

## Deep Sea Tours

### Pre Show

Guest enter room with large screen on one wall. Dave the janitor will be sweeping on the stage left hand side of the screen, but gently blocking part of it.

Captain appears on screen

CAPTAIN

Welcome aboard and thank you to all of you for joining us today for a preview into the future of underwater exploration and inner space tourism. I am your Captain Al Gee and you are on the RV RustBucket. Do not fear for this is the most advanced ship of its kind. RV stands for Research Vessel.

CAPTAIN CONT.

I apologize that I cannot be joining you for the tour. Unfortunately, I have very important business to take care of in preparation for the inaugural voyage of our Deep Sea Explorer.

CAPTAIN CONT.

This explorer which you are about. . .

(Video and sound start to cut out a little.)

CAPTAIN CONT.

It can travel to depths of. . .

(The guest will hear the Captain say things such as)

CAPTAIN CONT.

I think something is wrong. I can't see any guest at all. Can they hear me still? (MORE)

CAPTAIN CONT. (CONT'D)

How are we expected to put a submersible 1000s of feet deep and we cannot get a video feed a couple of decks down?

(Eventually the screen and sound cut off completely showing the Captains face freeze in an awkward way. )

DAVE HAS STOPPED  
HIS SWEEPING AND  
HAS BEEN WATCHING  
THE VIDEO FEED. HE  
LOOKS BACK  
TOWARD  
THE GUEST.

DAVE

He has a point. I would not trust my life to a company like that.

A VOICE FROM THE  
SIDE OF THE ROOM  
CHIMES IN. . .

HAL

Then it is good news that nobody has to trust their lives to a company like that.

DAVE LOOKS UP  
AND ADDRESSES THE  
LARGE  
RED DOT ON THE WALL  
TO THE RIGHT OF THE GUEST.

DAVE

Hey HAL, I am sorry. You are correct and I forgot all about you.

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HAL

It's okay Dave, I understand and thank you for your apology. Shouldn't you be apologizing to your guest?

DAVE

What. . . Oh guest right. . . I am so sorry folks. Please allow me to introduce myself; my name is Dave and I am known as a janitorial technician around the ship. You might laugh at the title, but it gets me an all access badge around the ship. I can go places that others don't even know exist, but if they did they would be jealous that they cannot go.

DAVE CONT.

I have been on this ship for a little over 6 years. The six years I was supposed to go to college if you ask my mother, but this job with this company has been so unbelievably rewarding. I cannot even begin to tell you about some of the amazing things I have seen aboard this ship during my time here.

DAVE CONT.

Actually let me begin with the discovery you are about to get a first glimpse of, however; I feel it is only right to introduce my good friend HAL. HAL stands for Human Automated Life-Support. I know that is really HALS but I don't name these things.

HAL

Hello everybody, it is a pleasure to see all of you.

DAVE

With HAL in charge of life support it allows the technicians and scientist to concentrate of more important things like new discoveries of technology and marine biology.

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DAVE (CONT'D)

Speaking of new discoveries did you all see the picture of the Dumbo octopus in the museum area? I like to think that I had a hand in the inspiration of naming the little creature. You see when the scientist discovered that she was trying

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to think of a really good name for it. I mentioned the fact that it looked like it was from a Disney cartoon. She took a look at me and clapped her hands saying voila. Before you know it the little guy was named Dumbo octopus.

HAL

I am sure she took a look at you and decided on the name Dumbo.

DAVE

Hey HAL don't be mean or I will pull the plug on you.

Now where was I.. Oh yeah the big discovery you guys are here to get a first glimpse of. . . The thing the old man was telling you about. . . The Mac Daddy of all sinking vessels. . .

HAL

Please get on with it Dave, I want to make sure there is enough air in this room for everybody and you seem to be quickly using it all up.

DAVE

Alright what the Captain was trying to say at the beginning was that the Deep Sea Explorer that you are about to view has a depth range of almost 36,000 feet. Ideally deep sea tourism will never really go that deep, but other scientist can use this also for research purposes. You can say this is the world's first ocean Uber.

HAL

Not funny Dave.

DAVE

What do you know about funny anyways? Just think of the possibility of discover with something like this. We could follow a blue whale down to where it feeds and really see something that nobody has ever seen before. Maybe we could stumble across the lost city of Atlantis, or a prehistoric animal that has been hiding from us for thousands of years.

HAL

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Now I really am going to check the oxygen levels in this room. It seems that you are not getting enough Dave.

DAVE

Besides the what if possibilities scientist could also explore the affects of climate change in all levels of the ocean.

DAVE CONT.

The truly best part of all of this is that this vessel allows people like you and myself, the non scientist, to explore this new and final frontier on our planet. Maybe even we will make a discovery of our own. I would definitely include the name Dave in whatever I find, not Dumbo.

HAL

Maybe you should mention some safety precautions Dave.

DAVE

Oh, yeah safety. The Captain would have said something like, due to the extreme sensitivity of the equipment; please do not sit on, lean on or touch any part of the submersible. Not even a little!

HAL

Very good Dave.

DAVE

Well I am not the Captain.

HAL

Thank the programmer for that.

DAVE

Hey, what I was going to say before I was so rudely interrupted is that I am not the Captain,  
(Dave quickly glances in the direction of HAL as if to make sure there is no other comments)

DAVE CONT.

So I really don't care what you do to the equipment. In fact I not only think that you should sit and or lean on it while you are taking

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selfies and posting them on social media, but you should be allowed to go inside of the vessel.

HAL

That is a very bad idea Dave.

DAVE

That's right HAL a bad idea and to make a bad idea worse I think as guest you should go inside and sit down making yourselves as comfortable as you would like. Mi vessel es tu vessel.

DAVE CONT.

My Spanish teacher would really be proud of how the four years of high school Spanish just payed off.

HAL

Don't do this Dave. I will have to report you.

DAVE

HAL is it true that you are in charge of all humans aboard this ship and their safety?

HAL

Yes Dave, I am.

DAVE

Then it is also true that if we were to take the guest out in the vessel for a minor exploration you would make sure that they remain safe and all of them come back alive?

HAL

Yes Dave, but I strongly encourage you not to do that.

DAVE

HAL, don't worry about it. It will just be a minor excursion and we will try to go no deeper than 50 feet. These people could snorkel that deep if they really wanted to.

HAL

I mean it, last warning. Don't do it Dave.

DAVE

HAL, I could turn you off; remember? I have the keys to that room also.

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DAVE CONT.

SO what do you say Hal are you going to keep everyone safe?

HAL

Yes Dave, you know I have to; I am programmed that way.

Dave looks out at the guest to address them

DAVE

So what do you say folks, how would you like to go for a quick excursion?

THERE IS A PAUSE AS  
IF DAVE IS REALLY  
WAITING FOR THE  
REPLY FROM THE  
GUEST

DAVE CONT.

Come on, you don't seem like you really want to go. Let's hear it!

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DAVE CONT. (CONT'D)

How about we all go on an adventure?

ANOTHER PAUSE BUT  
NOT AS LONG AS  
PREVIOUS

DAVE CONT.

Alright, that is more like it. I am excited that we are doing this. I feel that as guest it is only right that I go along with you to ensure that you safely return to this rust bucket, I mean RV RustBucket.

DAVE CONT.

I am going to go down the steps from the stage here and board the vessel ahead of you. While I am making sure no alarms, I mean make sure the ship is as they say shipshape; HAL will go over a few safety rules on how to board. I will see you on board.

Dave will go below the stage as the guest hear him going down steps and fumbling under the stage with sound going toward the right hand doors. Above the door on the screen the guest will see the light from a flashlight blink on and off. When it blinks on again it is directly shining into Dave's face and eyes causing him to make a blinding face and turn it off again. Then the guest see the light go on but this time

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facing in a forward direction. As it shines around the guest can see that it is a pitch black room but the light slowly goes across the side of the vessel revealing a first look to the guest. A door opens and Dave shines the light toward his face and gives the okay sign with his hand toward the cameras. The light seems to go into the vessel and disappears as the door shuts.

Hal's red dot appears on the screen.

HAL

Please be advised that this will be a short excursion, however you will be in the ocean; so anyone that suffers from motion sickness is recommended to not ride. Or rather please go ahead and Dave will have to clean up the mess for his brilliant idea.

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HAL CONT.

Also when you enter the vessel please continue all the way through the row allowing for the guest behind you to board. Place all loose items and in the storage area under your seat. These items include hats, sweatshirts, purses, backpacks etc. Proceed to buckle your seat belt. The seat belt will go from the left and latch on the right. You will hear a click as you insert the buckle. I will have a technician come by and check since Dave is nowhere to be found.

HAL CONT.

The doors in front of you will open toward you, so please make sure you are behind the yellow safety line. I would not want you to miss your excursion because of an avoidable accident.

HAL CONT.

I would tell you to have fun, but what you are doing is very dangerous and illegal. You will not get into trouble for this so I can tell you to have fun exploring.

The doors open and guest proceed to board the vessel. The room is still very dark but the lights are on in the vessel and some smaller lights on the side of the vessel will light the row that each guest is in crossing the bridge (that they do not know is a bridge) toward the vessel. The technician will stand toward the front of the vessel assisting any guest that need it.

An attraction host will then go by and ask each individual row to pull up on their safety tabs insuring that the seat belts are locked in. The same attraction host will check the panel and make sure there is a green light representing the guest location and that their seat belt is fastened.