

FALLING FORWARD, PART 2
EPISODE 1
“Vials of Blood”

[UPBEAT YET DRAMATIC THEME MUSIC PLAYS, THEN CUTS AS THE EPISODE BEGINS]

[SOUND OF A COMPUTER LAB IN THE BACKGROUND. AFTER A MOMENT, HE GOES TO TAKE A SIP OF WATER JUST AS SOMEONE SLAMS A PILE OF PAPERS DOWN ON THE TABLE WHERE DAEDALUS IS SITTING. HE JUMPS AND SPUTTERS, SPILLING HIS WATER EVERYWHERE.]

DAEDALUS: *[Startled, displeased]* σκατά!

ARIADNE: Did you see this?

DAEDALUS: All I see is water on my tie. You scared the hell out of me.

ARIADNE: Read it.

[ARIADNE THRUSTS A NEWSPAPER AT HIM. HE TAKES IT.]

DAEDALUS: *[Reading]* “...highly anticipated data storage service to be open to the general public-”

ARIADNE: Theseus is giving this thing to the entire world.

DAEDALUS: Yeah, sure looks that way.

ARIADNE: And soon.

DAEDALUS: Ari, what do you want me to say? We saw this coming two miles away.

ARIADNE: I'd like you to be a little pissed off, maybe.

DAEDALUS: Not today. I don't have it in me.

ARIADNE: You're losing your bite. Don't lose your bark, too.

DAEDALUS: Come up with that one all by yourself?

[ARIADNE SMACKS HIM GENTLY WITH THE NEWSPAPER.]

DAEDALUS: Hey!

ARIADNE: I'm serious.

DAEDALUS: And so am I. Theseus is going to do whatever he wants. We have no power there anymore, and if we keep trying to get it back, it's just going to make everything worse. Just...let it go.

ARIADNE: I can't believe you.

DAEDALUS: I have Icarus to think of.

ARIADNE: That's why I think you should set a good example.

DAEDALUS: *[A nerve touched]* We will talk later.

[BEAT.]

ARIADNE: Fine. I have an appointment anyway. Maybe I'll be less upset after they've taken a few vials of blood.

DAEDALUS: Worth finding out.

ARIADNE: Bye.

[ARIADNE LEAVES. DAEDALUS LOOKS AT THE NEWSPAPER AND SIGHS.]

DAEDALUS: Theseus, you truly are a class A μαλάκας.

[DAEDALUS CRUSHES THE PAPER. THE EPISODE FADES OUT WITH A GLITCHY DING.]