard's room.)
- 107 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny! (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny! (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny!
- 108 Leonard: Who is it?
- 109 Scene: Outside the apartment.
- 110 Howard: All right, we've got a titanium dead bolt and a reinforced jamb controlled by a state-of-the-art electronic access system.
- 111 Sheldon: What if they cut the power?
- 112 Raj: There's a 200-watt uninterruptible backup power supply.

- 113 Sheldon: What if someone steals my keys?
- 114 Raj: There are independent voice and fingerprint scanners.
- 115 Sheldon: What if someone kidnaps me, forces me to record my voice, and then cuts off my thumb?
- 116 Leonard: I'll send them a basket of muffins.
- 117 Howard: Now, inside, we've got motion detectors, infrared sensors, and cameras connected to a server running state-of-the-art facial recognition software.
- 118 Leonard: Where did you get all this stuff?
- 119 Howard: I got a buddy over at the Department of Defence.
- 120 Leonard: He just gave it to you?
- 121 Howard: I'm sure he would have if I had asked. Ironically, their security isn't all that good.
- 122 Penny (entering): Raj, your car is blocking me... (A wire net falls on her, while a computer voice repeats the words "Intruder Alert") What the hell?
- 123 Leonard: Sorry, let me help you.
- 124 Sheldon: Wonderful security system if we're attacked by a school of tuna.
- 125 Howard: Don't worry, the net's going to be electrified. Picture her on the floor, spasming uncontrollably.
- 126 Sheldon: Better.
- 127 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 128 Sheldon: Sheldon's journal. Security system in place. However, sleep continues to elude me. I've seen the underbelly of Pasadena, this so-called City of Roses, and it haunts me. Ah, the injustice, I lie here awake, tormented, while out there evil lurks, probably playing Donkey Kong on my classic Nintendo. (Hears a noise. Goes to check, then panics and climbs out window onto ledge.) Oh, dear. I am the master of my own bladder. (Crawls along to Leonard's window, where Leonard and Penny are inside being intimate. Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny.
- 129 Penny: Oh, my...
- 130 Leonard: God, Sheldon. What the hell are you doing out there?
- 131 Sheldon: I heard a noise.
- 132 Leonard: It was us. We knocked over a lamp.
- 133 Sheldon: Why would you knock over a lamp?
- 134 Leonard: We were going to have...
- 135 Penny: He doesn't need to know what we were doing, Leonard.
- 136 Sheldon: Oh! No, she's right, I don't need to know what you were doing. Carry on. (Starts to climb back out of window)
- 137 Leonard: What are you doing? Use the door.
- 138 Sheldon: Good thinking. Perhaps I'll check the perimeter and make some warm milk.
- 139 Leonard: Great, you do that.
- 140 Sheldon: Would you like me to bring you some warm milk?
- 141 Leonard: I'm lactose intolerant.
- 142 Sheldon: And you don't wish to alarm me with any more loud noises, very

thoughtful. Warm milk, Penny?

- 143 Penny: No, thanks.
- 144 Sheldon: Fine. Good night to you, sir. Miss.
- 145 Leonard: Sorry about that.
- 146 Penny: Ugh, what can you do? Here. (From outside there is the sound of the net falling and computer voice saying "Intruder alert." Then Sheldon screaming. They run out to find Sheldon convulsing under the net.)
- 147 Leonard: Looks like Wolowitz got the net electrified.
- 148 Penny: Sheldon, are you okay?
- 149 Sheldon: I'm fine. Although I'm no longer the master of my own bladder.
- 150 Scene: The apartment.
- 151 Sheldon: My new computer came with Windows 7. Windows 7 is much more user-friendly than Windows Vista. I don't like that.
- 152 Leonard: Don't you think looking for a new city to live in is a bit of an overreaction?
- 153 Sheldon: Our apartment was broken into, our security system tried to kill me, and as a result, I'm leaving Pasadena forever. Tell me how that's overreacting.
- 154 Penny: Come on, Sheldon, you can't move. Don't you need to stay in one place so the mother ship can find you when it returns?
- 155 Sheldon: Oh, if that were only true. Unfortunately, as I'm earthbound for the foreseeable future, I need to find a location that's more hospitable than the mean streets of Pasadena. Like Enid, Oklahoma. Low crime rate and high-speed Internet connectivity, but no model train shops. Sorry, Enid.
- 156 Penny: Is he quitting his job at the university?
- 157 Leonard: Oh, no, he's going to telecommute. Everybody's really excited about it.
- 158 Sheldon: All right. Boone, North Carolina. Every summer since 1952, Boone has hosted an outdoor amphitheater portrayal of the life and times of its namesake, Dan'l Boone. Sounds like something that would attract the wrong crowd. Penny, you're from Nebraska, correct?
- 159 Penny: Born and raised. (Sheldon crosses Nebraska off his map)
- 160 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom. Sheldon is packing.
- 161 Sheldon: It will take me a few days to get settled. After I do, I will e-mail you detailed PDFs containing diagrams and instructions that will guide you through packing and shipping the rest of my possessions to Bozeman, Montana. In the meantime, please forward my mail.
- 162 Leonard: Any place specific or just the Bozeman, Montana Loony Bin?
- 163 Sheldon: I sense you're making a joke, but Bozeman does have a comedy club called The Loony Bin, so do not forward my mail there.
- 164 Howard: Oh, come on. So you were the victim of a crime. That's part of life. When my great-grandfather first came to this country, he put all his hopes and dreams into this little butcher shop he ran on the Lower East Side of New York. You know what happened? Every customer who walked into that butcher shop and asked for a pound of liver, got ripped off. But, those people moved on, and so should you.

- 165 Sheldon: I am moving on. I'm going to be a Bozite.
- 166 Leonard: They call themselves Bozites?
- 167 Sheldon: They should. It's one of the first things I plan to bring up upon arrival.
- 168 Penny: Sheldon, I can't believe I'm saying this, but I'm going to miss you.
- 169 Sheldon: Please, Penny, as you know, I'm not comfortable with prolonged good-byes and maudlin displays of emotion, so I prepared a short video.
- 170 Sheldon on laptop screen: Greetings. As you know, I'm not comfortable with prolonged good-byes and maudlin displays of emotion, so I prepared this short video. The four of you are three of my closest friends and one treasured acquaintance. Though I cannot state categorically that my life will be diminished by not having you in it, I am comfortable if you choose to believe that. Since you intend to remain in this lawless metropolitan area, statistics suggest that you will succumb to tragic and gruesome ends before we meet again. Live long and prosper.
- 171 Penny: Sheldon, that's so... (Turns to find he has gone.)
- 172 Sheldon (entering again): You might want to lock the door behind me. This isn't Bozeman.
- 173 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): How the hell do I know who's the friend and who's the acquaintance?
- 174 Scene: Bozeman, Montana bus depot.
- 175 Sheldon: That is a bracing cold, an invigorating cold. Lord, is it cold!
- 176 Man: Help you with your bags, sir?
- 177 Sheldon: Thank you, fellow Bozite. And may I say, you are the living embodiment of all the promises made by our lovely town's Chamber of Commerce. (Man picks up bags and starts running.) Wait! Wait! Excuse me! (At ticket desk) One ticket to Pasadena, California, please.
- 178 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon enters.
- 179 Howard: Hey, look who's back!
- 180 Sheldon: Interesting. The acquaintance is the first to greet me.

## 3.14 Episode 14: The Einstein Approximation

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is stood in the middle of the room. His whiteboard is behind him. Every few moments he turns round suddently.
- 2 Penny: Whatcha doing?
- 3 Sheldon: I'm attempting to view my work as a fleeting peripheral image so as to engage the superior colliculus of my brain.
- 4 Penny: Interesting. I usually just have coffee. You've been up all night?
- 5 Sheldon: Is it morning?
- 6 Penny: Yes.
- 7 Sheldon: Then I've been up all night.
- 8 Penny: And you're stuck?
- 9 Sheldon: Why else would a person try to engage their superior colliculus?
- 10 Penny: Oh, sorry, sweetie, I can't help you till I've had my coffee.
- 11 Leonard: Penny, I told you if you don't put him in his crate at night he

just runs around the apartment.

- 12 Penny: What is he doing now?
- 13 Leonard: Mmm, he's either isolating the terms of his formula and examining them individually, or looking for the alligator that swallowed his hand after Peter Pan cut it off.
- 14 Sheldon: Captain Hook's hand was eaten by a crocodile, not an alligator. If you're going to mock me, at least get your facts straight.
- 15 Leonard: Aye, aye, Captain.
- 16 Sheldon: I can't see it! It just won't coalesce.
- 17 Leonard: Maybe you need a fresh start.
- 18 Sheldon: You're right. (Takes whiteboard to window and throws it out. Picks up a new one) It's a great idea, Leonard. Thank you.
- 19 Credits sequence.
- 20 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 21 Sheldon: Electrons move through graphene, act as if they have no mass...
- 22 Howard: How long has he been stuck?
- 23 Leonard: Intellectually about 30 hours. Emotionally about 29 years.
- 24 Sheldon: Unit cell contains two carbon atoms. Interior angle of a hexagon is 120 degrees.
- 25 Howard: Have you tried rebooting him?
- 26 Leonard: No, I think it's a firmware problem.
- 27 Raj (arriving): Hey, it's Disco Night at the Moonlight Roller Rink in Glendale tonight. Who's up for getting down?
- 28 Howard: Oh, that's perfect. Bernadette's been hocking me to take her roller skating.
- 29 Leonard: I think Penny likes to skate. The four of us could double.
- 30 Howard: What could be better? We're in.
- 31 Raj: Great. It's not like I brought it up because I wanted to go.
- 32 Howard: You can come with us.
- 33 Raj: No, it's okay. I don't have to go. I'm happy just to guide you and your ladies to suitable entertainment choices. I'm a walking brown Yelp.com.
- 34 Sheldon: Structure, constant structure. One atom...
- 35 Howard: Boy, he's really gone, isn't he?
- 36 Leonard: Yeah, this morning he used a stick of butter as deodorant.
- 37 Howard: I thought I smelled popcorn.
- 38 Sheldon: Pattern is the same as fermions, travels on the pathways, hexagonal, it's always hexagonal...
- 39 Leonard: I haven't seen him this stuck since he tried to figure out the third Matrix movie.
- 40 Raj (as Sheldon reaches out and grabs from his plate): Hey, those are my lima beans!
- 41 Sheldon: Not lima beans, carbon atoms.
- 42 Raj: But if I don't eat my lima beans, I can't have my cookie.
- 43 Leonard: Here, you want my peas?
- 44 Sheldon: Peas! Perfect, they can be electrons.
- 45 Howard: Want my corn?

- 46 Sheldon: Don't be ridiculous. What would I do with corn?
- 47 Leonard: So roller skating, should we all grab a bite to eat first?
- 48 Howard: Good. P.F. Chang's? My mom has coupons.
- 49 Leonard: Great. Your mom's not coming, right?
- 50 Howard: Not this time, I promise.
- 51 Raj: Okay, just to be clear, roller skating was my idea, and I'm very unhappy that you turned it into a double date, and I hope you both fall on your asses and break your coccyxes.
- 52 Sheldon: The plural of coccyx is coccyges.
- 53 Raj: Screw you. Give me back my lima beans.
- 54 Scene: The stairwell.
- 55 Bernadette: Oh, my God, have you ever been so embarrassed?
- 56 Penny: Not recently.
- 57 Bernadette: I don't know which was lamer, their roller-skating or their disco dancing.
- 58 Penny: For me, the worst part was when people saw us leave with them.
- 59 Leonard: You had some nice moves out there, Howard.
- 60 Howard: Thanks. You, too.
- 61 Leonard: Yeah. Did you notice all the people looking at us?
- 62 Howard: Not really. I was in my boogie zone.
- 63 Bernadette: When Howard tried to do the splits...
- 64 Penny: Shh.
- 65 Leonard: Sorry. I'm moving a little slow. I think I bruised my coccyx.
- 66 Penny: Oh, poor baby.
- 67 Leonard: Don't tell Koothrappali. After you.
- 68 Penny: Oh, what a gentleman. Hey, Sheldon. (Steps on marbles which are all over the floor, screams and falls)
- 69 Leonard: Oh, my God! Are you... (falls as well)
- 70 Sheldon: Good Lord! You're ruining everything!
- 71 Penny: Oh, damn.
- 72 Leonard: Are you okay?
- 73 Penny: Do I look okay?
- 74 Leonard: Don't bark at me. I fell, too.
- 75 Penny: Oh, you've been falling all night. You're used to it.
- 76 Howard: Sheldon, what the hell are you doing?
- 77 Sheldon: The same thing I've been doing for three days. Trying to figure out why electrons behave as if they have no mass when travelling through a graphene sheet.
- 78 Bernadette: With marbles?
- 79 Sheldon: Well, I needed something bigger than peas, now, didn't I?
- 80 Bernadette: Sheldon, when was the last time you got any sleep?
- 81 Sheldon: I don't know, two, three days. Not important. I don't need sleep, I need answers. I need to determine where in this swamp of unbalanced formulas squatteth the toad of truth.
- 82 Penny: Toad of truth? Is that a physics thing?
- 83 Leonard: No, that's a crazy thing.

- 84 Bernadette: Okay, Sheldon. What happens to our neuroreceptors when we don't get enough REM sleep?
- 85 Sheldon: They lose their sensitivity to serotonin and norepinephrine.
- 86 Bernadette: Which leads to...?
- 87 Sheldon: Impaired cognitive function.
- 88 Bernadette: Right, so march in there, brush your teeth and go to bed.
- 89 Sheldon: But I don't want to go to bed.
- 90 Bernadette: I'm going to count to three. One...
- 91 Sheldon: Oh, all right.
- 92 Leonard: That was amazing how you handled him.
- 93 Bernadette: I know how to deal with stubborn children. My mother used to run an illegal day care centre in our basement.
- 94 Scene: Leonard's bedroom.
- 95 Penny: Leonard, you're... you're giggling in your sleep.
- 96 Leonard: It's not me, it's my new ringtone. The Joker from Batman.
- 97 Penny: Well, it creeps me out.
- 98 Leonard: Me, too, but I paid three bucks for it.
- 99 Penny: Just answer the phone.
- 100 Leonard: Hello. Yeah, I'm Leonard Hofstadter. Yeah, yeah, he's my roommate. Oh, God, is he okay? Yeah, alright, alright, I'll be right there.
- 101 Penny: What happened?
- 102 Leonard: Sheldon's escaped and is terrorizing the village.
- 103 Penny: Okay. Have fun.
- 104 Scene: A children's play area.
- 105 Leonard: Hi. I'm Dr. Hofstadter. Where is he?
- 106 Security Guard: Ball pit.
- 107 Leonard: Thanks for not calling the cops.
- 108 Security Guard: Oh, hey, it's no big deal. My sister's got a kid who's special.
- 109 Leonard: Yeah, well, he's extra special. Hey, Shelly. What you doing?
- 110 Sheldon: Size ratio was all wrong. Couldn't visualize it. Needed bigger carbon atoms.
- 111 Leonard: Sure, sure. How did you get into this place?
- 112 Sheldon: Back door has a five-pin tumbler system, single-circuit alarm. Child's play. You can start sorting protons and neutrons while I build carbon atoms.
- 113 Leonard: No, I don't think so. We need to go home now.
- 114 Sheldon: But I'm still working.
- 115 Leonard: If you don't come out of there, I'm going to have to drag you out.
- 116 Sheldon: You can try, but you'll never catch me. (He disappears under the balls)
- 117 Leonard: For God's sakes. Sheldon, come here!
- 118 Sheldon (popping his head up): Bazinga. (Disappears, pops up in another place) Bazinga. (And again) Bazinga. (And again) Bazinga. (And again) Bazinga.

- 119 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Sheldon is standing over their bed. He knocks on the wall.
- 120 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny. (Knock, knock) Leonard and Penny.
- 121 Leonard (Waking up as Penny screams): What! What, what, what?
- 122 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard and Penny.
- 123 Leonard: What?
- 124 Sheldon: I have good news.
- 125 Leonard: And you had to barge in here and wake us up in the middle of the night?
- 126 Sheldon: Your cell phone was off.
- 127 Leonard: Because we didn't want to be disturbed.
- 128 Sheldon: And that didn't work out, did it?
- 129 Penny: Sheldon, what do you want?
- 130 Sheldon: I came to tell you I've got the answer.
- 131 Leonard: Really? You figured out the graphene problem?
- 132 Sheldon: No, no, I'm still hopelessly stuck on that, but I figured out how to figure it out.
- 133 Penny: Hey, you know what, Leonard, I know I said I could handle your roommate, but I was wrong. We're going to have to break up.
- 134 Leonard: What are you talking about?
- 135 Penny (as Sheldon sits on the bed): Oh.
- 136 Sheldon: Einstein.
- 137 Leonard: Yeah, I'm going to need a little more.
- 138 Sheldon: Albert Einstein.
- 139 Leonard: Keep going.
- 140 Sheldon: When Albert Einstein came up with special relativity, he was working at the patent office.
- 141 Leonard: So, you're going to go work at the patent office?
- 142 Sheldon: Don't be absurd. That's in Washington. You know I could never live in a city whose streets are laid out in a wheel-and-spoke pattern. No. I'm going to find a similarly menial job where my basal ganglia are occupied with a routine task, freeing my prefrontal cortex to work quietly in the background on my problem.
- 143 Leonard: Sounds like a great plan.
- 144 Sheldon: Of course it is. Even talking to you is sufficiently menial that I can feel the proverbial juices starting to flow.
- 145 Leonard: Okay, well, thanks for sharing with us. Good night.
- 146 Sheldon: You're welcome. Good night to you, too. Oh, by the way, I was watching you sleep for a moment, and I noticed that your snoring seems to be worse when you're on your back.
- 147 Penny: Leonard doesn't snore.
- 148 Sheldon: No, I wasn't talking to Leonard.
- 149 Leonard: Told you.
- 150 Scene: An employment office
- 151 Employment Office Assistant: So, Mr. Cooper, you're looking for a job.

- 152 Sheldon: A menial job. Like yours.
- 153 Assistant: Why, thank you for noticing. I'm Menial Employee of the Month. Do you have a particular field in mind?
- 154 Sheldon: I do. For thousands of years, the lowest classes of the human race have spent their lives labouring to erect monuments under the lash of their betters, until finally they dropped down and became one with the dust through which they trudged. Do you have anything like that?
- 155 Assistant: No.
- 156 Sheldon: Shouldn't you check your database?
- 157 Assistant (clicks her keyboard a few times): No.
- 158 Sheldon: You didn't really type.
- 159 Assistant: I didn't really have to. So, how about construction?
- 160 Sheldon: Oh, that would be good! Sawing, hammering, eating out of a lunch pail as my working-class fellows and I sit perched precariously on a girder high above the metropolis.
- 161 Assistant: No, no. This is putting up sheetrock at a housing project in Rosemead.
- 162 Sheldon: I could do that.
- 163 Assistant: Good.
- 164 Sheldon: One question.
- 165 Assistant: Yes?
- 166 Sheldon: What's sheetrock?
- 167 Assistant: Moving on. How about doing deliveries for a florist?
- 168 Sheldon: That seems acceptable.
- 169 Assistant: Do you have your own car?
- 170 Sheldon: I don't drive.
- 171 Assistant: Of course you don't. Mr. Cooper, let me just ask you a ques-
- tion. What was your last job?
- 172 Sheldon: Senior theoretical particle physicist at CalTech, focusing on M theory, or, in layman's terms, string theory.
- 173 Assistant: I see. Just give me a second. Security!
- 174 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 175 Penny: Okay, I'll get those drinks started for you.
- 176 Sheldon (appearing in an apron and carrying a tray): Behind you.
- 177 Penny: Sheldon, what the hell are you doing?
- 178 Sheldon: I'm trying to get these tables cleared. We're slammed.
- 179 Penny: No, wait, wait, no, wait. Wh.. what are you doing here?
- 180 Sheldon: A reasonable question. I asked myself, what is the most mind-numbing, pedestrian job conceivable, and three answers came to mind, uh, toll booth attendant, an Apple Store genius, and what Penny does. Now, since I don't like touching other people's coins, and I refuse to contribute to the devaluation of the word genius, here I am.
- 181 Penny: You just, you just walked in and they hired you, just like that?
- 182 Sheldon: Oh, heavens, no. Since I don't need to be paid, I didn't need to be hired. I simply came in, picked up a tray, and started working for the man. Let me get that plate out of your way.

- 183 Penny: Sheldon, this is ridiculous.
- 184 Sheldon: Is it? Just a moment ago I had a minor epiphany regarding the polymer degradation phenomenon while scraping congealed nachos off a plate. Bernadette, table 10 wants their check.
- 185 Bernadette: Thanks, Sheldon.
- 186 Penny: Sheldon, wait, this isn't even what I do. I'm a waitress, not a busboy.
- 187 Sheldon: You're right. That is more menial. Hello, I'm Sheldon. I'll be your server today. I don't recommend the salmon. I saw it in the kitchen.
- 188 Scene: The same, later.
- 189 Sheldon: All right, one bacon cheeseburger, breaking two Jewish dietary restrictions simultaneously, kudos. Beer-battered fish and chips. Now, here's your tartar sauce. I also brought you salsa. It's a little unconventional, but I think you'll like it. It's zingy. And for you, Factory Burrito Grande, no cheese, no sour cream, no ugly consequences from your lactose intolerance. Bon appétit.
- 190 Leonard: Hang on. Black beans, not pinto beans?
- 191 Sheldon: Yes.
- 192 Leonard: Double guacamole?
- 193 Sheldon: Of course.
- 194 Leonard: No cilantro?
- 195 Sheldon: Nope.
- 196 Leonard: Lettuce shredded, not chopped?
- 197 Sheldon: Yep.
- 198 Leonard: You understand why I'm doing this to you?
- 199 Sheldon: I do.
- 200 Leonard: That'll be all. That was fun.
- 201 Raj: How long can he keep this up?
- 202 Leonard: I heard about this professor at MIT who melted down, bought a van, and spent the rest of his life as a mobile dog groomer.
- 203 Raj: He never went back to the university?
- 204 Leonard: Only to shampoo Professor Chambourg's shih tzu.
- 205 Raj: Sheesh.
- 206 Howard: I bet if we all chipped in, we could buy Sheldon a van.
- 207 Raj: But he's afraid of dogs.
- 208 Leonard: Yeah, that's the only thing wrong with that plan.
- 209 Penny: Hey, guys, sorry you had to wait, but we are swamped. What's this?
- 210 Leonard: Sheldon took our order.
- 211 Penny: Sheldon doesn't work here.
- 212 Leonard: Well, honey, not to complain, but we were starting to think you didn't either.
- 213 Sheldon (drops tray. A nearby table claps): Is that really necessary? Good Lord. The interference pattern in the fracture. The motion of the wave through the molecular structure. I've been looking at it all wrong. I can't consider the electrons as particles. They move through the graphene as a wave. It's a wave! The moment to applaud would be now. Troglodytes.

- 214 Penny: Sheldon, where are you going? Aren't you going to clean this up?
- 215 Sheldon: I'm sorry. I don't work here.
- 216 Scene: The roller disco.
- 217 Howard: Happy now?
- 218 Raj: I'm on a cloud. Swing me. (Howard swings Raj several times.)
- 219 Scene: The ball pit, presumably earlier.
- 220 Leonard: Sheldon, come here.
- 221 (Sheldon once again keeps popping up his head and shouting "Bazinga" as Leonard flails around trying to catch him.)

# 3.15 Episode 15: The Large Hadron Collision

- 1 : The university cafeteria.
- 2 Howard (on the phone): Yeah, I miss you, too, sweetie. Listen, I got to go, but I'll see you tonight? Okay. Bye-bye. Yeah, bye-bye. No, you hang up first. Hello?
- 3 Raj: Dude, I'm glad you finally got a girlfriend, but do you have to do all that lovey-dovey stuff in front of those of us who don't?
- 4 Sheldon: Actually, he might have to. There's an economic concept known as a positional good in which an object is only valued by the possessor because it's not possessed by others. The term was coined in 1976 by economist Fred Hirsch to replace the more colloquial, but less precise neener-neener.
- 5 Howard: That's not true. My happiness is not dependent on my best friend being miserable and alone.
- 6 Raj: Thank you.
- 7 Howard: Although, I'd be lying if I said it wasn't a little bit of a perk.
- 8 Leonard: Who's miserable and alone?
- 9 Raj: Me.
- 10 Leonard: Oh. I used to be like that. Then I got a girlfriend.
- 11 Sheldon: In pre-1976 terms, neener-neener.
- 12 Leonard: Hey, what are you and Bernadette doing for your first Valentine's Day?
- 13 Howard: Yeah, I am pulling out all the stops. There's a 39.95lover's special at P.F. Chang's. Eggrolls, dumple
- 14-Sheldon: Given that Saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and beheaded, wouldn't the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and beheaded and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and beheaded and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and beheaded and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and beheaded and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was stoned and the saint Valentine was a third century Roman priest who was a third century Roman priest Ro
- 15-Howard: Iunderstandy our point, but given a choice, Jewsal ways go with Chinese food.
- 16-Raj: Well, if anyone's interested, I'll be spending this Valentine's Day the same way I spendevery Valentine's Day T spendevery Valentine's Day T spend
- 17-Leonard: Okay, so to sumup: one giant marble horse, one as in ine comment, one lone ly man and his chicken. A comment of the comment of
- 18 Raj: Fine, tellusyou'regoing to haves \* xwith Penny.
- 19-Leonard: That's not what I was going to telly ou.
- 20 Raj: It's o kay. Idon't mindhearing about yours\* x life. It's his that bugsme.
- 21-Leonard: Guess who the university is sending to Switzerland to attend a conference and see the CERN superconference and see the
- 22-Sheldon: Professor Norton, although, Godknows why. He has n't published anything of notes ince he wonth a little of the professor Norton and the professor Norton and
- 23-Leonard: Actually, Professor Norton can't make it. He threw his backout rock climbing.
- 24-Howard: I heard het hre whis back out climbing on his new girl friend.
- 25 Raj: The big boobed weather qirlon Channel 2?
- 26 Howard: That's the one.

- 27-Leonard: In any case, they're a sking met of ill in for him.
- 28-Sheldon: In Switzerland or with the big-boobed weather girl?
- 29-Leonard: Switzerland. And I get to bring a guest!
- 30 Howard: Oh, man!
- 31 Raj : Noway, dude!
- 32-Sheldon: This is incredible! I'm so happy, I'm not even going to question their judgment in picking you. I'm just a proper to the proper
- 33 Raj: Whywouldn'tyoutakePenny?
- 34-Leonard: Iamtaking Penny.
- 35-Raj:Oh.Well, then I anticipate an awkward situation when you get home.
- 36-Credits sequence.
- 37 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 38 Leonard: Sheldon, you gotaminute?
- $39-Sheldon: Of course, my good friend. Come in. Help me out, which ski hat says a pr\`essurer collider?$
- 40-Leonard: Sheldon, I'm not taking youto Switzerland.
- 41-Sheldon: Well, of course you are. Who else would you take?
- 42 Leonard : Penny.
- 43-Sheldon: What? That's absurd. Pennyhas no interest in subatomic particle research.
- 44-Leonard: Yes, but it'll be Valentine's Day. We can go sight seeing and skiing and make love in front of a roaring the state of the property of the proper
- 45-Sheldon: But Pennyhas no interest in subatomic particle research.
- 46 Leonard: I'msorry, Sheldon.
- 47-Sheldon: Sorry? I've been dreaming about going to the Large Hadron Collider since I was nineyear sold.
- 48-Leonard: Yeah, well, I've been dreaming about spending Valentine's Day with a girl since I was six.
- 49-Sheldon: Shame on you! That's nodream for ascient ist!
- 50-Scene: The apartment.
- 51 Penny: Okay, what's the big surprise?
- 52-Leonard: Justaminute. This tray contains clues as town at you and I are going to be doing on Valentine's Day.
- 53-Penny: Oh. Wow. Okay. Let's see. We've got, uh, milk chocolate, Swiss cheese, fondue. My lactose-intolerant boy friend is going to eat all this, then I'm going to climbon his back and rocket to the moon?
- 54-Leonard: No. But it does involve air travel. Okay, um, let meslice this Swisscheese with my Swissarmy knife,
- 55-Penny: Okay, I'm starting to think Swissiskeyhere.
- 56 Leonard: Uh huh.
- 57 Penny: We're going to Disneyland and ride the Matterhorn?
- 58 Leonard: How does that involve air travel?
- 59-Penny: We're going to Disney World and ride the Matterhorn?
- 60 Leonard : No.
- 61 Penny: Okay, sweetie, this started out fun, but I'm over it.
- 62-Leonard: We're going to Switzerland to see the CERN supercollider! And ski. We'l lalso goskiing.
- 63-Penny: We're going skiing in Switzerland?!
- 64-Leonard: Well, you'llski, I'llfall, but, yeah, we will be in Switzerland for Valentine's Day.
- 65 Penny: Oh, myGod, Leonard! That's incredible!
- 66-Sheldon: Nots of ast. You might want to hold of fonlighting your rabeliechtli, Penny.
- 67 Penny : MyRabe what ly?
- 68-Sheldon: Rabeliechtli. It meansturnip light and refers to a traditional lantern hand-
- carved from a root vegetable and used to celebrate certain Swiss festivals. Which you will not be celebrating because, and the property of t
- 69-Leonard: Sheldon, we've been through this. I'm taking Penny.
- 70-Sheldon: A fraid not. Doyour ecognize this?

- 71-Leonard: Not the room mate agreement.
- 72-Sheldon: Indeed, the room mate agreement. I cally our attention to the Friendship Rider in Appendix C, Future and the first contract of the property of t
- 73 Leonard: Oh, for God's sakes.
- 74-Penny: You actually put that in an agreement?
- 75-Leonard: Yeah. We also put in what happens if one of uswins a MacArthur Grant, or if one of usgets superpown and the superpown of the property of the pro
- 76 Sheldon: Hecan't killme, even if Iturn.
- 77-Penny: Is the reanything in the reabout if one of youghts a girl friend?
- 78 Sheldon: No, that seemed a little far fetched.
- 79-Leonard: Sheldon, doyour eally expect to enforce this?
- 80-Sheldon: I've live dup to all my commitments under the agreement. At least once a day I ask how you are, even the agreement and the state of th
- 81 Penny: Okay, Iknow Ishouldn't ask, but what is...?
- 82 Leonard: No.
- 83-Sheld on (after demonstrating): I'd be much further along if I'd be en allowed to practice.
- 84-Leonard: Look, Sheldon, Iknowit's in the agreement, and if you turn into a zombie, I promise I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will you turn into a zombie I will not kill you turn into a zombie I will yo
- 85-Sheldon: Is that your final decision?
- 86-Leonard: It is.
- 87 Sheldon: Verywell.
- 88 Penny: It's not over, is it?
- 89-Leonard: What doy out hink? (The sound of Tuvanthroat singing comes from Sheldon's bedroom.)
- 90 Scene : Leonard's car.
- 10. I I amond a Catalita fina first himmorphia hab? Thin hit among a pain? In stead of an demontal I cause
- 91-Leonard: Gotabitoftrafficthismorning, huh? Thinkit's gonnarain? Instead of underpants, I covered mycropy and the state of the stat
- 93-Leonard: Your eally think I belong with Benedict Arnold and Judas?
- 94-Sheldon: You'r eright. Judashad the decency to hang himself after what he did.
- 95-Leonard: Comeon, Sheldon. Can'tyou at least try to understand how much this means to me?
- 96-Sheldon: Roundtwo, Leonard Hofstadter, Darth Vader, Rupert Murdoch.
- 97 Leonard : RupertMurdoch?
- 98-Sheldon: HeownsFox, and they cancelled Firefly. Hint, he and Darth Vadera retied for number 2.
- 99-Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 100-Howard: I'm sorry I couldn't hang with you last night. I had a date with Berna dette.
- 101 Raj: Iknow. Is a wthe Tweet.
- 102 Howard: So, what didyouend updoing?
- 103-Raj: Not much. Nukedaburrito. Prayed to the Hindugod Urvashithat your bowels would loose nan dyour pen 1000 and 10
- 104-Leonard: Youseen Sheldon?
- 105 Raj: No. Is hest ill mad about the supercollider?
- 106-Leonard: Yeah. Hethinks Ibetrayedhim. Imean, comeon, what would you guys doif you were me?
- 107-Howard: I'dtake Sheldon to Switzerland.
- 108-Leonard: Seriously?
- 109-Howard: Absolutely. And I'd leavehim there. (Sheld on enters, put satray in front of Leonard, and exits.)
- 110 Raj: What the hell is that?
- 111-Leonard: Uh, let's see. Yup, 30 pieces of silver ware.
- 112-Scene: Leonard's bedroom.
- 113-Sheldon: Morning, oldchum.
- 114 Leonard: What's going on?
- 115-Sheldon: I've made you break fast. Juice, coffee, and pancakes in the shape of some of your favorite fiction of the properties of th
- 116-Leonard: You made Frodop ancakes?

- 117-Sheldon: Yeah, I used co conuts having stood othehair on his feet. If you need to voidy our bladder before eating a superfixed for the property of the p
- 118-Leonard: Why are you doing this?
- 119-Sheldon: It's by way of an apology for my recent behaviour. I've had sometime to reflect and I've come to realize the property of the pr
- 120 Leonard: Thanks. It's good.
- 121-Sheldon: What you'r etasting is respect and affection. And about a pound of Crisco. After you've finished brown to the contract of the property of the contract of the c
- 122-Leonard: You hate Babylon 5.
- 123-Sheldon: Ido. It fails as drama, science fiction, and it's hopelessly derivative. But you like it, and you're my fail to be a support of the property of
- 124-Leonard: Okay, great. Still not taking yout o Switzerland.
- 125 Sheldon: Drat. No Frodo for you.
- 126 Scene: The laundry room.
- 127 Sheldon: Hello.
- 128 Penny : Hello.
- 129-Sheldon: Alright, let's dispense with the friendly banter, Ibelievey out now why I'mhere.
- 130-Penny: Well, I always figure ditwas to study us, discover our weaknesses, and report backtoyour alien over leaves to the first of the first open and the first of the first open and the first open a
- 131-Sheldon: Yes, a musing. Extraordinary in telligence might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you, but let me be might well appear extrater restrial to you.
- 132-Penny: Better a coustics for your throat singing?
- 133-Sheldon(tryingit): It's actually not bad. But my true purpose in being here will be revealed in this brief Power P
- 134 Penny: Oh, for God's sakes.
- 135-Sheldon: Here we have a highly gifted researcher in the field of particle physics whose work has brought him to be a first property of the property of t
- 136 Penny: I'msorry. Is this supposed to be buttering meup?
- 137-Sheldon: Please hold all questions to the end of the presentation. This is the Large Hadron Collider at CERNich and Certain Collider at CERNich and Certain Cert
- 138 Penny : Okay, show's over.
- 139 Sheldon: No, it's not. I'vegot five more slides.
- 140-Penny: Sheldon, this is Leonard's decision. He invited meto Switzerland, and Intendtogo.
- 141-Sheldon: Verywell. Enjoyyourself. You're going to be in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of something that I'ved reamed of see in the presence of see in t
- 142 Penny: I'lltalk to Leonard.
- 143 Sheldon: Youwill?
- 144-Penny: Yes. If it means that much to you, you should go.
- 145 Sheldon(Huggingher) : Oh, Penny, thankyou!
- 146 Penny: You'rewelcome.
- 147-Sheldon: Since Irarely hug, I'm relying on your expert is eregarding duration.
- 148 Penny: Ithinkwe'rethere.
- 149 Sheldon: Oh, good. Bye bye.
- 150-Scene: The apartment.
- 151-Raj: Youknow what? Eventhough I don't have a girl friend, I can still have a good time on Valentine's Day.
- 152-Howard: Trustme, you can't. I've tried.
- 153-Raj: No, no, no, I'mgoing to have a meday. First I'mgoing to go to one of those spasin Koreatown, take a steam of the state of th
- 154 Leonard: Sheldon, Ineedtotalktoyou.
- 155-Sheldon: All right, my friend. Would you like some choler mus?
- 156 Leonard: Somewhat?
- 157-Sheldon: Choler mus. It's a traditional Swiss break fast dish. I'm preparing mygastroint estimal system for the properties of the pr158-Leonard: You're not going to Switzerland!
- 159 Sheldon: Oh, but Iam. Didn't Pennytelly out he goodnews?
- 160-Leonard: She told methat you went behind my backtoguilther into letting you go in stead of her.
- 161 Sheldon: Yes, that goodnews.
- 162-Leonard: Well, forget it. I was the one who was invited, I get to decide who goes with me, and it's Penny, not you also be a superficient of the property of the propert

- 163-Sheldon: Howard, could you lower the lights? I have a short Power Point presentation.
- 164-Leonard: Idon't need to see your presentation. This discussion is over!
- 165 Sheldon: That's a somewhat ambiguous response. Am I going or not?
- 166-Leonard: Sheldon, at this point, I would go by myself before I would take you.
- 167 Sheldon : Really?
- 168 Leonard: Yeah, really.
- 170 Leonard: I'msorryyou feel that way.
- 171-Sheldon: Idon't thinky ou'refully aware of the ramification shere, Leonard.
- 172-Leonard: Whydon't you enlight enme?
- 173-Sheld on: With the friend ship clause of our room mateagreement nullified you are no longer entitled to accommod the properties of t
- 174 Howard: Ooh, that's gottasting.
- 175 Scene: Penny's bedroom.
- 176-Leonard: Just think, this time to morrow we'll be in Geneva, Switzerland for our first Valentine's Day.
- 177-Penny: Iknow! Iwent shopping to day and bought special undies for the occasion.
- 178-Leonard: Thermal? `Cause it's gonnabe cold.
- 179-Penny: Think it through, Leonard.
- 180 Leonard : Oh!
- 181 Penny : Oh!
- 182-Leonard (Pennys neezes): Gesundheit. Or as they say in Switzerland, gesundheit. You getting a cold?
- 183 Penny: No, no, it's probably just allergies.
- 184-Leonard: Doyouwant an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill? `Cause I have `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, for eign, domest an aller gypill. `emall. Prescription, nonprescription, nonprescr
- 185 Penny: Doany of the mwork?
- 186-Leonard: Not really, I'm just an enthusiast.
- 187-(Time passes. Sound of Penny retching in the bathroom)
- 188 Leonard : Penny?Youokay?
- 189-Penny: Didthat sound okay to you? Do not come inhere!
- 190 Leonard: What's going on?
- 191-Penny: I'm having a teaparty. What do you think's going on ? It hink I might have the flu. Or the plague. The plague is the plague of the plague is the plague of th
- 192-Leonard: Well, our plane leaves at 9a.m. Doyouthinkyou'll feel better by then?
- 193-Penny: Yep. `Cause I'm gonnabe dead.
- 194 Scene: Outside Sheldon's bedroom.
- 195-Leonard: Hey, Sheldon? Listen, Pennyis pretty sick and she's not going to be able to go to Switzerland. So if your support of the property of the state of
- 196-Sheldon: Great. I'll start packing. In a minute. (Vomits again) Oh, look, it's the choler mus. In the contrast of the co
- 197 Scene: The apartment.
- 198 Penny: Here's your soup.
- 199 Sheldon: Chicken?
- 200 Penny : Yes.
- 201 Sheldon: With the little stars?
- 202 Penny: Yes.
- 203 Sheldon: Heated to 180 degrees?
- 204-Penny: Whydon't I pour it in your lap, and you can tell me.
- 205 Sheldon: Youdon't have to be mean. I'm sick.
- 206 Penny: Yeah, well, I'msick, too.
- 207-Sheldon: Not my problem. I just don't under standhow this happened to me. I'm scrupulous about my hygiene. In the problem of the proble
- 208-Penny: Idon't know what to telly ou, Sheldon.

- 209 Sheldon(rememberingthehug) : It's you! It ouch edyou!
- 210-Penny: Happy Valentine's Day.
- 211 Scene: ASwisshotelroom.
- 212-Raj:Oh, mygoodness, look at this room! Champagne! Roses!Oh, and little chocolates! This is going to be the best of the latest and the l
- 213-Leonard: Yeah, If or got about all this.
- 214 Raj: But In ever will.

# 3.16 Episode 16: The Excelsior Acquisition

- 1 Scene: The comic book store. Raj enters carrying an iPod with a speaker on his tee shirt. As he enters the shop he starts the iPod and the Darth Vader theme from Star Wars emerges from the speaker.
- 2 Leonard: Will you please turn your shirt off?
- 3 Raj: What? I'm giving myself dramatic entrance music. People will know I'm awesome and to be feared.
- 4 Howard: Yeah, right, there's nothing more awe some and frightening than a man who's got music blasting from between his nipples.
- 5 Leonard: Hey, Stuart, what's going on?
- 6 Stuart: Well, you might want to mark your Google calendars. Stan Lee is coming to do a signing on Thursday.
- 7 Sheldon: Did he finally write a sequel to his autobiography? I'm sure ages 79 through 87 were just action-packed.
- 8 Stuart: No, just a regular comic signing. My uncle is his dermatologist and Stan's doing him a favour.
- 9 Sheldon: Oh, I don't want to know that! How can I possibly discuss with Stan Lee the scientific foundations for interstellar flight on a silver surfboard when part of my brain will be scanning his face for signs of contagious skin disease?
- 10 Leonard: Stan Lee does not have a contagious skin disease.
- 11 Sheldon: Well, look who thinks he's Stuart's uncle now.
- 12 Raj: Can't believe it. We're going to meet Stan Lee! (Presses play on his iPod. His shirt starts to play "I'm So Excited" by the Pointer Sisters. He dances.)
- 13 Howard: I'm sad to say I taught him those moves.
- 14 Credits sequence.
- 15 Scene: The apartment.
- 16 Leonard: I can't decide whether I want Stan Lee to autograph my Journey into Mystery 83, first appearance of Thor or my Fantastic Four number five, first appearance of Dr. Doom. (Raj presses his iPod. The theme from Jeopardy plays.) Alex, I'm going to go with what is... you're a dumbass? (Presses again, his shirt blows a raspberry.)
- 17 Sheldon: I've decided I'm going to have Mr. Lee sign my copy of this month's Batman.
- 18 Howard: That's crazy. Stan Lee had nothing to do with Batman.
- 19 Sheldon: Yes, which is why no one else will ask him to sign one, and I will be the possessor of a unique, albeit confusing, artifact, which will set me apart

from the hoi polloi of comic book fandom.

- 20 Raj: That's a great idea, I'm going to get him to sign a Batman as well.
- 21 Sheldon: What is it about the word unique you don't understand?
- 22 Howard: Ow! Damn, paper cut. Nothing worse than a paper cut.
- 23 Raj: Well, obviously you don't remember your circumcision.
- 24 Sheldon: There's Neosporin and Band-Aids in my top desk drawer.
- 25 Howard: Why don't you keep that stuff in the bathroom?
- 26 Leonard: He does. And in the kitchen. And in the car. And in his pocket.
- 27 Sheldon: Yeah, but the ones in my pocket are mine.
- 28 Penny: Hi!
- 29 Leonard: Hey. Guess who's going to be at the comic bookstore on Thursday?
- 30 Penny: Um, can you give me a hint?
- 31 Leonard: Stan Lee.
- 32 Penny: Um, Stanley, Stanley, Stanley Tucci?
- 33 Leonard: No, no, Stan Lee.
- 34 Penny: Oh, oh, Stan Lee! Cool!
- 35 Leonard: You have no idea who he is, do you?
- 36 Penny: Of course I do. You're an important part of my life and I pay attention to the things you are interested in.
- 37 Leonard: Good, good, so, who's Stan Lee?
- 38 Penny: Um, he was on Star Trek.
- 39 Leonard: Nope.
- 40 Penny: Star Wars?
- 41 Leonard: No.
- 42 Penny: Um, uh, Stan Lee, oh, he was in those goofy kung fu movies you love so much?
- 43 Leonard: That's Bruce Lee.
- 44 Penny: Oh. So, is this Bruce Lee's nerdy brother, Stan?
- 45 Howard: Sheldon, why do you have all these unopened paychecks in your desk?
- 46 Sheldon: Because most of the things I'm planning to buy haven't been invented yet.
- 47 Howard: But there must be thousands of dollars here. Why don't you put it in the bank?
- 48 Sheldon: I don't trust banks. I believe that when the robots rise up, ATMs will lead the charge.
- 49 Howard: You've also got something from the Pasadena Municipal Court.
- 50 Sheldon: Undoubtedly yet another snide response to my repeated letters complaining that the flags in front of the courthouse are flying in the wrong order. From left to right, it's supposed to be federal, state, and then city of Pasadena.
- 51 Penny: I'm sorry. You sent more than one letter about that?
- 52 Sheldon: It bothers me.
- 53 Howard: Sheldon, this is a summons.
- 54 Sheldon: A summons for what?

- 55 Howard: Looks like you ran a red light on Marengo Avenue at 9:30 p.m. on November 16. They got you on a traffic camera. Nice picture.
- 56 Sheldon: November 16? Penny, that's the evening you fell in your bathtub and I had to drive you to the emergency room.
- 57 Penny: No, it isn't.
- 58 Sheldon: Yes, it is.
- 59 Penny: No, it isn't.
- 60 Sheldon: Penny, I have an eidetic memory. Also, that's a picture of you in the passenger seat holding your dislocated shoulder.
- 61 Penny: Mmm, no, it isn't.
- 62 Sheldon: Okay, then why is a summons for a traffic violation committed in your car, bearing your license plates, coming to me?
- 63 Penny: Okay, look, they sent me the ticket. I told them I wasn't driving and they were all, if it wasn't you, who was it?
- 64 Sheldon: So you betrayed me?
- 65 Penny: No! It wasn't a betrayal. It was more of a can't afford any more points on my license. I already have to buy my insurance from this place in the Cayman Islands.
- 66 Sheldon: But the only reason I was driving your car was because you were in distress and I was rescuing you.
- 67 Penny: Yes, yes, look, and now you have a photo to remember that heroic day.
- 68 Leonard: It's not that big a deal. You just go down to the court on Thursday and you pay the fine.
- 69 Sheldon: I'm not going to pay a fine. That would imply I'm guilty.
- 70 Howard: You are guilty. (Raj's shirt plays the gavel sound from Law Order) That one I liked.
- 71 Sheldon: I am not guilty. I only have a learner's permit, Penny was the teacher. When the light turned yellow she said go, go, go, so I went, went, went.
- 72 Penny: Sheldon, I'm sorry. I'll be happy to reimburse you for the fine. You know, as soon as I get a part in a movie or my own TV series.
- 73 Sheldon: You don't need to reimburse me because I'm not paying. On Thursday, I will have my day in court and justice will be done. In fact, I'm going to begin preparing my defence right now.
- 74 Howard: Okay, he's going to jail.
- 75 Leonard (after Raj whispers to him): Oh, that's right. Thursday is Stan Lee Day.
- 76 Sheldon: Now you see what you've done? Because of you, we're all going to miss Stan Lee.
- 77 Leonard: Whoa! What do you mean all?
- 78 Sheldon: Well, you're my friends. You'll be standing by my side, supporting me, feeding me legal precedents, and if you had the upper body strength, carrying me out on your shoulders when I'm victorious.
- 79 Leonard: Yeah, okay. No.
- 80 Sheldon: Are you saying that you will not stand beside me as I plead my case?

- 81 Leonard: That's what I'm saying.
- 82 Sheldon: Howard?
- 83 Howard: Wow. Uh, Stan Lee, or you in court? Uh, if this was Sophie's Choice it would've been a much shorter movie. No.
- 84 Sheldon: Raj? You'll be there, won't you? (Shirt plays "incorrect" quiz sound) All right, then, my so-called friends have forsaken me. So, I guess it'll just be me and my eyewitness.
- 85 Penny: Oh, balls.
- 86 Sheldon: Please try to wear something appropriate. It won't help my case if the judge is busy trying to read the word Juicy scrawled across your buttocks.
- 87 Scene: Penny's door.
- 88 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 89 Penny (opening door): (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 90 Sheldon: That's just wrong.
- 91 Penny: All right, let's go.
- 92 Sheldon: Wait, hold on. Before we get to the courthouse, I'd like to call on your skills as an actress.
- 93 Penny: What is this?
- 94 Sheldon: I've taken the liberty of scripting your appearance on the witness stand because, let's face it, you're somewhat of a loose cannon. Now, don't worry, it's written in your vernacular. So shall we rehearse?
- 95 Penny: Do I have a choice?
- 96 Sheldon: Well, of course you have a choice. Although we live in a deterministic universe, each individual has free will. Now, sit down. I call your attention to the events of November 16. Do you remember that date?
- 97 Penny (reading): Darn tootin', I do, if the court will excuse my homespun, corn-fed Nebraskan turn of phrase.
- 98 Sheldon: Excellent. Go on.
- 99 Penny: The reason that date is, like, so totally fixed in my memory is that I had the privilege to be witness to one of the most heroic acts I've ever seen in, like, ever.
- 100 Sheldon: And who performed that heroic act?
- 101 Penny: Why, you did, sir. You. Dr. Sheldon Cooper, and may I add, it is a privilege to know you.
- 102 Sheldon: There's no need for compliments, this court is only interested in the facts.
- 103 Penny: But it is a fact that it's a privilege to know you. Totally. A teardrop rolls down my cheek?
- 104 Sheldon: Only a suggestion. A catch in your throat would work just as well.
- 105 Penny (pretending to be close to tears): But it is a fact that it's a privilege to know you. Totally.
- 106 Sheldon: Maybe you should put on your Juicy pants again.
- 107 Scene: The courtroom.
- 108 Judge: Pay the cashier. Sheldon Cooper?
- 109 Sheldon: Good morning, Your Honour. Dr. Sheldon Cooper appearing in

- pro se. That is to say, representing himself.
- 110 Judge: I know what it means. I went to law school.
- 111 Sheldon: And yet you wound up in traffic court. Anyway, if it would please the court, I'd like to begin with an opening statement.
- 112 Judge: The court would advise you to make it quick, as the court had a dicey-looking breakfast burrito this morning and just took an Imodium.
- 113 Sheldon: Very well, a quick opening statement. Like a milking stool, my case rests on three legs. I will demonstrate that I was improperly instructed in driving by a woman whose lack of respect for society borders on the sociopathic. I will argue that the emergency met the legal doctrine of quod est necessarium est licitum, that which is necessary is legal. But first, I will raise a Sixth Amendment issue. I'm unable to confront my accuser, a non-human entity, to wit, a camera. So, to sum up, improper instruction, quod est necessarium est licitum, Sixth Amendment. My milk stool is complete.
- 114 Judge: Impressive.
- 115 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 116 Judge: Guilty. Pay the cashier.
- 117 Sheldon: I object. You're completely ignoring the law.
- 118 Judge: No, I'm following the law. I'm ignoring you.
- 119 Sheldon: Really? I would point out that I am at the top of my profession, while you preside over the kiddy table of yours.
- 120 Judge: Dr. Cooper, before I find you in contempt and throw you in jail, I'm going to give you a chance to apologize for that last remark.
- 121 Sheldon: I am a scientist. I never apologize for the truth.
- 122 Scene: A police cell. Three people sit on a bench inside. Sheldon points at the one on the end.
- 123 Sheldon: That's my spot.
- 124 Scene: A queue outside the comic book store.
- 125 Raj: I can't wait to ask Stan Lee why he insists on giving all his characters first and last names that start with the same letter.
- 126 Leonard: Oh, come on, why would you do that?
- 127 Raj: Bruce Banner, Reed Richards, Sue Storm, Stephen Strange, Otto Octavius, Silver Surfer, Peter Parker, oh, and worst of all, J. Jonah Jameson, Jr.
- 128 Howard: Okay, I'm cutting. I'm not gonna talk to Stan Lee after you cheese him off.
- 129 Leonard (phone rings.): Hey.
- 130 Penny: Sheldon's in jail.
- 131 Leonard: Sheldon's in jail?
- 132 Raj: You called it.
- 133 Leonard: For what?
- 134 Penny: What do you think? For doing the same crap he always does, except to a judge. He has to stay in there until he apologizes.
- 135 Leonard: So tell him to apologize.
- 136 Penny: Oh, gee, thanks, Leonard. That didn't occur to me. If he doesn't apologize by 5 o'clock he is going to spend the night in jail.

- 137 Leonard: Oh, no, that's terrible. Ooh, the line's moving. Got to go. Bye.
- 138 Scene: The police cell.
- 139 Sheldon: Excuse me? Excuse me, jailor?
- 140 Guard: What?
- 141 Sheldon: I need to use the restroom.
- 142 Guard: Knock yourself out. (Points to urinal in cell)
- 143 Sheldon: That's the toilet?
- 144 Guard: Well, it ain't a wishing well.
- 145 Sheldon: Please tell the judge I'm ready to apologize.
- 146 Scene: The apartment.
- 147 Leonard: Look at that. To my friend, Leonard, from Stan Lee, Excelsior!
- 148 Howard: Awesome. Mine says, To my friend, Howard, from Stan Lee, Excelsior!
- 149 Raj: Mine says, To Raj, from Stan Lee.
- 150 Howard: That's 'cause you pissed him off about his character names.
- 151 Raj: Hey, I didn't even mention Dum Dum Dugan or Green Goblin, Matt Murdock, Pepper Potts, Victor Von Doom, oh, and worst of all, Millie the Model.
- 152 Penny: We're home.
- 153 Leonard: Oh, hey, buddy. How'd it go?
- 154 Sheldon: You know very well how it went.
- 155 Leonard: Yeah, but we all want to hear it from you.
- 156 Sheldon: I was found guilty and fined 533.
- 157-Penny: I'mgoing to write you a cheque for that. As long a syou promise to put it in your drawer and never cash it, and the property of t
- 158-Sheldon: I also now have three points on a driver's licence I do not yet possess, and I was forced to is sue an under the points of the property of the
- 159 Howard: Plus, youdidn't gettomeet Stan Lee.
- 160-Leonard:Okay, that's enough, Howard. The poor guy's had a toughtime. He had to spend the entire afternoon the following the state of the state
- 161-Howard: You'r eright, so it would be crueltoment ion that after he finished signing autographs, Stan Leetood and Stan L
- 162 Sheldon: You had gel a to with Stan Lee?
- 163-Howard: He said we could call him Stan.
- 164-Leonard: Except for Raj.
- 165-Sheldon: Well, Ihopeyou're satisfied, Penny. You are responsible for all the evil that has befallen metoday.
- 166 Penny: Okay, Irealize that...
- 167-Sheldon: Not finished. It is because of you that In ow have a criminal record, and it is because of you that I missely a constant of the property of the
- 168 Penny: Okay, may be you'll have another chance to have...
- 169-Sheldon: No, no. I will never have another chance to have gel atowith Stan Lee because opportunities to have generated by the contract of the property o
- 170-Penny: Didhejust somehow give methe finger?
- 171-Howard: Not just the finger. The moving finger.
- 172-Scene: The comic bookstore.
- 173 Penny : Hey, Stuart.
- 174 Stuart : Oh, hey, Penny. Wow. Hi.
- 175 Penny: What's going on?
- 176-Stuart: Nothing. I'm just getting ready to close up and head out.
- 177 Penny: Ah. Cool. Got any funplans?
- 178-Stuart: Oh, yeah. Bignighttonight. Gonnashare a can oft una with the cat.
- 179 Penny: Oh, nice.

- 180-Stuart: Noteven my cat. I just feed it. Some night sit doesn't even show up.
- 181-Penny: Oh, okay. Well, Iwashoping, um, you could do mea favour.
- 182 Stuart : Sure, yeah, nameit.
- 183-Penny: Well, I'mkindo fresponsible for Sheldon missing Stan Lee, and I really want to make it up to him. Sold the property of the proper
- 184-Stuart: Oh, I'msorry, Idon't have his phone number.
- 185-Penny: Hmm. Damn. Allright. Thankyou.
- 186-Stuart: Mm-hmm. Wait. I have his address.
- 187 Penny : Really? Great!
- 188 Stuart : But I can't give it to you.
- 189 Penny: Then why didy out ell mey out a dit?
- 190-Stuart: Idon't know. Just chatting. You're looking at a guywho could verywell get stood up by a stray cattonight and the property of the
- 191 Penny: I'msorry, Stuart. Thanksanyway.
- 192 Stuart: Mm hmm. Wait.
- 193 Penny : Yeah?
- 194-Stuart: May be we can make a deal.
- 195 Penny: Whatkindof deal?
- 196-Stuart: I will give you the address if you go to my cousin's wedding with me.
- 197-Penny: You're extorting a date out of me?
- 198-Stuart: Ikindof have to. The cousin who's getting married is the cousin I usually go to we ddings with.
- 199 Penny: Can Ibring Leonard?
- 200-Stuart: Sure. What the hell.
- 201 Penny : Deal.
- 202 Stuart: We'll tell people he's your cousin.
- 203-Scene: Outside Stan Lee's house.
- 205 Penny : Yup.
- 206-Sheldon: Oh, Lord, you just rang Stan Lee's door bell. At Stan Lee's house. We're about to go in and have milk and the standard of the standard standard standard of the standard standard standard of the standard stand
- 207-Penny: Okay, sweetie, Idon't know if we're gonnahave cookies, or he's just gonnas ay hi, or really what's gonnahave cookies, or he's just gonnas ay hi, or really what's gonnahave cookies, or he's just gonnas ay hi, or really what's gonnahave cookies, or he's just gonnahave cookie
- 208 StanLee(openingdoor) : Yeah?
- 209-Penny: Areyou Stan Lee?
- 210 StanLee : Oh, damn.
- 211 Penny: Hi.I'm Penny. This is my friend, Sheldon.
- 212 Sheldon: We're not friends at the moment. Depends on how this goes.
- 213-Penny: Right, right. Anyway, Sheldon here is a huge fan of yours, and he was supposed to meet you the other description of the property of the property
- 214-StanLee: Isee. And you thought you'd just come over to my house uninvited?
- 215-Sheld on: You said we were invited.
- 216-Penny: Oh, no, no, Isaid I'minviting yout ocome with meto Stan Lee's house.
- 217-Stan Lee: Youknow, you fan boys are unbelievable. Doyouthinkyou can just ring mydoor bellanytime you wan allow on the property of the pr
- 218-Sheldon: Well, I'm not much of a sports fan, but thankyou.
- 219-Penny: I'm sorry. He doesn't really under stands arcasm.
- 220-StanLee: Well, I'll give him something he'll under stand. Joanie, call the police!
- 221-Penny: Nice to meet you.
- 222 Scene: The apartment.
- 223-Raj:FantasticFour, Daredevil, Invincible Iron Man, Happy Hogan, Curt Connors...
- 224-Howard: Would you just let it go?
- 225 Raj: Andworst of all, Fin Fang Foom.

- 226 Leonard(asSheldonenters) : Hey, where'veyoubeen?
- 227-Sheldon: I'll telly ouwhere I've been. You boys may have had gel atowith Stan Lee and gotten autographed coming the properties of th
- 228 Howard: Sweet.
- 229-Sheldon: Plus, I get to hangout with him again at the hearing. This is going to look great hanging next to my resulting the property of the property of

# 3.17 Episode 17: The Precious Fragmentation

- 1 Scene: The stairwell. Leonard is carrying a large box.
- 2 Leonard: Why do I always have to carry the heavy stuff?
- 3 Sheldon: Well, it's very simple. In our ragtag band of scientists with nothing to lose, I'm the smart one, Wolowitz is the funny one, and Koothrappali is the lovable foreigner who struggles to understand our ways and fails. That leaves you, by default, as the muscle.
- 4 Leonard: One more floor, and I'd be the pulled muscle.
- 5 Penny (who is inside the apartment): Oh, it's about time, I'm starving.
- 6 Leonard: Uh, well, we didn't actually get Chinese food.
- 7 Penny: Why not?
- 8 Leonard: Don't panic, this is better.
- 9 Penny: Oh, no, you didn't trade the food for magic beans, did you?
- 10 Sheldon: Of course not. And, technically, magic beans would be food, although eating them would be quite a waste, since you could plant them and overnight have a giant beanstalk, which would provide enough roughage for a small city.
- 11 Penny: Yeah, sometimes I don't listen, sometimes I just watch your jaw go up and down.
- 12 Leonard: We were on our way to the Chinese restaurant when we thought we saw Adam West, so we followed him.
- 13 Penny: Who's Adam West?
- 14 Sheldon: Who's Adam West? Leonard, what do the two of you talk about after the coitus?
- 15 Howard: My guess is, "Hey, four minutes! New record!" That's why I'm the funny one.
- 16 Leonard: Anyway, we followed the guy to this garage sale, and they had the coolest stuff.
- 17 Howard: They were closing up. We got this whole box for sixty bucks.
- 18 Leonard: We didn't even get to go through it all. There could be anything in here.
- 19 Penny: There a new girlfriend in there? 'Cause you might need one.
- 20 Leonard: No. But there is an original final draft Ghostbusters script with actual slime stains! (Raj whispers to Leonard) Oh, you're right, it's Ghostbusters 2. Never mind.
- 21 Howard: Oh, my God. An Alf doll. When I was 11 my mother got me one to help me sleep after my dad left. I used to pretend that my dad had moved to the planet Melmac, and Alf was going to bring him back to me. But he never did. Where's my daddy, puppet? Where is he?
- 22 Penny: That is so sad.

- 23 Sheldon: No, what's sad is that you don't know Adam West was TV's Batman.
- 24 Credits sequence
- 25 Scene: The same
- 26 Leonard: Here's Spock's head with no body. Here's Mr. T's body with no head. Oh, yeah, here's Spock's body with Mr. T's head. I pity the fool who's illogical.
- 27 Penny: Okay, I'm just gonna go home and make a grilled cheese and window-shop on eHarmony.
- 28 Leonard: Okay, bye.
- 29 Penny: Okay.
- 30 Leonard: Ooh, look, an Indiana Jones connect-the-dots.
- 31 Raj: And an Aquaman action figure.
- 32 Howard: Looks like someone drew a pen1s on him.
- 33 Raj: Huh? That'll come off.
- 34 Howard: You see what you're doing? Stop that.
- 35 Sheldon: Fascinating.
- 36 Leonard: What?
- 37 Sheldon: It appears to be a Lord of the Rings ring.
- 38 Leonard: Oh.
- 39 Raj: It's even got the Elvish engraving on it.
- 40 Sheldon: It's not Elvish. It's the language of Mordor written in Elvish script. One Ring to
- 41 rule them all.
- 42 Raj: One Ring to find them.
- 43 Howard: One Ring to bring them all.
- 44 Leonard: And in the darkness bind them.
- 45 Raj: Holy crap, are we nerdy.
- 46 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 47 Howard: So, I was doing some checking on the ring.
- 48 Raj: Hold on. Sheldon, is there ketchup on that table?
- 49 Sheldon: Yes, there is. Oh, here's a fun fact, ketchup started out as a general term for sauce, typically made of, uh, mushrooms or fish brine with herbs and spices. Some popular early main ingredients included blueberry, anchovy, oyster, kidney bean and grape.
- 50 Raj: No, that's okay. I'll get it.
- 51 Howard: Listen, I was looking at the ring, and it seemed a little weird. No copyright notice on it. So, I took it down to this buddy of mine who deals with, shall we say, the seedy underbelly of the collectibles world.
- 52 Leonard: Seedy underbelly?
- 53 Howard: You know, your black market phasers, your screen-worn Lieutenant Uhura panties, that kind of stuff.
- 54 Raj: Who's this mysterious buddy you suddenly have?
- 55 Howard: Just a guy. I know a guy.
- 56 Raj: Is it Eddie Crispo?
- 57 Howard: No, I can't tell you who it is. Stop asking.

- 58 Raj: Who else could it be? It has to be Eddie Crispo.
- 59 Howard: I know lots of dangerous people, okay?
- 60 Raj: Name one.
- 61 Howard: Eddie Crispo. Anyway, he said this isn't a replica. It's the real deal.
- 62 Sheldon: If you're suggesting that that is the actual ring of power forged by Sauron in Mount Doom, I look at you with an expression of exhaustion and ever so slight amusement.
- 63 Leonard: He's not saying it's a magic ring. You're not, are you?
- 64 Howard: No, but it's close. Look at the markings inside. Those are production markings. Nine rings were made for use in the Lord of the Rings movies. Three were given to members of the cast. The rest were destroyed. Except one. One was stolen. Gentlemen, this is the one ring.
- 65 Sheldon (snatching it): Mine!
- 66 Leonard: No, it is not yours. We all went in on the box together.
- 67 Sheldon: Well, yes, but I found it in the box, and the laws of maritime salvage clearly state that the finder of a sunken treasure is the owner of the treasure.
- 68 Leonard: How is this maritime salvage?
- 69 Sheldon: Other than the lack of water, how is it not?
- 70 Raj: Wait, wait. Sheldon, stop being crazy for a second. How much is something like this worth?
- 71 Howard: Well, it's tough to say since it's hot, but on the underground market, my guy figures...
- 72 Raj: Your guy Eddie Crispo?
- 73 Howard: Yes. He figures ten, maybe 15 thousand.
- 74 Raj: Okay, that's a lot of money. The wise thing to do is invest it in something practical. Like a jet ski.
- 75 Howard: Why do you want a jet ski?
- 76 Raj: All the wealthy and beautiful people in movies ride Jet Skis. That can't just be a coincidence.
- 77 Sheldon: We can't sell it. We have to keep it and love it and polish it, and only take it out occasionally when we go to the park and re-enact our favourite scenes from the movies.
- 78 Howard: It's sad how great that sounds.
- 79 Leonard: Guys, it's stolen. It should go back to Peter Jackson. He made the movies, it belongs to him.
- 80 Howard: Fine. He can have it back as long as he promises to make me a hobbit in his next movie.
- 81 Raj: There are no Jewish hobbits.
- 82 Howard: Clearly, you've never been to my house for dinner on Rosh Hashanah.
- 83 Leonard: We are not blackmailing Peter J... All right, where's the ring?
- 84 Sheldon: You mean my ring?
- 85 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 86 Sheldon: The ring was unguarded, it was just sitting on the table, anyone

could have taken it. Proof? I did.

- 87 Leonard: Give me that.
- 88 Raj: Look, let's be reasonable. We all want to do different things with the ring, but your ideas are stupid, and I want a jet ski.
- 89 Sheldon: I found it. The ring is mine. I don't understand why in this group I never get my way.
- 90 Leonard: You always get your way.
- 91 Sheldon: I'll stipulate to that if you give me the ring.
- 92 Penny: Hey, guys. Enjoying your food that I actually brought you instead of promising food, but bringing you a box of random crap?
- 93 Leonard: Yeah, it's delicious, the sarcasm's a little stale, though. Hey, how about this? Until we figure out what to do with the ring, Penny holds on to it.
- 94 Penny: What ring?
- 95 Leonard: This ring.
- 96 Sheldon: Looking for something?
- 97 Leonard: Will you hold on to this for a couple of days?
- 98 Penny: Why?
- 99 Leonard: It's a prop from a movie, and we're kind of fighting over it.
- 100 Penny: Okay, just to be clear, the first piece of jewellery my boyfriend gives me is a prop from a movie, and I don't even get to keep it?
- 101 Howard: If you had gone out with me three years ago, by now, you'd have my great Aunt Ida's brooch that she smuggled out of occupied Belgium in a cat.
- 102 Leonard: How am I looking now?
- 103 Scene: Penny and Leonard are asleep in Leonard's bed. Sheldon creeps in and tries to take the ring from round Penny's neck, but she turns over. He tries to make buzzing fly noises to get her to turn back, but she turns all the way the other way. He then uses an extender with a claw on the end to lif the ring from Penny's chest. As he tries to remove it, she wakes up, screams, and punches him in the face.
- 104 Sheldon: Ow! You hit me! I'm bleeding!
- 105 Leonard: What was that?
- 106 Penny: Sheldon tried to take the ring and I punched him.
- 107 Leonard: That's my girl.
- 108 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 109 Howard: So, Sheldon, how's it feel to get beaten up by a girl?
- 110 Sheldon: It's not the first time. I have a twin sister whose assaults began in utero. If only I'd had the presence of mind to reabsorb her, then I'd have a mole with hair in it instead of a tedious yearly Christmas letter.
- 111 Raj: Gentlemen, have you come to the realization that the only reasonable course of action is to sell the ring and divide the money?
- 112 Leonard: No.
- 113 Raj: I was afraid of that. (Opens his laptop to reveal an Indian looking man on a webcam.) Go ahead.
- 114 Man on Screen: Greetings from Mumbai. I am Raj's attorney, Venkatesh Koothrappali.

- 115 Raj: Also my cousin.
- 116 Howard: You brought a lawyer?
- 117 Venkatesh: Don't answer that. I'll get straight to the point. My client's prepared to surrender any interest he has in the ring in exchange for two Kawasaki Jet Skis.
- 118 Leonard: We're not giving him two Jet Skis.
- 119 Venkatesh: Look, we're big boys, why don't we just cut to the chase and meet in the middle? One Kawasaki Jet Ski, done and done.
- 120 Leonard: No Jet Skis.
- 121 Venkatesh: All right, forget the Jet Skis.
- 122 Raj: Forget the Jet Skis? That was our line in the sand! What happened to "tear them a new one?"
- 123 Venkatesh: What can I say? They played hardball. We lost.
- 124 Raj: You're useless.
- 125 Venkatesh: I told you that when you hired me.
- 126 Raj: I'm signing off now.
- 127 Venkatesh: Call your mother, she worries.
- 128 Howard: Okay, just so you know, if we're bringing in cousins who are lawyers, prepare for shock and awe.
- 129 Leonard: You know what? I am ending this. Penny didn't want to hold the ring anymore. She gave it to me, I have it. I'm sending it back. Where's the ring?
- 130 Sheldon: You mean this ring? Next time be aware of your surroundings while urinating in a public men's room.
- 131 Leonard: Give me that.
- 132 Sheldon: No, it's mine.
- 133 Raj: It's all of ours. (They begin to struggle over the ring.)
- 134 Leonard: Okay, now, this is ridiculous!
- 135 Howard: Then let go!
- 136 Leonard: I'm not letting go, you let go.
- 137 Howard: I say this ring belongs to the last person who can hold on.
- 138 Leonard: Fine. But can't we go home and start this?
- 139 Raj: Sure. Let go of the ring.
- 140 Leonard: All right, it starts now.
- 141 Howard: You do realize there's a giant bug movie marathon to night on the Syfy Channel. (They start to move away from the table while all still holding the ring.)
- 142 Raj: Wait, my laptop. (They go back for it.)
- 143 Scene: The stairwell. The guys are coming up the stairs, all still holding the ring.
- 144 Howard: You know, there's a point when this becomes idiotic.
- 145 Leonard: And it wasn't when we were driving like this?
- 146 Sheldon: I would advise the three of you that resistance is futile. I have endless patience. I once spent two-and-a-half hours on hold with Hewlett-Packard customer service just to complain about their customer service.
- 147 Leonard: You want to talk about endless patience? Penny made me watch

- all five seasons of s\*x and the City.
- 148 Raj: There are six seasons, dude.
- 149 Leonard: Oh, crap!
- 150 Raj: No, no, no, the sixth season is great. We go to Paris with Carrie and get our heart broken, and then Mr. Big shows up, we don't know if we can trust him again. It's a wild ride.
- 151 Leonard: Door. (Leonard tries to unlock the door and drops the keys.)
- 152 Raj: Okay, everybody, and plie. And relevae.
- 153 Penny: Whatcha doin'?
- 154 Leonard: Last one holding the ring decides its fate. I know, it sounds silly.
- 155 Penny: No, no, no, no, no, no, you are my boyfriend. Nothing you do is silly to me.
- 156 Leonard: Thank you.
- 157 Penny: FYI, this is a bag from Victoria's Secret.
- 158 Leonard: I'm out.
- 159 Scene: The apartment. The three guys are still holding the ring. Howard is on the phone.
- 160 Howard: I'm sorry, Ma, I have to stay late at the office.
- 161 Raj: No, he's doesn't! He's lying to you!
- 162 Howard: Will you be quiet?
- 163 Raj: Well, if you want privacy let go of the ring. I'm so glad we came to this gentile strip club! Howard, here's more bacon to tuck into the shiksa's G-string!
- 164 Howard: I'll call you back.
- 165 Raj: I think it's lovely you call your mommy and let her know you're going to be late for dinner. From what I know about these things, if a woman doesn't breast-feed on time, it's very uncomfortable for her boobies.
- 166 Howard: Don't you talk about my mother's boobies!
- 167 Raj: If you're offended, let go of the ring and go on home to your mother's boobies
- 168 Sheldon: Excellent, excellent. Tire each other out, the ring will be mine. Howard, why don't you go after Raj's mother?
- 169 Raj: Why don't we go after your mother?
- 170 Sheldon: Go ahead. I have no illusions about my mother. She is a kind, loving, religiously fanatical right-wing Texan with a slightly out-of-scale head and a mild Dr. Pepper addiction. Anything you'd like to add?
- 171 Howard: That's not gonna Better pull out the big gun.
- 172 Raj: You're right. Let's talk about your grandmother.
- 173 Sheldon: No! I call no Meemaws.
- 174 Raj: Think about this. The only way your mother was born was your Meemaw had s\*x.
- 175 Sheldon: I don't want to hear this.
- 176 Howard: Then let go of the ring and walk away.
- 177 Sheldon: Never.
- 178 Howard: All right. I'll bet your Meemaw didn't just have s\*x to have your mother. I bet she had s\*x because she liked it.

- 179 Sheldon: Stop it!
- 180 Raj: Yeah, Meemaw did the nasty.
- 181 Sheldon: I said stop it!
- 182 Howard: We're getting to him.
- 183 Sheldon: Waterfalls!
- 184 Raj: What?
- 185 Sheldon: Waterfalls. Crashing waves. Babbling brooks.
- 186 Howard: What are you doing?
- 187 Sheldon: Subliminal messaging. I'm going to make you want to pee. Dripping faucets. Leaky gutter. Peeing.
- 188 Raj: It's, it's not working, dude.
- 189 Sheldon: Oh-ho-ho, it's working all right. I have to pee.
- 190 Raj: Then let go of the ring and go.
- 191 Howard: No, actually, I wouldn't mind going, too.
- 192 Raj: Fine. Um, on the count of three. One, two...
- 193 Sheldon: Wait, just to clarify. When you get to three, do we stand up or do we pee?
- 194 Howard: We stand up.
- 195 Sheldon: Excellent choice.
- 196 Raj: Three.
- 197 Howard: Something tells me this was a bad day to wear suede shoes.
- 198 Scene: Sometime later. The guys are on the settee. Howard is seen asleep, he is not holding the ring. The camera pans along to where Sheldon and Raj still hold the ring. Raj, also asleep, lets go and cuddles up to Howard.
- 199 Sheldon: I've done it! I've won! The ring is mine! It's mine! (He runs to the bathroom) We're going to clean it up and make it pretty. My own. My love. My precious. (He looks in the mirror and has turned into golem. He screams and wakes up, still on the settee.) Where's the ring?
- 200 Leonard: It's in a FedEx box on its way back to where it came from.
- 201 Raj: The fires of Mount Doom?
- 202 Leonard: Peter Jackson's office in New Zealand. It wasn't ours.
- 203 Howard: You quit the game! You had no right to take it.
- 204 Leonard: I came in here, you guys were all sleeping. The ring was on the floor. No one was touching it.
- 205 Raj: Well, so then we start the game over until there's a winner.
- 206 Leonard: There wasn't ever going to be a winner. There was going to be a selfish, petty person with a ring and three people who used to be his friend. Is that really what you guys want? 'Cause if it is, fine, I don't want anything to do with you. And I don't know what happened in that bathroom, but I am not cleaning it up! (Goes to his bedroom. Takes a box from under his bed. Takes out the ring.) My precious.
- 207 Scene: Leonard and Penny are asleep in Leonard's bed. The extender and claw reaches across and pulls down the sheet revealing the ring on a chain round Leonard's neck.
- 208 Sheldon: I knew it. Give us the precious!
- 209 Leonard: NEVER!

210 - (They begin to struggle, both shouting "give it", "give it to me" and "it's mine" at various intervals. Penny gets out of the bed and heads out the door.) 211 - Penny: Ugh, gotta go back to dating dumb guys from the gym.

## 3.18 Episode 18: The Pants Alternative

- 1 : The university cafeteria.
- 2 Raj: Okay in Avatar when they have s\*x in Pandora they hook up their ponytails, so we know their ponytails are like their junk.
- 3 Howard: Yeah, so?
- 4 Raj: So, when they ride horses and fly on the birds, they also use their ponytails.
- 5 Howard: What's your point?
- 6 Raj: My point is, if I were a horse or a bird, I'd be very nervous around James Cameron.
- 7 Sheldon: It amazes me how you constantly obsess over fictional details when there are more important things in the real world to worry about. For example, why wasn't William Shatner in the new Star Trek movie?
- 8 Leonard: Hey, Sheldon, I was up in the administration office, and I happened to overhear the name of the winner of this year's Chancellor's Award for Science.
- 9 Sheldon: And you want to rub my nose in the fact that my contributions are being overlooked again? I am the William Shatner of theoretical physics. All right, I'll play. What self-important, preening fraud are they honouring this year?
- 10 Leonard: Oh, I'm so glad you asked it like that. You.
- 11 Sheldon: I won?
- 12 Leonard: You won.
- 13 Sheldon: I won! This is astonishing. Not that I won the award, no one deserves it more. Actually, I guess I misspoke. It's not astonishing, more like inevitable. I'm not sure what to do first. Maybe I should call my mother. Wait! I know, I'm going to conduct an interview with myself and post it online.
- 14 Raj: Well, good for him.
- 15 Howard: Yeah, the one thing the William Shatner of theoretical physics needed was an ego boost.
- 16 Credits sequence
- 17 Scene: The apartment. The guys are watching Avatar in 3D. All are wearing 3D glasses except Raj.
- 18 Howard: Didn't it look like that spear was going to go right through your skull?
- 19 Raj: No.
- 20 Leonard: Hey, you didn't want a Slurpee at 7-Eleven, you don't get glasses.
- 21 Sheldon (phone rings): Oh, that will be another congratulatory call for me. Uh, mute, please.
- 22 Howard: Uh, hang on, flaming arrow.
- 23 Sheldon: Hello? Oh, Chancellor Morton, how are you, sir? Yes, I was

expecting your call (aside) three years ago. I see. Wait. What happens if I choose not to give a speech? Uh-huh. And if I don't want to forfeit the award? Well, you've got that tied up in a neat little bow. All right. Thank you. (Hangs up) Problem.

- 24 Leonard: What?
- 25 Sheldon: They expect me to give a speech at the banquet. I can't give a speech.
- 26 Howard: Well, no, you're mistaken. You give speeches all the time. What you can't do is shut up.
- 27 Raj: Yeah, before the movie, you did 20 minutes on why guacamole turns brown. It turned brown while you were talking.
- 28 Sheldon: I am perfectly comfortable speaking to small groups. I cannot speak to large crowds.
- 29 Leonard: What, to you, is a large crowd?
- 30 Sheldon: Any group big enough to trample me to death. General rule of thumb is 36 adults or 70 children.
- 31 Penny: Sheldon, congratulations. Brought you cheesecake from work. You know, 'cause of your award, not because a busboy sneezed on it.
- 32 Sheldon: I'm not accepting the award.
- 33 Penny: Why not?
- 34 Howard: Turns out the great Sheldon Cooper has stage fright.
- 35 Penny: That's no reason to back out. You know, I once got a pretty big honour in high school, and I was terrified about appearing in front of a big crowd, but I went through with it, and you know what? The world looked pretty darn good sitting on a haystack in the back of a Ford F-150 as a member of the Corn Queen's court.
- 36 Sheldon: Thank you. Yeah, I'll bear that in mind if I'm ever nominated for the Hillbilly Peace Prize.
- 37 Leonard: Sheldon, you're being ridiculous.
- 38 Sheldon: Am I? Let me tell you a story.
- 39 Howard: Where's 70 children when you need 'em?
- 40 Sheldon: I was 14 and graduating summa cum laude from college. Summa cum laude is Latin for with highest honours.
- 41 Penny: I just love how you always skip over the part where no one asks.
- 42 Sheldon: I was valedictorian and expected to give an address. Even now, I can remember that moment when I walked up to the podium and looked out at the crowd. There must have been thousands of people. My heart started pounding in my chest. I began to hyperventilate. My vision became blurry, and before I knew it... oh, dear. (He faints.)
- 43 Penny: Oh, my God.
- 44 Leonard: Sheldon, are you okay?
- 45 Sheldon: Don't trample me.
- 46 Scene: The stairwell. Sheldon is on the phone.
- 47 Sheldon: Come on, Mother, you know why I can't accept the award. With all due respect, I don't think praying will help. No, I have not heard the song, Jesus, Take the Wheel. No, no, no, no, no, no, you don't need to start

- singing it. Yes, I'll buy it on the iTunes, Mother. Good-bye, Mother. (Enters apartment. The others are sitting as if waiting for him.) Hello.
- 48 Leonard: Sit down, we want to talk to you.
- 49 Sheldon: Am I in trouble? Did my mother call you?
- 50 Penny: Just sit.
- 51 Leonard: We think we can help you with your stage fright.
- 52 Sheldon: Oh, I doubt that. I haven't figured out a way, and I'm much smarter than all of you.
- 53 Penny: Yes, but you're not smarter than all of us put together.
- 54 Sheldon: Oh, I'm sorry, that is what I meant.
- 55 Penny: Okay, your problem is, you're trying to do this all by yourself.
- 56 Leonard: We can help you. We can be your team. Like, uh, Professor Xavier and his X-Men.
- 57 Sheldon: I do like the X-Men.
- 58 Penny: Did I see X-Men?
- 59 Leonard: Yeah, we watched it last week. You said you liked it.
- 60 Penny: Oh. I say a lot of things, sweetie. So, how about it, Sheldon?
- 61 Sheldon: I don't know. If you're my X-Men, what are your powers?
- 62 Penny: Okay. Well, I am going to take you shopping, get you a nice suit. Might give you more confidence.
- 63 Sheldon: That's not exactly a mutation that would get you into Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters, but go on. Leonard?
- 64 Leonard: I thought I could try to analyze you and get to the root of your anxiety.
- 65 Sheldon: What qualifies you to attempt to understand my mind?
- 66 Leonard: My mother is a highly regarded psychiatrist, and I've been in therapy ever since she accused me of breast-feeding co-dependently.
- 67 Howard: Raj says he can teach you, what did you call it? I don't know, some Indian meditation crap.
- 68 Sheldon: I see. Well, I assume, since the rest of you have set the bar so low, you're saving the most impressive contribution for last. Go ahead, Howard. Dazzle me.
- 69 Howard: My power is the ability to pretend like I give a damn about your piddly-ass problems. And that's 24-7, buddy.
- 70 Sheldon: And I appreciate the pretence.
- 71 Penny: So, what do you say, Sheldon? Are we your X-Men?
- 72 Sheldon: No. The X-Men were named for the X in Charles Xavier. Since I am Sheldon Cooper, you will be my C-Men.
- 73 Howard: Oh, that's not a good name.
- 74 Scene: The apartment. Raj is lighting candles. Indian music is playing.
- 75 Raj: Okay, Sheldon. I'm going to be leading you through a series of meditation exercises. These methods come from the ancient gurus of India and have helped me overcome my own fears.
- 76 Sheldon: And yet, you can't speak to women.
- 77 Raj: True, but thanks to meditation, I am able to stay in the same room with them without urinating. Now, close your eyes.

- 78 Sheldon: Okay, but don't punch me.
- 79 Raj: What?
- 80 Sheldon: When I was little, my sister would say to me, close your eyes, you'll get a surprise, and then she'd punch me.
- 81 Raj: I'm not going to punch you.
- 82 Sheldon: That's what my sister used to say.
- 83 Raj: Do you want to do this or not?
- 84 Sheldon: I'm sorry. Proceed.
- 85 Raj: All right. Imagine yourself in the one place you feel most at home. Where is that?
- 86 Sheldon: Sim City. More specifically, the Sim City I designed, Sheldonopolis.
- 87 Raj: Okay, you're in Sheldonopolis.
- 88 Sheldon: Where exactly? Sheldon Square? Sheldon Towers? Sheldon Stadium, home of the Fighting Sheldons?
- 89 Raj: Whatever you like.
- 90 Sheldon: I thought this was supposed to be a guided meditation.
- 91 Raj: Fine. You're in Sheldon Square.
- 92 Sheldon: Really? This time of year? It's a bit nippy.
- 93 Raj: Then, put on a sweater.
- 94 Sheldon: Suppose I could run downtown and pick up something at Shel-Mart.
- 95 Raj: Yeah, whatever. Just go buy a sweater.
- 96 Sheldon: You know, the nice thing about Shel-Mart is I own it, so I get a 1597 Raj: You own the damn thing. Just take a freaking sweater!
- 98 Sheldon: Look, I didn't turn a profit last quarter by taking product off the shelves willy-nilly.
- 99 Raj: All right. You've paid for a sweater, and you're in Sheldon Square.
- 100 Sheldon: Hang on. It's a cardigan. I have to button it. Oh, no.
- 101 Raj: What now?
- 102 Sheldon: A Godzilla-like monster is approaching the city. I have to get my people to safety. People of Sheldonopolis, this is your mayor. Follow me. If the children can't run, leave them behind. Oh, the simulated horror! (Sound of door slamming) Raj? Just as I suspected. Meditation is nothing but hokum.
- 103 Scene: A clothing store.
- 104 Sheldon: I question your premise. How is a new suit going to prevent me from passing out in front of a ballroom full of people?
- 105 Penny: It'll give you confidence. You know, sometimes when I'm feeling all stressed out about something, I go out and buy a cute top or a fun skirt and I have a whole new outlook on life.
- 106 Sheldon: Don't you eventually realize you're just the same stressed out person in a cute top or a fun skirt?
- 107 Penny: Yeah, that's when I buy shoes. Now, let's see what we've got. Ooh! This is nice.
- 108 Sheldon: It's only one colour.
- 109 Penny: Yeah, so?

- 110 Sheldon: That's a lot of money for only one colour.
- 111 Penny: Fine. Why don't you pick out what you like.
- 112 Sheldon: Hmm. (Cut to Sheldon exiting changing room in a loud check suit). This is pretty sharp.
- 113 Penny: No, you're wrong.
- 114 Sheldon (now in a sparkly green suit with rhinestones): This is great. I had a suit like this when I was six. (Cut to Sheldon exiting in a white dinner suit with tails) Okay, I think we have a winner.
- 115 Penny: Where the hell d'you find that?
- 116 Sheldon: In the prom department.
- 117 Penny: It's ridiculous.
- 118 Sheldon: Says the former member of the Corn Queen's Court.
- 119 Penny: Please just try this one on.
- 120 Sheldon: Okay. But anything I put on now is only going to suffer in comparison. (Goes into changing room. Comes out in black suit looking terrific.) This is absurd. I look like a clown.
- 121 Scene: The apartment.
- 122 Leonard: So, Sheldon, how you doing?
- 123 Sheldon: That's how you start a psychotherapy session? How am I doing? I was promised a riverboat journey into the jungles of my subconscious. Instead, I get the same question I hear from the lady who slices my bologna at Ralph's.
- 124 Leonard: I'm sorry, I'll start again.
- 125 Sheldon: Would it be helpful to you if I told you about my dreams?
- 126 Leonard: Um, I don't know, maybe.
- 127 Sheldon: I recently had a dream that I was a giant. But everything around me was to scale, so it all looked normal.
- 128 Leonard: How did you know you were a giant if everything was to scale?
- 129 Sheldon: I was wearing size a million pants.
- 130 Leonard: Why don't we just talk?
- 131 Sheldon: Ah, the talking cure. Classical Freudian, good choice. If it will help speed things along, uh, my answers to the standard Rorschach ink blot test are A, a bat, B, a bat, C, a bat, and D, my father killing my mother with a hypodermic needle.
- 132 Leonard: Why don't I just start? Sometimes people have trouble accepting accolades if, on a subconscious level, they don't feel they deserve them. Do you think maybe that's what's happening here?
- 133 Sheldon: Really, Leonard? You're just going to try to recycle Adler's doctrine of the inferiority complex? I could probably get that from the woman at Ralph's. And she'd let me taste some pieces of cheese for free.
- 134 Leonard: But it could be part of your problem. Let me give you an example. When I was eight, I won a ribbon at the science fair for my project, "Do Lima Beans Grow Better to Classical Music." But my mother pointed out that it was just a rehash of my brother's earlier "Do Lima Beans Grow Worse to Rock 'n' Roll." I felt so guilty, I gave the ribbon back.
- 135 Sheldon: And how did that make you feel?
- 136 Leonard: Terrible. I worked really hard on that project. I stayed up all

night singing the clown's aria from Pagliacci to a lima bean sprout.

- 137 Sheldon: Go on.
- 138 Leonard: It wasn't my fault. I had never seen my brother's project. And my mother could've told me before instead of at the ceremony in front of everyone.
- 139 Sheldon: So, I hear you saying you're angry with your mother.
- 140 Leonard: Damn right, I'm angry with my mother. For God's sake, I was eight years old. She humiliated me. That's when the bed-wetting started again.
- 141 Sheldon: Thank you, Leonard.
- 142 Leonard: For what?
- 143 Sheldon: If someone as damaged as you can find his way to crawl out of bed each morning, I think I can face a simple award ceremony.
- 144 Leonard: Wait, that's it? I thought we had a whole hour!
- 145 Scene: The award ceremony.
- 146 Leonard: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Dr. Leonard Hofstadter, and it is my very great honour to introduce the winner of this year's Chancellor's award for Science and my good friend, Dr. Sheldon Cooper. But before I do, I'd like to share with you a letter from Sheldon's mother, who couldn't be here tonight. Isn't that nice? His mother sent him a letter. She's proud of him. I wonder what that feels like. Dear Shelly. That's what she calls him. Shelly, it's a pet name. You know what my mother's pet name for me is? Leonard. But I digress. Dear Shelly. I am so proud of... (continues as background noise)
- 147 Sheldon: Oh, dear.
- 148 Penny: What's the matter?
- 149 Sheldon: I'm getting dizzy.
- 150 Raj: Don't worry. You're surrounded by your C-Men.
- 151 Sheldon: I can't do this. I'm going to faint.
- 152 Penny: Here, drink this. It'll relax you.
- 153 Sheldon: Alcohol? I don't drink alcohol.
- 154 Penny: Fine, faint.
- 155 Sheldon: I don't feel different, this alcohol's defective.
- 156 Penny: Here, see if this one works.
- 157 Leonard (still talking): First of all, the projects were totally different. I was showing that classical music nurtures lima beans and makes them grow, but my mother didn't hear me. If you'd like to look at the relationship between nurturing and growth, I'd like to point out that my brother is eight inches taller than me.
- 158 Sheldon: I'm ready.
- 159 Leonard: Oh, right. Ladies and gentlemen, our guest of honour, Dr. Sheldon Cooper.
- 160 Sheldon: Thanks, shorty, I'll take it from here. All right, you people ready to have some fun? You have a basic understanding of differential calculus and at least one year of algebraic topology? Well, then here come the jokes. Why did the chicken cross the Mobius strip? To get to the same side, bazinga! All right, a neutron walks into a bar and asks, how much for a drink? The bartender says,

for you, no charge. Hello? I know you're out there. I can hear you metabolizing oxygen and expelling carbon dioxide. Looks like we have some academic dignitaries in the audience. Dr. Randall from the geology department, only man who's happy when they take his work for granite. Ba-da cha! I kid the geologists, of course, but it's only 'cause I have no respect for the field. Let's get serious for a moment. Why are we all here? 'Cause we're scientists. And what do scientists study? The universe. And what's the universe made of? I am so glad you asked. (Singing) There's antimony, arsenic, aluminium, selenium, and hydrogen and oxygen and nitrogen and rhenium, and nickel, neodymium,

- 161 neptunium, germanium... Everybody! And iron, americium, ruthenium, uranium, europium, zirconium, lutetium, vanadium... Just the Asians! And lanthanum and osmium, and astatine and radium...
- 162 Scene: The apartment.
- 163 Sheldon: Penny, Leonard. Would you be able to answer some questions I'm having about the events of last night?
- 164 Penny: Sure.
- 165 Sheldon: Question one, where are my pants?
- 166 Leonard: You might want to check YouTube.
- 167 Sheldon: What do I search?
- 168 Leonard: It's already loaded. Just hit play.
- 169 On-screen Sheldon: All right, people, let's get down to the math. It is only three dimensional thinking that limits our imagination. Can I take my pants off over my head? Of course not. My body's in the way. But if we had access to higher dimensions, we could move our pants around our bodies through the fourth dimension and our days of dropping trousers would be over.
- 170 Sheldon: Oh, Lord, this couldn't be any more humiliating.
- 171 Leonard: Uh-uh, give it a minute.
- 172 On-screen Sheldon: Now, for the astronomers in the audience, get ready to see the dark side of the moon. And here's Uranus.

## 3.19 Episode 19: The Wheaton Recurrence

- 1 cene: Leonard and Penny are in Penny's bed.
- 2 Penny: Having a little trouble catching your breath there?
- 3 Leonard: No, no, I'm good. If my P.E. teachers had told me this is what I was training for, I would have tried a lot harder.
- 4 Penny: Do or do not. There is no try.
- 5 Leonard: Did you just quote Star Wars?
- 6 Penny: I believe I quoted Empire Strikes Back.
- 7 Leonard: Oh, my God. I'm lying in bed with a beautiful woman who can quote Yoda. I love you, Penny.
- 8 Penny: Oh. Oh. Thank you.
- 9 Leonard: You're welcome. I just wanted to put that out there.
- 10 Penny: Oh, yeah, no, I, I'm, I'm glad.
- 11 Leonard: Good. Glad is good.
- 12 Penny: Yeah. Yeah. No, no. Um. So, it's getting pretty late. We should

- probably go to sleep.
- 13 Leonard: Yeah.
- 14 Penny: Okav.
- 15 Leonard: Yeah.
- 16 Penny: Hmm.
- 17 Leonard: Yeah, probably.
- 18 Penny: Okay, good night, sweetie.
- 19 Leonard: Good night.
- 20 Credits sequence
- 21 Scene: The apartment.
- 22 Howard: Hey, Leonard, where do you come down on giant ants?
- 23 Raj: Sheldon says impossible. Howard and I say not only possible, but as a mode of transportation, way cooler than a Batmobile.
- 24 Sheldon: You are ignoring the square-cube law. The giant ant would be crushed under the weight of its own exoskeleton. And for the record, the appropriate ranking of cool modes of transportation is jet pack, hoverboard, transporter, Batmobile, and then giant ant.
- 25 Leonard: Seriously? You have nothing better to do than sit around and discuss the possibility of giant ants?
- 26 Howard: What's with him?
- 27 Sheldon: Perhaps he's at a sensitive point in his monthly cycle.
- 28 Howard: Are you saying he's man-struating?
- 29 Sheldon: Not literally. But as far back as the 17th century, scientists observed a 33-day fluctuation in men's hormone levels.
- 30 Raj: Interesting. That might explain my weepy days in the middle of the month. You know what I'm talking about.
- 31 Scene: The comic book store.
- 32 Howard: Okay, forget giant ants. How about giant rabbits?
- 33 Raj: Big or small, I don't like rabbits. They always look like they're about to say something, but they never do.
- 34 Sheldon: Rabbits do have a respiratory system that would support great size. And on a side note, they are one of the few mammals whose scrotum is in front of the pen1s.
- 35 Raj: Maybe that's what they want to talk about.
- 36 Howard: Leonard, where do you stand on giant rabbits and scrotal position?
- 37 Leonard: I honestly don't care.
- 38 Raj: Really? Because every time we've talked about unusual animal genitals, you've always had some pretty strong and controversial opinions.
- 39 Leonard: What do you want from me? I just don't give a rat's ass.
- 40 Howard: Would that be a giant rat's ass?
- 41 Sheldon: For the record, giant rats are possible.
- 42 Leonard: Can we please talk about something else? Maybe something vaguely related to life as we know it on this planet?
- 43 Howard: Okay, how about this for a topic, why is Leonard being a giant douche? Assuming giant douches are possible.

- 44 Sheldon: Of course they are. Leonard's being one.
- 45 Raj: Maybe he's having a lover's spat with Penny.
- 46 Leonard: No, there was no spat.
- 47 Howard: Oh, but something happened.
- 48 Leonard: I don't want to talk about it.
- 49 Sheldon: But I sense you're going to and I don't want to hear about it. Excuse me.
- 50 Howard: What'd you do, Romeo? You pour maple syrup all over your body and ask her if she was in the mood for a short stack?
- 51 Raj: Did you think it would be funny to put on a pair of her panties and jump around, but it would up just creeping her out?
- 52 Leonard: What? No.
- 53 Raj: I'm just asking, dude. It happens.
- 54 Stuart: You guys still on for bowling tonight?
- 55 Sheldon: Oh, yes. In fact, I've prepared some trash talk for the occasion. You bowl like your mama. Unless, of course, she bowls well. In which case, you bowl nothing like her.
- 56 Stuart: Oh. Ouch.
- 57 Sheldon: That is what is referred to as a burn on you.
- 58 Howard: Did you ask her to start waxing?
- 59 Leonard: No.
- 60 Raj: Did you start waxing?
- 61 Leonard: No.
- 62 Howard: While making love, did you accidentally spank your own ass and cry out Mommy?
- 63 Leonard: I'm walking away from you now.
- 64 Howard: That wasn't a no.
- 65 Raj: Yeah, I think we're getting close.
- 66 Scene: The stairwell.
- 67 Howard: Did you take a Benadryl and fall asleep while pleasuring her? Because you can die that way.
- 68 Raj: Oh, that would be a good way to go.
- 69 Penny: Hi.
- 70 Leonard: Oh, hey.
- 71 Sheldon: Good, Penny, reminder, bowling tonight at seven o'clock.
- 72 Penny: Oh, right, bowling.
- 73 Leonard: You don't have to come if you don't want to.
- 74 Penny: No, no, it's okay. I mean, let's face it, you guys would get creamed without me.
- 75 Sheldon: We would indeed. In this particular case, your lack of femininity works to our advantage.
- 76 Penny: It's always nice chatting with you, Sheldon.
- 77 Sheldon: Sarcasm?
- 78 Penny: Thinly veiled contempt.
- 79 Sheldon: Remember, seven o'clock.
- 80 Penny: Got it.

- 81 Sheldon: Pacific Daylight time!
- 82 Penny: Bite me!
- 83 Sheldon: Please reserve that butch spirit for the lanes.
- 84 Scene: The bowling alley.
- 85 Howard: I thought you were bringing your own bowling shoes.
- 86 Sheldon: These are my own bowling shoes.
- 87 Howard: Then what's with the disinfectant?
- 88 Sheldon: I know where my feet have been.
- 89 Stuart: Hey, Penny! And you guys. Albino Bob couldn't make it, so I brought a substitute. I believe some of you know Wil Wheaton.
- 90 Wil: Hi, Sheldon. How's it going?
- 91 Sheldon: Well, well, well. If it isn't Wil Wheaton, the Green Goblin to my Spider-Man, the Pope Paul the fifth to my Galileo, the Internet Explorer to my Firefox.
- 92 Wil: You're not still carrying a grudge because I beat you at that card tournament, are you?
- 93 Sheldon: I'm the proud owner of Wil Wheaton stinks dot com, dot net, and dot org. What does that tell you?
- 94 Wil: It tells me that I am living rent-free right here (pointing at Sheldon's head). You ready to bowl?
- 95 Sheldon: Oh, I'm ready. I don't know if Stuart told you what you're up against tonight, but before you stands the co-captain of the East Texas Christian Youth Holy Roller Bowling League championship team. Seven to twelve year-old division. Also, Penny's pretty good.
- 96 Wil: Great. Then it's on.
- 97 Sheldon: Oh, foolish Wil Wheaton, it was never off.
- 98 Time lapse.
- 99 Wil: Yes!
- 100 Sheldon: A common spare. The Miss Congeniality of the bowling pageant. Before you jump on Twitter to tout your modest accomplishment, watch how it's really done. I am the ball. My thoughts are its thoughts. Its holes are my holes. (Gets a strike) Yes. Tweet that, Tweety Bird.
- 101 Howard: Hey, I just wanted to tell you I'm a big fan.
- 102 Wil: Oh, thanks.
- 103 Howard: I'm sure you're probably sick of Star Trek questions, but, Whoopi Goldberg, you ever hit that?
- 104 Raj: Ah, beer. The magic elixir that can turn this poor, shy Indian boy into the life of the party. Oh, yeah.
- 105 Leonard: Chilli cheese fry?
- 106 Penny: Yes. I love chilli cheese fries.
- 107 Leonard: Really? You love them?
- 108 Penny: Yeah, why?
- 109 Leonard: No reason. I'm just glad to hear you're comfortable saying you love something.
- 110 Penny: Do you really want to get into this right now?
- 111 Leonard: Get into what? Why wouldn't you love the chilli cheese fries?

They've been in your life a long time. They make you happy. They deserve to know.

- 112 Penny: Okay, look, you just caught me by surprise last night. I didn't know what to say.
- 113 Leonard: Okay, well, now you've had some time to think about it. So, what do you want to say?
- 114 Penny: I'm not sure.
- 115 Leonard: How can you not be sure?
- 116 Penny: Okay, this isn't the place to have this conversation.
- 117 Leonard: No, the place to have the conversation was in bed after I said, I love you, and you said, Thank you, good night.
- 118 Penny: Don't push it, Leonard.
- 119 Leonard: I am not pushing anything.
- 120 Penny: You are. You don't get to decide when I'm ready to say I love you!
- 121 Raj: Ah, the premature I love you.
- 122 Howard: I guessed premature. Does that count?
- 123 Scene: Penny's apartment door.
- 124 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 125 Penny: What?
- 126 Sheldon: This is for you.
- 127 Penny: Ice cream?
- 128 Sheldon: I've been familiarizing myself with female emotional crises by studying the comic strip Cathy. When she's upset, she says Ach and eats ice cream.
- 129 Penny: Um, Ach.
- 130 Sheldon: If you were a cat, I would have brought you a lasagna.
- 131 Penny: Did Leonard send you over here?
- 132 Sheldon: No, we haven't spoken since your abrupt departure last night caused us to forfeit to Stuart and his dastardly ringer Wil Wheaton.
- 133 Penny: Yeah, I'm sorry about that.
- 134 Sheldon: I'm not too proud to admit that I cried myself to sleep.
- 135 Penny: Again, I'm sorry.
- 136 Sheldon: And let me tell you sleep did not come easily with Leonard in the next room singing along with Alanis Morrisette.
- 137 Penny: You're kidding.
- 138 Sheldon: No. Clearly another woman in dire need of ice cream.
- 139 Penny: All right, Sheldon, what part of this is supposed to make me feel better?
- 140 Sheldon: The part where I tell you I've engineered a rematch with Stuart's team for tonight.
- 141 Penny: Oh, honey, I don't know. Things are a little weird with Leonard right now.
- 142 Sheldon: You want me to remove him from the team? I'm the captain, I can do that.

- 143 Penny: No, no, that's okay. Just let me talk to him, and I'll get back to vou.
- 144 Sheldon: When are you going to talk to him?
- 145 Penny: I don't know.
- 146 Sheldon: He's in the laundry room now. Now would be a good time.
- 147 Penny: You're not gonna leave me alone until I do it, are you?
- 148 Sheldon: Oh, I think we both know the answer to that question.
- 149 Scene: The laundry room.
- 150 Penny: I think we should talk now.
- 151 Leonard: What? No, it's okay. We don't have to talk 'cause there's nothing to talk about. Everything's good.
- 152 Penny: Really? So, you didn't get all snarky 'cause I said something nice to a bowl of chilli fries?
- 153 Leonard: All right, maybe I overreacted. So we're in two different places emotionally. So what? And maybe I'm a little ahead of you. That's fine. You know. In fact, it makes sense, 'cause let's face it, I've been in this relationship two years longer than you.
- 154 Penny: Look, Leonard, you have to know how much I care about you. It's just that I've said the L word too soon before, and it didn't work out very well.
- 155 Leonard: Really? I wouldn't know what that's like.
- 156 Penny: I'm sorry. You know what I'm talking about, though.
- 157 Leonard: Yeah, I do.
- 158 Penny: So, we're good?
- 159 Leonard: Yes, that's what I'm telling you. We are good. We are great.
- 160 Sheldon: All right! Fence mended, problem swept under the rug. Time to bowl! Yes, I was eavesdropping, there's a lot at stake here.
- 161 Scene: The bowling alley.
- 162 Sheldon: Attention, all bowlers. I've taken the liberty of having these made for our rematch.
- 163 Penny: The Wesley Crushers?
- 164 Sheldon: No, not the Wesley Crushers. The Wesley "Crushers."
- 165 Penny: I don't get it.
- 166 Leonard: Wesley Crusher was Wil Wheaton's character on Star Trek.
- 167 Penny: Still don't get it.
- 168 Sheldon: It's a blindingly clever play on words. By appropriating his character's name and adding the S, we imply that we we'll be the crushers of Wesley.
- 169 Penny: Okay, I'm sorry, honey, but the Wesley Crushers sounds like a bunch of people who like Wesley Crusher.
- 170 Sheldon: What? No! Again, it's not the Wesley Crushers. It's the Wesley "Crushers."
- 171 Howard: You know, if you want it to mean you're crushing Wesley, it'd be the "Wesley" Crushers.
- 172 Sheldon: Do you people even hear yourselves? It's not the Wesley Crushers. It's not the "Wesley" Crushers. It's the Wesley "Crushers."
- 173 Wil: Hey, look. They named their team after me.

- 174 Sheldon: No, it's not the... Never mind.
- 175 Stuart: So, we're all clear on the bet and the stakes?
- 176 Sheldon: Oh, yes. The losers will be publicly humiliated in a fashion to be chosen by the victor. FYI, I plan on having you publish a scientific paper expounding the discredited Velikovsky hypothesis.
- 177 Stuart: Ouch again.
- 178 Wil: Hey, Sheldon, I just wanted you to know that I'm really looking forward to wiping the floor with you.
- 179 Sheldon: Oh, yes? Well, before I respond, let me ask you a question. Is your mother a good or poor bowler?
- 180 Time lapse.
- 181 Wil: After you.
- 182 Sheldon: No, after you, as we are currently crushing you, Wesley.
- 183 Wil: It's customary for the player on the right-hand lane to bowl first.
- 184 Sheldon: All right.
- 185 Wil: It's a custom, not a rule.
- 186 Sheldon: I so loathe you.
- 187 Wil: That's right, Sheldon. Embrace the dark side.
- 188 Sheldon: That's not even from your franchise!
- 189 Stuart: I, um, I want you to know that even though we're on opposite sides, I, I bear you no ill will.
- 190 Penny: Thank you, Stuart. It's nice to know.
- 191 Stuart: Mmm, mmm. People from opposite sides often have good relationships. You know, Romeo and Juliet, Tony and Maria from West Side Story, what's-his-name and the big blue chick in Avatar. I'm gonna bowl now.
- 192 Sheldon: Be the ball, Howard.
- 193 Howard: Leave me alone, Sheldon.
- 194 Sheldon: You weren't the ball.
- 195 Penny: Hey, thanks.
- 196 Leonard: This is fun, huh?
- 197 Penny: Yeah.
- 198 Leonard: It's good that we got out and did something physical.
- 199 Penny: Mm-hmm.
- 200 Leonard: Gets us out of our heads. You get in your head, you start to overthink, overanalyze, obsess, you worry. That's not what we're doing tonight. Tonight we're just throwing a ball at some pins.
- 201 Penny: Yeah, that's right.
- 202 Leonard: Mm-hmm, and someday, we don't know when, maybe you'll love me back. Ooh, I'm up.
- 203 All (chanting): Shel-don! Shel-don! Shel-don! Shel-don!
- 204 Sheldon: Excuse me. I don't know who you're chanting for as I am currently the ball.
- 205 All (chanting): The ball! The ball! The ball! The ball! The
- 206 Sheldon: Thank you, Jesus! As my mother would say.
- 207 Wil: I'm glad you patched things up with your boyfriend.

- 208 Penny: Oh, yeah, me, too.
- 209 Wil: It's always tough when the L bomb gets dropped and you're not ready for it.
- 210 Penny: Tell me about it.
- 211 Wil: I dated this one girl, and I told her that I loved her, and she said she wasn't sure. And she strung me along for almost two years. It was brutal.
- 212 Penny: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 213 Wil: Thanks. Yeah, I wish she had just broken up with me right there, put me out of my misery.
- 214 Penny: Really?
- 215 Wil: Yeah, would have been kinder.
- 216 Stuart: Wil, you're up.
- 217 Wil: Oh, that's me.
- 218 Sheldon: Did you let Wil Wheaton get in your head?
- 219 Penny: What are you talking about?
- 220 Sheldon: He's evil. He plays evil mind games. Did he tell you his grand-mother died?
- 221 Penny: No!
- 222 Sheldon: Well, if he does, don't believe it. He's not above playing the dead meemaw card.
- 223 Wil: Yes!
- 224 Sheldon: Enjoy the accolades now, Wil Wheaton, but like your time on Star Trek: Next Generation, your smug self-satisfaction will be short-lived.
- 225 Leonard: Penny, you're up.
- 226 Sheldon: All right, remember, his meemaw's alive and be the ball.
- 227 Penny: Yeah, I got it.
- 228 Leonard: We really need a strike here.
- 229 Penny: I know.
- 230 Leonard: So just take your time and concentrate.
- 231 Penny: Leonard, stop pressuring me.
- 232 Leonard: I'm not pressuring you.
- 233 Penny: Yeah, you are! Just back off!
- 234 Leonard: Okay, I'm sorry. I'll shut up.
- 235 Penny: I didn't mean shut up.
- 236 Leonard: Fine. Just tell me what to do, and I'll do it.
- 237 Penny: No, this isn't fair to you, Leonard. I'm sorry.
- 238 Sheldon: Wait! Where are you going? Penny, come back! I'll get you ice cream!
- 239 Leonard: No, let her go.
- 240 Sheldon: Are you insane? If she leaves, it's over!
- 241 Leonard: I'm pretty sure it's already over.
- 242 Wil: Tough luck, Sheldon.
- 243 Sheldon: You did this, didn't you?
- 244 Wil: Do you think I would really break up a couple just to win a bowling match?
- 245 Sheldon: No, I suppose not.

- 246 Wil: Good. Keep thinking that.
- 247 Sheldon: Wheaton!
- 248 Scene: The comic book store.
- 249 Stuart: Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, yeah, I'm telling you the Match.com chicks are much looser than on eHarmony. You know, I, I gotta call you back. I won a bet, and it's time to collect.
- 250 (The guys enter dressed as female superheroes. Howard is Batgirl, Sheldon is Wonder Woman, Leonard is Supergirl and Raj is Catwoman.)
- 251 Raj: I don't know about you, but I feel empowered.

# 3.20 Episode 20: The Spaghetti Catalyst

- 1 Scene: The lobby.
- 2 Penny: Oh, damn, they cancelled my Visa. Oh, yay, a new MasterCard!
- 3 Sheldon: Uh-oh.4 Penny: What?
- 5 Sheldon: I was going to get my mail.
- 6 Penny: Okay. Are, are you hoping to get it telepathically?
- 7 Sheldon: I think you mean telekinetically. And no, I just wasn't sure of the proper protocol now that you and Leonard are no longer having coitus.
- 8 Penny: God, can we please just say no longer seeing each other?
- 9 Sheldon: Well, we could if it were true. But as you live in the same building, you see each other all the time. The variable which has changed is the coitus.
- 10 Penny: Okay, here's the protocol, you and I are still friends, and you stop saying coitus.
- 11 Sheldon: Good, good. I'm glad we're still friends.
- 12 Penny: Really?
- 13 Sheldon: Oh, yes. It was a lot of work to accommodate you in my life. I'd hate for that effort to have been in vain.
- 14 Penny: Right.
- 15 Sheldon: Just to be clear do I have to stop saying coitus with everyone or just you?
- 16 Penny: Everyone.
- 17 Sheldon: Harsh terms. But all right, I'll just substitute intercourse.
- 18 Penny: Great.
- 19 Sheldon: Or fornication. Yeah. But that has judgmental overtones, so I'll hold that in reserve.
- 20 Penny: So, how you been?
- 21 Sheldon: Well, my existence is a continuum, so I've been what I am at each point in the implied time period.
- 22 Penny: You're just coitusing with me, aren't you?
- 23 Sheldon: Bazinga.
- 24 Penny: Mmm. How's Leonard doing?
- 25 Sheldon: He seems all right. Although he does spend a disturbing amount of time looking at photographs of you and smelling the pillow you slept on. Oh, but now that I think of it, he asked me not to tell you that.

- 26 Penny: I'll pretend I didn't hear it.
- 27 Sheldon: I'd rather you pretend I didn't say it. I see you bought Mama Italia marinara spaghetti sauce.
- 28 Penny: Yep.
- 29 Sheldon: That's the sauce my mother uses. She likes cooking Italian because according to her, that's what the Romans made Jesus eat.
- 30 Penny: Interesting. I'll have to have you over for spaghetti some night.
- 31 Sheldon: I'm hungry now.
- 32 Penny: Oh. Um, okay. Why don't you give me an hour and come over?
- 33 Sheldon: Will you cut up hot dogs into little chunks and mix them in with the sauce?
- 34 Penny: I don't have hot dogs.
- 35 Sheldon: Oh, it's all right, I do. Oh! You're in for what my mother calls a real Eye-talian treat. (Enters apartment).
- 36 Leonard: Hey, where you been?
- 37 Sheldon: I was talking with Penny.
- 38 Howard: What's wrong with you? You can't hang out with your roommate's ex. That's totally uncool.
- 39 Leonard: No, no, it's fine. I don't care. I'm over it.
- 40 Raj: Yeah, he's over it, that's why he's been whining all day about trying to invent that memory-wiper gizmo from Men in Black.
- 41 Sheldon: Is he making any progress? Because I'd like to erase Ben Affleck as Daredevil.
- 42 Howard: So would Ben Affleck. The point is, in a situation like this you got to pick sides. You're either on Team Leonard or Team Penny.
- 43 Sheldon: Which one picks last?
- 44 Howard: What?
- 45 Sheldon: Well, usually I'm on the team that picks last. Unless there's a kid in a wheelchair.
- 46 Leonard: Sheldon, I got you your tangerine chicken. I hope you're hungry.
- 47 Sheldon: Well, of course I'm hungry. And as I have no plans to eat with any other team, I will consume my tangerine chicken with the appropriate gusto. Mm. mm. mm!
- 48 Leonard: Okay.
- 49 Sheldon: Just out of curiosity, do we still have hot dogs?
- 50 Leonard: I don't know. Why?
- 51 Sheldon: Just making dinner conversation. Go, Team Leonard!
- 52 Credits sequence
- 53 Scene: A few moments later.
- 54 Howard: Oh, God, this is good.
- 55 Raj: Let me ask you a question. Do you believe you're going to go to hell for eating sweet and sour pork?
- 56 Howard: Jews don't have hell. We have acid reflux.
- 57 Leonard: Do you want the last dumpling, Sheldon?
- 58 Sheldon: Certainly. It's not like I have to moderate my food intake because I'm planning on eating again very shortly. Mm, mm, mm!

- 59 Leonard: So, you guys want to do something tonight?
- 60 Howard: Nah, I can't. I got to pick up my mom from her water aerobics class. 18 overweight women flapping their arm fat in a swimming pool. Looks like the manatee tank at Sea World.
- 61 Leonard: What about you, Raj?
- 62 Raj: Oh, there it is, now that you don't have a girlfriend, you want to hang out with me again.
- 63 Leonard: I never stopped hanging out with you.
- 64 Raj: Oh, please, we all know I'm the friend you call when you have no other options. If we were the Justice League, I'd be Aquaman.
- 65 Howard: I wish you were Aquaman. Then I could send you to scoop my mom out of the old lady tank.
- 66 Sheldon: Excuse me, I'm thirsty, so I'm going to go to the refrigerator and get myself a refreshing beverage.
- 67 Leonard: You know what? I'll just spend the evening alone.
- 68 Raj: What, suddenly I'm not good enough for you?
- 69 Sheldon: Ah, I do so love beverages. Now I think I'll take my after-dinner walk.
- 70 Leonard: Since when do you take after-dinner walks?
- 71 Howard: Yeah, since when do you take walks?
- 72 Sheldon: I read a study online that walking after a meal not only aids in digestion, but increases serotonin, and you know me, if there's one thing I like more than a refreshing beverage, it's serotonin. Bye-bye.
- 73 Howard: Hold on. I'll walk down with you.
- 74 Sheldon: Oh, that's not necessary. You can go first.
- 75 Howard: Or we could go together.
- 76 Sheldon: I can't think of a reason why not.
- 77 Howard: Let's go.
- 78 Sheldon: Hold on. Nope, no reason.
- 79 Raj: I've missed you.
- 80 Scene: The lobby.
- 81 Sheldon: All right, say hello to your mother for me.
- 82 Howard: Okav.
- 83 Sheldon: What?
- 84 Howard: You said you were going for a walk.
- 85 Sheldon: I didn't say outside.
- 86 Howard: So what, you're just gonna walk up and down the stairs?
- 87 Sheldon: No, of course not. That would be odd and suspicious behavior.
- 88 Woman's voice: Here Bubbles. Here boy.
- 89 Howard: Which way are you going?
- 90 Sheldon: Which way are you going?
- 91 Howard: I parked my scooter down the block.
- 92 Sheldon: I'm going the other way. Bye.
- 93 Howard: Bye. Actually, I'm this way. Do I smell hot dogs?
- 94 Sheldon: No. I mean, I have no idea what you smell.
- 95 Howard: I definitely smell raw hot dog.

- 96 Sheldon: Perhaps you're getting a brain tumour.
- 97 Howard: All right, have a nice walk.
- 98 Sheldon: I shall. Have a nice scoot.
- 99 Howard: You might want to stand back. I'm sitting on top of 13 horses here.
- 100 Sheldon: Oh. Hello, doggie. Nice doggie. I bet you think you smell hot dogs. Look, a cat!
- 101 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 102 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny, (knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Long pause, knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Penny opens door. A dishevelled Sheldon is holding up one hot dog.) Here. I had to trade the others for my life.
- 103 Scene: The apartment.
- 104 Raj: Hey, Leonard?
- 105 Leonard: Yeah?
- 106 Raj: I haven't had s\*x in a year.
- 107 Leonard: Where you going with this, Raj?
- 108 Raj: Don't flatter yourself, dude. I want to go out and meet a woman.
- 109 Leonard: So, go.
- 110 Raj: Well, I need a wingman. I don't want to come off like a lonely loser.
- 111 Leonard: And you think my presence will help with that?
- 112 Raj: Well, I do. Next to you, I'll look like a catch.
- 113 Leonard: I'm not going out tonight, Raj.
- 114 Raj: All right. Would you mind if I went to your room and downloaded some Asian pornography?
- 115 Leonard: Very much.
- 116 Raj: Doesn't have to be Asian.
- 117 Leonard: Don't worry. You'll meet a girl someday.
- 118 Raj: No, I won't.
- 119 Leonard: Yes, you will, and she'll be beautiful, and kind and sexy and funny and everything you ever wanted in a woman.
- 120 Raj: You really think so?
- 121 Leonard: I do, and you'll fall hopelessly in love and give her your heart. And she'll take it and grind it into pathetic, little pieces.
- 122 Raj: But we'll have s\*x first, right?
- 123 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 124 Sheldon: Mmm, mmm, mmm. That's Eye-talian.
- 125 Penny: So, um, was Leonard okay with you coming over?
- 126 Sheldon: Oh, yes. In fact, he said, I'm fine, I don't care. And he in no way said it in a manner which would lead one to believe that he was covering up feelings of anguish and betrayal.
- 127 Penny: Well, good.
- 128 Sheldon: I'm also pleased to report that he's all cried out over you.
- 129 Penny: He's been crying?
- 130 Sheldon: Oh, I believe that was something else I wasn't supposed to mention.
- 131 Penny: Oh, God, I feel terrible.

- 132 Sheldon: Do you have a stomach ache, too?
- 133 Penny: No. Why, do you?
- 134 Sheldon: No.
- 135 Penny: Why did you ask if I had one, too?
- 136 Sheldon: Just making polite dinner conversation. Your turn.
- 137 Penny: All right. So, what's new in your life?
- 138 Sheldon: Well, my new shoes are not made for running.
- 139 Penny: Have you been running?
- 140 Sheldon: No. It's just a suspicion I have. Mmm, mmm, mmm.
- 141 Penny: I'm so glad you like it.
- 142 Sheldon: I do. Leonard never cooks for me.
- 143 Penny: Well, maybe that's 'cause Leonard can't cook.
- 144 Sheldon: You can't cook and you made me this.
- 145 Penny: Whatever. Ooh, I'm gonna get the cheesecake out of the fridge.
- 146 Sheldon: Oh, Lord, I'm in Jewish hell.
- 147 Scene: The apartment.
- 148 Raj: Look at this. Do you think she's really doing that or is it PhotoShop?
- 149 Leonard: I'm pretty sure Martha Stewart never got naked with a room full of big, fat Japanese guys.
- 150 Raj: You don't know that. Prison changes people.
- 151 Leonard: Hey, where you been?
- 152 Sheldon: I told you, walking.
- 153 Leonard: For an hour and a half?
- 154 Sheldon: I got lost.
- 155 Leonard: How could you get lost? Your phone has GPS.
- 156 Sheldon: Satellites are down. Solar flares.
- 157 Raj: There are no solar flares right now.
- 158 Sheldon: Yes, there are.
- 159 Raj: Dude, I'm an astrophysicist. If there were solar flares, I'd be all up in it.
- 160 Sheldon: I'm sorry. I misspoke. What I meant to say was my battery died.
- 161 Leonard: What the hell was that about?
- 162 Raj: I don't know. Do you think this is really Hillary Clinton doing it with Oprah?
- 163 Leonard: Oh, we really need to get you a girl.
- 164 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Leonard is asleep.
- 165 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard.
- 166 Leonard: Oh, just come in!
- 167 Sheldon: Thanks for seeing me on such short notice.
- 168 Leonard: What do you want, Sheldon?
- 169 Sheldon: Maybe this isn't a good time.
- 170 Leonard: Tell me why you woke me up or I swear to God I will kill you.
- 171 Sheldon: Do you really think death threats are an appropriate way to begin this conversation? Sometimes your lack of social skills astonishes me.

- 172 Leonard: What do you want?
- 173 Sheldon: You may want to sit down.
- 174 Leonard: I'm in bed!
- 175 Sheldon: Point taken. You may want to sit up.
- 176 Leonard: Sheldon!
- 177 Sheldon: I've been seeing Penny behind your back.
- 178 Leonard: Okay, when you say seeing Penny, what exactly does that mean?
- 179 Sheldon: We had dinner last night. She made me spaghetti with little hot dogs cut up in it. Well, little hot dog. I gave up the other five hot dogs to a real dog. A real, big dog. A hell hound. Tangential to the primary story. How about I circle back to it?
- 180 Leonard: Fine. Why did you have dinner with Penny?
- 181 Sheldon: I told you, she made spaghetti with little hot dogs. I like spaghetti with little hot dogs.
- 182 Leonard: Then why did you have Chinese food with us?
- 183 Sheldon: I didn't want to upset you. Howard made it very clear that my allegiance should be to male comrades before women who sell their bodies for money.
- 184 Leonard: Is it possible he said Bros before Hos?
- 185 Sheldon: Yes, but I rephrased it to avoid offending the hos.
- 186 Leonard: Sheldon, I don't care if you want to be friends with Penny.
- 187 Sheldon: Oh. Well, so the emotional turmoil that's been keeping me from achieving REM sleep was entirely unjustified?
- 188 Leonard: Yes.
- 189 Sheldon: Well then as my meemaw would say, looks like we butchered a pig, but nobody wanted bacon.
- 190 Leonard: I guess not.
- 191 Sheldon: And now, as promised, the tangent. Sheldon and the Hell Hound, or How I Lost My Hot Dogs.
- 192 Scene: The laundry room.
- 193 Penny: Oh, um, I, I can come back.
- 194 Leonard: D-don't be silly. We're neighbours, we're going to run into each other, may as well get used to it.
- 195 Penny: Yeah, I guess you're right.
- 196 Leonard: You used to it yet?
- 197 Penny: Nope.
- 198 Leonard: Me neither. Oh, Sheldon seemed think that I would be upset about you hanging out with him. But I just want you to know it's fine.
- 199 Penny: Oh, oh, good, because, um, his mother called me.
- 200 Leonard: His mother?
- 201 Penny: Yeah, she wants me to take him shopping for sheets and towels.
- 202 Leonard: I was going to do that.
- 203 Penny: Oh, well, then you, you do it.
- 204 Leonard: No, I don't want to do it. You can do it.
- 205 Penny: Okay, you can take him for shoes.
- 206 Leonard: I just took him for shoes.

- 207 Penny: Well, all I know is he says they hurt his feet.
- 208 Leonard: Fine. I'll take him for shoes next Saturday.
- 209 Penny: Oh, no, no, no, a bunch of us from work are going to Disneyland next Saturday and Sheldon wants to come.
- 210 Leonard: You're taking him to Disneyland?
- 211 Penny: Well, he heard me making plans on the phone. Was I going to say no?
- 212 Leonard: All right. But let me know if you're going to stuff him with junk
- food. I don't want to bring home a nice dinner for him and see it go to waste.
- 213 Penny: We're going to Disneyland. He's going to eat junk food.
- 214 Leonard: All I'm saying is give me a heads-up.
- 215 Penny: Okay, whatever.
- 216 Leonard: And don't let him go on Space Mountain after he eats. He'll say he can handle it, but I promise you'll end up with churro puke on your shoes.
- 217 Penny: All right, got it. Is there anything else?
- 218 Leonard: Yeah, don't let Goofy near him. He'll have nightmares and I'll have to deal with it.
- 219 Penny: What's the problem with Goofy?
- 220 Leonard: Wish I knew. He's fine with Pluto.
- 221 Scene: The apartment.
- 222 Raj: Hey, do you think the elastic woman in The Incredibles needs to use birth control or can she just be a diaphragm?
- 223 Howard: Well, that's it. We're officially out of things to talk about.
- 224 Penny: We're home.
- 225 Leonard: It's ten o'clock, where have you been?
- 226 Sheldon: We stayed for the California Adventure water show. It was pure Disney magic.
- 227 Leonard: I was going to see that with him.
- 228 Penny: How was I supposed to know that?
- 229 Sheldon: It's all right. I'll see it again with you.
- 230 Leonard: And I have food here. You said you were going to call.
- 231 Penny: I know, I know.
- 232 Sheldon: I can still eat.
- 233 Penny: No, you already threw up once. Go put on your PJs and brush your teeth.
- 234 Sheldon: Okay, but just don't fight
- 235 Leonard: We're not fighting.
- 236 Penny: Just go.
- 237 Leonard: Aren't you going to thank Penny for taking you to Disneyland?
- 238 Sheldon: Thank you, Penny.
- 239 Penny: You're welcome, sweetie.
- 240 Leonard: Want a cup of coffee?
- 241 Penny: Oh, um, I should probably get going.
- 242 Leonard: Come on. It's just a cup of coffee.
- 243 Penny: Yep, okay.
- 244 Howard (to Raj, who has whispered to him): Oh, yeah, the whole thing

- seems a little twisted to me, too.
- 245 Leonard: What am I smelling?
- 246 Penny: Sheldon's churro on my shoes.
- 247 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 248 Penny: He's such an angel when he's asleep.
- 249 Leonard: Yeah. Shame he has to wake up.
- 250 Penny: I think we can do it.
- 251 Leonard: Smother Sheldon in his sleep? Wouldn't that be wrong?
- 252 Penny: No, be friends. You and me.
- 253 Leonard: Oh. Sure. Absolutely.
- 254 Penny: Good. I'm glad.
- 255 Leonard: Here's an idea. I'm just throwing it out there, friends who have s\*x.
- 256 Penny: Good night, Leonard.
- 257 Leonard: Kidding. Just a couple of friends goofin' around.
- 258 Sheldon (in his sleep): No, Goofy, no.

# 3.21 Episode 21: The Plimpton Stimulation

- 1 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 2 Sheldon: Hold.
- 3 Raj: What?
- 4 Sheldon: Explain your sneeze.
- 5 Raj: I'm sorry?
- 6 Sheldon: Do you have allergies?
- 7 Raj: No.
- 8 Sheldon: Is there too much pepper on your salad?
- 9 Raj: I don't put pepper on salads.
- 10 Sheldon: I've heard enough. Sit over there.
- 11 Raj: Oh, come on. I don't want to sit by myself.
- 12 Sheldon: That's what Typhoid Mary said, and clearly, her friends buckled.
- 13 Raj: Guys, help me.
- 14 Howard: Sheldon, come on.
- 15 Leonard: Yeah, it's just one sneeze. (Raj sneezes) You're on your own.
- 16 Howard: See you, buddy.
- 17 Sheldon: Oh, Leonard, I have something for you. Per our roommate agreement, this is your 24-hour notice that I will be having a non-related female spending two nights in our apartment.
- 18 Leonard: When you say non-related female, you still mean human, right?
- 19 Sheldon: Of course. Pets are banned under the roommate agreement, with the exception of service animals, such as seeing eye dogs and, one day, cybernetically-enhanced helper monkeys.
- 20 Howard: Are you planning on kidnapping a woman?
- 21 Sheldon: Sarcasm?
- 22 Howard: Yes, but mixed with genuine concern.
- 23 Sheldon: For your information, I'll be playing host to Dr. Elizabeth Plimp-

ton.

- 24 Raj: The cosmological physicist from Princeton?
- 25 Sheldon: Yes. And until you acquire a surgical mask, please address your comments to me through a napkin. We've been corresponding for years about our mutual interest in gravitational wave signatures of inflatons in the early universe. And now she's under consideration for a position at our university.
- 26 Leonard: Why didn't you tell me you knew Elizabeth Plimpton? I am a huge fan of hers!
- 27 Sheldon: I didn't realize I was obligated to share my connection with things you're a fan of, but very well. You enjoy Canadian bacon. I've been to Toronto.
- 28 Leonard: Okay, fine. Where is she going to sleep?
- 29 Sheldon: My room, of course.
- 30 Raj: Holy crap! (Through napkin) Holy crap!
- 31 Howard: Yeah, um, I have a two-part question.
- 32 Sheldon: Go ahead.
- 33 Howard: A, are you kidding me? And B, seriously, are you freaking kidding me?
- 34 Sheldon: A, I rarely kid. And B, when I do kid, you will know it by my use of the word bazinga.
- 35 Howard: So you're saying the two of you are going to be sleeping in the same bed?
- 36 Sheldon: Yes. Bazinga. Leonard?
- 37 Leonard: Thank you. Why is a world-renowned scientist staying in our apartment instead of a hotel?
- 38 Sheldon: Well, she doesn't care for hotels. And who can blame her? Windows that don't open, multi-user linens, keys shaped like credit cards, as if one walks around with unassigned slots in one's wallet. All right, I believe I have time for one more question. Yes, Raj?
- 39 Raj: When can I sit with you again?
- 40 Sheldon: When I've seen two consecutive negative throat cultures spaced 12 hours apart. You know the drill. All right, if you'll excuse me, I am off to start a prophylactic course of antibiotics.
- 41 Leonard: I can't believe he's friends with Elizabeth Plimpton.
- 42 Raj: I can't believe they let him into Canada.
- 43 Howard: Whoa, whoa, whoa. You heard the man. Where's your throat cultures? Kidding. Sit down.
- 44 Credits sequence
- 45 Scene: The lobby
- 46 Penny: Hey, Sheldon.
- 47 Sheldon: Oh, Penny, excellent. I have a question about these maxi pads. Are the wings truly functional or have I fallen victim to marketing hype?
- 48 Penny: What? What are you doing with, what?
- 49 Sheldon: The stock boy at Walgreens was frustratingly uninformed on the subject.
- 50 Penny: Sheldon, what are you doing with maxi pads?
- 51 Sheldon: I have a lady friend who will be staying with me for a few days.

- 52 Penny: Oh. What?
- 53 Sheldon: I want her to feel at home. I also bought scented soaps, pantyhose, Midol, calcium chews and what is apparently a yogurt specifically designed to regulate the female bowel.
- 54 Penny: Wait, wait, hold on, back up. You're having a woman stay with you?
- 55 Sheldon: Yes. Why does that seem to flabbergast everybody?
- 56 Penny: Oh, no, no, no, no, no. I'm not flabbergasted. I'm puzzled. Yeah, let's go with puzzled.
- 57 Sheldon: A word of warning. My guest is a noted physicist and the leading expert on quantum cosmology, so please try to avoid wasting her time with female jibber jabber.
- 58 Penny: Female jibber jabber?
- 59 Sheldon: Shoe sales, hair styles, mud masks, gossip about your friends Brad and Angelina.
- 60 Penny: Oh, they're not my friends.
- 61 Sheldon: I'm not surprised, considering the way you talk about them behind their backs.
- 62 Scene: The apartment.
- 63 Leonard: She's here, she's here. How do I look? Do I look smart?
- 64 Sheldon: Oh, good grief. This isn't about you. Coming! Now listen, one of the great minds of the 21st century is about to play host to one of the other great minds of the 21st century. So pay attention. Years from now, my biographer might ask you about this event.
- 65 Leonard: Oh, I have so many things to tell your biographer.
- 66 Elizabeth: Ah, Dr. Cooper, thank goodness. I completely forgot your address. But then I remembered that I'd written it on my hand. Lucky for me, I didn't confuse it with what I'd written on my other hand, which are the coordinates for a newly discovered neutron star. 'Cause if I tried to go there, I'd be crushed by hypergravity. Anyway, hello.
- 67 Sheldon: Hello.
- 68 Elizabeth: Nice to finally meet you in person.
- 69 Sheldon: I would imagine it is. This is my friend and roommate, Dr. Leonard Hofstadter.
- 70 Leonard: Hi-lo. Oops. I started to say hi, and then I switched to hello in the middle. It came out hi-lo. Duh. Uh, it's nice to meet you. I've read both your books and most of your papers. I'm Leonard, I live
- 71 here, you're brilliant.
- 72 Sheldon: I apologize. He's only an experimental physicist.
- 73 Elizabeth: No need to apologize. Some of my best friends are experimental physicists. Well, not my best friends, but I know them. My best friend is a molecular chemist named Wendy. I'm sorry, I'm rambling. Hi-lo.
- 74 Leonard: Are you hungry, thirsty? Can I offer you anything?
- 75 Sheldon: No, she's my guest. If anyone should offer her anything, it should be me. Elizabeth, can I get you something? Perhaps a feminine hygiene product or a bowel-regulating yogurt?

- 76 Elizabeth: Interesting choices. Based on my current needs, I guess I'd pick the yogurt.
- 77 Sheldon: Excellent. If the yogurt works, I bought some delightful scented candles.
- 78 Leonard: Look, it's you.
- 79 Scene: A little later.
- 80 Elizabeth: Thank you so much for opening up your home to me.
- 81 Leonard: Well, who wants to stay in a hotel? With windows that don't open, those crazy card-shaped keys.
- 82 Elizabeth: I'm so glad you understand.
- 83 Sheldon: No, he doesn't understand. I understand.
- 84 Leonard: Well, I understand, too.
- 85 Sheldon: You're just misappropriating my understanding.
- 86 Leonard: Oh, (blows a raspberry). I think any university would want you. Except, of course, any university that had already had you. Because they would've already wanted you before they, you know, got you.
- 87 Sheldon: From the mind that brought you hi-lo. Let me show you to your room.
- 88 Elizabeth: All right. I guess I am tired. Good night, Leonard.
- 89 Leonard: Uh, sleep night. I mean, obviously, good night. I started to say sleep tight, then I changed my mind in the middle. I swear to God, I'm smart.
- 90 Sheldon: Get it together, man.
- 91 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 92 Sheldon: All right, let me show you some of the features of the room. First, windows. Conventional. Open, closed, open, closed, halfway open, or halfway closed, depending on your philosophical bent. Over here is my comic book collection. Feel free to browse. There's a box of disposable reading gloves on the night stand.
- 93 Elizabeth: Good to know.
- 94 Sheldon: In here, you'll find emergency provisions. An eight-day supply of food and water, a crossbow, season two of Star Trek: The Original Series on a high-density flash drive.
- 95 Elizabeth: What if there's a disaster that destroys all the USB ports?
- 96 Sheldon: Then there's really no reason to live, is there?
- 97 Elizabeth: Can I ask a question about your roommate?
- 98 Sheldon: He's an odd duck, isn't he?
- 99 Elizabeth: What's his relationship status?
- 100 Sheldon: Well, there was a misbegotten adventure with a waitress who lives across the hall. It ended as inexplicably as it began. They had very little in common, except for carnal activity. That's why I acquired these noise-cancelling headphones. If you decide to use them, please clean the ear pieces afterwards with the Wet Wipes you'll find in the bathroom. They're in the drawer labelled Wet Wipes.
- 101 Elizabeth: Okay.
- 102 Sheldon: Good. I'll leave you to your night time ablutions. I've e-mailed you the morning bathroom schedule. You'll also find a laminated copy in your

welcome packet. It's on the back of the emergency escape route diagram.

- 103 Elizabeth: How thoughtful.
- 104 Sheldon: Sleep well, my friend.
- 105 Elizabeth: You, too.
- 106 Sheldon: Oh, let me just get one thing. It's my backup emergency supply
- kit. The living room escape route doesn't pass through here. Now, good night.

And if there's an apocalypse, good luck.

- 107 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. There is a knock on the door.
- 108 Leonard: Yes?
- 109 Elizabeth: I saw your light on.
- 110 Leonard: Is everything all right?
- 111 Elizabeth: Yeah, I just couldn't sleep.
- 112 Leonard: Me neither. Oh, look what I'm reading. It's you.
- 113 Elizabeth: I thought you already read it.
- 114 Leonard: I did, but it's been a while, and I wanted to sound smart over breakfast.
- 115 Elizabeth: Aw, you're smart.
- 116 Leonard: Oh, good. Wasn't sure it was coming across.
- 117 Elizabeth: What chapter are you on?
- 118 Leonard: Uh, six.
- 119 Elizabeth: Oh, the extragalactic distance ladder. Want to know a little secret?
- 120 Leonard: Sure.
- 121 Elizabeth: I wrote the section on the Wilson-Bappu Effect completely naked.
- 122 Leonard: Really? Uh, sure doesn't read that way.
- 123 Elizabeth: Here, let me show you. When we consider the brightness of pulsating variable stars, we start to see (removes robe) a possible explanation for some of the discrepancies found in Hubble's constant.
- 124 Leonard: Wow. You really make science come alive.
- 125 Scene: The living room.
- 126 Sheldon: Vocal test. Morning vocal test. Second vocal test. Second morning vocal test.
- 127 Leonard: Morning, Sheldon.
- 128 Sheldon: Morning.
- 129 Elizabeth: Morning, Sheldon.
- 130 Sheldon: Morning. I trust you had a pleasant night.
- 131 Elizabeth: More than pleasant.
- 132 Sheldon: Excuse me, I'm going to relieve myself.
- 133 Leonard: How do you take your coffee?
- 134 Elizabeth: Black.
- 135 Leonard: Okeydoke.
- 136 Sheldon (in bathroom): Pee for Houston, pee for Austin, pee for the state my heart got lost in. And shake twice for Texas.
- 137 Leonard: Something his mother taught him.
- 138 Sheldon: All right, Elizabeth, the bathroom is yours. The seat is down,

- and has been sanitized for your protection.
- 139 Elizabeth: That's very thoughtful, but I think I'll finish my coffee first.
- 140 Sheldon: Ah, so the yogurt didn't work. I'll fire off a critical e-mail to the manufacturer.
- 141 Penny: Oh, good, you're up. Look, my car won't start. I need a ride to work.
- 142 Sheldon: Did you once again ignore your check engine light?
- 143 Penny: No, Mr. smarty-pants. I ignored the fill gas tank light.
- 144 Sheldon: Leonard, Penny wants to exploit any residual feelings you have for her in order to get a ride to work.
- 145 Leonard: Oh, yeah, sure, let me just put this in a travel mug.
- 146 Penny: Hello.
- 147 Elizabeth: Hi.
- 148 Penny: Oh, Penny, this is Dr. Plimpton, a leading expert on quantum cosmology. Dr. Plimpton, Penny is a waitress who doesn't understand the role gasoline plays in the internal combustion engine.
- 149 Elizabeth: Nice to meet you.
- 150 Penny: Nice to meet you, too. Are you enjoying your stay?
- 151 Elizabeth: Yes, very much.
- 152 Penny: Good.
- 153 Sheldon: Wonderful. Meaningless pleasantries accomplished. Elizabeth, Leonard's bathroom time is coming up, and believe me, you do not want to follow him.
- 154 Elizabeth: Excuse me.
- 155 Leonard: Okay, well, I guess I should get dressed so I can take everyone to work. You and Sheldon and Sheldon's friend, Dr. Plimpton, who you just met. It'll be fun. Like a clown car.
- 156 Penny: Hang on.
- 157 Leonard: Hmm? Yeah? What? Huh?
- 158 Penny: We just broke up.
- 159 Leonard: What, uh, you and me? Yeah, we did. Not too long ago. How are you doing with it?
- 160 Penny: Not as good as you apparently.
- 161 Leonard: I, um, I don't follow.
- 162 Penny: You know what? It's, it's none of my business. If you want to sleep with Sheldon's doctor buddy right after we stopped seeing each other, go for it.
- 163 Leonard: Well, now...
- 164 Sheldon: Excuse me. I'm uncomfortable with you recommending that Leonard pursue having intercourse with Dr. Plimpton, who I assure you has better things to do.
- 165 Penny: I'm not recommending it. I'm saying it already happened.
- 166 Sheldon: That's preposterous. Tell her, Leonard.
- 167 Leonard: Well...
- 168 Sheldon: No.
- 169 Leonard: Come on. It wasn't my fault.

- 170 Sheldon: The implication being that you somehow tripped and fell into her lady parts?
- 171 Penny: You know what? I'm just gonna take the bus to work.
- 172 Leonard: Penny, I can still drive you.
- 173 Penny: Oh, no, no, it's okay. You might slip on a banana peel and get me pregnant.
- 174 Sheldon: I must say, I'm shocked by this betrayal.
- 175 Leonard: I didn't betray Penny.
- 176 Sheldon: Not Penny, me!
- 177 Leonard: How am I betraying you?
- 178 Sheldon: Elizabeth's my friend, and you're playing with her!
- 179 Leonard: Yeah, I guess I did.
- 180 Scene: The cafeteria. Raj drinks from a hip flask.
- 181 Howard: What the hell are you doing?
- 182 Raj: Relax, it's Nyquil.
- 183 Leonard: You still have a cold?
- 184 Raj: Maybe, but I don't care. That's the great thing about Nyquil, it's like ten-percent booze. I call it the nighttime sniffling, sneezing, coughing, so you can talk to girls medicine.
- 185 Leonard: Are you having trouble sleeping? 'Cause, boy, I was up all night.
- 186 Raj: Did you get a cold, too?
- 187 Leonard: No, but I was awake all night.
- 188 Howard: If you want, I can give you some of my mom's sleeping pills.
- 189 Raj: She won't notice they're missing?
- 190 Howard: She doesn't know she takes them.
- 191 Leonard: No, that's okay. It was something else keeping me up last night.

And again this morning. And, I didn't mind. I was up last night. I was up this morning. I didn't mind. Those are your clues.

- 192 Raj: Ooh, ooh. Did the pigeon on your windowsill have more babies?
- 193 Leonard: No.
- 194 Howard: Were you up making another stop-motion Lego movie?
- 195 Leonard: No.
- 196 Howard: 'Cause let me tell you, it's not enough to make the Legos move, they also have to capture your heart.
- 197 Leonard: Okay, I'll give you one more clue. It involved another person.
- 198 Raj: Did you get a Japanese love pillow?
- 199 Howard: How is a Japanese love pillow another person?
- 200 Raj: It is if you love her and give her a name.
- 201- Sheldon: Dr. Plimpton, I'd like you to meet my colleagues, Dr. Rajesh Koothrappali
- 202 Raj: Hi.
- 203 Sheldon: And not-a-doctor Howard Wolowitz.
- 204 Howard: Hi.
- 205 Raj: I'm a big fan of your work.
- 206 Elizabeth: Thank you.
- 207 Sheldon: And of course, you've already introduced yourself to Dr. Hofs-

#### tadter.

- 208 Leonard: Hey, you.
- 209 Elizabeth: Hey, you.
- 210 Leonard: Boy, I'm kind of tuckered out. How are you feeling, Elizabeth?
- 211 Elizabeth: You know what? I am a little tired. Would you be a dear and get me a cup of coffee?
- 212 Leonard: Sure. Black, right?
- 213 Elizabeth: Actually, now I think I want it hot, brown and sweet.
- 214 Leonard: Coming right up.
- 215 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 216 Raj: What?
- 217 Howard: What do you mean what? It's Halo night.
- 218 Raj: I can't. I'm too sick. Go away.
- 219 Howard: That's why we moved Halo night here. Look, I brought my mom's chicken soup.
- 220 Raj: I'm not hungry.
- 221 Elizabeth: Don't send him away. Let him in.
- 222 Howard: Who's that
- 223 Raj: I bought a parrot.
- 224 Howard: Yeah, right. Dr. Plimpton?
- 225 Elizabeth: Hi. Howard, right?
- 226 Howard: Uh, yeah.
- 227 Elizabeth: Can I ask you a question, Howard? Do you like role-playing games?
- 228 Howard: Yeah, sure. In fact, I'm a dungeon master.
- 229 Elizabeth: Not tonight. Tonight you are a delivery man. You brought soup, but uh-oh, Raj and I don't have enough money to pay you. So we'll have to come to some other kind of arrangement.
- 230 Howard: Beg pardon?
- 231 Elizabeth: You two figure out the details, I'm going to go change into something I don't mind getting ripped off my milky flesh.
- 232 Howard: What the frak?
- 233 Raj: Go away. She wants New Delhi, not Kosher deli. Besides, you have a girlfriend.
- 234 Howard: We broke up weeks ago.
- 235 Raj: Why didn't you say anything?
- 236 Howard: I was waiting for the right time. This is the right time.
- 237 Leonard: Hey, who's ready for Halo?
- 238 Raj: Oh, this is like a nightmare. Get lost!
- 239 Howard: He's right. The numbers are shaky enough as it is.
- 240 Leonard: I don't understand.
- 241 Elizabeth: Oh, good. Leonard's here.
- 242 Raj: Good?
- 243 Leonard: Elizabeth? What's going on?
- 244 Elizabeth: What's going on is you and Howard are my moving men and Raj is my new landlord and I don't have enough money to pay any of you.

- 245 Leonard: Is she suggesting what I think she's suggesting?
- 246 Howard: Yep. Welcome to the Penthouse Forum.
- 247 Raj: Okay, show of hands. Who's up for this? (Only Howard raises his hand.)
- 248 Leonard: We'll all be naked in front of each other.
- 249 Howard: I'm out.
- 250 Elizabeth: Everybody ready?
- 251 Raj: Follow my lead. Almost. We're, we're going to go out into the hall-way and, uh, make a dramatic entrance.
- 252 Elizabeth: Oh, good. It's so much better when everyone commits.
- 253 Raj: Run. Run, run, run. Don't look back.
- 254 Leonard: I thought we had something special.
- 255 Raj (locks door): So, you say you can't pay your rent?
- 256 Scene: The lobby.
- 257 Penny: Oh, Leonard?
- 258 Leonard: Hey.
- 259 Penny: I found these in the dryer. I'm assuming they belong to Sheldon.
- 260 Leonard: Thanks. It's really hard to find these in his size. So, listen. I've been meaning to talk to you about the other morning.
- 261 Penny: You mean you and Dr. Slutbunny?
- 262 Leonard: Yeah, I wanted to explain.
- 263 Penny: Well, you don't owe me an explanation.
- 264 Leonard: I don't?
- 265 Penny: No, you don't.
- 266 Leonard: So you're not judging me?
- 267 Penny: Oh, I'm judging you nine ways to Sunday, but you don't owe me an explanation.
- 268 Leonard: Nevertheless, I'd like to get one on the record so you can understand why I did what I did.
- 269 Penny: I'm listening.
- 270 Leonard: She let me.

### 3.22 Episode 22: The Staircase Implementation

- 1 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 2 Penny: Okay, Babydoll Pink, let's see if you can cover up the fact that I got my dad's feet.
- 3 Leonard (voice off): It's just two degrees, Sheldon. I just want to turn up the thermostat two degrees!
- 4 Sheldon: (voice off): Let me point out that two degrees can be the difference between water and steam.
- 5 Leonard (voice off): Yes, if we lived in a teakettle.
- 6 Sheldon: (voice off): This is the temperature you agreed to in the roommate agreement.
- 7 Leonard (voice off): Aw, screw the roommate agreement!
- 8 Sheldon: (voice off): No, you don't screw the roommate agreement. The

roommate agreement screws you.

- 9 Leonard (voice off): You know what, go to Hell and set their thermostat.
- 10 Sheldon: (voice off): I don't have to go to Hell. At 73 degrees, I'm there already!
- 11 Penny (after a knock on the door): Who is it?
- 12 Leonard: Leonard.
- 13 Penny: Hang on.
- 14 Leonard: Can I sleep on your couch tonight?
- 15 Penny: Uh, well, you can try, but the people across the hall are being very noisy.
- 16 Leonard: You heard that, huh?
- 17 Penny: Apparently, the one fella tried to adjust the thermostat, then the other fella went bat-crap crazy.
- 18 Leonard: So you agree, he's nuts.
- 19 Penny: Well, not as nuts as the guy who chooses to live with him.
- 20 Leonard: Believe it or not, he was worse when I met him.
- 21 Penny: Oh, I do not believe that.
- 22 Leonard: You are so naive. Just like I was seven years ago. (Flasback: The lobby) I'd just started at the university.
- 23 Past Leonard: Excuse me, I'm looking for Sheldon Cooper's apartment.
- 24 Man with a box: Oh, I bet you're here to check out the room for rent.
- 25 Past Leonard: Yeah.
- 26 Man: Run away, dude.
- 27 Past Leonard: What?
- 28 Man: Run fast, run far. (End of flashback.)
- 29 Leonard: That should have been my first clue.
- 30 Scene: Moments later.
- 31 Penny: So Sheldon's last roommate tried to warn you off?
- 32 Leonard: For all I knew, he was the crazy one. He had this really deranged look
- 33 Penny: Well, yeah, he'd been living with Sheldon.
- 34 Leonard: Sure, it makes sense now. (Flashback. Past Leonard is getting out of the lift). Anyway, I went upstairs and knocked on the door.
- 35 Large Black Transvestite: Yeah?
- 36 Past Leonard: Dr. Cooper?
- 37 Transvestite: No, you want the crazy guy across the hall.
- 38 Leonard: In retrospect, that was clue number two.
- 39 Past Sheldon: Yes?
- 40 Past Leonard: I'm Leonard Hofstadter. I called you about the apartment. You said. . .
- 41 Past Sheldon: I know what I said. I know what you said. I know what my mother said on March 5, 1992. What is the sixth noble gas?
- 42 Past Leonard: What?
- 43 Past Sheldon: You said you're a scientist. What is the sixth noble gas?
- 44 Past Leonard: Uh, radon?
- 45 Past Sheldon: Are you asking me or telling me?

- 46 Past Leonard: Telling you? Telling you.
- 47 Past Sheldon: All right, next question. Kirk or Picard?
- 48 Past Leonard: Oh, uh, well, that's tricky. Um, well, uh, Original Series over Next Generation, but Picard over Kirk.
- 49 Past Sheldon: Correct. You've passed the first barrier to roommate-hood. You may enter.
- 50 Past Leonard (Enters apartment. It is bare except for two lawn chairs, a television and some whiteboards): Oh, this is pretty nice. Uh, the bedrooms are back there?
- 51 Past Sheldon: That depends.
- 52 Past Leonard: I don't understand, their, their existence is conditional?
- 53 Past Sheldon: No, but your ability to perceive their existence is conditional on you passing the second and third barriers.
- 54 Past Leonard: There's three?
- 55 Past Sheldon: Each more daunting than the last. Have a seat.
- 56 Past Leonard: Okay.
- 57 Past Sheldon: No! That's where I sit!
- 58 Past Leonard: What's the difference?
- 59 Past Sheldon: This seat is ideally located both in relation to the heat source in the winter and a cross breeze in the summer. It also faces the television at a direct angle allowing me to immerse myself in entertainment or game play without being subjected to conversation. As a result, I've placed it in a state of eternal dibs.
- 60 Past Leonard: Can you do that?
- 61 Past Sheldon: Cathedra mea, regulae meae. That's Latin for my chair, my rules. Now, you said on the phone that your area of study is physics.
- 62 Past Leonard: Uh, yeah, experimental physics.
- 63 Past Sheldon: Hmm.
- 64 Past Leonard: What is that?
- 65 Past Sheldon: Doesn't concern you. You'll be going to the university every day?
- 66 Past Leonard: Yes.
- 67 Past Sheldon: And you have a vehicle?
- 68 Past Leonard: A car, yeah.
- 69 Past Sheldon: And you'll be willing to drive me?
- 70 Past Leonard: Well, can't you drive?
- 71 Past Sheldon: I can. I choose not to.
- 72 Past Leonard: Okay, I suppose I could drive you. Well that's a point in my favour, right?
- 73 Past Sheldon: Why don't you let me do this.
- 74 Past Leonard: Come on, I just asked.
- 75 Past Sheldon: Last question. In a post-apocalyptic world, which task would you assign the highest priority? Locating a sustainable food source, reestablishing a functioning government, procreating, or preserving the knowledge of mankind?
- 76 Past Leonard: Uh, I'm gonna go with preserving the knowledge.

- 77 Past Sheldon: That's correct. FYI, I would have accepted any answer other than procreating. Come, I'll show you the rest of the apartment.
- 78 Past Leonard: Oh, good. I passed the barriers.
- 79 Past Sheldon: The second barrier. Don't get cocky. This is the bathroom. Are you fairly regular?
- 80 Past Leonard: Uh, I guess.
- 81 Past Sheldon: This isn't going to work if you're guessing. When do you evacuate your bowels?
- 82 Past Leonard: When I have to.
- 83 Past Sheldon: When you have to? I'm sorry, I don't rent to hippies.
- 84 Past Leonard: I, I'm sorry, uh, in the morning. Around eight.
- 85 Past Sheldon: I can't give you eight. I can give you seven thirty.
- 86 Past Leonard: Fine. I'll take it.
- 87 Past Sheldon: Third barrier passed. You have won the right to see your room. Huzzah!
- 88 Past Leonard: Is this it?
- 89 Past Sheldon: No, this is my room. People don't go in my room.
- 90 Past Leonard: So where do you sleep?
- 91 Past Sheldon: I don't understand.
- 92 Past Leonard: If people don't go in there, and you're people, and... You are people, aren't you? Making a joke.
- 93 Past Sheldon: Do you do this often?
- 94 Past Leonard: On occasion.
- 95 Past Sheldon: Your room. You may want to repaint. (End of Flashback)
- 96 Penny: Okay, and after all that, you just moved in?
- 97 Leonard: No, I didn't just move in. First we had to iron out a few details. (Flashback: The apartment)
- 98 Past Sheldon: Roommates agree that Friday nights shall be reserved for watching Joss Whedon's brilliant new series Firefly.
- 99 Past Leonard: Does that really need to be in the agreement?
- 100 Past Sheldon: We might as well settle it now, it's going to be on for years. Initial here. All right, that's television and movies. Section nine, miscellany. The apartment's flag is a gold lion rampant on a field of azure.
- 101 Past Leonard: We have a flag?
- 102 Past Sheldon: Never fly it upside down unless the apartment's in distress. And next, if either of us ever invents time travel, we agree our first stop will be this meeting today in precisely five seconds.
- 103 Past Leonard: Okay.
- 104 Past Sheldon: Well that's disappointing. (End of flashback.)
- 105 Penny: Why on earth did you agree to all that?
- 106 Leonard: It was the best apartment I'd seen, the rent was very reasonable and after you've passed the first three barriers you kind of want to take it all the way.
- 107 Penny: Well, I'm sorry, Leonard, it's very hard to feel sympathy for you.
- 108 Leonard: Okay, how about this? Let me tell you about the first time I brought a girl over. (Flashback to Leonard's bedroom.)

- 109 Past Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard?
- 110 Past Leonard: Shh. Just pretend we're not here.
- 111 Past Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? Leonard?
- 112 Past Leonard: I'm sure he'll go away.
- 113 Past Sheldon: I'm just going to keep knocking till you answer. (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? (Knock, knock) Leonard?
- 114 Past Leonard: What do you want? I didn't say come in!
- 115 Past Sheldon: You asked what I wanted. I wanted to come in. I'm here because you violated our roommate agreement. Specifically, section eight, visitors, subsection C, females, paragraph four, coitus. Roommates shall give each other 12 hours notice of impending coitus."
- 116 Past Leonard: I didn't even know her 12 hours ago.
- 117 Joyce Kim: That's it! I'm out of here!
- 118 Past Leonard: But, Joyce, come on.
- 119 Past Sheldon: 12 hours? (End of flashback.)
- 120 Penny: Oh, my God.
- 121 Leonard: Do I get some sympathy now?
- 122 Penny: A little bit. Okay. Let me get this straight. You move in with this guy, he makes you sign a ridiculous roommate agreement, then he walks into your bedroom while you're doing this Joyce Kim, and you still stay?
- 123 Leonard: Actually, I couldn't get too mad at him about Joyce Kim.
- 124 Penny: Why not?
- 125 Leonard: Well, I was doing some government research at the time, you know, military, rocket fuel. It's kind of secret.
- 126 Penny: What does that have to do with Joyce Kim?
- 127 Leonard: As it turns out, she was a North Korean spy. Luckily, Sheldon drove her out before I revealed anything important. Which I'm not saying I would have.
- 128 Penny: So, what, that's it? You've stayed with Sheldon all this time because he kept you from going to federal prison?
- 129 Leonard: That was part of it. The other part is what happened with the elevator.
- 130 Penny: Oh, yeah, I'm wondering about that. You said it was working when you moved in.
- 131 Leonard: It was, but one night, Sheldon came home from work... (Flashback, the apartment. The settee has now appeared. Leonard, Howard and Raj are playing a video game.)
- 132 Past Sheldon: What is going on here?
- 133 Past Leonard: Hey, Sheldon. This is Howard and Raj. They work at the university, too.
- 134 Past Howard: Hey.
- 135 Past Raj: Hey.
- 136 Past Sheldon: I'll get to you later. What are you sitting on?
- 137 Past Howard: I can't speak for these guys, but I'm sitting on my tushie. It's a joke.

- 138 Past Leonard: Yeah, not a good idea.
- 139 Past Raj: Tushie is buttocks, right?
- 140 Past Howard: Right.
- 141 Past Raj: Hilarious.
- 142 Past Sheldon: Explain the couch.
- 143 Past Leonard: Oh, well, there were some people on the first floor moving out, and they sold it to me for a hundred dollars. Howard and Raj helped me bring it up.
- 144 Past Sheldon: But what's wrong with the furniture we have?
- 145 Past Leonard: They're lawn chairs. And there was no place for company.
- 146 Past Sheldon: Did it occur to you that was by design?
- 147 Past Leonard: According to the roommate agreement, I'm entitled to allocate 50148 Past Sheldon: But you didn't notify me by e-mail, so this is still a breach.
- 149 Past Leonard: I did notify you.
- 150 Past Sheldon: Oh, you did, did you? Oh, drat! Hoisted by my own spam filter.
- 151 Past Leonard: What am I doing in your spam folder?
- 152 Past Sheldon: I put you there after you forwarded me a picture of a cat playing the piano, entitled this is funny.
- 153 Past Raj: Oh, yeah, I saw that. That was hilarious. (End of flashback.)
- 154 Penny: Okay, what does all this have to do with the elevator?
- 155 Leonard: I'm getting to it. (Back to flashback.)
- 156 Past Sheldon: I assure you, you'll be sorry you wasted your money on an iPod when Microsoft comes out with theirs.
- 157 Past Raj: Okay, do you have an opinion about everything?
- 158 Past Sheldon: Yes.
- 159 Past Howard: And you just assume you're always right?
- 160 Past Sheldon: It's not an assumption. Change seats with me.
- 161 Past Raj: Why?
- 162 Past Sheldon: I don't like this spot. I have to keep turning my head.
- 163 Past Raj: Fine.
- 164 Past Leonard: Ooh, it's time for Babylon 5!
- 165 Past Sheldon: We don't watch Babylon 5 in this apartment.
- 166 Past Leonard: Why not?
- 167 Past Sheldon: Because no one likes Babylon 5.
- 168 Past Leonard: I like it.
- 169 Past Raj: Me, too.
- 170 Past Howard: So do I.
- 171 Past Leonard: There you go-three against one.
- 172 Past Sheldon: They don't get a vote. It's one against one. And according to the roommate agreement, all ties will be settled by me.
- 173 Past Leonard: But I said no to that.
- 174 Past Sheldon: And I said yes. And I settle all ties. Change seats with me.
- 175 Past Howard: Why?
- 176 Past Sheldon: There's a draft on my neck over here.

- 177 Past Howard: So, I get the draft?
- 178 Past Sheldon: You're protected by your turtleneck.
- 179 Past Howard: Fine. And it's a dickey.
- 180 Past Sheldon: Hmm, I'm still not comfortable. Of course. There's too many people here.
- 181 Past Leonard: We can fix that. Let's leave.
- 182 Past Howard: Yeah, we can go over to my place.
- 183 Past Sheldon: Wait. Let me get my jacket.
- 184 Past Howard: You're not going with us.
- 185 Past Sheldon: Why not?
- 186 Past Raj: You're the guy we're trying to get away from.
- 187 Past Sheldon: Oh. Well, in that case, I don't need my jacket. And for the record, the correct syntax is I'm the guy from whom you're trying to get away.
- Oh, yes, this is definitely going to be my spot. (End of flashback.)
- 188 Penny: Okay, how do you know he said that? You left the room.
- 189 Leonard: Hey, do you want me to finish working on your man feet or not?
- 190 Penny: Fine. Go ahead. (Flashback to Howard's bedroom.)
- 191 Mrs Wolowitz: Howard, are you having a playdate?
- 192 Past Howard: I don't have playdates! I have colleagues!
- 193 Mrs Wolowitz: Do their parents know they're here?
- 194 Past Howard: No, but if you keep screaming, maybe they'll hear you!
- 195 Past Leonard: That your dad?
- 196 Past Howard: She grows any more hair on her face, yes.
- 197 Past Leonard: Oh, man. Is that a two-stage rocket?
- 198 Past Howard: Three. I designed the engine myself.
- 199 Past Raj: Cool. Can it break Mach 1?
- 200 Past Howard: Oh, probably, if I could get my hands on that new fuel the government's been working on.
- 201 Past Leonard: Oh, this just might be your lucky day.
- 202 Mrs Wolowitz: Howard, what happened to the Oreos I left on the counter?!
- 203 Past Howard: I haven't seen your Oreos! Just take your bath without them! (End of flashback.)
- 204 Penny: So, why was it his lucky day?
- 205 Leonard: Well, it turns out I had a little rocket fuel in the apartment.
- 206 Penny: What were you doing with rocket fuel in your apartment?
- 207 Leonard: Mm, Joyce Kim was kind of curious about what I did for a living, and I was going to kind of show it to her. It's not important. The point is, the guys and I went back to the apartment.
- 208 Penny: Are we ever going to get to the elevator?
- 209 Leonard: Yeah, we're really close. Uh, uh, we're at the apartment. (Flashback.)
- 210 Past Leonard: The trick is to mix it into Tovex in order to create a combustible gel that will generate over 8,000 kilonewtons of thrust.
- 211 Past Howard: Nice.
- 212 Past Raj: Cool.
- 213 Past Sheldon: Won't work.

- 214 Past Leonard: Excuse me, but I've been working on this a long time. Trust me, it'll work.
- 215 Past Sheldon: You don't see your mistake, do you?
- 216 Past Leonard: There's no mistake.
- 217 Past Sheldon: This is for a full-scale rocket, not a model.
- 218 Past Leonard: Well, I've adjusted the formula.
- 219 Past Sheldon: Not correctly.
- 220 Past Leonard: Okay, I've had it with you. You might be an expert on theoretical physics and science-fiction programs and where to sit on a freaking couch, but this is applied physics. And when it comes to applied physic... uhoh.
- 221 Past Howard: What's happening?
- 222 Past Leonard: A bad thing. A very bad thing. Get the door. Get the
- door! Get the door! Get the door!
- 223 Past Howard: You're waiting for the elevator?
- 224 Past Leonard: Oh. Right.
- 225 Past Raj: Wait. It's here.
- 226 Past Sheldon: Give me that. (Takes the rocket fuel. Puts it in elevator. Presses button and jumps out.)
- 227 Past Leonard: What'd you do that for? I had plenty of time. (Elevator explodes.)
- 228 Past Sheldon: You're welcome. (End of flashback.)
- 229 Leonard: Not only did Sheldon save my life, he didn't rat me out to the landlord. Or the police. Or Homeland Security.
- 230 Penny: Okay, so, basically, you're the reason I have to walk up and down three flights of stairs every day?
- 231 Leonard: So I did something stupid. I'm sure you did stupid things when you were younger. What were you doing seven years ago?
- 232 Penny: Excuse me, I was in high school. Studying, keeping my nose clean, doing volunteer work for the community. (Flashback. Penny is in her bedroom, sitting on the bed with a guy, looking at a pregnancy tester.)
- 233 Past Penny: Not pregnant. Yes!
- 234 Scene: The apartment.
- 235 Sheldon: Oh, Ubuntu, you are my favourite Linux-based operating system.
- 236 Leonard: Hey.
- 237 Sheldon: Hello. Why do I smell methacrylate?
- 238 Leonard: Oh, uh, clear nail polish. I had a mani-pedi. Men can get those. Anyway, I may owe you an apology.
- 239 Sheldon: There's doubt?
- 240 Leonard: I did agree to the thermostat setting, and I shouldn't have tried to change it.
- 241 Sheldon: That's not an apology, simply an acknowledgement that I was right.
- 242 Leonard: Okay, I'm sorry.
- 243 Sheldon: There you go.
- 244 Leonard: So, we're good?

- 245 Sheldon: Good what?
- 246 Leonard: Never mind. Okay if I watch some TV?
- 247 Sheldon: Go ahead.
- 248 Television voice: Up next Babylon 5.
- 249 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 250 Leonard (voice off): You're not even watching!
- 251 Sheldon (voice off): I can hear it!
- 252 Leonard (voice off): Oh, so the dialogue offends you?
- 253 Sheldon (voice off): I would hardly call that dialogue!
- 254 Leonard (voice off): You're insane, you know that?!
- 255 Sheldon (voice off): Don't make me turn that flag upside down, 'cause you know I'll do it!

# 3.23 Episode 23: The Lunar Excitation

- 1 Scene: On the roof of the apartment building.
- 2 Leonard: Okay, we've got power to the laser.
- 3 Sheldon: I should've brought an umbrella.
- 4 Leonard: What for? It's not going to rain.
- 5 Sheldon: I know that, but with skin as fair as mine, moon burn is a real possibility.
- 6 Howard: That's a bazinga, right?
- 7 Sheldon: One of my best, don't you think?
- 8 Leonard: Howard, do you want to double-check the equatorial mount on the laser? We need it locked onto the Sea of Tranquility.
- 9 Howard: You got it. Oh, Raj, no. Billions of dollars have gone into inventing the Internet and filling it with pictures of naked women, so we don't have to peep through windows.
- 10 Raj: It's not like that, I'm watching someone's TV. The Good Wife is on. I tell you, this is my new Grey's Anatomy.
- 11 Sheldon: Leonard, Leonard. What is that? What is that?
- 12 Leonard: Relax, it's just a dirty sock.
- 13 Sheldon: How on earth can you say dirty sock and relax in the same sentence?
- 14 Leonard: Sheldon, the world is filled with dirty discarded socks.
- 15 Sheldon: Not my world.
- 16 Leonard: Hey, you know who'd really dig seeing this experiment? Penny.
- 17 Sheldon: I wasn't aware that lunar ranging was her thing. Although, I suppose the retro-reflector left on the moon by Neil Armstrong does qualify as a shiny object.
- 18 Raj: Why don't you ask her to come up?
- 19 Leonard: I don't know, it's still a little weird since, you know...
- 20 Howard: She dumped you?
- 21 Leonard: She didn't dump me. We were just in different places in the relationship.
- 22 Sheldon: I fail to see how a relationship can have the qualities of a geo-

graphic location.

- 23 Howard: Oh, it's very simple. Leonard was living in a little town called please don't leave me, while Penny had just moved to the island of bye-bye.
- 24 Leonard: Screw you guys. I'm gonna go see if she's home.
- 25 Howard: If it's not too much trouble, I'd like to point this at the moon
- 26 Raj: Wait a second, the good wife is crying. Something's very wrong.
- 27 Credits sequence.
- 28 Scene: Penny's door.
- 29 Penny: Oh, hi. What's going on?
- 30 Leonard: We're up on the roof bouncing laser beams off the moon.
- 31 Penny: I'm sorry, what?
- 32 Leonard: It's pretty cool. We've got a two-meter parabolic reflector and everything. I thought you might want to see it.
- 33 Man in Penny's Apartment: That makes no sense.
- 34 Penny: Um...
- 35 Man: How can you bounce stuff off the moon? There's no gravity.
- 36 Penny: Uh, Leonard, this is Zack. Zack, Leonard.
- 37 Zack: Hey.
- 38 Leonard: Oh, sorry, I didn't know you were busy. Maybe another time.
- 39 Penny: Yeah, maybe.
- 40 Zack: Hey, I want to see this laser thing.
- 41 Penny: Oh, but what about the party?
- 42 Zack: It's a surprise party, doesn't matter when we get there.
- 43 Penny: Oh, right.
- 44 Leonard: Okay, well, yeah, come on up. So, how'd you two guys meet?
- 45 Zack: My company designs the menus for the Cheesecake Factory.
- 46 Leonard: Your company?
- 47 Zack: Well,, my dad, but me and my sister are VPs.
- 48 Leonard: So, menus.
- 49 Zack: I know it sounds easy but there's a lot of science that goes in designing them.
- 50 Scene: The roof.
- 51 Howard: Happy now? I'm moving the dirty sock.
- 52 Sheldon: Thank you. Raj, keep an eye out for the other one.
- 53 Penny: Hey, guys, this is my friend Zack.
- 54 Zack: Hey.
- 55 Sheldon: Hello.
- 56 Zack: Whoa! Is that the laser? It's bitchin'.
- 57 Sheldon: Yes. In 1917, when Albert Einstein established the theoretic foundation for the laser in his paper Zur Quantentheorie der Strahlung, his fondest hope was that the resultant device be bitchin'.
- 58 Zack: Well, mission accomplished.
- 59 Leonard: Let me explain what we're doing here. Um, in 1969, the astronauts on Apollo 11 positioned reflectors on the surface of the moon, and we're going to shoot a laser off one of them and let the light bounce back into this

#### photomultiplier.

- 60 Penny: Oh! That's very cool.
- 61 Zack: One question. How can you be sure it won't blow up?
- 62 Leonard: The laser?
- 63 Zack: The moon.
- 64 Sheldon: See, now this is a man for Penny.
- 65 Leonard: Uh, that's a great question, Zack.
- 66 Sheldon: No, it's not.
- 67 Penny: Sheldon! Play nice.
- 68 Sheldon: Well it's not a great question. How could somebody possibly think we're going to blow up the moon? That's a great question.
- 69 Leonard: Don't worry about the moon. We, we set our laser to stun.
- 70 Zack: Smart.
- 71 Leonard: Now, we'll be able to see the beam when it leaves, but it won't be strong enough when it comes back to be seen by the naked eye.
- 72 Zack: Naked.
- 73 Leonard: Right. Uh yeah, funny. Uh, that device there will measure the photons that return and let us see it on this computer. Raj, get them some glasses.
- 74 Zack: Cool, it's gonna be in 3-D?
- 75 Howard: Preparing to fire laser at the moon.
- 76 Sheldon: Make it so.
- 77 Howard: There it is. There's the spike!
- 78 Leonard: 2.5 seconds for the light to return. That's the moon! We hit the moon!
- 79 Zack: That's your big experiment? All that for a line on the screen?
- 80 Leonard: Yeah, but, uh, think about what this represents. The fact that we can do this is the only way of definitively proving that there are man-made objects on the moon, put there by a member of a species that only 60 years before had just invented the airplane.
- 81 Zack: What species is that?
- 82 Sheldon: I was wrong. Penny can do better.
- 83 Penny: Okay, guys, thank you, it's been fun.
- 84 Zack: Yeah, thanks. Should we invite them to the party?
- 85 Penny: No, just keep walking.
- 86 Sheldon: He must be very skilled at coitus.
- 87 Scene: The apartment.
- 88 Raj: I'm telling you, dude, the only way to feel better about Penny going out with other guys is for you to get back on the whores.
- 89 Howard: Horse.
- 90 Raj: What?
- 91 Howard: The phrase is get back on the horse, not whores.
- 92 Raj: That's disgusting, dude.
- 93 Howard: No, it's not... Never mind. He is right, though. If you want, I can turn you on to this great new dating site I found.
- 94 Leonard: No, thanks.

- 95 Howard: You sure? They say they can find a match for anybody.
- 96 Leonard: Have they found a match for you?
- 97 Howard: Tons. I've had, like, eight dates in the last month. And twelve if you count the ones who showed up and left.
- 98 Sheldon: I can't bring the nitrogen tank down.
- 99 Leonard: Why not?
- 100 Sheldon: All right, let me restate that. It's very heavy, and I don't want to.
- 101 Leonard: I'll help you.
- 102 Sheldon: Thank you. Lift with your knees, not your back. Good night.
- 103 Raj: You know what would be fun? Signing Sheldon up for online dating.
- 104 Howard: Yeah, right.
- 105 Raj: No, think about it. We make it an experiment. Like when Frankenstein's monster was lonely and he found a wife.
- 106 Howard: He didn't find a wife. They built him a wife out of dead body parts.
- 107 Raj: Okay, we'll call that plan B.
- 108 Scene: The apartment. It is night and the lights are off. Knocking.
- 109 Leonard: Coming!
- 110 Penny: Damn you, you rat b\*st\*rd.
- 111 Leonard: Are you drunk?
- 112 Penny: Zack was a perfectly nice guy, and then you ruined him!
- 113 Leonard: How did I ruin him?
- 114 Penny: 'Cause in the olden days, I never would've known he was so stupid.
- 115 Leonard: Come on, he wasn't that stupid.
- 116 Penny: Yes, he was! He thought you were gonna blow up the moon!
- 117 Leonard: Okay, yeah, he's stupid.
- 118 Penny: He spent the entire night bragging about how he invented the word appe-teasers.
- 119 Leonard: How is that my fault?
- 120 Penny: You have destroyed my ability to tolerate idiots. Now, come with me.
- 121 Leonard: Where are we going?
- 122 Penny: We're gonna have s\*x.
- 123 Leonard: Why? I mean, okay.
- 124 Sheldon: What's going on?
- 125 Penny: Put on your noise-cancelling headphones, 'cause it's gonna get loud.
- 126 Sheldon: Oh! Not this again.
- 127 Scene: The next morning.
- 128 Sheldon: In what universe is this low-pulp? Good morning, Penny.
- 129 Penny: What, do you have eyes in the back of your head?
- 130 Sheldon: When one gets beaten up every other day in school, one of necessity develops a keen sense of hearing. Incidentally, one can get beaten up in school simply by referring to oneself as one. I'm making English muffins. Would you like an English muffin?

- 131 Penny: Oh, thanks, I'm not hungry.
- 132 Sheldon: FYI, my noise-cancelling headphones proved ineffective last night.
- 133 Penny: Yeah, sorry about that.
- 134 Sheldon: As a native Texan, I must say I've never heard the phrase yee-haw used in quite that context.
- 135 Penny: Oh, God.
- 136 Sheldon: Oh, God. That I've heard on multiple occasions. In what universe is that lightly toasted? This has to be the worst day of my life. Good morning, Leonard.
- 137 Leonard: How many times have I asked you not to do that?
- 138 Sheldon: Counting this instance? 317.
- 139 Leonard: Where's Penny?
- 140 Sheldon: She returned to her apartment. I presume to shower and vomit. Not necessarily in that order.
- 141 Leonard: I wonder why she didn't say good-bye.
- 142 Sheldon: Are you expecting me to offer an explanation of human behaviour?
- 143 Leonard: I know. I just thought as an outsider, you might be able to provide a fresh perspective.
- 144 Sheldon: I have no difficulty believing you're not butter.
- 145 Scene: Penny's door.
- 146 Leonard: Oh, hey.
- 147 Penny: Oh, hi. Um, I gotta run. Early shift.
- 148 Leonard: Okay, I'll walk down with you. So, last night was fun, huh?
- 149 Penny: Yeah, it must have been. I just threw up in my closet.
- 150 Leonard: Bummer. Anyway, I was thinking to night maybe we could catch a movie.
- 151 Penny: Oh, yeah, tonight's not great for me.
- 152 Leonard: Doesn't have to be tonight. I'm free pretty much always.
- 153 Penny: Leonard, last night was a mistake.
- 154 Leonard: When you say mistake, do you mean a fortunate mistake, like the discovery of penicillin?
- 155 Penny: Look, I'm sorry. I was drunk, I was lonely, I hated Zack. Can we just forget it ever happened?
- 156 Leonard: No, it's pretty well imprinted on my brain. Especially the whole rodeo thing.
- 157 Penny: Oh, God!
- 158 Leonard: So, that's it? Wham, bam, thank you, Leonard?
- 159 Penny: Look, I said I'm sorry. Can't u please let it go?
- 160 Leonard: How am I supposed to let it go? You used me for s\*x! Morning, Mrs. Gunderson.
- 161 Mrs Gunderson: Good morning, Leonard. Or should I say yee-haw?
- 162 Scene: The apartment.
- 163 Raj: Holy crap.
- 164 Howard: What?

- 165 Raj: We finally have proof that aliens walk among us.
- 166 Howard: Excuse me?
- 167 Raj: The dating site matched a woman with Sheldon.
- 168 Howard: You're kidding. An actual woman?
- 169 Raj: Yeah, look. Breasts and everything.
- 170 Howard: Trust me, breasts doesn't necessarily mean woman.
- 171 Raj: Since when?
- 172 Howard: I'll show you a picture of my Uncle Louie in a bathing suit some-
- time. Leonard, you gotta see this, we found a match for Sheldon.
- 173 Leonard: Great. Maybe she can have s\*x with him, and then walk out on him the next morning without so much as a how do you do?
- 174 Raj: Do you know what he's talking about?
- 175 Howard: Nope. Why don't you ask him?
- 176 Raj: Leonard, what are you talking about?
- 177 Leonard: I don't want to talk about it.
- 178 Raj: That was a lousy suggestion.
- 179 Howard: Whatever. Right now, Dr. Sheldon Cooper has to send an e-mail to his perfect match. Greetings, fellow life-form...
- 180 Scene: A building corridor.
- 181 Leonard: If she can do it, I can do it. If she can do it, I can do it. If she can do it, I can do it. (Knocks on door) I can't do it.
- 182 Leslie Winkle: Hello?
- 183 Leonard: Oh, hi. Hey. Hi, Leslie.
- 184 Leslie: Leonard Hofstadter. What're you doing here?
- 185 Leonard: Uh, I know! It's been a while!
- 186 Leslie: Yeah, 18 months.
- 187 Leonard: Right. Right. So how you doing?
- 188 Leslie: Fine. You?
- 189 Leonard: Uh, not bad. You remember when we used to have s\*x and you said that it didn't mean anything, it was just for fun?
- 190 Leslie: Yeah.
- 191 Leonard: Uh, do you, uh, want to do that again?
- 192 Leslie: What happened? Blondie dumped you?
- 193 Leonard: She didn't dump me. We were just in different places in the relationship.
- 194 Leslie: Right.
- 195 Leonard: Um, anyway, apparently, it's okay to go back to people you're no longer seeing and have recreational s\*x with them.
- 196 Leslie: Uh-huh.
- 197 Leonard: So, what do you say?
- 198 Leslie: Let me think about it. (Slams door.)
- 199 Leonard: She's not coming back.
- 200 Scene: The apartment.
- 201 Raj: Uh-oh. She wants to meet us.
- 202 Howard: Not us. Him.
- 203 Raj: Yes, but him doesn't even know about her.

- 204 Howard: Well, him about to find out about her.
- 205 Raj: Really? Us gonna tell him?
- 206 Sheldon: Who's going to tell whom about what?
- 207 Howard: Sheldon. Hey.
- 208 Raj: Hi.
- 209 Sheldon: Your surprise confuses me. I live here.
- 210 Howard: Right. So, listen, what are you doing tomorrow afternoon?
- 211 Sheldon: Be more specific.
- 212 Howard: Four thirty.
- 213 Sheldon: That's not afternoon. That's preevning.
- 214 Howard: What?
- 215 Sheldon: It's a time of day I invented. It better defines the ambiguous period between afternoon and evening. Preevning. I'm fairly certain it will catch on as it fills a desperate need.
- 216 Raj: Right, okay. What are you doing tomorrow preevning?
- 217 Sheldon: Well, tomorrow's Saturday. Saturday night is laundry night, so I'll be spending the preevning pre-sorting and pre-soaking.
- 218 Howard: Okay, what if I were to tell you, tomorrow, at 4:30 you could meet a woman who has been scientifically chosen to be your perfect mate?
- 219 Sheldon: I would snort in derision and throw my arms in the air, exhausted by your constant tomfoolery.
- 220 Raj: But it's true. But we-we put all your vital information into this dating site, answered all their questions just like you would, and they found a match for you. Her name is Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 221 Sheldon: Please. Even assuming you could answer any question the way I would, the algorithms used by matchmaking sites are complete hokum.
- 222 Howard: And that's exactly the answer we gave to the question, what is your attitude towards online dating"
- 223 Raj: Howard wanted to write mumbo jumbo, but I said no, our Sheldon would say hokum.
- 224 Howard: Well, come on, where's your scientific curiosity?
- 225 Sheldon: Well, most of it is being applied to unravelling the secrets of the universe while the rest of it's wondering why I'm having this conversation with you.
- 226 Raj: Okay, how about this. Even Spock had a date once every seven years.
- 227 Sheldon: He didn't date. It was pon farr. His blood boiled with mating lust
- 228 Howard: Okay, well, why don't you start with a cup of coffee, and you can pon farr Amy Farrah Fowler later.
- 229 Sheldon: I don't drink coffee.
- 230 Howard: All right, you can have a hot chocolate.
- 231 Sheldon: As I will not be engaging in this nonsense, my choice of beverage is moot. But for the record, I only drink hot chocolate in months with an R in them.
- 232 Howard: Why?
- 233 Sheldon: What's life without whimsy?

- 234 Howard: Okay, I'm out.
- 235 Raj: Sheldon, I've hidden the dirty sock from the roof somewhere in your apartment. Unless you are willing to come with us to meet this girl, it will remain there forever.
- 236 Sheldon: You're bluffing.
- 237 Raj: Are you willing to risk it?
- 238 Sheldon: Curse you.
- 239 Scene: The hallway. Leonard is finishing off a bottle of spirits. He opens the lift and drops the bottle inside.
- 240 Leonard: Thirty feet.
- 241 Penny: Oh. Hey, Leonard.
- 242 Leonard: I was a perfectly happy, geeky, little lonely guy, and you ruined me!
- 243 Penny: Are you drunk?
- 244 Leonard: Come on. We're gonna have s\*x, and it's not gonna mean a thing!
- 245 Penny: Are you out of your mind?!
- 246 Leonard: I'm really starting to think there's a double standard here.
- 247 Scene: A coffee shop.
- 248 Sheldon: In a few minutes, when I gloat over the failure of this enterprise, how would you prefer I do it? The standard I told you so? The classic neenerneener? Or just my normal look of haughty derision?
- 249 Raj: You don't know we're wrong yet.
- 250 Sheldon: Haughty derision it is.
- 251 Amy: Excuse me. I'm Amy Farrah Fowler. You're Sheldon Cooper.
- 252 Sheldon: Hello, Amy Farrah Fowler. I'm sorry to inform you that you have been taken in by unsupportable mathematics designed to prey on the gullible and the lonely. Additionally, I'm being blackmailed with a hidden dirty sock.
- 253 Amy: If that was slang, I'm unfamiliar with it. If it was literal, I share your aversion to soiled hosiery. In any case, I'm here because my mother and I have agreed that I will date at least once a year.
- 254 Sheldon: Interesting. My mother and I have the same agreement about church.
- 255 Amy: I don't object to the concept of a deity, but I'm baffled by the notion of one that takes attendance.
- 256 Sheldon: Well, then you might want to avoid East Texas.
- 257 Amy: Noted. Now, before this goes any further, you should know that all forms of physical contact up to and including coitus are off the table.
- 258 Sheldon: May I buy you a beverage?
- 259 Amy: Tepid water, please.
- 260 Howard: Good God, what have we done?

# 4 The Big Bang Theory Season 04

# 4.1 Episode 01: The Robotic Manipulation

- 1 Scene: The apartment. A robotic arm is extracting some Chinese takeaway from a bag controlled by Howard.
- 2 Howard: And now the kung pao chicken.
- 3 Leonard: Alright.
- 4 Raj: Smooth.
- 5 Howard: And finally, my moo shu pork.
- 6 Raj: Whoo-hoo!
- 7 Howard: Ah, there you have it, gentlemen. Our entire dinner unpacked by robot.
- 8 Raj: And it only took 28 minutes.
- 9 Sheldon: Impressive, but we must be cautious.
- 10 Howard: Why?
- 11 Sheldon: Today, it's a Chinese food retrieval robot. Tomorrow, it travels back in time and tries to kill Sarah Connor.
- 12 Leonard: I don't think that's going to happen, Sheldon.
- 13 Sheldon: No one ever does. That's why it happens.
- 14 Penny (arriving): Hey. Is the food here? Ooh. What's that?
- 15 Howard: That, dear lady, is the Wolowitz Programmable Hand, designed for extravehicular repairs on the International Space Station.
- 16 Penny: Ah, cool.
- 17 Howard: Ask me to pass the soy sauce.
- 18 Penny: Oh, does that come up much on the space station?
- 19 Howard: Mostly with Asian and Jewish astronauts.
- 20 Penny: All right. Pass the soy sauce.
- 21 Howard: Coming up. (Starts typing rapidly)
- 22 Leonard: So how's work?
- 23 Penny: Oh, it's not bad. Kind of hungry.
- 24 Leonard: Yeah, we all are.
- 25 Howard: Just wait.
- 26 Sheldon: You realize, Penny, that the technology that went into this arm will one day make unskilled food servers such as yourself obsolete.
- 27 Penny: Really? They're going to make a robot that spits on your hamburger?
- 28 Sheldon: I thought you broke up with her. Why is she here?
- 29 Howard: Okay, here we go. Passing the soy sauce. Put out your hand.
- 30 Penny: Oh ha-ha, oh. That's amazing.
- 31 Sheldon: I wouldn't say amazing. At best, it's a modest leap forward from the basic technology that gave us Country Bear Jamboree.
- 32 Howard: Hey, Sheldon?
- 33 Sheldon: Yes? (Howard types. The hand puts up two fingers to Sheldon.) Peace?
- 34 Howard: No, not peace. Hang on.

- 35 Credits sequence.
- 36 Scene: A few moments later.
- 37 Penny: Does NASA know you're using that thing as a napkin holder?
- 38 Howard: You kidding? They still think it's in a secure locker at JPL.
- 39 Penny: You stole it?
- 40 Howard: Borrowed. The trick is to carry it out to your car like you own it.
- 41 Sheldon (phone gives text alert): Excuse me. Oh. Amy's at the dry cleaners, and she's made a very amusing pun. "I don't care for perchloroethylene, and I don't like glycol ether." Get it? She doesn't like glycol ether. Sounds like either. (Taps in reply) L-O-L.
- 42 Penny: Who's Amy?
- 43 Leonard: His girlfriend.
- 44 Penny: Sheldon has a girlfriend?
- 45 Sheldon: She's not my girlfriend.
- 46 Penny: How long has this been going on?
- 47 Leonard: Four months.
- 48 Sheldon: She's not my girlfriend.
- 49 Penny: Are you telling me, for the past four months I have been asking you what's new and you never thought to go with Sheldon has a girlfriend?
- 50 Sheldon: She's not my girlfriend.
- 51 Penny: Ah, du-du-du-du. How did they meet?
- 52 Howard: Raj and I entered Sheldon's information on a dating site, and it spit out Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 53 Penny: Oh, my God! Sheldon and Amy.
- 54 Howard: Or, as we call them, Shamy.
- 55 Penny (squeals): Shamy. I am so digging the Shamy.
- 56 Sheldon: All right, everyone pay attention. Yes, I have a friend named Amy Farrah Fowler. Yes, she is female. Yes, we communicate on a daily basis, but no, she is not my girlfriend.
- 57 Penny: Okay, well, what do you communicate about?
- 58 Sheldon: Well, my work in physics, her work in neurobiology, and most recently, the possibility of our having a child together.
- 59 Penny (spits out drink explosively. Howard types. Robot arm hands Penny a napkin): Thank you.
- 60 Leonard: Wait a minute— a child? You never see this girl. You just e-mail and text and Twitter. Now you're considering having a baby?
- 61 Sheldon: Amy pointed out that between the two of us, our genetic material has the potential of producing the first in a line of intellectually superior, benign overlords to guide humanity to a brighter tomorrow.
- 62 Howard: I'm guessing that future historians will condemn us for not taking this opportunity to kill Sheldon.
- 63 Penny: Okay, I have a question.
- 64 Sheldon: Yes, Penny.
- 65 Penny: You don't even like people touching you. How are you going to have s\*x?
- 66 Sheldon: Why on Earth would we have s\*x?

- 67 Penny: Oh, honey, did your mom not have the talk with you? You know, when your private parts started growing?
- 68 Sheldon: I'm quite aware of the way humans usually reproduce, which is messy, unsanitary, and based on living next to you for three years, involves loud and unnecessary appeals to a deity.
- 69 Penny: Oh, God.
- 70 Sheldon: Yes, exactly. Consequently, if Amy and I choose to bring new life into this world, it will be accomplished clinically, with fertility experts in a lab with petri dishes. Which reminds me, you have broad hips and a certain corn-fed vigour. Is your womb available for rental?
- 71 Leonard: Still digging the Shamy?
- 72 Penny: Look, Sheldon, before you race off to the fertility clinic, you might want to think about, uh gee, I don't know, maybe actually spending some time with her.
- 73 Sheldon: You mean dating?
- 74 Penny: Yeah.
- 75 Sheldon: I can't date Amy.
- 76 Penny: Why not?
- 77 Sheldon: She's not my girlfriend.
- 78 Penny: Okay, look, don't think of it as dating a girlfriend. Think of it as, uh, getting to know the future mother of your child.
- 79 Sheldon: Oh. I hadn't considered that. I suppose she will have to have access to our progeny. And you don't think I can achieve the required intimacy via text messaging?
- 80 Penny: Probably not.
- 81 Sheldon: Huh. It would appear as if the phone companies have been lying to me.
- 82 Scene: The hallway.
- 83 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 84 Penny: You do realize I stand on the other side of the door waiting for you to finish knocking three times.
- 85 Sheldon: I know. I can see the shadow of your feet under the door.
- 86 Penny: Yeah, my point is it's a waste of time.
- 87 Sheldon: If you're looking for an example of a waste of time, I would refer you to the conversation we're having right now.
- 88 Penny: What do you want?
- 89 Sheldon: I've decided to take your advice and have arranged to go on a date with Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 90 Penny: Oh, that's great. Have fun.
- 91 Sheldon: Wait. You have to drive me.
- 92 Penny: What?
- 93 Sheldon: You know I don't drive.
- 94 Penny: Well, go ask Leonard.
- 95 Sheldon: I did. He said, and I quote, ask Penny, it was her cockamamie idea.

- 96 Penny: Leonard said cockamamie?
- 97 Sheldon: Actually, I'm paraphrasing. Having been raised in a Christian household, I'm uncomfortable with the language he used. And to be honest, I'm not entirely comfortable with cockamamie.
- 98 Penny: Okay, fine. When's the date?
- 99 Sheldon: Now.
- 100 Penny: Now?
- 101 Sheldon: Hurry. We're going to be late.
- 102 Penny: Sheldon, did it ever occur to you that I might have other plans?
- 103 Sheldon: I'm sorry. Do you have other plans?
- 104 Penny: Well, no, not per se, but...
- 105 Sheldon: So this conversation is as pointless as your door-knocking solil-oquy?
- 106 Penny: Let me get my cockamamie keys.
- 107 Scene: Howard's bedroom. Howard is being massaged by the robot hand.
- 108 Howard: Oh, God, that feels so good. Yeah, that's the spot. Oh, baby.
- 109 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Howard, dinner's ready!
- 110 Howard: I'll eat later. I'm busy! Oh, yeah. Just like a real hand. Hmm.
- 111 Scene: Penny's car.
- 112 Sheldon: Thank you for driving me.
- 113 Penny: You're welcome.
- 114 Sheldon: I wish you weren't wearing flip-flops. It's dangerous to drive in flip-flops.
- 115 Penny: Sheldon.
- 116 Sheldon: Sorry. I just don't want to be yet another flip-flop fatality.
- 117 Penny: Can I ask you a question?
- 118 Sheldon: Given your community college education, I encourage you to ask me as many as possible.
- 119 Penny: Yeah. Well, my question is, and I'm pretty sure I know the answer, is this your first date?
- 120 Sheldon: That depends. Does square-dancing with my sister at a Teens for Jesus Fourth of July Hoedown count as a date?
- 121 Penny: No.
- 122 Sheldon: Then, this is my first date.
- 123 Penny: Okay. Well, then, there's a couple of things you should probably know.
- 124 Sheldon: I have a master's degree and two doctorates. The things I should know, I do know.
- 125 Penny: My point is, I know more about dating than you, and if you were as smart as you think you are, you would listen to me.
- 126 Sheldon: If you know so much, how come I have a date tonight and you have nothing better to do than drive me to it?
- 127 Penny: Fair point.
- 128 Scene: The apartment.
- 129 Raj: You know, there's something I've always wondered about Aquaman.
- 130 Leonard: Yeah?

- 131 Raj: Where does he poop?
- 132 Leonard: What?
- 133 Raj: What would a toilet look like in Atlantis? How would you flush it? And when you did flush it, where would the poop go?
- 134 Leonard (phone rings): Hold that thought. Hey, Howard, what's going on? What? Hold on, Howard, Howard, slow down. The robot hand is stuck on your what? (To Raj) You're not going to believe this.
- 135 Scene: Penny's car. Amy is now in the back seat.
- 136 Penny: So, um, Amy, Sheldon tells me you're a neuro something-or-other.
- 137 Amy: Neurobiologist. Your check engine light is on.
- 138 Penny: Yeah, it's okay.
- 139 Amy: But the light indicates...
- 140 Sheldon: Don't bother. I've wasted many an hour tilting at that particular windmill.
- 141 Penny: Um, what is that scent you're wearing? It smells great.
- 142 Amy: Dandruff shampoo. I have dry scalp.
- 143 Penny: Ah. Well, your hair looks very nice.
- 144 Amy: Are you a homosexual?
- 145 Penny: No, no, I was just giving you a compliment.
- 146 Amy: Hmm. Would have been more flattered if you were a homosexual.
- 147 Penny: Guys, how 'bout some music?
- 148 Sheldon: Oh, no, I wouldn't care for that. Amy?
- 149 Amy: No, thank you.
- 150 Penny: Okay. Uncomfortable silence it is. Hey, Sheldon, have you told Amy what it was like for you growing up in Texas?
- 151 Sheldon: No.
- 152 Penny: Well, why don't you tell her?
- 153 Sheldon: All right. It was hell.
- 154 Penny: Any follow up, Amy?
- 155 Amy: No.
- 156 Penny: I myself grew up in Nebraska. Small town outside of Omaha. You know, nice place, mostly family farms, a few meth labs.
- 157 Sheldon: I'm sorry, how is this better than uncomfortable silence?
- 158 Penny: I don't know. I was just trying something.
- 159 Sheldon: Muggles.
- 160 Scene: Howard's bedroom.
- 161 Raj: You slipped and fell into a robot hand?
- 162 Howard: Yes.
- 163 Raj: pen1s first?
- 164 Howard: Yes. Now, help me!
- 165 Leonard: I'd suggest a lubricant, but I have a feeling you fell on some of that as well.
- 166 Howard: Not funny, Leonard.
- 167 Raj: Really? A robot hand's got a death grip on your junk, dude. That's funny, ask anyone.
- 168 Howard: Please, before my mother walks in, just get this off me!

- 169 Leonard: Okay, let's see.
- 170 Howard: No, no! Don't touch, the program is paused.
- 171 Leonard: Well, then let's un-pause it.
- 172 Howard: No, no! I loaded the wrong program. The hand thinks it's holding a screwdriver in outer space. If you continue the program, it's gonna start twisting.
- 173 Raj: A-All right, um, how about this. When, when Winnie the Pooh got his head stuck in the honey tree, his friends all grabbed onto him and pulled and pulled.
- 174 Leonard: You do what you want, I'm not touching another man's honey tree.
- 175 Raj: All right, uh, forget pulling. How about we get an electric saw and cut it off?
- 176 Howard: What? No saws! One circumcision was enough.
- 177 Leonard: How about an acetylene torch?
- 178 Howard: Okay, I can't believe this needs to be said out loud. No pulling, no saws, no torches.
- 179 Leonard: Well, then what do you want us to do?
- 180 Howard: I...
- 181 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Howard, I made cookies for you and your little friends!
- 182 Howard: That's great, Mom, thanks!
- 183 Mrs Wolowitz (off): I'll bring them up with some Hawaiian Punch!
- 184 Howard: Don't come up here!
- 185 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Why not?! Are you ashamed of your mother?!
- 186 Howard: Yes, but that's not the point! Get me out of here.
- 187 Leonard: You have any ideas, Raj?
- 188 Raj: Right now, all I can think about is cookies and Hawaiian Punch.
- 189 Scene: A restaurant.
- 190 Penny: Hey, here's another possible topic of conversation. This is a big night for Sheldon. Right, Sheldon?
- 191 Sheldon: Big night? The winter solstice is a big night. It's over 14 hours in Southern California.
- 192 Amy: That's an amusing factoid.
- 193 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 194 Penny: No, no. My point is, uh, tonight is Sheldon's first official date. Discuss.
- 195 Amy: Is this true?
- 196 Sheldon: Apparently, a semi-incestuous Teens for Jesus Fourth of July Hoedown didn't count.
- 197 Penny: So, um, Amy, what about you? Do you date much?
- 198 Amy: Once a year. It's a deal I made with my mother in exchange for her silence on the matter, as well as the occasional use of her George Foreman Grill that seals in the flavour without the fat. How about you, Penny? Do you go on many dates?
- 199 Penny: Uh, yeah, I wouldn't say many. A few. (Sheldon laugh's strangely). What's (imitates Sheldon's laugh)

- 200 Sheldon: Your characterization of approximately 171 different men as a few
- 201 Penny: What? Where did you get 171 men?
- 202 Sheldon: Simple extrapolation. In the three years that I've known you, you were single for two. During that time, I saw 17 different suitors. If we work backwards, correcting for observation bias and postulate an initial dating age of 15...
- 203 Penny: Whoa, wait, wait, wait. I did not start dating at 15.
- 204 Sheldon: I'm sorry. 16?
- 205 Penny: 14.
- 206 Sheldon: My mistake. Now, assuming the left side of a bell curve peaking around the present, that would bring the total up to 193 men. Plus or minus eight men.
- 207 Amy: Remarkable. Did you have sexual intercourse with all of these men?
- 208 Penny: No.
- 209 Sheldon: Although that number would be fairly easy to calculate.
- 210 Penny: Oh.
- 211 Sheldon: Based on the number of awkward encounters I've had with strange men leaving her apartment in the morning, plus the number of times she's returned home wearing the same clothes she wore the night before...
- 212 Penny: Okay, Sheldon, I think you've made your point.
- 213 Sheldon: So we multiply 193, minus 21 men before the loss of virginity, so
- 172 times 0.18 gives us 30.96 sexual partners. Let's round that up to 31.
- 214 Penny: Okay, Sheldon, you are so wrong. That is not even close to the real number. I'm gonna need a drink over here.
- 215 Amy: This is very interesting. Cultural perceptions are subjective. Penny, to your mind, are you a slut?
- 216 Penny: No! No! No. Let's just all finish our dinners, okay?
- 217 Sheldon: This is an interesting topic. How many sexual encounters have you had?
- 218 Amy: Does volunteering for a scientific experiment in which orgasm was achieved by electronically stimulating the pleasure centres of the brain count?
- 219 Sheldon: I should think so.
- 220 Amy: Then 128.
- 221 Scene: A hospital,=.
- 222 Leonard: Okay, come on. Almost there.
- 223 Howard: Don't tug. No tugging.
- 224 Raj: Next time, take your own advice.
- 225 Leonard: Excuse me, could you help us out?
- 226 Nurse: My, my, my. What do we have here?
- 227 Howard: I slipped and fell.
- 228 Nurse: Yeah, we get that a lot. What is this?
- 229 Howard: It's a robot arm.
- 230 Nurse: Where's the rest of the robot?
- 231 Howard: I only built the arm.
- 232 Nurse: 'Cause that's all you needed, right?

- 233 Howard: Can you please just help me?
- 234 Nurse: All right, all right. Hang on, stay calm. (Over PA system) I need an orderly with a wheelchair. I got a robot hand grasping a man's pen1s out here
- 235 Howard: You think you could be a little more discreet?
- 236 Nurse: I'm sorry, we don't have a code for robot hand grasping a man's pen1s. Why is it hooked up to a computer?
- 237 Leonard: Uh, it's what controls the arm.
- 238 Howard: But it's frozen.
- 239 Nurse: Did you try turning it off and back on again?
- 240 Howard: No, you see, it's more complicated than that. (Nurse switches off computer) No, wait! (The hand lets go) Winnie the Pooh is out of the honey tree.
- 241 Raj: Now can we have cookies and Hawaiian Punch?
- 242 Scene: The stairwell.
- 243 Sheldon: You were right. This was a very productive evening. I saw a whole new side of Amy Farrah Fowler tonight.
- 244 Penny: I did not have s\*x with 31 guys.
- 245 Sheldon: I'll be happy to check the math, but numbers don't lie, Penny. In any event, now that Amy and I have spent quality time together, I feel much more confident proceeding to the next stage of our relationship.
- 246 Penny: And that is?
- 247 Sheldon: Using in vitro fertilization and a surrogate uterus to gift humanity with our progeny.
- 248 Penny: You're still on that?
- 249 Sheldon: In these uncertain times, doesn't humanity deserve a gift?
- 250 Penny: Okay, you know what? I'm gonna come at this in a whole new way. Sheldon, if you try to make a baby with Amy in a petri dish, I'm gonna tell your mother on you.
- 251 Sheldon: That's no threat. My mother's always wanted a grandchild.
- 252 Penny: Really? Your deeply religious born-again Christian mother wants a test-tube grandbaby born out of wedlock?
- 253 Sheldon: Curses.
- 254 Penny: If I'd thought of that in the first place, I could've saved myself this whole night.
- 255 Sheldon: Well, it's not that late. You could still go out and look for number 32. Good night.
- 256 Leonard (on phone): Hey, Howard, what's up?
- 257 Sheldon: I've decided not to procreate.
- 258 Leonard: Yeah, yeah, great. Howard, uh, slow down. What do you mean it happened again?

## 4.2 Episode 02: The Cruciferous Vegetable Amplifica

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon has a series of whiteboards across the room.
- 2 Leonard: Whatcha doin' there? Working on a new plan to catch the road-

#### runner?

- 3 Sheldon: The humorous implication being that I am Wile E. Coyote?
- 4 Leonard: Yes.
- 5 Sheldon: And this is a schematic for a bird-trapping device that will ultimately backfire and cause me physical injury?
- 6 Leonard: Yes.
- 7 Sheldon: What I'm doing here is trying to determine when I'm going to die.
- 8 Leonard: A lot of people are working on that research. So what is all this?
- 9 Sheldon: My family history factoring in longevity, propensity for disease, et cetera.
- 10 Leonard: Interesting. Cause of death for Uncle Carl was KBB. What's KBB?
- 11 Sheldon: Killed by badger.
- 12 Leonard: How's that?
- 13 Sheldon: It was Thanksgiving. Uncle Carl said, I think there's a badger living in our chimney. Hand me that flashlight. Those were the last words he ever spoke to us.
- 14 Leonard: I don't think you need to worry about death by badgers being hereditary.
- 15 Sheldon: Not true. The fight or flight instinct is coded genetically. Instead of fleeing, he chose to fight barehanded against a brawny member of the weasel family. Who's to say that I don't share that flawed DNA?
- 16 Leonard: You can always get a badger and find out.
- 17 Sheldon: But seriously, even if I disregard the Uncle Carl factor, at best I have 60 years left.
- 18 Leonard: That long, huh?
- 19 Sheldon: 60 only takes me to here. I need to get to here.
- 20 Leonard: What's there?
- 21 Sheldon: The earliest estimate of the singularity, when man will be able to transfer his consciousness into machines and achieve immortality.
- 22 Leonard: So, you're upset about missing out on becoming some sort of freakish self-aware robot?
- 23 Sheldon: By this much.
- 24 Leonard: Tough break. You want eggs?
- 25 Sheldon: You don't get it, Leonard. I'm going to miss so much, the unified field theory, cold fusion, the dogapus.
- 26 Leonard: What's a dogapus?
- 27 Sheldon: A hybrid dog and octopus. Man's underwater best friend.
- 28 Leonard: Is somebody working on that?
- 29 Sheldon: I was going to. I planned on giving it to myself on my 300th birthday.
- 30 Leonard: Wait a minute. You hate dogs.
- 31 Sheldon: A dogapus can play fetch with eight balls. No one can hate that.
- 32 Credits sequence.
- 33 Scene: The apartment.
- 34 Howard: What do we owe you?

- 35 Leonard: It came to 28.17. Let's says ix buck sapiece.
- 36-Howard: Hereyougo.
- 37 Leonard : Thankyou.
- 38 Penny: What?
- 39-Leonard: Nevermind. I got it.
- 40 Penny: Oh, youwanted metopay.
- 41 Leonard: It's no big deal.
- 42-Penny: No, no, no, no, You'r eright. We'r enot going out anymore, I should pay for my self. (After Rajwhispe
- 43-Howard: He said if he had woman parts, he' deat for free the rest of his life.
- 44-Penny: Yeah, but you wouldn't be able total ktoyour self. I'm a little low on cash.
- 45 Leonard: Hmm? How much you got?
- 46 Penny : Nothing.
- 47-Leonard: How can you walk around with no money?
- 48 Penny : I'mcute.Iqetby.
- 49 Leonard: It'sokay, you can owe me.
- 50 Penny : Okay.
- 51 Leonard: Sheldon, sixbucks.
- 52 Sheldon: No, thankyou. I'mnote a tingpizzatonight.
- 53-Penny: But it's Thursday. Thursday's pizzanight.
- 54-Sheldon: Not forme. Thursday is now Cruci ferous Vegetable Night. To night's selection, brussels sprouts.
- 55 Howard: Really? You're changing the Sheldonian calendar?
- 56 Sheldon: It's a small price to pay.
- 57-Penny: For what?
- 58 Leonard: No, no, don't ask.
- 59 Penny: Sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry.
- 60-Sheldon: In order to live longer nough to fuse my conscious ness with cybernetics, In eed to change my diet.
- 61-Penny: Wait. Cybernetics is robot stuff, right?
- 62 Sheldon: Correct.
- 63-Penny: Soyouwant to turn your self into some sort of robot?
- 64 Sheldon: Essentially, yes.
- 65 Penny: Okay, here's myquestion. Didn't you already do that?
- 67 Penny: Wait. Honey, have you ever run before?

66-Sheldon: Flattering, but sadly, no. I'm also planning to be gin an exercise regimende signed to strengthen my control of the strength of

- 68-Sheldon: Certainly. I'verun from bullies, dogs, an grychickens, and one particularly persistent P.E. teacher
- 69-Howard (after Rajwhisperstohim): You'r eright, Pennyjogs. May be you guys can run to gether. The property of the property
- 70-Sheldon: That's an excellent idea. Yeah, if we chat, it will create the illusion of timegoing faster.
- 71 Penny: No, itwon't.Um, how does he know Ijog?
- 72 Howard: Oh, hewatchesyou from his carwith high-powered bin oculars.
- 73 Penny: Oh, myGod, that is socreepy!
- 75-Scene: Leonard's bedroom
- 76 Sheldon(off) : (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock)U u u
- ugh.(Knock, knock, knock)Lenu u ugh.
- 77-Leonard: What the hell? What's the matter?
- 78-Sheldon: I have pain radiating from my navel to my lower right abdomen. I'm nause at ed and fever ish. I believe the state of the

74-Howard: Iknow! (Rajwhisperstohim) Andhesayshe's not gonnastop. (Rajwhisperstohimurgently) Then see the second second

79-Leonard: There's no cholera in Pasadena. Just like last summer, when the rewas no malaria in Pasadena.

- 80-Sheldon: Well, if it's not cholera, then based on a quick Internet search, the other explanations in decreasing of the tapeworm or accidental ingestion of chrysanthem umblossoms.
- 81-Leonard: When would you have accidentally eaten chrysan the mumblossoms?
- 82-Sheldon: It's part of an unlikely scenario that involves sleep walking and a 24-sheldon in the state of the state of

hour flower martwith a less-than-vigil ant propriet or. Oh, Lord, mybelly!

- 83-Leonard: Have you had your appendix out?
- 84-Sheldon: I haven't. I've been meaning to, but who has the time?
- 85 Leonard: Let's getyout othehospital.
- 86-Sheldon: So this is how it ends, with cruelirony. Just as I make the commitment to preserving mybody, I ambetrate the commitment to the commitment of the commitment to the commitment of t
- 87 Leonard: No.
- 88-Sheldon: Ido. And yet I'm doomed while you live on.
- 89 Leonard: Funnyhowthingsworkout, isn'tit?
- 90-Sheldon: Oh, Lord, Ithinkit's about to burst! (Louds ound of farting) On the other hand, it might have been the Louds ound of the control of the contro
- 91 Leonard: Goodnight.
- 92-Sheldon: Goodnight. Appendicitis. What an ervous Nelly.
- 93 Scene: The hallway.
- 94-Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock) P
- 95 Penny: Coming, coming. Hey, niceknees.
- 96 Sheldon: Thankyou. They'r emymother's.
- 97-Penny: Oh. And the Flash shirt is what? Because you're gonnar unreally fast?
- 98-Sheldon: No, the Flash shirt is because it's Friday, but it's nice when things work out. Where's your heart rate in the property of the p
- 99 Penny: Idon't have one.
- 100-Sheldon: What about your pedometer?
- 101 Penny: Don't have one.
- 102 Sheldon: Doyouhavetelematics in your shoes connected to an iPod?
- 103 Penny : Uh, no.
- 104 Sheldon: What doyou do, you just goout the reand gambol about like a bunny?
- 105-Penny: No. Ijustruntill I'mhungry, then Istop for a bearclaw.
- 106 Sheldon: Why are you do ingthat?
- 107-Penny: It's good to stretchy our muscles before your un.
- 108 Sheldon: Allright.
- 109 Penny: Allright, let's start with a toetouch. Okay, you do it.
- 110 Sheldon: Iamdoingit.
- 111 Penny: Oh. Wow. Goodjob. Okay, um, canyoud othis?
- 112 Sheldon: We'll never know.
- 113 Penny: Okay, let's just warm upon the run.
- 114 Sheldon: Okay.
- 115 Penny: Okay, let's go.
- 116-Sheldon: Yeah, I've been reading upon biomechanics. It hinkyou'll be surprised at my... Wah! Oh!
- 117 Penny(squealing) : Oh, myGod, areyouokay?
- 118 Sheldon: Ithinkso.
- 119 Penny: Oh, let mehel pyouup.
- 120 Sheldon: Thankyou.(Loudsound of farting)
- 121 Penny: Oh, Sheldon!
- 122-Sheldon: If it makes you feel any better, Thursday is no longer Cruci ferous Vegetable Night.
- 123-Scene: The apartment.

- 124-Leonard: Here's mychicken curry. Howard, your shrimp biryani.
- 125 Howard: Thankyou, sir.
- 126 Leonard: Palakpaneer, that's Penny.
- 127 Penny: Thanks.
- 128-Leonard: And for Rajesh Kooth rappali, from whose homeland the set a stydishes originate, one large order of the set of the se
- 129 Penny : Hey, what's myshare?
- 130-Leonard: Uh, 12bucks.
- 131 Penny: Okay, can I getyou after Friday when I getpaid?
- 132 Leonard: Sure.
- 133 Penny: Whatam Iuptonow?
- 134-Leonard: Well, okay, with the Indian food, the pizza, the Thaifood, the tank of gas, the frozen yogur tandyon the pizza of the tank of gas, the frozen yogur tandyon the pizza of the
- 135 Penny(after Rajwhispersto Howard and they both laugh): What now?
- 136-Howard: He's just expressing his admiration that you don't even have to put out toget free stuff.
- 137-Penny: It's not free, I'm gonnapay him back. (Rajwhispers. Bothlaughagain) Shutup!
- 138 Leonard: Sheldon, are you gonnajoinus?
- 139-Sheldon: Coming! (From the bedroom area, awheeled device consisting of a base, at ee-

shirt on a coath anger, and a computer monitor with Sheldon's face, appears). Greetings, friends.

- 140-Leonard: Greetings, whatever the helly our e.
- 141-Sheldon-bot: I a mamo bile virtual presence device. Recent event shave demonstrated to methat mybody is too a constrated to methat mybody is too a constraint my
- 142-Howard(after Rajwhisperstohim): Really? That's your question? When did he put a rampin?
- 143-Sheldon-bot: You're in my spot. This may seem a little odd at first, but over time you'll grow accust omed to dear the contract of the c
- 144 Penny: Yeah, to behonest, Idon't seemuch difference.
- 145-Sheldon-bot: Thankyou. That's what I was going for. Now, Leonard, tomorrow, when we go towork, you'll not be a constant of the property of the property
- 146-Leonard: This is ridiculous. I'm coming total ktoyou.
- 147-Sheldon-bot: Youdon't know where I am. Myphysical body is safely ensconced in a secure, undisclosed location of the properties of th
- 148-Leonard: You'r einyour bedroom.
- 149 Sheldon bot : No, I'mnot.
- 150-Leonard: I can heary our voice coming from your bedroom.
- 151-Sheldon-bot: No, you can't. Wait. Comeback. Halt. Authorized personnel only!
- 152-Penny: So, either one of you we ir dos want to buy my under we ar? Only four teenhund red bucks.
- 153 Scene: Sheldon's bedroom.
- 154-Leonard: Sheldon, this is ridiculous.
- 155 Sheldon: I'mbehindyou. Please lookat mewhen you'r et alking to me.
- 156-Leonard: Iamlooking at you.
- 157 Sheldon: No, you're not. Payno attention to that man in the bed.
- 158-Leonard: You cannot exist as a virtual presence. Nother ear d certainly not at work. Oh, good God.
- 159 Sheldon: Atmyage, doyouknowhow I'm statistically most likely to die?
- 160-Leonard: At the hands of your room mate?
- 161 Sheldon : Anaccident.
- 162-Leonard: That's how I'm going to make it look.
- 163-Sheldon: Until I can transfer my intellect to a more durable container, my body will remains a felyen sconceding the container of the co
- 164-Leonard: Fine, but don't expect myhelp.
- 165 Sheldon: You have to help, it's in the room mate agreement.
- 166 Leonard : No, it's not.
- 167-Sheldon: Section 74.C. The various obligations and duties of the parties in the event one of them becomes a robotic formula of the parties of the part
- 168 Leonard: I'll bedamned.

- 169 Scene: Leonard's car
- 170-Sheld on-bot: This is delight ful.
- 171 Leonard : Uh huh.
- 172-Sheldon-bot: It's much easier to enjoy the picture squerout ewe travel towork when you remove the spectre of the picture of the picture
- 173-Leonard: Refreshmy memory. Why didn't I just put you in the trunk?
- 174 Sheldon bot: Because I called shot gun. Remember?
- 175 Leonard : Right.
- 176 Sheldon bot: You seem tense. Perhaps this will relaxyou.
- 177-Leonard: Idon't want to list entomusic, Sheldon.
- 178-Sheldon-bot: Verywell. Idon't understand why you'r enoten joying this. Together, in this car, with myen have a superficient of the properties of the p
- 179-Leonard: Except in Knight Rider, the car isn't ayammering sphincter.
- 180-Sheld on-bot: You mock the sphincter, but the sphincter is a class of muscle without which human being scould a class of the sphincter is a class of the sphincter in the sphincter is a class of the sphincter in the sphincter in the sphincter is a class of the sphincter in the sphincter in the sphincter is a class of the sphincter in the s
- 181-Leonard: Iwaswrong, this is exactly like Knight Rider.
- 182-Sheld on-bot: Perhapsyou'd be interested in a different game.
- 183 Leonard : No.
- 184-Sheld on-bot: This is a photograph of the 1911 Solvay Conference on the theory of radiation and quanta. Using the properties of the
- 185 Leonard: That'sit. Bye bye. (Turns off screen.)
- 186-Sheld on-bot (screens witching itself backon): Bazing a.
- 187-Leonard: Whoa!
- 188 Sheldon bot: I have an override switch.
- 189-Leonard: I almost died!
- 190-Sheldon-bot: And I'ms a feand sound in bed. Who's crazy now?
- 191-Leonard: I'm still going to go with you.
- 192-Scene: A corridor at the university.
- 193-Sheldon-bot: Hello, ProfessorHoskins. Nicetoseeyou, Mindy. Konichi-
- waDr. Nakamora. Sorrythe Swedes disproved your theory. Leonard, mydoor.
- 194 Leonard: What about it?
- 195 Sheldon bot: Bealamban dopen it forme.
- 196-Leonard: Why? What's the problem?
- 197-Sheld on-bot: You thinkyou have mesty mied, don't you?
- 198-Leonard: No, Ithinkadoorknobhasyoustymied.
- 199 Howard: Oh, look, it's Leonard and R2 D Bag.
- 200 Raj: That's myjoke. It old it last night. You can't just use it.
- 201 Sheldon bot: Raj, be a lamband open the door forme.
- 202 Raj: Oh, sure.
- 203-Sheld on-bot: He's a lamb. You're not.
- 204 Raj: I'malamb.
- 205 Scene: The Cheese cake Factory
- 206-Sheldon-bot: Isn't this nice? The pleasures of fellowship and camara derie without having total erate your general contractions of the pleasures of the p
- 207-Howard: Is a ywe just take him to Tatoo in ear d sell him to some Jawas.
- 208 Raj: That's two, dude. Write your own jokes.
- 209-Penny: Oh, great. Hi, I'm Penny, I'll beyour wait ress.
- 210-Leonard: Why are you introducing yourself?
- 211-Penny: I'd rather people not know I have any prior connection to you what so ever.
- 212 Sheldon bot: Canyout ellmethes pecial sthis evening?
- 213 Penny: Sheldon, I'mnot waiting on you.

- 214 Sheldon bot: Obviously. Idon't even have water yet.
- 215-Penny: Because you're nothere.
- 216-Sheldon-bot: That's discrimination against the otherwise located. I'm going to have to go over your head. Maximum and the state of the state o
- 217 Howard: Isthat Steve Wozniak?
- 218 Leonard: Ithinkitis.
- 219-Sheld on-bot: The Great and Powerful Woz.
- 220-Leonard: Penny, Steve Wozniak was one of the cofounders of Apple Computer. He and Steve Jobs started it.
- 221-Penny: Yeah, Iknow who he is. I watch Dancing with the Stars.
- 222 Sheldon bot: Imust speak to him.
- 223 Leonard: Of course you must.
- 224-Penny: Youknow, there's an Olive Garden down the street. You guys should try it sometime.
- 225 Sheldon bot : Excuseme, Mr. Wozniak?
- 226-Steve Wozniak: Oh, hey. Nice virtual presence device.
- 227-Sheldon-bot: Thankyou. I just want to say I'm a big fan. You'r emy fifteenth favour it etechnological vision
- 228 SteveWozniak : Only fifteenth?
- 229-Sheldon-bot: It's stills ix spots above Steve Jobs. I care neither for turtle necks nor show manship.
- 230-SteveWozniak: Yeah, Inevergotthatturtleneckthing.
- 232-Steve Wozniak: Thanks, we were shooting fornifty. You know, if you had it here, I'd autograph it for you.

231-Sheld on-bot: One of my proudest possessions is a vintage 1977 Apple Two. Despite the file system limitation of the properties of th

- 233-Sheldon-bot: Don't move for 15to 30 minutes, depending on how the buses are running.
- 234 SteveWozniak : Nerds.
- 235-Scene: The hallway. Sheld on exits carrying the Apple 2.
- 236-Sheldon: I'mcoming, Woz, I'mcoming. (Tripsonstairs.) Ow! Aw.
- 237-Scene: The hallway. Sheld on-bot approaches Penny's door and starts bashing into it.
- 238-Sheldon-bot: (Bash)Penny. (Bash)Penny. (Bash)Penny.
- 239 Penny: Whatup, Shel Bot?
- 240 Sheldon bot: Ican't getout of bed. I hurt myankle.
- 241 Penny: What do you want metodo?
- 242 Sheldon bot : SingmeSoftKitty.
- 243-Penny: Really, you want metosing Soft Kitty to a computer monitor?
- 244 Sheldon bot: Would your ather come over and singit to me in person?
- 245 Penny: Softkitty, warmkitty, littleballof fur.
- 246 Sheldon bot : Closer to the microphone.
- 247 Penny: Happykitty, sleepy...
- 248 Sheldon bot: No. You have to start over.
- 249-Penny: Softkitty, warmkitty, littleball of fur. Happykitty, sleepykitty, purr, purr,

#### 4.3 Episode 03: The Zazzy Substitution

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: All right, I'm ready for my next question.
- 3 Amy: In a world where rhinoceroses are domesticated pets, who wins the
- Second World War?
- 4 Sheldon: Uganda.
- 5 Amy: Defend.
- 6 Sheldon: Kenya rises to power on the export of rhinoceroses. A Central

African power block is formed, colonizing North Africa and Europe. When war breaks out, no one can afford the luxury of a rhino. Kenya withers, Uganda triumphs.

- 7 Amy: Correct. My turn.
- 8 Sheldon: In a world where a piano is a weapon, not a musical instrument, on what does Scott Joplin play The Maple Leaf Rag?
- 9 Amy: Tuned bayonets.
- 10 Sheldon: Defend.
- 11 Amy: Isn't it obvious?
- 12 Sheldon: You're right. My apologies.
- 13 Leonard: What the hell are you guys playing?
- 14 Sheldon: It's a game we invented. It's called Counterfactuals.
- 15 Amy: We postulate an alternate world that differs from ours in one key aspect and then pose questions to each other.
- 16 Sheldon: It's fun for ages eight to eighty. Join us.
- 17 Leonard: All right. I like a good brainteaser. Give it a whirl.
- 18 Sheldon: You're in luck, this is an easy one. In a world where mankind is ruled by a giant intelligent beaver, what food is no longer consumed?
- 19 Leonard: Uh, a BLT where the B stands for beaver? I don't know.
- 20 Sheldon: Leonard, be serious. We're playing a game here.
- 21 Leonard: I can figure this out, let's see. Um, well, beavers eat tree bark. The only tree bark I know that humans consume is cinnamon. So, I'll say cinnamon.
- 22 Sheldon: Incorrect. Obviously, the answer is cheese Danish.
- 23 Leonard: What?
- 24 Amy: In a world ruled by a giant beaver, mankind builds many dams to please the beaver overlord. The low-lying city of Copenhagen is flooded. Thousands die. Devastated, the Danes never invent their namesake pastry. How does one miss that?
- 25 Leonard: This is ridiculous. You're just making stuff up.
- 26 Amy: Is he always like this when he loses?
- 27 Sheldon: Oh, yes. You should've been here for the great Jenga tantrum of 2008.
- 28 Leonard: You bumped the table and you know it.
- 29 Amy: Perhaps it would be kinder to play a game more suited to his abilities. We'll close our eyes and count to ten while you hide.
- 30 Leonard: I'm going to my room.
- 31 Amy: Very good, Leonard. But next time, don't tell us where you're hiding.
- 32 Credits sequence.
- 33 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 34 Leonard: Did you guys see the paper in The American Physics Journal on supersolids? It's pretty interesting. This guy's working from a hypothesis where...
- 35 Raj: Spoiler alert! Spoiler alert.
- 36 Leonard: What?
- 37 Raj: Don't ruin it for me, man. I printed out a PDF to read on the potty.

- 38 Howard: On the potty? What are you, five?
- 39 Raj: It's a potty. What do you call it?
- 40 Howard: Toilet.
- 41 Raj: That's a little vulgar for the dinner table, don't you think?
- 42 Howard: Oh, and potty is okay?
- 43 Raj: Potty is innocent. Potty is adorable.
- 44 Howard: What do you do in the potty, wee-wee?
- 45 Raj: If I don't have to boom-boom.
- 46 Sheldon: Greetings. You all remember Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 47 Leonard: Sure.
- 48 Howard: Nice to see you.
- 49 Amy: Hello.
- 50 Sheldon: Sorry we're late.
- 51 Amy: I must take responsibility. I had to stop for feminine hygiene supplies.
- 52 Howard: Ah, ah.
- 53 Leonard: Okay.
- 54 Sheldon: I believe she's experiencing her menses.
- 55 Amy: Actually, I'm not. In order to avoid surprises, I wear them all the time.
- 56 Leonard: Ah, ah.
- 57 Howard: Okay. Toilet's sounding pretty good now, huh?
- 58 Penny: Hey, look, it's Shamy.
- 59 Amy: Shamy?
- 60 Sheldon: A juvenile amalgamation of our names. Sheldon and Amy, Shamy.
- 61 Amy: Oh. I don't like that. Don't do that.
- 62 Penny: All righty. What's new?
- 63 Amy: Well, just recently, I learned that you refer to us as Shamy, and I don't like that.
- 64 Penny: I got it. But what I was going for was, you know, how's your life?
- 65 Amy: Like every body else's. Subject to entropy, decay and eventual death.
- Thank you for asking. Why is she not taking our order?
- 66 Sheldon: I should've warned you, one has to navigate a labyrinth of social nonsense before one can be fed here.
- 67 Amy: Really? I assumed an establishment called the Cheesecake Factory would function more efficiently.
- 68 Sheldon: It's how they lure you in. I believe it's called bait and switch.
- 69 Penny: Okay, I'm just gonna walk away, 'cause I don't want to be here.
- 70 Leonard: So, this is nice. First time we've all gotten together to eat.
- 71 Amy: You're right, he's a festival of humdrum chitchat.
- 72 Leonard: Okay, that's all I got. Howard, you're up.
- 73 Howard: Um, tell us about your work, Amy.
- 74 Amy: I doubt you'd understand. Sheldon tells me you only have a master's degree.
- 75 Howard: Raj, do you have any questions for Amy?
- 76 Amy: I'm curious as to why we're not eating alone.
- 77 Sheldon: They can't function without me. I'm the social glue that holds

- this little group together. You're welcome.
- 78 Scene: The stairwell.
- 79 Leonard: Listen, can I talk to you about your girlfriend?
- 80 Sheldon: She's not my girlfriend. She's a girl and she's my friend, but there's no touching or unsanitary exchange of saliva.
- 81 Leonard: Got it.
- 82 Sheldon: Although, for the record, on one occasion, she licked her thumb to remove raspberry jelly from the corner of my mouth. It's an action we both regret to this day.
- 83 Leonard: Uh-huh. Anyway, I'm not sure she's the best fit for our little, how should we call it, rebel alliance.
- 84 Sheldon: Oh, I never identified with the rebel alliance. Despite their tendency to build Death Stars, I've always been more of an empire man.
- 85 Leonard: Yeah, not my point.
- 86 Sheldon: I know what your point is. You're intimidated by Amy's intellect. To that I say, buck up.
- 87 Leonard: Okay, let me just get right to it. Amy is judgmental, sanctimonious and frankly just obnoxious.
- 88 Sheldon: So?
- 89 Leonard: So we already have you for all that.
- 90 Sheldon: Are you suggesting I terminate my relationship with Amy?
- 91 Leonard: No, no, of course not. Just have your relationship someplace else.
- 92 Sheldon: May I point out that for eight long months, I suffered in silence as your female companion filled our apartment with her off-key country music caterwauling, the unappetizing spectacle of her grinding a pumice stone against her calloused feet in our living room, and night after night of uninformative TV documentaries about the Jersey Shore.
- 93 Leonard: Suffered in silence?
- 94 Sheldon: Yes. And I'd thank you to do the same.
- 95 Leonard: Really? Silence?
- 96 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 97 Raj: Ah. Nothing makes beer taste better than cool clear Rocky Mountain spring water. Where are the Rocky Mountains, anyway?
- 98 Howard: Philadelphia.
- 99 Raj: Really? I thought they were out West someplace.
- 100 Howard: Think about it, Raj. Where did the movie Rocky take place?
- 101 Raj: Philadelphia. Okay, now I get it.
- 102 Penny: So this is the plan? From now on, we're just gonna hide out in here to avoid the Shamy?
- 103 Raj: I'm very comfortable here. Penny, dear, why don't you shoot another silver bullet my way?
- 104 Penny: Get one yourself.
- 105 Raj: Ooh, somebody's been taking bitchy pills.
- 106 Penny: God, he's an ass when he drinks.
- 107 Howard: Oh, he's an ass when he doesn't. You just don't hear it.
- 108 Leonard: I think we need to start entertaining the possibility that the

Shamy could go on for years.

- 109 Raj: Well, if that's the case, Penny will have to get satellite TV and maybe once a week run a vacuum through this place.
- 110 Penny: I thought you were going to talk to Sheldon.
- 111 Leonard: I did.
- 112 Penny: Well, what'd he say?
- 113 Leonard: Well, he pointed out that he kinda, sorta had to put up with you.
- 114 Penny: Kinda, sorta had to?
- 115 Leonard: I didn't agree with him.
- 116 Penny: Well, you defended me, right?
- 117 Leonard: I tried, but (Penny starts rubbing her foot with a pumice stone) he made a fairly well-reasoned argument.
- 118 Howard: You're not doing that right.
- 119 Penny: What?
- 120 Howard: Gimme.
- 121 Penny: No.
- 122 Howard: Trust me.
- 123 Penny: No!
- 124 Howard: I do this for my mom all the time. See? With the grain.
- 125 Penny: Wow, that is better.
- 126 Howard: And someday, when you have varicose veins, I'll show you how to massage them.
- 127 Scene: The University Cafeteria.
- 128 Raj: Oh, God, never again.
- 129 Leonard: I assume by never again, you mean never again will you drink all of Penny's beer, then run down to the gas station for a couple of 40s, a box of Slim Jims and the latest issue of Bombay Badonkadonks.
- 130 Raj: I was homesick.
- 131 Howard: The highlight of the evening was when you showed us your Bollywood break dancing skills. (Does a stereotyped impersonation of Bollywood dancing.)
- 132 Raj: That's very offensive.
- 133 Howard: Yeah, we all thought so.
- 134 Leonard: Oh, no.
- 135 Howard: What?
- 136 Leonard: John and Yoko.
- 137 Howard: More like Yoko and Yoko.
- 138 Sheldon: Greetings.
- 139 Leonard: Hey.
- 140 Sheldon: I brought Amy here to show her some of the work I'm doing.
- 141 Amy: It's very impressive, for theoretical work.
- 142 Sheldon: Do I detect a hint of condescension?
- 143 Amy: I'm sorry, was I being too subtle? I meant compared to the real-world applications of neurobiology, theoretical physics is, what's the word I'm looking for? Hmm, cute.

- 144 Leonard and Howard together: Oooh!
- 145 Sheldon: Are you suggesting the work of a neurobiologist like Babinski could ever rise to the significance of a physicist like Clarke-Maxwell or Dirac?
- 146 Amy: I'm stating it outright. Babinski eats Dirac for breakfast and defecates Clarke-Maxwell.
- 147 Sheldon: You take that back.
- 148 Amy: Absolutely not. My colleagues and I are mapping the neurological substrates that subserve global information processing, which is required for all cognitive reasoning, including scientific inquiry, making my research ipso facto prior in the ordo cognoscendi. That means it's better than his research, and by extension, of course, yours.
- 149 Leonard: I'm sorry, I'm-I'm still trying to work on the defecating Clark Maxwell, so...
- 150 Sheldon: Excuse me, but a grand unified theory, insofar as it explains everything, will ipso facto explain neurobiology.
- 151 Amy: Yes, but if I'm successful, I will be able to map and reproduce your thought processes in deriving a grand unified theory, and therefore, subsume your conclusions under my paradigm.
- 152 Sheldon: That's the rankest psychologism, and was conclusively revealed as hogwash by Gottlob Frege in the 1890s!
- 153 Amy: We appear to have reached an impasse.
- 154 Sheldon: I agree. I move our relationship terminate immediately.
- 155 Amy: Seconded.
- 156 Sheldon: There being no objections...
- 157 All: No, uh-uh.
- 158 Sheldon: The motion carries. Good day, Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 159 Amy: Good day, Sheldon Cooper.
- 160 Howard: Women, huh? Can't live with them, can't successfully refute their hypotheses.
- 161 Sheldon: Amen to that.
- 162 Scene: The laundry room.
- 163 Penny: Hey, Sheldon.
- 164 Sheldon: Hello.
- 165 Penny: I hear you broke up with Amy.
- 166 Sheldon: A breakup would imply she was my girlfriend. She was a girl who was my friend who is now a girl who is not my friend.
- 167 Penny: Wow. That's like the worst country song ever. So, how are you doing?
- 168 Sheldon: Regarding what?
- 169 Penny: Amy.
- 170 Sheldon: I don't follow.
- 171 Penny: Well, breakups, or whatever the hell this is, can be tough.
- 172 Sheldon: Penny, I assure you, I'm fine. My relationship with Amy was purely intellectual. There were no emotional bonds, the severing of which would cause me any discomfort. The relationship simply outlived its utility, and I'm continuing on with my life as before.

- 173 Penny: Okay. Good.
- 174 Sheldon: Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm off to buy a pussycat.
- 175 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 176 Leonard: I gotta tell you guys, I'm a little worried about Sheldon.
- 177 Howard: We're all a little worried about Sheldon.
- 178 Leonard: No, I mean since the Shamy hit a reef.
- 179 Howard: Oh, I thought you were just making a generalization, you know, I'm worried about Sheldon someday setting off a low-yield nuclear device because the cafeteria ran out of lime Jell-O.
- 180 Raj: What does hit a reef mean?
- 181 Leonard: Uh, went splitsville.
- 182 Raj: Pardon?
- 183 Leonard: Turned to boom-boom.
- 184 Raj: Ah.
- 185 Leonard: I think Sheldon really misses Amy.
- 186 Howard: You should lend him your copy of Bombay Badonkadonks.
- 187 Leonard: He got a cat to keep him company.
- 188 Raj: You're kidding.
- 189 Leonard: He takes it everywhere, to bed, to the bathroom.
- 190 Raj: He takes the kitty to the potty?
- 191 Howard: I thought we discussed the P-word.
- 192 Raj: Don't try to change me, dude. I am what I am.
- 193 Sheldon: Oh, gentlemen.
- 194 Howard: Hey. Aren't you going to introduce us to your little friend?
- 195 Sheldon: My apologies. Raj, Howard, I'd like you to meet Dr. Robert Oppenheimer.
- 196 Howard: Hello.
- 197 Raj: Hi.
- 198 Sheldon: Now, if you'll excuse me, the father of the atomic bomb wants a saucer of milk.
- 199 Howard: Okay, I get it. We're worried about Sheldon.
- 200 Leonard: Yeah.
- 201 Scene: The apartment. Leonard arrives.
- 202 Leonard: Hey. (Turns to see Sheldon now has five cats) Oh, no.
- 203 Sheldon: Robert Oppenheimer was lonely.
- 204 Leonard: So you decided to get the whole Manhattan Project?
- 205 Sheldon: Yes. This is Enrico Fermi, Richard Feynman, Edward Teller, Otto Frisch, and Zazzles.
- 206 Leonard: Zazzles?
- 207 Sheldon: I was going to name him Herman von Helmholtz, but he's so zazzy.
- 208 Leonard: Okay, we need to talk.
- 209 Sheldon: About what?
- 210 Leonard: Cats, Sheldon. You're clearly upset about Amy being gone, and you're trying to replace her with a bunch of cats.
- 211 Sheldon: Clowder.

- 212 Leonard: What?
- 213 Sheldon: A group of cats is a clowder. Or a glaring.
- 214 Leonard: Okay, yeah, fine.
- 215 Sheldon: It's the kind of thing you ought to know now that we have one.
- 216 Leonard: Terrific. My-my point is you need to face up to what you're feeling with this breakup.
- 217 Sheldon: It wasn't a breakup. A breakup would imply that Amy was my girlfriend.
- 218 Leonard: Okay, I got it, I got it, she's not your girlfriend. Now listen to me. I know about loneliness. I know about trying to replace someone with other stuff. When I broke up with Penny, I got back into my cello, I built a bunch of model rockets, I got those weightlifting gloves and that five-pound dumbbell.
- 219 Sheldon: You didn't break up, she dumped you.
- 220 Leonard: She didn't dump me. It was mutual!
- 221 Sheldon: I was there. She dumped you.
- 222 Leonard: Okay, fine. Live with cats. Be like my Aunt Nancy. She had dozens of them. And do you know what happened after she died? They ate her.
- 223 Sheldon: You don't have to sell me on cats, Leonard. I'm already a fan. All right, fellas, who's in the mood for Fancy Feast? Well, that's not fancy at all.
- 224 Scene: The apartment.
- 225 Leonard: Hi, Mrs. Cooper. Thanks for coming.
- 226 Mrs Cooper: Where is he?
- 227 Leonard: He's in his bedroom.
- 228 Mrs Cooper: Now, when you said on the phone he broke up with a girl, you meant an actual girl, not something you kids whipped up in a lab?
- 229 Leonard: No, she's real.
- 230 Mrs Cooper: Did they sin?
- 231 Leonard: No, no, it's not like that. It's, uh, I don't know what it's like. But there is something I should prepare you for.
- 232 Mrs Cooper: Oh, relax, Leonard, I have raised that boy. I've seen him at his best, I've seen him at his worst. There's nothing he can do that'll surprise me.
- 233 Leonard: Hold on to that thought. (Knocks on Sheldon's bedroom door)
- 234 Sheldon: Come in. (They enter. The room is full of cats.)
- 235 Leonard: Surprise.
- 236 Sheldon: Mom, what an unexpected pleasure.
- 237 Mrs Cooper: My, my, that's a powerful smell.
- 238 Sheldon: I'd like you to meet Oppenheimer, Frisch, Panofsky, Feynman, Weisskopf...
- 239 Mrs Cooper: Yeah, I get it. You got a lot of cats and you gave 'em cute Jewish names.
- 240 Sheldon: What are you doing here?
- 241 Mrs Cooper: Leonard called, and he said that you were pining for a young lady.
- 242 Sheldon: Oh, that's preposterous. I'm not pining over anyone.

- 243 Mrs Cooper: Oh, lambchop, we can quibble what to call it, but I think we can both agree it's creepy.
- 244 Sheldon: I do not agree. Cats make wonderful companions. They don't argue or question my intellectual authority, and this little guy here, I think you'll find to be quite zazzy.
- 245 Mrs Cooper: You should have called sooner.
- 246 Scene: The kitchen.
- 247 Mrs Cooper: Shelly! Dinner's ready!
- 248 Sheldon: Coming!
- 249 Mrs Cooper: No cats!
- 250 Sheldon: Aw. (Enters to find Amy) What is she doing here?
- 251 Mrs Cooper: I called her.
- 252 Amy: Your mother thinks you might be losing your mind over me. As a neurobiologist, I was curious.
- 253 Sheldon: Well, rest assured, I am in full possession of my faculties.
- 254 Leonard (pretending to sneeze): 25 cats!
- 255 Mrs Cooper: Oh, God bless you, dear. Sheldon, sit down. Let's talk.
- 256 Sheldon: All right, but you're not fooling me. Whenever you say we have to talk, it means you want me to listen.
- 257 Mrs Cooper: Then stop talking.
- 258 Sheldon: Yes, ma'am.
- 259 Mrs Cooper: Now, the reason I called Amy over was to find out what type of person she is. And after chatting a bit, I have to say that while she is a perfectly unique young woman, you two are definitely not suited for each other.
- 260 Sheldon: That's a peculiar conclusion. By any standard, Amy is more similar to me than anyone I've ever met.
- 261 Mrs Cooper: Oh, I'm sorry, Shelly, I can't see it.
- 262 Sheldon: Well, whether you see it or not is irrelevant. I can't see subatomic particles, but nevertheless, they're there.
- 263 Amy: Excellent point.
- 264 Sheldon: A physics point.
- 265 Amy: Touche.
- 266 Mrs Cooper: Well, putting aside the pig Latin, it's a good thing that you two decided to end the relationship so I didn't have to end it for you.
- 267 Sheldon: Amy, after consideration, I believe we may have acted rashly. I propose we resume our relationship and attempt to resolve our differences.
- 268 Amy: I'll agree to that only if you'll stipulate that 80269 Sheldon: I'll go as high as 40.
- 270 Amy: Sixty-five.
- 271 Sheldon: Done. You understand that moving forward, we deal with the fact that my mother does not approve of you?
- 272 Amy: I do. I find being cast in the role of bad girl oddly titillating.
- 273 Sheldon: Would you like to see my cats?
- 274 Amy: I would. I love cats. They're the epitome of indifference.
- 275 Sheldon: Ah, then you may find Zazzles a little cloying.
- 276 Leonard: I saw what you did there.

- 277 Mrs Cooper: He thinks he's such a smarty pants. He's no different from any man. You tell 'em not to do something, that's all they want to do. If I hadn't told my brother Stumpy not to clear out the wood chipper by hand, we'd still be calling him Edward. Now, don't you move. I'll bring over all the food.
- 278 Leonard: No, no, no, I can do it.
- 279 Mrs Cooper: Well, isn't that sweet?
- 280 Scene: Outside. Sheldon is sitting at a table with a sign reading "Cats 20")
- 281 Sheldon: Thankyou, Amy. Here's your cat. And here's your 20.
- 282 Amv: Next!
- 283 Sheldon: Thank you, Amy. Here's your cat. And here's your 20.
- 284 Amy : Next!

# 4.4 Episode 04: The Hot Troll Deviation

- 1 : The Cheesecake Factory.
- 2 Raj: I'm telling you, if xenon emits ultraviolet light, then those dark matter discoveries must be wrong.
- 3 Sheldon: Yes, well, if we lived in a world where slow-moving xenon produced light, then you'd be correct. Also, pigs would fly, my derriere would produce cotton candy, and The Phantom Menace would be a timeless classic.
- 4 Raj: Oh, you're so arrogant. If you were a superhero, your name would be Captain Arrogant. And you know what your superpower would be? Arrogance.
- 5 Sheldon: You're wrong again. If my superpower were arrogance, my name would be Dr. Arroganto.
- 6 Howard (laughs): I love watching Raj and Sheldon try to work together.
- 7 Leonard: Yeah, it's like if Alien and Predator decided to go partners in a Jamba Juice.
- 8 Raj: Has it occurred to you you're missing the big picture? If you look at neutron scattering data...
- 9 Sheldon: Oh, Penny? Penny?
- 10 Penny: What's up?
- 11 Sheldon: Nothing. I just wanted to make Raj stop talking.
- 12 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): No, no, no. He won. Suck it up.
- 13 Penny: Well, I'd ask you guys if you want dessert, but I know Sheldon doesn't eat dessert on Tuesdays. And even if Raj wanted something, he couldn't tell me. Howard won't order anything, but he will come up with some sort of skeevy comment involving the words pie or cheesecake. And Leonard's lactose intolerant, so he can't eat anything here without his intestines blowing up like a balloon animal.
- 14 Leonard: Hang on a second. I could have the fruit platter.
- 15 Penny: You want the fruit platter?
- 16 Leonard: Does it have melon on it?
- 17 Penny: Yeah.
- 18 Leonard: No, I can't eat melon.
- 19 Penny: Oh, Howard, heads up. Your ex-girlfriend just came in for her shift.

- 20 Leonard: When was the last time you saw her?
- 21 Howard: Oh, not since we broke up. Wow. How am I going to play this? Sophisticated and relaxed? Friendly, noncommittal? Cold and distant? (Hides under table).
- 22 Bernadette: Hi, guys.
- 23 Leonard: Hey.
- 24 Sheldon: Hello. I see you decided to go with pathetic and frightened.
- 25 Raj: It's one of his best moves.
- 26 Credits sequence.
- 27 Scene: Howard's bedroom. Howard enters in a silk dressing gown, puts on romantic music and sets up mood lighting. Gets onto bed.
- 28 Howard: So, my dear, we meet again.
- 29 Katee Sackhoff: Hello, Howard. I've missed you.
- 30 Howard: I've missed you, Katee Sackhoff.
- 31 Katee Sackhoff: One question.
- 32 Howard: Anything.
- 33 Katee Sackhoff: Why am I wearing my Battlestar Galactica flight suit in bed?
- 34 Howard: Why are you in bed with me? If we start to question this, it all falls apart.
- 35 Katee Sackhoff: Sorry. Oh, ravish me, Howard. My loins ache for you.
- 36 Howard: Okay, if you insist.
- 37 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Howard, have you seen my girdle?!
- 38 Howard: No, Ma!
- 39 Mrs Wolowitz: I can't find it, and I'm late for my Weight Watchers meeting!
- 40 Howard: Maybe it committed suicide! Leave me alone! Now, where were we?
- 41 Bernadette: I believe you were about to rip off my uniform with your teeth.
- 42 Howard: Bernadette? What are you doing here?
- 43 Katee Sackhoff: Well, if I had to guess, I'd say I'm here because you saw me earlier this evening, and you're still hung up on me.
- 44 Howard: No, I'm not.
- 45 Bernadette: Clearly you are. Otherwise, based on past experience, we'd be done by now.
- 46 Howard: Okay, I'm a little confused here.
- 47 George Takei: Oh, my. Can I help?
- 48 Howard: Not that kind of confused.
- 49 Bernadette: What's George Takei doing here?
- 50 Katee Sackhoff: Howard, do you have latent homosexual tendencies?
- 51 Howard: No, of course not.
- 52 George Takei: So you say. Yet, here I am.
- 53 Katee Sackhoff: George, let me ask you something. How did you deal with being typecast as a science fiction icon?
- 54 George Takei: It's difficult. You try and stretch as an actor, do Strindberg, O'Neill, but all they want is, Course laid in, Captain.
- 55 Katee Sackhoff: Tell me about it. It's frackin' frustrating.

- 56 Howard: Wait. Katee, why are you leaving?
- 57 Bernadette: She's leaving because you really want to be with me.
- 58 Mrs Wolowitz: Howard, I found my girdle! It was in the dryer!
- 59 Howard: Great, Ma!
- 60 Mrs Wolowitz: I think it shrunk! I'm spilling out like the Pillsbury Doughboy here!
- 61 Howard: And with that mental picture, I think we're done for the evening.
- 62 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 63 Leonard: You know, you never told me what happened between you and Bernadette.
- 64 Howard: I did a stupid thing.
- 65 Leonard: Yeah, I guessed that.
- 66 Howard: It was the kind of thing that makes it kind of hard to face her now.
- 67 Leonard: That covers anything from farting in bed to killing a homeless guy. Oh, my God. You ran over a hobo.
- 68 Howard: No. Stop asking.
- 69 Leonard: All right, fine. So you want to get back together with her, but you're too ashamed to face her because of whatever it is you did.
- 70 Howard: In a nutshell.
- 71 Leonard: Okay. Well, how about this? Kidnap Bernadette from the opera wearing a creepy mask so she doesn't know it's you.
- 72 Howard: Now, you see, I don't know if you're kidding or not.
- 73 Raj: You're being unreasonable. Why can't I have a desk?
- 74 Sheldon: Our collaboration is a work of the mind. We don't need desks.
- 75 Raj: You have a desk.
- 76 Sheldon: Correct.
- 77 Raj: But I can't have one.
- 78 Sheldon: You're two for two.
- 79 Leonard: Why can't he have a desk, Sheldon?
- 80 Sheldon: Oh, Lord, will this day never end? As I've explained repeatedly to
- Dr. Koothrappali, whose ability to comprehend the American idiom fails him when it's convenient, there's absolutely no money in my budget for additional office furniture.
- 81 Raj: Oh, but there's money for a drawer full of Red Vines, a marshmallow shooting rifle, and a super executive ant farm with glow-in-the-dark sand?
- 82 Sheldon: Yes.
- 83 Howard: Okay, what if he buys his own desk?
- 84 Raj: Yeah, what if I buy my own desk?
- 85 Sheldon: That's ridiculous.
- 86 Howard: Why?
- 87 Sheldon: Because...
- 88 Raj: Yes?
- 89 Sheldon: It's my office.
- 90 Leonard: Sheldon.
- 91 Sheldon: All right, all right. He can buy his own desk.

- 92 Raj: And I can put it in your office?
- 93 Sheldon: Well, you really want to dot the I's and cross the T's, don't you?
- 94 Leonard: Why would you want a glow-in-the-dark ant farm?
- 95 Sheldon: They do some of their best work at night.
- 96 Scene: Penny's apartment. Penny is gathering laundry.
- 97 Penny (picking up a top and sniffing it): Ah, it's okay.
- 98 Sheldon (voice): (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Penny opens door. Howard is stood outside with a hand-held voice recorder.) Penny?
- 99 Howard: Would you have opened the door if you knew it was me?
- 100 Penny: Not since I found out the teddy bear you gave me had a webcam in it.
- 101 Howard: I just have a question. Does Bernadette ever talk about me?
- 102 Penny: Oh, absolutely.
- 103 Howard: She does?
- 104 Penny: Yeah, sure. Just yesterday, she asked, why is Howard hiding under the table?
- 105 Howard: She saw that, huh?
- 106 Penny: Oh, no, not at first. Right after I pointed it out.
- 107 Howard: Let me ask you something else. Is she seeing anybody?
- 108 Penny: Uh, not that I know of. Hey, while we're on the subject, why did you guys break up anyway?
- 109 Howard: Oh, I'd rather not say.
- 110 Penny: Howard, if you want my help, I've got to know what happened.
- 111 Howard: But it's embarrassing.
- 112 Penny: Yeah, that's what I'm counting on. Spill.
- 113 Howard: Okay. Well, you know World of Warcraft?
- 114 Penny: Um, the online game? Sure.
- 115 Howard: Well, did you know that the characters in the game can have s\*x with each other?
- 116 Penny: Oh, God. I think I see where this is going.
- 117 Howard: Her name was Glissinda the Troll. Bernadette walked in on me while we were doing the cyber-nasty under the Bridge of Souls.
- 118 Penny: Oh, you're right. That is so embarrassing.
- 119 Howard: Would you talk to her?
- 120 Penny: Bernadette or the troll?
- 121 Howard: Bernadette. She was so mad at me, she wouldn't even listen to my side of the story.
- 122 Penny: Well, what was your side?
- 123 Howard: Well, for all we know, Glissinda the Troll wasn't even a real woman. I mean, she could've been a 50-year-old truck driver in New Jersey.
- 124 Penny: Really? And that didn't make her feel better?
- 125 Howard: Will you talk to her, see if there's any chance at all we could get back together?
- 126 Penny: Oh, gee, Howard, I really don't want to get in the middle of this.
- 127 Howard: No. Why would you? I'm just another lonely nerd, living with

his mother, trying to find any scrap of happiness he can. You know, maybe to make up for the fact that his dad left him when he was 11.

- 128 Penny: Okay, I will think about it.
- 129 Howard: You know, I've always blamed myself for him leaving. I always thought it was because I wasn't the son he wanted.
- 130 Penny: Yeah, I said I'd think about it.
- 131 Howard: I wasn't athletic, yeah, I was kind of sickly.
- 132 Penny: Okay, fine. Look, look, I'm calling her now! See?
- 133 Howard: Thank you.
- 134 Scene: A corridor at the university.
- 135 Leonard: So anyway, Howard asked Penny to talk to Bernadette, and she did, and Bernadette agreed to meet him for a cup of coffee.
- 136 Sheldon: One question.
- 137 Leonard: Yeah?
- 138 Sheldon: Why on earth are you telling me all this?
- 139 Leonard: I don't know. Sometimes your movements are so lifelike, I forget you're not a real boy.
- 140 (Sheldon opens his office door. It bangs against a desk. Inside, Raj is sat behind a huge, ornate antique wooden desk in an enormous antique swivel chair.)
- 141 Raj: You said I could buy a desk.
- 142 Sheldon: This isn't a desk. This is a Brobdingnagian monstrosity.
- 143 Raj: Is that the American idiom for giant, big-ass desk?
- 144 Sheldon: It's actually British.
- 145 Raj: Can you say it again for me?
- 146 Sheldon: Brobdingnagian.
- 147 Raj: One more time?
- 148 Sheldon: Brobdingnagian.
- 149 Raj: Now three times fast?
- 150 Sheldon: Brobdingnagian, Brobdingna. . . How did you even get it in here?
- 151 Raj: That's for me, Ramon, Julio, Jesus and Rodrigo to know and you to find out.
- 152 Sheldon: All right, you've made your point. A fine prank, very amusing. Now get it out.
- 153 Raj: No.
- 154 Sheldon: Yes.
- 155 Raj: No.
- 156 Sheldon: Yes.
- 157 Raj: No.
- 158 Sheldon: Yes.
- 159 Raj: I have three brothers and two sisters, Sheldon, I can do this all day.
- 160 Sheldon: All right, if you're not going to remove it, I'll remove it for you.
- 161 Raj: Knock yourself out.
- 162 Sheldon: Help me move my desk.
- 163 Raj: No.

- 164 Sheldon: Yes.
- 165 Raj: No.
- 166 Sheldon: Yes.
- 167 Raj: No. It's too Brobdingnagian.
- 168 Sheldon: Why do you even want this here? Its size is completely disproportionate to its purpose.
- 169 Raj: Well, seeing as its purpose was to piss you off, I'd say it's spot-on.
- 170 Sheldon: All right, I see what's going on. This is the opening salvo in what will be an escalating series of juvenile tit-for-tat exchanges. Well titted.
- 171 Raj: Thank you.
- 172 Sheldon: Stand by for my upcoming tat.
- 173 Raj: Hey, Sheldon?
- 174 Sheldon: Yes?
- 175 Raj: No. See what I did there? I turned it around.
- 176 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 177 Bernadette: Sorry, I had to clock out.
- 178 Howard: Oh, no, that's okay. How have you been?
- 179 Bernadette: Okay. You know, busy, school, work. You?
- 180 Howard: Same. I took a scuba-diving course over the summer, but it turns out I'm terrified of the ocean.
- 181 Bernadette: Too bad.
- 182 Howard: You wouldn't know anybody who wants to buy a wet suit, boy's large? Yeah, forget it. Not important. So, are you seeing anyone?
- 183 Bernadette: Well, to be honest, I...
- 184 Penny: Hey, how are we doing over here? Can I get you something to drink?
- 185 Howard: Not for me, thanks.
- 186 Bernadette: I'm okay.
- 187 Penny: Are you gonna want to order food?
- 188 Howard: Maybe later.
- 189 Penny: Okay.
- 190 Howard: So, are you seeing anybody?
- 191 Bernadette: No.
- 192 Penny: That's what I told him when he asked me. I hope that's not out of line.
- 193 Bernadette: No, it's fine.
- 194 Howard: Penny, can we have a little privacy?
- 195 Penny: Oh. I'm sorry.
- 196 Bernadette: What about you, have you been seeing anybody?
- 197 Howard: Well, you know how it is with guys. I mean, we have needs and...
- 198 Bernadette: So you've been seeing other girls?
- 199 Howard: Well, not real girls.
- 200 Bernadette: Does that mean slutty trolls?
- 201 Penny: You know, you look thirsty. I brought you some iced tea.
- 202 Bernadette: Thank you.

- 203 Penny: It's passion fruit, new on the menu.
- 204 Bernadette: I know. I work here.
- 205 Penny: Oh, sorry. Yeah, you're right. Doy. So, Howard, trolls, yay or nav?
- 206 Howard: Isn't there somewhere else you can be?
- 207 Penny: Not where I can hear you guys.
- 208 Howard: Okay, fine. I'll admit, there are dark, sordid little corners of the Internet where the name Wolowizard is whispered in hushed tones. But the only reason I go there, the only reason I've ever gone there is because I don't have a real woman in my life. You happy?
- 209 Penny: Yeah, that'll hold me for a while.
- 210 Bernadette: Howard, you did have a real woman. I was right there in the next room while you were clicking that troll's brains out.
- 211 Howard: Yeah, but we weren't, I-I mean, you and I never...
- 212 Bernadette: Had s\*x?
- 213 Howard: Yeah.
- 214 Bernadette: Well, whose fault was that?
- 215 Penny: Complimentary nachos! You enjoy. Never had s\*x? Wow.
- 216 Howard: What do you mean, whose fault was that?
- 217 Bernadette: Well, we could've been having s\*x, but you never made the move.
- 218 Howard: I didn't think you wanted me to make the move.
- 219 Bernadette: Howard, a girl doesn't go out with a man like you, with your looks, your fancy patter and your tight hoochie pants if she's not expecting him to eventually make the move.
- 220 Howard: Really?
- 221 Bernadette: Really.
- 222 Howard: Son of a bitch.
- 223 Penny: Hey, this is a little awkward, but my manager says I can't actually give nachos away. So, just take that when you're ready.
- 224 Scene: University corridor.
- 225 Howard: Yeah, we had a really great talk, and we're gonna start seeing each other again.
- 226 Leonard: Oh, congratulations. Have you broken it to the troll yet?
- 227 Howard: Did Penny tell you about that?
- 228 Leonard: No. Steve Patterson told me.
- 229 Howard: The greasy old fat guy in Facilities Management?
- 230 Leonard: Yeah.
- 231 Howard: How'd he know about it?
- 232 Leonard: He's Glissinda the troll.
- 233 Raj (voice): Sorry, dude, the thermostat's on my side of the room, so it stays Mumbai hot in here until you turn off that stupid Indian music!
- 234 Sheldon (voice): I'll turn off the music when you get rid of that salmonellaridden parakeet!
- 235 Raj (voice): Oh, too bad! Sheldon's pathologically afraid of birds! Hey, look, Sheldon! Birdie, birdie!

- 236 Sheldon (voice): That's it! Prepare for marshmallow death!
- 237 Raj (voice): Eat flaming Nerf! (Imitates gunfire)
- 238 Leonard: So anyway, that's great news about you and Bernadette.
- 239 Howard: Yeah. I think I'm gonna take her to miniature golf.
- 240 Leonard: Ah. Well, I guess for you guys that's like regular golf.
- 241 Howard: Short jokes? Really? You're, like, a quarter of an inch taller than me.
- 242 Leonard: Yeah, and don't you forget it.
- 243 Scene: Bernadette's car.
- 244 Howard: I had a good time.
- 245 Bernadette: Me, too.
- 246 Katee Sackhoff: Kiss her good night. All right, now a little tongue.
- 247 George Takei: Hold on there. We've only just rekindled the romance.
- Let's not sully the moment with the exchange of saliva.
- 248 Katee Sackhoff: Don't listen to him. She wants it. Tongue. Luh-luh-luh-luh-luh. See? Now make the move.
- 249 George Takei: Mm-mmm. Too soon.
- 250 Katee Sackhoff: Trust me, she's ready. Make the move.
- 251 George Takei: No, no, no. A lady wants to be wooed, courted slowly.
- 252 Katee Sackhoff: How would you know?
- 253 George Takei: I read.
- 254 Katee Sackhoff: Listen to me, Howard, it's time. Make the move, now.
- 255 Bernadette: Mm! What are you doing?
- 256 Howard: You said, well, the move, remember?
- 257 Bernadette: Oh, not now. We're starting a new relationship. I need to get to know you again.
- 258 Howard: No, you don't. It's me. The lusty charmer with the fancy patter and the hoochie pants.
- 259 Bernadette: Be patient, we'll get there.
- 260 George Takei: Told you.
- 261 Scene: University corridor.
- 262 Leonard: Oh, God, what's that smell? (Knocks on Sheldon's door. Sheldon answers in a gas mask). Oh-ho-hoo!
- 263 Sheldon: Yes?
- 264 Leonard: What are you doing in there?
- 265 Sheldon: I'm making hydrogen sulphide and ammonia gas. Just a little experiment in pest control.
- 266 Raj: It's not gonna work, dude, I grew up in India, an entire subcontinent where cows walk in the street, and nobody has ever had a solid bowel movement.
- 267 Sheldon: Well, we'll just see how long you can hold out.
- 268 Raj: Well, we'll just see how your noxious gas fares against my cinnamon-apple-scented aroma therapy candles.
- 269 Leonard: Didn't you say you're making hydrogen sulphide gas?
- 270 Sheldon: Yes.
- 271 Leonard: Isn't that flammable?
- 272 Sheldon: Highly. Oh, dear. (Explosion)

### 4.5 Episode 05: The Desperation Emanation

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Leonard: All I'm saying is, if they took all the money they spent trying to make a decent Hulk movie, they could probably just make an actual Hulk.
- 3 Sheldon: That is apt and amusing. I think I shall share that with Amy Farrah Fowler. She'll appreciate the witticism.
- 4 Leonard: Thank you.
- 5 Sheldon: It'll also help improve her initial impression of you.
- 6 Leonard: So what's going on with you two?
- 7 Sheldon: Well, the status is as it always was. She's a girl. She's a friend. She is not my, please forgive me for doing this, girlfriend.
- 8 Leonard: Right, right. So you're still just texting and emailing? You don't feel any need to hang out with her, you know, be in the same room?
- 9 Sheldon: Leonard, you are my best friend. I've known you for seven years, and I can barely tolerate sitting on the couch with you. Imagine my attitude regarding prolonged physical proximity to Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 10 Leonard: Got it.
- 11 Sheldon: I sense judgment on your part.
- 12 Leonard: No, no. Maybe a little.
- 13 Sheldon: May I suggest that your criticism is based on jealousy.
- 14 Leonard: Jealousy? What do I have to be jealous of?
- 15 Sheldon: I have a functioning and satisfying relationship with a female. You have none.
- 16 Leonard: Oh, right. That.
- 17 Sheldon: Jealousy is an ugly green-eyed monster, not unlike the Hulk, who, by the way, also has a girlfriend. In this iteration, Jennifer Connelly, whom you may recall as the girlfriend of Russell Crowe in A Beautiful Mind, a feel-good romp if there ever was one.
- 18 Leonard: I'm not jealous.
- 19 Sheldon: Hu-u-urgh! Leonard not jealous.
- 20 Credits sequence.
- 21 Scene: The apartment.
- 22 Sheldon: You know, it just occurred to me, if there are an infinite number of parallel universes, in one of them, there's probably a Sheldon who doesn't believe parallel universes exist.
- 23 Leonard: Probably. What's your point?
- 24 Sheldon: No point. It's just one of the things that makes one of the mes chuckle. What makes you chuckle, Leonard?
- 25 Leonard: Hmm, recently? Not much.
- 26 Sheldon: Is it because of the conflict that arises from your desperate need to pair-bond with a woman, and the apparent collective decision of all womankind to deny you that opportunity?
- 27 Leonard: Um, shut up.

- 28 Sheldon: You know, when my grandfather died, and Meemaw was alone, my mom arranged for her to visit a centre three times a week where she could socialize with other lonely people. It's very nice. They discuss current events, play bridge, get a hot meal.
- 29 Leonard: That sounds lovely.
- 30 Sheldon: It is if you like bridge. Do you like bridge, Leonard?
- 31 Leonard: Sheldon, I'm just not dating someone right now. I don't need to go to a senior centre.
- 32 Sheldon: Meemaw resisted at first, but now she loves it.
- 33 Leonard: Fine. If I don't meet someone soon, you can put me in a home.
- 34 Sheldon: It's not a home. It's a senior centre. We'd never put Meemaw in a home!
- 35 Scene: The comic book store.
- 36 Leonard: Hey, guys.
- 37 Howard: Hey.
- 38 Raj: Hey.
- 39 Sheldon: All right, I'll bow to social pressure. Hey!
- 40 Howard (phone rings): Excuse me. That's my girlfriend, Bernadette. I assigned her her own ringtone, Bernadette by The Four Tops. Hello, Bernadette.
- 41 Raj: When I call him, his phone plays Brown Eyed Girl. Which, now that I think about it, is not so good.
- 42 Leonard: You realize he's just rubbing our noses in the fact that he has a girlfriend, and we don't.
- 43 Rai: You mean, you don't.
- 44 Leonard: You have a girlfriend? How could you have a girlfriend? You can't even speak to women.
- 45 Raj: Two words, deaf chick. It doesn't matter if I can't talk, because she can't hear me.
- 46 Leonard: What?
- 47 Raj: That's what she said.
- 48 Leonard: Great. You have a girlfriend, Howard's got a girlfriend, Sheldon's got a girl...
- 49 Sheldon: No, no, no, no!
- 50 Leonard: ... who's a friend.
- 51 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 52 Leonard: What about you, Stuart? You have a girlfriend yet?
- 53 Stuart: Oh, yeah. Yeah. I met her at Comic-Con, the one place in the world where saying I own a comic bookstore is an actual pickup line.
- 54 Leonard: Oh. Well, good for you.
- 55 Stuart: Not really. She's horrible. When she wants to have s\*x, she puts on her plus-size Wonder Woman costume and shouts who wants to take a ride in my invisible plane?
- 56 Leonard: Why don't you just break up with her?
- 57 Stuart: No, no, I can't.
- 58 Leonard: Why not?
- 59 Stuart: 'Cause then I'd be alone, like you.

- 60 Raj: Dude, why don't you just invoke your girlfriend pact with Wolowitz?
- 61 Leonard: Because I don't need his girlfriend to set me up with one of her girlfriends. I'm perfectly capable of finding a girl on my own.
- 62 Raj: Oh, Leonard, you remind me of the funny old story about a man who walks into a women's correctional institution with a stack of paperwork that will allow the female convicts to go free.
- 63 Leonard: You're saying I couldn't get laid in a women's prison with a handful of pardons.
- 64 Raj: Are you going to let me tell the story or not?
- 65 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is stretched face down on the sofa.
- 66 Sheldon: Leonard? Are you sleeping?
- 67 Leonard: No.
- 68 Sheldon: Are you ill?
- 69 Leonard: No.
- 70 Sheldon: Are you still depressed because you're alone, and no one loves you?
- 71 Leonard: I don't know. Maybe.
- 72 Sheldon: I want you to know that I'm genuinely concerned about your well-being.
- 73 Leonard: Thank you.
- 74 Sheldon: You're welcome. But it's still no reason to have your feet in my spot.
- 75 Amy (on webcam): May I offer an observation?
- 76 Leonard: What the hell? How long has she been here?
- 77 Sheldon: Since we got home from the comic bookstore.
- 78 Leonard: That was two hours ago.
- 79 Sheldon: As per your suggestion, we're hanging out. Quite frankly, I don't see what all the hoopla's about. Go on, Amy.
- 80 Amy: From a neurobiological standpoint, Leonard, you may be alone because your psychological state is causing an actual pheromone-based stink of desperation.
- 81 Sheldon: Did you know that, Leonard?
- 82 Leonard: No.
- 83 Sheldon: I did.
- 84 Amy: I understand that some people find mates in social gathering places such as bars or taverns. Have you tried a bar or tavern?
- 85 Leonard: No, I'm not gonna try to pick up a woman in a bar.
- 86 Sheldon: Wise decision. You see, Amy, success at a bar is based on classic male attributes such as height, strength, attractiveness, the ability to hold one's liquor and throw darts, separately or together. Leonard has none of these attributes, right, Leonard?
- 87 Leonard: Right.
- 88 Amy: That's not true of all bars. Juice bars, for example.
- 89 Sheldon: Oh! Good point, Amy. Yeah, building on your premise, Leonard could frequent sushi bars, salad bars, oyster bars, the Apple Genius Bar, what are you doing?

- 90 Leonard (exiting the apartment): Keep going. I'm listening.
- 91 Amy: That was rude.
- 92 Sheldon: He does it all the time. He's a cornucopia of social awkwardness.
- 93 Amy: Cornucopia. What a mellifluous word.
- 94 Sheldon: Let's make that our word of the day.
- 95 Amy: Agreed. And we'll use mellifluous tomorrow.
- 96 Sheldon: Well, I have to void my bladder. It was nice spending this time with you.
- 97 Amy: Wait. I have a request.
- 98 Sheldon: Yes?
- 99 Amy: I'd like you to meet my mother.
- 100 Sheldon: I see. Can I get back to you on that?
- 101 Amy: Certainly. Good night.
- 102 Sheldon: Good night. (Closing laptop, and running down stairs in panic) Leonard, Leonard, Leonard,
- 103 Leonard, Leonar
- 104 Leonard: Yeah, what?
- 105 Sheldon: Amy Farrah Fowler has asked me to meet her mother.
- 106 Leonard: Yeah. So?
- 107 Sheldon: What does that mean?
- 108 Leonard: Well, you know how you're always saying that Amy is a girl who's your friend, and not your girlfriend?
- 109 Sheldon: Uh-huh.
- 110 Leonard: You can't say that anymore.
- 111 Sheldon: Wait. What?
- 112 Leonard: Look, she obviously wants to take your relationship to the next level.
- 113 Sheldon: I don't want the next level. I like this level. Fix it for me!
- 114 Leonard: Me? Well, how am I supposed to fix it?
- 115 Sheldon: Simple! You want a girlfriend, Amy wants to be someone's girlfriend. Take her off my hands. I give you my blessing.
- 116 Leonard: That is insane.
- 117 Sheldon: You're right. It would never work. Amy finds you tedious.
- 118 Leonard: Okay, good luck.
- 119 Sheldon: Wait! What am I supposed to do?
- 120 Leonard: Well, have you considered telling her how you feel?
- 121 Sheldon: Leonard, I'm a physicist, not a hippie.
- 122 Leonard: All right, well, let me see if I can explain your situation using physics. What would you be if you were attached to another object by an inclined plane wrapped helically around an axis?
- 123 Sheldon: Screwed.
- 124 Leonard: There you go.
- 125 Sheldon: Amy's right. He is tedious.
- 126 Scene: Outside Howard's house. Leonard rings bell.
- 127 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Howard, get the door!

- 128 Howard (off): Why can't you get it?
- 129 Mrs Wolowitz (off): You know I'm doing a bowel cleanse for my colonoscopy! I'm like an upside-down volcano here.
- 130 Howard: Oh, hey. I hope you didn't hear that.
- 131 Leonard: The volcano thing? No.
- 132 Howard: What's with the T-shirt? You working at the Apple store now?
- 133 Leonard: No, it's just something I threw on.
- 134 Howard: I know all your shirts. That's not one of them. You were pretending to work at the Genius Bar to pick up women, weren't you?
- 135 Leonard: Yeah. Turns out, they guard the iPods, but they don't guard the shirts.
- 136 Howard: So, how'd it go?
- 137 Leonard: It was going well. I was showing this super hot girl how to boot up in Safe Mode. The manager got suspicious, and, well, long story short, they really do have a little jail in the mall.
- 138 Howard: Just FYI, don't try to go back with a fake moustache. I mean, they may not really be geniuses, but they see right through that.
- 139 Leonard: I want to invoke the girlfriend pact, Howard.
- 140 Howard: You that desperate?
- 141 Leonard: No, I just, I want what you have. You know, I want a woman in my life.
- 142 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Holy Moses, how much liquid can be in one tukus?
- 143 Leonard: To be clear, I meant like Bernadette, not your mother.
- 144 Howard: Yeah, I know what you mean.
- 145 Scene: The apartment.
- 146 Leonard: Well, I'm off to meet Bernadette's friend. How do I look?
- 147 Sheldon: As if one of the plants from Invasion of the Body Snatchers duplicated you in every way, only with an absurd amount of hair gel.
- 148 Leonard: What are you working on?
- 149 Sheldon: I'm removing my digital footprint from the Internet so Amy Farrah Fowler can't find me and compel me to meet her mother.
- 150 Leonard: Ah, you're going off the grid.
- 151 Sheldon: Exactly.
- 152 Leonard: The old Unabomber approach. Kudos.
- 153 Sheldon: Thank you. I've also sent Amy a relationship termination notice and changed my cell phone number and e-mail address.
- 154 Leonard: What if she just comes over?
- 155 Sheldon: She'll get lost. We no longer live at 2311 Los Robles. We now live at 311 Los Robles.
- 156 Leonard: You changed the address on the building? What about mail?
- 157 Sheldon: Oh, no worries, I explained my predicament to our letter carrier. He was sympathetic. His exact words were, Got your back, Jack. Bitches be crazy.
- 158 Leonard (there is a knock on the door): Who is it?
- 159 Amy (off): Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 160 Sheldon: Darn! She found me!

- 161 Leonard: She's been here before.
- 162 Sheldon: The only flaw in an otherwise perfect plan. Now, get my back, Jack.
- 163 Leonard: What do you want to do?
- 164 Sheldon: Tell her I'm not here.
- 165 Leonard: Okay, where are you?
- 166 Sheldon: I don't know. You'll have to devise a scenario that plausibly explains my absence, keeping in mind that the key to a good lie lies in the details.
- 167 Leonard: Hi, Amy. Sheldon's not here.
- 168 Amy: All right. (Leaves)
- 169 Sheldon: Way to go on the details.
- 170 Scene: A restaurant.
- 171 Leonard: Thanks again for doing this, Bernadette.
- 172 Bernadette: Oh, I take pacts very seriously. One time at my lab, a petri dish of genetically modified super-virus went missing. That day we made a pinky swear never to admit we crossed Ebola with the common cold.
- 173 Howard: Why the hell would you cross Ebola with the common cold?
- 174 Bernadette: We never did. That would be a terrible, terrible thing.
- 175 Girl (arriving): Hi. Sorry I'm late, I was at the gym. Spin class. Worked up quite a sweat.
- 176 Bernadette: Joy, this is Leonard. Leonard, this is Joy.
- 177 Leonard: Hi.
- 178 Joy: Hi. You don't look like a genius. Go ahead, say something smart.
- 179 Leonard: Uh...
- 180 Joy: Aah! Time's up. Just kidding. First thing you need to know about me, I'm hilarious.
- 181 Leonard: Yeah. So, Bernadette tells me she knows you from self-defence classes?
- 182 Joy: Yeah. Israeli Krav Maga. Lots of fun. Basically, a hundred different ways to rip a guy's nuts off.
- 183 Leonard: Wow. Wouldn't think there'd be that many.
- 184 Joy: Number 42!
- 185 Leonard: Whoa!
- 186 Bernadette: Isn't she a pip?
- 187 Scene: The stairwell.
- 188 Sheldon (rhythmically, while walking down the stairs): Proxima Centauri's the nearest star. The celestial bodies that follow are Alpha Centauri A, Toli, Barnard's Star, Wolf 359, Lalande 21185, Sirius A, Sirius B, BL-Ceti, UV-Ceti, Ross 154, Ross 248, Epsilon Eridani, Lac-9352, Ross 128, Procyon A, oh, darn, that's wrong! (Heads back up stairs) EZ Aquarii A, EZ Aquarii B, EZ Aquarii C, Procyon A. Those are the stars that are nearest to me. Tra-la-la and fiddle-dee-dee. (Sees Amy standing in lobby) Oh, dear. They really do be crazy.
- 189 Scene: The restaurant.
- 190 Joy (burping): This lobster's good on the way down and the way up.
- 191 Leonard: Should be, it's thirty dollars a pound.
- 192 Joy: Hey, this is a date, right?

- 193 Leonard: Yep, it is.
- 194 Joy: 73!
- 195 Leonard: Whoa!
- 196 Joy: Excuse me, I have to go to the little girls' room and take a wicked whiz.
- 197 Bernadette: I'll go with you.
- 198 Joy: Fair warning, I had the asparagus. My pee is gonna stink up the place.
- 199 Howard: I think she likes you.
- 200 Scene: The stairwell. Amy is sitting on the bottom step.
- 201 Sheldon (wearing a heavy coat and false nose and glasses): EZ Aquarii B,
- EZ Aquarii C, excuse me, madam.
- 202 Amy: Sheldon?
- 203 Sheldon: Rats!
- 204 Amy: I believe a misunderstanding may have occurred when I asked you to meet my mother.
- 205 Sheldon: No misunderstanding. I've learned what that request actually means, and I don't want to be joined to another object by an inclined plane wrapped helically around an axis.
- 206 Amy: In what way are you screwed? All I want to do is present you as my boyfriend to my mother so she'll be satisfied that I'm in a relationship.
- 207 Sheldon: So we'd be perpetrating a ruse?
- 208 Amy: Precisely.
- 209 Sheldon: And you haven't fallen hopelessly in love with me?
- 210 Amy: Don't be absurd. I find the notion of romantic love to be an unnecessary cultural construct that adds no value to human relationships.
- 211 Sheldon: Amy Farrah Fowler, that's the most pragmatic thing anyone has ever said to me.
- 212 Amy: I trust this clarification allows us to return to boy-slash-friend-slash-girl-slash-friend status.
- 213 Sheldon: Of course. Would you like to join me for Chinese food?
- 214 Amy: Sheldon, please, you're suffocating me.
- 215 Sheldon: My apologies. Good night, Amy.
- 216 Amy: Good night, Sheldon.
- 217 Scene: The restaurant.
- 218 Howard: Come on, just give her a chance. Maybe she'll grow on you.
- 219 Leonard: Or maybe she'll finally succeed in ripping my nuts off. There are still 93 ways she hasn't tried yet. Look, Howard, I appreciate the effort, but this is, like, the worst date of my life.
- 220 Howard: Seriously? I was once robbed by a pre-op transsexual I met on J-Date, and that didn't even crack my top ten.
- 221 Leonard: I guess the difference is, I have some self-respect.
- 222 Howard: Not that I've ever seen.
- 223 Leonard: It's relatively new. I just know that I'm not gonna spend time with someone I don't like simply to have a girlfriend. I'm okay on my own.
- 224 Joy: Good news, I made lots of room for dessert.

- 225 Leonard: Look, uh, Joy, it was nice to meet you, but...
- 226 Joy: Yeah, you, too. Hey, you got anything for next weekend? I need a date for my cousin's wedding.
- 227 Leonard: You're asking me out?
- 228 Joy: Yeah. And it's an open bar, so I'll probably be giving it away.
- 229 Leonard: I look forward to it.
- 230 Scene: The apartment.
- 231 Mrs Fowler (on webcam): It's nice to meet you, too, Sheldon. I honestly didn't believe Amy when she told me she had a boyfriend.
- 232 Sheldon: I assure you I am quite real and I'm having regular intercourse with your daughter.
- 233 Mrs Fowler: What?
- 234 Sheldon: Oh, yes. We're like wild animals in heat. It's a wonder neither of us has been hurt.
- 235 Mrs Fowler: Amy, what is he saying?
- 236 Amy: You wanted me to have a boyfriend, Mother. Well, here he is. Have to sign off now. My hunger for Sheldon is stirring in my loins.
- 237 Sheldon: Oh, yes, it's time for me to make love to your daughter's v\*g1n\*.
- 238 Mrs Fowler: Oh!
- 239 Amy: Thank you, Sheldon, that went very well.
- 240 Sheldon: Agreed. Amy, I find myself wondering if we should actually engage in coitus at least one time in our relationship. Bazinga. Bedtime. Please show yourself out.

### 4.6 Episode 06: The Irish Pub Formulation

- 1 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 2 Howard: Gagh!
- 3 Leonard: Problem?
- 4 Howard: This is the worst cobbler I've ever eaten. I mean it tastes like it was made of actual ground-up shoemaker.
- 5 Sheldon: Amusing. A play on the two meanings of cobbler.
- 6 Raj: Hey guys, guess who I found at LAX. My baby sister Priya.
- 7 Sheldon: Excuse me. I object. You propose a guessing game, yet you don't give me enough time to guess. For the record, I was going to say your sister Priya.
- 8 Priya: Oh, Sheldon. You haven't changed a bit, have you?
- 9 Sheldon: Why would I change?
- 10 Leonard: The hope has been that you'd eventually bend to public opinion. So, Priya, what brings you back to LA?
- 11 Priya: I have a one day layover on my way to Toronto. Corporate merger.
- 12 Raj: Can you believe it? Little Priya's one of the lead attorneys for the biggest car company in India.
- 13 Sheldon: Given that when we met her she was finishing law school and planning an internship at a large Indian car company, it's actually extremely plausible.

- 14 Leonard: And your poll numbers just keep dropping.
- 15 Priya: I want to catch up with all of you, but first I really must visit the loo.
- 16 Leonard: I'm going too, I'll show you where it is.
- 17 Raj: Alright, this goes without saying, but I'm just going to say it anyway. Hands off my sister.
- 18 Sheldon: Why would I touch her, she's covered with airplane germs.
- 19 Raj: I'm so not talking to you. I'm talking to him.
- 20 Howard: Hey, I've got a girlfriend now.
- 21 Raj: Oh please. My sister's much hotter than your girlfriend and you know it.
- 22 Howard: Let's just agree they're both hot.
- 23 Raj: Dude, that's my sister you're talking about.
- 24 Howard: Okay, forget who's hotter. The first time Priya came to LA, Leonard and I made a pact out of respect to our friendship, and to you, that neither of us would hit on her.
- 25 Raj: Did you pinky swear?
- 26 Howard: Yes.
- 27 Raj: Okay then.
- 28 Sheldon: Cobbler. I'm still laughing.
- 29 Scene: A corridor.
- 30 Priya: It's really nice to see you again Leonard.
- 31 Leonard: Yeah. It's good to see you too. Here you go.
- 32 Priya: Thanks. (Grabs him and kisses him.)
- 33 Leonard: Whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa. (Looks around.) Okay.
- 34 Credits sequence.
- 35 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 36 Howard: So, you got any special plans with your sister?
- 37 Raj: Oh, not really, just hang out.
- 38 Sheldon: I always tell people, if you have only one day in Los Angeles, make it a train day.
- 39 Raj: Train day?
- 40 Sheldon: The fun starts with brunch at Carney's in Studio City, a hot dog stand in a converted railroad dining car. Next stop, Travel Town, an outdoor museum featuring 43 railroad engines, cars and other rolling stock from the 1880s to the 1930s. Finally, we're off to the glitz and glamour of Hollywood for dinner at, that's right, the Hollywood Carney's, a hot dog stand in a different converted railroad dining car.
- 41 Raj: I don't think we're going to do that.
- 42 Sheldon: Well then apparently, you hate fun.
- 43 Leonard: Hmm, Priya's not back yet? Well, I guess that's not unusual, women, men, the whole sitting, standing deal, so, what are we talking about?
- 44 Raj: Uh, my plans with Priya.
- 45 Sheldon: He rejected train day.
- 46 Leonard: Did you make it clear that it's two different train cars turned into hot dog stands?

- 47 Sheldon: Abundantly.
- 48 Leonard: I guess he just hates fun.
- 49 Sheldon: That's what I said.
- 50 Priya: Okay, so, what's new with you guys.
- 51 Howard: I have a girlfriend now.
- 52 Priya: Hey, good for you.
- 53 Howard: Yeah, I just wanna put it out there in case I inadvertently squirt any pheromones in your direction. Happy? (Raj nods).
- 54 Leonard: So, uh, Priya, what are your plans while you're here.
- 55 Priya: I don't know, I just have the one day.
- 56 Sheldon: Do you like trains?
- 57 Priya: Not particularly.
- 58 Sheldon: You might as well just wait at the airport for your flight.
- 59 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is on his laptop.
- 60 Sheldon: You are in a forest. There is quicks and to the west, a path leads to the east. Go east. An iron gate blocks your way. Open gate. It's locked. Hmm, well, so much for that.
- 61 Leonard: It's getting pretty late, how come you're still up?
- 62 Sheldon: I've found an emulator online that lets you play classic text based computer games from the 1980s.
- 63 Leonard: That's pretty cool.
- 64 Sheldon: Oh yes. It runs on the world's most powerful graphics chip, imagination.
- 65 Leonard: You've really got to get out more.
- 66 Sheldon: Go north. You can't go that way. Go west. A troll blocks your passage. Okay, fasten your seatbelts, kill troll. With what? With sword. (There is a knock on the door.) You don't have the sword. Good golly, it's as if it's actually happening to me.
- 67 Priya (at door): Raj finally went to bed.
- 68 Leonard: Yeah, well, (kissing her) Sheldon's still up.
- 69 Priya: You said he goes to bed at nine.
- 70 Leonard: Yeah, he does but he got caught up in a computer game and...
- 71 Sheldon: Hit troll with axe. Hit troll with axe. Hit troll with axe. Oh my, this is one tough troll.
- 72 Priya: Can't you get rid of him?
- 73 Leonard: If the past is any indication, no.
- 74 Sheldon: Leonard, I'm trapped in quicksand, the axe is dragging me down.
- 75 Leonard: Drop axe.
- 76 Sheldon: Drop axe. Brilliant.
- 77 Leonard: Give me a minute. Sheldon,
- 78 Sheldon: Hold on. I have to figure out how to get the bucket, so I can carry the mud past the dragon.
- 79 Leonard: Sheldon, you need to work in the morning.
- 80 Sheldon: I know.
- 81 Leonard: Well then, bed mister.
- 82 Sheldon: Five more minutes.

- 83 Leonard: Really? You're going to risk getting sleepy in the middle of your thermodynamic fluctuations seminar? You know what happens when you yawn in public.
- 84 Sheldon: Everyone will see my oddly shaped uvula.
- 85 Leonard: You don't want that, do you?
- 86 Sheldon: No. But it's a shame our society mocks the differently uvulated. Who was at the door?
- 87 Leonard: Oh, uh, building manager. They have to fix a pipe so the water will be off tomorrow from noon to two.
- 88 Sheldon: That's unacceptable. We're supposed to be given written notice.
- 89 Leonard: No, no, it doesn't matter, we'll be at work.
- 90 Sheldon: Well, what if I spill tomato soup on my shirt and have to come home to change, only to find there's no water for an enzyme soak.
- 91 Leonard: Bifurcated uvula, Sheldon!
- 92 Sheldon: I'll have the chicken noodle. Goodnight.
- 93 Leonard (to Priya): We're going to have to be very quiet.
- 94 Sheldon: I know how to get the bucket! I can turn the axe around and use the handle to reach it. Let's see. Go north. You are in a forest. Go north. You are in a forest. Go north. You are in a forest. Oh dear, I believe I'm lost. Well, I'll just have to get a fresh start tomorrow.
- 95 Leonard: No, no, no, no, no, no. You just need, you just need to map it out. Come on, I'll help you. So, uh, you stopped at the stream and you turned north three times?
- 96 Sheldon: Yes.
- 97 Leonard: You're right, you're lost, good luck.
- 98 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Morning.
- 99 Priya: Oh! Leonard, wake up.
- 100 Leonard: Huh! Sorry!
- 101 Priya: For what?
- 102 Leonard: I don't know. When I'm in bed with a girl, it's just, it's my go to response.
- 103 Priya: It's six o' clock, I have to get back to Raj's before he wakes up and realises I'm gone.
- 104 Leonard: Oh, right, sure. I wish you could stay in LA a while longer.
- 105 Priya: Mmm. Me too.
- 106 Leonard: You know, I was thinking, there are some great research facilities in India
- 107 Priya: Where are you going with this, Leonard?
- 108 Leonard: Well, I'm just saying, I don't have any real ties here, so if I were to move to New Delhi we could, you know, go out.
- 109 Priya: Leonard, didn't we have this conversation five years ago.
- 110 Leonard: Well, yes, but, things have changed, you know, you're older, I'm older. Look, no more superhero bedsheets.
- 111 Priya: Sweetheart, just because we have fun when I come to town doesn't mean I want to have a serious relationship.
- 112 Leonard: It doesn't?

- 113 Priya: Mm-mm. And besides, I could never bring a white boy home to my parents. They'd have a cow. Which is a much bigger deal in India.
- 114 Leonard: I'm not that white. My great-great grandmother was half Cherokee. I know that's not the right kind of Indian but it is something.
- 115 Priya: Aha, you're funny.
- 116 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard.
- 117 Leonard: What?
- 118 Sheldon: I heard a woman laughing.
- 119 Leonard: Oh, uh, yeah, I was trying to see if I could laugh as a woman.
- 120 Sheldon: Oh. Well, good job, quite convincing. I smell perfume.
- 121 Leonard: Air freshener.
- 122 Sheldon: And is that lipstick on your cheek and neck.
- 123 Leonard: Uh, rash, that's a bad rash.
- 124 Sheldon: My sympathies. I am no stranger to the crimson scourge that is dermatitis. Can I interest you in a topical steroid from my lotion and unguent collection?
- 125 Leonard: Uh, yeah, yeah, that sounds great.
- 126 Sheldon: Very well, I'm sure I can find something that will help you ditch that itch.
- 127 Leonard: Okay, he's in the bathroom, let's go.
- 128 Sheldon: Do you prefer ointment or cream?
- 129 Leonard: Uh, cream.
- 130 Sheldon: With or without a numbing agent?
- 131 Leonard: Without.
- 132 Sheldon: Really? Leonard, there are no heroes when it comes to dermatitis.
- 133 Leonard: Fine. With.
- 134 Sheldon: Prescription or non-prescription strength.
- 135 Leonard: Use your best judgement.
- 136 Sheldon: Well, I think I have a nice 2009 AnaMantle HC. It's usually indicated for acutely inflamed haemorrhoids, but it also goes nicely with non mucosal body parts.
- 137 Leonard: Sounds great.
- 138 Sheldon: Excellent choice.
- 139 Leonard (whispering): Right, right, alright. (They creep almost to the apartment door.)
- 140 Sheldon: Priya?
- 141 Priva: Good morning, Sheldon.
- 142 Sheldon: For shame, Leonard. For shame. And to think I was ready to waste the last of my good haemorrhoid cream on you.
- 143 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 144 Leonard: Making pretty good time, huh?
- 145 Sheldon: Is that really what you want to talk about, Leonard?
- 146 Leonard: No.
- 147 Sheldon: What do you want to talk about?

- 148 Leonard: Please don't tell anyone I spent the night with Raj's sister.
- 149 Sheldon: There it is. What if someone asks?
- 150 Leonard: No-one's going to ask if I spent the night with Raj's sister.
- 151 Sheldon: Perhaps. But they might ask me something else.
- 152 Leonard: Like what?
- 153 Sheldon: Like, has Leonard betrayed any of his friends recently?
- 154 Leonard: Priya and I are both adults. We didn't betray Raj.
- 155 Sheldon: In fact, you did, but I was referring to Howard.
- 156 Leonard: What are you talking about?
- 157 Sheldon: April 12th, 2005, Bob's Big Boy, Toluca Lake. Raj had just introduced us to Priya for the first time, and she was enjoying the sweet taste of Hindu rebellion in the form of a Bob's Super Big Boy hamburger. In order to preserve your friendship, you and Howard made a pinky swear that neither of you would attempt to woo her. I had a patty melt.
- 158 Leonard: Okay, fine, I betrayed Howard.
- 159 Sheldon: And Raj.
- 160 Leonard: Alright, and Raj.
- 161 Sheldon: And me.
- 162 Leonard: You?
- 163 Sheldon: Violation of the roommate agreement, overnight guest notification clause.
- 164 Leonard: Okay fine, I'm, I'm a horrible human being, I'm the Darth Vader of Pasadena.
- 165 Sheldon: You're far too short to be Darth Vader. At best you might be a turncoat Ewok.
- 166 Leonard: My point is, Priya's gone. And it would be much better if no-one else found out about this.
- 167 Sheldon: You mean, you want me to keep a secret.
- 168 Leonard: Yes.
- 169 Sheldon: You know I can't keep a secret.
- 170 Leonard: You can if you try. Think about it this way, if I were Batman and you were Alfred, you'd keep that secret. Right?
- 171 Sheldon: Why do you get to be Batman?
- 172 Leonard: Because, well, Batman has the secret.
- 173 Sheldon: Well Alfred has secrets too.
- 174 Leonard: Like what?
- 175 Sheldon: Alfred knows that Barbara Gordon is Batgirl. Which I've now just told to Batman. See, I can't keep a secret.
- 176 Scene: Leonard's lab.
- 177 Sheldon: Ta-da!
- 178 Leonard: What.
- 179 Sheldon: Ta-da. It's short for da-da-da!
- 180 Leonard: Kind of busy here, Sheldon.
- 181 Sheldon: I know, that's why I shortened it.
- 182 Leonard: What do you want.
- 183 Sheldon: I came to go over your alibi for last night.

- 184 Leonard: What alibi?
- 185 Sheldon: You've asked me to lie on your behalf, and as you know, I am deeply uncomfortable with impromptu dishonest, so I've provided you with an iron clad alibi. You couldn't have spent last night with Priya, because you were with another woman.
- 186 Leonard: Oh, I'm so sure I'm going to regret this, but, who was I with?
- 187 Sheldon: The fun loving, and morally loose, Miss Maggie McGeary.
- 188 Leonard: Oh, God.
- 189 Sheldon: You met her at Pasadena's most popular Irish watering hole, Lucky Baldwin's, where Maggie spends her nights tending bar, with a head full of curls and a heart full of dreams.
- 190 Leonard (reading a napkin Sheldon has handed him): Leonard, call me if you're interested in coitus. Sincerely, Maggie McGeary.
- 191 Sheldon: And if anyone were to actually call that number they will hear this.
- 192 Mechanical voice on Sheldon's phone: Top of the morning to you. You've reached Maggie McGeary. Leave a message after the wee little beep.
- 193 Sheldon: It's pretty convincing, huh? And it wasn't even a real person. And here is the clincher. A lock of Maggie's flaming auburn hair.
- 194 Leonard: Where did you get that?
- 195 Sheldon: From an orang-u-tan in the primate lab.
- 196 Leonard: An orang-u-tan?
- 197 Sheldon: Well, no-one's going to run a DNA test on it, Leonard, honestly you over-think everything.
- 198 Leonard: Sheldon, I don't need an alibi. Nobody's going to ask about last night as long as you just zip your lip. (Sheldon makes lip zipping movement.) Thankyou. Now don't worry, everything is going to be fine. (Sheldon writes "I doubt it" on Leonard's whiteboard.
- 199 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 200 Leonard: Hey.
- 201 Raj: Hey, Leonard, will you please tell Howard my sister's never been attracted to him.
- 202 Leonard: C'mon Raj, how am I supposed to know who she's attracted to. Or was attracted to. Or who she might be attracted to. In the future.
- 203 Sheldon: And I have nothing to contribute to this conversation. Because I too know absolutely nothing about Priya's preferences in male companionship. And with that, I will re-zip my lip.
- 204 Raj: Hey, so what did you guys think of the new episode of Caprica last night?
- 205 Leonard: I didn't see it.
- 206 Howard: Didn't see it? What were you doing?
- 207 Leonard: Uh, I was out.
- 208 Raj: On Caprica night?
- 209 Leonard: Yeah, I, uh, went for a drink.
- 210 Howard: Really, you, and where, where did you go?
- 211 Leonard: To, uh, Lucky Baldwin's.

- 212 Sheldon: Oh, I've heard of that place, isn't that Pasadena's favourite Irish watering hole.
- 213 Leonard: Yes.
- 214 Sheldon: Did you meet anyone interesting there, perhaps a promiscuous redheaded barmaid?
- 215 Leonard: As a matter of fact I.. I... I can't... I can't... I can't do it.
- 216 Sheldon: Sure you can, you're doing fine, it's very believable.
- 217 Leonard: Look, I'm sorry Raj, but the truth is I was with Priya last night.
- 218 Sheldon: Don't listen to him, he's still light headed from all the Irish whiskey and pickled eggs in his system.
- 219 Raj: What were you doing with Priya?
- 220 Sheldon: I believe they engaged in coitus but, more importantly, if Leonard had not abandoned his story, would you have found it plausible?
- 221 Raj: What? You slept with my sister?
- 222 Leonard: Yeah.
- 223 Howard: How could you? We had a pact!
- 224 Raj: Excuse me, I think how could you she's my sister takes precedence over a five year old pinky swear!
- 225 Sheldon: May I point out, in a parallel universe, your friends are saying Maggie McGeary, she sounds lovely.
- 226 Leonard: Look, I admit it, I may have crossed a line here, but come on, Raj, your sister is a grown woman. To her, I'm a forbidden piece of white chocolate.
- 227 Raj: I... I don't believe it, this is a terrible betrayal of my trust.
- 228 Leonard: No, no, no, would it help if I told you that I offered her my heart and she kind of stomped on it.
- 229 Raj: How hard did she stomp?
- 230 Leonard: Very hard.
- 231 Raj: Okay, I'm good.
- 232 Howard: Yeah, well, Raj, I just want to say that I'd never betray your trust. Unlike Leonard, I respect you.
- 233 Leonard: Really?
- 234 Howard: Mmm.
- 235 Leonard: Was it out of respect that you didn't tell Raj about the time you dropped his iPhone in a urinal?
- 236 Raj: Dude! I put that thing on my face!
- 237 Sheldon: I think a more amusing violation of Raj's trust is when Howard convinced him that foreigners give presents to Americans on Thanksgiving.
- 238 Howard: Hey, I didn't see you giving back your Snoopy snowcone maker.
- 239 Raj: That was all a lie? This year's gifts are already wrapped!
- 240 Howard: And as long as we're talking about betraying our friends, how about the month Sheldon spent grinding up insects and mixing them into Leonard's food.
- 241 Sheldon: Well, excuse me. That was not a betrayal, that was an experiment to determine at what concentration food starts tasting mothy.
- 242 Leonard: You put moths in my food?

- 243 Sheldon: For science.
- 244 Raj: I can't believe you kissed my sister with moth mouth.
- 245 Leonard: Well, uh, I can't believe you used Sheldon's toothbrush.
- 246 Sheldon: You used my toothbrush?
- 247 Raj: Not the brush part, just the little rubber thing to pick food from my teeth and massage my gums.
- 248 Leonard: Okay, I, I, I think it's safe to say that we've all done some things we're not particularly proud of. But come on, we're friends. Friends overlook each other's minor lapses. For the record, Howard, I'm sorry that I broke our pact.
- 249 Howard: Thankyou, and I'm sorry about your phone. And Thanksgiving. And while we're at it, you don't have to wash our clothes on the fourth of July.
- 250 Raj: As long as we're apologising, Sheldon, I, I'm sorry I used your toothbrush.
- 251 Sheldon: And I'm sorry. But that behaviour is beyond the pale and cannot be tolerated. We are no longer friends.
- 252 Raj: I got you a talking Thomas the Tank Engine for Thanksgiving.
- 253 Sheldon: With real puffing smoke?
- 254 Raj: Yes.
- 255 Sheldon: Alright. But I'm watching you.
- 256 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is making snowcones.
- 257 Leonard: Hey, you got Snoopy out. Can I have a snowcone?
- 258 Sheldon: Well, sure.
- 259 Leonard: These are pretty god, what flavour is this?
- 260 Sheldon: Guess.
- 261 Leonard: Papaya?
- 262 Sheldon: No.
- 263 Leonard: Guava?
- 264 Sheldon: You're so close.
- 265 Leonard: I give up.
- 266 Sheldon: Mango, caterpillar. What are you doing? You said you liked it!

#### 4.7 Episode 07: The Apology Insufficiency

- 1 Scene: The University Cafeteria.
- 2 Leonard: No, seriously, I think I've finally figured out my problem with women.
- 3 Sheldon: The capybara is the largest member of the rodent family.
- 4 Leonard: What does that have to do with me and women?
- 5 Sheldon: Nothing. It was a desperate attempt to introduce an alternate topic of conversation.
- 6 Leonard: My problem is, I don't project confidence. So I decided that the next time I meet a woman I think is attractive, rather than holding back and being cautious, I'm going to assume the mantle of self-assurance.
- 7 Raj: Oh, yeah? What's that look like?
- 8 Leonard: Hi. I'm Leonard. And you are beautiful. You pop, sparkle and

buzz electric. I'm going to pick you up at eight, show you a night you will never forget.

- 9 Raj: Where are we going?
- 10 Howard: Good news. I made it onto the team for the new Defence Department laser-equipped surveillance satellite.
- 11 Sheldon: Excuse me. If we're changing topics, I believe I have first dibs with capybara, a rodent the size of a baby hippo.
- 12 Leonard: Congratulations Howard.
- 13 Howard: Thanks. Listen, I have to get a security clearance, so you guys might be hearing from the FBI.
- 14 Raj: Whoa, whoa, whoa! I don't want to speak to the FBI.
- 15 Leonard: Why not?
- 16 Raj: I'm brown and I talk funny.
- 17 Howard: They're just doing a background check on me.
- 18 Raj: It doesn't matter. They'll find a reason to give me a one-way ticket back to Gandhi-ville. By the way, when I say that, it's not offensive.
- 19 Leonard: Don't be ridiculous, Raj. You're here legally.
- 20 Raj: Nobody cares. Do you know how long it's been since I got through airport security without being given a colonoscopy?
- 21 Sheldon: You know, I try very hard to make our lunch hours educational and informative, but your insistence on talking about your own lives stymies me at every turn.
- 22 Leonard: Fine, Sheldon, tell us about your giant rodents.
- 23 Sheldon: No, you squandered your time with me, and the moment has now passed. Feast on your disappointment, much as the capybara feasts on its own waste.
- 24 Credits sequence.
- 25 Scene: Raj's apartment. Raj is reading New Moon.
- 26 Raj: Oh, Bella, don't you see? Edward's only pushing you away because he loves you. (Knock on door) Coming.
- 27 Woman at Door: Dr. Koothrappali? (Raj nods) I'm Special Agent Page, FBI. May I come in? (Nods again) I'd like to talk to you about Howard Wolowitz. (Indicates sofa) Oh, thank you. All right. Well, how long have you known Mr. Wolowitz?
- 28 Raj (Holds up finger to indicate he will be right back. Runs to kitchen. Tries to drink wine but bottle is empty. Looks in fridge and finds rum cake. Comes back stuffing a piece in his mouth): Rum cake?
- 29 Page: No, thanks. Now, about Mr. Wolowitz.
- 30 Raj: Seven years.
- 31 Page: I see.
- 32 Raj: I'm in this country legally, you know.
- 33 Page: I'm sure you are. Now, to your knowledge, has Mr. Wolowitz ever committed a crime?
- 34 Raj: Of course not. I'm here on an H-1B visa, which means I can't be associated in any way with crime or criminal activity. And I'm not.
- 35 Page: Good. To your knowledge, does Mr. Wolowitz have any foreign

contacts?

- 36 Raj: No, just me. Oh, there it is. Here comes a cavity search.
- 37 Page: Excuse me?
- 38 Raj: Please don't send me back to India, it's so crowded. It's like the whole country is one endless Comic-Con, except everybody's wearing the same costume, Indian Guy.
- 39 Page: Dr. Koothrappali, I'm not...
- 40 Raj: I love this country! The-the baseball, the freedom, the rampant morbid obesity! From California to the New York Island, I'm a real Yankee Doodle boy!
- 41 Page: Dr. Koothrappali, please.
- 42 Raj: My country 'tis of thee, duh duh liberty, It's really great.
- 43 Scene: Leonard's lab.
- 44 Leonard: So, when Howard said the FBI would be contacting me, I was expecting Mulder. Glad to see I got Scully.
- 45 Page: Who?
- 46 Leonard: Mulder and Scully. X-Files. The truth is out there. Never mind. Uh, so, what would you like to know?
- 47 Page: You work with Mr. Wolowitz here at the university, correct?
- 48 Leonard: Yes. Of course, we're in different departments. He's an engineer and I'm an experimental physicist. You know, one of those guys who examines the building blocks of creation and says, Hello, maker of the universe, I see what you did there. Good one.
- 49 Page: Right. Now, how would you characterize your relationship with Mr. Wolowitz?
- 50 Leonard: Good. It's a good relationship. Of course, most of my relationships are good. Probably because I exude confidence. People are drawn to that, you know? Confidence, not exuding.
- 51 Page: Do you know of any groups Mr. Wolowitz is a member of?
- 52 Leonard: You are beautiful, you know that? You pop, sparkle and buzz electric. I'm going to pick you up at eight, show you a night you will never forget.
- 53 Page: Sounds great.
- 54 Leonard: Really?
- 55 Page: Yeah. Can my six-foot-two Navy SEAL husband come with us?
- 56 Leonard: Is that, oh, my, I didn't see the ring with my glasses off, so, look at that, I'm starting to exude.
- 57 Scene: The apartment. There is a knock on the door.
- 58 Leonard: Want to get that?
- 59 Sheldon: Not particularly.
- 60 Leonard: Could you get that?
- 61 Sheldon: I suppose I could if I were asked.
- 62 Leonard: Would you please get that?
- 63 Sheldon: Of course. Why do you have to make things so complicated?
- 64 Page: Dr. Cooper?
- 65 Sheldon: Yes.

- 66 Page: I'm Special Agent Page, FBI.
- 67 Sheldon: You say you're Special Agent Page, FBI.
- 68 Page: Here's my I.D.
- 69 Sheldon: And here is my Justice League membership card. But that doesn't prove I know Batman.
- 70 Page: I just want to ask you a few questions about Howard Wolowitz.
- 71 Sheldon: Oh. All right. I doubt anyone would risk the stiff penalties for impersonating a federal officer just to ask questions about a minor league engineer with an unresolved Oedipal complex.
- 72 Page: Thank you.
- 73 Sheldon: For the record, I truly support the FBI in the mission which is expressed through their motto?
- 74 Page: Fidelity, bravery, integrity?
- 75 Sheldon: Correct. Now to business. 18 years ago, I sent the FBI Crime Lab samples from a bag of excrement that had been lit on fire on my front porch for fingerprinting and DNA analysis. Why haven't I heard back yet?
- 76 Page: Well, the FBI Crime Lab does have a lot on its plate.
- 77 Sheldon: That's of little comfort to a nation attempting to scrape burning feces off its shoes.
- 78 Page: Would you mind if we talked about Mr. Wolowitz now?
- 79 Sheldon: A little, but go on.
- 80 Page: Thank you. Would you characterize him as responsible?
- 81 Sheldon: I'm going to answer that with a visual aid. This is my nine-disc complete Lord of the Rings trilogy blu-ray set. Mr. Wolowitz borrowed it, damaged plastic retention hub number three, and then returned it to me, hoping I wouldn't notice. Would you characterize that as responsible?
- 82 Page: That's really not the sort of thing we're interested in.
- 83 Sheldon: You heard me say blu-ray, right?
- 84 Page: I did.
- 85 Sheldon: Very well. Would you be interested in knowing that Mr. Wolowitz once snuck onto my World of Warcraft account and changed the name of a certain level-80 warlock from Sheldor to Smeldor?
- 86 Page: I'm afraid not. Is there anything else?
- 87 Sheldon: Is there anything else? Where would you like to start? He refuses to pay fines when he's overdue with books I lend him. He crashed the Mars Rover while attempting to impress a woman. He recommended that I go see the third Matrix movie because it was, and I quote, just as good as the first one. If that's not irresponsible, I don't know what is.
- 88 Page: The Mars Rover?
- 89 Sheldon: Did I say Mars Rover?
- 90 Page: You did.
- 91 Sheldon: That was actually a poorly chosen example, as it had nothing to do with me.
- 92 Page: Yes, well, let's talk about it anyway.
- 93 Sheldon: I don't want to. Not that my disinclination to discuss the topic should be interpreted as evidence of Howard Wolowitz's culpability in the de-

- struction of government property worth millions of dollars.
- 94 Page: Thank you, Dr. Cooper. I think I have all I need.
- 95 Sheldon: Oh, good. I was a fraid you were going to fixate on that Mars Rover incident.
- 96 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 97 Howard: Hey, buddies. Guess who didn't get security clearance to work on the giant space laser?
- 98 Leonard: What happened?
- 99 Howard: Apparently, the background interviews didn't go well. You guys wouldn't know anything about that, would you?
- 100 Raj: Well, actually, I may have gotten a little tipsy when I talked to her.
- 101 Leonard: And I may have hit on her a little bit.
- 102 Raj: I may have thrown up rum cake on her shoes.
- 103 Howard: I see. Well, it's good to know, when I need you guys, I can always count on you to step up and ruin everything.
- 104 Leonard: I feel awful.
- 105 Raj: Ah, me, too.
- 106 Leonard: To tell you the truth, I thought if anyone was going to screw things up for Howard, it'd be Sheldon.
- 107 Sheldon: Well, your expectations have been subverted. Aha.
- 108 Scene: The apartment.
- 109 Leonard: What are you doing up?
- 110 Sheldon: Sleep eludes me, Leonard.
- 111 Leonard: Really? Maybe sleep has met you before.
- 112 Sheldon: Mockery? That's all you have to offer?
- 113 Leonard: I'm sorry. Why can't you sleep?
- 114 Sheldon: Who knows? I haven't watched any scary movies recently. I'm no longer obsessing over why the predicted mass of the quantum vacuum has little effect on the expansion of the universe. And it's been weeks since I took that accidental sip of Red Bull.
- 115 Leonard: Did something happen today that's bothering you?
- 116 Sheldon: Well, I did mention the Mars Rover incident to that FBI agent and probably cost Howard his security clearance.
- 117 Leonard: What?
- 118 Sheldon: But why should that keep me up?
- 119 Leonard: Because you feel guilty?
- 120 Sheldon: Interesting. So you're saying my insomnia is caused by a guilty conscience.
- 121 Leonard: Actually, you don't have insomnia. You're sleeping now.
- 122 Sheldon: Excuse me?
- 123 Leonard: You're having a guilt-ridden dream.
- 124 Sheldon: Do you have any evidence to support that hypothesis?
- 125 Leonard: How about that Gorn sitting on the couch?
- 126 Sheldon: That seems fairly conclusive. (In his bed) No, Gorn, no. That's where I sit.
- 127 Scene: Agent Page's Office.

- 128 Sheldon: Thank you for agreeing to see me, Agent Page.
- 129 Page: Thank you for filing a complaint with my superior, Dr. Cooper. I understand you want to recant your statement about Howard Wolowitz.
- 130 Sheldon: Yes.
- 131 Page: Was your statement untrue?
- 132 Sheldon: No.
- 133 Page: Then I'm afraid you can't withdraw it.
- 134 Sheldon: I'm sorry. I don't recall you saying no backsies.
- 135 Page: Is there anything else?
- 136 Sheldon: Yes. I'd like to offer a laudatory statement about Howard's many excellent qualities that I believe will tip the scales back in his favour. Howard Joel Wolowitz. H is for honesty, of which he has much. O's for outstanding, which he is such. W's for witty, he's quick with a joke. A's for artistic, his ability...
- 137 Page: I'm sorry, Dr. Cooper, this matter is already closed.
- 138 Sheldon: But I still have rd Joel Wolowitz left to go.
- 139 Page: It's closed.
- 140 Sheldon: I don't understand why you people are picking on my friend, Howard, when there are much more serious security threats to pursue. For instance, when I first met Leonard, he was on the verge of giving away rocket secrets to a North Korean spy, and not one agent ever investigated that.
- 141 Page: This is Leonard Hofstadter?
- 142 Sheldon: No, it's a different Leonard. He's Chinese, red hair, six fingers. Good-bye.
- 143 Scene: A corridor at the university.
- 144 Sheldon: Raj. Have you seen Howard?
- 145 Raj: I think he's eating lunch. Uh, Sheldon, I want you to meet Neil deGrasse Tyson from the Hayden Planetarium in New York.
- 146 Sheldon: I'm quite familiar with Dr. Tyson. He's responsible for the demotion of Pluto from planetary status. I liked Pluto. Ergo I do not like you.
- 147 Dr Tyson: But I actually didn't demote Pluto. That was a vote of the International Astronomical Union.
- 148 Sheldon: If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, we'd all have a merry Christmas. Think about that, Dr. Tyson.
- 149 Dr Tyson: Is that the guy you were telling me about?
- 150 Raj: Oh, yeah.
- 151 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 152 Sheldon: Howard. The person at fault for you not getting a security clearance is me.
- 153 Howard: You?
- 154 Sheldon: Yes, but before you get upset, I want you to know I went to the FBI and retracted my statement.
- 155 Howard: And they were okay with that?
- 156 Sheldon: No. If anything, I made it worse. In any case, I have been riddled with guilt, which is causing Gorn-infested REM sleep. So, I'm here now to say I'm sorry.

- 157 Howard: Are you kidding me? You've set my career back at least two years, and you think you can make it right with I'm sorry?
- 158 Sheldon: Yes. I followed the social protocol. I attempted to right the wrong, and when I failed to do so I delivered a heartfelt apology. Now you say apology accepted, and I will offer you a one-time-only high five.
- 159 Howard: Your apology is not accepted.
- 160 Sheldon: You're tricking me. It really is, isn't it?
- 161 Howard: Leave me alone, Sheldon.
- 162 Dr Tyson: Dr. Cooper, I just wanted you to know I'm sorry for the role I played in the Pluto matter.
- 163 Sheldon: Oh, shut up.
- 164 Scene: The bar of the Cheesecake Factory.
- 165 Penny: Sheldon?
- 166 Sheldon: Hello.
- 167 Penny: What are you doing here?
- 168 Sheldon: I have troubles, Penny. I've come to pour them out to the sympathetic ear of the local barkeep.
- 169 Penny: You know, they have a really nice bar over at the Olive Garden.
- 170 Sheldon: I don't like the Olive Garden. They treat me like family.
- 171 Penny: Okay, Sheldon. What can I get you?
- 172 Sheldon: Alcohol.
- 173 Penny: Could you be a little more specific?
- 174 Sheldon: Ethyl alcohol. 40 millilitres.
- 175 Penny: I'm sorry, honey, I don't know millilitres.
- 176 Sheldon: Ah. Blame President James "Jimmy" Carter. He started America on a path to the metric system but then just gave up. He wonders why he was a one-term president.
- 177 Penny (pouring out a shot of tequila): Would you say that's about 40 milliliters?
- 178 Sheldon: More or less.
- 179 Penny: Great. (Drinks the tequila) Now, where were we?
- 180 Sheldon: I believe you were about to ask me to choose a cocktail. Fortunately, thanks to computer-savvy alcoholics, there's an app for that. Let's see. Harvey Wallbanger. Eh. s\*x on the Beach. I hardly think so. Rob Roy, Silk Slipper, Mad Hatter. Ooh! I'll have a Rosewater Ricky.
- 181 Penny: A what?
- 182 Sheldon: You'll need pitted, brandied cherries, gin, rosewater, angostura bitters and overproofed rum. Now, first, dust the cherries with sugar, then spray them with a mixture of rum and bitters. Then ignite the rum, caramel...
- 183 Penny (pouring out a shot of tequila): Here you go, one Rosewater Ricky.
- 184 Sheldon: That's not how it looks in the picture.
- 185 Penny: Oh, yeah, you know, every bartender makes it differently. Why don't you give it a try.
- 186 Sheldon: All right. To the metric system. (Knocks back drink. Spits it all back into glass.) I can't taste the cherries.
- 187 Penny: All right. Sheldon, what's on your mind?

- 188 Sheldon: I wronged Howard, and he won't accept my apology.
- 189 Penny: Oh, right, that. Yes, Leonard told me. Sorry, honey.
- 190 Sheldon: Penny, you face failure on a daily basis. How do you cope?
- 191 Penny: I drink.
- 192 Sheldon: To drinking. (Knocks back drink and spits it out again.) Nope.
- Oh, if only there were some way to force Howard to accept my apology so I could escape this miasma of guilt.
- 193 Penny: You know, sometimes stuff just happens, and there's nothing you can do about it. For example, Lisa Peterson hasn't talked to me since the 11th grade, because no matter how much you apologize, you can't go back and undry-hump someone's boyfriend.
- 194 Sheldon: I see. You're saying I'm facing Starfleet Academy's unwinnable command scenario, the Kobayashi Maru.
- 195 Penny: Exactly. Sometimes you can't win.
- 196 Sheldon: Captain Kirk won.
- 197 Penny: Kirk cheated.
- 198 Sheldon: Impressive that you know that. It's hard to believe I'm actually having this conversation with you.
- 199 Penny: Right there with you.
- 200 Sheldon: Kirk beat the Kobayashi Maru by reprogramming the simulator. That's it.
- 201 Penny: What?
- 202 Sheldon: I'll reprogram Howard.
- 203 Penny: What? Sheldon, you can't reprogram people.
- 204 Sheldon: No, you can't reprogram people. To James Tiberius Kirk. (Drinks. Leaves. Comes back and spits it out again.)
- 205 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 206 Sheldon: Hello, all.
- 207 Raj: Hello.
- 208 Leonard: Hey.
- 209 Sheldon: Howard, you're feeling better about me today, aren't you?
- 210 Howard: Not really.
- 211 Sheldon: Yes, you are. I'm using neurolinguistic programming to modify your thought patterns.
- 212 Howard: Oh. Go away, Sheldon.
- 213 Sheldon: There's a nine ninety five e-book down the drain.
- 214 Raj: What's in the bag?
- 215 Sheldon: It's for Howard.
- 216 Howard: Oh. Sheldon, you can't fix this with gifts.
- 217 Sheldon: Nevertheless, I've hurt you, and whether you forgive me or not, I want you to have this.
- 218 Howard: You're giving me a couch cushion?
- 219 Sheldon: No. The cushion is merely symbolic. I'm giving you my spot on the couch.
- 220 Howard: But you love that spot.
- 221 Sheldon: No. I love my mother. My feelings for my spot are much greater.

It is the singular location in space around which revolves my entire universe. And now it's yours.

- 222 Raj: Oh, my God, dude. Now you have to forgive him.
- 223 Howard: All right. Apology accepted.
- 224 Sheldon: High five. Not too hard. Thank you.
- 225 Raj: I haven't cried like this since Toy Story 3.
- 226 Scene: The apartment.
- 227 Howard: I got to tell you, Sheldon, I understand why you chose this spot. I mean, the temperature is good, but there's no draft. I can see the television, but I can still talk to...
- 228 Sheldon: I changed my mind. Get out of my spot.
- 229 Penny: How long? 230 - Leonard: 94 seconds.

# 4.8 Episode 08: The 21-Second Excitation

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Penny: Okay, help me out here. How does an archaeology professor get that good with a whip?
- 3 Howard: Maybe he took a class at the adult bookstore. That's how I learned.
- 4 Leonard: I can't believe you've never seen Raiders of the Lost Ark.
- 5 Penny: And I can't believe you've never read Eat, Pray, Love.
- 6 Leonard: When she comes out with Eat, Pray, Run Away From A Giant Boulder, I'll read it.
- 7 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): I don't care if Eat, Pray, Love changed your life, I'm not reading it.
- 8 Penny: You know, I could totally rock a hat like that.
- 9 Sheldon: That's the work of noted Hollywood costume designer Deborah Nadoolman. She also designed the iconic red and black jacket in Michael Jackson's Thriller video, which I've never viewed in its entirety, as I find zombies dancing in choreographed synchronicity implausible. And also, it's really scary.
- 10 Leonard: Would someone please turn off the Sheldon commentary track?
- 11 Sheldon: There's no switch. Just listen and learn.
- 12 Howard: Penny, if you think this is good, you should come with us Friday to see it on the big screen at the Colonial.
- 13 Penny: Well, I'm watching it now. Why would I want to see it again on Friday?
- 14 Sheldon: Because the print they're showing on Friday has an additional 21 seconds of previously unseen footage.
- 15 Penny: What, 21 seconds? That'll be like seeing a whole new movie!
- 16 Leonard: Exactly. They say it finally solves the submarine controversy.
- 17 Sheldon: Did Leonard? I'm no expert, but I believe what we just heard from Penny was sarcasm. (She indicates it was) Oh, good. I'm eight for 26 this month.
- 18 Penny: Yeah, I think I'll pass. But you guys enjoy your extra 21 seconds.
- 19 Leonard: Bet if I could make you understand why this is such a cool thing,

- we'd still be together.
- 20 Penny: Mm, yeah, no, we wouldn't.
- 21 Howard: Uh-huh. I'm guessing 21 seconds had something to do with that, too.
- 22 Credits sequence.
- 23 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 24 Sheldon: May I point out to you all that the screening is first come, first served?
- 25 Leonard: Relax, it's five o'clock. The movie doesn't start till midnight.
- 26 Sheldon: Another way of saying that is the movie starts at midnight, and it's already five o'clock. Let's go.
- 27 Howard: You know, if we miss it, we'll have the fun of listening to Sheldon whine about it for the rest of our lives.
- 28 Sheldon: See? Howard's on my side.
- 29 Howard: Actually, I'm not. I'm using sarcasm to mock you.
- 30 Sheldon: Drat. Now I'm 8 for 27.
- 31 Leonard: Don't worry, Sheldon. We'll be fine.
- 32 Sheldon: What happened to the Leonard Hofstadter who waited in line with me for 14 hours to see the midnight premiere of Star Trek: Nemesis?
- 33 Leonard: Oh. Well, he waited in line for 14 hours, while you napped in a lawn chair, he got in a fight with a Klingon when he stepped out of line to pee and you wouldn't wake up to vouch for him, and worst of all, he saw Star Trek: Nemesis.
- 34 Sheldon: But how were our seats?
- 35 Leonard: Excellent.
- 36 Sheldon: I rest my case. Amy, don't you agree we should leave now and get in line?
- 37 Amy: Actually, as the newest member of your social group, I believe I'll gain more acceptance by arbitrarily siding with your friends from time to time.
- 38 Sheldon: Shrewd.
- 39 Amy: Leonard, you're right. We should enjoy our meal, arrive late, and risk winding up with terrible seats, assuming we get in at all.
- 40 Leonard: Thank you, Amy.
- 41 Amy: See? It's working.
- 42 Bernadette: Knock-knock.
- 43 Howard: Who's there?
- 44 Bernadette: Olive.
- 45 Howard: Olive you, too.
- 46 Leonard: Guys, that's really starting to get old.
- 47 Howard: Knock-knock.
- 48 Leonard: Who's there?
- 49 Howard: I have a girlfriend and you don't.
- 50 Leonard: Hysterical!
- 51 Sheldon: Wait, now, we don't know that yet. He isn't finished. I have a girlfriend and you don't who?
- 52 Howard: So. Are you sure you don't want to come with us to Raiders?

- 53 Bernadette: Oh, no. That movie has melting faces. It reminds me too much of the time I dropped that vial of flesh-eating bacteria into the Rhesus monkey lab. Besides, Penny and I are having a girls' night tonight.
- 54 Amy: Girls' night? What does that entail?
- 55 Bernadette: Oh, you know, girls get together, hang out, share girl talk.
- 56 Amy: I'm a girl.
- 57 Bernadette: Oh. Well, maybe you can join us. I'll ask Penny.
- 58 Amy: No need. Penny and I are very close.
- 59 Bernadette: You are?
- 60 Amy: Yes. In fact, our menses are synchronized. Penny. Bernadette tells me you're planning a girls' night.
- 61 Penny: Yeah?
- 62 Amy: I'm a girl.
- 63 Penny: Oh. Um, it was, it was just going to be me and Bernadette. Besides, I thought you were going to the movies with Sheldon and the guys.
- 64 Amy: Yes, but they're not girls. I'm a girl.
- 65 Penny: Yeah, no, no, I-I-I got that.
- 66 Amy: What's the dress code?
- 67 Penny: Uh, just wear something comfortable.
- 68 Amy: All right. I'll have to go shopping.
- 69 Sheldon: Knock-knock.
- 70 Leonard: Who's there?
- 71 Sheldon: Hugh.
- 72 Leonard: Hugh who?
- 73 Sheldon: Hugh people need to listen to me. It's time to get in line for the movie. And that's how you tell a knock-knock joke.
- 74 Scene: The movie theatre. The line is incredibly long.
- 75 Sheldon: Under normal circumstances I'd say, I told you so. But as I have told you so with such vehemence and frequency already, the phrase has lost all meaning. Therefore, I will be replacing it with the phrase I informed you thusly.
- 76 Howard: Ooh. Can't wait for that to start.
- 77 Sheldon: I informed you thusly.
- 78 Raj: Eight for 28.
- 79 Sheldon: This is where we could have been if we hadn't stopped for dinner. This is where we could have been if Koothrappali hadn't ordered dessert.
- 80 Raj: Well I earned it, dude, I ate all my broccoli.
- 81 Sheldon: And here's where we are. The runts in a large litter, unlikely to ever reach the nourishing teats of Indiana Jones.
- 82 Leonard: So I guess it's a good thing we stopped for dinner.
- 83 Raj: You know, guys, when facing disappointment, Eat, Pray, Love teaches us—  $\,$
- 84 Howard: Oh, shut up.
- 85 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 86 Amy: So anyway, to make a long story short, turns out I have an unusually firm cervix.
- 87 Penny: You know Amy, when we say girl talk, it doesn't just have to be

- about our lady parts.
- 88 Amy: Shame. 'Cause I have a real zinger about my titled uterus.
- 89 Bernadette: Penny, your nails look great.
- 90 Penny: Oh, thanks. I found this place in Alhambra. It's in a woman's basement. I think it's a front
- 91 for human trafficking, but they do a really good job.
- 92 Amy: A colleague of mine did her graduate thesis on the fungus that grows on improperly sterilized manicure implements. Well don't tell me that's not girl talk
- 93 Penny: So where should we go tonight? A bar? A club? A movie?
- 94 Bernadette: Or we could just stay here.
- 95 Amy: Yes, and continue to bond. I have a feeling that after tonight, one of you will become my best friend forever. Or BFF, if you prefer. Which I don't.
- 96 Penny: All right, time to open Bachelor Number Two.
- 97 Bernadette: Gee, I don't know if I should drink more. I have to drive home, and I've got enough trouble seeing over the dashboard as it is.
- 98 Penny: That's okay. Y ou can just sleep here.
- 99 Amy: Oh, good, a slumber party! We'll do makeovers, initiate phony phone calls, and have spirited pillow fights in our frilly nighties!
- 100 Penny: Oh, gosh, Amy. I don't know if I would call this an actual slumber party.
- 101 Amy: Well, that's disappointing. I've always wanted to be invited to a slumber party.
- 102 Bernadette: Oh, you never were?
- 103 Penny: Not even when you were a kid?
- 104 Amy: Well, there was the time I had my tonsils out, and I shared a room with a little Vietnamese girl. She didn't make it through the night, but up till then, it was kind of fun.
- 105 Penny: Okay. Well, I guess we're having a slumber party. Oh!
- 106 Amy: Pillow fight!
- 107 Scene: The movie line.
- 108 Leonard: Oh, I hope they let us in soon. I'm tired of running to the gas station to use the bathroom. The guy makes me buy a Gatorade every time. It's a vicious circle.
- 109 Howard: Too bad you don't have a stadium pal like me.
- 110 Leonard: What's a stadium pal?
- 111 Howard: Let me put it this way, takes care of the bathroom problem, and it keeps your calf warm.
- 112 Raj: Hey, guys, bad news. I just did a quick calculation. Given the size of the theatre and the length of this line, we might not get seats.
- 113 Sheldon: What did he say?
- 114 Leonard: Nice going, Raj, just got him down for his nap.
- 115 Sheldon: We might not get seats?
- 116 Leonard: It's fine, it's fine. Go back to sleep.
- 117 Sheldon: Oh, I informed you thusly. I so informed you thusly.
- 118 Leonard: Howard, you talk to him. Howard? You're peeing, aren't you?

- 119 Wil Wheaton: Hey, look who's here! Hey, buddies!
- 120 Sheldon: Well, if it isn't Wil Wheaton, the Jar Jar Binks of the Star Trek universe.
- 121 Wil: Mee-sa think that very funny.
- 122 Sheldon: Well, you-sa can go think that at the back of the line. No cuts, no buts, no coconuts.
- 123 Theatre Staff: Wil Wheaton.
- 124 Wil: Yeah.
- 125 Theatre Staff: I'm a big fan.
- 126 Sheldon: Of what? Poorly executed beards?
- 127 Wil: Do you think you could get me and my friends into the movie? We got here a little late.
- 128 Theatre Staff: No problem. Come on, I'll hook you up.
- 129 Wil: Oh, awesome. We-sa gonna go into the movie now. Bye-bye.
- 130 Sheldon: This is Indiana Jones, not Star Trek. There should be no value to his pseudo-celebrity here. And even at Star Trek conventions, they only let him in if he helps set up.
- 131 Leonard: Calm down, Sheldon.
- 132 Sheldon: I will not calm down. This affront to justice and decency cannot go unanswered. As Captain Jean-Luc Picard once said, the line must be drawn here! This far, no farther!
- 133 Leonard: Had to wake him up from his nap, didn't you?
- 134 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 135 Bernadette: You know what I really love about Howard? His chest hair.
- 136 Penny: Howard has a hairy chest?
- 137 Bernadette: No, just the one. But it's really long.
- 138 Penny: Okay, there you go, Sultry Sunrise Red. What do you think?
- 139 Amy: My nails have never looked so pretty before. Get it off.
- 140 Scene: The movie line.
- 141 Raj: Oh, oh, uh, looks like they're getting ready to let people in.
- 142 Sheldon: Listen to what Mr. Wil Wheaton is tweeting. Best seats in house for Raiders screening. Suck on that, Sheldon Cooper.
- 143 Leonard: Why do you read his Twitter feed? You know it's only going to upset you.
- 144 Sheldon: I believe in knowing my enemy, Leonard. Had Twitter existed at the time, would not General Custer have followed the tweets of Sitting Bull? Would not Lee have followed Grant? Would not Spy have followed Spy? I have more examples, but excuse me. (On phone) Hello. Well, this seems like an odd time to test my cell phone quality, but go on. Test phrases? All right. Imatote. Ulbu. Twad. All together? I'm a total buttwad. Why are you laughing? Hello?
- 145 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 146 Penny: And that, girls, is how you make a phony phone call.
- 147 Amy: I'm not sure I grasp the full entertainment value, but all right. Next on Wikipedia's list of slumber party activities, Truth or Dare.
- 148 Penny: Okay, it's your game. You go first.
- 149 Amy: Hang on. I'm familiarizing myself with the rules. Seems fairly

- straightforward. Bernadette, truth or dare?
- 150 Bernadette: Truth.
- 151 Amy: All right. To what temperature must you heat beef in order to kill the prion that causes bovine spongiform encephalopathy?
- 152 Bernadette: Um.
- 153 Amy: Remember, you have to answer honestly.
- 154 Penny: Wait. No, Amy, you're supposed to ask her something personal or embarrassing.
- 155 Amy: Oh. All right. What is the circumference of your areolas?
- 156 Scene: The movie line.
- 157 Sheldon: Munching on complimentary popcorn. Woot, woot. Oh, the gall. I hope his next tweet is popcorn lodged in trachea, choking to death, woot, woot.
- 158 Theatre staff: Guys, I am sorry. We are full up.
- 159 Sheldon: No!
- 160 Theatre staff: We're full up.
- 161 Leonard: We really want to see this. Is there anything you can do?
- 162 Theatre staff: Sorry. Fire regulations. Should've gotten here earlier.
- 163 Sheldon: This is nothing but a blatant abuse of power by a petty functionary. Explain to me why Wil Wheaton and his lackeys get in and we don't.
- 164 Theatre staff: 'Cause I'm the petty functionary with the clipboard, bitch.
- 165 Howard: I guess that's that. Let's go home.
- 166 Sheldon: You know what? I'm going back to I told you so. I told you so.
- 167 Raj: We can still see something. Uh, the new Sandra Bullock movie is playing two blocks away. You know Sandy B always brings it.
- 168 Sheldon: Look, a side door. Come on, Short Round.
- 169 Howard: I guess we'd better go after him.
- 170 Leonard: Short Round?
- 171 Raj: Indy's young sidekick from Temple of Doom.
- 172 Leonard: Yeah, I know who it is, but why is it me?
- 173 Raj: You're right. It should be a cuddly Asian boy. Like me.
- 174 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 175 Amy: And Absolon hath kist hir nether yea, and Nicholas is scalded in the towte. This tale is doon, and God save all the rowte."
- 176 Penny: What the hell was that?
- 177 Amy: Bernadette dared me to tell a dirty story. The Miller's Tale by Chaucer is the dirtiest story I know. It would have been hidden in sock drawers if people in the 14th century had worn socks.
- 178 Bernadette: I thought it was pretty spicy. Especially the part where he kisses her nether yea.
- 179 Amy: You might not like it as much if you knew what nether yea meant.
- Hint, if one cares about hygiene, one ought not be kissing it.
- 180 Bernadette: Okay, my turn. Penny, truth or dare?
- 181 Penny: Truth.
- 182 Bernadette: Why are you still hanging out with Leonard so much even though you broke up with him?

- 183 Amy: Oh, that's an excellent question. For two people who claim to be no longer pair-bonded, you spend an inordinate amount of time in each other's company.
- 184 Bernadette: Yeah.
- 185 Penny: Dare.
- 186 Amy: I don't believe the rules allow for an ex post facto option change.
- 187 Bernadette: Yeah.
- 188 Penny: Okay, look, just because we're not seeing each other anymore doesn't mean we can't be friends. I mean, Leonard's a great guy.
- 189 Amy: Then, why did you terminate your relationship with him?
- 190 Penny: I don't know. He got really serious, and I wasn't ready for it.
- 191 Amy: Interesting. How will you react if, in the future, you become ready for it, and Leonard is unavailable, because another woman has realized that he is, to use your words, a great guy?
- 192 Penny: You can only ask one question.
- 193 Amy and Bernadette together: That one.
- 194 Penny: You know what, I don't want to play anymore.
- 195 Amy: Well, I'm not sure how this is scored, but I believe we may have won.
- 196 Scene: The movie theatre.
- 197 Leonard: Sheldon? Sheldon?
- 198 Howard: Where did he go? (Raj whistles) We're looking for Sheldon, not Marmaduke.
- 199 Sheldon: You whistled?
- 200 Leonard: What is that?
- 201 Sheldon: Raiders of the Lost Ark, with 21 additional seconds. If I can't see it, no one else can see it.
- 202 Leonard: Sheldon, this is crazy.
- 203 Sheldon: No. Crazy was leaving the projection booth unattended.
- 204 Leonard: Listen to me. You are over-tired. You're not thinking right. Put the movie back before we get into trouble.
- 205 Sheldon: Trouble is my middle name, Leonard. Actually, it's Lee, but I prefer Trouble.
- 206 Wil Wheaton: Oh, look who they let in.
- 207 Sheldon: Don't worry, Wil Wheaton. I was just leaving. Da-da-da-da, da-da-da!
- 208 Howard: Come on, Short Round.
- 209 Leonard: Yeah.
- 210 Scene: Outside the movie theatre.
- 211 Sheldon: Da-da-da, da-da-da!
- 212 Raj: Come on, guys! Hurry up! Hurry up!
- 213 Howard: Let's see you run with a bag of urine strapped to your leg.
- 214 Wil: He's got the movie! Get him!
- 215 Sheldon: Why is there never a pontoon plane when you need one?
- 216 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 217 Bernadette: She's been in there a long time.

- 218 Amy: Clearly, losing Truth or Dare upset her. Perhaps we should try to take her mind off it with another popular slumber party activity.
- 219 Bernadette: Ooh, like what?
- 220 Amy: Well, the Internet suggests that slumber party guests often engage in harmless experimentation with lesbianism.
- 221 Bernadette: Where exactly on the Internet have you been looking?
- 222 Amy: Penny?
- 223 Penny: Oh, hey, Amy. Look, I'm sorry I got so upset. I just, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa! What are you doing?
- 224 Amy: Don't worry. I'll avoid the nether yea.
- 225 Bernadette: I might have gone with eating raw cookie dough.

# 4.9 Episode 09: The Boyfriend Complexity

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Raj: You know who's got to be the bravest person in the Marvel Universe? Whoever has to give She-Hulk a bikini wax.
- 3 Howard: You want to talk brave, how about Captain America's undocumented Mexican gardener?
- 4 Leonard: He's not braver than whoever uses the bathroom after The Thing?
- 5 Sheldon: As usual, you're all wrong. The bravest person in the Marvel Universe is the doctor who gives Wolverine his prostate exam.
- 6 Howard: How about the guy who gets a prostate exam from Wolverine?
- 7 Sheldon: Now you just being silly. Wolverine's never displayed the slightest interest in helping others prevent prostate cancer. (Answering phone) Hello. Yes, the elevator's out of order you'll have to use the stairs. Of course you can. Pizza dates back to the 16th century, while the first elevator was not installed until 1852. That means that for over 300 years, people carried pizzas up stairs. Be part of that proud tradition.
- 8 Leonard: I'll go get Penny while that guy spits on our food.
- 9 Raj: Do you think they gave Wolverine an Adamantium prostate?
- 10 Howard: That's a stupid question.
- 11 Raj: We're having a conversation about probing the heinies of superheroes. There are no stupid questions.
- 12 Scene: Penny's door.
- 13 Man: Yes?
- 14 Leonard: Oh, um, is Penny here?
- 15 Man: You're Leonard, right?
- 16 Leonard: Yeah.
- 17 Man: Damn, it's good to finally meet you, son.
- 18 Leonard: Okay, I think a bit of context here might help.
- 19 Penny: Oh, hey, Leonard. I see you met my dad.
- 20 Leonard: Oh, good. Context.
- 21 Penny's Dad: Come on in, buddy. Take a load off.
- 22 Penny: Oh, gee, dad, Leonard can't stay. He just dropped by to say hello. Thanks for stopping by, sweetie. I'll see you later. (Kisses him passionately)

Bye.

- 23 Leonard: That was odd.
- 24 Credits sequence.
- 25 Scene: The apartment.
- 26 Sheldon: Are you sure you have enough comics? You're going to be monitoring the telescope for 12 hours, and by my estimate, you've only selected seven hours of reading material. That's even factoring in your difficulty in parsing American comic book idioms like Bamf and Snikt.
- 27 Raj: Is that racist? It feels racist.
- 28 Howard: Don't be oversensitive. He's calling you illiterate, not your race.
- 29 Raj: Oh, okay. Good. I don't need more comics. Howard's gonna stop by, we're gonna play intergalactic battleship and Indian Monopoly.
- 30 Sheldon: I don't care for novelty editions of Monopoly. I prefer the classics, regular and Klingon.
- 31 Howard: Actually, Indian Monopoly's just like regular, except the money's in Rupees, instead of hotels you build call centers, and when you pick a chance card, you might die of dysentery. Just FYI, that was racist.
- 32 Leonard: You'll never guess what just happened.
- 33 Sheldon: You went out in the hallway, stumbled into an interdimensional portal which brought you 5,000 years into the future, where you took advantage of the advanced technology to build a time machine, and now you're back to bring us all with you to the year 7010 where we are transported to work at the thinkatorium by telepathically controlled flying dolphins?
- 34 Leonard: No.
- 35 Sheldon: Aw.
- 36 Leonard: Penny kissed me.
- 37 Sheldon: Well, who would ever guess that?
- 38 Raj: What... what kind of a kiss?
- 39 Leonard: A big kiss. On the mouth.
- 40 Howard: Is it possible that she was going for your cheek and you moved and she accidentally got lip? That happens with me and my mom all the time.
- 41 Leonard: She introduced me to her father, kissed me and then shut the door in my face.
- 42 Howard: Maybe she was trying to send you a message.
- 43 Leonard: You think?
- 44 Howard: Yeah. This man is not my father. I'm being held hostage. So I'm going to do something insane in the hopes that you'll call 911.
- 45 Leonard: Penny kissing me is not insane. She used to kiss me all the time.
- 46 Sheldon: Einstein defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. By that standard, Penny is cuckoo for cocoa puffs.
- 47 Leonard: I'm just saying, it felt like it may have meant something.
- 48 Howard: Ah, this takes me back. Leonard obsessing about Penny. I mean, don't get me wrong, I love your new stuff, but once in a while it's nice to hear the hits.
- 49 Raj: Ooh, ooh! Do our babies will be smart and beautiful. That one always

makes me laugh.

- 50 Leonard: Why do I bother talking to you people?
- 51 Sheldon: If it'll make you feel better, we rarely listen.
- 52 Penny (at door): Hey, can I talk to you out here for a sec?
- 53 Leonard: Yeah, sure.
- 54 Sheldon: I'm starting to think we're never going to see that pizza.
- 55 Penny: So you're probably wondering what that was all about.
- 56 Leonard: What, uh, the kissing and everything? Nah, women do that to me all the time.
- 57 Penny: Yeah, okay. The thing is, I kind of told my father we got back together again.
- 58 Leonard: What? Why?
- 59 Penny: Well, you're the first guy he's ever really approved of, you know? You're a scientist who went to college and you don't have a neck tattoo or outstanding warrants or, or a baby.
- 60 Leonard: What kind of guys did you used to go out with?
- 61 Penny: Just guys. Anyway, when I told him we split up, he was heartbroken, and he kept bugging me, how's Leonard? why can't you get back together with Leonard? I bet Leonard never tipped a cow over on himself. So to get him off my back, I told him we worked things out.
- 62 Leonard: Really? How, how'd we manage that?
- 63 Penny: What?
- 64 Leonard: Well, did you apologize? Did you have to woo me?
- 65 Penny: Get over yourself. I whistled, you came running.
- 66 Leonard: Yeah, no, I don't think so.
- 67 Penny: Okay, why are you arguing about this?
- 68 Leonard: I'm just saying, if we fake got back together, that's totally not how it fake happened.
- 69 Penny: Oh, okay, whatever. Will you please just play along until my dad leaves?
- 70 Leonard: Hold on, you actually want me to deceive your father with some sort of sham play acting and kissing? Cause I'm good with that.
- 71 Penny's Dad: Penny, you out here?
- 72 Penny: Come on, honey, not in front of my dad.
- 73 Penny's Dad: Relax, I've seen you do a lot worse with a lot stupider.
- 74 Leonard: See? He doesn't mind.
- 75 Penny's Dad: So, Leonard, I'm taking your gal out for a steak dinner, you want to join us?
- 76 Penny: Oh, dad, that's nice, but Leonard has to work. Right, Leonard?
- 77 Leonard: Uh, I do, I have to work. But I'm gonna blow that off to spend the evening with my sweetie and her father, 'cause, you know, just the kind of boyfriend I am.
- 78 Penny: Oh.
- 79 Leonard: Come here, you.
- 80 Scene: Raj's Lab.
- 81 Howard: C-7.

- 82 Raj: Miss.
- 83 Howard: How could that be a miss? C-6 was a hit, C-8 was a hit. Part of your starship has to be on C-7.
- 84 Raj: Not if it has a hole in the middle.
- 85 Howard: What kind of spaceship has a hole in the middle?
- 86 Raj: A Romulan battle bagel?
- 87 Bernadette: Knock-knock.
- 88 Howard: Oh, great, you made it. Come on in. I invited her.
- 89 Bernadette: So where's the telescope?
- 90 Howard: It's in Hawaii, but Raj controls it from here. He's hoping to see Epsilon Eridani dim, which would be evidence of a planet orbiting it.
- 91 Bernadette: So we just sit and stare at the screen, waiting for something to happen?
- 92 Howard: I did it with you when we rented The Notebook. (Raj whispers) Yes, Gena Rowlands is a treasure. You'd better open up that bottle of wine or I'm gonna end up with swimmer's ear.
- 93 Raj: Excuse me. I can't be drinking, I'm about to make an important scientific discovery here.
- 94 Howard: What? Galileo did his best work while drinking wine.
- 95 Raj: How do you know that?
- 96 Howard: Well, he was Italian. It's a reasonable assumption.
- 97 Raj: Dude, can you even open your mouth without spewing a cultural stereotype?
- 98 Howard: Oh, I, I'm sorry, Galileo drank diet sprite. Look, you're my best friend, she's my girlfriend, you should bond. You know, like you and my mom did.
- 99 Raj: Your mom creeps the hell out of me.
- 100 Howard: Yes, but she's stopped calling you slumdog millionaire.
- 101 Raj: I do appreciate that.
- 102 Bernadette: Here we go.
- 103 Howard: Well I'd like to propose a toast. To science and friendship.
- 104 Bernadette: Hold on. Wait. No, it's okay, go ahead.
- 105 Howard: What?
- 106 Bernadette: Oh, I was working with Penicillin-resistant gonorrhoea in the lab today and I was just trying to remember if I washed my hands.
- 107 Scene: Penny's dad's car.
- 108 Leonard: Thanks for the steak, Wyatt.
- 109 Penny's dad (Wyatt): My pleasure. It's nice to have dinner with a boyfriend of Penny's that knows how to use a napkin.
- 110 Penny: So not funny, dad.
- 111 Wyatt: Let me tell you about this one genius she was going out with, this, this fella Donnie.
- 112 Penny: Oh, will you please let it go?
- 113 Wyatt: Donnie was gonna make millions turning farm waste into biofuel and selling it to the government.
- 114 Leonard: A lot of people are doing that.

- 115 Penny: Oh, see?
- 116 Wyatt: Yeah, but all Donnie did was mix pig poop with a little water and pump it into his mom's Camry.
- 117 Penny: Yeah, that's great. It's a funny story. Moving on.
- 118 Wyatt: And Donnie was a rocket scientist compared to that boy who wanted to get beer pong into the Olympics. What was his name, sweetheart?
- 119 Penny: Curtis, and I'm pretty sure he was joking.
- 120 Wyatt: I don't know. That petition looked real to me.
- 121 Penny: Yeah, okay, I think this ends the ex-boyfriend portion of our evening.
- 122 Wyatt: Well, I'm just glad you finally found yourself a keeper.
- 123 Leonard: Thanks, Wyatt. I'm a keeper.
- 124 Scene: Outside Penny's door.
- 125 Wyatt: Leonard, you want to come in for a nightcap?
- 126 Penny: Oh, gee, dad, he'd love to, but Leonard has to work in the morning.
- 127 Leonard: Maybe I could go in a little late.
- 128 Penny: No, no, no, you can't. Your career is far too important.
- 129 Wyatt: Behind every great man is a nagging woman who won't let him have any fun, am I right, Leonard?
- 130 Leonard: Don't I know it.
- 131 Wyatt: Well, good night, son.
- 132 Leonard: Good night, Wyatt. Oh, good night, honey.
- 133 Penny: Good night.
- 134 Leonard: I love you.
- 135 Penny: Love you, too.
- 136 Sheldon: Oh, friggety-frak. Not this again.
- 137 Scene: The lab.
- 138 Howard: Three, four, five, pass go, get 2,000 Rupees, Six, seven, whoops. Can't go any further. There's a sacred cow in my way.
- 139 Raj: Bernadette, please tell your boyfriend to cool it with the cow jokes.
- 140 Bernadette: It won't help. Once he finds a joke he likes, he sticks with it.
- 141 Raj: Yeah. Like his haircut material.
- 142 Bernadette: Oh, right. Did you get your hair cut?
- 143 Raj: No. I got them all cut.
- 144 Bernadette: Which is still so funny.
- 145 Raj: And when you go to a Chinese restaurant, he always gets the same fortune in his fortune cookie.
- 146 Bernadette: Right. Help, I'm a prisoner in a Chinese fortune cookie factory.
- 147 Howard: Okay, I think that's enough about me.
- 148 Raj: He's right. Let's make fun of his mother. Howard, come rub my feet! My corns are killing me!
- 149 Bernadette: Howard, help me out of the tub! I'm stuck again!
- 150 Scene: The apartment.
- 151 Leonard: Coming. Hey, lovebug.

- 152 Penny: Shut up. You know what I've been doing for the last hour?
- 153 Leonard: Mm, dreamily doodling Mrs. Leonard Hofstadter in a notebook?
- 154 Penny: Listening to my father go on and on about what a great guy you are.
- 155 Leonard: You got to admit, I am, I'm delightful.
- 156 Penny: Why are you making this so difficult?
- 157 Leonard: It's not difficult for me. I'm having fun.
- 158 Penny: Leonard.
- 159 Leonard: What do you want me to do? You started this. Do you want to go over and tell him we're broken up?
- 160 Penny: No.
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- 162 Leonard: Well, then, what do you want?
- 163 Penny: I don't know.
- 164 Leonard: Don't you think that's something you should have figured out before you stomped over here?
- 165 Penny: Maybe.
- 166 Sheldon: Leonard, Penny, excellent. I'd like to say I'm very happy that you're back together, and if I can figure out a way to do so and sound sincere, I will. In the meantime, I'd like to go over some proposed changes to the roommate agreement specifically to address Penny's annoying personal habits.
- 167 Penny: Oh, my God. What personal habits?
- 168 Leonard: I have a list. FYI, overuse of the phrase, oh, my god, is number 12.
- 169 Penny: Okay, Sheldon, you don't have to do this because Leonard and I are not...
- 170 Leonard: Ba-ba-ba-ba. Are you sure you want to include him in this?
- 171 Sheldon: Include me in what? Is there a plot afoot? I'll have no truck with plots.
- 172 Penny: No, you're right. No, there's, there's no plots, no trucks, no feet. So what other annoying habits shall we discuss?
- 173 Sheldon: Uh, we don't discuss anything. Leonard is the signatory to the Roommate Agreement. As such, he bears responsibility for all your infractions and must pay all fines.
- 174 Leonard: Fines?
- 175 Sheldon: Yes. If Penny's going to be spending nights here again, you'll need to set up an escrow account. Sign here.
- 176 Scene: The lab.
- 177 Raj: Hello, Hawaii. This is Dr. Koothrappali in Pasadena. I'd like you to reposition the telescope, please. Scarlett Johansson's house! I'm kidding, Hawaii. Mahalo. Whoo!
- 178 Howard: It might have been a mistake to open that second bottle of wine.
- 179 Bernadette: Well, live and learn. So, Raj, do you think this planet you're looking for could have an atmosphere that supports life?
- 180 Raj: Maybe. If it did, I'd be famous. I'd be on the cover of magazines. And then, instead of living alone in my tiny apartment, I'd have a big mansion.

- 181 Bernadette: That sounds great.
- 182 Raj: It is. If you like wandering around a big, empty house with no one to love you.
- 183 Howard: We'd come visit you.
- 184 Raj: No, you wouldn't. You'd be intimidated by my wealth and fame. My only friends would be my genetically engineered monkey butler, and the little people I hired to be my living chess set.
- 185 Bernadette: He's taking a turn to the dark side, isn't he?
- 186 Howard: Hold on. He could come back.
- 187 Raj: Oh, what's the point of everything?
- 188 Howard: Nope. He's gone.
- 189 Raj: You know it's been more than a year since I've even kissed a girl?
- 190 Howard: What about that hook-up at Comic-Con you told me about?
- 191 Raj: Oh, grow up. I was lying. I lie all the time. Nobody wants to kiss me.
- 192 Bernadette: Oh, you poor, poor thing. Raj, you have to know you're a wonderful man. There are a lot of girls out there who'll want to kiss you.
- 193 Raj: Where?
- 194 Bernadette: You just have to look.
- 195 Howard: No!
- 196 Bernadette: Well, this was fun.
- 197 Scene: The apartment. Wyatt and Leonard are playing Wii fishing.
- 198 Wyatt: Oh! I think I got a nibble.
- 199 Leonard: Oh, b-be careful. Give him some line. Okay, now reel him in.
- 200 Wyatt: Oh, look at that baby. They're really biting, huh?
- 201 Leonard: Yeah. They do that when you set it on easy.
- 202 Wyatt (phone rings): Oh, that's me. Hello. Oh, hi, sweetie. Yeah, I got up early and didn't want to wake you, so I went out for coffee and ran into Leonard on the way back. Guess what, we're fishing. Yeah. Right here on his couch.
- 203 Leonard: Hey, baby. I love you! Mwuh, mwuh, mwuh, mwuh, mwuh.
- 204 Wyatt: That's Leonard says he loves you. What? I see. The whole thing's bull squirt, huh? Well, that's very disappointing. Bye.
- 205 Leonard: Oh, hey. There's been something I've been meaning to tell you.
- 206 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 207 Wyatt: I can't believe you would lie to me like that.
- 208 Leonard: Just for the record, I did not want to be a part of this.
- 209 Wyatt: I'll get to you in a minute.
- 210 Leonard: No hurry.
- 211 Wyatt: That my own daughter thinks I don't love her enough to support her no matter what choices she makes, well, that hurts me deeply.
- 212 Penny: I'm sorry, daddy...
- 213 Wyatt: Let me finish.
- 214 Penny: Oh.
- 215 Wyatt: I thought we were past the days when you would try to pull the wool over my eyes. Telling me the baggie in your underwear drawer is pot-

- pourri? And the pee stick in your bathroom is to check for diabetes?
- 216 Penny: You know, I'm sorry.
- 217 Wyatt: You're a grown woman, and I respect your right to make your own decisions, but all I ask is you respect me enough to be honest about them.
- 218 Penny: You're right. Look, from now on, I will tell you the truth.
- 219 Wyatt: Thank you. Now, why don't you go and put some clothes on and we'll grab a bite to eat before I head for the airport. Now you.
- 220 Penny: Daddy, he had nothing to do...
- 221 Wyatt: Keep walking.
- 222 Penny: Okay.
- 223 Wyatt: Please, please, please don't give up on her.
- 224 Leonard: What?
- 225 Wyatt: I can't go back to the skateboard idiots, the white rappers and all those sweaty dumb-asses with their backwards hats.
- 226 Leonard: Gee, I don't know if it's in the cards, sir.
- 227 Wyatt: Then, stack the deck. Cheat. Lie. I don't care. I want grandkids before I die, and I want them to grow up in a house without wheels.
- 228 Leonard: I'll give it a shot.
- 229 Wyatt: Thank you. Now I'm going to do something here to help you along.
- 230 Leonard: Excuse me?
- 231 Wyatt: Just don't panic. Now, get your sorry, lying ass out of my face and make sure I never see it again!
- 232 Leonard: Oh, the reverse psychology thing. I see. That's very clever.
- 233 Wyatt: Don't yap. Just get out.
- 234 Leonard: I'll friend you on Facebook.
- 235 Scene: The apartment.
- 236 Sheldon: Oh, there you are. Just so you know, I was up all night, but I have finally completed the Penny-specific section of the new roommate agreement
- 237 Leonard: Yeah, well, not necessary. We broke up again.
- 238 Sheldon: Do you even think about other people, Leonard? Do you?
- 239 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 240 Raj: Hey.
- 241 Leonard: Oh, how'd it go last night?
- 242 Raj: Oh, you know. Same old, same old. Looked through a telescope, saw some stars. Big whoop.
- 243 Leonard: Really? You waited months for time with that telescope. What happened?
- 244 Raj: Why? You writing a book?
- 245 Sheldon: I'm going to propose a hypothesis. Last night, Raj accidentally made contact with an alien civilization and has been ordered by the United States government to keep it a secret.
- 246 Raj: Nothing happened. Can we please just change the subject?
- 247 Sheldon: That sounds rehearsed. We are not alone.
- 248 Howard: Hey.

- 249 Leonard: Hey.
- 250 Sheldon: Hello.
- 251 Howard: Hey.
- 252 Raj: Hey.
- 253 Leonard: You get to play with Raj's big telescope last night?
- 254 Howard: Whoa. Where did that come from?
- 255 Raj: He never touched my telescope.
- 256 Howard: Way to go shutting up.
- 257 Raj: I did shut up. Now you shut up.
- 258 Howard: Fine.
- 259 Raj: Thank you. How come you didn't call me this morning?

# 4.10 Episode 10: The Alien Parasite Hypothesis

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Sheldon: Clarify something for me. Isn't the point of a communal meal the exchange of ideas and opinions? An opportunity to consider important issues of the day?
- 3 Leonard: It is. You just kind of put a damper on things when you said, the next person I see talking with food in their mouth will be put to death.
- 4 Sheldon: Well, we could argue about who said what all night long, but to set things back on course, I will propose a new topic of conversation.
- 5 Leonard: Great.
- 6 Sheldon: What is the best number? By the way, there's only one correct answer.
- 7 Raj: Five million, three hundred eighteen thousand and eight?
- 8 Sheldon: Wrong. The best number is 73. You're probably wondering why.
- 9 Leonard: No.
- 10 Howard: Uh-uh.
- 11 Raj: We're good.
- 12 Sheldon: 73 is the 21st prime number. Its mirror, 37, is the 12th, and its mirror, 21, is the product of multiplying, hang on to your hats, seven and three. Eh? Eh? Did I lie?
- 13 Leonard: We get it. 73 is the Chuck Norris of numbers.
- 14 Sheldon: Chuck Norris wishes. In binary, 73 is a palindrome, one-zero-zero-one-zero-one-zero-one which backwards is one-zero-zero-one-zero-one, exactly the same. All Chuck Norris backwards gets you is Sirron Kcuhc.
- 15 Raj: Just for the record, when you enter five million three hundred eighteen thousand and eight in a calculator, upside-down it spells boobies.
- 16 Leonard: Remember when you were wondering why the girls didn't want to eat with us tonight?
- 17 Howard: Yeah, I get it now.
- 18 Scene: A bar.
- 19 Penny: I love your little heart locket, Bernadette.
- 20 Bernadette: Oh, thanks. Howard gave it to me. It's the cutest thing. Every time I have dinner with his mom, the next day I get jewellery.

- 21 Amy: Did you know that the iconic Valentine's heart shape is not actually based on the shape of a human heart, but rather on the shape of the buttocks of a female bending over?
- 22 Penny: Oh, so I spent seventh grade dotting my I's with little asses? Cool.
- 23 Zack: Hey, Penny, how's it going?
- 24 Penny: Hey, Zack, what are you doing here?
- 25 Zack: My dad's company prints the menus for this place. I'm just dropping off some new ones laminated. Makes 'em easier to clean if people throw up on 'em. Guess how I got the idea?
- 26 Penny: Yeah, I got it, I got it. Uh, Zack, these are my friends Bernadette and Amy.
- 27 Bernadette: Hi.
- 28 Zack: Hey.
- 29 Amy: Hoo.
- 30 Zack: Okay, well, it was good to see you.
- 31 Penny: Yeah, you, too.
- 32 Bernadette: He's really cute. How do you know him?
- 33 Penny: Oh, we went out a couple of times.
- 34 Amy: I'm often flummoxed by current slang. Does went out mean had intercourse?
- 35 Bernadette: Yes.
- 36 Penny: No, no. But in this case, yes.
- 37 Amy: Interesting. And was it not satisfactory?
- 38 Penny: No, it was great. He just didn't really challenge me on an intellectual level.
- 39 Bernadette: Couldn't you just fool around with him and then listen to NPR?
- 40 Penny: Wouldn't help. Zack can't even spell NPR.
- 41 Bernadette: It's what I do with Howard. I'm much smarter than he is. But it's important to protect his manhood.
- 42 Amy: Hoo.
- 43 Bernadette: What's the matter?
- 44 Amy: I'm suddenly feeling flushed. My heart rate is elevated, my palms are clammy, my mouth is dry. In addition, I keep involuntarily saying hoo.
- 45 Penny: Oh, we know what's causing that, don't we?
- 46  $\mbox{Amy:}$  It's no mystery. I obviously have the flu coupled with sudden-onset Tourette's syndrome.
- 47 Credits sequence.
- 48 Scene: The university cafeteria.
- 49 Howard: Did you hear about the accident at the bio lab?
- 50 Leonard: No. What happened?
- 51 Howard: They were injecting rats with radioactive isotopes and one of the techs got bit.
- 52 Raj: Did he get superpowers?
- 53 Howard: No, he got five stitches and a tetanus shot.
- 54 Raj: Oh. Well, that's disappointing.

- 55 Howard: Why?
- 56 Raj: Well, you get bit by a radioactive animal in a lab, you kind of want to turn into a superhero.
- 57 Howard: Yeah, but who'd want to become Rat-Man?
- 58 Raj: Who wouldn't? You could zip through a maze in nothing flat, squeeze through really small holes, and shut down restaurants in a single bound. And the best part is, if I were Rat-Man, you could be my sidekick, Mouse Boy.
- 59 Howard: Mouse Boy?
- 60 Raj: You don't like Mouse Boy? How about, uh, uh, Kid Vermin?
- 61 Howard: First of all, if we had superpowers, I wouldn't be the sidekick. You'd be the sidekick.
- 62 Raj: Rat-Man is nobody's sidekick.
- 63 Howard: Leonard, settle this. Of the two of us, who's the obvious sidekick?
- 64 Raj: Yeah, Leonard, who?
- 65 Leonard: 12 years after high school, and I'm still at the nerd table.
- 66 Scene: Amy's lab.
- 67 Sheldon: Aren't you slicing that man's brain a little too thin?
- 68 Amy: It's too thin if I were making a foot-long brain sandwich at Quiznos. For examination under a two-photon microscope, it's fine.
- 69 Sheldon: Well, you're the expert. If the correct way to do it is the wrong way, then I yield.
- 70 Amy: Very well. If you die and donate your body to science, I promise to slice your brain like Canadian bacon.
- 71 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 72 Amy: Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to take my temperature.
- 73 Sheldon: Are you monitoring your circadian rhythms in order to identify your periods of maximum mental acuity? I did that one summer. Ah, youth.
- 74 Amy: No, I experienced some distressing symptoms last night, so I'm checking my vital signs every hour.
- 75 Sheldon: I'd be happy to create a chart and participate in a differential diagnosis.
- 76 Amy: Oh, that sounds like fun.
- 77 Sheldon: All right. What were the symptoms?
- 78 Amy: Elevated heart rate, moist palms, dry mouth and localized vascular throbbing.
- 79 Sheldon: Localized to what region?
- 80 Amy: Ears and genitalia.
- 81 Sheldon: Interesting. Not body parts that usually team up. What about environmental factors? Describe the scene for me.
- 82 Amy: I was sitting in a restaurant with Penny and Bernadette, drinking water, carbonated as it was a special occasion. Penny's friend Zack stopped by and said hello and I said hoo.
- 83 Sheldon: Who?
- 84 Amy: Zack.
- 85 Sheldon: Then why did you ask?
- 86 Amy: Ask what?

- 87 Sheldon: Who.
- 88 Amy: Zack.
- 89 Sheldon: All right, let's start over. What did you say when Zack walked in?
- 90 Amy: Hoo.
- 91 Sheldon: Zack.
- 92 Amy: Why do you keep saying Zack?
- 93 Sheldon: Because you keep saying who.
- 94 Amy: I'm not saying hoo now. I said hoo last night.
- 95 Sheldon: And the answer was Zack, correct?
- 96 Amy: There was no question. I simply said hoo.
- 97 Sheldon: All right, I think I have enough to go on. Possible explanations for your symptoms are, in descending order of likelihood, hyperthyroidism, premature menopause, hosting an alien parasite or, and I only include it for the sake of covering absolutely all bases, sexual arousal.
- 98 Amy: Where would I have picked up an alien parasite?
- 99 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 100 Howard: There you are.
- 101 Raj: Oh, hey.
- 102 Howard: Let me ask you a question. What are you most afraid of?
- 103 Raj: I don't know. Um, nuclear war. Accidentally being buried alive. Any of those movies where you get that phone call that says you're going to die, and then you do.
- 104 Howard: No. Something very specific that we both know you, Rajesh Koothrappali, are terrified of.
- 105 Raj: Well, type two diabetes runs in my family. The thought of losing a toe...
- 106 Howard: Spiders! You're afraid of spiders!
- 107 Raj: What the heck is this?
- 108 Howard: A jar with a big spider in it, of course. Bravery test. First one to take his hand out is the sidekick.
- 109 Raj: Are you crazy?
- 110 Howard: Perhaps. Are you scared?
- 111 Raj: No. But it's a stupid test.
- 112 Howard: Oh, really? What if the earth was in danger and the only way to save it was to stick your hand in a jar with a spider?
- 113 Raj: Oh, yeah? What if the earth was in danger and the only way to save it was to take a shower in the locker room and let other guys see you naked?
- 114 Howard: Oh, come on. That's never gonna happen. Now put your hand in the jar or forever be revealed as my sidekick.
- 115 Raj: All right, I will.
- 116 Howard: How did you get so brave all of a sudden?
- 117 Raj: It's easy. The spider's crawling up your arm.
- 118 Howard: Get it off! Get it off! Please, Raj! Ah! Ah! Ah! Please. Oh!
- 119 Scene: Amy's lab.
- 120 Amy: My blood work shows thyroid function normal. Cortisol levels nor-

mal.

- 121 Sheldon: How about your follicle-stimulating hormone levels?
- 122 Amy: Sheldon, I am not going through menopause.
- 123 Sheldon: Are you sure? You said that with the testy bark of an old biddy.
- 124 Amy: I think we need to face the cold, hard truth, I was sexually aroused by Penny's friend Zack.
- 125 Sheldon: Hang on. I don't know that we've given the alien parasite hypothesis a fair shake.
- 126 Amy: Let's look at this logically. I have a stomach, I get hungry. I have genitals, I have the potential for sexual arousal.
- 127 Sheldon: A cross we all must bear. You know, in difficult moments like this, I often turn to a force greater than myself.
- 128 Amy: Religion?
- 129 Sheldon: Star Trek. Did you see Star Trek: The Motion Picture?
- 130 Amy: No.
- 131 Sheldon: Don't. It's terrible. However, in it, we learn that when Spock finds himself drawn off the path of logic by feelings bubbling up from his human half, he suppresses them using the Vulcan mental discipline of Kolinar.
- 132 Amy: Are you suggesting we live our lives guided by the philosophies found in cheap science fiction?
- 133 Sheldon: Cheap science fiction?
- 134 Amy: What are you doing?
- 135 Sheldon: Using Kolinar to suppress my anger at that last comment.
- 136 Amy: Is it possible that your concern for me at this moment is motivated by nothing more than simple jealousy?
- 137 Sheldon: I hadn't considered that. Give me a moment. All right, I've considered it.
- 138 Amy: And?
- 139 Sheldon: I reject it.
- 140 Amy: You reject it because you don't feel jealousy, or because you are suppressing jealousy?
- 141 Sheldon: I think I'll eat my lunch at home.
- 142 Amy: That's not your lunch, Sheldon, those are the cadaver brain specimens.
- 143 Sheldon: Oh. As they were incorrectly sliced, you can see how I could mistake them for my sashimi.
- 144 Scene: The laundry room.
- 145 Sheldon: Hello.
- 146 Penny: Hey. Isn't tomorrow your usual laundry night?
- 147 Sheldon: The supermarket was out of my regular fabric softener. If this one under or over-softens, I'll need time to make things right.
- 148 Penny: That's thinking ahead.
- 149 Sheldon: The alternative would be to think backwards. And that's just remembering.
- 150 Penny: So how's Amy?
- 151 Sheldon: Amy's changed. I might have to let her go.

- 152 Penny: Oh, no. Why?
- 153 Sheldon: I thought she was a highly evolved creature of pure intellect, like me. But recent events indicate that she may be a slave to her baser urges. Like vou.
- 154 Penny: Just going to skip over that insult.
- 155 Sheldon: What insult?
- 156 Penny: Yeah. That's why I'm going to skip over it. Are you saying that
- Amy is, oh, what's the
- 157 scientific word?
- 158 Sheldon: Forget science. She's horny.
- 159 Penny: Oh! Okay. Wow.
- 160 Sheldon: It's simple biology. There's nothing I can do about it.
- 161 Penny: Are you sure?
- 162 Sheldon: What are you suggesting?
- 163 Penny: I'm suggesting there might be something you could do about Amy's urges?
- 164 Sheldon: It's illegal to spay a human being.
- 165 Penny: Yeah. That's not what I had in mind.
- 166 Sheldon: Oh. Oh! You mean something I could do.
- 167 Penny: Exactly.
- 168 Sheldon: Well, I was hoping to avoid this. But I might as well get it over
- with. Thank you, Penny. I'll let you know what happens.
- 169 Penny: Oh, Amy, you lucky girl.
- 170 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is on the phone.
- 171 Sheldon: Yes. This is Dr. Sheldon Cooper. Is this the Zack Johnson who used to have coitus with my neighbour Penny? Sorry to bother you. Hello. I'm looking for a Zack Johnson who used to have coitus with my neighbour Penny. Coitus. It means intercourse. And I have a feeling I'm speaking to the right Zack. This is Sheldon Cooper. Fine. Shelly. Yes, that does sound like a girl's name. No, it doesn't bother me. Yes, Smelly Shelly does bother me. Let me tell you why I'm calling. I'd like to know if you'd be interested in having s\*x with Amy Farrah Fowler. Amy Farrah Fowler. Yes, that is a girl's name. Good grief. It's like trying to talk to a dolphin.
- 172 Scene: A gymnasium.
- 173 Leonard: Really? This is going to decide who's the hero and who's the sidekick?
- 174 Howard: You got a better idea?
- 175 Leonard: Every idea is better than this idea.
- 176 Howard: Ding!
- 177 Raj: Wait. What the hell is ding?
- 178 Howard: It's a bell.
- 179 Raj: I don't think this kind of wrestling has a bell.
- 180 Howard: Fine. How do you want to start?
- 181 Raj: I say, uh, how about one, two, three, go?
- 182 Howard: One-two-three-go? That's for babies.
- 183 Raj: Okay, how about, uh, on your mark, get set, go?

- 184 Howard: That's for a footrace. If you want to race, we have to go outside.
- 185 Raj: No, it's chilly outside. Didn't bring my jacket.
- 186 Howard: Oh, for crying out loud. What kind of superhero needs a jacket?
- 187 Raj: What kind of superhero says dibs on the red tights, dibs on the red tights.
- 188 Howard: All right, how about this? Ready, wrestle.
- 189 Raj: Wait. Are we starting now? Or is that what you're going to say when we do start, or...
- 190 Howard: We're starting now!
- 191 Raj: Don't yell at me!
- 192 Leonard: Suppose there are worse ways to spend a Friday night. None come to mind.
- 193 Scene: A bar.
- 194 Sheldon: Look at this stamp. On what authority are they permitted to mutilate patrons as they enter?
- 195 Amy: I'm sure it'll wash off.
- 196 Sheldon: Little comfort tonight. I look like a Hell's Angel.
- 197 Amy: There's Zack.
- 198 Sheldon: Are you sure this is what you want to do?
- 199 Amy: It's not what I want to do, it's what I have to do.
- 200 Sheldon: Go, Amy Farrah Fowler. Follow your endocrine system.
- 201 Amy: Thank you, Sheldon. You're a good friend.
- 202 Sheldon: Please don't drag this out. This is never going to come off.
- 203 Amy: Excuse me? Zack? I am Amy Farrah Fowler. We met the other night. I have spent my life in pursuit of pure knowledge. Until I met you, my decisions were founded in logic and reason. And yet here I stand before you, 130 pounds of raging estrogen, longing to grab hold of your gluteus maximus and make Shakespeare's metaphorical beast with two backs.
- 204 Zack: My gluteus what?
- 205 Amy: On the other hand, as I look at the blank, ape-like expression on your face, I have decided to adopt the Vulcan practice of Kolinar. Good-bye, Zack.
- 206 Zack: Bye. Hoo. That should hold me for a while.
- 207 Scene: The gymnasium.
- 208 Howard: I'm legally obligated to inform you that I took a karate lesson when I was 11. I'd be a regular ninja by now if my mom could've arranged a carpool.
- 209 Raj: Oh, yeah? Well, I've been taking Pilates class at the rec center, and my abs look like sections of a Hershev bar.
- 210 Howard: Oh, yeah? Won't matter, you're going down!
- 211 Raj: No, uh-uh, you're going down!
- 212 Howard: If anybody's going to go down, it's going to be you.
- 213 Leonard: Fellas. It's been 30 minutes. Nobody's touched each other.
- 214 Scene: A street.
- 215 Sheldon: I'm glad you decided to reject your animal hindbrain and return to the realm of pure intellect.

- 216 Amy: As am I. (Holds Sheldon's hand)
- 217 Sheldon: What are you doing?
- 218 Amy: An experiment. Nope. Nothing. Never mind.
- 219 Scene: The gymnasium.
- 220 Raj: You realize you can't win.
- 221 Howard: I prefer to think that I can't lose.
- 222 Raj: You're wrong. It's only a matter of time before you fall into Rat-Man's rat trap.
- 223 Howard: You pathetic fool! If there were a rat-catcher, wouldn't it catch Rat-Man?
- 224 Raj: Just because I didn't express myself well doesn't mean my underlying point was invalid! You bloviating buffoon!
- 225 Howard: You narcissistic nincompoop!
- 226 Raj: You crimson coward! Oh, Leonard, wake up, you're missing some very excellent superhero quips.

### 4.11 Episode 11: The Justice League Recombination

- 1 Scene: The apartment.
- 2 Raj: Water Demon.
- 3 Howard: Ice Dragon.
- 4 Leonard: Lesser Warlord of Ka'a.
- 5 Sheldon: Not so fast. Infinite Sheldon.
- 6 Leonard: Infinite Sheldon?
- 7 Sheldon: Yes, Infinite Sheldon defeats all other cards and does not violate the rule against homemade cards because I made it at work.
- 8 Leonard: Do you understand why people don't want to play with you?
- 9 Sheldon: No, although it's a question I've been pondering since preschool.
- 10 Leonard: Hey.
- 11 Zack: Hey.
- 12 Leonard: Hey.
- 13 Penny: Hey, your copy of Science magazine was in my mailbox.
- 14 Leonard: Oh, thanks.
- 15 Penny: Mm-hmm.
- 16 Zack: Check it out, all about planets this month.
- 17 Leonard: That's an atom.
- 18 Zack: Agree to disagree. That's what I love about science, there's no one right answer.
- 19 Leonard: So, you and Zack again, huh?
- 20 Penny: Yeah, yeah, me and Zack again.
- 21 Zack: Were we here earlier?
- 22 Penny: Okay, we should, we should go.
- 23 Zack: Ah, not yet. I want to talk science with the science dudes.
- 24 Howard: Oh, and the science dudes want to talk science with you. What do you want to talk about, rocks, dinosaurs, our friend the beaver?
- 25 Zack: You know, I saw this great thing on the Discovery Channel. Turns

- out that if you kill a starfish, it'll just come back to life.
- 26 Sheldon: Was the starfish wearing boxer shorts? Because you might have been watching Nickelodeon.
- 27 Zack: No, I'm almost sure that it was the Discovery Channel. It was a great show. They also said dolphins might be smarter than people.
- 28 Leonard: They might be smarter than some people.
- 29 Zack: Well, maybe we can do an experiment to find out.
- 30 Sheldon: Oh, that's easy enough. We'd need a large tank of water, a hoop to jump through, and a bucket of whatever bite-sized treats you find tasty.
- 31 Zack: I don't get it.
- 32 Leonard: A dolphin might.
- 33 Zack: Oh, I see. You guys are inferring that I'm stupid.
- 34 Sheldon: That's not correct. We were implying it. You then inferred it.
- 35 Zack: Let's go.
- 36 Penny: You know, for a group of guys who claim they spent most of their lives being bullied, you can be real jerks. Shame on all of you. (Closes door)
- 37 Raj: What the hell did I do?
- 38 Penny (Opens door again): You laughed.
- 39 Scene: The same.
- 40 Leonard: You think Penny's right? Were we bullying Zack?
- 41 Howard: No, I know bullying. He left here unswirlied and his ass crack was underpants-free.
- 42 Raj: And nobody drew a pen1s on his forehead.
- 43 Leonard: That happened to you?
- 44 Raj: First day of cricket camp. They drew it so the testicles were my eyes.
- 45 Leonard: I don't know, I think we might owe the guy an apology.
- 46 Howard: So go apologize.
- 47 Leonard: Why me?
- 48 Howard: You started it, we just piled on.
- 49 Leonard: What would I even say?
- 50 Sheldon: Zack, I'm sorry you're stupid. Have a Milk Dud.
- 51 Rai: A Milk Dud?
- 52 Sheldon: Yeah, Milk Duds, with their self-deprecating name and remarkably mild flavour, are the most apologetic of the boxed candies.
- 53 Leonard: I got a better idea. We're all responsible. I say we all go. Come on, who's with me? Free comic books to anyone who comes with me. I might get punched. You really want to miss that?
- 54 Raj: Junior Mints are pretty apologetic.
- 55 Sheldon: You're embarrassing yourself.
- 56 Scene: At Penny's door. Leonard knocks three times.
- 57 Sheldon: Penny.
- 58 Penny: What?
- 59 Leonard: Yeah, we came to talk to Zack. Hey, Zack.
- 60 Zack: What do you want?
- 61 Leonard: Listen, uh, the stuff we were saying before, we were just kidding around.

- 62 Zack: No, you weren't. You were making fun of me.
- 63 Leonard: Come on, that's what we do. We give each other a hard time.
- Hey, Sheldon, you look like a praying mantis.
- 64 Sheldon: That's very hurtful.
- 65 Leonard: See?
- 66 Zack: I don't know, it still wasn't very nice.
- 67 Sheldon: Milk Dud?
- 68 Zack: Oh, I love Milk Duds. Okay, we're cool.
- 69 Sheldon (to Raj): Junior Mints.
- 70 Zack: You guys want to come in and have a beer?
- 71 Leonard: Uh, we're on our way to the comic book store.
- 72 Howard: Leonard's buying.
- 73 Zack: Really? I haven't been to a comic book store in literally a million years.
- 74 Sheldon: Literally? Literally a million years?
- 75 Leonard: Don't.
- 76 Zack: You want to go with 'em?
- 77 Penny: No.
- 78 Zack: Okay, see you later.
- 79 Penny: Wait, w-w-wait-wait, you're ditching me to go look at comic books?
- 80 Zack: Are you mad at me?
- 81 Penny: I'm not happy.
- 82 Zack: Milk Dud?
- 83 Scene: The comic book store.
- 84 Zack: Wow, this place is awesome. Where do they keep the Archies?
- 85 Sheldon: In the bedrooms of ten-year-old girls, where they belong.
- 86 Zack: Oh, no, you're thinking old-school Archie. It's much more sophisticated now. Like, there's two universes, and Archie's married to Betty in one and Veronica in the other. Midge is even breaking up with Moose.
- 87 Raj: No.
- 88 Zack: About time, right?
- 89 Stuart: Hey.
- 90 Zack: Hey.
- 91 Stuart: You guys finally chip in for a bodyguard?
- 92 Leonard: Uh, no. Oh, this is Zack. He's a friend of ours. Zack, this is Stuart. He owns the store.
- 93 Zack: Wow, lucky you.
- 94 Stuart: Yeah, I work 70 hours a week and average a dollar sixty five an hour.
- 95 Zack: Sweet.
- 96 Stuart: Is that sarcasm?
- 97 Howard: Uh, no, it's an indictment of the American education system.
- 98 Raj: The Archies are over here.
- 99 Zack: Yippee.
- 100 Stuart: So are you guys coming to my New Year's Eve costume party?

- 101 Sheldon: Of course. We're coming as the Justice League of America.
- 102 Howard: Switching it up from last year when we came as the Justice League of America.
- 103 Sheldon: To that point, it occurs to me that we might have an opportunity to finally snare Best Group Costume if we shore up our weak link, which is clearly Leonard as Superman.
- 104 Leonard: Hey, I got new boots this year. Guaranteed to add three inches.
- 105 Sheldon: That's sad. Let's ask ourselves, is there anyone we know who would make a more manly and convincing son of Krypton?
- 106 Stuart: Than than Leonard in high-heeled boots? Howard's mother in high-heeled boots?
- 107 Sheldon: I was thinking specifically of the gentleman over there moving his lips as he enjoys the latest exploits of Betty and Veronica.
- 108 Leonard: Zack?
- 109 Howard: He is the only person we know with actual muscles.
- 110 Leonard: You can't replace me with Zack.
- 111 Sheldon: Why not? Penny did it.
- 112 Howard: Yeah, she seems happier. Why wouldn't we be?
- 113 Zack: Score. I got an Archie, Betty and Veronica, and a Jughead. All set for my weekend number twos.
- 114 Sheldon: Congratulations. Zack, how would you like to be Superman?
- 115 Zack: I don't know, sounds like a lot of responsibility.
- 116 Scene: The stairwell.
- 117 Leonard: Fine, if Zack's going to be Superman, I want to be Green Lantern.
- 118 Raj: But I'm Green Lantern.
- 119 Leonard: You can be Aquaman.
- 120 Raj: I don't want to be Aquaman. He sucks. He sucks underwater. He sucks fish pee.
- 121 Sheldon: Excuse me, I believe Aquaman uses his telepathic powers to request the fish do their business elsewhere.
- 122 Zack: Hey, babe.
- 123 Penny: I'm still mad at you.
- 124 Zack: Well, you won't be when you hear the great news.
- 125 Penny: What great news?
- 126 Zack: We're going to a costume party at the comic book store on New Year's Eve, and you get to be Wonder Woman.
- 127 Sheldon: Complete with bulletproof bracelets and lasso of truth. Invisible plane sold separately.
- 128 Penny: Wait, why me? Wh-Why can't your girlfriend be Wonder Woman?
- 129 Howard: She and her lab team are under quarantine. Seems at the Christmas party they were doing Jell-O shots out of petri dishes that used to contain yellow fever.
- 130 Penny: Okay, what about your friend Amy?
- 131 Sheldon: Amy Farrah Fowler doesn't believe in wearing costumes. She isn't the free spirit I am.
- 132 Penny: Okay, well, forget it. I'm not spending my New Year's Eve at a

- comic book store wearing a Wonder Woman costume.
- 133 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): He says he'll wear it if you'll be Aquaman.
- 134 Scene: The apartment. Leonard is dressed as Green Lantern, Sheldon as The Flash.
- 135 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 136 Sheldon: We're going to be late. I'm pacing nervously.
- 137 Leonard: You're jogging.
- 138 Sheldon: This is how the Flash paces.
- 139 Leonard; Just chill out, Sheldon.
- 140 Sheldon: I'm not Sheldon. I'm the Flash. And now I'm going to the Grand Canyon to scream in frustration. I'm back.
- 141 Howard: I'm Batman.
- 142 Sheldon: Oh, I hardly think so. The real caped crusader calls his crime-fighting cohorts when he's running late.
- 143 Howard: I had to walk. I couldn't get Raj on the back of my scooter.
- 144 Raj: I've said this before, and I'll say it again. Aquaman sucks.
- 145 Zack: Look up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. I forget the rest.
- 146 Penny: All right. Let's get this thing over with.
- 147 Sheldon: I'm sorry. But in what universe is Wonder Woman blonde?
- 148 Howard: Relax. No one's going to be looking at her hair. Ow! I mean, ow.
- 149 Zack: Hold on. The costume came with a black wig. Where is it, babe?
- 150 Penny: No. I'm not wearing it. It looks stupid.
- 151 Zack: Come on. We're trying to win a contest here.
- 152 Penny: Forget it. I'm not wearing the wig.
- 153 Zack: Penny, there's no I in Justice League.
- 154 Howard: Well, actually.
- 155 Sheldon: Don't. He's making our case.
- 156 Zack: Okay, babe. Uh, kind of embarrassing me in front of my friends.
- 157 Penny: Okay. You know what? I changed my mind. I'm not going.
- 158 Raj: Looks like someone else is going to have to be Wonder Woman.
- 159 Scene: Penny's door.
- 160 Zack: Babe, open up.
- 161 Penny: I'm not talking to you.
- 162 Zack: Then who are you talking to? Babe?
- 163 Sheldon: (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny,
- (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny,
- (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny,
- (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny, (Knock) Penny.
- 164 Penny: What the hell is wrong with you?
- 165 Sheldon: I'm the Flash. I just knocked 30,000 times.
- 166 Penny: Okay. What do you want, Sheldon?
- 167 Sheldon: I understand why you're upset.
- 168 Penny: Really?

- 169 Sheldon: Yes. You're afraid that costume makes you look fat.
- 170 Penny: No. Wait, wait, does it?
- 171 Sheldon: Don't worry. Wonder Woman was an Amazon. And Amazons tend to be very beefy gals.
- 172 Penny: Good-bye, Sheldon.
- 173 Sheldon: But they're not blonde, so put on your wig. Hello?
- 174 Scene: The apartment.
- 175 Raj: Stupid Aquaman.
- 176 Leonard: If it makes you feel any better, when I was dating Penny, she used to flip out on me all the time.
- 177 Zack: Whoa. You dated Penny?
- 178 Leonard: She didn't tell you?
- 179 Zack: She told me she dated a guy named Leonard. Who would have thought it was you?
- 180 Leonard: Who else would it be?
- 181 Zack: I don't know. Somebody bigger and, yeah, sure. Why not you?
- 182 Sheldon: I may have failed.
- 183 Howard: Okay, I guess we just go without a Wonder Woman.
- 184 Zack: I don't want to go without Penny.
- 185 Raj: Oh, great. No Superman, no Wonder Woman? All we've got is a skinny Flash, an Indian Aquaman, a nearsighted Green Lantern, and a teeny, tiny Dark Knight.
- 186 Sheldon: Obviously, we're no longer a Justice League. We have no choice but to switch to our Muppet Baby costumes.
- 187 Raj: Ooh, I call Kermit.
- 188 Sheldon: I'm Kermit. You're Scooter.
- 189 Raj: Oh, man. Scooter sucks. He's the Aquaman of the Muppet Babies.
- 190 Howard: No, we can still make this work. Leonard, you talk to Penny.
- 191 Leonard: What makes you think I can convince her?
- 192 Howard: You got her to have  $\mathbf{s}^*\mathbf{x}$  with you. Obviously, your superpower is brainwashing.
- 193 Leonard: Okay, let me see if I understand this. You want me to convince my ex-girlfriend to go to a costume party with her new boyfriend just so we can win a stupid prize?
- 194 Sheldon: Yes. And make her wear the black wig. Good luck.
- 195 Scene: Penny's apartment. Knocking.
- 196 Penny: Go away, Sheldon.
- 197 Leonard: It's Leonard.
- 198 Penny: Oh. Go away, Leonard.
- 199 Leonard; Come on, let me just talk to you.
- 200 Penny: It's open.
- 201 Leonard: Hey.
- 202 Penny: I'm not going to that party, Leonard.
- 203 Leonard: Okay, listen. You don't have to wear the wig. At this party, we're gonna win first prize just by showing up with a girl.
- 204 Penny: It's not the wig.

- 205 Leonard: Did I do something? I mean, I tried to be friends with Zack, like you said, which believe me, was difficult, given how you and me used to be, you know, you and me, and now you and him are you and him.
- 206 Penny: Okay, look. We're not really me and him.
- 207 Leonard: Then what are you?
- 208 Penny: I don't know. I only started seeing Zack again so I wouldn't be alone on New Year's Eve. How pathetic is that?
- 209 Leonard: Not as pathetic as dressing up like this and going to a comic book store on New Year's Eve.
- 210 Penny: You make a cute Green Arrow.
- 211 Leonard: Green Lantern.
- 212 Penny: Like there's a difference.
- 213 Leonard: There's a big difference. Arrow. Lantern.
- 214 Penny: Whatever. Look, if Zack and I had just gone to a regular club or a party, it would have been fine, but this, with the costumes, and you.
- 215 Leonard: What about me?
- 216 Penny: Nothing. Let's go to the party. (Puts on wig) How do I look?
- 217 Leonard: Um, I guarantee you'll be the prettiest girl there.
- 218 Howard (outside the door): Okay, the good news is, we have a Wonder Woman.
- 219 Sheldon: Oh.
- 220 Zack: Yes.
- 221 Sheldon: What's the bad news?
- 222 Howard: Superman probably isn't getting laid tonight.
- 223 Zack: Aw, damn.
- 224 Scene: The party.
- 225 Stuart: And the award for best group costume goes to Justice League of America number three!
- 226 Sheldon: Thank you! Thank you so much!
- 227 Stuart: Okay. Okay, ten seconds to midnight.
- 228 All: Ten, nine, eight...
- 229 Sheldon: No, wait! I have a speech.
- 230 All: Seven, six...
- 231 Sheldon: Stop counting!
- 232 All: Five, four, three...
- 233 Sheldon: This is my moment, dag nab it!
- 234 All: Two, one! Happy New Year!
- 235 Sheldon: I'm not going to say another word until you people settle down. I'm waiting.
- 236 Scene: The street.
- 237 Zack: That was a great party. We should dress like this all the time.
- 238 Penny: Are you high?
- 239 Leonard: You're being a bully.
- 240 Howard: Check it out. Those guys are breaking into that car.
- 241 Leonard: What should we do?
- 242 Sheldon: We're the Justice League of America. There's only one thing we

- can do. Turn around and slowly walk away.
- 243 Zack (after a moment's thought): Nah. Hold up.
- 244 Scene: The apartment.
- 245 Leonard: Look, I know our winter thermostat setting is 72 degrees, but I'm a little warm, so I'm going to turn it down.
- 246 Sheldon (as The Flash, runs to the Grand Canyon): Good Lord, how you frustrate me, Leonard Hofstadter! (Runs back) Fine.

# 4.12 Episode 12: The Bus Pants Utilization

- 1 Scene: The university cafeteria. Howard is on the phone.
- 2 Howard: Ma, Ma, calm down. Listen to me. I know it says click with the mouse, but on a laptop, the trackpad is the mouse. Now, put your finger on it. Doesn't matter which finger. Good choice. Now move it down to your e-mail icon. Yeah, the little envelope. What do you mean, what does it look like? It looks like an envelope! Fine, you don't like the computer, don't use it! Sure, we can exchange it for a salad spinner. Good-bye!
- 3 Raj: That's a Hanukkah present you're regretting, huh?
- 4 Sheldon: I won't say that all senior citizens who can't master technology should be publicly flogged, but if we made an example of one or two, it might give the others incentive to try harder.
- 5 Leonard: I had a great idea. You know how we're always having to stop and solve differential equations, like when you're doing Fourier analysis, or using the Schrodinger equation?
- 6 Sheldon: Howard doesn't. He's only an engineer.
- 7 Leonard: I was thinking, we could write a little app that would use hand-writing recognition, and then run it through a symbolic evaluation engine. You just use your smartphone, take a picture of the equation and bam!
- 8 Raj: You know what's a great app? The one that makes fart noises.
- 9 Sheldon: You know, Leonard, that's actually a valid idea. Very good.
- 10 Leonard: Can you say that and not make it sound like I'm a cat who learned how to use the toilet?
- 11 Sheldon: No. The two achievements are equally surprising and equally admirable, though if pressed, I'd have to give a slight edge to the cat. I'll save you the pain and nervousness of waiting for the answer. I agree to be part of your project. Congratulations.
- 12 Leonard: Oh, yay for me. What about you guys? I can't promise anything, but people do make money off stuff like this.
- 13 Howard: A few extra bucks would be nice. I could finally move out of my mother's house.
- 14 Raj: Where would you go?
- 15 Howard: I always dreamed about building a little place of my own over the garage.
- 16 Raj: You know, if I made more money, I could take time off from work and give pretty girls submarine rides.
- 17 Howard: What's that? Some weird s\*x thing?

- 18 Raj: No. You take pretty girls underwater in your private submarine, and you show them fish. Why does everything have to be dirty with you?
- 19 Leonard: I was thinking we could work on this at night, and then maybe in a couple of weeks, we'll have ourselves an app to sell.
- 20 Howard: Sounds like we're in business.
- 21 Raj: I think we should take a picture to capture this moment.
- 22 Leonard: Yeah.
- 23 Sheldon: Oh!
- 24 Raj (pressing button on camera phone. Camera makes a fart noise): Was that the best 99 cents I ever spent, or what?
- 25 Credits sequence.
- 26 Scene: The apartment.
- 27 Leonard: I checked the App Store. No one is doing handwriting-recognition differential equation solving.
- 28 Sheldon: Oh, dear Lord, shush.
- 29 Leonard: What?
- 30 Sheldon: You have so few good ideas, Leonard. And you're just going to spill the beans in front of an outsider?
- 31 Penny: Who, me?
- 32 Howard: Sheldon, I don't think Penny cares about handwriting-recognition based differential. . .
- 33 Sheldon (singing): The stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Texas.
- 34 Leonard: She's not going to steal our idea.
- 35 Penny: What idea?
- 36 Leonard: We're gonna write an application...
- 37 Sheldon (singing): The prairie sky is wide and high, deep in the heart...
- 38 Penny: Okay, stop, stop!
- 39 Sheldon: Of Texas.
- 40 Penny: Whatever your secret is, I'm sure it's boring, so I'm not interested.
- 41 Leonard: It's not boring at all. You see, in higher order mathematics, there are certain sets of equations that. . .
- 42 Penny: Bored.
- 43 Leonard: Satisfied?
- 44 Sheldon: Hardly. Consider this unlikely but very plausible scenario. A young woman alone in the big city. Her ridiculous dream of becoming an actress lies shattered about her.
- 45 Penny: Hey, wait a minute.
- 46 Howard: Well, hang on. Let's see where he's going.
- 47 Sheldon: Then it hits her. How is she going to survive? I mean, she has no prospects, no marketable skills. And then one day, she meets a group of geniuses and their friend Howard.
- 48 Howard: Hey, I...
- 49 Penny: Hang on. Let's see where he's going.
- 50 Sheldon: She befriends them, and then lies in wait until they reveal a marketable idea, which she steals and sells to the highest bidder.

- 51 Leonard: That is ridiculous.
- 52 Sheldon: Oh, is it? Well let's see you come up with an explanation as to why this woman hangs out with us all the time.
- 53 Penny: Oh, great. You know what? I've already mooched dinner off you guys. I don't need to listen to this.
- 54 Howard: There's your answer, free food.
- 55 Sheldon: All right, I've taken the liberty of drafting these workflow charts which outline our various duties and the path we will follow as we develop our ground-breaking new app.
- 56 Raj: Hey, why am I in charge of phone support? Seems a bit racist.
- 57 Sheldon: A customer service representative with an Indian accent will create the impression we're a vast enterprise that uses overseas call centres.
- 58 Raj: Oh. Very clever. But still racist.
- 59 Sheldon: Duly noted, Steve from Wichita.
- 60 Howard: Why am I listed as your executive assistant?
- 61 Sheldon: Because the word secretary has fallen into disrepute. FYI, my mother's birthday is coming up. I'm going to need you to pick up a present.
- 62 Leonard: Okay, we need to stop for a minute.
- 63 Sheldon: Leonard, please, we can talk during our break. We have one coming up at midnight. We'll need snacks.
- 64 Leonard: Sheldon, you're not in charge. It's my idea. I'm in charge.
- 65 Sheldon: Oh, of course you are. Look at the organizational chart. You're clearly listed as founder.
- 66 Leonard: Well, yes, and you're listed as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.
- 67 Sheldon: You missed Chief Science Officer, Chairman of the Board, and Head of the Secret Santa Committee.
- 68 Leonard: Okay. You need to get clear on this right now. I am in charge of this project.
- 69 Raj: Ooh. Leonard's going all alpha nerd on Sheldon's ass.
- 70 Sheldon: All right. All right, I'm not going to argue with you. Sheldon Cooper is nothing if not a team player. Dr. Hofstadter, you have the conn.
- 71 Leonard: Thank you. I thought we might start by talking about the user interface.
- 72 Sheldon: Oh, dear Lord, we're doomed.
- 73 Scene: Later.
- 74 Leonard: So this button here will allow you to scan a new equation, but over here, you can press this, and just substitute new values for the coefficients.
- 75 Sheldon: Good one, boss.
- 76 Leonard: What?
- 77 Sheldon: This diagram. I assume you were opening with a joke. It certainly buoyed up this employee's esprit de corps.
- 78 Leonard: It's not a joke. It's the real design.
- 79 Sheldon: In that case, may I offer 27 little tweaks to make it slightly less embarrassing?
- 80 Leonard: Sheldon, I think this will work. Let's just try it my way.

- 81 Sheldon: Oh, I'm, I'm sorry. I assumed that you wanted candid truth-telling from your employees, but I realize now, you want the mindless nattering of complacent ves-men.
- 82 Leonard: Are you done?
- 83 Sheldon: If you say so, boss.
- 84 Scene: Later still.
- 85 Howard: So right now, this button-press event is just triggering a dummy procedure call...
- 86 Sheldon: How about this for the app name? The Surprisingly Helpful Equation-Linked Differential Optimized Numerator.
- 87 Raj: So it spells Sheldon?
- 88 Sheldon: Does it? A happy accident.
- 89 Leonard: We're not doing names now. Howard?
- 90 Howard: Like I was saying, right now it's just a dummy procedure, but eventually, it will drop us into. . .
- 91 Sheldon: All right, fine. If we're not going to give it a name, can we at least give it a secret code designation?
- 92 Leonard: No.
- 93 Sheldon: Well, but hear me out. The atomic bomb was The Manhattan Project. Windows 95 was originally Project Chicago. For our app, I would humbly suggest Project Nodlehs.
- 94 Leonard: That's just Sheldon backwards.
- 95 Sheldon: Another happy accident.
- 96 Leonard: We're not wasting time with names right now.
- 97 Sheldon: I see. Is that decision open for discussion?
- 98 Leonard: No.
- 99 Sheldon: Is the decision to not discuss it open for discussion?
- 100 Leonard: No.
- 101 Howard: Again, right now it's just a dummy procedure, but eventually, it will drop us into. . .
- 102 Sheldon: I call for a vote of no confidence and an immediate change in leadership.
- 103 Leonard: Oh Sheldon, stop it.
- 104 Sheldon: When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary to dissolve the bonds that tie three competent scientists together...
- 105 Leonard: That's enough, Sheldon.
- 106 Sheldon: All right, let's get right to the vote. Show of hands all those opposed to Leonard and his reign of tyranny.
- 107 Leonard: Okay, that's it, you're fired.
- 108 Sheldon: Really? Why?
- 109 Leonard: Because you're impossible to work with.
- 110 Sheldon: I see. And is that open for discussion?
- 111 Scene: The following morning.
- 112 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 113 Sheldon: Oh. Good morning, shoemaker. I think you'll be pleased with what the elves were up to last night.

- 114 Leonard: But I fired you.
- 115 Sheldon: Oh, I know. I'm now an independent contractor.
- 116 Leonard: No, you are now nothing. You have no connection to this project whatsoever.
- 117 Sheldon: But I made it better.
- 118 Leonard: I don't want it better. I want it my way.
- 119 Sheldon: Well, that speaks volumes, doesn't it? All right, I suppose I'll go put on my bus pants.
- 120 Leonard: What the hell are bus pants?
- 121 Sheldon: They are pants one wears over one's regular pants when one sits on bus seats that other people have previously sat on. But perhaps from your lofty heights atop the corporate ladder, you've lost touch with the struggles of the common man.
- 122 Leonard: Look, I'm still happy to drive you to work. Nothing's changed in that regard. We're still roommates, we're still friends.
- 123 Sheldon: Except you identified me, your best friend, as a gangrenous limb that needed to be severed from the organism and tossed away. The desperate act of a little man with a big Napoleon complex.
- 124 Leonard: You know what? Go put on your bus pants.
- 125 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 126 Raj: Mm. Last night, I had a dream we got so rich from the app, you and I bought matching side-by-side mansions. But there was a secret tunnel connecting your front yard to my back yard. What do you think that means?
- 127 Howard: It means after we play handball, I'm showering at home.
- 128 Sheldon: Good morning, Friend Howard. Friend Raj. I see you gentlemen are enjoying beverages. Perhaps they would taste better out of these.
- 129 Raj: World's Greatest Astrophysicist?
- 130 Sheldon: Don't thank me. You earned it.
- 131 Howard: Howard Wolowitz. Why not World's Greatest Engineer?
- 132 Sheldon: I'm sorry. I typed that into the label maker, but I just couldn't press enter. Now down to business. What would it take for you to abandon Leonard and join me in a rival company? Unless, of course, the mugs are sufficient, in which case, welcome aboard.
- 133 Howard: We're not quitting on Leonard.
- 134 Sheldon: I understand. And your loyalty is admirable. But what if I were to up the ante?
- 135 Raj: What are you talking about?
- 136 Sheldon: Monogrammed key chains with a built-in laser pointer. No? How about can cosies emblazoned with our university mascot? Go, Beavers. I'll be back.
- 137 Scene: The apartment.
- 138 Howard: Okay, let's try this one. Spherical Hankel function.
- 139 Leonard: Hold on. That's it!
- 140 Howard: Eureka!
- 141 Raj: Hey, we agreed when it was Eureka time, we were all gonna say it together.

- 142 Howard: Fine. Let's say it together.
- 143 Raj: No. The moment has passed.
- 144 Sheldon: Greetings, gentlemen. How goes your little project?
- 145 Raj: You mean, Project Lenwoloppali?
- 146 Sheldon: Ah, a combination of all your names. Very clever. I assume Koothranardowitz was taken?
- 147 Leonard: We're actually scanning equations and getting good results.
- 148 Sheldon: Oh, well then, by all means, carry on. I wouldn't want to impede your progress.
- 149 Leonard: Howard, did you solve the install time problem yet?
- 150 Howard: No. It's a little tricky. I'm gonna try having it pick up the libraries dynam...
- 151 Leonard: What are you doing?!
- 152 Sheldon: Playing the theremin.
- 153 Leonard: No. I mean, what are you doing with a theremin?
- 154 Sheldon: Playing it. I've loved the theremin from the first moment I heard the original Star Trek theme. And it's been killing me that it just sits in my closet, gathering dust.
- 155 Leonard: Sheldon! We're working here!
- 156 Sheldon: That's all right. I can barely hear you over my theremin. (Leonard pulls out plug) Well, that was a little uncalled for.
- 157 Leonard: No, that was completely called for. We need quiet.
- 158 Sheldon: So, your project is more important than mine?
- 159 Leonard: Well, seeing as your project is to sabotage my project, yes.
- 160 Sheldon: Don't beat around the bush, Leonard. If you don't want me here, just say the word, and I'll leave.
- 161 Scene: The hallway.
- 162 Sheldon: Could have beaten around the bush a little.
- 163 Scene: The lobby. Sheldon is playing his theramin.
- 164 Sheldon (singing): Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, nobody knows my sorrow-ow-ow-ow.
- 165 Penny: What you doing? Trying to contact your home planet?
- 166 Sheldon: I'm practicing my theremin.
- 167 Penny: Oh.
- 168 Sheldon (singing): Nobody knows the trouble I've seen. Glory, hallelujah.
- 169 Penny: Something got you down, there, Sheldon?
- 170 Sheldon: Leonard kicked me out of my own apartment. And his app team.
- 171 Penny: Oh, honey, I'm sorry.
- 172 Sheldon: He wouldn't drive me to work today. I had to wear my bus pants.
- 173 Penny: Is that so?
- 174 Sheldon: Yes. And they're still sticky.
- 175 Penny: Aw.
- 176 Sheldon: Probably going to have to throw them away.
- 177 Penny: Hey, you don't need Leonard and his app. You can make one with me.

- 178 Sheldon: With you?
- 179 Penny: Seriously, I have a great idea for one.
- 180 Sheldon: Is it better than your idea to move to Los Angeles and become a famous actress?
- 181 Penny: Okay, look, when you see someone wearing shoes you like, you just snap a picture of them, and the app goes on the Internet to find out where you can buy them.
- 182 Sheldon: That's your app idea?
- 183 Penny: Well, you don't like it?
- 184 Sheldon: I didn't say that. But no, I don't.
- 185 Penny: Why not?
- 186 Sheldon: Oh, Penny, where do I begin? The simple-mindedness of your idea is exceeded only by its crass consumerism and banality.
- 187 Penny: And Leonard didn't want to work with you? Imagine that.
- 188 Sheldon: I know, it's baffling. (Singing) Nobody knows the trouble I've seen.
- 189 Penny: Sheldon, I'm gonna make some cocoa. Do you want some?
- 190 Sheldon: Do you make it with milk or water?
- 191 Penny: Milk.
- 192 Sheldon: Real cocoa?
- 193 Penny: That's what it says on the packet.
- 194 Sheldon: Do you have those little marshmallows?
- 195 Penny: No, sorry.
- 196 Sheldon: Well, I suppose it's appropriate.
- 197 Penny: What does that mean?
- 198 Sheldon: A disappointing drink for a disappointing day.
- 199 Scene: The apartment.
- 200 Raj: Hey, look at this. 20 people from the university have already signed up for our private beta.
- 201 Leonard: I'm telling you, the Lenwoloppali Differential Equation Scanner meets a real need. We've got a hit.
- 202 Raj: What do you think we should sell it for?
- 203 Howard: Well, based on the fact that our potential market is about 70 or 80 guys, and you want a submarine, I'd say about a million dollars a pop.
- 204 Raj: Well, what if we put out a lite version for half a million? You know, get the word of mouth going.
- 205 Penny: Hi. I'm sorry to bother you guys, but you've got to come take your Sheldon back.
- 206 Leonard: What's he doing in your apartment?
- 207 Penny: Well, he was moping down in the lobby, so I invited him over, and now I regret it.
- 208 Leonard: Why do you regret, uh, never mind, stupid question.
- 209 Penny: Look, can't you just let him play with you until bedtime?
- 210 Leonard: We're not playing. This is real work.
- 211 Howard: We're going to be hundred-aires.
- 212 Penny: Okay. What if I got him to apologize and promise to behave?

- 213 Leonard: Then I guess we would let him back on the app team, and while we're doing that, you could take an aerial tour of L.A. on your flying pig.
- 214 Penny: Okay. Wait right here.
- 215 Raj: I'll tell you one thing. If I get rich enough, that's the kind of girl I want to take on a submarine ride. And yes, that time, I meant it to be dirty.
- 216 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 217 Sheldon: Really? Leonard wants me back?
- 218 Penny: Oh, yes. He says they are lost without you.
- 219 Sheldon: Well, we sure saw that coming.
- 220 Penny: That's right.
- 221 Sheldon: You know what I'm going to do? I am going to sit here and just let them stew.
- 222 Penny: No, no, no. You know, they have suffered enough. Everybody's suffered enough. The thing is, you're going to have to offer him a face-saving way out of this.
- 223 Sheldon: How?
- 224 Penny: Say you're sorry.
- 225 Sheldon: Oh, no. Mrs. Mary Cooper didn't raise her no liars.
- 226 Penny: Okay. Um, how about this? You know how you're always trying to learn about sarcasm?
- 227 Sheldon: No.
- 228 Penny: No?
- 229 Sheldon: I was being sarcastic.
- 230 Penny: Oh. Good for you. So all you have to do here is say you're sorry to Leonard, but say it sarcastically.
- 231 Sheldon: Of course. He will hear it as an attempt to mend fences, as opposed to the withering condemnation you and I will know it to be.
- 232 Penny: Yeah. Yeah, that was my plan. All right. Come on. Let's go.
- 233 Sheldon: Oh, by the way, thank you for the delicious cocoa.
- 234 Penny: Oh, you're welcome.
- 235 Sheldon: Boy, I'm getting good at this.
- 236 Scene: The apartment.
- 237 Leonard: Okay, now that you're back on the team, let's get you caught up.
- 238 Sheldon: Before you begin, let me say again how deeply sorry I am for my earlier behaviour and how much I respect and admire your leadership.
- 239 Leonard: Thank you. So as you can see, not only can you store your favourite equations, but you can forward them to your friends or post them on Facebook right from the app.
- 240 Sheldon: Well, I must say, I am impressed.
- 241 Leonard: Thanks.
- 242 Sheldon: You all have clearly put in a lot of hard work.
- 243 Howard: We have.
- 244 Sheldon: As a result, you have taken the most important step on the road to success, learning what not to do. Now, let's start fresh. Howard, we're going to need some tea.

- 245 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 246 Penny: Okay, these are Uggs. These are Crocs. These are knockoff Manolo Blahniks.
- 247 Sheldon: Bored.
- 248 Penny: Look, you said it yourself, we have to create a database before you can write an alga-thingy.
- 249 Sheldon: Algorithm. You see, Penny, Alan Turing defined an algorithm...
- 250 Penny: Bored. Okay. These are Steve Maddens. These are Nine West. These are Target. Oh, but don't they look like Chanel? These are Michael Kors. These are Roxy. These are Sachel's. Oh, these are Betsy Johnson, they're so cute...
- 251 Sheldon (singing at the same time): Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, nobody knows my sorrow...

## 4.13 Episode 13: The Love Car Displacement

- 1 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 2 Penny: Hey. So you guys ready to order?
- 3 Sheldon: Since we come in every Tuesday night at six o'clock and order the same exact thing, and it's now six oh eight, I believe your question not only answers itself but also stands alongside such other nonsensical queries as who let the dogs out? and, uh, How are they hanging?
- 4 Penny: Okay. So, the usual, with extra spit on Sheldon's hamburger.
- 5 Amy: Penny, a moment? Do you have plans this weekend?
- 6 Penny: Oh, gee, Amy, I'm sorry, I'm actually pretty busy this weekend.
- 7 Sheldon: Probably serving food that was ordered today.
- 8 Amy: That's too bad. I was hoping you could be my plus-one at the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies' symposium on the impact of current scientific research on societal interactions.
- 9 Penny: The what?
- 10 Leonard: It's an annual science conference. We've all been invited to speak.
- 11 Penny: Oh. Oh, okay, well, you know, like I said, I have plans, so.
- 12 Amy: Shame. Since you're my best friend, I thought it would be a good bonding opportunity.
- 13 Penny: I'm your best friend?
- 14 Amy: Don't you read my blog?
- 15 Penny: Oh, don't feel bad. I never read Leonard's, and I used to sleep with him.
- 16 Amy: Do you know anybody else who would appreciate an all-expense-paid spa weekend at a four-star resort in Big Sur?
- 17 Penny: No, I really, I'm sorry, free what? Sorry, what, what?
- 18 Leonard: I think her weekend just opened up.
- 19 Penny: Wait, wait, just to be clear, when you guys say spa, does that mean the same thing as when regular people say it?
- 20 Leonard: Pretty much. Except we keep our shirts on in the sauna.
- 21 Penny: You know, it is going to be difficult, but I'm going to cancel my

- plans so I can do this for my bestie.
- 22 Amy: Please don't touch my breasts.
- 23 Penny: I, I wasn't going to.
- 24 Amy: All right. I just want to establish boundaries.
- 25 Penny: Boy, this is great. I haven't had a vacation in ages.
- 26 Sheldon: In order to take a vacation, one first has to work.
- 27 Penny: You know, for a smart guy, you really seem to have a hard time grasping the concept, don't piss off the people who handle the things you eat.
- 28 Amy: That does seem to be a valid principle.
- 29 Sheldon: I trust Penny will adhere to the Official California Restaurant Workers' Solemn Oath of Ethics and Cleanliness."
- 30 Amy: I don't believe there's any such thing.
- 31 Sheldon: You lied to me?
- 32 Credits sequence.
- 33 Scene: The apartment.
- 34 Sheldon: Good morning. If I could have everyone's attention, please? I know we're all eager to get on the road to Big Sur, so if we focus, I'm sure we can get through this orientation in under a half an hour. Then it's just QA, quiz, safety drills, pose for commemorative group photo and we're off.
- 35 Leonard: Don't worry. Just sit next to me during the quiz, and you can copy my answers.
- 36 Sheldon: Raj? What are you doing? I don't think so. You've had your allotted six ounces. The first bathroom break isn't until the Denny's located near Bakersfield, which is approximately two and half hours away. Remember, people, we're only as strong as our weakest bladder.
- 37 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): Nobody cares about your Kegel exercises.
- 38 Sheldon: All right. We have seven people, and two cars. In the lead car, driven by Leonard, will be myself, Amy Farrah Fowler and Penny.
- 39 Amy: Yes! He had you in the other car, but I got you upgraded.
- 40 Penny: Yay!
- 41 Sheldon: She made the case that if we break down in the middle of nowhere, your Nebraska backwoods skills and brawny hands will give us the best chance to survive in the wild.
- 42 Penny: Brawny?
- 43 Leonard: They're bigger than mine.
- 44 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 45 Sheldon: Red Leader to Red Five, come in. Red Leader to Red Five, come in. Howard, you promised.
- 46 Howard (voice): Fine. Red Five to Red Leader. What do you want now?
- 47 Sheldon: It's eleven fifteen. I'm requesting your quarter-hourly location update.
- 48 Howard: Still right behind you.
- 49 Sheldon: Copy that, Red Five. Radio contact is sufficient. No need to extend your middle finger.
- 50 Penny: So, Amy, I've been wondering, are you and Sheldon going to be

sharing a room?

- 51 Amy: No, we discussed it. We decided we didn't want to jeopardize our relationship by getting to know each other too well.
- 52 Sheldon: Indeed. Nothing sours a friendship more than over-familiarity with someone's toilet routine.
- 53 Leonard: I can vouch for that.
- 54 Penny: Hey.
- 55 Leonard: Not you, him.
- 56 Penny: Oh. Thanks.
- 57 Leonard: Although yours was an eye-opener.
- 58 Amy: Don't worry, Penny. You're my plus-one. You'll bunk with me. And FYI, travel makes me constipated, so I'm the ideal hotel roommate.
- 59 Penny: Terrific. Are we there yet?
- 60 Scene: Bernadette's car.
- 61 Bernadette: I hope we get there in time to see the keynote address.
- 62 Howard: Really? You want to see the keynote?
- 63 Bernadette: Yeah, it sounds fun. Super bacteria: global apocalypse or exciting research opportunity?
- 64 Howard: Actually, I was thinking we could go straight to the room and take a nap.
- 65 Bernadette: Really? And miss the keynote?
- 66 Howard: We can watch it later on C-SPAN. Besides, I was really looking forward to you and me napping together in the hotel.
- 67 Bernadette: Well honey, if you're that tired, why don't you just take a nap here in the car?
- 68 Howard: No, see, it's not...
- 69 Bernadette: Hang on. It's Leonard. Hi, Leonard.
- 70 Leonard (voice): Yeah, hi. Listen, I just got a text from Raj. He wanted me to tell you that when Howard says nap, he means s\*x.
- 71 Bernadette: Oh. Thank you, Raj.
- 72 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 73 Leonard: Are you an element in the actinoid series?
- 74 Sheldon: No. Amy?
- 75 Amy: Are you usually radioactive when found in nature?
- 76 Sheldon: No.
- 77 Amy: Are you in the lanthanoid series?
- 78 Sheldon: Amy, it's Penny's turn. Penny?
- 79 Penny: Uh, I don't know. Are you food?
- 80 Sheldon: That's not a propos. We've already established I'm found in the periodic table.
- 81 Penny: Well, it's a table, right? I mean, why can't there be food on it?
- 82 Sheldon: I knew she wasn't lead car material.
- 83 Penny: Who elected you Road Trip God?
- 84 Sheldon: Leonard.
- 85 Leonard: It was a late-night vote. We were all exhausted, and he was threatening to filibuster. It's not technically Road Trip God, it's Travel Super-

#### visor.

- 86 Sheldon: Although Road Trip God does have a certain ring to it.
- 87 Penny: I don't understand why you people just let him bully you like this. Someone should stand up to him. What's he going to do?
- 88 Scene: Bernadette's car.
- 89 Penny: I can't believe you let him kick me out of the car.
- 90 Howard: What could we do? He's the Travel Supervisor.
- 91 Bernadette: Don't worry, Penny. This is a better car anyway.
- 92 Howard: Yeah. It's the Love Car.
- 93 Penny: Should I ask?
- 94 Bernadette (singing): They say we're young and we don't know, we won't find out until we grow.
- 95 Howard (singing): Well, I don't know if all that's true, 'cause you got me, and, baby, I got you.
- 96 Together (singing): Babe, mm da-da, da-da, da-da, I got you, babe, da-da, da-da, I got you, babe...
- 97 Penny: Red Leader, I'm really sorry.
- 98 Scene: The hotel.
- 99 Howard and Bernadette (singing): I got you, babe.
- 100 Amy: I missed you.
- 101 Penny: You know what? I missed you, too.
- 102 Very tall and powerfully built man: Bernadette?
- 103 Bernadette: Oh, my God, Glenn!
- 104 Glenn: Great to see you!
- 105 Bernadette: Are you here for the conference?
- 106 Glenn: Yeah, I'm doing a global warming panel.
- 107 Bernadette: Oh, good for you. Uh, Glenn, this is my boyfriend Howard.
- 108 Glenn: Oh. Nice to meet you.
- 109 Howard: Hi. Ow. Hi.
- 110 Glenn: You're a lucky man. Bernie's a great gal.
- 111 Howard: Yes. Bernie sure is.
- 112 Glenn: Well, I got to run. The panel's tomorrow morning. It's called, Remembering Snow: A Look Back.
- 113 Bernadette: I'll try to catch it.
- 114 Glenn: Oh, great. Bye.
- 115 Bernadette: Bye.
- 116 Howard: Hey, Bernie?
- 117 Bernadette: Yeah?
- 118 Howard: Please tell me he's your gay cousin.
- 119 Bernadette: No. He was one of my professors in college.
- 120 Howard: Oh! That's a relief.
- 121 Bernadette: Then we went out for a year. Come on, let's check in, so we can take that nap.
- 122 Howard (after Raj whispers to him): No, it's not necessarily proportional. Shut up!
- 123 Scene: Howard's hotel room.

- 124 Howard: That green bag is Dr. Cooper's. Here's an extra five. Make him wait. Oh. Right to the nap, huh? Okay? Uh, so, this Glenn guy. You say you went out with him for, like, a year.
- 125 Bernadette: Do we really need to talk about my old boyfriend now?
- 126 Howard: No. I guess not. What is he, like, six-four, six-five?
- 127 Bernadette: Six-seven.
- 128 Howard: Probably has a hard time finding a suit that fits.
- 129 Bernadette: Is something bothering you?
- 130 Howard: No. It's just...
- 131 Bernadette: What?
- 132 Howard: I'm just thinking. If you had s\*x with that guy, I mean, there's nothing I can do here that will make any kind of impact.
- 133 Bernadette: Howard, it's not a contest. I love you. I want to be with you.
- 134 Howard: Yeah, great, love you, too, but, if it were a contest, I wouldn't have a chance, right?
- 135 Bernadette: You can't think that way.
- 136 Howard: Yep. Loser.
- 137 Bernadette: Howard, stop it.
- 138 Howard: Sorry. I just never figured that a guy like me going out with a girl like you would ever have to compete with a guy like that.
- 139 Bernadette: Wait a minute, a girl like me? What's that mean?
- 140 Howard: I'm... I...
- 141 Bernadette: Are you saying you don't think I'm hot enough to go out with a guy like Glenn?
- 142 Howard: No! No, I'm saying exactly the opposite.
- 143 Bernadette: I'm too hot to go out with a guy like Glenn?
- 144 Howard: Yeah, let's go with that.
- 145 Scene: Amy's hotel room.
- 146 Amy (exiting bathroom): Still nothing. Remind me to try again in an hour
- 147 Penny: Will do.
- 148 Amy: So, girl talk?
- 149 Penny: Um, sure. What do you, what do you got in mind?
- 150 Amy: Do you subscribe to the Freudian theory of pen1s envy?
- 151 Penny: Um, I never really thought about it. Why?
- 152 Amy: Sometimes I think it might be nice to have one.
- 153 Penny: Really?
- 154 Amy: Not for s\*x, for convenience. You can't deny that, by comparison, our internal plumbing is extremely high maintenance.
- 155 Penny: Again, I've never given it much thought.
- 156 Amy: We have time now. Think about it.
- 157 Penny (knock on door): Oh, good. Hey.
- 158 Bernadette: Can I stay here tonight?
- 159 Penny: Yeah. Why, what happened?
- 160 Bernadette: Howard's a complete and total ass.
- 161 Penny: Oh, yeah, that. Come on in.

- 162 Bernadette: Thanks. I'll sleep on the floor.
- 163 Amy: Not necessary. Penny and I are perfectly comfortable sharing a bed.
- 164 Penny: We are?
- 165 Amy: Of course, we're best friends.
- 166 Penny: Oh, right, right, the blog.
- 167 Amy: Word of warning, though. I'm prone to night terrors, so if I wake up kicking and screaming, don't panic. Just pin me down and stroke my hair, and I'll be fine.
- 168 Scene: Leonard's room.
- 169 Penny: Hey, can I stay here tonight?
- 170 Leonard: Shh-shh-shh. Sheldon's asleep. What's going on?
- 171 Penny: Well, Howard's a complete and total ass, Bernadette's in my bed, and no matter how much you stroke Amy's hair, she bites.
- 172 Leonard: What?
- 173 Penny: Never mind. Can I stay here or not?
- 174 Leonard: Uh, sure.
- 175 Penny: All right.
- 176 Leonard: So, how do you wanna do this?
- 177 Penny: Well, I'm not getting in bed with him.
- 178 Leonard: Yeah, it is a little like getting into Dracula's coffin.
- 179 Penny: We're just gonna have to make the best of this.
- 180 Leonard: Okay, when you say make the best of it.
- 181 Penny: Sleep.
- 182 Leonard: Right. So we'll just call the middle here the Neutral Zone.
- 183 Penny: The what?
- 184 Leonard: Star Trek. You know, the Neutral Zone between the Federation and the Romulan Empire.
- 185 Penny: Oh, okay. Just like old times.
- 186 Leonard: Of course, sometimes the Federation and the Romulans would enter the Neutral Zone to negotiate a temporary truce.
- 187 Penny: Sweetie, let me put this in a way you'll understand. From the waist down, my shields are up.
- 188 Leonard: Got it, got it. We can do all kinds of stuff from the waist up, you know?
- 189 Penny: Go to sleep.
- 190 Leonard: Good night.
- 191 Sheldon: Please tell me you're not having coitus.
- 192 Penny: We are not having coitus.
- 193 Sheldon: Can you guarantee that it won't happen at any time during the night?
- 194 Penny: Yes.
- 195 Leonard: No.
- 196 Scene: Raj's room.
- 197 TV Announcer: Next on Turner Classic Movies, Bridget Jones's Diary.
- 198 Raj: Oh, my God, I'm crying already.
- 199 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Raj?

(Knock, knock, knock) Raj? I need to sleep here tonight.

- 200 Raj: Why?
- 201 Sheldon: Howard is a complete and total ass, Bernadette is in Penny's
- bed, Amy bites, and Penny may or may not have coitus with Leonard.
- 202 Raj: Okay. Come on in.
- 203 Scene: Leonard's room.
- 204 Penny: Leonard, are you asleep?
- 205 Leonard: No.
- 206 Penny: I really appreciate you letting me stay here tonight.
- 207 Leonard: Sure, no problem.
- 208 Penny: I know it's kinda weird.
- 209 Leonard: True dat.
- 210 Penny: True dat?
- 211 Leonard: I've gotten a lot more street since we broke up.
- 212 Penny: Right. Still mad at me about that?
- 213 Leonard: No. No, I understand. I got too intense, you had to back off.
- 214 Penny: Thank you.
- 215 Leonard: I've gotten a lot better at that, you know. I've dated four different women since we broke up and I didn't tell any of them that I loved them and wanted to have their babies.
- 216 Penny: Good for you.
- 217 Leonard: Okay, good night.
- 218 Penny: Good night. You know, maybe it wouldn't be the worst idea in the world to violate the Neutral Zone for just one night. Oh!
- 219 Raj: Hey, Leonard, Sheldon kicked me out of the room, gave me your key.
- 220 Leonard: Penny's here. (Raj whispers to him) No, we don't want to watch Bridget Jones's Diary!
- 221 Scene: A conference room.
- 222 Sheldon: Good morning and welcome to Science and Society. I'm Dr. Sheldon Cooper, BS, MS, MA, PhD, and ScD. OMG, right? Perhaps that joke was a little too hippie-dippy for this crowd. All right then, we'll begin with opening remarks. Miss Rostenkowski, would you like to start us off by discussing your assessment of science's responsibility to society?
- 223 Bernadette: Sure. I think all branches of science have to move cautiously these days. It's not just giant nuclear weapons that can destroy the world. As a microbiologist, I can tell you even the tiniest organisms can still tear you a new one.
- 224 Howard: Interesting. I think what you might need to know about my colleague is that though she claims her field of interest is tiny organisms, she certainly has spent her fair share of time around what we can assume was pretty massive weaponry.
- 225 Bernadette: I think Mr. Wolowitz needs to keep in mind that the past is the past. But he should know that I am the kind of girl who could get all the giant missiles she wants.
- 226 Amy: Are we talking about women wanting penises? Because I'd like to weigh in.

- 227 Sheldon: Dr. Koothrappali, would you care to join the conversation?
- 228 Raj: Certainly. I'd like to raise two points. Number one, I think they are talking about penises. And number two, these mimosas are kicking my little brown ass.
- 229 Leonard: I'd like to kick your little brown ass.
- 230 Raj: What did I do?
- 231 Leonard: Oh, I don't know. Maybe when you walk into a hotel room and you see a guy getting back together with his girlfriend, you should consider doing something other than crawling into the adjoining bed.
- 232 Raj: I did. You said no Bridget Jones.
- 233 Penny (voice): We weren't getting back together! It was a one-time thing!
- 234 Sheldon: Excuse me. We're not taking comments or questions from the audience just yet.
- 235 Penny(voice): Oh, shut up, Sheldon!
- 236 Amy: Hi, bestie.
- 237 Penny(voice): Yeah, hi.
- 238 Sheldon: All right, why don't we see if we can bring this back to topic.
- 239 Howard: Let me ask you something, Bernie.
- 240 Sheldon: I guess not.
- 241 Howard: How would you feel if you met my ex-girlfriend and she was like Angelina Jolie?
- 242 Bernadette: Oh, come on, Howard, be realistic.
- 243 Howard: What, I'm not hot enough for Angelina Jolie?
- 244 Raj: I'd like to weigh in here. No.
- 245 Sheldon: All right, why don't we open it up to QA from the audience?
- 246 Penny (voice): Yeah, I have a question. Is there anybody who can get me the hell out of here and back to Los Angeles tonight?
- 247 Glenn (voice): I'm driving back to L.A. tonight.
- 248 Bernadette: Um, Penny, that's Glenn. Glenn, that's Penny.
- 249 Leonard: No!
- 250 Scene: Bernadette's car.
- 251 Sheldon (voice): Red Leader to Red Five. Red Leader to Red Five. Anybody up for a little game? I spy with my little eye, a nonferrous metal. (Howard throws walkie-talkie out of window)
- 252 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 253 Sheldon: Must be out of range.
- 254 Amy: Leonard, can I ask you a question?
- 255 Leonard: Sure.
- 256 Amy: Are you bothered by the fact that your former girlfriend left the symposium with what is probably the most beautiful man I've ever seen in my life?
- 257 Leonard: No. Why do you ask?
- 258 Amy: Because we're going 120 miles per hour.
- 259 Sheldon: All right, if no one's going to guess, I was spying the aluminium rims on the police car we passed a few miles back.

# 4.14 Episode 14: The Thespian Catalyst

- 1 Scene: A lecture hall.
- 2 Sheldon: Good evening. I'm your guest lecturer, Dr. Sheldon Cooper. I was expecting applause, but I suppose stunned silence is equally appropriate. I agreed to speak to you this evening, because I was told that you're the best and the brightest of this university's doctoral candidates. Hmm. Of course, that's like saying you are the most important electron in a hydrogen atom. 'Cause, you see, there's only one electron in a hydrogen atom. Best and brightest, my sweet patootie. All right, let's begin. Show of hands, who here is familiar with the concept of topological insulators? Don't kid yourselves.
- 3 Scene: The apartment.
- 4 Leonard: I found another tweet from a student at Sheldon's lecture. Dr. Cooper has taken a relatively boring subject and managed to make it completely insufferable. Plus, he looks like a giant insect.
- 5 Howard: Look. Listen to this one. Does Einstein's theory explain why time flies when you're having fun, but when you're listening to Dr. Cooper, it falls out of the sky, dead?
- 6 Raj: Ooh, somebody took pictures and uploaded them to their Flickr account.
- 7 Leonard: Wow. How do you get an entire lecture hall to flip you off at the same time?
- 8 Howard: Apparently, if you're Sheldon, all you need to do is turn your back.
- 9 Penny: Hey, Leonard, is your wi-fi down? I can't get on.
- 10 Leonard: Oh, Sheldon changed the password. It's now Penny is a freeloader. No spaces.
- 11 Penny: Thanks. What are you guys doing?
- 12 Leonard: Sheldon gave a lecture at the university to night. We're reading the reviews.
- 13 Penny: Oh. How'd he do?
- 14 Howard: Well, picture the Hindenburg meets Chernobyl meets Three Mile Island meets Tron  $2. \,$
- 15 Penny: That bad, huh?
- 16 Leonard: Read this woman's tweet.
- 17 Penny: Listening to Dr. Cooper has made me want to start cutting myself again
- 18 Leonard: Yeah.
- 19 Sheldon: Good evening, Leonard, Howard, Raj, freeloader.
- 20 Howard: So, how'd the lecture go?
- 21 Leonard: In a word, triumphant.
- 22 Leonard: Really? Triumphant?
- 23 Sheldon: Oh, yes, you should have seen those young people. Thirsty for knowledge, drinking in my wisdom. I may have changed a few lives today.
- 24 Penny: Oh, please let me tell him.
- 25 Leonard: I don't know, I kind of promised Howard.
- 26 Sheldon: Tell me what?

- 27 Howard: Actually, we should all share the moment. Raj, if you would.
- 28 Sheldon: Oh, tweets about my lecture. Hmm. That's rather unfair. That's downright cruel. Plus, insects have six legs. Yeah, I'm not familiar with the acronym KMN.
- 29 Leonard: Oh, uh, from the context, we think it means kill me now.
- 30 Sheldon: Well, I suppose everyone's entitled to their own opinion. I think I'll turn in. I didn't want to teach those poopy heads, anyway.
- 31 Howard: FYI, I think that's what Darth Vader said just before he started building the Death Star.
- 32 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 33 Howard: Sheldon still moping?
- 34 Leonard: Yeah, it's weird. Even though he didn't want to give the lecture in the first place, being rejected by those students really hit him hard.
- 35 Raj: Mmm, I know the feeling. It's like accidentally walking into a gay bar and then having no one hit on you. It-It happened to a friend of mine.
- 36 Bernadette: Are you guys doing okay?
- 37 Howard: Yeah, Leonard and I are fine, but I think Raj needs to meet a girl really soon.
- 38 Bernadette: Well, that shouldn't be too hard. He's such a cutie.
- 39 Raj: Thank you, but cute is for bunnies. I want to be something with s\*x appeal, like, like a labradoodle.
- 40 Howard: Labradoodle?
- 41 Leonard: We might be starting to zero in on your problem.
- 42 Bernadette: Don't you listen to them. You've got plenty of s\*x appeal.
- 43 Raj: You really think so?
- 44 Bernadette: Yeah. You're a hottie.
- 45 Raj: Well, thanks, Bernadette. And just for the record, labradoodles are hypo-allergenic, which is a very sexy quality to those troubled by animal dander.
- 46 Scene: The apartment.
- 47 Amy (on webcam, with an undersea background): So, what do you think?
- 48 Sheldon: It's a charming illusion, but it does not cheer me up.
- 49 Amy: Not even when I do this? (Pretends to be a fish)
- 50 Sheldon: No.
- 51 Amy: Well, that was the last arrow in my quiver of whimsy.
- 52 Sheldon: Do you realize that teaching is the first thing I've failed at since my ill-fated attempt to complete a chin-up in March of 1989?
- 53 Amy: If this humiliating experience is really troubling you, there are things we could do about it.
- 54 Sheldon: For instance?
- 55 Amy: Well, the first thing that comes to mind is isolating the part of your brain where the memory is stored and destroying it with a laser.
- 56 Sheldon: Hmm, no. One slip of the hand, and suddenly I'm sitting in the Engineering Department, building doodads with Wolowitz.
- 57 Amy: All right. Have you considered improving your socialization skills, thus allowing you to communicate more effectively with other people?
- 58 Sheldon: Isn't that their burden? I'm the one with something interesting

to say.

- 59 Amy: Fair enough, but in its essence, teaching is a performance art. In the classroom paradigm, the teacher has the responsibility to communicate, as well as entertain and engage.
- 60 Sheldon: I sense that you're trying to slow-walk me to an epiphany. Would you mind very much jumping to it?
- 61 Amy: Perhaps you should consider taking acting lessons.
- 62 Sheldon: Acting lessons. Interesting. It might help if I could act as though I care about my students and whether or not they learn.
- 63 Scene: Penny's apartment door.
- 64 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 65 Penny: What?
- 66 Sheldon: You're an (finger quotes) actress, correct?
- 67 Penny: I'm not an (finger quotes) actress. I'm an actress.
- 68 Sheldon: All right. You're an actress. I need you to teach me.
- 69 Penny: You want an acting lesson?
- 70 Sheldon: Perhaps two. I'd like to master the craft.
- 71 Penny: Okay, where is this coming from?
- 72 Sheldon: It has been suggested to me that acting techniques could improve my lecturing, at which, if certain tweets and blogs are to be believed, I suck the big one.
- 73 Penny: Yeah, I saw those. They were funny. I printed a few out and put 'em on my fridge.
- 74 Sheldon: So, when could we start?
- 75 Penny: Okay, just to be clear. You are asking me for help because I know something that the brilliant Dr. Sheldon Cooper doesn't.
- 76 Sheldon: I suppose that's one way to look at it.
- 77 Penny: I think it's the only way to look at it.
- 78 Sheldon: Are you going to help me or not?
- 79 Penny: Probably. I'm just enjoying the foreplay. Does this mean you are done mocking my acting career?
- 80 Sheldon: Oh, I'm sorry, I thought making the transition from actor to acting teacher was the signal that one's career had reached the end of the road.
- 81 Penny: Forget it.
- 82 Sheldon: I'll pay you 40 dollars.
- 83 Penny: Saturday, nine a.m. Bring cash.
- 84 Scene: The university cafeteria
- 85 Howard: Raj, I have amazing news!
- 86 Raj: What?
- 87 Howard: I just got offered a fellowship at the Weitzmann Institute in Israel.
- 88 Raj: Dude, that's incredible!
- 89 Howard: I know. The only thing is, I'm gonna be gone for two years.
- 90 Raj: Aw, I'm gonna miss you. Are you going with him?
- 91 Bernadette: I have to stay here for school.
- 92 Howard: That's what we're here to talk to you about. You see, Bernadette

has needs.

- 93 Raj: What kind of needs?
- 94 Howard: Sexual needs.
- 95 Bernadette: Most of them regular, some of them kind of messed up.
- 96 Howard: So, while I'm gone, you're going to have to satisfy her.
- 97 Bernadette: What do you say?
- 98 Raj: I say okey-dokey.
- 99 Howard (to the real Raj who is daydreaming): What ya thinking so hard about?
- 100 Raj: Just that I'm definitely not gay.
- 101 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 102 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock, knock) Penny. (Knock, knock, knock) Penny.
- 103 Penny: What's wrong?
- 104 Sheldon: Nothing. I was acting.
- 105 Penny: You were acting?
- 106 Sheldon: Yes. In preparation for today's studies, I read Stanislavski's An Actor Prepares, Stella Adler's
- 107 The Technique of Acting, Uta Hagen's Respect for Acting, and Henry Winkler's Heyyy, I'm an Actor.
- 108 Penny: Well, good for you. Come on in.
- 109 Sheldon: How shall we begin?
- 110 Penny: Well, I thought we'd start with some basic movement exercises. You know, get our bodies warmed up a little.
- 111 Sheldon: All right.
- 112 Penny: So I just want you to relax and kind of move around in the space. You know, just do whatever feels natural. Sheldon?
- 113 Sheldon (doing nothing): You said to do whatever feels natural. This feels natural. Certainly more natural than what you're doing.
- 114 Penny: Come on, you got to work with me. We need to get connected with our bodies.
- 115 Sheldon: Penny, my body and I have a relationship that works best when we maintain a cool, wary distance from each other.
- 116 Penny: All right, let's just say we've warmed up.
- 117 Sheldon: You're the teacher.
- 118 Penny: Okay. One of the things that might help you in connecting with your students is being a little more spontaneous. So why don't we try some improvisation?
- 119 Sheldon: Why not? It seems like you're improvising your entire curriculum.
- 120 Penny: This is all about listening and responding.
- 121 Sheldon: Gotcha.
- 122 Penny: I'm going to create a character and a situation, and you just jump in when you feel it.
- 123 Sheldon: All right.
- 124 Penny: All right.

- 125 Sheldon: Action.
- 126 Penny: Okay, it's not a movie. It's improv. So no one calls action.
- 127 Sheldon: Hey, you taught me something. Who would have thought it?
- 128 Penny: Okay. Uh, no, the shipment has not arrived, and I really need those shoes. They are my biggest seller. Yes, ladies sizes six through ten. Thank you. Oh, sorry, I have to go, I have a customer. Bye-bye. Hi. Can I help you?
- 129 Sheldon: I'd like a frozen yogurt, please.
- 130 Penny: Yogurt?
- 131 Sheldon: Yeah.
- 132 Penny: Um, okay, sure. Luckily, we sell both shoes and yogurt here.
- 133 Sheldon: You do?
- 134 Penny: Yes. Look up at the sign, and remember, improv is always about saying yes.
- 135 Sheldon: All right. Yes. I see a sign. It says Camarillo State Mental Hospital.
- 136 Penny: What?
- 137 Sheldon: It's the only explanation I can come up with for why you think you sell shoes and yogurt.
- 138 Penny: Okay, you know what? Let's just try a different improv. Uh, oh, this time we will be two winos living under a freeway overpass.
- 139 Sheldon: Oh, and we're going to use props?
- 140 Penny: You bet. I had dreams, you know. I was gonna be famous. Show everybody back home I could be someone. Now look at me. Want some?
- 141 Sheldon: You have any frozen yogurt?
- 142 Scene: The apartment.
- 143 Leonard: I'm still not adjusted to how the SyFy channel spells their name now. S-Y-F-Y. That's siffy.
- 144 Raj: Uh-huh.
- 145 Leonard (phone rings): Hello? Oh, my God! Is he okay?
- 146 Raj: What happened?
- 147 Leonard: Hang on. Hang on. Uh-huh. Okay, thank you. Howard was on his scooter, and got hit by a truck. He's in critical condition.
- 148 Raj: Oh, no!
- 149 Bernadette: Did you hear? Isn't it terrible?
- 150 Leonard: Have you seen him?
- 151 Bernadette: They wouldn't let me in. Oh my Howie.
- 152 Leonard: It'll be okay. It'll be okay.
- 153 Raj: It'll be okay. It'll be okay. (Phone rings) It's Howard. Howard, hello.
- 154 Howard: Raj, is that you?
- 155 Raj: Yeah, I'm right here, buddy. How are you?
- 156 Howard: Shh, shh. Listen to me. I'm not gonna make it.
- 157 Raj: No, no, no, don't say that. You're going to be all right.
- 158 Howard: Raj, I don't have time. Now, pay attention. My last wish is that you look after Bernadette.
- 159 Raj: Of course, of course. Now when you say look after, you mean...
- 160 Bernadette: Sexually.

- 161 Raj: Excuse me, Bernadette. I have to hear it from him.
- 162 Howard: Sexually.
- 163 Raj: Got it. Take care. I guess I have no choice but to make sweet, guilt-free love to you over and over again for the rest of my life.
- 164 Bernadette: That's how I heard it.
- 165 Leonard (out of Raj's daydream): Or it could be sy-fee.
- 166 Raj: What?
- 167 Leonard: S-Y-F-Y. Sy-fee.
- 168 Raj: Oh, right. Good one.
- 169 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 170 Penny: So, did you get a chance to go over the scene I gave you?
- 171 Sheldon: Yes. I didn't care for it.
- 172 Penny: Okay, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is an American classic.
- 173 Sheldon: So is the McRib sandwich. I don't care for that, either.
- 174 Penny: Fine. What would you rather do as a scene study?
- 175 Sheldon: I'm glad you asked. I took the liberty of adapting a Star Trek fan fiction novella I wrote when I was ten into a one-act play.
- 176 Penny: And you think it's better than Tennessee Williams?
- 177 Sheldon: Why don't we leave that for future generations to decide?
- 178 Penny: Where No Sheldon Has Gone Before.
- 179 Sheldon: It's the story of a young boy who is transported from the ignorant backwoods of East Texas to the 23rd Century, where his genius is not only appreciated, but celebrated.
- 180 Penny: KMN.
- 181 Sheldon: Now, in this pivotal scene, Sheldon's mother, played by you, argues with an emissary of the United Federation of Planets, Mr. Spock, the role I will bring to life.
- 182 Penny: Okay, that's fine, but let's try and get you out of your comfort zone.
- 183 Sheldon: Why would we want to do that? It's called the comfort zone for a reason.
- 184 Penny: Okay, the whole point of this is to loosen you up a little, so I'm thinking you'll play the role of your mother, and I will bring life to Mr. Spock.
- 185 Sheldon: I'm sorry. You'll be Spock?
- 186 Penny: It's only logical.
- 187 Sheldon: Very well. I'll set the scene.
- 188 Penny: All right.
- 189 Sheldon: East Texas. A warm summer night. A woman, Mary, stands on a porch. In the distance, we hear a lonesome train whistle. Woo-woo. The droning buzz of cicadas. Zzzzzzzzz. A coyote howls at the moon, frightening sensitive young boys everywhere. Aw-aw-aw! Out in the woods, an owl screeches.
- 190 Penny: Okay, okay. We get it. You set the scene.
- 191 Sheldon: Hoo!
- 192 Penny: Now just read your mother's line.
- 193 Sheldon: Shelly! Shelly, how many times have I told you not to leave your

sciencey stuff out on the porch? Goodness, I'll never understand that boy. But then again, I'm a religious nut, and my mind is closed to so many things.

- 194 Penny: Woo-woo-woo-woo-woo. Spock to Enterprise. Transport successful.
- 195 Sheldon: Glory be to Heaven, some sort of creature just manifested out of thin air. George, put down that Pepsi can full of bourbon that ain't foolin' no one, and get your shotgun!
- 196 Penny: Greetings, Mary Cooper. I am Spock.
- 197 Sheldon: I'm sorry. I just don't buy it.
- 198 Penny: Just keep going!
- 199 Sheldon: Oh, my, your sudden appearance startles me.
- 200 Penny: We have been monitoring your son Sheldon from the 23rd Century, and we have determined that he is now ready to join us. His unique genius is our best hope for bringing peace to a vast and troubled galaxy.
- 201 Sheldon: I understand. Oh, Shelly? A man's here to take you away to the future! Be sure to pack clean underwear."
- 202 Penny: Okay, okay, let's try that last line again, and this time, maybe try choking up a little.
- 203 Sheldon: Why?
- 204 Penny: Well, you're losing your son.
- 205 Sheldon: Yes, but he's going to a better place where he won't get beat up. So much.
- 206 Penny: All right, come on, just try it my way. Pretend you're sad to see him go. I'm gonna lead you in. His unique genius is our best hope for bringing peace to a vast and troubled galaxy. That's your cue.
- 207 Sheldon: I'm sorry. I just love that line. Even the way you do it.
- 208 Penny: All right, come on, come on. Put some real emotion into it. Blahblah, blah, vast and troubled galaxy. Go.
- 209 Sheldon: Oh, Shelly? A man's here to take you away to the future. Be sure to pack clean underwear.
- 210 Penny: That's good. That's good. That's good.
- 211 Sheldon: Mommy, why are you crying? 'Cause I'm gonna miss you, Shellybean, even though you creep the bejeezus out of me.
- 212 Penny: Okay, I guess we're improvising now.
- 213 Sheldon: Well I'm sorry. It's not my fault. I'm just incredibly smart, and everyone around here is dumber than a bag of rocks. Oh, now, don't you start crying. You get in that spaceship. Mommy's late for Indian bingo.
- 214 Penny (on phone): Mrs. Cooper, hey, it's Penny. Yeah, I think I broke your son. Hey, hold on. Talk to your mother.
- 215 Sheldon: Mommy, I love you. Don't let Spock take me to the future!
- 216 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 217 Bernadette: Okay, Raj, I know you've been avoiding me and Howard, and I'm not leaving until you tell me what's going on inside that little head of yours.
- 218 (Scene turns into a Bollywood musical)
- 219 Raj (singing): Like the wild elephant I am trumpeting my love for you!
- 220 Bernadette (singing): Like a hidden flower my sweet fragrance comes into

#### view!

- 221 Raj (singing): My heart burns for you like the sun at noon!
- 222 Bernadette (singing): My desert welcomes you like the rainy monsoon!
- 223 Raj (singing): You are my heart!
- 224 Bernadette (singing): My universe!
- 225 Raj (singing): You are my heart!
- 226 Bernadette (singing): My universe!
- 227 Both together (singing): My universe!
- 228 Chorus of everyone in cafeteria (singing): Hey! You are my heart! My universe! You are my heart! My universe! You are my heart! My universe! My universe!
- 229 Raj (out of daydream): Dance number aside, I'm so not gay.

## 4.15 Episode 15: The Benefactor Factor

- 1 Scene: The University cafeteria
- 2 Raj: Here's what I wonder about zombies. (Others all groan) What happens if they can't get any human flesh to eat? They can't starve to death, they're already dead.
- 3 Howard: You take this one. I spent an hour last night on how do vampires shave when they can't see themselves in the mirror?
- 4 Sheldon: Well-groomed vampires meet in pairs and shave each other. Case closed
- 5 Raj: Yeah, okay, so, zombies.
- 6 Leonard: I guess it depends on the zombies, Raj. Are we talking slow zombies, fast zombies? Like, in 28 Days, if those zombies didn't eat, they starved.
- 7 Howard: You're thinking of 28 Days Later. 28 Days is where Sandra Bullock goes to rehab and puts the audience into an undead state
- 8 Raj: Hey, don't bag on Sandra Bullock! You think it makes you look cultured, but you just come off as bitter.
- 9 Leonard: Oh, Dr. Siebert, twelve o'clock.
- 10 Howard: Why's the president of the university slumming in the cafeteria?
- 11 Sheldon: Perhaps he's emulating Shakespeare's Henry V, who dressed as a commoner and mingled among them, to find out how he was being perceived by his subjects. Course, if he'd have read any of the thirteen hundred e-mails I've sent him on the subject of his administration, he could have saved himself the trouble.
- 12 Raj: Or maybe he heard it's Tator Tot Tuesday. That's why I'm here.
- 13 Dr. Seibert: Hey, there's my favorite geniuses! How are we doing today?
- 14 Sheldon: That depends, how much longer do you plan on fondling my shoulder?
- 15 Seibert: Sorry, Dr. Cooper, I forgot you have a touch phobia.
- 16 Sheldon: It's not a touch phobia, it's a germ phobia. If you'd like to go put on a pair of latex gloves,
- 17 I'll let you check me for a hernia.
- 18 Seibert: Yeah. So, listen, fellas, who's up for a little party this Saturday

night? Open bar, good eats, might even be a few pretty girls.

- 19 Raj: Sounds great!
- 20 Howard: I'm in!
- 21 Sheldon: Hold on. Just because the nice man is offering you candy, doesn't mean you should jump into his windowless van. What's the occasion?
- 22 Seibert: Just a little fund-raiser for the university.
- 23 Sheldon: Aha! The tear-stained air mattress in the back of the van.
- 24 Seibert: I understand your reticence, Dr. Cooper, and I sympathize, but the hard facts are, occasionally, we have to shake a few hands and kiss a few butts to raise money for our research.
- 25 Sheldon: I don't care, it's demeaning. And I refuse to be trotted out and shown off like a prize hog at the Texas State Fair. Which, by the way, is something you don't want to attend wearing a Star Trek ensign's uniform.
- 26 Seibert: All right, let me put it this way. You're gonna put on a suit, you're gonna come to this party, and you're gonna explain your research to a bunch of old people, or I swear to God, I'll blind you with a hot spoon, like they did to that little boy in Slumdog Millionaire.
- 27 Raj: Oh, you don't want that.
- 28 Seibert: So, Saturday night! It's gonna be off the hook.
- 29 Sheldon: Ugh!
- 30 Seibert: Get over it.
- 31 Raj: Oh, boy! Tator tots and a party invitation? What a great day!
- 32 Credits sequence.
- 33 Scene: The apartment.
- 34 Penny: There you go.
- 35 Leonard: Are you sure this is right?
- 36 Penny: Yeah, just tuck that part in your pants; you'll be fine.
- 37 Howard: Okay, let's go smooth some rich, wrinkled tuckus.
- 38 Penny: Oh, Howard, I can't believe Bernadette let you go to a fancy party wearing a dickey.
- 39 Howard: Excuse me, my girlfriend doesn't pick out my clothes. My mother does.
- 40 Leonard: Oh. We should get going.
- 41 Howard: What about Sheldon?
- 42 Sheldon: Sheldon is not going.
- 43 Leonard: Really? What do we tell Siebert?
- 44 Sheldon: Tell him Dr. Cooper feels that the best use of his time is to employ his rare and precious mental faculties to tear the mask off nature and stare at the face of God.
- 45 Penny: Sheldon, it's Saturday night, you'll be doing laundry.
- 46 Sheldon: Don't tell him that, tell him the mask thing.
- 47 Scene: The party.
- 48 Howard: Hey, put your tie back in your pants.
- 49 Leonard: Thanks.
- 50 Raj: Nice place. Reminds me of my parents' house back in New Delhi.
- 51 Howard: You're kidding.

- 52 Raj: No. We are very wealthy. But the only difference is, we have more servants.
- 53 Leonard: More than this?
- 54 Raj: More than we can use. You see, in India, we don't make the mistake of letting our poor people have dreams.
- 55 Seibert: Ah. There's my band of brainiacs. Where's Dr. Cooper?
- 56 Leonard: He's tearing the mask off nature to look at the face of God.
- 57 Seibert: The board of directors insists he has a beautiful mind. I think he's just bananas. Come on, let me introduce you to one of the university's leading donors.
- 58 Raj: I think we were misled about the cute girls.
- 59 Seibert: Mrs. Latham, I'd like you to meet three of our outstanding young researchers. This is Dr. Leonard Hofstadter, Dr. Rajesh Koothrappali and Howard Wolowitz.
- 60 Mrs Latham: Well, what happened to you, Wolowitz, couldn't stick with it long enough to get your PhD?
- 61 Howard: I'm an engineer. Most engineers don't bother with a PhD. But you may be interested to know I designed the zero-gravity waste-disposal system for NASA.
- 62 Mrs Latham: Got it, you're a space plumber.
- 63 Howard: I'm gonna go hit the bar.
- 64 Mrs Latham: Tell me about these two.
- 65 Raj: Do him first.
- 66 Seibert: Dr. Hofstadter is representing our experimental physics program tonight. I think you'll really enjoy hearing about his fascinating work.
- 67 Mrs Latham: Right. Fascinate me.
- 68 Leonard: Uh., b., d., uh., uh.,
- 69 Mrs Latham: They're cute when they're about to wet themselves, aren't they? I'll make it easy for you. When you arrive at the lab in the morning, what sort of machine do you turn on?
- 70 Leonard: Coffee maker?
- 71 Mrs Latham: All right, Dr. Kooth... uh, whatever it is, you're up.
- 72 Raj: It's Koothrappali. I have to tinkle.
- 73 Scene: The apartment.
- 74 Sheldon: And so, instead of bowing to pressure, and going to that pointless soiree, I stayed right here and did a load of whites.
- 75 Amy (on webcam): Well, normally I respect your macho rebellious attitude toward The Man, but, in this case, I think you've made a foolish mistake.
- 76 Sheldon: Unlikely. But make your case. Keeping in mind that your critical attitude is ruining our Saturday night together, and I'm not above minimizing your window.
- 77 Amy: Sheldon, like it or not, until you manage to upload your intelligence into a self-sustaining orbiting satellite, equipped with high-speed Internet and a cloaking device, you will be dependent on other members of the human race.
- 78 Sheldon: That's it. Prepare to be minimized.
- 79 Amy: I'm not finished. All scientists have to fund-raise, Sheldon. How do

- you think I paid for my lab?
- 80 I went to Saudi Arabia and met with a prince who had an interest in neurobiology.
- 81 Sheldon: Your lab is funded by some Middle-Eastern dilettante?
- 82 Amy: Technically, Faisal is my fiance. But I do have a state-of-the-art two-photon microscope and a place to stay in Riyadh for the winter.
- 83 Sheldon: Well, that explains those puzzling camel race photos on your Facebook page.
- 84 Amy: And consider this, without you to make the case for the physics department, the task will fall to people like Leonard and Rajesh.
- 85 Sheldon: Are you trying to scare me? 'Cause you're succeeding.
- 86 Amy: Well, then prepare to be terrified. If your friends are unconvincing, this year's donations might go to, say, the geology department.
- 87 Sheldon: Oh, dear, not, not the dirt people!
- 88 Amy: Or worse, it could go to the liberal arts.
- 89 Sheldon: No!
- 90 Amy: Millions of dollars being showered on poets, literary theorists and students of gender studies.
- 91 Sheldon: Oh, the humanities!
- 92 Scene: The party.
- 93 Leonard: On the bright side, I don't think President Siebert will be making us go to any more fund-raisers.
- 94 Howard: It was so much easier at my bar mitzvah. The old people just came up to you, pinched your cheek and handed you a savings bond.
- 95 Raj: Oh, don't be such gloomy Gusses. Look at the size of these shrimp! At what point do we start calling them lobsters?
- 96 Leonard: Face it, Raj, we crashed and burned tonight.
- 97 Mrs Latham: Oh, you didn't do that badly.
- 98 Leonard: Mrs. Latham, the first machine I turn on in the morning is the helium-neon laser, 'cause it needs to warm up.
- 99 Mrs Latham: I no longer care, dear. But don't worry, I really enjoyed meeting you this evening.
- 100 Leonard: You're kidding. That was good for you? 'Cause I was sweating through my T-shirt.
- 101 Mrs Latham: Excellent! There's nothing I like better than making smart people feel ill at ease.
- 102 Leonard: Why?
- 103 Mrs Latham: Oh, I don't know, it's one of the fun things you get to do when you have lots of money. Watch. Hey! Who said you could eat that shrimp? See? Fun.
- 104 Sheldon (behind them): No, no, no, I'm just here for your money. I don't want to shake anyone's germy hands. Explain it to them, Siebert.
- 105 Scene: The apartment.
- 106 Sheldon (on phone): I must confess I don't understand you, President Siebert. First you say you want me to appear at your fund-raisers, but now you say you never want me to go anywhere near your fund-raisers. Forgive me,

but that sounds like a mixed message. Here we go again. If there's simply no talking to me, why did you call? I'm sorry, someone's on the other line. Why don't you see if you can organize your thoughts, and we'll try again later. Cooper-Hofstadter residence. Go for Cooper.

- 107 Good morning, Mrs. Latham. Well, yes, of course I remember you. A woman well past her prime seeking to augment her social status by doling out her late husband's ill-gotten gains. So, how much money are you going to give me? I'm not crazy, my mother had me tested. Well, if you're not going to give me money, then why are you calling? She wants to talk to you. Who's crazy now?
- 108 Leonard: Hello, Mrs. Latham. Yes, I live with him. I don't, I, I really don't know why. Tonight? Sure, that'd be great. Okay, I'll, I'll see you then. Bye. She wants to have dinner and talk about my research.
- 109 Sheldon: An entire dinner to talk about your research? Where you going, the drive-thru at Jack in the Box?
- 110 Leonard: Well, wherever we're going, she's sending a car to pick me up.
- 111 Sheldon: Okay, I see what's happening.
- 112 Leonard: What?
- 113 Sheldon: My stature intimidates her, so she's using you to get to me. Crafty old gal.
- 114 Leonard: Excuse me, but you are not the only distinguished scientist in this apartment. I've been published in peer-reviewed journals, I received a Dissertation of the Year award for experimental particle physics.
- 115 Sheldon: No, that can't be it. And since you seem to have forgotten, the reason we live together is we're best friends. And I got your back, Jack.
- 116 Secne: Mrs Latham's car.
- 117 Leonard: That was a great meal.
- 118 Mrs Latham: I'm glad you enjoyed it.
- 119 Leonard: The only time I eat this well is when my mom's in town and she takes me out to dinner.
- 120 Mrs Latham: Is that so?
- 121 Leonard: You kind of remind me of her. She enjoys making people uncomfortable, too.
- 122 Mrs Latham: Well, you remind me of a boy I dated in college.
- 123 Leonard: No kidding.
- 124 Mrs Latham: Sweet boy. Very smart. If only he'd had money.
- 125 Leonard: Yeah, um, so, hey, speaking of money, how are you feeling about helping the physics department get a cryogenic centrifugal pump and molecular sieve?
- 126 Mrs Latham: Well, I must say, you make a very persuasive case for it.
- 127 Leonard: Oh, good, good.
- 128 Mrs Latham: And I'm seriously considering taking it to the next level.
- 129 Leonard: Terrific. Great. What level is that? (She grabs him and kisses
- him) Okay, now you don't remind me of my mom.
- 130 Scene: The apartment.
- 131 Sheldon: I'm sorry, so, eventually, zombies are going to attack the rehab

- facility where Sandra Bullock is?
- 132 Penny: Yes, Sheldon. Keep watching.
- 133 Sheldon: You know, it's a shame, all that work she's doing to get sober, only to be torn apart and eaten alive.
- 134 Howard: Hev. How was dinner?
- 135 Leonard: Swell. I need a drink. Do we have any alcohol?
- 136 Sheldon: No. But we have potatoes, I could make you vodka. It'll take two weeks.
- 137 Penny: Leonard, are you okay?
- 138 Leonard: Um, I'm not sure.
- 139 Howard: What's going on?
- 140 Leonard: Well, Mrs. Latham said she was seriously considering donating money so we could get a cryogenic centrifugal pump.
- 141 Sheldon: Oh, wow!
- 142 Howard: Yes!
- 143 Leonard: Then she stuck her tongue down my throat.
- 144 Sheldon: Why?
- 145 Penny: Okay, we can't keep explaining everything. Read that book we got you.
- 146 Leonard: She hit on me.
- 147 Howard: Wait-wait-wait. Are you telling us that old lady wanted to have s\*x with you in exchange for giving your department millions of dollars?
- 148 Leonard: I think so.
- 149 Howard: You lucky duck.
- 150 Penny: You're really a broken toy, aren't you?
- 151 Leonard: I was able to get out of there before anything else happened, but she wants to see me again tomorrow night.
- 152 Sheldon: Excellent! What are you planning to wear?
- 153 Leonard: What?
- 154 Sheldon: Penny, you're an expert on trading sexual favours for material gain, walk him through this.
- 155 Leonard: Well, n-no, hold on a second, I'm not going to sleep with her.
- 156 Sheldon: But we need a cryogenic centrifugal pump.
- 157 Leonard: Well, forget it! It's not gonna happen.
- 158 Sheldon: Well, come now, Leonard, this may be your only chance to make a real contribution to science!
- 159 Leonard: I repeat, not gonna happen.
- 160 Penny: What was all that about me trading sexual favours for material gain?
- 161 Sheldon: It was a compliment. I believe in giving credit where credit is due.
- 162 Scene: The apartment, the following night.
- 163 Sheldon (on phone): Okay, fine. I'll tell him. Leonard, Mrs. Latham's car is here for you.
- 164 Leonard: I won't be too late. I'm just gonna make a final pitch for the funding and then say good night.

- 165 Sheldon: Hold on, I have something for you.
- 166 Leonard: What's this?
- 167 Sheldon: Just a few things you may need tonight. There's, uh, baby oil, condoms and, uh, a little something I procured from the school of pharmacology. They say it is to Viagra as Viagra is to a green MM.
- 168 Leonard: I am not going to have s\*x with her.
- 169 Sheldon: Maybe this will overcome your reluctance. I went on the Internet and found a photograph of a 25-year-old Mrs. Latham to get your libido humming. Check out those saddle shoes. Rar!
- 170 Leonard: Are you insane? I'm not going to prostitute myself just so we can get some new equipment.
- 171 Sheldon: Oh, come on! Why not?
- 172 Leonard: Good night, Sheldon.
- 173 Sheldon: Given how much time you spend engaging in pointless self-abuse, you might consider, just this once, using your genitalia to actually accomplish something!
- 174 Penny: He still won't shag the old lady, huh?
- 175 Sheldon: No. But thank you for asking.
- 176 Scene: Mrs Latham's car.
- 177 Leonard: Hey. Hi.
- 178 Mrs Latham: Hello, Leonard. I hope you're hungry.
- 179 Leonard: I'm very hungry. For food, right?
- 180 Mrs Latham: Oh, I made you uncomfortable last night. I'm so sorry.
- 181 Leonard: No, that's okay.
- 182 Mrs Latham: No, it most certainly is not. Leonard, I'm making the donation to your department regardless of what happens between us.
- 183 Leonard: Really?
- 184 Mrs Latham: Well, of course. There's no quid pro quo here. You and your colleagues are doing remarkable research, and you deserve the money.
- 185 Leonard: Oh. Then what was last night about?
- 186 Mrs Latham: I took a shot, sue me.
- 187 Leonard: Oh.
- 188 Mrs Latham: You're a very handsome man, Leonard.
- 189 Leonard: Thank you.
- 190 Mrs Latham: It was foolish of me to think someone your age might ever be interested in someone like me.
- 191 Leonard: Oh, don't say that. You're a very attractive woman.
- 192 Mrs Latham: Oh, please.
- 193 Leonard: No, it's true.
- 194 Mrs Latham: Well, aren't you sweet. Just for the record, you'd remember a night with me for the rest of your life.
- 195 Leonard: I'm sure I would. But why, why, exactly?
- 196 Mrs Latham: You're a very smart man. How do you think I landed such a rich husband?
- 197 Leonard: I hadn't really given it much thought.
- 198 Mrs Latham: Well, think about it.

- 199 Leonard: Do you mean?
- 200 Mrs Latham: Yep. I'm that good.
- 201 Leonard: Oh, what the hell.
- 202 Scene: The stairwell. Leonard is returning home looking dishevelled.
- 203 Penny: Good morning, slut.
- 204 Leonard: What?
- 205 Penny: Oh, please, I recognize the walk of shame when I see it. All you're missing is a little smeared mascara and a purse with panties wadded up in it.
- 206 Sheldon: What's going on?
- 207 Leonard: Oh, nothing's going on. Excuse me.
- 208 Sheldon: Are you just getting home?
- 209 Leonard: Yeah.
- 210 Sheldon: That's a good sign, right?
- 211 Penny: Oh, yeah.
- 212 Sheldon: I'm so proud of you! You sold yourself out like a common street-walker!
- 213 Leonard: No, I didn't do it for the money.
- 214 Sheldon: She stiffed you?
- 215 Penny: I believe that's what your roommate did to her.
- 216 Sheldon: What?
- 217 Penny: Again, read the book we gave you.
- 218 Leonard: No, I mean, I, I, I got the money first.
- 219 Sheldon: Smart. Get paid up front. Yeah, I think you have a real knack for gigolo work, Leonard.
- 220 Leonard: Uh, I'm gonna go lie down.
- 221 Sheldon: That's a good idea, get your rest. There are a lot more rich old ladies out there, and Daddy needs a new linear accelerator. And I thought he didn't learn anything from his relationship with you.
- 222 Penny: Hey!
- 223 Sheldon: Another compliment! Learn to recognize them.
- 224 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 225 Seibert: Ah, there he is! The man of the hour! He took one for the team!
- 226 Leonard: I didn't do it for the money!
- 227 Seibert: Keep telling yourself that, it makes it easier. Trust me, I know.
- 228 Raj: Cool, buddy! That's awesome!
- 229 Howard: How was she?

### 4.16 Episode 16: The Cohabitation Formulation

- 1 Episode begins with a "Previously on" sequence before first scene.
- 2 Scene: Bernadette's bedroom.
- 3 Howard: What's so funny?
- 4 Bernadette: Nothing. Just thinking about the noises people make during  $\mathbf{s}^*\mathbf{x}.$
- 5 Howard: I do sometimes get a bit carried away, don't I?
- 6 Bernadette: It's cute. You sound a little like a drunken monkey. Ooh-ooh-

#### ooh-ooh!

- 7 Howard: You know it's meant as a compliment.
- 8 Bernadette: That's how I take it.
- 9 Howard: This is perfect. I hope this moment never ends.
- 10 Bernadette: Me too.
- 11 Howard: Well, gotta go.
- 12 Bernadette: Oh! Already? Why don't you stay over?
- 13 Howard: Well, I'd love to, but you know my mother needs me in the morning.
- 14 Bernadette: Please, I think the woman can manage to put a wig on by herself.
- 15 Howard: It's not just the wig. It's pinning her hair up, drawing on her eyebrows. It's a two-person job.
- 16 Bernadette: It's just, when you leave right after we make love, it makes me feel cheap.
- 17 Howard: Oh, honey, I'm sorry. What can I do?
- 18 Bernadette: Stay.
- 19 Howard: Okay. Like, what, another five, ten minutes?
- 20 Bernadette: Go home.
- 21 Howard: Your call.
- 22 Bernadette: Howard, have you ever considered us living together?
- 23 Howard: Boy, I don't know. You, me, Ma living under the same roof?
- 24 Bernadette: No, I mean just you and me. You can move in here, or we can find a place.
- 25 Howard: I've got a better solution.
- 26 Bernadette: What?
- 27 Howard: We wait for my mom's heart to explode from all the salt she eats. Then we just stick her in the ground, flip her mattress and move into the big bedroom.
- 28 Bernadette: Great.
- 29 Howard: Look at us planning a future together.
- 30 Scene: Outside Howard's house.
- 31 Mrs Wolowitz (voice): Who's there? Are you a s\*x criminal?
- 32 Howard: s\*x criminals don't have keys, Ma.
- 33 Mrs Wolowitz: Where were you so late?
- 34 Howard: I was out with Bernadette.
- 35 Mrs Wolowitz: I know what that means, I watch Dr. Phil. I hope to God you used a condom!
- 36 Howard: I'm not having this conversation with you, Ma!
- 37 Mrs Wolowitz: God forbid you get one of those new fancy s\*x diseases!
- 38 Howard: Nobody has a disease!
- 39 Mrs Wolowitz: I hope not. I share a toilet with you. Is that what you want? To give your mother herpes?
- 40 Howard: That's it. I don't have to take this. Good luck with your eyebrows in the morning!
- 41 Mrs Wolowitz: Who's there? Are you a s\*x criminal?

- 42 Howard: I'm still leaving! I just forgot my Claritin.
- 43 Credits sequence.
- 44 Scene: The apartment.
- 45 Leonard: Hey, what's up?
- 46 Howard: I need a place to crash.
- 47 Leonard: Uh, sure. Why?
- 48 Howard: Big fight with my mother.
- 49 Leonard: Still arguing over which CSI is the best?
- 50 Howard: No, we agreed they all have their merits. This was about Bernadette.
- 51 Sheldon: What's going on?
- 52 Leonard: Howard's gonna sleep here to night. He had a fight with his mother.
- 53 Sheldon: Did you offer him a hot beverage?
- 54 Leonard: No.
- 55 Sheldon: Leonard, social protocol states when a friend is upset, you offer them a hot beverage, such as tea.
- 56 Howard: Tea does sound nice.
- 57 Sheldon: You heard the man, Leonard. And while you're at it, I'm upset that we have an unannounced houseguest, so make me cocoa. Point of inquiry, given that Leonard is your secondary friend and Koothrappali is your primary friend, why didn't you seek refuge under his roof?
- 58 Howard: There's no room. His sister is staying with him.
- 59 Leonard: Wait, wait. What?
- 60 Sheldon: Cocoa, Leonard. Focus. I'm down in the dumps here.
- 61 Leonard: Priya's in town?
- 62 Howard: Yeah, some work thing. Anyway, my mother seems to think that Bernadette. . .
- 63 Leonard: Hold on. When did Priya get here?
- 64 Howard: I don't know. A couple of days ago. The thing is, Bernadette doesn't like that I have to take care of my mother, and my mother doesn't trust Bernadette.
- 65 Leonard: Yeah, that's a real pickle. Bye.
- 66 Sheldon: Don't worry. As your tertiary friend, I am prepared to step in and comfort you.
- 67 Howard: That's not really necessary.
- 68 Sheldon: No, no. I'll finish making the tea, while you narcissistically ramble on about whatever's troubling you.
- 69 Howard: Thanks.
- 70 Sheldon: That's what tertiary friends are for.
- 71 Scene: Raj's Apartment. Leonard knocks on the door.
- 72 Raj (inside): Who is it?
- 73 Leonard: It's Leonard.
- 74 Raj: You can't come in.
- 75 Leonard: I just want to talk to her.
- 76 Raj: I forbid it.

- 77 Priya: Open the door, Rajesh.
- 78 Raj: You heard me. I forbidded it.
- 79 Priya: Forbidded it?
- 80 Raj: Forbaded it?
- 81 Priya: Get out of the way. What are you doing here?
- 82 Leonard: What are you doing here?
- 83 Priya: I have business in Los Angeles.
- 84 Leonard: Why didn't you call?
- 85 Raj: Clearly, she was sending you a message to take a hike, Mike.
- 86 Priya: I'm sorry. I thought about calling, but I just wasn't sure if seeing you was such a good idea.
- 87 Leonard: I know. Last time I came on too strong. Can we talk in private?
- 88 Raj: No!
- 89 Priya: Sure.
- 90 Raj: It's completely inappropriate for a single woman to entertain a man in private. If you insist on talking, you must do it on the couch! All right, you may talk in the bedroom, but I want this door to remain open! All right, just this once you may close the door. But keep in mind I'll be right out here monitoring the situation! (Dials phone) Oh, damn it. Leonard, when you get this message, call me. (Dials again) Priya, this is your brother. When you get this, tell Leonard to check his voicemail.
- 91 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory.
- 92 Sheldon: Would you be sleeping over again this evening? Because you're welcome to.
- 93 Howard: That's very nice of you, but I made other plans.
- 94 Sheldon: Well, just keep in mind that should you ever need a slightly apathetic tertiary friend, I stand at the ready.
- 95 Priya: Hi, Howard. Hi, Sheldon.
- 96 Howard: Hey.
- 97 Sheldon: Hello.
- 98 Raj: Why are you holding hands? I forbid you to hold hands.
- 99 Priya: Rajesh, you know Leonard and I spent the night together.
- 100 Raj: Yeah, but you were just sleeping, because I forboded you to have s\*x.
- 101 Leonard: The word is forbade.
- 102 Raj: Are you sure? That doesn't sound right.
- 103 Priya: Listen, Rajesh, Leonard and I have decided to see each other again, and you don't get to tell me who I can and can't have a relationship with.
- 104 Sheldon: Actually, he can. The Hindu Code of Manu is very clear in these matters. If a woman's father is not around, the duty of controlling her base desires falls to the closest male member of her family, in this case, Raj. The code also states that if she disobeys, she will be reborn in the womb of a jackal and tormented by diseases. If true, that seems like an awfully large gamble given that the prize is Leonard.
- 105 Raj: There it is, Priva. We're Indian. We believe this stuff.
- 106 Priya: I think it also says that if you eat beef, you need to live with cows

for three months and drink their urine.

- 107 Raj: Some of it makes sense, some of it's crazy. My point is, you can't go out with Leonard.
- 108 Penny (arriving): Who can't go out with Leonard?
- 109 Raj: My sister.
- 110 Leonard: Penny, this is Raj's sister, Priya.
- 111 Priya: It's very nice to meet you.
- 112 Penny: Oh, yeah, you, too.
- 113 Sheldon: Priya, if you're experiencing any tension or awkwardness, it may stem from the fact that Leonard and Penny used to, if I may quote Howard, do the dance with no pants.
- 114 Penny: Sheldon!
- 115 Leonard: Really?
- 116 Howard: Hey, Bernadette, can I talk to you for a second?
- 117 Bernadette: Sure.
- 118 Raj: Penny, you became disenchanted with Leonard as a lover. Would you please tell my sister why?
- 119 Howard: Listen, my mom's going to Palm Springs to visit her sister. That's two whole nights in a row I can sleep over with you all the way to morning. Unless the desert air dries out her sinuses, in which case I'll have to schlep out there with the big humidifier.
- 120 Bernadette: That's it? That's your big solution to all of our problems? If your mom's nose holds up, we get two nights together?
- 121 Howard: Isn't that great?
- 122 Bernadette: No, it's not great. You need to make a choice. Me or your mother.
- 123 Howard: Oh, uh...
- 124 Bernadette: Wrong answer.
- 125 Howard: No, wait. You didn't let me finish.
- 126 Bernadette: I'm listening.
- 127 Howard: Uh...
- 128 Bernadette: Agh!
- 129 Scene: Penny's apartment. (groans)
- 130 Amy: I came as quickly as I could.
- 131 Penny: Okay. Why?
- 132 Amy: To comfort you, of course. Sheldon told me about Leonard dating Rajesh's sister. So I high-tailed it over here to pick up the pieces of your broken heart.
- 133 Penny: Amy, I'm fine.
- 134 Amy: You don't have to be strong for me. Now let's talk about Priya, that man-stealing bitch.
- 135 Penny: What?
- 136 Amy: In situations like this, best girlfriends are often catty about the other woman. Rawr.
- 137 Penny: Really, I am not upset about Leonard and Priya.
- 138 Amy: Oh. Then perhaps you don't understand what's going on. Your

former boyfriend has replaced you with what appears to be a very suitable mate. Arguably much more suitable than you.

- 139 Penny: Oh. Well, good for him. Hey, what do you mean, more suitable?
- 140 Amy: Well, granted, Penny, your secondary sexual characteristics are reasonably bodacious. But Priya is highly educated, she's an accomplished professional, and she comes from the culture that literally wrote the book on neat ways to have s\*x. Whereas you, on the other hand, are a community college dropout who comes from the culture that wrote the book on tipping cows.
- 141 Penny: Yeah. Okay, I got it. I got it. So, what is all that stuff?
- 142 Amy: This is a portable electroencephalogram. I'm doing research on emotions and brain activity. So when you start crying, I can see which region of the brain is activated. Then I'm going to stimulate the analogous area in the brain of a rhesus monkey and see if he cries. Cool, huh?
- 143 Scene: Bernadette's apartment. Howard knocks on door.
- 144 Howard: I choose you.
- 145 Bernadette: Really?
- 146 Howard: Yep. I moved out of my mother's house. Cord is cut. I'm all yours.
- 147 Bernadette: What did she say when you told her?
- 148 Howard: I don't know. She hasn't responded to my email yet.
- 149 Bernadette: This is so great. I love you, Howard.
- 150 Howard: I love you, too. So what's for dinner?
- 151 Bernadette: Well, I don't really have much of anything in the house.
- 152 Howard: That's fine. Why don't we go fool around in our bedroom? And then you can go shopping.
- 153 Scene: The apartment.
- 154 Leonard: I thought maybe after we eat, we could see an early movie.
- 155 Priya: I'd love that.
- 156 Leonard: I love the way you say, I'd love that.
- 157 Raj: She says it the same way I do. I'd love that. Everybody in India says it that way. It's not a big deal.
- 158 Priya: Rajesh, don't be a child.
- 159 Raj: I'm not being a child. Leonard, I swear to God, if your sister ever comes to town, I shall have my way with her.
- 160 Leonard: My sister's 38 and married.
- 161 Raj: All the more shame that will fall upon the house of Hofstadter.
- 162 Penny: Ooh, I thought I smelled pizza.
- 163 Sheldon: That's remarkable. If pepperoni were an explosive substance, you could replace German shepherds at our nation's airports.
- 164 Priya: Hi. Penny, right?
- 165 Penny: Oh, yes. Hi, hi. I'm sorry. I didn't know you had company. I don't want to impose.
- 166 Sheldon: No, no. It's not an imposition. At this point, in our ecosystem, you are akin to the plover, a small scavenging bird that eats extra food from between the teeth of crocodiles. Please, fly into our open maw, and have at it.
- 167 Penny: If I had more than a box of baking soda in my refrigerator, I

- wouldn't have to take that.
- 168 Amy: Hi, bestie.
- 169 Penny: Hi. So, um, Priya, you're a lawyer, right?
- 170 Priya: I know. Pretty boring, huh?
- 171 Leonard: Oh, come on. It's not boring at all. She's currently helping set up a secondary derivative market which would allow overseas car firms to hedge their investments against potential advancements in battery technology. Hmm?
- 172 Priya: Thank you, Leonard. That doesn't make it sound boring at all.
- 173 Amy: So, how you holding up?
- 174 Penny: I'm fine.
- 175 Amy: Oh, who are you kidding? She's breathtaking.
- 176 Priya: So, Penny, Leonard tells me you're an actress. That must be pretty exciting.
- 177 Penny: Oh, yeah, yeah. It's real great. Today I drove to Van Nuys for an audition I thought was going to be for a cat food commercial. Turned out to be p0rn.
- 178 Sheldon: Did you get the part?
- 179 Penny: I didn't do the audition.
- 180 Sheldon: Given the state of your career, can you really afford to be picky?
- 181 Priya: I took acting classes when I was at Cambridge. I loved it. We did Taming of the Shrew.
- 182 Leonard: Oh, wow. I love Taming of the Shrew. I did a paper on it in high school. Who knows not where a wasp does wear his sting? In his tail.
- 183 Priya: In his tongue.
- 184 Leonard: Whose tongue?
- 185 Priya: Yours, if you talk of tails, and so farewell.
- 186 Leonard: What, with my tongue in your tail?
- 187 Amy: I'm regretting my earlier cattiness. She is an absolute delight.
- 188 Scene: Bernadette's bedroom.
- 189 Bernadette: Wow.
- 190 Howard: Wow, indeed.
- 191 Bernadette: I can't believe we're finally living together.
- 192 Howard: Yeah. You know what would make this moment perfect?
- 193 Bernadette: What?
- 194 Howard: A little snack. You got any string cheese?
- 195 Bernadette: No. I, I might have some cheddar.
- 196 Howard: Not as good. You can't make strings with it. Remind me to put it on your shopping list.
- 197 Bernadette: Okav.
- 198 Howard: You have hypo-allergenic detergent?
- 199 Bernadette: No.
- 200 Howard: Better put it on the list. If you wash my underwear with regular soap, I get little red bumps on my tuchus.
- 201 Bernadette: Wait a second. I'm doing your laundry?
- 202 Howard: Well, honey, it's not gonna do itself. Oh, before I forget, tomorrow morning, you're driving me to the dentist.

- 203 Bernadette: I have to take you?
- 204 Howard: You don't have to take me. You get to take me.
- 205 Bernadette: Wait a minute. Are you telling me your mother usually takes you to the dentist?
- 206 Howard: It's not weird. There's lots of kids there with their moms.
- 207 Bernadette: I can't believe this.
- 208 Howard: What? It's fun. If I have no cavities, afterwards, we go out for a treat.
- 209 Bernadette: All right, Howard, let's get something straight right now. I'm not going to be your mother.
- 210 Howard: Whoa, whoa, whoa! Where did that come from?
- 211 Scene: Howard's house.
- 212 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Who's that? Is it a s\*x criminal?
- 213 Howard: Nobody wants to do that to you, Ma.
- 214 Mrs Wolowitz: Where were you?
- 215 Howard: Didn't you read my email?
- 216 Mrs Wolowitz: You know I can't turn on that ferkakta computer. I left you some brisket on the kitchen counter.
- 217 Howard: Thank you.
- 218 Mrs Wolowitz: Remember to floss after. We have the dentist in the morning!
- 219 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 220 Penny: Oh, hey. What's up?
- 221 Amy: I just wanted to check in on you.
- 222 Penny: Why?
- 223 Amy: It seems like the appropriate thing to do when one's best friend finds herself replaced by a smart, beautiful woman with the smouldering sexuality of a crouched Bengal tiger.
- 224 Penny: I already told you, I'm okay with it. I mean, if anything, I'm quite pleased (starting to blub) that Leonard has found someone (starting to blub) that makes him so happy.
- 225 Amy: It's okay, it's okay.
- 226 Penny: Thank you.
- 227 Amy: Now, let's get these electrodes attached and see what's going on in that pretty little noggin of yours.
- 228 Penny: Okay.
- 229 Scene: The apartment.
- 230 Penny: I smell Chinese food.
- 231 Sheldon: It's actually Thai. You're slipping.
- 232 Penny: Are Leonard and Priya here?
- 233 Sheldon: They went to Catalina for the weekend.
- 234 Penny: Oh. Where's Raj?
- 235 Sheldon: At home, forbidding it.
- 236 Penny: How about Howard?
- 237 Sheldon: I'm given to understand his mother grounded him for running away.

- 238 Penny: Oh, okay. Well, I guess it's just the two of us, huh?
- 239 Sheldon: Actually, it's the three of us.
- 240 Amy (on webcam): What up, bestie? Good news. Thanks to you, I was able to make a rhesus monkey cry like a disgraced televangelist.
- 241 Penny: Great.
- 242 Amy: So, you feeling better?
- 243 Penny: Not really.
- 244 Amy: Sheldon, you have a guest who's upset.
- 245 Sheldon: Right. I'll make tea.
- 246 Penny: Oh, sweetie, it's okay. I don't want tea.
- 247 Sheldon: I'm sorry. It's not optional.

## 4.17 Episode 17: The Toast Derivation

- 1 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is on the phone.
- 2 Sheldon: Buona sera, Luigi's Pizza. Buona sera. It means good evening in Italian. May I say, having to explain that to you calls into question the authenticity of your ristorante?
- 3 Leonard: Okay, I'm out of here.
- 4 Sheldon: Un momento. Oh, for heaven's sake, now you're being deliberately stupid. (to Leonard) Where are you going?
- 5 Leonard: I'm having dinner with Priya at Raj's. I think Howard's going to be there. You want to join us?
- 6 Sheldon: But tonight's Thursday. On Thursdays, everybody comes over here and has pizza. Or a reasonable facsimile prepared by someone claiming to be Luigi, but who sounds suspiciously like Jackie Chan.
- 7 Leonard: Can't we make a one-time exception for tonight?
- 8 Sheldon: We could. We could also stop using the letter M, but I think that idea is isguided and oronic.
- 9 Leonard: Just come with me to Raj's.
- 10 Sheldon: Well, I don't want to go to a party.
- 11 Leonard: It's not a party. It's the same group of people who hang out here, hanging out over there.
- 12 Sheldon: I'm sorry, but five people eating and chatting is a party.
- 13 Leonard: How come it's not a party when we do it here?
- 14 Sheldon: Because we don't throw parties.
- 15 Leonard: I don't know what to tell you, Sheldon. I'm going to see Priya. Everyone's over there. You coming or not?
- 16 Sheldon: Well, no, sir, and do you know why? In a word, tradition. Every Thursday night for the last eight years, you and I and our friends have gathered here in this very spot to break bread covered with cheese and sauce, discuss the issues of the day, and yes, share a laugh or two. But I guess our rich heritage means nothing to you.
- 17 Leonard: I guess you're right. See you later.
- 18 Sheldon: Wait! Leonard! Wait! What am I going to do for dinner?
- 19 Leonard: Come with me to Raj's and eat there.

- 20 Sheldon: I can't do that. What if he serves haggis and blood pudding?
- 21 Leonard: I really doubt that's what he'll serve.
- 22 Sheldon: But what if he does? I'll be obliged to dine on liver and lungs stuffed in a sheep's stomach. And frankly, blood pudding is essentially the same thing. I don't know why he's serving both.
- 23 Leonard: What do you want to do? You want to come with me, or do you want to sit here alone?
- 24 Sheldon: No, I'll go to your haggis party. But I'm telling you, this is adness. This is utter and coplete adness.
- 25 Credits sequence.
- 26 Sheldon: Oh, dear!
- 27 Leonard: What?
- 28 Sheldon: Raj's television. I just realized we're about to spend an evening watching a plasma screen with a cluster of dead pixels in the upper left-hand corner.
- 29 Leonard: So don't watch TV. Read a book.
- 30 Sheldon: And be a social pariah? Oh, you know that's not my style.
- 31 Leonard: Ugh!
- 32 Sheldon: The audible sigh is a show of exasperation, right?
- 33 Leonard: Right.
- 34 Sheldon: Is it about me or the dead pixels?
- 35 Raj: Hey, you're just in time. We made Tex-Mex.
- 36 Leonard: Oh, sounds great.
- 37 Sheldon: Oh, Indians making Tex-Mex. Might as well have had the Chinese pizza.
- 38 Priya: Hey, you.
- 39 Leonard: Hi.
- 40 Howard: That's got to be fun for you, huh? Watching Hofstadter suck the saliva out of your sister's mouth?
- 41 Sheldon: Excuse me. Before this evening goes any further, we need to decide where everyone is going to sit.
- 42 Priya: There is no assigned seats, Sheldon. Just sit anywhere. Make yourself comfortable.
- 43 Sheldon: Oh, what fun. We're like hippies at a love-in.
- 44 Leonard: Just sit here.
- 45 Sheldon: Yeah, right on, man. Right on. Oh, look, it's Harry Potter and 9846 Raj: Okay, we've got fajitas with all the fixins, so you make your own.
- 47 Sheldon: Wonderful. Dinner, some assembly required.
- 48 Priva: Do vou want a margarita, Sheldon?
- 49 Sheldon: A margarita? Where are we? What is happening?
- 50 Scene: The bar of the Cheesecake Factory
- 51 Penny: Oh. Hey, Sheldon. What can I get ya?
- 52 Sheldon: Water. Neat. With a little umbrella.
- 53 Penny: Where are all your friends?
- 54 Sheldon: Sadly, Penny, this evening, I am the Dark Knight, roaming these mean streets alone. A windbreaker for my cape, and a stern expression for my

cowl.

- 55 Penny: Okay.
- 56 Sheldon: Excuse me? Isn't this the point where the world-weary barkeep absentmindedly wipes down the bar and coaxes the woes out of the troubled patron?
- 57 Penny: Well, I was getting your stupid umbrella, but all right. What's troubling you, buddy?
- 58 Sheldon: I don't think your heart's in it, but since you asked. Apparently, because Leonard is dating Raj's sister, we're all forced to hang out at his apartment.
- 59 Penny: Oh, the horror.
- 60 Sheldon: Indeed. Yeah, at one point, Raj put on reggae music, and his sister took off her shoes. It was like the last days of Caligula. (Phone rings) Oh, I have to get this. Umbrella?
- 61 Penny: Ugh!
- 62 Sheldon: Wonder what she's exasperated about. Hello?
- 63 Amy (on phone): Sheldon, are you all right? When last we spoke, you were going to take a taxi home from Raj's, but according to Facebook, you just checked in at the Cheesecake Factory.
- 64 Sheldon: Yes, I was in a taxi, but the driver didn't look at all like the photograph on his license, so I leapt out and ran for it.
- 65 Amy: Wise.
- 66 Penny: There you go. Just like recovering alcoholics drink in the Caribbean.
- 67 Amy: Hi, bestie.
- 68 Penny: Oh. Hi, Amy. How you been?
- 69 Amy: Fine. From this angle, I can see up your nose.
- 70 Penny: Yeah, it's a great time to be alive, isn't it?
- 71 Sheldon: Don't worry. My problems can wait while you two hens finish your clucking.
- 72 Penny: Look, Sheldon, Leonard is dating Priya. She is staying with Raj. That means you're all probably gonna be hanging out there more.
- 73 Amy: Penny, I'm sorry you got dragged into this. I know you're devastated that your ex-boyfriend has found an exciting new lover with flawless, caramel-coloured skin.
- 74 Penny: Okay, I'm not upset about Leonard and Priya.
- 75 Amy: Your flaring nostrils indicate otherwise.
- 76 Sheldon: Cluck-cluck-cluck.
- 77 Amy: Sheldon, look at me. I think it's time to face the fact that Leonard is the nucleus of your social group. Where he goes, the group goes.
- 78 Sheldon: Leonard the nucleus? That makes no sense. I'm the whimsical elf that everyone looks to for a good time.
- 79 Amy: I'm not saying that you're not fun. You're the most fun person I know.
- 80 Penny: A lot of people think I'm fun to be around.
- 81 Amy: Don't be needy, bestie. That's probably part of what chased Leonard away. What I am saying, Sheldon, is that your group is Leonard-centric. If it

were a town, it would be Leonardville. If it were an Islamic nation, Leonardstan. If it were the birthplace of motion pictures, we'd all be singing Hooray for Leonardwood.

- 82 Penny: Ooh, I got one. If you guys were a band, you'd be called Leonard and the Leonards.
- 83 Amy: So needy.
- 84 Scene: The apartment.
- 85 Leonard: What you doing?
- 86 Sheldon: I'm setting out snacks.
- 87 Leonard: You do realize everyone's eating at Raj's again tonight?
- 88 Sheldon: I didn't say the snacks were for you now, did I, Nosy Rosie?
- 89 Leonard: You're having people over?
- 90 Sheldon: Yes. Must be killing you wondering who. Fine, I'll tell you. Stuart from the comic bookstore, Barry Kripke from the university, Penny's ex-boyfriend Zack and TV's LeVar Burton.
- 91 Leonard: Really? LeVar Burton's coming here?
- 92 Sheldon: Possibly. I Tweeted him.
- 93 Leonard: Okay, well, tell him I loved him on Star Trek.
- 94 Sheldon: Please, Leonard, stop trying to horn in on my new friends.
- 95 Leonard: Of course. Good night.
- 96 Sheldon: Leonard.
- 97 Leonard: Yeah?
- 98 Sheldon: We had a good run, you and I.
- 99 Leonard: Okay.
- 100 Sheldon: But change is a part of life.
- 101 Leonard: It certainly is.
- 102 Sheldon: Okay. I have guests coming. I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to leave now.
- 103 Leonard: I am leaving.
- 104 Sheldon: Don't make this harder than it is, Leonard.
- 105 Leonard: Good-bye, Sheldon.
- 106 Sheldon: And good-bye to you, sir. He'll be back.
- 107 Leonard: Of course I'll be back. I live here!
- 108 Scene: The apartment, later.
- 109 Sheldon: Well, it would appear LeVar Burton won't be joining us so let's get started. Um, I thought we'd begin by going around the room, introducing ourselves and saying a little bit about why we're here. Okay. I'm Sheldon. Uh, for regular readers of The New England Journal of High Energy Physics, I need no introduction. If you're not familiar with that publication, there's a free copy in your goody bag. Stuart?
- 110 Stuart: Um. Hi. I'm Stuart. I run a comic bookstore, which for financial reasons, I'm currently living in. And I guess what I'm hoping for most out of tonight is a hot shower.
- 111 Sheldon: That's very nice, Stuart. Zack?
- 112 Zack: I'm Zack, and I'm, uh... uh... could you come back to me?
- 113 Sheldon: Of course. Barry?

- 114 Barry: I'm Barry Kwipke, and I'm here because you told me there was going to be a whaffle. When is the whaffle?
- 115 Sheldon: Patience, patience, Barry. The whaffle... the raffle is the grand finale to an evening-long festival of fun and folly.
- 116 Barry: One more question...
- 117 Sheldon: Yes, you must be present to win.
- 118 Zack: Okay, I'm ready. I'm Zack, and I'm, uh... oh, crap, why is this so hard?
- 119 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 120 Penny: Oh, hey.
- 121 Bernadette: Hi.
- 122 Amy: Yo, P-dog.
- 123 Penny: What's up?
- 124 Bernadette: We're here to kidnap you for a girls' night out.
- 125 Amy: Parenthetical, the term kidnap is being used playfully.
- 126 Penny: I kind of figured that.
- 127 Amy: Good. Now put this pillowcase over your head.
- 128 Penny: No.
- 129 Amy: She used to be much more fun, until Leonard punched her in the heart.
- 130 Bernadette: We just thought you might want to go out and have a good time, maybe go dancing.
- 131 Penny: Oh. Gee, thanks, but I'm not really in the mood.
- 132 Amy: You do understand that it will distract you from obsessing over the rich variety of sweet loving that your ex-boyfriend is currently receiving from the fiery jewel of Mumbai.
- 133 Penny: Okay, look, if I agree to go out with you guys, will you promise to stop pestering me about Leonard and Priya?
- 134 Amy: Yes.
- 135 Bernadette: Sure.
- 136 Penny: All right. I'll go change. Come on in.
- 137 Amy: If you'd have let me bring the chloroform, we wouldn't have had to put up with all this jibber-jabber.
- 138 Scene: The apartment.
- 139 Zack: Anyway, after we get done snowboarding, I go back to the lodge and get in the Jacuzzi. There's no one around, so naturally, I'm free-balling it. Next thing I know, this beautiful chick shows up, drunk out of her skull, wants to get in with me.
- 140 Sheldon: Question. Was it a Jacuzzi or a hot tub?
- 141 Barry: Weally? That's your question?
- 142 Zack: What's the difference?
- 143 Sheldon: Jacuzzi is a commercial brand. Hot tub is the generic term, i.e., all Jacuzzis are hot tubs, but not all hot tubs are Jacuzzis.
- 144 Zack: Is that like all thumbs are fingers, but not all fingers are thumbs?
- 145 Sheldon: Surprisingly, yes.
- 146 Zack: Nice. Now, what exactly are toes?

- 147 Stuart: Can you please get back to the drunk girl? I'd like something to think about in the shower.
- 148 Zack: Oh, yeah. Right. Anyway, she takes off all of her clothes, climbs into the hot tub, and the first thing I notice...
- 149 Sheldon: The water level rose.
- 150 Zack: No.
- 151 Sheldon: Of course it did. It's said that Archimedes, the ancient Greek mathematician, discovered the principle of displacement while taking a bath.
- 152 Barry: Tewwific. Go ahead, Zack. Naked dwunk girl, fwee-balling, continue.
- 153 Sheldon: Forgive me, but I think you'll find my story is more interesting.
- 154 Barry: Does yours have wet bweasts in it?
- 155 Sheldon: Better. It has a gold crown. You see, the king wondered how much gold was in it and charged Archimedes with coming up with the solution. Because the crown was irregularly shaped, there was no way to mathematically determine its volume. But, while bathing, Archimedes realized he could immerse the crown and measure the amount the water rose.
- 156 Zack: So, long story short, I nailed her.
- 157 Sheldon: When he finished, he shouted Eureka!
- 158 Zack: No, I always shout, Holy Moly! Don't know why. Just do.
- 159 Sheldon: All right, that concludes the getting to know you portion of the evening. Who's ready to play some vintage video games? And tonight's selections include ColecoVision's Smurf Rescue in Gargamel's Castle, Atari's Cookie Monster Munch, and for you text adventure aficionados, Zork. Pick me, pick me. I'm fun.
- 160 Barry: That all sucks the big haiwy meatball. How about I go get the kawaoke machine out of my car, get plastered and blow the woof off this place?
- 161 Zack: Great, I'll make a beer run.
- 162 Stuart: And I'll take a shower. We'll meet back here in fifteen.
- 163 Barry: Check.
- 164 Sheldon: I'm unhappy.
- 165 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 166 Leonard: This is delicious. Where'd you learn to make chili?
- 167 Priya: When I was at university in England, my flatmate was from Texas.
- 168 Leonard: I hope she wasn't anything like my flatmate from Texas.
- 169 Priya: Sheldon is a bit quirky, isn't he?
- 170 Howard: Oh, please. That crazy b\*st\*rd's looking at quirky in the rearview mirror.
- 171 Leonard: Did you know that, per our roommate agreement, I have to wash my feet before I get in the shower? And not in the sink. We each have special buckets.
- 172 Howard: Raj, did you ever tell your sister about the time Sheldon got punched by Bill Gates?
- 173 Priya: Oh, God, you're kidding.
- 174 Raj: Nope. Gates gave a speech at the university. Sheldon went up to him afterwards and said, maybe if you weren't so distracted by sick children in

Africa, you could have put a little more thought into Windows Vista."

- 175 Leonard: Bam. Right in the nose. Made me proud to own a PC.
- 176 Raj: I'd like to propose a toast to a rare and wonderful Sheldon-free evening.
- 177 Leonard: Hear, hear.
- 178 Howard: Cheers. You realize that's the first time we've ever done that without having to listen to Sheldon tell us why it's called a toast?
- 179 Priya: Why is it called a toast?
- 180 Leonard: Oh, the ancient Romans put spiced toast in their punch bowls.
- 181 Raj: Sheldon tells it better.
- 182 Leonard: He kind of does.
- 183 Howard: Yeah.
- 184 Leonard: Aw, hell, I miss him.
- 185 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 186 Penny: So, where do you guys want to go dancing?
- 187 Bernadette: We were hoping you'd know a place.
- 188 Amy: Yes, perhaps somewhere packed tightly with young, beautiful bodies sweating and writhing against each other in a glorious orgy of the flesh.
- 189 Penny: Oh, yeah, I know that place. What do you think?
- 190 Amy: That should display enough of your bosom to attract a new mate, or a hungry infant.
- 191 Penny: Okay, let's go through this one more time. Just because Leonard has a new girlfriend does not mean I need to go out and hook up with some guy.
- 192 Bernadette: But you could if you wanted to, right?
- 193 Penny: Well, yeah, I guess.
- 194 Bernadette: Pick out the hottest guy in the room, take him home, do unspeakable things to him, then kick him to the curb with a smile on his face and teeth marks on his heinie?
- 195 Penny: More or less.
- 196 Amy: What's that like?
- 197 Penny: I don't know. It's fun while you're doing it. And then after, it's mostly embarrassment, self-loathing and regret.
- 198 Bernadette: I would take that deal all day long.
- 199 Penny: Yeah, well, it's not gonna happen tonight. You know, for the first time in my life, I am not in a relationship, and I'm totally okay with it.
- 200 Amy: You know, if being on your own is new to you, I'd be happy to share some tension-relieving techniques for ladies I've perfected over the years. For example, do you have an electric toothbrush?
- 201 Penny: Um, no.
- 202 Amy: You should get one.
- 203 Bernadette: What's that?
- 204 Amy: It appears to be something preserved between two pieces of acrylic.
- 205 Penny: Oh, it's a snowflake from the North Pole. Leonard gave it to me last year.
- 206 Bernadette: Oh, God, that is so romantic.

- 207 Penny: Yeah, it was.
- 208 Bernadette: Leonard's really one of a kind.
- 209 Amy: Saying that while holding a snowflake is a little bit heavy-handed, don't you think?
- 210 Penny: Let me see that. Oh, screw it. I can deal with a little self-loathing. Let's go find me a heinie to bite.
- 211 Amy: Outstanding. And if we fail, we can always stop at CVS and pick you out a nice toothbrush. I call mine Gerard.
- 212 Bernadette: That's kind of creepy.
- 213 Scene: The apartment. Barry and Zack are singing "Don't Go Breaking My Heart"
- 214 Stuart: Anybody do Walking on Sunshine yet?
- 215 Sheldon: No.
- 216 Stuart: Dibs.
- 217 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 218 Priya: I'm sorry, Sheldon bought a loom and learned how to weave?
- 219 Leonard: He actually got pretty good. He made us all matching serapes.
- 220 Raj: I still wear mine when there's a nip in the air.
- 221 Priya: Now, was this before or after he adopted the 25 cats?
- 222 Leonard: Long before the cats. I think it was around the time he tried to declare our apartment a sovereign nation. I still have some of the currency.
- 223 Sheldon (outside): (Knock, knock, knock) All my friends. (Knock, knock) All my friends. (Knock, knock) All my friends.
- 224 Howard: I think it's like Beetlejuice. We said his name too many times.
- 225 Raj: Come on in.
- 226 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 227 Leonard: Hey. I thought you were with your new buddies.
- 228 Sheldon: I had to leave. They were having fun wrong.
- 229 Priya: Come here, Sheldon. Sit here with me.
- 230 Sheldon: Thank you.
- 231 Priya: Would you like some homemade chili?
- 232 Sheldon: Are there beans in it?
- 233 Priva: Yes.
- 234 Sheldon: Then it's not chili. Real chili has no beans in it, but you're from a foreign land, so your ignorance is forgiven.
- 235 Priya: Sheldon, do you want some or not?
- 236 Sheldon: Yes, please. Your girlfriend's a little short-tempered.
- 237 Raj: I'd like to propose a toast to friends, no matter how quirky.
- 238 All: Cheers.
- 239 Sheldon: Priya, do you know why this is called a toast?
- 240 Priya: Actually, I do. I believe the Romans used to put spiced toast in their punch bowls.
- 241 Sheldon: She's also a bit of a know-it-all. Mmm. This is good. Whatever it is.
- 242 Scene: The apartment. Stuart is singing "Walking on Sunshine". Barry and Zack are doing backing vocals.

243 - LeVar Burton: Hello? I... Oh, I don't think so. I am so done with Twitter.

### 4.18 Episode 18: The Prestidigitation Approximation

- 1 Scene: Leonard's bedroom
- 2 Priya: Morning.
- 3 Leonard: Morning.
- 4 Priya: Sleep okay?
- 5 Leonard: Mm-hmm. Great. Hey, can I ask you something?
- 6 Priva: Sure.
- 7 Leonard: Last night, me wanting to try that stuff out of the Kama Sutra, was that fun for you or kinda racially insensitive?
- 8 Priya: Yeah, just because you're in bed with an Indian woman, you think that gives you permission to use crazy positions from an ancient Indian love manual?
- 9 Leonard: Hey, if you can find a book called weird s\*x with white boys, I'd be okay with that.
- 10 Priya: No, you have such beautiful eyes. Have you ever thought about getting contacts?
- 11 Leonard: I tried in the seventh grade. I could never get used to them.
- 12 Priya: Oh, that's too bad.
- 13 Leonard: Yeah, if I had contacts I would have been the coolest debate club president ever to be stuffed into his own cello case.
- 14 Priya: If you had them on now, you could see what we're going to do next.
- 15 Leonard: Th-th-that's okay. I can infer from context.
- 16 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 17 Howard: Hey, Raj, wanna see a new magic trick I've been working on?
- 18 Sheldon: Howard, if I may interject here with a piece of friendly advice. Is working on magic tricks really how you want to spend your time? Granted, you're just an engineer, but that doesn't mean you might not someday build a geegaw or a thingamabob that may get you a thank you in someone else's Nobel prize acceptance speech.
- 19 Raj: Is the trick making him disappear? Sure, let's see it.
- 20 Howard: Here, shuffle these.
- 21 Raj: Okav.
- 22 Howard: Now spread them out on the table face down. Pick one, look at it.
- 23 Raj: Okay.
- 24 Howard: Now remember your card, put it back in the deck.
- 25 Sheldon: Is it any wonder he doesn't have a doctorate?
- 26 Howard: Remind me, what's your birthday?
- 27 Raj: October sixth.
- 28 Howard: Okay, October is the tenth month. So ten, one plus zero is one, plus six is seven. Turn over the seventh card.
- 29 Raj: How about that!

- 30 Howard: Is that your card?
- 31 Raj: Yes, it is. Very cool!
- 32 Sheldon: It's not cool. It's a childish trick designed to confuse and intrigue simpletons. How'd you do it?
- 33 Howard: A magician never reveals his secrets. But surely a future Nobel prize winner can figure it out.
- 34 Sheldon: Fine. Give me a second.
- 35 Howard: You ever notice when he thinks real hard, it smells like bacon?
- 36 (Leonard enters, bumps into random man)
- 37 Random man: Oh, hey!
- 38 Leonard: Sorry! Oop!
- 39 (Continues across room bumping into nearly everyone in the room and knocking many things over)
- 40 Leonard: Sorry! Pardon me! Oh, I'm so sorry! My fault! Check it out. I just got contacts.
- 41 Credits sequence.
- 42 Scene: The apartment.
- 43 Penny: One, two, three, four, five. No way.
- 44 Howard: That's your card, right?
- 45 Penny: Seven of clubs! That is amazing!
- 46 Sheldon: It's not amazing. All magic tricks are merely a combination of manipulation and misdirection with the occasional dwarf in a box wiggling his feet.
- 47 Howard: Oh, really? So how did I do it?
- 48 Sheldon: Well, I don't care how you did it. I have more important things to think about. Clearly, the cards are marked.
- 49 Howard: I thought you had more important things to think about.
- 50 Sheldon: I do. You just happen to have caught me on a break. Oh, let me see those cards.
- 51 Penny: Oh, big deal. Not knowing is part of the fun.
- 52 Sheldon: Not knowing is part of the fun. Was that the motto of your community college?
- 53 Leonard: Hey, guys, what do you think? Priya took me clothes shopping.
- 54 Penny: Hey, you look great. Good for you, Priya. I could never get that stupid hoodie off him when we were... well, you look great.
- 55 Leonard: Thank you.
- 56 Priya: Lets go hang everything up.
- 57 Leonard: Yeah, good. New contacts. I should have done this years ago.
- 58 Howard: So you finally getting used to them doing it on a daily basis?
- 59 Penny: I'm not going out with him. He can sleep with whoever he wants.
- 60 Howard: Yeah, I was talking to Raj.
- 61 Penny: Oopsy.
- 62 Sheldon: This deck is rigged in some fashion.
- 63 Howard: Fine. Get another deck and I'll do the trick with that.
- 64 Sheldon: So you're saying this is a regulation deck?
- 65 Howard: I'm saying believe in magic, you muggle.

- 66 Penny: You know, well, I'm happy Leonard's found someone. Not that anybody asked.
- 67 Scene: Leonard's bedroom
- 68 Priya: How many Star Trek uniforms do you have?
- 69 Leonard: Just two. Everyday and dress.
- 70 Priya: Uh-huh. Listen, we need to talk about something.
- 71 Leonard: Oh, my god, you're breaking up with me! Why would you take me out shopping and then break up with me? That is so cruel.
- 72 Priya: Leonard, I'm not breaking up with you.
- 73 Leonard: Oh, okay. So, what's up?
- 74 Priya: It's a little weird, your ex-girlfriend hanging out here all the time.
- 75 Leonard: I know. I usually never see my ex-girlfriends, unless their hard drives crash.
- 76 Priya: I'm just saying, how would you feel if I was hanging out with my ex-boyfriend?
- 77 Leonard: Um, not great, I guess. But Penny and I are just friends.
- 78 Priya: I don't care. This is a woman you have slept with. If you want her around, then I have to wonder if maybe you're not ready to move on.
- 79 Leonard: No, no-no-no, I'm ready! I gave up the gift of sight for you. If that's not moving on, what is?
- 80 Priya: You need to cut the cord with Penny.
- 81 Leonard: Oh. Okay.
- 82 Priya: You don't sound very confident.
- 83 Leonard: No, no, I'm confident. It's not like I'm unfamiliar with the get lost conversation. Although, this will be the first time I'll be the one saying it.
- 84 Priya: Thank you. I appreciate it.
- 85 Leonard: Sure. Oh, god, you smell so good. Of course, that could just be my other senses getting stronger. Hypothetically, if I had access To a Lieutenant Uhura uniform, would you wear it?
- 86 Priya: Leonard, it is a source of great pain to me and my family that my brother has that outfit in his wardrobe. Can we not discuss it?
- 87 Leonard: I'm sorry. I'm, never mind.
- 88 Scene: The apartment
- 89 Howard: And was your card the jack of diamonds?
- 90 Penny: Oh, unbelievable! Know how he did it yet?
- 91 Sheldon: Um...
- 92 Penny: Aw, he has the same look my little nephew gets when he can't figure out how I got his nose.
- 93 Howard: You know, I have some remedial magic tricks that might be more your speed. Like, ooh, look! The pencil's rubber!
- 94 Penny: Hey, I think I know how you did the card trick.
- 95 Sheldon: Oh, oh, please, if I don't know, you don't know. That's axiomatic.
- 96 Penny: Come here. (Whispers to Howard)
- 97 Howard: You're right.
- 98 Penny: Not too bad for someone who doesn't know what axiomatic means.
- 99 Scene: The laundry room.

- 100 Leonard: Oh, hi.
- 101 Penny: Hey, you. What happened with the contacts?
- 102 Leonard: One of them's upstairs. The other one sort of slipped back into my skull.
- 103 Penny: Hey, is that one of the new shirts Priya got you?
- 104 Leonard: Yeah.
- 105 Penny: You don't wanna wash that.
- 106 Leonard: No?
- 107 Penny: No, that's silk. Seriously, what would you do without me?
- 108 Leonard: Yeah.
- 109 Penny: You know, I gotta tell you, I think you got a real winner with Priya.
- 110 Leonard: Yeah, me, too.
- 111 Penny: She seems really sweet. Believe me, you do not want to take that for granted. There are a lot of bitches out there.
- 112 Leonard: Yeah, bitches are the worst.
- 113 Penny: All right, well I'll see you later.
- 114 Leonard: Uh, Penny, there's something I have to tell you.
- 115 Penny: What?
- 116 Leonard: Okay, uh, how do I put this? Um, are you familiar with Darwin's observation of the finches in the Galapagos Islands?
- 117 Penny: Did they make a movie about it?
- 118 Leonard: No.
- 119 Penny: Then no.
- 120 Leonard: All right, well, anyway, Darwin observed that when two groups of finches competed over the same food source, eventually one of them would evolve a different beak shape so they could feed on something else.
- 121 Penny: Okay.
- 122 Leonard: So what do you think we can learn from that behaviour that we can apply to our own lives?
- 123 Penny: Uh, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush?
- 124 Leonard: Sure, that has birds in it.
- 125 Penny: It's fun talking to you, Leonard, I always learn stuff.
- 126 Leonard: I'm sorry, but I'm gonna count that.
- 127 Scene: Leonard's bedroom
- 128 Priya: Do you really have to wear that in bed?
- 129 Leonard: Yeah. The doctor didn't want me to rub my eye during the night. It was either this or one of those giant neck cones.
- 130 Priya: So did you get to talk to Penny?
- 131 Leonard: Oh, yes. Indeed, I did.
- 132 Priva: And?
- 133 Leonard: She completely understood everything I said. Case closed.
- 134 Priya: Was she upset?
- 135 Leonard: Maybe, but that's not my problem. She's not my girlfriend, you are.
- 136 Priya: I hope you weren't cruel to her.

- 137 Leonard: Is the autumn cruel for letting the flowers die, or is that just nature's way?
- 138 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard? (Knock, knock, knock) Leonard?
- 139 Leonard: What?
- 140 Sheldon: I think I figured out Wolowitz's magic trick, and I need you to pick a card.
- 141 Leonard: I am not opening that door, Sheldon.
- 142 Sheldon: As you wish. (Cards slide under door) Pick a card, put it back, and prepare to be amazed. (Leonard does not) Did you pick one?
- 143 Leonard: Yep.
- 144 Sheldon: (Sliding card under door) Is this your card?
- 145 Leonard: (Not looking) Nope.
- 146 Sheldon: Drat. Is this your card?
- 147 Leonard: No.
- 148 Sheldon: I'll be right back.
- 149 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is alone.
- 150 Sheldon: Pick a card, Sheldon. Now look at it, and put it back in the deck. Now do you remember your card? Of course I do, I have an eidetic memory.
- My apologies. Now shuffle the cards. Shuffling. Wait here. Processing image, cross-referencing.
- 151 Leonard: Whatcha doin'?
- 152 Sheldon: I'm reverse engineering Wolowitz's magic trick.
- 153 Leonard: What's up with the infrared cameras?
- 154 Sheldon: I'm measuring residual heat levels on the playing cards to determine which one's been touched. By the way, if you hope to have children, I suggest you switch from briefs to boxers. Your testicles look a tad warm.
- 155 Leonard: Holy crap, are you connected to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory?
- 156 Sheldon: Yes. I'm using their Cray Supercomputer to analyze shuffling patterns.
- 157 Leonard: Sheldon, that computer is used for National defence. Hacking into it is a Federal crime.
- 158 Sheldon: Relax, we're not under attack right now.
- 159 Leonard: Okay, I'm leaving before the black helicopters get here.
- 160 Sheldon: And is this my card? Rats! I wonder if Howard used a radioactive tracer. Where am I going to find Uranium-235 this time of night? Come on, Craigslist.
- 161 Scene: A restaurant
- 162 Leonard: Is it racist that I took you to an Indian restaurant?
- 163 Priya: It's okay, I like Indian food.
- 164 Leonard: Or as you probably call it back home, food.
- 165 Priya: Why didn't you wear your contacts? Don't you like them?
- 166 Leonard: No, no, I do. It's just I knew I was having curry tonight and I only want one part of my body to burn at a time.
- 167 Priya: You know, my company offered me a position here in Los Angeles.

- 168 Leonard: Does that mean you'd relocate here permanently?
- 169 Priya: Maybe. What do you think?
- 170 Leonard:Oh, I love it. Oh, that's great!
- 171 Penny (knocking on window): Hi! Hi! Just hang on.
- 172 Leonard: Small world.
- 173 Priya: You did talk to her, didn't you?
- 174 Leonard: Of course, I did. I talked and talked and talked.
- 175 Penny: Hey! Look at Leonard in his fancy-ass grownup clothes. Way to go, Priya. For once, he doesn't look like a mannequin in the boys' department. Hey, did he tell you I saved the silk shirt?
- 176 Priya: No, he did not.
- 177 Penny: He was gonna throw it in the washing machine with his Spiderman underwear. That's our Lenny, huh?
- 178 Priya: Yes, that's our Lenny.
- 179 Penny: So, how's the food here? Oh, wow, that is really, really good. Oh, I'm sorry. You guys are on a date. We can hang out anytime. Have fun.
- 180 Leonard: Bye.
- 181 Priya: Good night.
- 182 Penny: Oh, that's, hot, hot, hot! Whoo! It really sneaks up on ya, huh? All right, I gotta go.
- 183 Leonard: It is pretty spicy.
- 184 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 185 Sheldon: Oh, I've been meaning to tell you, I figured out your magic trick.
- 186 Howard: Really?
- 187 Sheldon: Oh, yes. In fact, I improved upon it.
- 188 Howard: I'd love to see that. How about you, Raj?
- 189 Raj: Beefaroni and a show? How do you turn that down?
- 190 Sheldon: All right. Pick a card.
- 191 Howard: Okay.
- 192 Sheldon: Bippity-boppity-boo.
- 193 Howard: What's with the wand and the beep?
- 194 Sheldon: The wand is called showmanship, and the beep is none of your business. Oh! Excuse me, I'm getting a text message completely unrelated to this magic trick. Oh, look, my dry cleaning's ready. And your card was the five of spades. Ta-da.
- 195 Raj: These cards have barcodes on them. The wand is a reader. It's transmitting to your phone.
- 196 Sheldon: I said, ta-da. Show's over.
- 197 Howard: That's pathetic. Let me show you how a real magician does it.
- Raj, take a card. Don't let me see it. 198 - Raj: Okav.
- 199 Howard: Three of clubs. (It isn't)
- 200 Raj: Son of a gun, you're blowing my mind!
- 201 Howard: Bippity-boppity-boo-yah!
- 202 Sheldon: That does it. I'm getting uranium.
- 203 Raj: You ever gonna tell him?

- 204 Howard: Maybe. When it stops being fun.
- 205 Raj: So never.
- 206 Scene: Penny's door.
- 207 Penny: Oh, hey, I was just on my way to work.
- 208 Leonard: Oh, okay, it's not important. It can wait.
- 209 Penny: No, it's all right. Walk me down. So, what's up?
- 210 Leonard: Uh, I kind of have a problem I was hoping you could help me with.
- 211 Penny: Sure, anything.
- 212 Leonard: Move out.
- 213 Penny: What?
- 214 Leonard: Well, uh, not far. Hey, if you ever wanna start a family, La Cañada has some great schools.
- 215 Penny: Okay, I'm not moving anywhere. What the hell is this all about?
- 216 Leonard: Why does it have to be about anything? Can't a fella ask his buddy to relocate, no questions asked?
- 217 Penny: Oh, for god's sake, Leonard, this is about Priya, isn't it? She doesn't want me hanging out with you.
- 218 Leonard: Yes. There, I said it.
- 219 Penny: Okay, look, I happen to like your girlfriend.
- 220 Leonard: And she likes you.
- 221 Penny: No, she doesn't.
- 222 Leonard: Not really, no.
- 223 Penny: It doesn't matter. Look, I promise from now on I will keep my distance from you.
- 224 Leonard: Well, now, hold on. What kind of distance are we talking about? Because we are neighbours. I mean, I can hear the toilet flush in your apartment.
- 225 Penny: You can hear my toilet flush?
- 226 Leonard: I don't listen for it, but it's nice to know everything's okay with your plumbing. The building's plumbing.
- 227 Penny: Leonard, I get it. You're in a new relationship now. And I'm happy for you. So why don't we just shake hands and part friends?
- 228 Leonard: Well, now hold on, how about this? How about we still hang out, but on the down-low?
- 229 Penny: Are you really that kind of guy?
- 230 Leonard: No. I actually felt kinds silly just saying on the down-low.
- 231 Penny: Good-bye, Leonard.
- 232 Leonard: Penny, wait. (Bumps into door) Damned contacts.
- 233 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 234 Howard: Incoming.
- 235 Raj: Hi!
- 236 Howard: Hey!
- 237 Sheldon: Hello.
- 238 Raj: Why so glum, chum?
- 239 Sheldon: Apparently, you can't hack into a government supercomputer

and then try to buy uranium without the Department of Homeland Security tattling to your mother.

- 240 Howard: Oh, that's too bad. Figure out the magic trick yet?
- 241 Sheldon: Figure out the magic trick yet?
- 242 Howard: Want me to tell you how to do it?
- 243 Sheldon: No.
- 244 Howard: I'll show you one more time. Raj?
- 245 Sheldon: Hang on. This time do it with me, so I can make sure there's no monkey business.
- 246 Howard: All right. (Raj looks over Sheldon's shoulder. Holds two fingers over his heart). Two of hearts.
- 247 Sheldon: I hate you.
- 248 Howard: Yeah, he's gonna win the Nobel prize.

## 4.19 Episode 19: The Zarnecki Incursion

- 1 Scene: The apartment
- 2 Sheldon: Why hast thou forsaken me, O deity whose existence I doubt?
- 3 Policeman: Here. Breathe into this bag.
- 4 Leonard: What's going on?
- 5 Sheldon: They stole everything, Leonard, everything.
- 6 Policeman: Are you the roommate?
- 7 Leonard: Yeah, Leonard Hofstadter. What happened?
- 8 Policeman: Your friend here called 911 to report a robbery.
- 9 Leonard: Oh, my God, what did they get?
- 10 Sheldon: What didn't they get? They got my enchanted weapons, my vicious gladiator armour, my wand of untainted power, and all my gold.
- 11 Leonard: You called the police because someone hacked your World of Warcraft account?
- 12 Sheldon: What choice did I have? The mighty Sheldor, level 85 blood elf, hero of the Eastern kingdoms, has been picked clean, like a carcass in the desert sun. Plus, the FBI hung up on me.
- 13 Policeman: Into the bag.
- 14 Sheldon: They took my battle ostrich.
- 15 Leonard: Oh, no, not Glenn?
- 16 Sheldon: Yes, Glenn! The only bird I ever loved.
- 17 Policeman: Good luck, fellas.
- 18 Leonard: Thank you, officer.
- 19 Sheldon: Wait a minute! You're not going to do anything?
- 20 Policeman: Mr. Cooper, there's nothing...
- 21 Sheldon: Doctor Cooper.
- 22 Policeman: Seriously?
- 23 Leonard: Not the kind with access to drugs.
- 24 Policeman: Fine. Dr. Cooper. I'm sorry for your loss, but the Pasadena Police Department doesn't have jurisdiction in Pandora.
- 25 Sheldon: That's from Avatar, World of Warcraft takes place in Azeroth.

Goodness gracious, how are you allowed to carry a gun? Can you at least refer me to a rogue ex-cop?

- 26 Policeman: What?
- 27 Sheldon: You know, one who was drummed off the force because he refused to play by the rules, and now he hires himself out to impose his own brand of rough justice?
- 28 Policeman: No.
- 29 Leonard: Thank you, officer.
- 30 Sheldon: It's all gone. All gone.
- 31 Leonard: I'm really sorry, Sheldon.
- 32 Sheldon: What kind of world do we live in, where a man would take another man's battle ostrich?
- 33 Leonard: I don't know.
- 34 Sheldon: This act of aggression must be met with swift and cruel ferocity. It is time to cry havoc, and let slip the dogs of war.
- 35 Leonard: I'm on it. (On phone) Hi, Mrs. Wolowitz. Is, is Howard there? Okay, thanks. That particular dog of war will have to call you back after his bath.
- 36 Sheldon: See if Raj is done with Pilates.
- 37 Credits sequence.
- 38 Scene: The apartment.
- 39 Sheldon: Three thousand hours. Three thousand hours clicking on that mouse, collecting weapons and gold. It's almost as if it was a huge waste of time.
- 40 Howard: Whoever did this knew what they were doing. He got in and out of your account in under 15 minutes, transferred all your stuff, and didn't leave a digital fingerprint.
- 41 Sheldon: Oh! There isn't enough camomile tea in the world to quell the rage in my heart.
- 42 Raj: Hold on. I'm talking to an orc under the bridge in Thunder Bluff who says if we pay him, he'll help us track down your things.
- 43 Sheldon: Can we trust him?
- 44 Raj: I should say so, he appears to be a member of the Nigerian royal family.
- 45 Howard: Whoa! Somebody's auctioning off a jewelled ostrich bridle!
- 46 Sheldon: No. Glenn's was leather. He was a simple ostrich. Is! Is, I haven't given up hope.
- 47 Penny: Hey.
- 48 Leonard: Hey, Penny. We're kind of in the middle of a crisis, here.
- 49 Penny: Oh, I know. Bernadette told me. Sorry, Sheldon. I know that game meant a lot to you.
- 50 Sheldon: That game? Excuse me, Penny, but Doodle Jump is a game. Angry Birds is a game. World of Warcraft is a massively multi-player online role-playing... all right, technically it's a game.
- 51 Raj: Bad news, the Nigerian prince may be a fraud.
- 52 Penny: Okay, well, anyways, I brought you a day-old cheesecake to cheer

- you up!
- 53 Sheldon: Stale pastry is hollow succour to a man who is bereft of ostrich.
- 54 Penny: Just say thank you.
- 55 Sheldon: I thought I just did.
- 56 Penny: All right. See you later.
- 57 Priya: Oh! Hello.
- 58 Penny: Oh, hi! I was just dropping off a cheesecake to Sheldon. He was robbed of a bunch of imaginary crap that's useful in a make-believe place.
- 59 Priya: I don't know what that means.
- 60 Penny: Yeah, well, sadly, I do.
- 61 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 62 Penny: Did you know last weekend Priya took Leonard rollerblading at the beach? Can you believe that?
- 63 Bernadette: I feel like I'm supposed to say that bitch, but I don't have enough information.
- 64 Penny: I am the one who spent two years trying to get him to even go to the beach in the first place. And he was so phobic about stepping on medical waste, I had to carry him to the water.
- 65 Bernadette: I took Howard to the beach once. He almost burst into flames like a vampire.
- 66 Penny: So what's the thanks I get for turning Leonard into quality boyfriend material? I have to tiptoe around his new girlfriend.
- 67 Amy: I think you're on.
- 68 Bernadette: Oh. That bitch!
- 69 Penny: Want some coffee liqueur on your ice cream?
- 70 Amy: Ah, here's the alcohol and drug peer pressure Mother warned me about. I was starting to think it was never going to happen. Yes, please.
- 71 Penny: You guys should've seen Leonard when I first met him. There was no eye contact. He was either looking up at the ceiling, or down at his shoes.
- 72 Amy: I'm drunk.
- 73 Penny: You know, for the first couple of months, whenever I would take off my bra, he would giggle and say, oh boy, my breast friends.
- 74 Bernadette: Well, if it makes you feel any better, I'm never speaking to Priya again.
- 75 Penny: No, don't do that. No reason to be mean to her.
- 76 Amy: This may be the alcohol talking, but I believe there is. Are you familiar with the recent study of Tanzanian chimpanzees by Nishida and Hosaka out of Kyoto University?
- 77 Penny: No, but I can name all the Kardashians.
- 78 Amy: Primates, such as ourselves, have a natural instinct to ostracize ill-mannered members of the troop. Bernadette's urge to shun, scowl or fling her waste at Priya is hard-wired into her DNA.
- 79 Bernadette: I don't have an urge to fling my waste.
- 80 Amy: Believe me, it's there, we all have it. Hit me with some more booze, and I'll show you.
- 81 Scene: The apartment

- 82 Howard: All right, here we are, this is the tavern where all the black-market weapon trades go down.
- 83 Raj: I don't think my character should be in a place like this. Everyone's undressing her with their eyes.
- 84 Howard: Maybe if you stop dropping your sword and bending over to pick it up.
- 85 Leonard: Okay, what exactly are we looking for?
- 86 Howard: Redheaded troll, goes by the name of Glumly. According to the message boards, if you want to move stolen goods and it's after school hours, he's your guy.
- 87 Priya: Leonard, is this going to take much longer? I thought we were going to spend some time together.
- 88 Leonard: Uh, we are. In the meantime, you're welcome to whip up a quick character and join us.
- 89 Priya: Seriously?
- 90 Leonard: Well, you have to put in a credit card number, but it's fun.
- 91 Priya: Maybe I should just go home.
- 92 Howard: Our troll just walked in! I got him!
- 93 Leonard: We got him. We're almost done.
- 94 Howard: So, how do you guys want to play this?
- 95 Sheldon: Be ruthless. You tell him if he doesn't start talking, we'll register a complaint with his Internet service provider.
- 96 Raj: Sheldon, what if he gets his Internet from his cable company? He could lose his HBO and all their delightful original programming.
- 97 Sheldon: I don't care! I'm losin' it, man!
- 98 Leonard: Why don't we play this smart? Try a little good goblin, bad goblin.
- 99 Priya: Oh, dear Lord.
- 100 Howard: Nah, I think we have to be more subtle.
- 101 Raj: Okay, I see where this is going. Fine, I'll have s\*x with him.
- 102 Leonard: That's not where it was going.
- 103 Raj: Good, because I would hate that.
- 104 Priya: Leonard, you're busy, let's talk tomorrow.
- 105 Leonard: Oh, wait. Hang on. Are you upset?
- 106 Priya: No, no, I think it's sexy to date a boy trapped in a man's body.
- 107 Leonard: Good, good. I'll tell you what happens.
- 108 Sheldon: And people think I don't get sarcasm.
- 109 Scene: The hallway.
- 110 Amy: Well, well, well. Look who it is.
- 111 Penny: Okay, be nice.
- 112 Priva: Hello.
- 113 Penny: Hi. We're just heading out for a drink.
- 114 Amy: Because I do that now.
- 115 Bernadette: Count your blessings you're not a Tanzanian chimp.
- 116 Priva: What?
- 117 Penny: Don't listen to her, she's had a lot of ice cream. Do you want to

join us?

- 118 Priya: Oh, thank you, but I have work to do.
- 119 Amy: Four women walk down the stairs, how many reach the lobby?
- 120 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 121 Leonard: Did your sister say anything when you got home last night?
- 122 Raj: Oh, no, don't put me in the middle of this. I'm not going to be your go-between.
- 123 Leonard: Come on, help me out. Am I in trouble?
- 124 Raj: There's no reason to worry.
- 125 Leonard: That's a relief.
- 126 Raj: I'm sure many women in happy relationships spend their nights skyping with their ex-boyfriend Sanjay.
- 127 Howard: Good news, gentlemen, I found our hacker.
- 128 Sheldon: What?
- 129 Leonard: Really?
- 130 Howard: Yeah. No one can hide from me, not Waldo, not Carmen San Diego, not even topless Natalie Portman.
- 131 Sheldon: I've never said these words before, but good job, Howard!
- 132 Howard: Thanks. Our culprit is one Mr. Todd Zarnecki, 2711 Ocean View Road, Carlsbad, California.
- 133 Sheldon: The name and the address drip with evil.
- 134 Raj: What else do we know about him?
- 135 Howard: Well, quite a bit, actually.
- 136 Leonard: I'll bet he's some loser who lives with his parents.
- 137 Howard: Yes, he does live with his parents. Here's a Google Earth shot of their house.
- 138 Sheldon: Excellent! It's in a cul-de-sac. We can box him in.
- 139 Leonard: Hold on, you're thinking of going there?
- 140 Sheldon: Carlsbad is only a couple of hours away.
- 141 Leonard: Fine. You walk up to the house, knock on the door and demand your stuff back. What if he says no?
- 142 Sheldon: I don't know if you've been following the news, Leonard, but there have been some terrific advancements in the field of torture.
- 143 Leonard: No one's getting tortured.
- 144 Sheldon: Fine, we'll abide by the Geneva Convention. But ask yourself this, in the course of our lives, how much lunch money has been taken from us? How many kites? How many Scooby-Doo Trapper Keepers?
- 145 Raj: I totally had one of those.
- 146 Sheldon: Of course you did. It was a fun and practical way of organizing your school work. But the bullies took it from us. Well, no more. Tonight, we take back our dignity, our birthright and our pride. What do you say? Who's with me?
- 147 Raj: I have a hip-hop aerobics class at five, could we go after?
- 148 Sheldon: Sure.
- 149 Howard: Also, to night's the Sabbath and my mother and I have a tradition of lighting the can dles and

- 150 watching Wheel of Fortune, so If we could leave at eight, we'd still be able to regain our birthright at ten, ten thirty latest.
- 151 Sheldon: Fine. Leonard?
- 152 Leonard: Oh, geez, I don't know if I can ditch Priya two nights in a row.
- 153 Raj: Oh, come on, man. Bros before... my sister.
- 154 Leonard: Aw, screw it. I'm in.
- 155 Raj: Me, too.
- 156 Howard: And me.
- 157 Sheldon: One moment. (Places a tissue on their hands before adding his
- own) I'm hell-bent on catching a cyber criminal, not the common cold.
- 158 Scene: Howard's house
- 159 Sheldon: I'm sorry, I thought this delay was so you could watch Wheel of Fortune with your mother.
- 160 Howard: I am. She's just bleaching her moustache. Check it out. Hey,
- Ma! Before and After! Four words, 17 letters, two N's, one V.
- 161 Howard's Mother (off): Fanny pack of wolves.
- 162 Leonard: That's incredible.
- 163 Howard: Yeah, she's kind of a Wheel savant.
- 164 Leonard (phone rings): Uh-oh, that's Priya.
- 165 Raj: Sitar music for her ringtone is not cool, dude.
- 166 Leonard: Hit the... Hey, sweetie. Yeah, I'm sorry. I'm gonna be working late. I, I, I miss you, too. Okay, sure, I'll call you when I get home. Okay, bye-bye.
- 167 Raj: Very nice. You lie to my sister.
- 168 Howard: That's the nicest thing he does to your sister.
- 169 Raj (phone rings): Oh, guess who.
- 170 Leonard: Cover for me.
- 171 Raj: Hello, Priya. What's up? How would I know if Leonard's at work or not? Don't be suspicious. Look, if you want your relationship with Leonard to continue, you're going to have to believe whatever wild-eyed, cockamamie excuse the white devil has the nerve to offer you. Okay? Yeah, bye-bye. You owe me.
- 172 Howard: New puzzle, Ma. Same name. One N, two D's, three O's.
- 173 Howard's Mother (off): Whoopi and Rube Goldberg!
- 174 Sheldon: That's uncanny.
- 175 Howard: I know. It's her superpower. Well, that and jiggling her arm fat.
- 176 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 177 Leonard: I can't believe we're going all the way to San Diego to confront this guv.
- 178 Howard: Yeah, we're kind of bad-asses, aren't we?
- 179 Leonard: Totally.
- 180 Raj: Hey, how about we stay the night and hit Legoland in the morning?
- 181 Sheldon: Sea World is better. It has Shamu, who is literally tons of fun. But for the moment, let's stay focused on Todd Zarnecki.
- 182 Raj: Yeah, we're coming for you, Todd Zarnecki. And for the record, Legoland is more interactive.

- 183 Sheldon: I almost feel sorry for the poor fool, sitting in his split-level suburban ranch, unaware that a vengeful horde is barrelling down the San Diego Freeway at 71 miles an hour. Ease up there, lead foot. You trying to get us killed?
- 184 Raj: I took the liberty of burning us a mix of heroic questing music.
- 185 Sheldon: This says Beyonce Bootylicious Dance Mix.
- 186 Raj: It's a re-writable CD. Just put it in.
- 187 Howard: Beyonce? Really?
- 188 Raj: She's curvy and she owns it. I like that.
- 189 Leonard (as Ride of the Valkyries begins): Oh, yeah, I'm feeling it.
- 190 Sheldon: We are winged fury! Which is still no excuse for going over the posted speed limit.
- 191 Scene: Stuck in a traffic tailback.
- 192 Howard: Next time we go to kick someone's ass, we take the train.
- 193 Sheldon: I always prefer the train.
- 194 Scene: Outside Todd Zarnecki's house.
- 195 Leonard: Sheldon, let's go.
- 196 Sheldon: Coming.
- 197 Howard: Why did you bring that?
- 198 Sheldon: No weapon strikes more fear into a man's heart than a Klingon bat'leth.
- 199 Leonard: Okay, let's get clear on something. We're just going to tell this guy to transfer all of your stuff back into your account and then be on our way. No one's bat'lething anybody.
- 200 Sheldon: So my blade shall not taste blood tonight?
- 201 Leonard: No.
- 202 Sheldon: Well, now I just feel silly holding it.
- 203 Leonard: Come on.
- 204 Sheldon: Can I at least kick down the door?
- 205 Leonard: You're welcome to try, but the other day, it took you 15 minutes to get into a FedEx box. (Rings bell)
- 206 Voice Inside: Who is it?
- 207 Sheldon: Your doom!
- 208 Raj: Don't say your doom. Who opens the door for their doom?
- 209 Sheldon: Good point. Basket of puppies.
- 210 Huge man (opening door): What?
- 211 Leonard: Uh, Sheldon?
- 212 Sheldon: Are you Todd Zarnecki?
- 213 Todd: Yeah. Who are you?
- 214 Sheldon: I am Sheldor of Azeroth. I want my things back.
- 215 Todd: I don't think so. Let me see that.
- 216 Sheldon: Careful. That's a collectible.
- 217 Todd: I know. I've always wanted one. (Closes door)
- 218 Sheldon: Well, he's even more cunning than we thought.
- 219 Scene: Leonard's car.
- 220 Sheldon: You know, the joke's on him. Without the certificate of authen-

- ticity, that bat'leth is worthless.
- 221 Howard: Yeah, he walked right into our trap.
- 222 Raj: Legoland seems like a hollow dream now.
- 223 Leonard: Oh-oh.
- 224 Raj: What's the matter?
- 225 Leonard: Something's wrong, I'm not getting any gas. Anybody know anything about internal combustion engines?
- 226 Sheldon: Of course.
- 227 Raj: Very basic.
- 228 Howard: 19th-century technology.
- 229 Leonard: Does anybody know how to fix an internal combustion engine?
- 230 Sheldon: No.
- 231 Howard: No, not a clue.
- 232 Leonard: Well, we'd better call somebody to come pick us up.
- 233 Sheldon: It'd be swell if they had a train.
- 234 Scene: Penny's car.
- 235 Sheldon: Thank you, Penny.
- 236 Penny: No problem. So, Leonard, I think it's interesting you didn't call your girlfriend to come get you.
- 237 Leonard: Uh, I kind of told her I was working.
- 238 Penny: So you lied to her. Also interesting.
- 239 Leonard: Yeah, she doesn't really understand the whole Warcraft adventure-role-playing thing.
- 240 Penny: Well, doesn't matter if she gets it, as long as she's pretty.
- 241 Howard: This one's funny, Leonard. How come you couldn't make it work with her?
- 242 Penny: So did you at least get Sheldon's fake stuff back?
- 243 Sheldon: No. We failed in our noble quest.
- 244 Penny: How come?
- 245 Sheldon: Todd Zarnecki was mean.
- 246 Penny: All right. Hang on.
- 247 Leonard: What are you doing?
- 248 Penny: I'm gonna show you how we finish a quest in Nebraska. Oh. Bey-
- once. (Ride of the Valkyries) This ain't no Beyonce.
- 249 Scene: Todd Zarnecki's house. Todd answers the door.
- 250 Todd: Now what?
- 251 Penny: Give my friend his stuff back.
- 252 Todd: I don't know what you're talking about.
- 253 Penny: Well, then, good news. Today's the day a girl's finally going to touch you in your little special place. (Kicks him in the groin) Now give him his stuff back.
- 254 Todd: Okay.
- 255 Sheldon: We did it! I said, we.
- 256 Scene: The lobby.
- 257 Priya: Oh, hold the door.
- 258 Penny: Oh, hi.

- 259 Priya: Hi.
- 260 Penny: Going to see Leonard?
- 261 Priya: Yes. How have you been?
- 262 Penny: Fine. You?
- 263 Priya: Very well, thank you.
- 264 (They ascend all three flights of stairs in silence.)
- 265 Penny: Alright, well great seeing you.
- 266 Priya: Yeah, you too.
- 267 Penny: Amy's right. I do want to fling my poop at her.

# 4.20 Episode 20: The Herb Garden Germination

- 1 Scene: A bookstore.
- 2 Dr. Brian Greene: My new book, The Hidden Reality, takes on a grand question. Is our universe the only universe? You see, there's a growing belief among scientists like me that ours may only be one among many universes populating a gigantic cosmos. In The Hidden Reality, I explore this possibility without presuming any knowledge of mathematics or physics on the part of the reader.
- 3 Sheldon: Hysterical.
- 4 Amy: I'm glad you talked me into this. We work so hard, sometimes, it's nice to goof off and do something silly.
- 5 Sheldon: Agreed. Wait till you hear how he dumbs down Werner Heisenberg for the crowd. You may actually believe you're in a comedy club.
- 6 Greene: You can think about Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle much like the special order menu that you find in certain Chinese restaurants, where you have dishes in column A and other dishes in column B, and if you order the first dish in column A, you can't order the corresponding dish in column B. That's sort of like the Uncertainly Principle.
- 7 Sheldon: Ba-dum-bump.
- 8 Amy: Say, I heard an interesting tidbit about Howard and Bernadette.
- 9 Sheldon: Really, Amy? Gossip? I'm disappointed in you.
- 10 Amy: Now, now. Evolutionary biologist Robin Dunbar has identified gossip as an aid to social bonding in large groups.
- 11 Sheldon: Forgive my language, but poppycock.
- 12 Amy: What if he's right? And by not participating in gossip, society breaks down into small feral bands of tattooed motorcycle riders fighting to the death over the last few cans of tuna fish?
- 13 Sheldon: Fine. In the parlance of the urban music scene, what's the 4-1-1?
- 14 Amy: Bernadette is thinking about breaking up with Howard.
- 15 Sheldon: I believe our nation's tuna cans are safe. Excuse me. Dr. Greene, question?
- 16 Greene: Yes?
- 17 Sheldon: You've dedicated your life's work to educating the general populace about complex scientific ideas.
- 18 Greene: Yes, in part.

- 19 Sheldon: Have you ever considered trying to do something useful? Perhaps, reading to the elderly?
- 20 Greene: Excuse me?
- 21 Sheldon: Yeah, but not your books. Something they might enjoy. I kid, of course. Big fan.
- 22 Credits sequence
- 23 Scene: The apartment. The guys are playing on a Nintendo Wii.
- 24 Leonard: Nice shot.
- 25 Sheldon: Thank you. My father taught me archery as a child. It's odd how the activity brings back the smell of Kmart bourbon.
- 26 Leonard: Perfect.
- 27 Sheldon: I know. What an elf I would have made. Whoo, what do you think you're doing?
- 28 Leonard: Shooting at a target?
- 29 Sheldon: With what?
- 30 Leonard: An arrow.
- 31 Sheldon: Really? I didn't see you draw one from your quiver.
- 32 Leonard: I'm not going to do that, Sheldon.
- 33 Sheldon: Leonard, the people at Nintendo can only go so far in helping us recreate an actual athletic experience. We have to do our part, too. (Leonard mimes drawing an arrow and stabbing Sheldon with it.) That was uncalled for, but I'll play along. Ow! I had an unusual experience with Amy last night.
- 34 Leonard: Really? How could you tell?
- 35 Sheldon: She was attempting to engage me in gossip.
- 36 Leonard: You don't say?
- 37 Sheldon: Yes. I think prolonged exposure to Penny has turned her into a bit of a Gabby Gertie.
- 38 Leonard: So, what's the gossip?
- 39 Sheldon: Oh, please, I was just pointing it out. I have no desire to engage in the activity.
- 40 Leonard: Fine, don't tell me.
- 41 Sheldon: All right, get this. Bernadette is thinking about breaking up with Howard.
- 42 Leonard: Oh. That's too bad. I wonder what happened.
- 43 Sheldon: Mm, it's hard to say. I can only speculate based on the data I collected watching my parents' marriage implode. In that case, the woman dives into religion, while the man dives into a bottle-blonde bartender who tries to buy my love with action figures. Oop! Out of arrows.
- 44 Leonard: Boy, you sure get your money's worth out of these games.
- 45 Scene: The bathroom.
- 46 Leonard: Priya, can I come in?
- 47 Priya: Sure.
- 48 Leonard: Oh, God.
- 49 Priya: What?
- 50 Leonard: It's okay. You didn't know. I'll take care of it.
- 51 Priya: What, what did I do?

- 52 Leonard: Sheldon doesn't allow flossing that close to the mirror.
- 53 Priya: You're kidding.
- 54 Leonard: It's a splatter thing. There's a little piece of tape on the floor you're supposed to stand behind.
- 55 Priva: That's madness.
- 56 Leonard: I know. Just do it. There's a big inspection coming up, and I don't want to lose my TV privileges.
- 57 Priya: You really need to let me take a look at that roommate agreement one of these days.
- 58 Leonard: Mm, I don't know. I get a lawyer, he gets a lawyer, it's just easier to stand behind the tape.
- 59 Priya: Oh, by the way, a fellow at work said I could use his Dodger tickets this weekend. Does that sound like fun?
- 60 Leonard: Yeah! Dodgers are baseball, right?
- 61 Priya: You'll need to explain the game to me.
- 62 Leonard: Mm, it's complicated, but as I remember it, the essentials are, get chosen last, get hit by the ball, cry, go home.
- 63 Priya: Well, regardless, I've got four tickets, and I was thinking we can bring Bernadette and Howard. She's really interesting, and I bet I can get used to him.
- 64 Leonard: Well, it might not be a great idea to invite those two.
- 65 Priya: Why not?
- 66 Leonard: Don't tell anybody I told you, but I heard she might be breaking up with him.
- 67 Priya: Oh, too bad. Although I do know one person for whom that's good news.
- 68 Leonard: Really? Who?
- 69 Priya: My brother. He's got a big crush on Bernadette.
- 70 Leonard: What? You're kidding!
- 71 Priya: Mmm. I found poems he wrote about her. Very disturbing. Oh, Bernadette, please play my clarinet.
- 72 Leonard: Wow, that's hard to believe.
- 73 Priya: Yes. And for years, everyone in my family was convinced that he was the clarinet enthusiast. Hmm. What's that piece of tape?
- 74 Leonard: Oh, that one doesn't apply to you. You sit.
- 75 Scene: The lobby.
- 76 Leonard: Hey!
- 77 Penny: Hey! How's it going?
- 78 Leonard: Not too bad. Did you hear about Howard and Bernadette?
- 79 Penny: 'Course I heard about it. How did you hear about it?
- 80 Leonard: I heard about it from Sheldon. He got it from Amy.
- 81 Penny: Oh, damn it. I told Amy that in the strictest confidence. Boy, some people are such blabbermouths. Well, whatever, I'm sure Bernadette can do better.
- 82 Leonard: Do you think a sexually ambivalent Indian astrophysicist with selective mutism and alcohol issues is better than a hundred-pound Jewish guy

- who lives with his mom?
- 83 Penny: You are kidding. Raj likes Bernadette?
- 84 Leonard: I didn't say Raj. Who said Raj?
- 85 Penny: Okay, give. How do you know? Did he tell you?
- 86 Leonard: No.
- 87 Penny: Well, then who?
- 88 Leonard: I can't say.
- 89 Penny: Priya told you. What a little gossip. You know, not an attractive quality in a woman, Leonard. Not judging, just my opinion.
- 90 Leonard: Well, The point is, if this got out, it would destroy Howard and Raj's friendship.
- 91 Penny: You don't have to worry. Unlike Amy and Priya, I know how to keep a secret.
- 92 Leonard: You're the one who told Amy in the first place.
- 93 Penny: In confidence!
- 94 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 95 Raj: Hello, Mummy. Hello, Daddy. How are you?
- 96 Mrs Koothrappali (on webcam): We're very rich in a very poor country. So, all in all, can't complain.
- 97 Dr Koothrappali: So, Priya, how are enjoying staying with your brother?
- 98 Priya: It's fine. But if I'm going to stay in Los Angeles much longer, I think I should get my own place.
- 99 Mrs Koothrappali: Why? Is Rajesh not making you feel comfortable? Rajesh, why aren't you making your sister comfortable?
- 100 Raj: I am making her comfortable. Besides, she's not sleeping here half the time anyway.
- 101 Dr Koothrappali: What? Where are you sleeping, Priya?
- 102 Priya: It's a figure of speech, Daddy. It means I-I work late.
- 103 Mrs Koothrappali: Please tell me you're not dating an American. I knew this would happen. Rajesh, are you letting your sister date that little Howard boy?
- 104 Dr Koothrappali: Now, hold on. If she is dating an American, that's not a bad way to go. He's Jewish. Those chaps are very successful, and they don't drink a lot.
- 105 Raj: It, it doesn't matter. Howard has a girlfriend.
- 106 Priya: For now.
- 107 Raj: What does that mean?
- 108 Priya: I'll tell you later.
- 109 Raj: Is something going on with him and Bernadette?
- 110 Mrs Koothrappali: Who's Bernadette?
- 111 Dr Koothrappali: Doesn't sound Jewish.
- 112 Mrs Koothrappali: You can't tell by that. Winona Ryder is Jewish.
- 113 Dr Koothrappali: Okay, we're getting off the subject. Rajesh, I want you to try harder to make your sister feel welcome.
- 114 Priya: Thank you, Daddy.
- 115 Raj: Don't worry. Everything I have, I share with her. Including my

#### friend Leon...

- 116 Priya: Good night, Mummy. Good night, Daddy.
- 117 Raj: Oh, my God, I think you broke my toe!
- 118 Priya: Well you should have kept your mouth shut.
- 119 Raj: Fair enough. Now, what's up with Clarinet? Bernadette!
- 120 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 121 Sheldon: I've been thinking about Dr. Greene's efforts to make science palatable for the masses.
- 122 Leonard: Oh, yeah? What about it?
- 123 Sheldon: That's all. I've just been thinking about it. Now, I'm thinking about fractal equations. Now I'm thinking about the origin of the phrase train of thought. Now I'm thinking about trains.
- 124 Raj: Are you listening to this guy?
- 125 Howard: Hmm? Oh, I'm sorry. I was somewhere else.
- 126 Leonard: Lucky b\*st\*rd.
- 127 Sheldon: Now I'm thinking about Jell-O.
- 128 Raj: So what's up?
- 129 Howard: It's a Bernadette thing.
- 130 Raj: Oh, no. I hope everything's okay.
- 131 Leonard: Whatever it is, we're here for you. You can tell us anything.
- 132 Raj: Yeah. Good or devastating.
- 133 Howard: I'm gonna ask her to marry me.
- 134 Leonard: Marry you?
- 135 Raj: What?
- 136 Howard: Yeah. I just need to figure out the right time to pop the question.
- 137 Leonard: Oh, I'd wait.
- 138 Raj: No rush, no rush.
- 139 Howard (phone rings): Oh, great. It's my cousin David about the ring.
- Hey, David, what'd you find? Oh, sure, a half a carat's fine. Her freakishly small hands make anything look big. It's one of the reasons I love her.
- 140 Leonard: Man, he's going to be blindsided.
- 141 Raj: I know. It'll be awful.
- 142 Sheldon: Why are you smiling?
- 143 Leonard: Yeah, Raj, why?
- 144 Raj: Uh, a smile means something different in my country. You know, tears of joy, smile of sadness. India's a goofy place.
- 145 Sheldon: Oh, I'm back to trains. Woo-woo.
- 146 Scene: The apartment.
- 147 Amy: Did I tell you our lab got a grant to study addiction?
- 148 Sheldon: No.
- 149 Amy: Fascinating work. I recently trained a capuchin monkey to smoke cigarettes.
- 150 Sheldon: Have you learned anything?
- 151 Amy: Yes. He looks much cooler than the non-smoking monkeys. Although it's not much of a contest. The other monkeys just sit around and m\*st\*rb\*t\*.

- 152 Sheldon: If you don't mind, I'd like to stop listening to you and start talking.
- 153 Amy: By all means.
- 154 Sheldon: Howard has announced his intention to propose marriage to Bernadette.
- 155 Amy: I don't understand. The original piece of gossip indicated an impending breakup.
- 156 Sheldon: I know. The group consensus is that his proposal will be met with an humiliating, soul-crushing rejection. Everyone was set a-twitter. Although oddly, no one tweeted.
- 157 Amy: It's not surprising that the story has captured the attention of our little circle of friends. Are you familiar with meme theory?
- 158 Sheldon: I'm familiar with everything, but go on.
- 159 Amy: Meme theory suggests that items of gossip are like living things that seek to reproduce using humans as their host.
- 160 Sheldon: I'm no stranger to memetic epidemiology. At Johnson Elementary School, the phrase Shelly Cooper's a smelly pooper spread like wildfire.
- 161 Amy: I should think so. That's gold.
- 162 Sheldon: Your meme hypothesis does intrigue me. How might we examine this more closely?
- 163 Amy: Do you have any ethical qualms regarding human experimentation?
- 164 Sheldon: It's one of the few forms of interaction with people that I don't find repellent.
- 165 Amy: We need to fabricate a tantalizing piece of gossip.
- 166 Sheldon: And a second non-tantalizing piece to use as a control.
- 167 Amy: Then we'll track its progress through our social group and interpret the results through the competing academic prisms of memetic theory, algebraic gossip and epidemiology.
- 168 Sheldon: Look at you, getting me to engage in the social sciences. You're a vixen, Amy Farrah Fowler.
- 169 Scene: Penny's door.
- 170 Penny: Oh, hey, Amy. What's up?
- 171 Amy: Sheldon and I engaged in sexual intercourse. In other news, I'm thinking of starting an herb garden. Mum's the word. Gotta go.
- 172 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 173 Bernadette: Oh, hey, Raj, what are you doing here?
- 174 Raj: I just felt like drinking alone, because I'm deep and dark.
- 175 Bernadette: Uh-huh. So, uh, Howard's not here?
- 176 Raj: No. It's just one of those times when it's just you and me. Like when the three of us went to the movies and you and I waited outside the bathroom while Howard threw up Red Vines and Cherry Coke. Do you remember that?
- 177 Bernadette: Yeah.
- 178 Raj: Me, too. Good times.
- 179 Penny: Hey, 16 wants to order appetizers.
- 180 Bernadette: Oh, thanks.
- 181 Raj: This was nice.

- 182 Penny: What the hell are you doing? Howard is your best friend, and that is his girlfriend. You should be ashamed of yourself.
- 183 Raj: I was when I came in, but it's amazing what liquor does to guilt. Besides what you might not know is, Bernadette is planning on breaking up with Howard.
- 184 Penny: Well, I know that. How do you know that?
- 185 Raj: My sister told me.
- 186 Penny: Oh, that gossipy bitch! No offense.
- 187 Raj: None taken. You should hear how she talks about you.
- 188 Penny: Okay, listen, just because Howard and Bernadette are having problems, does not mean you should be here sniffing around.
- 189 Raj: What can I do? I can't stop thinking about her.
- 190 Penny: All right, try thinking about this. Sheldon and Amy had s\*x.
- 191 Raj: Shut your ass!
- 192 Penny: Yeah, it's true. Amy told me.
- 193 Raj: How did that even happen? Did they know that's what they were doing when they were doing it?
- 194 Penny: I-I guess they just figured it out at some point.
- 195 Raj: Wow. I can't believe old Smelly Pooper finally got laid.
- 196 Scene: The apartment.
- 197 Leonard: Hey.
- 198 Sheldon: Hey.
- 199 Leonard: Hope you're hungry.
- 200 Sheldon: Interesting. A friendly sentiment in this country, cruel taunt in the Sudan. It's a lesson in context.
- 201 Leonard: Will Amy be joining us for dinner?
- 202 Sheldon: Yes, I believe so.
- 203 Leonard: Good, good. Everything okay between you two?
- 204 Sheldon: Yes. Why do you ask?
- 205 Leonard: No reason. I was just talking to Raj, and he mentioned what a lovely glow she has these days.
- 206 Sheldon: Did he mean as if she'd been out in the sun, tending an herb garden without wearing a hat or sunblock?
- 207 Leonard: No. That's not what he meant.
- 208 Sheldon: Well, we may never know. As my mother would say, the Asians are an inscrutable folk. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have work to do.
- 209 Leonard: Yeah, you do. You dog, you.
- 210 Sheldon: Did you get that?
- 211 Amy (on webcam): Every word. Our false gossip meme appears to have reached node lambda.
- 212 Sheldon: This is moving faster than we thought.
- 213 Amy: Agreed. It appears the rate of gossip transmission is proportional to the number of nodes squared.
- 214 Sheldon: I must say, Amy, pretending to have intercourse with you is giving me a great deal of satisfaction.
- 215 Amy: Slow down, Sheldon. I'm not quite there yet.

- 216 Scene: The apartment, later.
- 217 Leonard: Pass the soy sauce.
- 218 Howard: Sure.
- 219 Amy: Bernadette just asked about my sexual encounter with you. The meme has reached full penetration.
- 220 Sheldon: Pun intended?
- 221 Amy: No. Happy accident.
- 222 Sheldon: This is remarkable. Took less than 24 hours.
- 223 Amy: I should let you know that she asked for details about our dalliance.
- 224 Sheldon: Interesting. So it went beyond the mere fact of coitus to a blow by blow, as it were.
- 225 Amy: Pun intended?
- 226 Sheldon: I'm sorry. What pun?
- 227 Amy: Not important. I described your lovemaking as aloof, but effective.
- 228 Sheldon: I wish you hadn't done that. That's going to make me a chick magnet, and I'm so busy as it is.
- 229 Howard: Hey, everybody, I got something I want to ask Bernadette, and I can't think of a better time than when I'm with all my friends.
- 230 Leonard: Oh, hold on, Howard. There's lots of better times.
- 231 Raj: Leonard, please. The man is talking. Let him get it out, and let the chips fall where they may.
- 232 Howard: Thank you. Bernadette Maryann Rostenkowski...
- 233 Bernadette: Oh, God. What's happening?
- 234 Howard: I know things haven't been perfect with us, and we've had our problems, but I just have to tell you, from the moment I. . .
- 235 Bernadette: Howard, let me just stop you right here.
- 236 Raj: This is it.
- 237 Bernadette: Yes.
- 238 Howard: Yes, what?
- 239 Bernadette: Yes, I will marry you.
- 240 Howard: You will?
- 241 Raj: You will?
- 242 Bernadette: I will. I will!
- 243 Howard: Oh, I love you so much.
- 244 Bernadette: Oh, I love you, too.
- 245 Leonard: Congratulations!
- 246 Priya: Oh, it's so exciting.
- 247 Amy: I wonder what changed her mind.
- 248 Sheldon: Perhaps your talk of my sexual prowess renewed her faith in love.
- 249 Amy: As good an explanation as any.
- 250 Leonard: That's great.
- 251 Scene: Penny's door.
- 252 Penny: Oh, hey, Amy. Bernadette just texted me. Howard proposed?
- 253 Amy: Yes, not important. Just stopped by to let you know I'm getting orthotics. Also, I'm carrying Sheldon's baby. Mum's the word.
- 254 Scene: The stairwell, moments later. Leonard is reading a text message.

- 255 Leonard: You're pregnant?
- 256 Amy: Wow. Is there anything on there about orthotics?

## 4.21 Episode 21: The Agreement Dissection

- 1 Scene: The bathroom
- 2 Sheldon: Leonard, are you in the shower?
- 3 Leonard: I can't hear you, I'm in the shower.
- 4 Sheldon: I asked if you were in the shower, but that's moot now.
- 5 Leonard: What?
- 6 Sheldon: Moot. Rendered unimportant by recent events.
- 7 Leonard: I can't hear you, I'm in the shower.
- 8 Sheldon: I have to skip the chitchat. Emergency.
- 9 Leonard: What kind of emergency?
- 10 Sheldon: Mathematical. 32-ounce banana smoothie, 16-ounce bladder.
- 11 Leonard: You might not want to do that.
- 12 Sheldon: I assure you I do.
- 13 Leonard: Sheldon, I'm not alone in here.
- 14 Sheldon: What?
- 15 Priya: Hello, Sheldon.
- 16 Sheldon: What are you doing in there? She can't be in here.
- 17 Leonard: We were in here first, you can't be in here.
- 18 Sheldon: According to the roommate agreement, paragraph nine, subsec-

tion B, the right to bathroom privacy is suspended in the event of force majeure. And believe me, I am experiencing a very majeure force.

- 19 Sheldon: Come on, you can't wait two minutes?
- 20 Priya: Oh, Leonard, let the man pee.
- 21 Scene: Penny's door.
- 22 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Knock, knock, knock) Penny?
- 23 Penny: What?
- 24 Sheldon: Move. Move. Move!
- 25 Credits sequence.
- 26 Scene: The apartment.
- 27 Sheldon: Dr. Leonard Hofstadter, you are officially charged with two violations of the roommate agreement. Do you waive reading of the charges?
- 28 Leonard: Yeah, fine.
- 29 Priya: Hang on. No, my client does not waive reading of the charges.
- 30 Leonard: Oh. Cool. I've got a lawyer. And I've seen her naked.
- 31 Priya: Proceed.
- 32 Sheldon: Very well. Count the first, on or about the 28th day of April, the accused did knowingly and with malice aforethought deny access to the shared bathroom in a time of emergency, to wit, my back teeth were floating. Count the second, the accused exceeded the agreed upon occupancy of the shower, to wit, one, unless we are under attack by water-soluble aliens.
- 33 Priya: Can I see the roommate agreement?

- 34 Sheldon: Um, it's fairly technical.
- 35 Priya: I think I can handle it.
- 36 Leonard: Top of her class, Cambridge University. Licensed to practice law in three countries. And your face.
- 37 Priya: All right, based on a cursory reading, it doesn't look like you have much of a case, Sheldon.
- 38 Sheldon: Do so, do so.
- 39 Priya: Oh, I'm afraid not. Section seven here, on the right to enter the bathroom in emergency situations, is not specific as to what constitutes an emergency.
- 40 Sheldon: Oh, that's ridiculous. A bathroom emergency is self-explanatory.
- 41 Priya: Is it? If Leonard forgot to trim his nose hair, could he barge in while you were showering?
- 42 Sheldon: Irrelevant. Leonard doesn't trim his nose hair. He thinks because he's short nobody can see up there.
- 43 Priya: My point is, Sheldon, the legal principle is ambiguity in a contract benefits the party that did not draft it, in this case, Leonard. So much for count one.
- 44 Sheldon: But...
- 45 Priva: There's no buts, Sheldon, that's how the law works.
- 46 Leonard: Schooled!
- 47 Priya: As for the shower capacity issue, I cite addendum J. When Sheldon showers second, any and all measures shall be taken to ensure an adequate supply of hot water. I believe this supercedes the occupancy issue.
- 48 Leonard: Superceded!
- 49 Sheldon: This isn't over.
- 50 Leonard: No offence, but shower s\*x with you is now the second best thing that's happened today.
- 51 Scene: The apartment.
- 52 Raj: Mmm, Greek food on pizza night? This is the most delightfully cruel thing we've done to Sheldon since we left that fake message from Stephen Hawking on his voice mail.
- 53 Priya: Seriously?
- 54 Howard (in Stephen Hawking voice): I wish to discuss your theories of black holes. Meet me at the Randy's Donut by the airport at 2:00 a.m.
- 55 Sheldon: What is that you're eating? Tonight is pizza night.
- 56 Leonard: I'd like to refer that to my attorney.
- 57 Priya: According to what I see here, Thursday nights are Franconi's pizza night.
- 58 Sheldon: Yes, and when Franconi's went out of business, we switched to Graziano's.
- 59 Howard: That's interesting. Can you just switch restaurants like that, Priya?
- 60 Priya: A good question, Howard. Turns out you can't. According to the document you drew up, Sheldon, the selection of a new takeout restaurant requires public hearings and a 60-day comment period. Were those criteria met?

- 61 Sheldon: No.
- 62 All: Opa!
- 63 Sheldon: This is Greek food? Leonard, you hate Greek food.
- 64 Leonard: Not as much as you.
- 65 Sheldon: Fine. I'm nothing if not adaptable.
- 66 Leonard: I got you the lamb kabob.
- 67 Sheldon: Thank you. If you think about it, Greek food isn't that far from italian food. They share a spice palette. And what a civilization is the Greeks. They gave us science, democracy, and little cubes of charred meat that taste like sweat.
- 68 Scene: Penny's door.
- 69 Sheldon: (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Knock, knock, knock) Penny? (Knock, knock, knock) Penny?
- 70 Penny: Hey. What's up?
- 71 Sheldon: The mean Indian lady tried to make me eat lamb. Congratulations. Pizza night will now be at your apartment. Order one.
- 72 Penny: Oh, I'm sorry, honey, I'm meeting Amy and Bernadette for dinner. But you're welcome to tag along.
- 73 Sheldon: A girls night? Oh, I don't know if I'm up for an evening talking about rainbows, unicorns and menstrual cramps.
- 74 Penny: Okay, suit yourself. We'll probably be trashing Priya a little.
- 75 Sheldon: Shotgun.
- 76 Scene: A bar.
- 77 Penny: Okay, I'd like to propose a toast to a wonderful girls night out.
- 78 Amy: Fair warning, we can get ker-razy.
- 79 Bernadette: Yeah. Last week we smoked cigars and pretended to be dragons.
- 80 Sheldon: Really, Amy? Tobacco and alcohol? Need I remind you not a lot of scientific discoveries were made by people having a good time?
- 81 Amy: Why did you bring him? He's harshing my buzz.
- 82 Penny: I felt sorry for him. Priya's giving him a hard time.
- 83 Bernadette: Ooh, the Priya bashing's starting early. Yay! Okay, what's up with those pantsuits?
- 84 Amy: I need some context.
- 85 Penny: Pantsuits suck.
- 86 Amy: And that opens her up To justifiable ridicule for wearing them. Good one, Bernadette. See? Ker-razy.
- 87 Scene: The same, later.
- 88 Bernadette: Whee-ee-ee!
- 89 Amy: You smell like baby powder.
- 90 Sheldon: It's talc. But as that's a primary ingredient of baby powder, I understand your confusion.
- 91 Amy: Oh, I'm not confused at all. You're like a sexy toddler.
- 92 Sheldon: I don't know how to process that.
- 93 Bernadette: I do. Amy and Sheldon sitting in a tree. K-I-S-S-S-I-N-G.
- 94 Penny: That's too many S's for kissing.

- 95 Bernadette: Not if they're doing it for a long time.
- 96 Penny: Sheldon, have you ever kissed a girl?
- 97 Sheldon: Other than my mother, my sister and my mee-maw, no. But in the interest of full disclosure, I was once on a bus and had to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to an elderly nun who passed out from heat exhaustion. Every year I get a Christmas card from her, signed with far too many X's and O's
- 98 Bernadette: That doesn't count. Aren't you even a little curious?
- 99 Penny: Yeah, you're a scientist, where is the curiosity?
- 100 Amy: I'm available for experimentation.
- 101 Sheldon: Thank you. Not necessary. We know everything there is to know about kissing. It requires 34 facial muscles and 112 postural muscles.
- 102 Amy: Oh, blah, blah, blah. Give me some sugar, bestie (kisses Penny).
- 103 Sheldon: I'm certainly glad no one said they were curious about Aztec human sacrifice.
- 104 Penny: Hey, I know, let's take Sheldon dancing.
- 105 Bernadette: Oh, I totally want to see Sheldon dance. I bet he looks like a spider on a hot plate.
- 106 Sheldon: No, thank you, but for the record, I'm an excellent dancer. Proficient in the rumba, waltz and cha-cha.
- 107 Amy: Really?
- 108 Sheldon: I don't see why that's surprising. I excel at so many things. You've had my sourdough bread.
- 109 Penny: Did you take dance lessons?
- 110 Sheldon: Against my will. In the South, pre-adolescent children are forced through a process called cotillion, which indoctrinates them with all the social graces and dance skills needed to function in 18th century Vienna.
- 111 Penny: Oh, we are so taking you dancing.
- 112 Sheldon: No, you most certainly are not.
- 113 Bernadette: Well, what does your cotillion training say is expected of a gentleman when three ladies ask him to escort them to a dance soiree?
- 114 Sheldon: I saved a nun's life. Why am I being punished?
- 115 Scene: A taxi.
- 116 Penny: Take us to a place we can waltz.
- 117 Taxi driver: Where you can what?
- 118 Sheldon: Waltz. It's a social dance from Austria, choreographed to a three-four time signature. (Sings Blue Danube. The taxi driver says something into radio in Korean. The word "waltz" is included. Dispatcher replies also in Korean. Taxi driver sings Blue Danube. Dispatcher says "oh, waltz!" They speak Korean some more. )
- 119 Taxi Driver: Here we go.
- 120 Amy (singing): I kissed a girl and I liked it, I hope my boyfriend don't mind it.
- 121 Sheldon: What happened to you?
- 122 Scene: A Korean ballroom dancing club. Sheldon and Amy are dancing.
- 123 Penny: Shake it baby, shake it!

- 124 Bernadette: Muy caliente, Sheldon!
- 125 Elderly Korean Gentleman: Care to dance?
- 126 Bernadette: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm engaged.
- 127 Korean: How about you?
- 128 Penny: Oh, what the hell. Ooh!
- 129 Scene: Outside Amy's apartment.
- 130 Amy: How come if we're the smart people, we don't do this every night?
- 131 Sheldon: What's 16 times 14?
- 132 Amy: My burps taste like cranberry juice.
- 133 Sheldon: And there's your answer.
- 134 Amy: Would you like to come in for a nightcap?
- 135 Sheldon: If you're referring to the beverage, you know I don't drink. If you're referring to the hat you don while wearing a nightshirt and holding a candle, I have one.
- 136 Amy: I have yoo-hoo.
- 137 Sheldon: It's hard to say no to yoo-hoo. The name literally beckons.
- 138 Amy: Make yourself comfortable.
- 139 Sheldon: Thank you. Is someone smoking?
- 140 Amy: Oh, that's just Ricky.
- 141 Sheldon: You own a smoking monkey?
- 142 Amy: Don't be silly. He's one of the animals in my department's nicotine addiction study.
- 143 Sheldon: What's he doing here?
- 144 Amy: I'm giving him emphysema. The least I can do is let him hang out and watch cable.
- 145 Sheldon: Remarkable. Aren't you worried about secondhand smoke?
- 146 Amy: A little. The real danger is him biting my face off while I'm sleeping.
- 147 Sheldon: is he deliberately blowing smoke at me?
- 148 Amy: Yeah. He's kind of an ass.
- 149 Sheldon: Thank you. May I share something with you that's troubling me?
- 150 Amy: Of course. What's rattling around that big bulbous brain of yours?
- 151 Sheldon: Priya has essentially nullified my roommate agreement with Leonard, making life in the apartment very uncomfortable for me.
- 152 Amy: And you want me to kill her? Done.
- 153 Sheldon: No, of course not.
- 154 Amy: I trained Ricky how to smoke. I can train him to shoot a poison dart. No jury would convict us 'cause people love monkeys.
- 155 Sheldon: I understand the alcohol has stirred up whatever it is that makes girls go wild, but I really need to talk to smart Amy now.
- 156 Amy: Excuse me. Have you considered that your intelligence might be the very thing causing your dilemma?
- 157 Sheldon: No.
- 158 Amy: What do you think Ricky over here would do if an interloper encroached on his territory?
- 159 Sheldon: Well, when challenged, monkeys generally assert their dominance

- through chasing, assault and a stylized penile display. That's a little outside my comfort zone.
- 160 Amy: You're being too literal. My point is, he would not meekly surrender to the rules, and neither should you.
- 161 Sheldon: Are you suggesting I play dirty?
- 162 Amy: Yes, dirty. Dirty, dirty, dirty. Which brings me to our next order of business. (Kisses him)
- 163 Sheldon: Fascinating.
- 164 Amy: I hope you don't take what I'm about to do as a comment on what we just did. (Runs to bathroom and vomits)
- 165 Sheldon (to Ricky): Who's to say you shouldn't be dissecting our brains? You really are an ass.
- 166 Scene: The apartment.
- 167 Leonard: Morning, Sheldon.
- 168 Sheldon: Oh, good, you're up. I've written a new and improved roommate agreement that benefits me greatly. I'd like you to sign it.
- 169 Leonard: Why would I want to do that?
- 170 Sheldon: Excellent question. Do you remember what happened to the alien, played by talented character actor Frank Gorshin, in the Star Trek episode Let That Be Your Last Battlefield?
- 171 Leonard: Uh, Captain Kirk activated the self-destruct sequence and threatened to blow up the Enterprise and kill them both unless he gave in?
- 172 Sheldon: Affirmative. Computer, this is Dr. Sheldon Cooper. Activate self-destruct sequence. Code 1-1-A-2-B.
- 173 Female Voice: Self-destruct sequence activated.
- 174 Leonard: What are you gonna do, Sheldon, blow up the apartment?
- 175 Sheldon: That was my first thought, but all my cool stuff is here.
- 176 Priya: So what happens when it counts down?
- 177 Sheldon: Unless Leonard signs the new agreement in the next 41 seconds, this computer will send an e-mail to your parents in India saying that you're in a secret relationship with the whiter-than-marshmallow-fluff Leonard Hofstadter.
- 178 Priya: Oh, my God.
- 179 Leonard: What's the big deal?
- 180 Priya: Trust me, it's a big deal.
- 181 Leonard: They're gonna find out about me eventually, right?
- 182 Priya: Yeah, of course, just not today.
- 183 Sheldon: 20 seconds.
- 184 Leonard: Are you ashamed of me?
- 185 Priva: Of course not.
- 186 Leonard: Then why can't we tell your parents?
- 187 Priva: Please, don't push this.
- 188 Sheldon: He does that all the time, doesn't he? 15.
- 189 Priya: Okay, fine, Sheldon, you win. Turn it off.
- 190 Leonard: No, he's bluffing.
- 191 Sheldon: I never bluff. Ten.
- 192 Leonard: It's blackmail!

- 193 Sheldon: Nine.
- 194 Priya: We give up.
- 195 Sheldon: Eight.
- 196 Leonard: This is ridiculous. (Pulls out plug)
- 197 Sheldon: It's a laptop with a full charge. Honestly, what do you see in  $\mathop{\mathrm{him}}\nolimits?$
- 198 Priva: Give him what he wants or we're done.
- 199 Sheldon: Three.
- 200 Leonard: Really?
- 201 Sheldon: Two.
- 202 Leonard: Okay, I'll sign it!
- 203 Female Voice: Self-destruct sequence aborted.
- 204 Sheldon: You may have gone to Cambridge, but I'm an honorary graduate of Starfleet academy.
- 205 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is at his laptop.
- 206 Sheldon: Good morning, Amy.
- 207 Amy: It most assuredly is not.
- 208 Sheldon: Are you experiencing dehydration, headache, nausea and shame?
- 209 Amy: Yes. I also found a Korean man's business card tucked into my cleavage. What happened last night?
- 210 Sheldon: Ah, memory impairment, the free prize at the bottom of every vodka bottle.
- 211 Amy: Sheldon?
- 212 Sheldon: All right. Last night you gave me some excellent advice regarding my problem here at home, you kissed me and then vomited on and off for 40 minutes, following which you passed out on your bathroom floor. I then folded a towel under your head as a pillow, set your oven clock to the correct time because it was driving me crazy, and I left.
- 213 Amy: Okay. Don't really know where we go from here.
- 214 Sheldon: I suggest we treat our relationship as if it were a crashed computer and restore it to the last point we both agree it worked.
- 215 Amy: Terrific. Thank you. (Noise of Ricky in background) They were out of menthols! Get off my back! Not easy living with a temperamental little primate.
- 216 Leonard (off): Come on, Priya, just admit I embarrass you!
- 217 Sheldon: You're preaching to the choir, sister.

## 4.22 Episode 22: The Wildebeest Implementation

- 1 Scene: A public washroom. Amy and Penny are in cubicles, Bernadette is washing her hands.
- 2 Amy: I must say, Penny, this is great fun.
- 3 Penny: Glad you're enjoying yourself.
- 4 Amy: Until I met you and Bernadette, my trips to the bathroom had been entirely focused on elimination. Now they have a delightful social aspect.
- 5 Bernadette: Amy, you must've been in the bathroom with other women

#### before.

- 6 Amy: Of course I have. But they were strangers and seemed off-put when I engaged in friendly stall-to-stall chit-chat.
- 7 Bernadette: Some women don't like to get chummy when their panties are down.
- 8 Amy: You okay in there, bestie?
- 9 Penny: I'm fine.
- 10 Amy: The reason I ask is that many people experience bladder shyness, the inability to pass urine
- 11 Penny: Yeah, I said I'm fine. Stop talking to me.
- 12 Amy: She always this crabby when she urinates?
- 13 Bernadette: We're really not that close.
- 14 Penny: Screw it. I'll go later.
- 15 Amy: And I'll be right by your side.
- 16 Scene: A shoe shop.
- 17 Bernadette: Did I tell you Priya invited me and Howard to have dinner with her and Leonard?
- 18 Penny: Oh, that's nice.
- 19 Amy: No, it's not. It's a strategic manoeuvre. Leonard's new girlfriend is testing Bernadette's loyalty to you and the group. That bitch is crafty.
- 20 Bernadette: You think?
- 21 Amy: Of course. How does the cheetah attack a herd of wildebeests? By going after its weakest member.
- 22 Bernadette: Well, what makes me the weakest member?
- 23 Amy: Your trusting nature coupled with your teeny-tiny body. You wouldn't last a minute on the Serengeti.
- 24 Penny: Okay, Amy, you're being silly. I am not concerned about who hangs out with who. And I certainly don't have a problem with Leonard's new girl-friend who wears way too much makeup. Ooh, these are cute. Of course if I buy them, I'll have to rent my womb out to a gay couple.
- 25 Bernadette: It doesn't matter. I'm going to tell her we can't make it.
- 26 Amy: Oh, no. You have to go.
- 27 Bernadette: I don't understand. I thought I was a teeny-tiny wildebeest.
- 28 Amy: You are, with hair that smells like strawberries. And we're going to use that to our advantage.
- 29 Penny: Wait. What are you talking about?
- 30 Amy: By accepting the invitation, Bernadette becomes a double agent inside the enemy camp. She could ferret out Priya's tactics, identify her weaknesses and feed her false information, such as, Leonard's no stranger to backalley cockfights.
- 31 Bernadette: I don't know. I'm not a very good liar. They kind of whup that out of you in Catholic school.
- 32 Amy: Don't worry. I'll teach you. I did two years of Cub Scouts before they found out I was a girl.
- 33 Penny: Okay, I don't know you people. I'm just an innocent woman wondering if this shoe store will take my Texaco card.

- 34 Amy: How do you feel about concealing a recording device in the cleavage of your ample bosom?
- 35 Bernadette: I don't want anything in my ample bosom.
- 36 Amy: Come on, Strawberries. Take one for the team.
- 37 Credits sequence
- 38 Leonard: Okay, see you later.
- 39 Sheldon: Good news. I finally have a handle on my idea for three-person chess.
- 40 Leonard: That is good news. Bye.
- 41 Sheldon: Uh, do you know how I solved the balanced centre combat-area problem? Five words, transitional quadrilateral to triangular tessellation.
- 42 Leonard: That, that's brilliant.
- 43 Sheldon: It's what I do. But wait, there's more. I also invented two new chess pieces. The serpent, and the old woman.
- 44 Leonard: Okay, now I have to ask. What do they do?
- 45 Sheldon: When the serpent slithers to an opposing player's piece, that piece is considered poisoned and will die after two more moves. Ugh.
- 46 Leonard: All right.
- 47 Sheldon: Unless, it gets to the old woman in time, in which case she sucks out the poison, turning her into the Grand Empress, a piece combining the power of the knight, queen and serpent.
- 48 Leonard: Elegant.
- 49 Sheldon: That's because it's simple.
- 50 Leonard: Okay, well, I look forward to playing with you.
- 51 Sheldon: And...
- 52 Leonard: And what?
- 53 Sheldon: And a third person. It's three-person chess. I must say, ever since you started having regular intercourse, your mind has lost its keen edge. You should reflect on that.
- 54 Leonard: Excuse me, but Einstein had a pretty busy s\*x life.
- 55 Sheldon: Yes, and he never unified gravity with the other forces. If he hadn't been such a hound dog, we'd all have time machines.
- 56 Leonard: Got it. Bye.
- 57 Sheldon: You know I'm right.
- 58 Leonard (outside apartment): I think he's getting worse.
- 59 Amy: Oh, my metatarsal are barking.
- 60 Leonard: You okay?
- 61 Amy: Yeah, yeah. I'm just breaking in some new shoes.
- 62 Leonard: Very pretty.
- 63 Amy: Thank you. Did you know that women wear high heels to make the buttocks and breasts more prominent?
- 64 Leonard: Hadn't really thought about it.
- 65 Amy: Look.
- 66 Leonard: Uh, sure. Very... prominent.
- 67 Amy: Please, Leonard, don't leer, you have a girlfriend.
- 68 Leonard: Sorry.

- 69 Amy: So, are you off to dinner with Priya, Howard and Bernadette?
- 70 Leonard: Yeah. How did you know?
- 71 Amy: I heard it at the mall, when I was shopping with my girlfriends, 'cause, you know, that's kind of my life now. Have a good night. Try not to ogle my caboose as I walk away.
- 72 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 73 Priya: Hey, you.
- 74 Leonard: Hi. Hey, Raj, will you be joining us for dinner?
- 75 Raj: The lonely guy and the two happy couples? I'd rather get a prostate exam from a leper who walks away with nine fingers.
- 76 Priya: Oh, would you please stop feeling sorry for yourself?
- 77 Raj: I have to feel sorry for myself. I'm the only one who cares. Just like I'm the only one who'll have s\*x with me.
- 78 Leonard: Really? In front of your sister?
- 79 Priya: We shared a room growing up. This is not news to me.
- 80 Raj: Excuse me. I'm going to go wander the streets alone. Invisible, unwanted and unloved, a pathetic shadow in a city with no heart. (Leaves, then returns a moment later) I forgot my windbreaker. It's chilly.
- 81 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 82 Amy: I don't understand. Is this a way to break in new shoes?
- 83 Penny: No. Once these puppies touch the ground they're mine, and I'll have to wear them walking up and down Hollywood Boulevard in order to pay them off. Pretty, pretty.
- 84 Amy: Good news: the wildebeest is in the curry.
- 85 Penny: The what?
- 86 Amy: Bernadette is with Priya and Leonard. Message received. Commence operation "Priya Wouldn't Wanna Be-ya."
- 87 Penny: Hey. Seriously? Didn't you get enough of this cliquey crap in high school?
- 88 Amy: I wish. A clique requires friends. I didn't have any.
- 89 Penny: None?
- 90 Amy: I used to take my lunch down to the maintenance room and eat with the janitor. It was nice until his wife called me a puta and made me stop. Hang on. It's the wildebeest. Priya just made a snide comment about your acting career.
- 91 Penny: Wh... What the hell did she say?
- 92 Amy: She thinks it's cool you're following your dream, no matter what.
- 93 Penny: That bitch!
- 94 Amy: How do you want to handle it?
- 95 Penny: Um, okay. Tell Bernadette to tell Priya that I'm on my way to Prague to shoot a movie with Angelina Jolie.
- 96 Amy: Got it. Is it going to be in 3-D?
- 97 Penny: What? I don't know. It doesn't matter.
- 98 Amy: I'm gonna say 3-D. That'll let her know the studio has faith in it.
- 99 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 100 Leonard: You're kidding. 3-D?

- 101 Bernadette: That's what I hear.
- 102 Howard: Then the studio must have real faith in it.
- 103 Leonard: Wonder why she didn't tell me.
- 104 Priya: Have you been spending time with your ex-girlfriend?
- 105 Leonard: No.
- 106 Priya: Then why are you surprised she didn't tell you?
- 107 Leonard: Well, it's not as much surprised as, uh, uh, you know, uh. th-th-th-the other thing.
- 108 Priya: What other thing?
- 109 Leonard: Well, you know, if you, if, if, if you, uh, I don't, oh, what's the word I'm looking for?
- 110 Howard: I'm not going to help you. This is hilarious.
- 111 Bernadette: She's also dating an astronaut.
- 112 Priya: Wow. That's very impressive.
- 113 Bernadette: Yeah. But Leonard's impressive, too.
- 114 Leonard: Thank you. Befuddled. The word I was looking for was befuddled.
- 115 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is playing three person chess by himself.
- 116 Sheldon: Knight to old woman six-and-a-third. Brilliant move. Thank you. (Knock on door) Will the two of you excuse me?
- 117 Raj: I need a hug.
- 118 Sheldon: Sorry, I have company.
- 119 Raj: Come on, Sheldon, open the door.
- 120 Sheldon: I don't want to hug you.
- 121 Raj: I don't want to hug you, either. I was just feeling blue.
- 122 Sheldon: Blue, as in depressed.
- 123 Raj: Well, not so much depressed as lonely.
- 124 Sheldon: I don't know what colour lonely is.
- 125 Raj: What?
- 126 Sheldon: Red is angry, yellow is frightened, green is jealous and blue is depressed. Perhaps we can assign a colour to lonely.
- 127 Raj: Nothing rhymes with orange. It's probably lonely.
- 128 Sheldon: All right. Come in. You look positively orange with loneliness.
- No, I don't see that catching on at all.
- 129 Raj: What are you doing?
- 130 Sheldon: I'm working on my three-person chess game.
- 131 Raj: Oh, cool. Can I play?
- 132 Sheldon: It's three-person chess. Did you bring a friend?
- 133 Raj: No.
- 134 Sheldon: Then as a mental exercise I invite you to figure out why the two of us can't play three-person chess. Can you believe this guy? Social protocol does, however, require me to bring you a hot beverage in your time of need.
- 135 Raj: No, thank you. I'm fine.
- 136 Sheldon: It's not optional. We're out of tea. I hope you like bouillon.
- 137 Raj: I, uh, I guess you're probably wondering what's got me down.
- 138 Sheldon: Actually, I was wondering if I could add a third new chess piece.

How do you think people would feel about Prince Joey, the king's feeble-minded but well-meaning cousin?

- 139 Raj: I'm going to be 30 years old, and I have no one in my life to love me. I'm such a basket case, I can't even talk to a woman without having alcohol in my body.
- 140 Sheldon: The fun thing about Prince Joey is every time he moves, there's a one-in-five chance he'll kill himself.
- 141 Raj: Sheldon, listen to me. I have a big decision to make, and I'm scared.
- 142 Sheldon: Yellow. Go ahead.
- 143 Raj: A friend at the School of Pharmacology gave me these new pills they're testing. He says it's the next big thing for social anxiety disorder.
- 144 Sheldon: Fascinating. What's in it?
- 145 Raj: I'm not sure. Some sort of beta-blocker attached to a molecule extracted from the urine of cows.
- 146 Sheldon: I like cows.
- 147 Raj: That's not the point.
- 148 Sheldon: It was its own point. Go on.
- 149 Raj: I'm a scientist. My ability to think is my bread and butter. I'm afraid if I take this, I might lose that special, unique something that makes me so successful in my field.
- 150 Sheldon: Rajesh, I've had the privilege of working alongside you for many years. My recommendation is that you gobble these up like Tic Tacs.
- 151 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 152 Howard: Okay, I'm still trying to work this out. How did Penny meet an astronaut?
- 153 Bernadette: I don't know. The regular way people meet astronauts.
- 154 Howard: Most of those guys live in Texas.
- 155 Bernadette: Obviously, this one doesn't.
- 156 Howard: Okay.
- 157- Bernadette: Leonard lives here. Priya's from India. People meet, Howard. God!
- 158 Howard: Fine.
- 159 Bernadette: You've met lots of astronauts, and I've never grilled you about that. I'd thank you to extend me the same courtesy.
- 160 Howard: I'm not grilling you, I was just curious.
- 161 Leonard: I still can't get over the fact that she got a big movie part. Not that I care what my ex-girlfriend's up to, 'cause I don't.
- 162 Bernadette: Maybe that's where she met the astronaut, all right?
- 163 Priva: I'm sorry. What would an astronaut be doing working on a movie?
- 164 Bernadette: He's a consultant.
- 165 Leonard: I thought the movie was about 18th-century Vienna?
- 166 Bernadette: He can't have a hobby? Excuse me, I have to pee. Or is that implausible, as well?
- 167 Howard: It's nice to have another couple to hang with, isn't it?
- 168 Scene: Penny's apartment.
- 169 Penny (to the shoes): All right, guys, you have to go back. I can't afford

- you. "No, don't send
- 170 us away, we love you." I love you, too, but you cost more than my rent. "But, Penny, you look so good in us." Damn it, the shoes are right.
- 171 Amy: Good golly, Penny, your whimsy is boundless. (Phone rings) What do you got for me, wildebeest?
- 172 Bernadette (in Raj's bathroom): I think they're on to me. The story's starting to fall apart.
- 173 Amy: Calm down. Everything's going to be okay. (To Penny) We may have to kill her. Bernadette, I'm putting you on speakerphone. Where are you now?
- 174 Bernadette: In the bathroom.
- 175 Amy: Oh, look at this, another one of our classic bathroom gabfests. What's the problem?
- 176 Bernadette: They're just asking me all sorts of questions I can't answer.
- 177 Amy: Just change the subject.
- 178 Bernadette: I suppose I could get them back to talking about Leonard going to India to meet Priya's parents.
- 179 Penny: What?
- 180 Bernadette: They said something about going there this summer.
- 181 Penny: What, are they getting engaged?
- 182 Bernadette: I don't know. I was too busy covering my heinie on Amy's stupid astronaut story!
- 183 Amy: What astronaut story?
- 184 Bernadette: You texted me Penny's dating an astronaut.
- 185 Amy: I texted architect. That's amusing. Auto-correct must've changed it.
- 186 Bernadette: Yeah, it's hysterical.
- 187 Penny: All right, look, just forget about the astronaut.
- 188 Amy: Architect. Where would you have met an astronaut?
- 189 Penny: Look, just find out what's up with this trip to India.
- 190 Bernadette: I don't want to do this anymore!
- 191 Penny: Don't you quit on us!
- 192 Howard (knocking on bathroom door): Bernie, you okay?
- 193 Bernadette (screaming): It was an architect!
- 194 Scene: A coffee shop.
- 195 Raj: Thank you for coming with me, Sheldon. You're a good friend.
- 196 Sheldon: I'm glad you think so. That's what I strive to emulate.
- 197 Raj: Okay, let's see if this drug works.
- 198 Woman at table: Can I help you?
- 199 Raj: Forgive me for staring, but you're very beautiful.
- 200 Woman: Thank you. That's a great accent. Where are you from?
- 201 Raj: India.
- 202 Woman: Oh, cool. I've always wanted to go there.
- 203 Raj: It's a beautiful country. You'd love it. May I join you?
- 204 Woman: Uh, okay, sure. Why not?
- 205 Raj: My name is Dr. Rajesh Koothrappali, and this is my friend Dr.

- Sheldon Cooper.
- 206 Woman: Hi.
- 207 Sheldon: Oh, there's no need to interact with me. I'm just here to observe.
- 208 Woman: What's he observing?
- 209 Raj: We're scientists. We observe everything. Here, go buy yourself a scone.
- 210 Sheldon: All right.
- 211 Raj: And what is your name?
- 212 Woman: Angela.
- 213 Raj: Oh, derived from the word angel. Appropriate.
- 214 Angela: You're cute.
- 215 Sheldon: I'd like to buy a scone.
- 216 Server: Oh, I'm sorry, we're out. We have muffins.
- 217 Sheldon: They sound delicious, but this money is earmarked for scones.
- 218 Angela: What are you doing?
- 219 Raj (taking his shirt off): Oh, just getting comfortable. So how long have you lived in Los Angeles?
- 220 Angela: I...
- 221 Sheldon: They were out of scones.
- 222 Raj (removing his trousers): Sheldon, I'm talking to someone. You're being rude. I'll bet you're an actress. If not, you should be. You have a very expressive face.
- 223 Angela: Oh, my God.
- 224 Raj: Wait, where are you going? We were doing so well. She never even got to see my pen1s. Ta-da!
- 225 Scene: Raj's apartment. They are playing Jenga,
- 226 Priya: Who wants some more coffee?
- 227 Leonard: Thanks, yeah.
- 228 Howard: Sure.
- 229 Bernadette: Let me help you.
- 230 Howard: Nice to see that the gals are getting along.
- 231 Leonard: Gals? Who are you, Fred Flintstone?
- 232 Bernadette: This trip to India sounds fun.
- 233 Priya: Yeah, I think it will be.
- 234 Bernadette: Are you concerned your parents might not approve of Leonard?
- 235 Priya: A little. They're very old-fashioned.
- 236 Bernadette: Well, I wouldn't worry about it. It's not like you guys are getting engaged, right?
- 237 Priva: Oh, God, no. We're not there yet.
- 238 Bernadette: Not engaged. Very interesting. I have to tinkle.
- 239 Priya: You've been in there a lot tonight. Are you okay?
- 240 Bernadette: Yes. Are you writing a book?
- 241 Priya: Why are you getting upset?
- 242 Bernadette: I'm not upset. Maybe you're upset.
- 243 Priya: What's up with you? Bernadette?
- 244 Bernadette: I can't do this anymore! I'm a good girl! I went to Catholic

- school! (Storms out,)
- 245 Howard: Okay, well, it's getting late. This was terrific. You win. Bernie?
- 246 Leonard: I think the word you're looking for is befuddled.
- 247 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon, Leonard and Howard are playing three person chess.
- 248 Sheldon: My catapult flings my bishop to Howard's Queen's Gorilla two.
- 249 Howard: Nice. Okay, rook to transporter pad. And he comes out at Leonard's Queen's Bishop
- 250 five-and-a-third. Check on Leonard.
- 251 Leonard: Hang on. When is my pawn allowed to use the golf cart?
- 252 Sheldon: When it's done charging. Or you land on the time machine. Obviously.
- 253 Leonard: Oh, oh, Beekeeper to King 12. I capture your Pope and release the swarm. Checkmate on Sheldon.
- 254 Sheldon: I knew I should have given my Pope the jet pack.
- 255 Raj (still naked): Hey, I've got winners.

## 4.23 Episode 23: The Engagement Reaction

- 1 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 2 Penny: Hey, do me a favour and take table seven.
- 3 Bernadette: You mean the one with my one hundred and eighteen-pound rock-hard stud of a fiancé who's prone to canker sores and pinkeye?
- 4 Penny: Nah, I prefer to look at it as the one with my ex-boyfriend and his gorgeous, successful and sophisticated girlfriend, who makes me feel like a toothless Okie.
- 5 Bernadette: Do you want me to spill hot soup on her?
- 6 Penny: Oh, please, you're not that kind of person.
- 7 Bernadette: I know. But if she orders something low-fat I'll totally give her the full-fat version.
- 8 Leonard: Uh, that's my water.
- 9 Sheldon: What?
- 10 Leonard: My water. You're drinking it.
- 11 Sheldon: Dear Lord! Have you been drinking it?
- 12 Leonard: Yes. It's my water.
- 13 Sheldon: Well, that's it then. I'm dead.
- 14 Leonard: Here we go.
- 15 Sheldon: I'm sorry, do I really need to connect the dots for you? The backwash into this glass is every pathogen that calls your mouth home, sweet home. Not to mention the visitors who arrive on the dancing tongue of your subtropical girlfriend.
- 16 Raj: Hey! That's my sister and my country you're talking about. Leonard may have defiled one, but I won't have you talking smack about the other.
- 17 Bernadette: You guys ready to order?
- 18 Sheldon: Yes, I'd like a seven-day course of penicillin, some, uh, syrup of ipecac, to induce vomiting, and a mint.

- 19 Bernadette: I don't understand.
- 20 Howard: He drank from Leonard's glass.
- 21 Sheldon: He drank from Leonard's glass. Words they'll be carving into my tombstone.
- 22 Leonard: That's actually my napkin.
- 23 Sheldon: Oh, this is a nightmare!
- 24 Howard: Where are you going?
- 25 Sheldon: To the bar, to sterilize my mouth with alcohol. Gang way! Dead man walking!
- 26 Credits sequence.
- 27 Scene: The same.
- 28 Bernadette: All right. Here you go. Two lemonades, one iced tea and a root beer for Priya.
- 29 Priya: Is it diet?
- 30 Bernadette: That's what you ordered.
- 31 Priya: Thank you. Hey, have you and Howard started planning your wedding yet?
- 32 Bernadette: Yeah. We're thinking of having it on a cliff overlooking the ocean.
- 33 Howard: Nothing soothes those pre-wedding jitters like the thought of falling and drowning.
- 34 Leonard: What did your mother say when you told her you were getting married?
- 35 Bernadette: He hasn't told her yet. He's waiting for the right time.
- 36 Howard: I was thinking of weaving it into her eulogy.
- 37 Priya: Howard, you've got to tell your mother.
- 38 Howard: Hey, have you told your parents you're dating this short glass of skim milk here?
- 39 Priya: Uh, that's different. First of all, we're not engaged, and second, Indian parents are very protective of their children.
- 40 Howard: Right, right, whereas Jewish mothers take a casual, la-di-da approach to their sons.
- 41 Sheldon: I gargled with tequila and may have swallowed a teeny bit.
- 42 Leonard: You all right?
- 43 Sheldon: Fine. Thank you for asking. I love you so much.
- 44 Scene: The apartment.
- 45 Sheldon: Fire demon.
- 46 Raj: Ooh, fire demon. Sheldon's turning up the heat.
- 47 Howard: Troll master.
- 48 Raj: Check it! Howard pulls one out from under the bridge. Nice!
- 49 Leonard: Water nymph.
- 50 Raj: Oh, yeah, she's got puddles in all the right places.
- 51 Sheldon: Could you please play the game without commenting on every card?
- 52 Raj: Sorry. Walking tree.
- 53 Sheldon: Last one.

- 54 Raj: I'm taking a stroll and I'm sporting wood.
- 55 Howard (reading a text): Okay, the Eagle has landed.
- 56 Leonard: What's going on?
- 57 Howard: Bernadette and my mother are having a get-to-know-you lunch at the Old Town Deli.
- 58 Raj: Oh, that sounds levely.
- 59 Howard: Hope so. Of course, if history is any indication, my mother will swallow her whole and spit out her bones like an owl.
- 60 Leonard: Have you met Bernadette's parents?
- 61 Howard: You mean Adolf and Eva? Not yet. One goose step at a time.
- 62 Raj: Sheldon, that's my water.
- 63 Sheldon: Oh, dear Lord!
- 64 Leonard: That's not your water.
- 65 Raj: I know.
- 66 Sheldon: Where's the mouthwash?
- 67 Raj (holding it): Where indeed.
- 68 Scene: Howard's house.
- 69 Howard: Ma, I'm home! Where are you?
- 70 Mrs Wolowitz (off): I'm in the toilet.
- 71 Howard: So, how'd it go?
- 72 Mrs Wolowitz: Too soon to say. I'm not done yet.
- 73 Howard: No, I mean lunch, today, with Bernadette.
- 74 Mrs Wolowitz: Oh! I had a pastrami sandwich. She had eggplant lasagna. Like that's what a person orders in a Jewish deli.
- 75 Howard: Besides food, did you get along? Did you talk?
- 76 Mrs Wolowitz: Oh, sure. Did you know she's going to school to become a microbiologist?
- 77 Howard: No, she never mentioned it.
- 78 Mrs Wolowitz: I bet she did and you didn't listen.
- 79 Howard: Yeah, that's probably it. So, what do you think? Do you like her? She's great, huh?
- 80 Mrs Wolowitz: She's a lovely girl. Cute as a button.
- 81 Howard: That's good to hear, 'cause I've got some news.
- 82 Mrs Wolowitz: I hope it's good news, because I've got nothing but disappointment in here!
- 83 Howard: Bernadette and I are getting married. Ma? You too busy bearing down? Ma? (crashing sound from in bathroom) Oh, my God, Ma? Ma? Ma? Stand back, I'm gonna break the door down! (Runs at door. It doesn't break down. Falls over.) Son of a bitch! Ma, help!
- 84 Scene: The laundry room.
- 85 Penny: Hev.
- 86 Sheldon: Hello.
- 87 Penny: Haven't seen you in a while. How's it going?
- 88 Sheldon: Oh, other than waiting out the exponential growth period of the virulent organisms trooping through my microvilli into my circulatory system, hunky-dory. (Penny laughs) Did I say something amusing?

- 89 Penny: I don't know, maybe, I have no idea what you said.
- 90 Sheldon: So your mirth is merely a discharge of nervous energy with no semantic content at all?
- 91 Penny: My mirth. Classic.
- 92 Sheldon: Is there a station coming up where I can board your giggling train of thought?
- 93 Penny: It's not a big deal, Sheldon. It's just, ever since Leonard's been dating Raj's sister, I've had to keep my distance. I don't get to hear all your jibber-jabber.
- 94 Sheldon: Jibber-jabber? I don't jibber-jabber.
- 95 Penny: What are you doing at work these days?
- 96 Sheldon: Oh, I'm working on time-dependent backgrounds in string theory, specifically quantum field theory in D-dimensional de Sitter space.
- 97 Penny: Alright, come on, even you have to admit that's jibber-jabber.
- 98 Sheldon: Interesting, do you know where the phrase jibber-jabber comes from?
- 99 Penny: Oh, my God, you're about to jibber-jabber about jibber-jabber.
- 100 Leonard: Howard and his mother are at the hospital. Come on, we gotta go.
- 101 Penny: Oh, my God! What happened?
- 102 Leonard: I don't know, I just got a text. Come on, hurry.
- 103 Penny: Okay.
- 104 Leonard: Sheldon, let's go!
- 105 Sheldon: To a hospital? Full of sick people? Oh, I don't think so.
- 106 Penny: Okay, well, your friend and his mother are there, we're going.
- 107 Sheldon: I can't.
- 108 Penny: Oh, don't tell me you're afraid of germs.
- 109 Sheldon: Not all germs. Just the ones that will kill me. It's the same way I'm not afraid of all steak knives, just the ones that might be plunged in my thorax.
- 110 Leonard: Right, fine. I'll tell Howard you didn't come because you're more concerned about your own well-being than his.
- 111 Sheldon: I would think he would know that.
- 112 Penny: Okay, you know what? You are unbelievable. You buy all these superhero T-shirts, but when it's time for you to step up and do the right thing, you just hide in the laundry room.
- 113 Sheldon: Fine, I'll go. Just for the record, my Aunt Ruth died in a hospital. She went in to visit my Uncle Roger, caught something and bit the dust a week later. The two of them now share a coffee can on my mother's mantel.
- 114 Scene: A hospital waiting room.
- 115 Howard: So I knocked down the bathroom door, picked up my poor unconscious mother, carried her to the car, and drove like a madman to the emergency room.
- 116 Bernadette: You're a real hero, Howard.
- 117 Howard: No, I did what any son would do.
- 118 Penny: Hang on a second, you picked up your mother? Her own legs are

barely able to do that.

- 119 Howard: I was filled with adrenaline. It happens to be how women lift cars off babies.
- 120 Penny: Yeah, I'm saying, it'd be easier to lift a car.
- 121 Howard: What can I tell you? After I found the courage to put her pants back on, I was unstoppable.
- 122 Leonard: So, how is she?
- 123 Howard: They're running tests. I don't know. It may have been a heart attack or heart-attack-like event.
- 124 Penny: What's the difference?
- 125 Sheldon: A heart-attack-like event is an event that's like a heart attack.
- 126 Penny: Thanks for clearing that up.
- 127 Sheldon: Regardless, coronary problems are eminently treatable. What's more likely going to kill Howard's mother are the antibiotic-resistant super-bugs festering in every nook and cranny of this hospital.
- 128 Penny: Okay, you're not helping.
- 129 Sheldon: Disagree.
- 130 Leonard: Go sit over there.
- 131 Sheldon: I'll sit over there, it looks cleaner.
- 132 Leonard: Is there a history of heart disease in your family?
- 133 Howard: My family is the history of heart disease. There's a cave painting in France of one of my ancestors doing this (clutches chest).
- 134 Bernadette: So it's probably genetic.
- 135 Howard: Well, maybe. Mom also had just gotten some news that might have upset her.
- 136 Bernadette: What?
- 137 Howard: It's not important.
- 138 Bernadette: Come on, Howard, I'm going to be your wife. You can share anything with me.
- 139 Howard: You'd think that. But no.
- 140 Bernadette: You told her we were going to get married and she had a heart attack?
- 141 Howard: You can't take that personally.
- 142 Penny: How else is she supposed to take it?
- 143 Howard: What you've got to keep in mind is that ever since my dad left, I've been the whole world to my mother. I mean, she'd be threatened by any woman who can give me what she can't.
- 144 Bernadette: You mean sexual intercourse?
- 145 Howard: Well, when you say it like that you make it sound creepy.
- 146 Priya (arriving): What happened?
- 147 Bernadette: Howard's mother had a heart attack because I have s\*x with him and she can't.
- 148 Howard: Bernie, wait!
- 149 Sheldon (to Raj): I'll give you 1,000ifyou'lldrivemehome.
- 150 Scene: The same, later.
- 151 Priya: Nice of yout ocome for Howard.

- 152 Penny: Well, he's my friend. It's what you do. (Laughs)
- 153 Priya: I'msorry, didImisssomething?
- 154-Penny: It's just so weird. Howard Wolowitz is my friend. Youknow, once het ried to stick historized own my street with the property of t
- 155 Priya: That's a little easier to be lieve than he's your friend.
- 156 Penny: Yeah, tell meaboutit.

## 4.24 Episode 24: The Roommate Transmogrification

- 1 Scene: The Cheesecake Factory
- 2 Penny: Hey, you guys ready to order?
- 3 Howard: Uh..
- 4 Leonard: Sure
- 5 Penny: Okay, Priya?
- 6 Priya: Uh, I'll have the Shepherd's Pie. You want to split that with me?
- 7 Leonard: Oh, no, no, no, he doesn't.
- 8 Priya: Why not?
- 9 Leonard: Well, you have milk in the taters, milk in the gravy, parmesan crust. Your lactose-intolerant boyfriend will turn into a gas-filled Macy's Day balloon.
- 10 Sheldon: Not quite accurate. The Macy's balloons are filled with helium, whereas Leonard produces copious amounts of methane.
- 11 Leonard: So, no, on the Shepherd's Pie. Can we move on?
- 12 Penny: Yeah, a little tip: he says he can eat frozen yoghurt. Do not believe it.
- 13 Leonard: Sea bass. I'll have the sea bass.
- 14 Howard: You gotta like this, the girlfriend and the ex-girlfriend bonding over your rooty-tooty stinky booty.
- 15 Leonard: Kill me.
- 16 Sheldon: It wouldn'help. The human body is capable of being flatulent for hours after death.
- 17 Bernadette: Guys, sorry I'm late. I have amazing news.
- 18 Sheldon: Bernadette, before you change the subject, does anyone have any final comments on Leonard's faulty digestive system?
- 19 Leonard: So, what's your news, Bernadette?
- 20 Bernadette: The thesis committee accepted my doctoral dissertation. I'm getting my PhD.
- 21 Penny: Oh!
- 22 Sheldon: Oh, congratulations.
- 23 Penny: Wow, so that means you're a doctor, you're a doctor, you're a doctor, you're a doctor, and Howard, you know a lot of doctors.
- 24 Howard: Congratulations, honey.
- 25 Bernadette: Thank you.
- 26 Leonard: So, Howard, tell us, how's it feel knowing that when you two get married, you'll be referred to as Mr. and Dr. Wolowitz?
- 27 Sheldon: Unless he takes Bernadette's last name. And considering her advanced status, that could open some doors for him.

- 28 Howard: Please, this isn't about me. I'm proud of you.
- 29 Bernadette: Well, you'll be really be proud of this. I was headhunted by a big pharmaceutical company. They're gonna pay me a buttload of money!
- 30 Howard: What?
- 31 Leonard: Bernadette, that's great. Howard, do you make a buttload?
- 32 Howard: Better than what you've got a buttload of.
- 33 Leonard: Hey, if I roll down the windows in the car, everything's peachy. If you do it, you're still not a doctor.
- 34 Penny: Yeah, just a heads-up on the car window deal. It helps, but everything is not peachy.
- 35 Credits sequence.
- 36 Scene: Raj's apartment.
- 37 Raj (earphones in, singing): Oh, if there was a problem, you can't solve it, check out the hook while my DJ revolves it. Ice, Ice, baby. Ice, Ice, baby. (Removes headphones and goes to refrigerator).
- 38 Priya (off): Oh, God, I feel ridiculous in this dress.
- 39 Leonard (off): You look beautiful, Lieutenant Uhura. Now prepare for inspection.
- 40 Priya (off): Shh, my brother's going to hear you.
- 41 Leonard (off): Relax, he's got headphones on. And we're ten miles above Earth in a starship.
- 42 Raj: Really, ten miles? You're orbiting inside the atmosphere? Moron.
- 43 Priya (off): I can't believe I'm wearing my brother's Halloween costume.
- 44 Leonard (off): I can't believe you think he only wears it on Halloween. Open the landing bay doors, shuttle craft approaching.
- 45 Raj: Okay, gotta go.
- 46 Scene: Howard's house.
- 47 Howard: Hey, what's up?
- 48 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Is that my future daughter-in-law, the doctor?
- 49 Howard: No, Ma! It's Raj!
- 50 Mrs Wolowitz (off): He's a doctor too, right?
- 51 Howard: Yes!
- 52 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Like Leonard and the skinny weirdo!
- 53 Howard: Sheldon, yes! Everybody's a doctor but me!
- 54 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Well, whose fault is that?
- 55 Howard: What's up?
- 56 Raj: Leonard's putting disgusting memories in my memory foam mattress. Can I stay here tonight?
- 57 Howard: Sure, but I'm going out with Bernadette. It'll just be you and my mother.
- 58 Raj: I guess that's okay.
- 59 Howard: Ma, can Rajesh sleep over?!
- 60 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Of course, he and I can play doctor!
- 61 Raj: She's kidding, right?
- 62 Howard: I don't know, she's pretty feisty since they put her on hormone-replacement therapy.

- 63 Mrs Wolowitz (off): Paging Dr. Cutie Pie!
- 64 Scene: The apartment. Sheldon is talking to Amy on webcam.
- 65 Sheldon: I must say, Amy, I was very impressed to see that Bernadette got her PhD.
- 66 Amy: It's indeed admirable. Although, it is microbiology.
- 67 Sheldon: Your doctorate is in neurobiology. I fail to see the distinction.
- 68 Amy: I'll make it simple for you. I study the brain, the organ responsible for Poethoron's Fifth Symphony. Pornadette studies week the organism
- ble for Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Bernadette studies yeast, the organism responsible for Michelob Lite. Is there something wrong with your neck?
- 69 Sheldon: It's a little stiff. What a remarkably fragile structure to support such a valuable payload. Not unlike balancing a Faberge egg on a Pixie Stick.
- 70 Amy: Have you considered massage?
- 71 Sheldon: I'd like to respond to that sarcastically. Yes, I relish the thought of a stranger covering my body with oil and rubbing it.
- 72 Amy: I was proposing you massage your muscles with your own hands.
- 73 Sheldon: Still sounds like a lot of unnecessary touching.
- 74 Amy: Trust me. With your right hand, locate the spot where the scapula meets the acromion process.
- 75 Sheldon: All right.
- 76 Amy: Now push your third finger along the ridge of the shoulder blade, making a small rotation as you do so.
- 77 Sheldon: Rotating.
- 78 Amy: You should feel a small node-like object rolling back and forth along the bone.
- 79 Sheldon: You mean the myofascial point?
- 80 Amy: Obviously. Now bear down on it like the seventh grade noogies we all know too well.
- 81 Sheldon: Oh, dear Lord, yes, yes, oh, yes! Amy, I've never been touched like this before! Oh! Oh, my hands are magic!
- 82 Amy: Don't flatter yourself. Your hands are blunt tools guided by my knowledge of the nervous system. I could just as easily have paralyzed you.
- 83 Sheldon: There's someone at my door.
- 84 Amy: That doesn't interest me. Goodbye.
- 85 Raj (at door): Can I sleep here tonight?
- 86 Sheldon: Why?
- 87 Raj: Leonard's having astronomically inaccurate Star Trek s\*x with my sister
- 88 Sheldon: I can see how that would be upsetting. Come in. I'll get the sheets and blankets for the couch.
- 89 Raj: Oh, don't bother. I'll just sleep in Leonard's room.
- 90 Sheldon: No, I can't authorize that.
- 91 Raj: Well, he's in my bed. Why can't I be in his?
- 92 Sheldon: The Hammurabic Code is an eye for an eye, not a bed for a bed.
- 93 Raj: Come on, dude, I'm exhausted, and Tyra Banks says the most important item in your makeup bag is a good night's sleep.
- 94 Sheldon: All right. This is a form indemnifying me from your use of

Leonard's bedroom. Sign here, indicating that I tried to stop you and did so using a stern facial expression.

- 95 Raj: Good night, Sheldon.
- 96 Sheldon: Wait. Not yet. We still have to go over safety procedures. Now, the apartment has three emergency exits located here, here, and here. In the event of a power outage, luminous paint will guide you to the nearest exit.
- 97 Raj: You're kidding.
- 98 Sheldon: I never kid about safety.
- 99 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Leonard enters, and accidentally sits on Raj. Both exclaim.
- 100 Leonard: What are you doing here?
- 101 Raj: I was sleeping.
- 102 Leonard: In my bed?
- 103 Raj: Well, I would've slept in my own bed, but it was being used to bring shame to my family. And the memory of Gene Roddenberry.
- 104 Leonard: Oh, you heard?
- 105 Raj: Scotty, I need more power.
- 106 Leonard: Sorry. Does Sheldon know you're sleeping in here?
- 107 Raj: Are you kidding? He made me sign a waiver, participate in an emergency fire drill and take a refresher course in CPR. Thank God he had a dummy.
- 108 Leonard: Oh, yeah. Mouth-to-Mouth Mona. You know, she used to date Howard?
- 109 Raj: Oh, my God, she's that Mona? Why can't you and my sister spend your nights here?
- 110 Leonard: We tried. She doesn't get along with Sheldon.
- 111 Raj: Sheldon doesn't get along with Sheldon. It's still no reason for me to have to listen to you arm your photon torpedoes every night.
- 112 Leonard: Okay, well, how about this. Until Priya gets her own place, you stay here and I'll stay at your apartment.
- 113 Raj: Can I bring girls here?
- 114 Leonard: You? Sure. Bring as many as you want.
- 115 Raj: Okay, deal.
- 116 Leonard: Just not against their will.
- 117 Scene: The cafeteria.
- 118 Leonard: Do you really think you should be eating that cake?
- 119 Howard: Why?
- 120 Leonard: If you're gonna be a trophy husband for a rich wife, you might want to watch your waistline.
- 121 Raj: He's right. A minute on the lips, a lifetime on the hips.
- 122 Howard: Yeah, ha-ha. First of all, I'm not threatened by my fiancée's success. I'm proud of her. And secondly, I have my own career.
- 123 Leonard: Until you have kids.
- 124 Sheldon: Good news, Raj. I got the blood work back from the lab. You're okay to stay for a while.
- 125 Raj: When did you take my blood?

- 126 Sheldon: Not important. Your sugar was a little high. I'd follow up with your regular physician. In the meantime, I have some paperwork here for you to go over.
- 127 Raj: What the hell is this?
- 128 Sheldon: Boilerplate stuff. A modified roommate agreement for a temporary house guest. And a living will and durable power of attorney.
- 129 Raj: This says you can make end of life decisions for me.
- 130 Sheldon: As your friend, let's hope it doesn't come to that. Please sign.
- 131 Raj: Did you sign this?
- 132 Leonard: There's a reciprocity clause. You get to pull the plug on him, too.
- 133 Raj: Well, that seems fair.
- 134 Sheldon: Congratulations and welcome temporarily aboard. Here's your
- I.D. Card, your key and your lapel pin. Which Leonard was too cool to wear. FYI, part of your responsibilities as roommate pro tem will be to drive me to and from work, the comic book store, the barbershop and the park for one hour
- every other Sunday for fresh air.
- 135 Leonard: Bring a ball or a Frisbee, you know, something he can chase.
- 136 Sheldon: Also, you're tasked with bringing home all takeout dinners. Tonight is Thai food. You'll find the standard order in appendix B or downloadable from my FTP server. If you have any questions, here's the FAQ sheet, or if you prefer the human touch, I do a live web chat called Apartment Talk on Tuesday nights.
- 137 Leonard: No backsies.
- 138 Scene: The apartment.
- 139 Raj: Sheldon, dinner!
- 140 Sheldon: What is this?
- 141 Raj: This is the difference between eating and dining.
- 142 Sheldon: Remarkable. I'm just realizing how much Leonard's been skating by all these years.
- 143 Raj: It's not a big thing. Just think of me as a brown Martha Stewart.
- 144 Penny (at door): Hey, Sheldon, did you change your Wi-Fi password again?
- 145 Sheldon: Yes, it's "Penny, get your own Wi-Fi." No spaces.
- 146 Penny: Thanks. Wow! What's with the fancy spread?
- 147 Sheldon: My new roommate is bending over backwards to ingratiate himself to me. (Pointing to lapel badge) Uh, nice touch, by the way.
- 148 Penny: What do you mean, new roommate? What happened to Leonard?
- 149 Sheldon: The same thing that happened to Homo Erectus. He was replaced by a superior species.
- 150 Raj: I'm the new Homo in town. That came out wrong.
- 151 Penny: All right, let me try this again. Where's Leonard?
- 152 Raj: He's living at my place, so I'm living here.
- 153 Sheldon: You're living here provisionally. But I must say it's looking good.
- 154 Penny: Woah, Leonard and Priya are living together? That's big.
- 155 Sheldon: No. Origami napkin swans, that's the headline.

- 156 Raj: It's a good thing.
- 157 Scene: Bernadette's bedroom.
- 158 Howard: So do you know what kind of research you'll be doing at this pharmaceutical company?
- 159 Bernadette: Well, there are a couple of opportunities available, but I volunteered for the premature ejaculation project. I mean, it's not like either one of us has heart disease. Oh, I almost forgot. I got you a little present.
- 160 Howard: Oh, Bernie, no. You didn't have to.
- 161 Bernadette: I wanted to. Come on, open it.
- 162 Howard: You bought me a Rolex? How much did this cost?
- 163 Bernadette: Oh, you let me worry about the money. I just want my baby to have pretty things.
- 164 Scene: The apartment.
- 165 Raj: More wine?
- 166 Penny: Oh, no, no, no. I've had way too much already.
- 167 Sheldon: Here's an interesting fact about alcohol.
- 168 Penny: Hit me.
- 169 Sheldon: Man is not the only species that ferments fruit in order to become intoxicated. Can you guess what the other is? Hint, sometimes they pack the alcohol in their trunks.
- 170 Penny: Monkeys.
- 171 Sheldon: When does a monkey have a trunk?
- 172 Penny: When a suitcase just won't do.
- 173 Sheldon: Mmm, all right. It would appear as if alcohol is playing keep-away with your intelligence. Good night. Please note, it is now past ten p.m. Per our roommate agreement, kindly refrain from raucous laughter, clinking of glasses, and celebratory gunfire.
- 174 Penny: Okay, explain something to me. You watch Leonard put up with that guy for years and years. What has to break inside your brain for you to think, Oh, Krishna, I've got to get me some of that?
- 175 Raj: Well, it's a lot better than having to wear noise-cancelling headphones in my own apartment.
- 176 Penny: What? Oh, God, yeah. Yeah. Leonard's a noisy little dude in the sack.
- 177 Raj: Every night.
- 178 Penny: Really? Even during allergy season, when he has to alternate between kissing and breathing?
- 179 Raj: It's my sister. Can we not talk about this any more?
- 180 Penny: Yeah. Sorry, sorry. Can I tell you a secret?
- 181 Raj: Yeah.
- 182 Penny: I screwed up. Leonard's a great guy. Never should have broken up with him.
- 183 Raj: Well, uh, to paraphrase Shakespeare, It's better to have loved and lost than to stay home every night and download increasingly shameful pornography.
- 184 Penny: Oh, you poor baby.

- 185 Raj: What's wrong with me, Penny?
- 186 Penny: Nothing, nothing. You know, if we weren't friends, and you hadn't brought up that creepy pornography story, I'd be on you like the speed of light squared on matter to make energy.
- 187 Raj: Hey, you totally got that right! E equals M C squared.
- 188 Penny: I listen. I have no idea what it means, but I listen. To friendship.
- 189 Raj: To friendship.
- 190 Sheldon (off): Would you booze hounds please stop that infernal clinking? And the answer was elephant!
- 191 Scene: Raj's apartment. Leonard and Priya are kissing.
- 192 Leonard: Mmm. Mmm.
- 193 Priya: Leonard, sweetheart, we're kissing, not eating hot soup.
- 194 Leonard: Sorry.
- 195 Priya (computer tone): That's my parents on video chat. Go hide in the bedroom.
- 196 Leonard: Oh, come on! Why don't we just tell them that we're dating?
- 197 Priya: Oh, we've been through this. It's not the time.
- 198 Leonard: When is the time?
- 199 Priya: I've got five brothers and sisters. One of them is bound to screw up real big, and then I'll tell my parents about you. Now, shoo.
- 200 Leonard: Fine.
- 201 Priya: Hello, Mummy. Hello, Daddy.
- 202 Dr Koothrappali: We heard there was a tornado in Kansas City. Is that close to you?
- 203 Priya: No.
- 204 Mrs Koothrappali: Where is your brother?
- 205 Priya: Out with friends.
- 206 Dr Koothrappali: I don't like it, a young girl alone in an apartment.
- 207 Mrs Koothrappali: I'll sleep so much better when you move back here next month.
- 208 Leonard: You're moving back to India?
- 209 Dr Koothrappali: Who's that?
- 210 Mrs Koothrappali: Oh, my God! There's someone in your apartment. Call the police in America!
- 211 Leonard: When were you going to tell me about this?
- 212 Priya: Oh, hello, Leonard. What a pleasant surprise! Mummy, Daddy, you remember Rajesh's friend Leonard.
- 213 Dr Koothrappali: I thought you said Rajesh was out with his friends.
- 214 Priva: He has many friends.
- 215 Dr Koothrappali: Rajesh has many friends?
- 216 Mrs Koothrappali: Why are you lying to us?
- 217 Leonard: She's lying because she doesn't want you to know we're dating.
- 218 Priya: Leonard!
- 219 Leonard: Well, what difference does it make? If you're moving back to India, we're obviously breaking up.
- 220 Priya: You know what? I don't want to deal with this right now.

- 221 Leonard: So. Hot in India?
- 222 Dr Koothrappali: Of course it is. It always is. It's India. Now, what do you have to say for yourself?
- 223 Leonard: Uh. That is a beautiful tapestry.
- 224 Scene: Leonard's bedroom. Raj and Penny are in bed.
- 225 Penny (waking up): Oh, God. Oh, God! Oh. Okay, look. This never happened. Do you understand me? (Raj nods) Really? Still can't talk to me?
- 226 Scene: The living room. Leonard is asleep on the couch.
- 227 Sheldon: What are you doing here?
- 228 Leonard: What?
- 229 Sheldon: I said, what are you doing here?
- 230 Leonard: I live here.
- 231 Sheldon: I have paperwork that says differently.
- 232 Leonard: Priya's going back to India.
- 233 Sheldon: Irrelevant. Rajesh and I have a good thing going and you're not going to ruin it. (Knock on door) What are you doing here?
- 234 Howard: I've been up all night. I had a fight with Bernadette.
- 235 Sheldon: Why?
- 236 Howard: She gave me a beautiful watch.
- 237 Sheldon: Leonard, do you understand this?
- 238 Leonard: Yes.
- 239 Sheldon: Talk to him.
- 240 Penny (entering room dishevelled, with a half naked Raj behind): Damn.
- 241 Leonard: What's going on?
- 242 Penny: Oh. It's, it's not what it looks like.
- 243 Sheldon: What does it look like?