

LAND O MUSE

EPISODE 6: THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

A LIVING ROOM THAT LOOKS LIKE BUBU BEAR'S LIVING ROOM

BUBU BEAR enters through a generic-looking door, the Rosewood sculpture clutched tightly at his side. His anger turns to shock.

BUBU BEAR

How can this be? This is my house.
I'm home.

(jumping for joy)

Hooray! I'm home. Hooray! I'm
home.

Bubu Bear sits on his couch and yawns.

BUBU BEAR

Gee, I didn't realize how tired I
am.

Bubu Bear falls quickly asleep. A RAINSTORM starts. Bubu Bear is awakened by THUNDER.

BUBU BEAR

(looking at the window)

Wow, it is really raining out
there.

(beat)

I wonder if there is anything on
TV. Let's see it's 8:00 pm, so,
Timeline should be on. They're
probably worried about my
disappearance. I'll call them after
the show, tell them what happened.

Bubu Bear turns on the TV. The show is running backward.

BUBU BEAR

That's strange. Someone's going to
be in big trouble for playing the
show in reverse. I should call the
producer right now, let him know
this is going out on the air.

Bubu Bear reaches for the phone. The clock on the wall says 7:57. Bubu Bear watches with disbelief as the clock changes to 7:56. Bubu Bear blinks.

BUBU BEAR

(to the sculpture)

I don't think we're home at all.

Bubu Bear stands and crosses to the window. He looks out the window.

BUBU BEAR
 The rain. It isn't coming down.
 It's coming up from the ground.

Bubu Bear crosses toward a door in the back of the room. He opens the door and enters. We hear a toilet flush. Bubu Bear reenters the living room.

BUBU BEAR
 I knew it. I knew it! I'm not home.
 I'm still in Australia.

There is a knock at the door.

BUBU BEAR
 (entering the room again)
 Who's there?

DR SHEPHERD is at the door.

DR SHEPHERD
 Dr. Shepherd.

BUBU BEAR
 What do you want? Haven't you done
 enough to me already?

Bubu Bear protectively grabs the Rosewood sculpture.

DR SHEPHERD
 I need to consult with you. Please
 let me in. I won't take but a
 moment of your time.

BUBU BEAR
 Ok. Come in then.

Dr Shepherd walks in backwards.

BUBU BEAR
 (astonished)
 Does everything work backwards
 here?

DR SHEPHERD
 (turns around)
 Oh! No. Sorry. I was just making
 certain that no one was following
 me.

BUBU BEAR
 (thinking the doctor is a
 bit mad.)
 Ohhh.Kay.

DR SHEPHERD

I must ask you to forgive this intrusion but I have something rather important and embarrassing to tell you.

BUBU BEAR

After what you did to me I don't see any reason why YOU should be embarrassed. So, out with it then.

DR SHEPHERD

I counted, double counted, and triple counted, but the figures don't add up. Some are missing.

BUBU BEAR

What's missing? I suppose you want to accuse me of smuggling something else now. Is that it?

DR SHEPHERD

No, my sheep. Some of them are missing and the only person who was in contact with them was you.

BUBU BEAR

Oh, so now I am a sheep wrangler. I don't have any sheep. I never saw any of your sheep. If you want you can look around and see for yourself.

DR SHEPHERD

I'm afraid you don't understand. These sheep are special.

BUBU BEAR

(yelling)
I don't have any sheep!

DR SHEPHERD

I am having difficulty explaining this to you. Perhaps I should just show you.

Dr Shepherd removes his shirt. Bubu Bear recoils.

BUBU BEAR

What are you doing?

DR SHEPHERD

Look. Look closely.

Bubu Bear looks closely at Dr Shepherd's exposed torso. There are sheep crawling all over it, softly baaing, grazing on his body hair.

BUBU BEAR

How can that be? There's miniature sheep crawling all over you...and some are missing...and you think I have them!

Bubu Bear has a sudden horrific realisation.

BUBU BEAR

(frantic, brushing his fur)

Well, I don't want them. Get them off me. Get them off me!

DR SHEPHERD

I am afraid that isn't possible. I have tried everything and I am unable cure the condition.

BUBU BEAR

You mean I have to live with these sheep grazing my fur for the rest of my life.

DR SHEPHERD

I am afraid so. It isn't as bad as it seems. After a while they become your friends. They are very nice sheep.

(beat)

Well, I am quite happy that you have been so understanding about this situation. It was nice to chat with you. I must run now.

Dr Shepherd exits. Bubu flops onto couch in shock. A soft BAA coming from his body as he sits. Bubu Bear looks like he might cry.

BUBU BEAR

(to the sculpture)

What am I going to do now?

There is a knock on the door.

BUBU BEAR

Go away!

BULA is at the door.

BULA

BULA!

BUBU BEAR

(cheered)

Bula! Come in. I thought you were someone else.

Bula enters.

BULA

Mwb!

Super: Why would you say that? Who else might I be?

BUBU BEAR

The Doctor.

BULA

Mwb!

Super: Are you sick?

BUBU BEAR

Yes. Homesick.

BULA

Mwb!

Super: Come then. We must go immediately and directly.

BUBU BEAR

To where? Out of this country?
Home?

BULA

Mwb!

Super: No time to explain.

A soft BAA from Bubu Bear's fur.

BULA

Mwb!

Super: Bring the sheep. We can eat it on the way.

FADE OUT