

Stuart Fails to Save the Universe Episode Guide

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Season One

Spoiler: Gary Dies

Season 1
Episode Number: 1
Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Thursday July 23, 2026
Writer:	Chuck Lorre, Bill Prady, Zak Penn
Director:	Kyle Newacheck
Show Stars:	Kevin Sussman (Stuart Bloom), John Ross Bowie (Barry Kripke), Lauren Lapkus (Denise), Brian Posehn (Bert Kibbler)
Guest Stars:	Kunal Nayyar (Rajesh "Raj" Koothrappali), Penn (Himself), Teller (Himself), Ryan Cartwright (Kyle), Josh Brener (Trevor), Rich Ting (Soldier #1), Anthony Alabi (Soldier #2), Tommy Walker (Gary), Atticus Batacan (Floss Vendor)
Production Code:	T12.19151
Summary:	After breaking a quantum-interference device, mild-mannered comic book store owner Stuart Bloom must save the universe from imminent destruction.



The episode starts with a dystopian setting of the city of Pasadena. A hooded figure walks into Stuart's comic book store, and the man is revealed to be Bert.

There are a few people in the store, and Stuart throws trash through a multidimensional cut in space. Bert trades some cans of beans and salmon for a copy of Batman 308.

The other two at the store discuss if Hawkeye deserves to be in the Avengers. Kyle, the guy in favour of Hawkeye, stabs the other one over the disagreement. Stu-

art throws him out of the store, before dumping the other man's body through the same hole.

Another Stuart then enters the store, from another stream of reality. The clone Stuart says that the real Stuart can avoid the dystopian reality he is living in if he (real Stuart) listens carefully.

The clone recalls incidents and names that prove who he is. Leonard Hofstadter, Sheldon Cooper and Howard Wolowitz invented a quantum entanglement machine. The real Stuart was there when the machine malfunctioned and altered reality, causing the violence and dimensional rifts.

The machine is still at CalTech and as Stuart tries to jot this down, he can't find a working pen. Bert offers a Sharpie, but the clone Stuart begins to glitch, delivering a broken message.

The next morning, the real Stuart and Bert head out to CalTech, but Stuart has his doubts. On their way, they meet Penn and Teller, two men who juggle rodents to entertain others in exchange for food.

As they move ahead, they go through a world that has collapsed. Stuart stops to buy a foot of regular floss, and nearby a hooded figure with sunglasses is watching him. The hooded figure is Denise, who is now a thief. She is also working on her screenplay.

They are both surprised to see each other since they thought the other was dead. She introduces Gary, her boyfriend, who was previously dating Denise's friend Lisa. Lisa got eaten by cannibals.

Stuart takes his leave, but Bert blurts out their mission to go to CalTech. Denise reveals that CalTech is a death trap but after recapping his mission, Denise does not believe it. In fact, she thinks Bert and Stuart are going to die.

Stuart and Bert finally reach CalTech and find armed men stationed all over. Denise and Gary join them but Stuart does not have a plan as he is "new to the action genre." Gary comes up with a plan instead.

Gary will create a distraction at the main gate, while the others sneak in from the side where the trucks enter. They'll then roll under the trucks, hold the undercarriage and ride in to enter undetected.

Bert is impressed by Gary, who then reveals that he was in the Armed Special Forces. Gary moves out but is shot instantly. Armed men surround the others, and take them inside.

Denise mourns Gary's death, and Stuart tries to comfort her that she will find someone soon.

They are taken into Bert's former geology classroom where they find Raj. His hair and beard has grown a lot and his clothes are also ragged. Raj thinks this is a hallucination, but when Stuart tries to negate it, Bert says that that is what a hallucination would say.

Raj has figured out that the reality they are in is the wrong one. The Evil One is ruling their reality and it likes things to stay as it is. Raj is unable to say his name otherwise bad things happen.

Stuart says that there is hope to fix things as he is the "chosen one."

Just then, an armed guard announces the arrival of the Grand Caliph of South Pasadena, Flintridge and Monrovia, the Supreme Ruler of San Gabriel Valley. This person is Barry Kripke, aka Ward Kripke.

Kripke still has the lisp, and gives a backstory of how he got into power. He got all the food, guns and girls. He orders Denise to be made his harem but when Denise protests, she is taken to be washed and killed instead.

Later, Bert suggests an idea of making grenades out of the rocks in his classroom. He adds potassium into water to demonstrate his theory.

An armed guard then comes to kill them, but Bert throws a bomb at him, killing the guy outright. They storm out, and begin decapitating the armed guards with grenades.

Denise chats with the guard, asking him about his previous life. Kripke arrives but Denise refuses to comply with having sex with him. She manipulates him into untying her and knocks him unconscious before escaping the room. She regroups with Stuart and they find the machine.

Raj works on the machine to fix it but Kripke shoots Raj. Bert fights with Kripke while Raj hallucinates again and finally dies.

Denise and Stuart read the manual to fix the machine, but Denise misses a step. The machine swallows Stuart, Kripke and Bert before vanishing. The trio go through a time lapse and end up in another reality.

The world is a happy place again but things are not normal, as we see small green lights embedded at the base of everyone's necks.

Spoiler: Zack's in This One

Season 1
Episode Number: 2
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired:	Thursday July 30, 2026
Writer:	Chuck Lorre, Bill Prady, Zak Penn
Director:	Kyle Newacheck
Show Stars:	Kevin Sussman (Stuart Bloom), John Ross Bowie (Barry Kripke), Lauren Lapkus (Denise), Brian Posehn (Bert Kibbler)
Guest Stars:	Kaley Cuoco (Penny), Christine Baranski (Herself), Ryan Cartwright (Kyle), Josh Brener (Trevor), Tommy Walker (Gary), Riki Lindhome (Ramona Nowitzki), Joe Williamson (Officer Steve Denison), Brian Thomas Smith (Zack Johnson), Matty Cardarople (Keith), Brandon Morales (Officer McCaffrey)
Production Code:	T12.19152
Summary:	Stuart, Bert, Denise, and Barry Kripke find themselves in what appears to be an ideal and peaceful Earth — that happens to be controlled by a repressive and vicious AI.



The episode begins in the new "happy" universe that Stuart and friends were transported to in the previous chapter.

Stuart, Bert and Kripke are in his comic book store when Kyle and Trevor walk in.

Stuart is sad that there is no Denise around. Bert mentions that Raj died too and Kripke jumps to his (weak) defence.

Kyle and Trevor almost have an argument over a comic book purchase but they do eventually solve it amicably.

The comic book store now has copies of Archie comics and Richie Rich as well. Stuart finds it all very strange.

Kripke blames him for messing the machine, and begins arguing with Stuart. The glowing receptors on the back of the neck tase them when the argument escalates. Bert finds the receptor and Kripke begins to argue, getting tased again.

The trio head out and notice that everyone is nice to each other because of the receptors on their neck. They wonder if they should go to another reality but quickly dismiss the idea.

Outside, they find a shiny silver grey pointed obelisk with a green dot in its center, floating in open air.

Back in the comic book store, Kripke decides to find Leonard and Sheldon but Stuart wants to search for Denise.

Kripke and Bert head to CalTech but are stuck due to no appointment with either Leonard or Sheldon. Kripke, who keeps on losing is cool, gets tased over and over again.

Stuart finds Denise but she is dating Gary. He goes ahead to proclaim that she has to come with him. Denise even considers the offer, as she does not like Gary.

However, breaking up would make him upset and in turn tase him in the neck.

Bert tries to talk to the receptionist but gets angry when he finds that in this universe the geology department is moved far back in a storage room.

Bert and Kripke leave CalTech but find police officers out to arrest them. Their crime? Getting upset often. They will be taken to the re-education center.

The police also have complimentary granola bars and water in the car. Kripke tries to run but gets tased again. Stuart also happens to be sitting in the car.

At the re-education center, Christine Baranski (the woman who played Leonard's mother in TBBT) appears on screen to teach everyone about how the totalitarian world came into existence.

When humans were on the verge of existence, a few scientists came together to build an AI to alter human minds into doing good.

This AI later turned bad, killing the humans who made it. This AI then implanted the punishment receptors in every human and installed aerial surveillance.

The re-education program is for 30 months and after a failed escape, we see them coming out 30 months later.

They are taken by unknown men in a big black van where they find Zack, who is a part of Resistance.

Their leader is Penny, who slaps everyone repeatedly to "deprogram" them. They are in a facility that shields them against the AI tech.

Denise walks in with the time altering machine. She was the one who sought the Resistance's help. Kripke again distracts everyone and runs with the machine but several drones swarm in, tasing everyone.

Amidst this chaos, Bert, Kripke, Stuart and Denise once again get transported to another universe.

We see Kyle and Trevor here at the comic book store, talking about necromancy and magic. Bert is held on a stake to be burned and Kripke is of no help.

The episode comes to a close in this new universe where magic is real and science is considered a bad craft.

Spoiler: Bert Is Magic

Season 1
Episode Number: 3
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Thursday August 06, 2026
Writer:	Chuck Lorre, Bill Prady, Zak Penn
Director:	Kyle Newacheck
Show Stars:	Kevin Sussman (Stuart Bloom), John Ross Bowie (Barry Kripke), Lauren Lapkus (Denise), Brian Posehn (Bert Kibbler)
Guest Stars:	Melissa Rauch (Bernadette Rostenkowski), Wil Wheaton (Himself), Tommy Walker (Gary), Matty Cardarople (Keith), Stacie Greenwell (Nurse Stephanie), Louis Mustillo (Alexa), Doug Simpson (Abramowitz the Grey), Marieve Herington (Acolyte), Payam Banifaz (Acolyte), David Salsa (Barman), Kassie Hight (Acolyte), Kikéy Castillo (Suzanne), Samantha Neyland Trumbo (Lisa)
Production Code:	T12.19153
Summary:	After the gang arrives in a world where magic is real, Bert discovers a natural gift for sorcery, while Kripke finds himself on his friend's bad side. Meanwhile, Stuart must enlist the help of one of this universe's most powerful wizards.



The episode begins with Bert on the stake, praying for some rain. When the rain falls, he is seen as a god-like figure.

Stuart talks to Denise to convince her she's dating him, but she heads out for a drink instead. Bert is treated with respect and admiration by the crowd as he continues to show small miracles.

Kripke heads to the comic book store and begins to fidget with the machine. When it doesn't work, he figures that magic could work as science doesn't work in this universe.

Stuart blurts out "Hey Alexa" with a request to search wizards around them. A demon named Alexa appears and presents a list of wizards, one of whom is Bernadette.

Bernadette is sitting at home, cooed up on the sofa, watching an ad about Abramowitz the Grey.

Kripke and Stuart visit her for help, but she does not have any. She was banned by the Wizards Guild of America for using her powers while the guild was on strike. She actually used her powers to bring a neighbour's pet dog back to life.

Bernadette speaks about a reversal spell that can get her powers back. She needs two teaspoons (or maximum, a cup) of blood of an innocent for the spell, but it is quite difficult to find. Stuart becomes the chosen one for this.

After that, Stuart and Kripke head out and summon demon Alexa to find Sheldon Cooper. He is reported to be starring in the revival of *Man of La Mancha* on Broadway.

They head back to the store, now named *The Wizard's Sleeve*, and find Bert there. Kripke tries to escape but Bert stops him. Wil Wheaton arrives through a portal and warns him that he helped Bernadette, who is a demon.

Wil Wheaton prepares to destroy Stuart because he helped a demon but Bert steps in to save Stuart and a fight ensues between them.

Bert smites Wil Wheaton and meanwhile Bernadette transforms into her demon form.

Bert works his magic just in time and the machine transports the four of them into another universe. There, Stuart is in an asylum, with a sketch book and colour pencils at his table.

In the sketchbook, the image of the quartet at the store from the magic universe is sketched out.

Actor Appearances

A

Anthony Alabi 1
0101 (Soldier #2)

B

Payam Banifaz 1
0103 (Acolyte)
Christine Baranski 1
0102 (Herself)
Atticus Batacan 1
0101 (Floss Vendor)
Josh Brener 2
0101 (Trevor); 0102 (Trevor)

C

Matty Cardarople 2
0102 (Keith); 0103 (Keith)
Ryan Cartwright 2
0101 (Kyle); 0102 (Kyle)
Kikéy Castillo 1
0103 (Suzanne)
Kaley Cuoco 1
0102 (Penny)

G

Stacie Greenwell 1
0103 (Nurse Stephanie)

H

Marieve Herington 1
0103 (Acolyte)
Kassie Hight 1
0103 (Acolyte)

L

Riki Lindhome 1
0102 (Ramona Nowitzki)

M

Brandon Morales 1
0102 (Officer McCaffrey)
Louis Mustillo 1
0103 (Alexa)

N

Kunal Nayyar 1
0101 (Rajesh "Raj" Koothrappali)

P

Penn 1
0101 (Himself)

R

Melissa Rauch 1
0103 (Bernadette Rostenkowski)

S

David Salsa 1
0103 (Barman)
Doug Simpson 1
0103 (Abramowitz the Grey)
Brian Thomas Smith 1
0102 (Zack Johnson)

T

Teller 1
0101 (Himself)
Rich Ting 1
0101 (Soldier #1)
Samantha Neyland Trumbo 1
0103 (Lisa)

W

Tommy Walker 3
0101 (Gary); 0102 (Gary); 0103 (Gary)
Wil Wheaton 1
0103 (Himself)
Joe Williamson 1
0102 (Officer Steve Denison)