

STARSHIP GOLDFISH

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Hey *space!*
We're gonna mess you up!



British Sci-Fi Animated Comedy
Teen+ Demographic
10 x 21 minutes

Starring:

Kevin R McNally

(Pirates of the Caribbean 1-5)

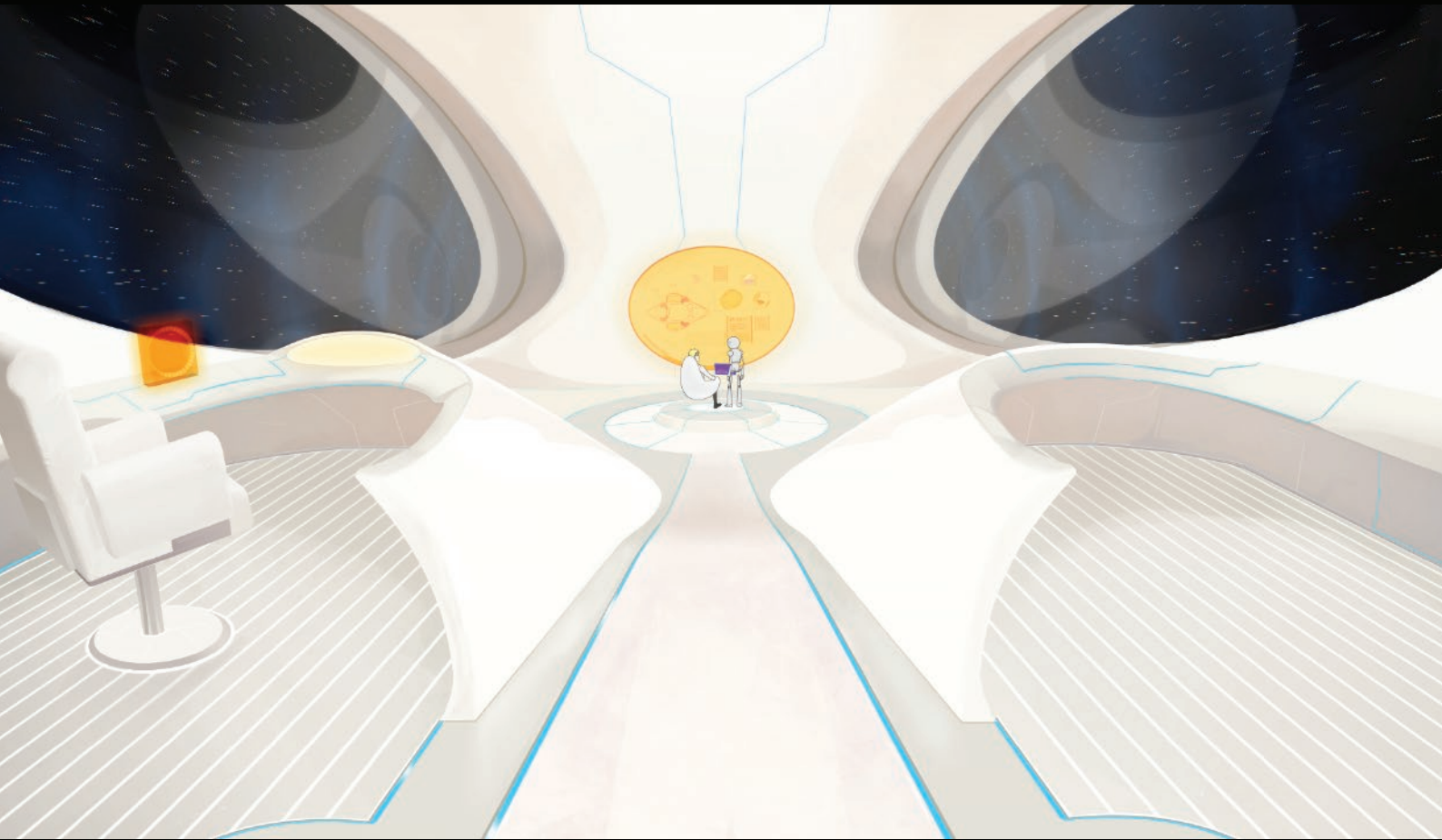
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Sam Sweetmilk wants to die in a blaze of laser-frazzled glory. That's all.

When a man finds he's deleted all his own memories, waking up on a ship in deep space with no idea how he got there, he has two options: embrace his strange new life, like an adult, or reject it entirely.

Naturally Sam chose the latter.



We join him one year later — having seized control of his ship, the *Goldfish*, and enlisted its maintenance robot *Ghostworth* (**Kevin R McNally**), Sam now self-destructively drops himself into all the cosmic hot water he can find. His idiot good luck earns him the respect of a galactic superpower, the bounty on a cosmic war criminal, a new crew member in an idealistic alien castaway and — when offered a way to find his lost memories — a guided voyage to meet the architect of the universe.

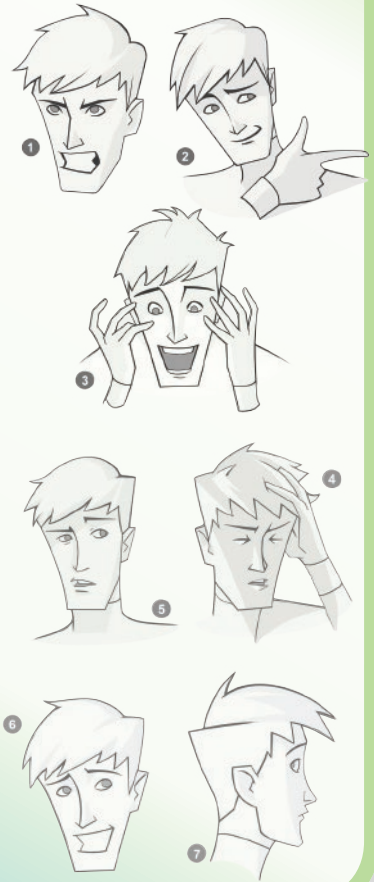
Plenty of chances at laser-frazzled glory there, as you can imagine.

Character Profile:

SAM SWEETMILK

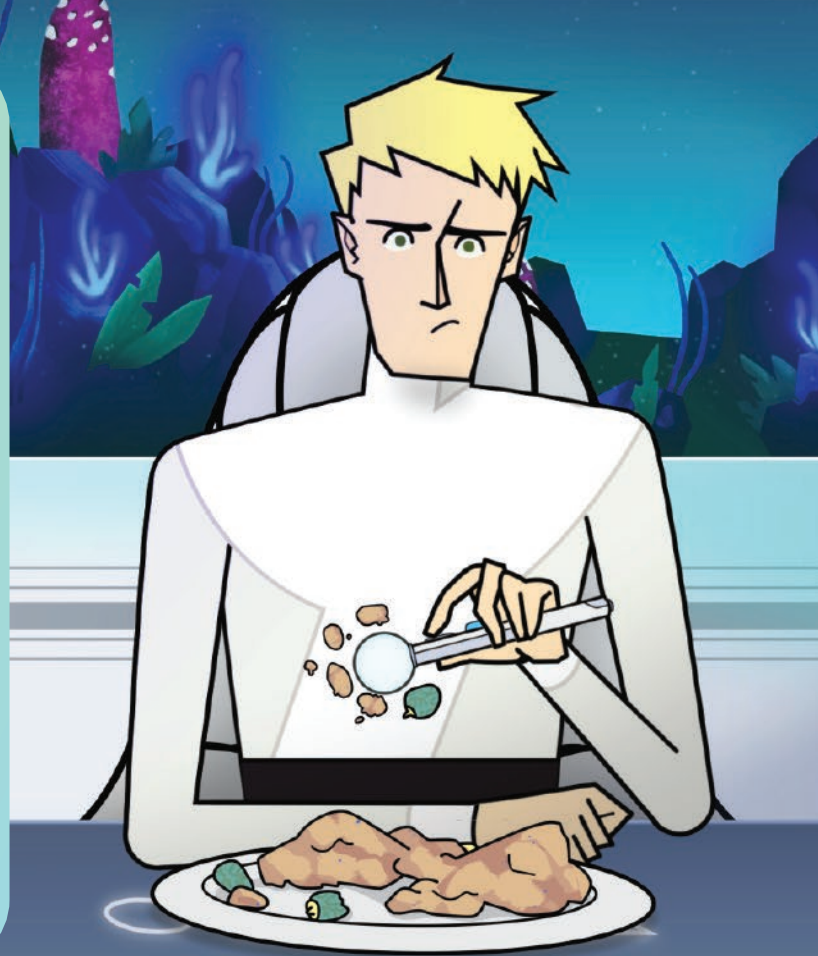
“ I need an ego this big.
To accommodate how
amazing I am.”

- 1 Vexed
- 2 Rakish
- 3 Pleased
- 4 What *kind* of reward?
- 5 Sober
- 6 Accused
- 7 Hm?



High-functioning sociopath Sam Sweetmilk (**Jason Weight**), captain of the starship *Goldfish*, is an amnesiac wildcard with a thirst for adventure he can neither explain nor satisfy.

Having failed to build a functioning adult personality, Sam has coped with his trauma through the medium of constant danger. But now, embroiled in a conflict far vaster than his tiny life, he's faced with a problem he can't sass his way out of.



Character Profile:

VELA CYTLAR

Alien castaway Vela Cytlar (*Tricia Pierce, Bleach*) has spent her life in the mind-numbing safety of an overprotective, artificially intelligent space station. But with the arrival of the *Goldfish*, she may yet live out her dream of being a reckless space adventurer.

Since she first repaired the *Goldfish* after its run-in with *the Avianaut*, Vela's made clumsy attempts at joining the ships' crew. In the end it takes the destruction of her home to have Sam and Ghostworth allow her aboard.



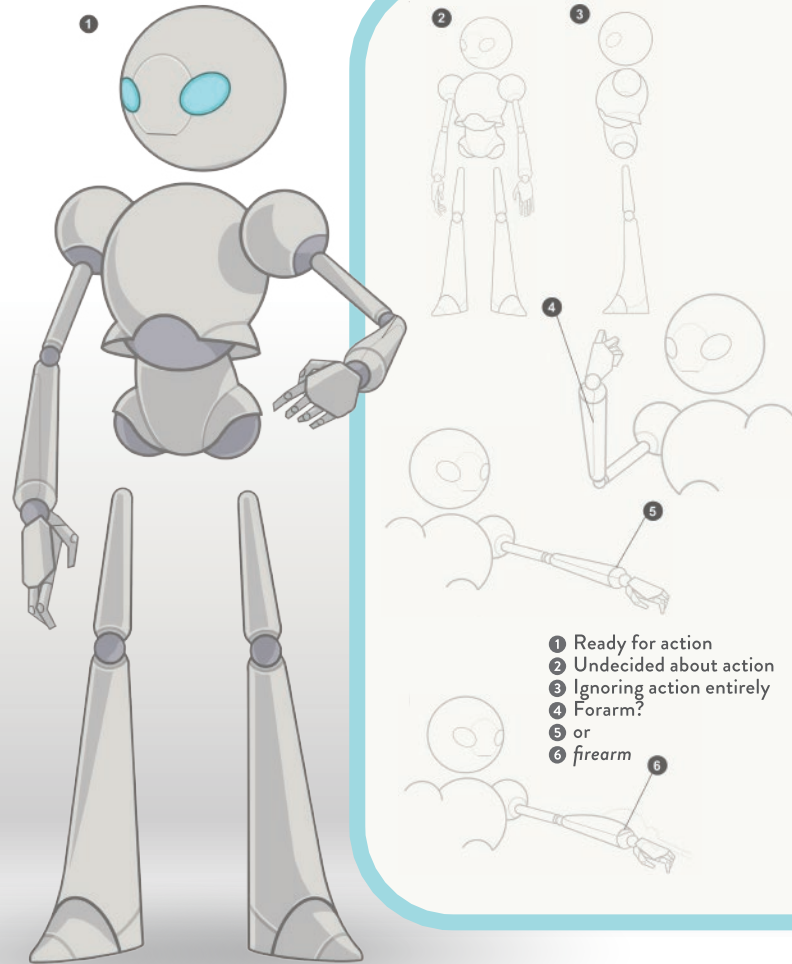
**“Back it up,
I do not need rescuing.
I mean, y’know.
Aside from by definition.”**

Character Profile:

GHOSTWORTH

A truly human mind reduced to a mere utility, Ghostworth (Kevin R McNally, *Pirates of the Caribbean 1-5, Supernatural*) – the robot first mate of the *Goldfish* – is in a sense the spacesuit protecting Sam from the galaxy’s icy touch. He’s also the counterbalance to his bombastic personality.

You can't tell me to finish up by night time. Space is night. It's always night.



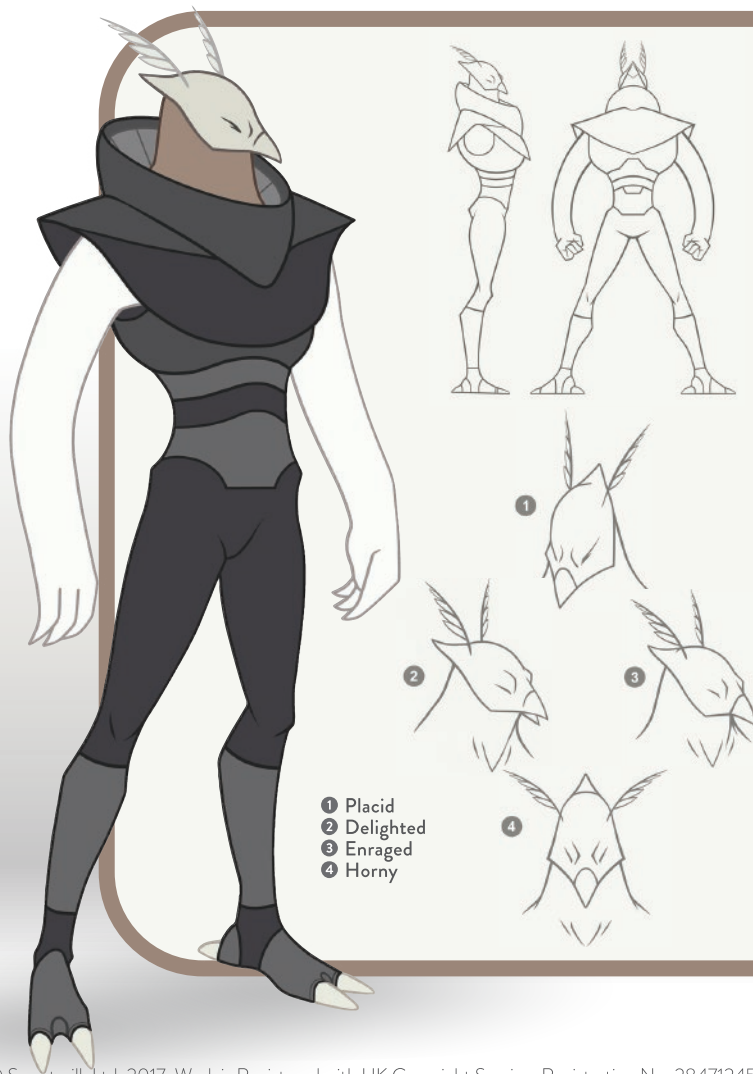
Character Profile:

THE AVIANAUT

A free radical in a settled universe, the Avianaut (**Colin McFarlane**, *Batman Begins/The Dark Knight*) is a 7ft tall extradimensional zealot on a holy war against technology — putting him at odds with nearly everyone, as you'd imagine.

When the Goldfish captures him, he offers the crew a deal — if they take him to see his living god, an architect of the universe, Sam might yet learn where he comes from.

**Please unrescue me.
I prefer the vacuum of space
to your voice.**



Character Profile:

THE AUTOMATIC EMPIRE

Led by their 35ft-tall emperor, Secateur (**Colin McFarlane**) – the serene and reluctant figurehead of a war against the Avianaut – the expansive Automatic Empire served as an example of how peaceful and wise evolved life can be at its zenith. Years of defending themselves, however, have transformed them into a military nation.

To this end, they hire the crew of the starship Goldfish – the only ship known to have met the Avianaut and survived



Pilot

EPISODE NAUT

On a particularly slow morning, Sam picks up the call of a ship in distress and, with his trademark restraint and forethought, flies the Goldfish hurtling into battle – maiming the very ship he was meant to save. The aggressor, a certain genocidal bird-person, attacks them by way of thanks.

Barely escaping with their lives, Sam and Ghostworth are repaired by a nearby space station, staffed by enthusiastic alien girl Vela Cytlar.

Little do they know both the Avianaut and the battleship they maimed are close behind.



Episode 2

CLASSIC GHOSTWORTH

Watching her future life aboard the Goldfish depart forever, Vela calls Sam in a panic, inventing a mission to keep him nearby — to retrieve a “Star Jewel of Power” from a distant asteroid.

But when a powerful crystal is found in the asteroid’s heart, nobody is more surprised than Vela — except perhaps Ghostworth, who is electrocuted to death retrieving it. Re-uploaded into a spare, unfamiliar body, Ghostworth promptly loses his mind. After a little soul-searching, he just about comes to terms...

Until his old self, powered up on star jewel energy, comes back for revenge.



Episode 3

NEW GHOSTWORTH

When Ghostworth emerges from a mental K-hole, 3 days after being forced to kill himself, he finds the ship trashed and adrift between galaxies, his captain naked, drunk and depressed, and a strange ship in the process of abducting them.

On board the intellectual paradise of a strange mothership, Ghostworth (now repaired according to his original blueprints) is offered a test for entry into a sort of intergalactic Mensa. Ghostworth is accepted, and offered a choice: Stay with Sam, or help their collective better understand the universe.



STAFF BIOS



Jason Weight

Writer / director / voice of Sam

Jason took some scripts and storyboards and used them to raise \$90k in crowdfunding, 31,000 cult fans on social media,

300,000+ Youtube views, and to gain well-known actors for Starship Goldfish.

The show shares Jason's time along with short-form side project Problem Officer, which is due to exit pre-production in Spring 2017.



Kevin R McNally

Voice of Ghostworth

Best known for portraying Joshamee Gibbs in the Pirates of the Caribbean series, Kevin offered his voice to the production Pro Bono after reading the first script.



Kim Feigenbaum

Background Artist

Best known as director of backgrounds on FX's Archer, Kim brings a world-standard level of realism and polish to the show's settings.



David Blanche

Producer

Head of Small Fry Animations, David runs a commercial studio serving creative and commercial projects, and is spearheading an animation industry initiative in Bournemouth.



Rufus Dexter

Assistant director / lead animator / storyboards

One of the finest animators in his graduating class, Rufus has taken on Starship Goldfish as the first project of his working life.

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