

COMEDY ZOO

Episode Title: Bernice Gets Her Groove Back

Bernice is off her game. She's getting drink orders wrong, snapping at customers, and not sleeping well. Max finds her in front of the mirror in the employee lounge, carefully examining her wing pits. Max asks her what she's doing, and she replies mournfully, "I'm molting out of season. This is NOT good." As a fellow member of the bird world, Max sympathizes. He shares a story with Bernice about his late mother and her feather enhancement surgery, and he points out that cosmetic feather treatment has come along way since then. "You know, like injectables, and all kinds of stuff with lasers..." He trails off when he sees Bernice glaring at him. "Shut up, McNugget," she says.

One evening, Barney's going over the receipts with Bernice, and he casually mentions that she has lots of vacation time saved up. He suggests she spend a week relaxing at a spa. "I went to a great place last year. It was called the Canine Cave, and there was this water bar with rows and rows of toilets! Endless toilets to drink out of and no one to stop you." He smiles at the memory. "Sounds great. Toilet bowls all in a row. Book me a room!" Bernice replies. "They're not so much rooms, as large LL Bean dog beds..." Barney says. "OK, it's not a bird thing, but you seem to be on edge lately. You need some time off." After much questioning by Bernice, Barney admits that Max told him about the molting issue. This does nothing to improve Bernice's mood, but in the end, she agrees to take a vacation.

Bernice spends a funfilled week at a bird sanctuary in the Florida Keys. She goes to daily yoga and meditation groups. She eats mangoes and berries and avocados, all grown on site. She does a sweat lodge detox. By day six, Bernice has stopped molting, her feathers are glowing, her beak is a healthy, bright shade of green and all's right with the world. Bernice decides to spend the final day and night of her vacay at a high roller hotel/club in South Beach. She hooks up with a party chick who manages to get them into the VIP section of the club, and they party the night away with the homing pigeon national championship team. Bernice's salsa dance skills and margarita capacity make the party

memorable for everyone. She doesn't get to sleep at all and is a hung over, exhausted mess when she boards the plane home. She hasn't fully recovered the following day when she returns to the Zoo, and Barney asks if she got enough rest. "It was epic," Bernice replies.

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