

FALLING FORWARD, PART 2
EPISODE 9
“A Proper Goodbye”

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

[THE DOOR TO A SMALL ROOM OPENS AND CLOSSES.]

THESEUS: Sorry to keep you waiting for so long.

ICARUS: How are you here? In broad daylight?

THESEUS: Money and subtle disguises can work wonders. I also own this airline.

ICARUS: You can't hide forever. Everything you built is falling.

THESEUS: Everything but me.

ICARUS: So far.

[TENSE BEAT.]

THESEUS: It's impressive, Icarus. Your father would be...well, I'd say he'd be proud, but he did start to lose steam after a while there. He got soft.

ICARUS: What do you want?

THESEUS: You're going to fix this.

ICARUS: The hell I am.

THESEUS: Look, we can do this the easy way or the hard way, the quick way or the way where I let you simmer for an hour and keep your pride a little longer before you agree. You do not have a way out of this. You do not have a choice and you do not have options. Your only way forward is to make the best of this.

ICARUS: There's no unringing that bell. Theseus. I did what I did. Hell, *you* did what you did.

THESEUS: Rebuilding is never out of the realm of possibility. Not for someone like me.

ICARUS: You really think you're untouchable.

THESEUS: *[Laughs]* I know I am. So. What's it going to be?

[A CHIME SOUNDS. ICARUS SUDDENLY LAUGHS.]

THESEUS: What-

ICARUS: Oh, Theseus. You're so screwed.

THESEUS: I beg your pardon?

ICARUS: You always did underestimate her.

[HE PRESSES A BUTTON THAT PUTS ARIADNE ON SPEAKER.]

ARIADNE: Hello, Theseus.

THESEUS: Is that...what is this?

ARIADNE: It's a proper goodbye.

ICARUS: She started streaming the second you showed up.

THESEUS: But - but she can't have.

ARIADNE: Oh yes, she can.

[A KNOCK SOUNDS AT THE DOOR.]

VOICE: *[Muffled, from outside.]* Theseus, open the door.

ARIADNE: Good luck, old friend.

[THE EPISODE FADES OUT WITH A GLITCHY DING.]