

**17's Company: Still 17**  
**Episode Two: Space Invaders**  
**Digitally Remastered**



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Inside Bar. Moves to table.

Worm Mad: I'm bored.

Dart: Ditto.

Worm Mad: I'm as bored as a plank of wood that's just been labelled 'Prime Minister of Dullsville'

Dart: Well, meh, I can't compete with that.

wormsfreak walks up and sits opposite them.

wormsfreak: I hear SargeMcCluck's car is full of petrol again.

Worm Mad: (sceptical) You hear a lot of things.

wormsfreak: (nodding) Yeah, but this wasn't the voices in my head, this was the Sarge man himself.

Dart: Well, that sounds legitimate, I guess. (Pause, looking at Mad) Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

Worm Mad: (grinning) I think so Dart, but where are we going to get a rabbit proof fence and two hundred tacos at this time of night?

Canned Laughter.

Dart: That's not what I was thinking, I was thinking...

Blinx: (running in) RODE TRIP!!! BOOOO-YAAAAH! (they look at him, long pause) I'll go.

Dart: You do that. (Blinx leaves)

Canned Laughter. They sit there doing nothing.

wormsfreak: So what were you thinking?

Dart: That maybe we should ask mocoworm if he minds giving us a ride in his spaceship.

wormsfreak: What does that have to do with Sarge's car?

Dart: Well, for a start – a spaceship is much faster than a car.

Worm Mad: (in disbelief) mocoworm has a spaceship?

Dart: He told us last night. (Mad and freak look confused) After he'd told us he was an alien.

wormsfreak: (in disbelief) mocoworm is an alien?

Dart: Forget it. (she walks off)

Worm Mad: (to wormsfreak) Forget what?

Wormsfreak: (shrugging) I dunno. I'd forget my own name if I didn't have this handy name badge. (he points to a blurred name-badge which once said 'My name is wormsfreak'. Trying to make it out.) My name is... warbeak? My name is workfreak?

Worm Mad: I think your name's Worm Mad.

wormsfreak: (annoyed) That's your name!

Worm Mad: (remembering) Oh yeah....

Canned Laughter. Cuts to table where mocoworm is sitting.

Star Worms: So what's it like being an alien?

mocoworm: I dunno (shrugs) What's it like being a human?

Star Worms: Dunno (shrugs) So what's it like owning a U.F.O?

mocoworm: I dunno (shrugs) What's it like having a lightsaber?

Star Worms: I dunno (shrugs, thinks) Any chance of a ride in that U.F.O?

mocoworm: I dunno (shrugs then snaps out of it) Sorry, I mean yes.

Canned Laughter.

mocoworm: Me, S-2k and thomasp are going up in it later. I need to check out my species' space-station. It was monitoring the planet but just recently, it's stopped sending out signals. (Pause) Anyway, the guys wanted to come so I said yes. (Pause) You can come too if you're not too scared.

Star Worms: I'm not afraid.

mocoworm: You will be. (Pause, dramatic) YOU WILL BE!

Canned Laughter.

Dart: (walking up) Danger, eh? Sign me up!

mocoworm: Uh, sorry Dart but Star Worms just took the last seat.

Dart: (shrugs) Fine, whatever. (she leaves sadly)

Audience go 'Awww'.

Dart: (turning to camera) QUIET, YOU!

Canned Laughter

Dart: I MEAN IT, GLOD DAMN IT!

Silence. Cuts to titles.

Title Music Lyrics

*I'm going to fly away,  
I'm going to fly away,  
I'm going to fly away,  
I'm going to fly.*

*I don't want any more random posts,  
I don't want any more threads,  
I don't want any more silent ghosts,  
Or a bullet in my bed.*

*Let my fly away,  
Let me go today,  
Let me fly away,  
Set my spirit free.*

*I don't want any more expectations,  
I've had enough of delays,  
I don't want any more animations,  
There's nothing left to say.*

*Let my fly away,  
Let me go today,  
Let me fly away,  
Set my spirit free.*

*I don't want any more 'wacky adventures',  
I know where they will lead,  
I don't want any more swear-word censors,  
I've lost my sense of speed.*

*Let my fly away,  
Let me go today,  
Let me fly away,  
Set my spirit free.*

*I look for the door - turn the key,  
The door isn't locked - but it is to me,  
You try to go - but you know you won't,*

*It pulls you in – you've paid the fee.*

*Can't fly away,  
I'll have to stay,  
Can't fly away,  
I'll leave tomorrow - Maybe.*

Cast: Worm Mad is the Creator (shot of Mad with puppets with strings)  
Paul.Power is the Scientist (shot of Power concocting chemicals)  
Test Zero is the Chosen One (shot of Test Zero leading donkey down street)  
Vader is the Lunatic (shot of Vader in asylum in a straight jacket)  
SargeMcCluck is the Designated Driver (shot of McCluck chin-driving)  
FatWhitey is the Fat Guy (Shot of FatWhitey eating a cake)  
Star Worms is the Jedi (shot of Star Worms holding a lightsaber)  
Blinx is the Spellar (shot of Blinx looking at a whiteboard with 'Blinks' on it.)  
MtlAngelus is the Vampire (shot of Angelus on top of building with cape flowing.)  
Zero72 is the Artist (shot of Zero72 drawing)  
wormsfreak is the Worms Freak (shot of wormsfreak playing Worms)  
thomasp is the Mac Fan (shot of thomasp attacking Bill Gates)  
UnKnownX is the Creepy Dude (shot of UnKnownX inside his mansion)  
BetongÅsna is the Slayer (shot of Betong staking a vampire)  
KamikazeBananze is the Police Chief (shot of Kamikaze wearing police uniform)  
Squirminator2k is the Robot (shot of S-2k with wires protruding)  
mocoworm is the Extra-Terrestrial (shot of mocoworm as an alien)

*Also Starring...*

Spadge (shot of Spadge serving beer)  
APJ (shot of APJ standing in bar corner in shadows)

*And Introducing...*

Dart (shot of Dart kicking someone in the stomach)  
Miguel (shot of Miguel wearing hat)

Cut to Bar – table.

Test Zero: What do you want to do today, Miguel?

Miguel: Rob a bank.

Test Zero: (critical) Stop joking around! (he walks to the bar collect a drink)

Miguel: (to camera) But I wasn't joking.

Canned Laughter. Moves to bar.

Worm Mad: So Betong's left town to stalk MtlAngelus. He's convinced that he was turned into a vampire and has fled town. Speaking of Angelus, it's true he hasn't been around. APJ's gone missing, presumed dead. Vader hasn't been in today. mocoworm,

S-2k, thomasp and Star Worms have gone into space and UnKnownX left to go back to his mansion. FatWhitey's getting married to that blow-up doll of his today as well. So, yeah, it's looking pretty bleak.

Spadge: Hey! (points to sign)

Sign: No recapping under penalty of death

Worm Mad: Oh, well, uh...

Spadge: Now, are you going to buy a drink or just comment on my lack of custom?

Worm Mad: (considering) Both I think.

Canned Laughter.

Paul.Power: (sitting down) Evening All!

Worm Mad: Hi, Paul. Made any chemicals? I'm bored.

Paul.Power: Just one. (He takes a smoking vial out of his pocket and puts it on the table) I call it the Love Drug! Like Cupid's arrows, it makes the victim fall in love with the next person they see. (dramatic pause) WITH SEXY RESULTS!

Worm Mad: (depressed) Hmmph, well how's that going to cheer me u.. (Pause, grins) Unless...

Worm Mad deliberately knocks into Test Zero and spills the drinks he is carrying.

Test Zero: (angry) Watch where you're going!

Worm Mad: (lame-acting) Oh! Sorry! How clumsy of me, I didn't see you there!

Test Zero: (annoyed) You barged straight into me! It's almost as if you wanted me to spill my drinks!

Worm Mad: (nodding) Almost, is right – Test Zero. Almost is right. (TZ looks confused) A-ha, anyway, I'll just get you and your donkey another couple of drinks. No harm done (under his breath) Except for to you! Ha ha ha.

Test Zero: What? What did you say?

Worm Mad: Er, I said 'Then off to the zoo!'. I'm um...going to the zoo, later.

Test Zero: (grinning) Oh, cool, can I come?

Worm Mad: (stands motionless for a couple of minutes) No.

Cuts to inside Spaceship.

mocoworm: Golden Donkey, this is Red Cow. We are approaching Space Station-17. I repeat, we are approaching Station-17.

S-2k: (angrily) Can you stop calling me Red Cow and repeating your sentences! I'm right next to you!

mocoworm: (sadly) Sorry.

Canned laughter.

thomasp: Are you okay, Star Worms? You look like you're in pain.

Star Worms: (in distress) I thought I heard a thousand voices singing 'Uptown Girl' and then suddenly...silenced.

thomasp: (picking up headphones) Your headphones fell off.

Star Worms: I see... (he puts his headphones back onto his head. He has been listening to a walkman)

Canned Laughter.

mocoworm: Coming into land, now. Get ready to unbuckle your seat-belts, gentleman, 'cause we're going in. (the spaceship comes into land in the space-station dock)

Cuts to bar - table.

Worm Mad: (to Test Zero and Miguel) Here you go. One Beer and One Lemonade (he puts the beer in front of Miguel and the Lemonade in front of Test Zero) Now could you two just keep an eye on Dart. I'm going to get a newspaper and I can't trust her enough to know that she won't steal that drink I left next to her.

Test Zero: I thought you were going to the zoo.

Worm Mad: (shifty eyes) Er, yes... the newspaper...is at...the zoo.

Test Zero: That's pretty odd.

Worm Mad: (nodding) I agree completely. Anyway, watch Dart for me. (Pause) Thanks, bye. (he leaves and walks to the outside window where he joins Power who is waiting there. They proceed to watch TZ and Miguel with growing amusement.)

Test Zero: I don't see why Mad doesn't trust Dart, I thought they got along. (he knocks back his drink.) And...she's so (he shakes his head erratically) amazing.

Miguel: (who has already knocked back his beer, angrily) Back off TZ, I saw her first!

Test Zero: (laughing) Like she's going to date you! Ha ha ha! You're a donkey!

Miguel: (shouting) Do you want to make something of it?

Canned Laughter. Power and Mad watch the fight between TZ and Miguel, laughing all the time.

Test Zero: (beaten up badly) Okay. Why don't we both try to seduce her and see who she likes the most?

Miguel: (virtually unscathed) That sounds good. But I'd better go first.

Test Zero: (reluctantly) Okay. But only because I need medical attention.

Canned Laughter. Cuts to inside space station.

mocoworm: (holding scanner) I can't detect anything. How about you, Red Cow?

S-2k: (looking around) Nothing. But then none of my sensors actually work.

mocoworm: Huh?

S-2k: It's a cunning marketing gimmick. My creators promised "10+ sensors for all kinds of detecting purposes" but they didn't promise that any of those sensors would work.

mocoworm: Well it was a fat lot of good bringing you on this mission then! I only brought you in order to detect where the baddies were.

Canned Laughter.

S-2k: What did you bring them for then? (indicating thomasp and Star Worms)

mocoworm: Expendable character that the bad guy could pick off and comic relief. (Pause) I haven't decided which one's which yet.

Canned Laughter. A door suddenly slams between S-2k, mocoworm and thomasp, Star Worms.

Star Worms: Uh-Oh.

mocoworm: (on other side of door) Hmm, we'll have to wait until this door opens.

Star Worms: (seeing a new open door with a sign saying 'GIFT SHOP') Wait a minute, I just want to visit this gift shop. (he runs in, the door slams)

mocoworm: (on other side of door) Okay but don't be long. (Pause) Wait a minute, this Space-Station doesn't have a gift shop! Stop him, thomasp!

thomasp: Too late, he's already gone. (door between tp and mw,s-2k opens)

mocoworm: (angrily) Why didn't you stop him? Couldn't you see that it was a trap?

thomasp: It wasn't so much a case of "Couldn't see" as "Didn't care"

Canned Laughter. Cuts to bar. Miguel has a bouquet of flowers in his mouth and is attempting to give them to Dart.

Dart: (taking the flowers, grinning) Oh, Thanks! (she pats Miguel on the head) You're such a sweet donkey.

Test Zero taps Dart on the shoulder. She turns around. He has a bouquet of flowers in his hand which he tries to hands to her.

Test Zero: (smiling) For you, my love!

Dart: (kicking him in the stomach) Jackass!

Test Zero flies into the corner in pain.

Miguel: (walking over to Test Zero, grinning) I got a pat on the head and a peck on the cheek. What did you get?

Test Zero: I got my new ribs broken.

Canned Laughter.

Miguel: Do you need a doctor?

Test Zero: No, I'll just walk it off. If I show her that I'm strong then.. I can't go wrong. (he gets up, starts to walk and trips over his bouquet of flowers which is on the floor, crashing to the ground. Groaning.) Now I need a doctor.

Canned Laughter. Cuts to dark room. Star Worms is looking around.

Vader: (stepping out of the shadows) The force is strong with you, Star Worms. (he turns on a lightsaber) But you are not a Jedi yet.

Star Worms: Ahhhhhh! It's true! My Sith-speculation was all true! (he draws his lightsaber) Uh...bring...it on?

They clash lightsabers. Fight for a while.

Vader: Obi-Run never told you about your father!

Star Worms: Run never told me anything!

Vader: No...(Pause) I am him!

Star Worms: You're Run?

Vader: No, no... I am your father!

Star Worms: Run's your father?

Vader: No, I'm your father!

Canned Laughter.

Star Worms: (sobbing) No, that's not true! That's impossible!

Vader: Search your feelings! You know it to be true!

Star Worms: (calmly) No, really, it is impossible. You're only five years older than me.

Canned Laughter.

Vader: Um...well...uh... (he lets his guard down, while stammering)

Obi-Run: (the ghost of Run appears beside Star Worms) Use the force, Star.

Star Worms: Die you Kilrathi Scum! (he attacks and slays Vader who falls to the floor.)

Obi-Run: Kilrathi?

Star Worms: Weren't the Kilrathi in Star Wars?

Obi-Run: Wing Commander.

Star Worms: Right. Right, always get those two confused.

Obi-Run: They're completely different franchises.

Star Worms: They're both in space, aren't they?

Obi-Run: Well, yes...

Star Worms: (interrupting) I rest my case.

Canned Laughter.

Vader: (to Star Worms) Take off my mask, puke. I want to spit on you with my own mouth.

Star Worms: (reluctantly) Okay then. (he removes Vader's helmet, there is a bomb under it)

Vader: (On radio system) Surprise!

Star Worms: Oh cra...

The space station is seen blowing up. Cuts to bar – table.

SargeMcCluck: So you managed to escape, then?

Star Worms: Yes but you already know all about that.

Canned Laughter.

Star Worms: Anyway, Sarge, how did your day go?

SargeMcCluck: Well...Blinx stole my car.

mocoworm: Blinx stole your car?!?

Cuts to side of road. Blinx is standing by a wrecked car talking to KamikazeBananze.

KamikazeBananze: (writing on a pad) One count of chin-driving without a permit.

Blinx: Its SargeMcCluck's car. I jast stole it!

KamikazeBananze: One count of car theft.

Blinx: I may get awressted but that was one helluva Rode Trip!

KamikazeBananze: One count of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Blinx: You'd better put down 'under-age drinking' and 'under-age driving too'.

KamikazeBananze: I'm going to let you off with a warning this time but only because this is your first off...(he looks around to see Blinx driving off in his car) HEY!  
Blinx: (shouting out of window) RODE TRIP!!!!

Fades to black.

And that's a wrap!

Worm Mad: And that's a wrap, people!

Blinx: Um, Mad, a word.

Worm Mad: Yes?

Blinx: I don't understand my character's motivation. I mean why does he steal the car when he can't drive it?

Worm Mad: Why does a man climb Everest? Why does a woman jump from a plane with only a parachute?

Blinx: Er...why?

Worm Mad: For the giddy thrill of it. Your character's a thrill-seeker. He lives life on the edge and isn't afraid to bend the rules.

Blinx: I see... and the spelling mistakes?

Worm Mad: That's for comic-value.

Blinx: Okay. But next time I don't crash the car, right (laughs) eh? Right? (stops laughing) I'll go.

Worm Mad: You do that.

MtlAngelus: Where was my character, Mad?

Worm Mad: He wasn't in this episode. Which begs the question, what are you doing here on your day off?

MtlAngelus: (looks sad) I don't have anywhere else to go...

Worm Mad: You don't?

MtlAngelus: No, my wife left me.

Worm Mad: You're married?

MtlAngelus: (hesitant) Er... I'll rephrase that. The girl I was stalking put out a restraining order.

Worm Mad: That's tough.

MtlAngelus: Yeah.

Worm Mad: There's a box out the back if you want somewhere to sleep tonight.

MtlAngelus: Gee, thanks, Mad, you're a real pal. (he leaves)

Miguel: Kudos on the credit-adding, Worm Mad.

Worm Mad: Well I didn't really want you to break my arm...again.

Miguel: Oh, you know I was only joking around.

Worm Mad: Sure but my arm didn't. (Miguel leaves)

KamikazeBananze: Who wrote today's episode?

Worm Mad: Me.

KamikazeBananze: Can I write the next episode?

Worm Mad: No.

KamikazeBananze: When can I see the script for the next episode?

Worm Mad: Is your name Kjatte now or something?

KamikazeBananze: (laughing) Ah ha ha, Now who's asking the questions?

Worm Mad: You are.

KamikazeBananze: True (KB leaves)

FatWhitey: Where's my wedding scene? It was mentioned but we didn't see anything.

Worm Mad: You missed it. It went so fast that you didn't notice it.

FatWhitey: Really? Damn! Was really anxious and excited for that. (Pause) You're lying aren't you?

Worm Mad: I'll try and put it in a flashback scene next time.

FatWhitey: Thanks! (he leaves)

Canned Laughter Guy: Did I do good, Mad? Did I? Did I? – Did I? – Did I?

Worm Mad: Yes, Joe. You did good. (Pause) Which was why it was so hard to fire you.

Canned Laughter Guy: B..b..b..b.but who will do the c..c..anned laughter?

Worm Mad: You missed last week. We got a new canned laughter guy.

Canned Laughter Guy: Okay, I'll just take my box and go.

Worm Mad: It's Angelus' box now.

Canned Laughter Guy: But...but where will I live without my box?

Worm Mad: A house?

Canned Laughter Guy: (laughing) Are you nuts? Do you know how much those things are? Do you think I'm made of money? (he leaves)

Worm Mad: Hmmmm... I have a feeling somebody is watching me...

Fade to Black.