

ZOOOTOPIA X – EPISODE 78 to FUTURAMA (CSA S - Bender)

“Roll Call – Ethics”

Parody Scene / Script Adaptation

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INT. PRECINCT – ROLL CALL ROOM – AFTERNOON

TOUR COMMANDER (TR)

(cheerful)

Good afternoon, Officers. Today our Director and Chief of Staff are joining us for reasons that definitely won't emotionally scar anyone. Before we begin the shift brief, they'd like a short conversation with you all.

CHIEF OF STAFF (COS)

Good afternoon. Today we want to talk about last week's online Ethics Training. What stood out to you? Any ideas or takeaways?

OFFICER A

Ethics? Uh... basically, we shouldn't use agency equipment for personal stuff.

CSA S

Yes, and also, we shouldn't say negative things about supervisors or management — even if it's true?

Is it like a funeral thing where you only say something positive or say nothing at all?

DIRECTOR (DIR)

Hmm. Interesting interpretation of Ethics.

...And what exactly is it you *want* to say about your supervisors?

A long, heavy silence. No one moves.

COS

Come on, folks. We don't have time for dramatic silence. Anything?

OFFICER R

All is... *10-78*.

DIR

Ah! A code. Professional talk.

Is that a special assignment?

COS

Special assignment is *10-77*.

And *10-78* isn't even an official code we use.

DIR

Then what does it mean?

OFFICER R

It's, uh... *a local invention*. Made to discreetly describe what usually happens

around here. Inspired by Senior Officer OG — seventy-four years old, To professionally say what OG says unprofessionally every day.

DIR

Creative, huh?

Alright, what does this “10-78” actually stand for?

Most officers quietly try not to laugh.

CSA I

(sighs)

I will... attempt to explain politely. My culture, My three master’s degrees do not allow me to say it. My soul definitely does not allow me even to hear these words. But... everyone knows this slang term. It begins with the letter “F.” following by ...”M”... “C”...

Officers break into suppressed laughter.

CSA I

Yes, yes, everyone understands this code.

OFFICER T

According to OG, the “F” Train” is where he symbolically sends supervisors and managers... daily. First class ticket... one direction... Orange Line.

Laughter rises again.

OFFICER A

And he also... assembles an imaginary “pretty girl” from various features of management.

DIR

Well! Seems OG is able to find *some* beauty in the agency.

OFFICER T

Yes, Director... but before sending that imaginary “lovely” girl to his train, he, uh... “treats her” in a very *improper* manner. Every day. As if tomorrow may never come.

COS

Oh no, no, no—

Even if we are discussing “love,” let’s keep it appropriate, people.

DIRECTOR

Alright folks, let’s move this in a *positive* direction.
How would you describe leadership *in general*, without naming anyone?

OG, do you have anything you can say that *isn't* the word starting with "F"?
...And where is the Lieutenant, by the way?

OFFICER T

Honestly, Director — no. Nothing else to add.

CSA S

Actually, I do.

In a world of pretenders and confusion, there seem to be two types of leaders in modern ethics:

Clowns... or F.....

Dir – (interrupt) Oh no, OG please ...

CSA S (continued) F.... agots

And every Clown tries to move up that ladder.

COS

(laughing despite trying not to)

Well, that's... one way to put it.

DIR

And where did you learn this philosophy?

OFFICER R

Experience. His own, and around... else's.

We even call him "**the Faculty.**"

He could teach half the Lieutenants here.

DIR

Then why is he working in Safety and not the Educational Department?

OFFICER T

Because his "Faculty" degree composed by two words.

The last one is "Lt."

The first... world rhymes with "duck."

But isn't "duck. Is the same as OG's "F" "train"

DIR

Oh...tttt ..That's enough for today.

On this *not-so-positive* note, we're closing the Ethics discussion.

OG — when you're ready to retire, please let us know.

Tour Commander, give out the assignments.

Stay safe, officers.

OFFICERS

Thank you, Director. Have a safe day.

EXT. HALLWAY – AFTER ROLL CALL

CSA S

(to COS)

Why do regular people, once promoted, choose to be worse — or *super* worse?

Like picking between two cartoons: “crud” and “piece of crud.”

Why not choose ways to be better?

COS

I can’t control personalities. It depends on upbringing, age, culture, faith, experience...

How do you expect me to manage all that?

CSA S

Try evaluating them the way the Department of Education does:

From the *bottom up*. Like students rating teachers. Anonymous. Brutally honest

COS

Subordinates... evaluating supervisors?

CSA S

Yes.

It might help you understand what’s really happening — and fix some things.

COS

(smiles)

Interesting idea.

OG — are you “Faculty”... or “M.C.”?

CSA S

(laughs)

Let the Lieutenants and management decide it.
on their trip aboard the F-Train..

FADE OUT.