

**Series 21 Episode 1 - The Dyson Reaction**

SCENE: THE CAFETERIA.

RAJ

Hey.

LEONARD

Hey.

SHELDON

Morning.

LEONARD

What did you do today?

SHELDON

I spent the afternoon building a model of the ISS combustion chamber.

LEONARD

That's cool. I can see why someone would build it.

SHELDON

No, it's not.

LEONARD

I don't know. Why are you building it?

SHELDON

I'm planning to insert a tamper-evident hologram navigation system into the upper left-hand corner.

LEONARD

Okay, that's neat, but we've known each other for a while, right?

SHELDON

Yes.

LEONARD

So what do you need it for?

SHELDON

I'm planning on permanently affixing it to the bridge of my nose.

LEONARD

Ooh, what a neat, inconspicuous use for money. Can't you find a cheaper and more practical way of rehabilitating it?

SHELDON

How much for a portable navigation system?

LEONARD

Not that I can see.

SHELDON

It's a well-known fact that the lower left-hand corner is reserved for games and embarrassing personal anecdotes.

LEONARD

I don't know what to tell you. It's a good idea.

SHELDON

It actually does help to think more rationally.

LEONARD

Okay. Good luck, Harness.

SHELDON

Stay out of it, Harness. It's a well-known fact that the lower left-hand corner is reserved for...

LEONARD

Shut up.  
(Credits sequence.)

SCENE: THE APARTMENT.

SHELDON

Hello.

LEONARD

Hey.

SHELDON

What are you doing here?

LEONARD

I know you are, but what are you doing here?

SHELDON

I'd like to discuss how the Dyson sphere might be utilized to potentially save Earth from a cataclysmic future.

HOWARD

How can you be sure it will be helpful? You haven't even tried it.

SHELDON

Its existence is unlikely, as you are an ordinary mathematician.

HOWARD

Oh, I'm ahem... what is that?

SHELDON

A hypothetical future that doesn't exist, and who has the courage to face the unknown?

HOWARD

What do you think the future holds?

SHELDON

I leave the decisions entirely up to you, dear.

HOWARD

Will you be the hero and save the day, Sheldon?

LEONARD

I'd take that job more seriously.

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PENNY

Sheldon, what are you doing here?

SHELDON

I'm doing observational physics.

PENNY

Really, what is it you do?

SHELDON

It's difficult to explain, but it consists of me observing, and then performing some experiments, usually while awake, in an attempt to identify the quantum effects that might exist at the macroscopic level. And to be clear, I'm not trying to save the day, I'm just doing my job.

PENNY

Why are you doing your job? You're a brilliant scientist, you deserve a Nobel Prize.

SHELDON

But I don't.

PENNY

Now, don't tell me you're turning your back on the day-to-day challenges of being a brilliant scientist.

SHELDON

Attempts to do so, but can't.

PENNY

You know what? Someone teach him.

SCENE: A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

HOWARD

It's beautiful. Here's one out, honey. Out.

(Sheldon enters carrying out a gruesome dinner)

SHELDON  
Perfume, perfume and all. A long trip  
for nothing.

LEONARD  
Sheldon, are you okay?

SHELDON  
I'm fine.

LEONARD  
Were you sick?

SHELDON  
No. My mother brought me spinach and  
broccoli with nothing in it.

LEONARD  
Your mother is turning you over to the  
foster care system?

SHELDON  
Well, Memphis has a much better foster  
care system.

LEONARD  
Thank you.

SHELDON

I'm not allowed to foster care a child, but I can supervise them in a non-parental capacity. You can do that, I'm just not allowed to give them abortifacients.

LEONARD

What? I don't think that's an emergency.

SHELDON

I was under the impression that you were supervising them.

LEONARD

I wasn't.

HOWARD

Boy, if someone gave the Green Lantern ring to that guy, wouldn't that solve everything?

SHELDON

It's a minor miracle, but bear with me because this is not the way I planned to spend my life.

LEONARD

Hey, look, it's a replica of a time machine I got you when you were 11.

SHELDON

Replica? I do not own a time machine.

LEONARD

You can have one, I want you to have one.

SHELDON

Why do you have a time machine?

LEONARD

I don't need any more help.

HOWARD

You can have one, too. Own your own time machine, take one for the team.

SHELDON

I am not in a time machine.

HOWARD

Get him out of there.

LEONARD

Get him out of there.

HOWARD

It's a minor miracle, but bear with me because this is not the way I planned to spend my life.

SHELDON

I don't need any more help.

HOWARD

I don't need any more help. Own your



own time machine, take one for the team.

LEONARD

I had no choice. Time was failing to move, faster than it could be.

SHELDON

Interesting. Perhaps I don't understand something you're saying.

HOWARD

I'm saying that we're going to spend the rest of our lives in a pile of scientific papers trying to figure out exactly what's going on in that brain.

LEONARD

Yeah, maybe. But if I could see inside that skull, I would rip out that frontal.